

John was born in Sydney on 26th April 1896, the son of Ebenezer John Henry and his wife Loretta, nee Durham. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted into G Company, AN&MEF stating that he was single and gave his mother at Campelego, Boppy Mountain, NSW, as his next of kin. On 18th August he was promoted sergeant and then colour sergeant on 20th Nov. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 16th Sept 1915 he received a commission as second lieutenant as part of the 11th Reinforcements, 13th battalion. He sailed from Sydney on the PORT LINCOLN on 13th Oct 1915, arriving in Suez on 17th November. On 7th April 1916 he was promoted Lieutenant and moved to France on 1st June. On 27th Oct he was admitted to hospital with appendicitis and was evacuated to the UK on 21st November where he was admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital.

After discharge from hospital, he moved to the 4th Training Battalion and promoted Captain on 30th November. He rejoined his unit in France on 30th April 1917 and alternated between the battalion and Training Battalions until he resigned his commission on 15th April 1918, the day he boarded the MARATHON for return to Australia. He arrived back in Melbourne on 13th June.

On 16th October 1940 he joined the AIF, service number N40250, and served as a Captain in the 28th Infantry Training Battalion before being discharged on 22nd Feb 1946.

John died in Brisbane on 4th Feb 1985.