

John was born in London on 29th Jan 1891, the son of Louis Charles Henderson and his wife Charlotte Mary Jane, nee Neill. With his family he migrated to Australia in 1892. He later attended Sydney Grammar before qualifying as a Dental Surgeon at Sydney University.

He enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, AN&MEF on 12th August 1914 stating that he was a dental student and single, giving his father at 27 Edgecliff Rd, Woollahra, as his next of kin. On 9th Feb 1915 he was promoted corporal and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915.

He joined the AIF as an officer cadet on 27th March and qualified as 2nd Lt in July. On 8th August he joined the 8th Reinforcements, 13th Battalion and left Sydney the next day aboard the RUNC. He joined the 13th on Gallipoli on 23rd October and on 14th December he was evacuated to Mudros suffering from malaria.

He arrived back in Egypt on 3rd Jan 1916 and promoted Lieutenant on 20th Jan, and further promoted Captain on 1st March.



On right, playing donkey polo.

In May the battalion left Egypt for France and in August went into battle at Pozieres. He went Missing in Action on 14th August whilst leading an attack on a German trench. There are conflicting accounts of what happened but eventually he was posted as killed in action.

He is remembered on the Villiers- Bretonneux Memorial in France and on Panel 69 at the Australian War Memorial Canberra. His Victory Medal is held at the Australian War Memorial.