

Stuart was born on 14th July 1886 at Telford, Vic, the son of Charlie Clark and Maria Clark, nee Hughes. On 16th November 1910 he married Eva Grace at St John Bishopthorpe, Glebe.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF, stating that he was a Leather Trunk Maker and gave his wife at "Elsemere", Cliff St, Glebe, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged from the AN&MEF, end of engagement on 28th Jan 1915 and remained in the service until he was permanently discharged as medically unfit with Malaria on 13th March 1915.

On 17th June 1915 he enlisted in the AIF, as part of the 3rd Reinforcements for the 20th Battalion, regimental number 1900. He sailed from Sydney on the 9th August aboard the RUNIC, and on 29th September 1915 he transferred to C Company, 18th Battalion on Gallipoli and was given the new regimental number of 1900B. He was promoted sergeant on 27th November 1915.

After the evacuation from Gallipoli he moved with his battalion to France in March 1916 and was promoted WO11 (CSM) on 16th August 1916 and to WO1 (RSM) on 22nd November 1916, before transferring to the No 6 Officer Cadet Battalion on 3rd July 1917, graduating on 31st October as a 2nd Lt and rejoining his battalion. He was promoted Lieutenant on 31st Jan 1918 and was awarded the Military Cross; -

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against MOUNT ST QUENTIN on 31st August 1918. A party of the enemy had worked round the flank of another Battalion and were threatening the position. Lieut. Clark, with 30 men went to clear the situation. By skilful leadership he personally led his men over 200 yards of open ground with slight casualties and cleared the enemy from an entrenched position, killing the whole of the garrison, about 40 in number.

At great personal risk and exposed to snipers and machine gun fire he advanced alone, cut a passage through a belt of wire and led his men through to the attack. He then occupied the position and made the flank secure."

Stuart left the UK on 7th July 1919 aboard the CHEMNITZ, arriving home on 5th September. He had his appointment to the AIF terminated on 7th November when he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers.

On 20th March 1943 Stuart enlisted again, this time as a gunner in the Victorian Defence Corps, regimental number N457054 and remained until 30th September 1945, at wars end.

He died on 25th October 1974 and is buried at Woronora Cemetery.