

Harry was born in London, the son of Henry John Lane and his wife Martha, nee White. On 13th May 1894 he married Sarah Allabash at St Michaels and All Angels Church, Bromley and they had 4 children.

Harry joined the British Army when he was quite young and served in a number of units. His last unit was Kitchener's Horse, service number 3699 and was with that unit during its campaign in the Boer War.



Harry's Boer War Medal showing the actions in which he was involved.

Harry's wife, Sarah, died on 26th December 1910. In the 1911 UK Census he is shown as a Skating Instructor, and he continued in this profession when he arrived in Australia. In 1914 he is recorded as being the Manager of the Castle Skating Rink, Sydenham. He is believed to have arrived in Brisbane on the Oswestry Grange in 1912.

Harry enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, aged 42, listing himself as an armourer, a widower with 4 children and nominating his only son Henry William as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 18th Jan 1915, having completed 158 days service.

On 25th April 1915 he enlisted in the 17th Battalion, service number 1048, as a sergeant in C Company. He departed Sydney on 12th May aboard the Themistocles and was appointed ESM on 9th November 1915, whilst on Gallipoli.

He moved with his battalion to France in March 1916 and became quite ill, resulting in a number of hospital stays and his eventual return to Australia in Jan 1917 aboard the same ship he left Australia on some 20 months previously.

Harry was discharged from the AIF as medically unfit on 21st Jan 1918 and was given a Soldier Settlement Grant in Katoomba. He remained there for many years before eventually returning to Queensland where, on 19th December 1914, at age 68 he married Agnes Eadie.

Harry died at Lutwyche, Queensland, on 10th October 1945, aged 73 and is buried at the Lutwyche Cemetery.