

Leonard was born at Booligal, NSW on 5th May 1892, the son of Thomas Clancy and Mary J Clancy, nee Muir. He attended Forbes Intermediate High School.

On 11th August 1914 he joined F Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a Blacksmith Striker and single, giving his mother at 37 Queen St Ashfield as his next of kin.

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

On 30th April 1915 Leonard, regimental number 2252, and his brother John Charles, regimental number 2133, both joined the AIF as part of the 6th Reinforcements for the 13th Battalion. Just prior to their embarkation, Leonard suffered a severe attack of malaria requiring him to be hospitalised and so his brother sailed without him.

Leonard remained in the Garrison Hospital and on release was transferred to the 6th Reinforcements, 20th Battalion and was subsequently drafted into the Depot Reverse Unit and remained in Australia. It is unsure how long he served.

When John Charles went abroad, Leonards records were accidentally sent with him. He was killed on 23rd August 1915 on Gallipoli, only three weeks after landing. Due to the record mix up, his mother was advised that Leonard had been killed and a Memorial Plaque bearing Leonards name was struck, together with a Memorial Scroll. Mary Clancy naturally queried this, as Leonard was with her in Sydney at the time. Whilst the records were corrected at a later date, the service records for John Clancy still bear his brothers regimental number, 2252.

Leonard led a long life, dying on 8th Jan 1983 at North Sydney, aged 90.