

John was born at Sydney on 22nd Feb 1890, the son of Michael Davis and his wife Johannah, nee Guiry. On 11th August 1914 he joined the AN&MEF stating that he was an Artist and Journalist and single, giving his mother, Mrs J M Weekley at 145 Dowling St, East Sydney, as his next of kin.

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

On 1st August 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 11th Reinforcements, 1st Battalion and sailed for the Middle East on 5th October aboard the THEMISTOCLES. He was taken on strength by the battalion at Tel-El-Kabir on 6th Jan 1916 and transferred to the 53rd Battalion on 13th Feb.

On 16th March he was made a temporary Sergeant and acting CSM and on 8th May he was confirmed as sergeant and appointed as WO2, CSM, on 10th May. On 12th May he was transferred to the 14th Brigade Training Battalion and was evacuated from Alexandria suffering from tonsillitis on 29th July arriving in Southampton on 9th August where he was admitted to the Fargo Hospital. He was discharged and returned to France on the PRINCESS CLEMENTINE on 30th December 1916 and on 21st March 1917 he returned to the 53rd Battalion.

On 27th Jan 1918 he began his Officer Training with the No. 4 Cadet Battalion and on 8th Feb 1918 he was promoted RSM (Warrant Officer Class 1). On 20th August he received his Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and returned to his unit on 12th September. He was promoted Lieutenant "In the Field" on 20th November 1918.

On 8th May 1919 he left the UK aboard the DEVANHA, arriving back in Sydney on 16th June. He was discharged, appointment terminated" on 8th August 1919.

With the outbreak of World War 2, he enlisted as a Sergeant in the 17th Garrison Battalion on 2nd August 1940, service number V4866, and was discharged on 28th May 1946.

John died in Adelaide on 28th Feb 1952.