

Harry was born in Scarborough, Yorkshire, 1876, the son of Henry and Mary Ann Belwood. Harry served with the 2nd Contingent, NSW Mounted Rifles in the Boer War between 1901 and 1902, regimental number 715.

In 1910 he married Rose Haddock and had a daughter, Muriel, born 1911.

On 11th August 1914 he joined the AN&MEF, stating that he was a groom by trade, married and gave his wife at 8 Darby St, Darlinghurst, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, term expired, having completed 206 days service.



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Studio portrait of Harry Belwood, 1st Light Horse, Sydney 1915.

On 27th April 1915 he enlisted as part of the 8th reinforcements for the 1st Light Horse, departing Sydney aboard the RUNIC on 9th August 1915. He was taken on strength with the 1st Light Horse at Gallipoli on 25th October 1915 and was appointed Lance Corporal and made a temporary sergeant

the next day. On 14th December, just before the evacuation from Gallipoli he was promoted corporal. In March 1916, in Egypt, he was court martialled for drunkenness and demoted back to private.

In early May 1916, Harry transferred to the Artillery and on 29th May left Alexandria, arriving in Marseilles on 5th June. On 3rd Jan 1917 he transferred to the 6th Field Artillery, and some 9 days later, on 12th Jan he was hospitalised with a carbuncle on his neck. Gunner Belwood died at the 5th General Hospital, Rouen, France on 21st August 1917 as a result of the infection.

Harry is buried at St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen and is remembered on Panel 14 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.