

John was born at Waverley on 19th August 1892, the son of John Doody and his wife Elizabeth Alice, nee Knowles. He enlisted in E Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, stating that he was a Fetter and single, giving his mother at 246 Abercrombie St, Redfern as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 1st March 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 4th Reinforcement, 19th Battalion, regimental number 2136. He sailed for the Middle East aboard the ARGYLLSHIRE leaving Sydney, on 30th September. He was taken on strength by the battalion in Egypt on 8th Jan 1916 and moved with the battalion to France in March. On 22nd Jan 1917 he was appointed lance corporal and received a gunshot wound to his chest and knee in France on 27th Feb. He was evacuated to the UK aboard the HS BRIGHTON and admitted to the Northampton War Hospital.

He was discharged from hospital on 23rd July 1917 and left Devonport aboard the PAKEHA on 27th August 1917, arriving in Sydney on 25th October. He was discharged, medically unfit, on 6th March 1918 and received a war pension.

John never married and died in Belmore on 16th July 1955 and is buried at the Woronora Cemetery.