

John was born Jack Wallace Fogarty on 24th December 1895 in Brisbane, the son of John Adam Fogarty and his wife Jessie, nee Treadwell. He enlisted in B Company, AN&MEF using the name John Mervyn, for his brother Mervyn John who was older and was at the time enlisting in the AIF Mervyn was killed at Gallipoli on 20th May 1915). He stated that he was 22 at the time of enlistment, whereas he was only 18. He was an electrical mechanic by trade and on 5th Feb 1915 resigned at own request from the AN&MEF, joining the wireless staff of 3rd Tropical Battalion in Rabaul. He returned to Australia sometime around May 1915.

Under his real name of Jack Wallace Fogarty, he then joined the AIF as part of the 2nd Reinforcements, 19th Battalion, regimental number 1692, on 4th June 1915. He left Sydney aboard the KANOWNA on 19th June and was promoted corporal on 21st April 1916 and then sergeant on 15th September. On a number of occasions, he was detached to the 5th Light Trench Mortar Battery. In May he received a gunshot wound to the leg and he returned to Australia on the MILTIADES, leaving Plymouth on the 19th June 1919, arriving in Melbourne on 8th August from where he was discharged on 9th October.

John (Jack) died on 7th November 1921.