

Archibald was born Archibald James Hamilton Gallehawk in Williamstown in 1890, the son of Hamilton Gallehawk and his wife Margaret Rae, nee Edgar. In the Victorian birth records three of Hamilton and Margaret's children bear the surname Gallehawk and two, including Archibald, have Gallahawk. Archibald was to use the former on his first two enlistments and the latter on his third and in his final enlistment, he used the name Hamilton-Gallehawk, presumably to avoid a warrant that had been issue for his arrest on the grounds of desertion.

On 27th June 1914 he married Louisa Ida Kuhnert at Redfern and their son, Hamilton, was born in 1915.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF. He stated that he was a gardener and gave his wife at 55 Wilson St Newtown as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 30th December 1914.

On 8th Jan 1915 he attempted to enlist in the AIF and was rejected on medical grounds, no regimental number was allocated.

He did, however, enlist in September 1916 in the Camel Corps, regimental number N57276 and transferred to the 29th Battalion, as part of the 11th Reinforcements on 14th October 1916. He was given 4299 as his new regimental number. At this enlistment he gave his sister, Daisy Chapman as his next of kin, stating that his wife had deserted him. On 24th October he deserted, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The warrant was subsequently cancelled in 1919 when it was finally ascertained that he had deserted and then re-enlisted.

On 11th Jan 1917 Archibald again joined the AIF as part of the 19th Reinforcements, 18th Battalion, regimental number 6561. He enlisted as Archibald Hamilton- Gallehawk, born in Dunedin. Archibald left Australia aboard the WILTSHIRE on 7th Feb, disembarking at Devonport on 12th April. On 25th August he transferred to the 20th battalion in France. He was evacuated to hospital in the UK suffering from frostbite and left Plymouth on 12th May 1918 on the GAIKA, arriving home on the 7th July. He was discharged as medically unfit on 3rd September 1918.

In 1922 another warrant was issued on behalf of his wife for desertion. The same year, Archibald having moved to New Zealand, he married Daisy Helen Ottley. There appears no record of his divorce from his first wife.

Archibald died at Palmerston North on 14th July 1953.