

Stanley was born at Tuena, NSW, on 28th December 1889, the son of Henry Edgar Ferris and his wife Emma Susannah, nee Lewis.

He joined A Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, stating that he was a Mechanic and single giving his father at Wazier St, Arncliffe as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 8th May 1915 he was appointed a probationary constable with the NSW Police but resigned to join the AIF on 9th June 1916 as part of the 117th Howitzer Battery, 5th Field Artillery Brigade, regimental number 29272. He left Sydney on 30th June 1916 aboard the ENEAS, arriving in Plymouth on 19th November. His father, Henry, died on 29th December 1915.

He did not join his unit in France until 15th December 1917, just the day after his mother died in Sydney.

On 10th September 1918 he was promoted corporal. He was hospitalised in the UK between 11th Feb 1919 and 28th March 1919 with Myalgia of the Lumbar. He left the UK on the MEDIC on 10th April 1919, arriving in Sydney on 31st May 1919 and then discharged from the AIF as medically unfit on 6th June 1920.

In the same year he married Ruby Alice Smithurst and died at Rockdale on 2nd December 1953.