

Horace enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, stating that he was born in Victoria, possibly Newport, he was 22 years of age, a labourer and single. He gave his Mother, Mrs Lettey Armstrong, Yallah Railway Station House, South Coast, as his next of kin. He stated that he had served 5 years in the Australian Engineers.

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

On 10th March 1915, Horace enlisted into A Company, 18th Battalion, regimental number 4067, and left with the battalion aboard the CERAMIC in June. On arrival he was transferred as a sapper to the newly formed 4th Field Coy of Engineers on 12th August and landed at Gallipoli on 4th September, aboard the KNIGHT TEMPLAR. On 20th October 1915 he suffered a severe bout of tonsillitis and was evacuated from Gallipoli and spend some time in hospital before rejoining his unit on 15th Jan 1916 where he was remustered a driver and transferred from Alexandria to Marseilles in June 1916.

Horace was sick and hospitalised on many occasions during his period in France, eventually returning home after the end of the war aboard the CLUNY CASTLE arriving on 23rd May 1919 and being discharged on 22 July 1919.