

Harry enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, stating that he was 27 years old, born in Stepney, UK, was a clerk, single and gave his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Browne, of 62 Merchant Bow Rd, London, as his next of kin. He also stated that he had spent 3 years in the Royal Horse Artillery.

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

On 6th April he enlisted as part of the 6th Reinforcements of the 15th Battalion and left for the Middle East on 12th June 1915 aboard the KAROOLA. He landed on Gallipoli on 2nd August 1915 and suffered from several bouts of Malaria whilst there. He was eventually evacuated from Gallipoli suffering from rheumatism. In his medical notes it was noted that he suffered from rheumatic fever back in 1908 and this would have contributed to the numerous attacks of rheumatism he was to suffer throughout his service.

On his return to Alexander he was transferred to the 47th Battalion and on 14th March 1916 he was promoted sergeant. In June he moved with the battalion to France and was wounded to the face and head on 6th August 1916 at Pozieres. He was subsequently evacuated to the UK spending some time in Woodcote Hospital. On discharge from hospital he was transferred to HQ, No3 Command Depot, where he remained until returning to Australia in June 1918 aboard the TOFUA. He was discharged, medically unfit, on 25th July 1918.