

On enlistment in the AN&MEF, Oswald stated that he was 19 years old, a traveller by trade and single, giving a Mrs Agnes Yule as his next of kin. There is a lot of confusion over his parentage and birth. It would appear that he was the son of Caroline Mary Nicholson and was born in Newton in 1898, so he was only 16 years old on enlistment.

He was allocated to G Company and returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 14th June he enlisted as part of the 7th reinforcements, 1st Battalion, regimental number 2458. He left Sydney aboard the ORSOVA and was taken on strength by the 1st on 6th Jan 1916. He went to Marseilles on 28th March and received a gunshot wound to the thigh on 21st September 1917 at Ouderdom, Belgium.

He was transferred to England and never returned to the front suffering several bouts of scabies and then influenza.

On 19th November he married Hilda Pauline May at Chelsea and returned to Australia aboard the MAIN, arriving in Sydney on 15th October 1919. He was discharged from the AIF on 14th December 1919

Oswald and Hilda had 4 children and Hilda died 1932. The same year Oswald married Charlotte Grace Benn at St Michael's Church, Surr Hills. On the marriage certificate he is shown as a widower and a carpenter by trade.

Oswald died on 8th November 1969.