

John was born on 24th Nov 1876, at sea, aboard the SS Northam as it sailed from London to Australia. He is the son of John Davies and his wife Isabella, nee Calder. He enlisted (Service Number 201) on 22nd April 1902 with the 5th Australian Commonwealth Horse which left for South Africa (Boer War) in May 1902. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in F Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a farmer and single, giving as his next of kin his future wife, Annie Anderson, 43 Erin St, Richmond.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, medically unfit with Malaria, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

In 1915 he married Annie Anderson and on 23rd October 1918 he enlisted in the AIF and was transferred to the AN&MEF and sailed with other reinforcements from Sydney on 18th December 1918 aboard the MELUSIA, arriving in Rabaul on 31st December. He served in Rabaul, Kokopo and Vanimo before returning to Australia, again on the MELUSIA, departing Rabaul on 20th August 1919 and arriving back in Sydney on 8th December. He was discharged, end of engagement on 22nd Jan 1920.

When World War 2 arrived, John again enlisted on 1st July 1940, regimental number V4067, and was employed at the Recruit Reception Depot in Melbourne from where he was discharged on 2nd June 1942.

John died at Essendon in 1965.