

Harry was born Charles Frederick Henry Bradhurst in 1894 at Ormiston, Victoria, the son of Frank Symonds Bradhurst and Sarah Louisa Bradhurst, nee Plinkinton. He enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914. He stated that he was an electrical engineer, single, and gave his father at 220 Darling St, Balmain, as his next of kin.

On 9th August 1915, Harry signed up as Charles Henry Bradhurst, # 2556, with the 6th Reinforcements of the 18th Battalion and left Australia on the EURIPIDES on 2nd November 1915. He was taken on strength at Alexandria on 5th February 1916 before sailing with the battalion for Marseilles in March.

On 26th July 1916 Harry was killed in France. In his account of the death, Pte Leslie Oliver McKenzie, #3163, recounted – “He was killed at Pozieres on or about July 26th. I was alongside him at the time. A bullet passed through his head and killed him outright, while we were holding the front line trenches. I know nothing as to his burial. He came from Balmain, Sydney and was a Lewis Gunner, attached to B. Coy.”

Harry is remembered at the Australian Memorial Villers-Bretonneux and on Panel 84 at the Australian War Memorial Canberra.