

Harry was born in Townsville, Queensland, on 13 March 1895, the son of Harry Edgar Newton and his wife Margaret Ann, nee Langridge.

On his enlistment in the AN&MEF he stated that he was 21, whereas he was actually 19. This was done to avoid the necessity of getting parental consent, which was required if you were under 21. He stated that he was a coppersmith by trade and returned from Rabaul on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 22nd July 1915 he enlisted as part of the 6th reinforcements, 20th battalion, regimental number 2762. He sailed from Sydney on 2nd November 1914 aboard the EURIDIDES and was taken on strength by the 56th battalion on 16th Feb 1916. On 10th March 1916 he transferred to the 14th MG Coy.

In 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) for "Conspicuous gallantry/devotion to duty while in reserve in Glencorse Wood..."

On 10th October 1917 he was promoted "in the field" to 2LT and then to Lt on 1st Feb 1918.

He left the UK on the ORONTES on 15th May 1919, arriving in Melbourne on 28th June 1919. His appointment to the AIF was terminated on 28th August 1918.

In 1923 he married Elizabeth Ann Bearman.

Harry died in Braidwood in 1969.