

Harold was born at Herberton, Queensland in 1888, the son of John Frederick Hayes and his wife Adelaide Elizabeth, nee Twiss. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF, stating that he was a barman and single and gave his mother at Fletcher St, West End, Townsville, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, regimental number 1756. He left Australia on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1915 aboard the SHROPSHIRE and joined his battalion on Gallipoli on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1915. On 12<sup>th</sup> December he was evacuated aboard the OXFORDSHIRE for Egypt suffering from Malaria which was followed by the mumps.

He rejoined his unit from hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1916 and transferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pioneers on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

He was promoted sergeant on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1916 and left with his unit for Marseilles, France, on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

On 29<sup>th</sup> September Harold was killed in Ypres, Belgium and initially buried at Westhoek Close. He was later reinterred at the Hodge Crater Cemetery, Passchendaele, Belgium. He is remembered on Panel 174 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.