

Henry was born at Cootamundra in 1894, the son of John Hall and his wife Florence Isabella, nee Greenham. He enlisted in G Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 stating that he was single. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915.

On 22nd June 1915 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 10th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion, regimental number 3062. He was just under 21 at the time so he obtained parental consent to allow him to join. He left Sydney aboard the WARILDA on 8th October 1915 and was taken on strength by the 2nd Battalion on 21st Jan 1916 at Tel-el-Kabir. He was appointed lance corporal on 23rd Jan and transferred to the 54th Battalion on 14th February. He was promoted sergeant on 1st March before being appointed 2nd Lieutenant on 12th March.

On 19th June he left Alexandria aboard the CALADONIAN, arriving in Marseilles on 29th June 1916.

On 19th July he was reported as Missing in Action, his death on that day confirmed by a Bard of Enquiry held on 26th December 1916.

Private John Phillips, regimental number 4575, in an interview stated – “Lieut. Hall was in B Company. I saw him go down under shrapnel fire half way across the German lines at Fleurbaix on July 19th in the attack. He fell backwards and put his hand on his right breast as though wounded there. I was glancing in his direction for an order when I saw him go down. He called out “Go on” as he fell. I think there is little doubt that he died where he fell. I know nothing as to whether or not his body was recovered.”

Henry is remembered at Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D’armentieres and on Panel 159 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.