

John was born in London on 9th March 1894, the son of John Richard Dixon and Laura Annie Dixon, nee Bradshaw. In the 1911 UK Census he is shown as living at home in Wandsworth and is listed as being a Wholesale Drapers Assistant.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in D Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a labourer and single, giving his mother at 21 Larkshall Rise, Clapham, London, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 16th August 1915, he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 6th Reinforcements, 20th Battalion, regimental number 2867. He departed Sydney on 2nd November aboard the EURIPIDES and was taken on strength by the 20th Battalion in Egypt on 5th Feb 1916 after the battalion's withdrawal from Gallipoli.

On 18th March, the battalion moved to France and John was appointed lance corporal on 9th August. He was wounded for the first time on 24th December 1916 with shell abrasions to his left leg, returning to his unit on 6th Feb 1917. He was promoted corporal on 19th Feb 1917 and appointed lance sergeant on 1st March. He was Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches of 9th April (MID) and wounded a second time on 2nd May with a gunshot wound to the head and back. He was repatriated to the UK where he was admitted to Edmonton Military Hospital, not rejoining his unit until 19th August.

On 20th September 1917 he was promoted sergeant and then wounded in a third time on 28th October with a shell wound to chest and leg, whilst in action in Belgium.

He was again repatriated to the UK and admitted to the 3rd General Hospital in Oxford. He saw no further action, being discharged from hospital on 19th Feb 1918 and leaving the UK on 19th March 1918 aboard the KENILWORTH for Durban, South Africa. There he transferred to the FIELD MARSHALL disembarking in Melbourne on 23rd May 1918. He travelled to Sydney where he was discharged, medically unfit, on 27th July 1918.

In 1934 he married Florence E Law and on 25th November 1941 he again enlisted, service number N282793, and served as a driver with the 5th Heavy Brigade before being discharged on 24th Feb 1942

John died on 2nd June 1959 aged 65.