

Edward was born on 21st March 1886 at Staines, Middlesex. His father died whilst he was young and his mother Annie, remarried John Henwood. On 26th May 1902 he joined the Royal Artillery, Service Number 11427, giving his date of birth as 1884 so he could claim to be 18, whereas, in fact, he was only 16. He served in India from 4th Feb 1904 till 20th Jan 1910 and received the India General Service Medal. He was discharged on 25th May 1910 having completed his 8-year engagement.

In 1912 he emigrated to Australia aboard the WAKOOL and on 11th August 1914 he enlisted with B Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a bricklayer and single and giving his mother Annie Henwood at Woodbine Cocks Green, Maidenhead, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On the same day he enlisted in A Company, 18th Battalion and was promoted sergeant on 29th March. He left Sydney aboard the CERAMIC on 25th June and, with his battalion, landed at ANZAC Cove on 22nd August. Just 5 days later, on 27th June he received a gunshot wound to the wrist and elbow during the attack on Hill 60. On 30th August 1915 he was evacuated to the UK aboard the Hospital Ship HUNTS GREEN and admitted to the Military Hospital at Bethnal Green.

On 8th May 1916 he embarked at Portland the THEMISTOCLES and arrived back in Melbourne on 19th June from where he travelled overland to Sydney where he was discharged, medically unfit, on 11th August 1916.

In 1924 he married Eileen Jane Tuckey. He died in Sydney on 14th Feb 1969.