

John was born at Jamberoo, NSW on 23rd March 1891, the son of John Nelson and Sophie Dunbar.

On his enlistment in the AN&MEF he was posted to A Company. He stated that he was a Manufacturers Agent and gave his father as his next of kin.

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

He enlisted in the AIF on 5th May 1915 and was subsequently discharged on 13th August as medically unfit due to malarial attacks.

He subsequently enlisted in the 8th Reinforcements, 19th Battalion, regimental number 3683, on 16th December 1915. He left Australia aboard the BERRIMA on 17th December as a lance Corporal.

He continued to suffer from malarial attacks and spent much of the war either in hospital or with various training battalions. On 26th June 1917 he was declared unfit for active service and appointed an Acting Staff Sergeant in a H&D depot.

On 27th July 1919 he married Inez Josephine Wyborn at the Hove All Saints Church, Steyning. He left the UK on 15th November 1919 aboard the ORMONDE, arriving home on 29th December 1919.

On 13th December 1941 he commenced full time CMF duty with the 1st Australian Supply Depot, service number N278315 as a Lieutenant. He was discharged on 16th April 1944.

John's son Lt Rupert Llandels Walden Nelson, service number NX113110, was killed in action at Balikpapan and is buried at the Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia,

John died at Katoomba on 27th May 1965.