

Joseph was born in Collingwood, Victoria in 1887, the son of Joseph Charles Gourlay and his wife Mary, nee Wolfenden. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF stating that he was a driver and single, giving his mother at 22 Cliff St, South Yarra, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 17th April 1915 he enlisted in the AIF under the name Charles Leslie Gourlay, regimental number 1541. There is no further record of his service other than a note saying that a desertion warrant issued was withdrawn on 30th Jan 1919.

Joseph died in Caulfield on 29th Sept 1936 and was cremated at the Springwood Botanical Cemetery.