

Cecil was born at Balmain on 15th September 1893, the son of Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald and his wife Ellen Josephine, nee Heffernan. He was also known as Cyril.

He enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was a blacksmith and single, giving his father at Innesdale St, Arncliffe as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 1st September 1915 he joined the 7th Field Company of Engineers, regimental number 2645, and left Sydney for Suez aboard the SUFFOLK on 20th November. He left Alexandria on 14th March 1916 landing at Marseilles on 19th March. On 30th June he was hospitalised suffering an injury to his left eye, returning to his unit on 11th July.

On 24th August 1916 he transferred to the 2nd Australian Ammunition Sub-Park transferring on 16th Oct to the 3rd Ammunition Sub-Park and promoted Artificer.

He left the UK on 12th May 1919 aboard the ZEALANDER, arriving in Sydney on 1st July 1919. He was discharged from the AIF on 23rd August 1919.

On 26th May 1928 Cecil married Dulcimer Guthrie Short at St Clement's Church, Marrickville.

He died at North Sydney, 19th November 1938.