

Clarence was born at Walcha, NSW, in 1892, the son of Edmund Lombard Reid and his wife, Mary Jane, nee Ellis.

On enlistment in the AN&MEF he states that he was single and a dairyman. He was allotted to the Transport Group and returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 18th March 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 6th reinforcements, 1st Light Horse, regimental number 1043 and sailed from Sydney aboard the CLAN MCEWEN on 28th June 1915.

He joined the 1st Light Horse on Gallipoli on 25th October and was promoted corporal on 14th December 1915. He returned to Alexandria on 17th December 1915 and was promoted sergeant on 1st Jan 1916.

Clarence spent the rest of the war with the 1st Light Horse being promoted to WO2, Squadron Sergeant Major, on 10th Feb 1918. He had several bouts of malaria during his service, eventually leaving Egypt on 8th March aboard the ULIMAROA. He arrived back in Sydney on 24th April 1919 and was discharged, medically unfit, on 16th June 1919.

On 21st August 1919 he was appointed a Probationary Constable with the NSW police Force, number 632, and appointed Constable on 21st August 1920.

On 13th October 1920 Clarence died by his own hand at Candelo and is buried in the Candelo cemetery.