

Henry was born at Leura on 18th March 1894, the son of Henry Booth and Mary Anne Booth. Henry had a troubled youth having been sentenced to 6 months Hard Labour for forgery and uttering on 18th August 1911 at age 17. The sentence was suspended under the 1st Offenders Act. He was not so fortunate the second time when, on 27th May 1913, he was again sentenced to 6 months Hard Labour for stealing.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF and gave his occupation as Law Clerk, stating that he was single and gave his mother, Mrs Mary Anne Robson, "Killarney", Thirroul, as his next of kin.

Henry was appointed Lance Corporal on 29th Sept 1914 and promoted Corporal on 5th Jan 1915. Henry returned from Rabaul and was discharged, time expired, on 18th January 1915.

On 3rd August 1915 he enlisted as part of the 4th Reinforcements of the 19th battalion, regimental number 2350. He left Australia aboard the THEMISTOCLES, departing Sydney on 5th October 1915. He was taken on strength with the 19th Battalion on 8th Jan 1916 at Tel-El-Kabir, the battalion having arrived back in Egypt the day before following the evacuation from Gallipoli.

On 14th Feb 1916 Henry was appointed Lance Corporal and on 3rd November 1916 he transferred to the 17th battalion. Between 5th October 1917 and 2nd March 1918, he was attached to the No 2 Officer Cadet Battalion at Cambridge. On his report at the completion of the course it was noted – "Can do well if he tries."

On 1st April he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and rejoined his battalion on 5th May 1918. He was promoted Lieutenant on 18th August 1918 and was gassed on the front on 3rd October 1918.

On 15th May 1919 Henry boarded the YPUINGA for home and arrived in Sydney on 5th July 1919 and his commission was terminated on 12th December 1919.

In 1922 at Randwick, he married Edith Pearle Spicer and on 27th December 1939 he was mobilised from the reserve of Officers, service number N60082, and was appointed a Lieutenant. He was discharged as medically unfit with Bronchitis on 17th October 1940.

Henry died on 3rd August 1978.