

Henry was born in Armagh, Ireland in 1887, the son of James Ellis and his wife Mary, nee Murnin. He spent 5 years in the Royal Irish Constabulary before coming to Australia in 1913.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF stating that he was single and a Shop Assistant. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

After returning from Rabaul he married Katherine Scully.

On 18th April he joined D Company, 17 Battalion, regimental number 1365. On 12th May he left Sydney aboard the THEMISTOCLES. He was appointed Lance Corporal on 29th May 1915 and then promoted corporal on 18th June 1915 and joined the MEF on Gallipoli on 16th August.

On 5th December he was promoted sergeant just as the battalion was about to be withdrawn from Gallipoli. Whilst in Egypt he was appointed 2nd Lt on 13th March 1916 just before he left with his battalion for Marseilles on 17th March. On 30th June 1916 he was hospitalised in the UK with Neuritis and Trench Feet, returning to the battalion on 11th October. He was again back in hospital with debility on 11th November and did not return to his battalion until 19th March 1917.



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He was promoted to Lieutenant on 8th March 1917 and received a gunshot wound to the thigh and died from these wounds the following day.

Henry is buried in the Grevilles British Cemetery, Bapaume and is remembered on Panel 82 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.