

Frederick was born in Forest Gate, Essex in 1882 to Morgan and Sophia Donovan. He joined the Essex Volunteer Regiment in 1901 and served with the unit until 1909. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a clerk and single and gave his mother at 31 Forest Rd, Forest Gate as his next of kin.

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

On 18<sup>th</sup> May 1915 he enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion, regimental number 1065 and was appointed lance sergeant on 1<sup>st</sup> June. He sailed for Alexandria aboard the CERAMIC, departing Sydney on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1915 and arriving on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. He landed on Gallipoli on 19<sup>th</sup> August and was promoted sergeant on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1915 and was part of the withdrawal on 19<sup>th</sup> December. The battalion transferred to France in March 1916 and on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1917 he joined the No. 6 Officer Cadet Battalion, Oxford graduating as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 31<sup>st</sup> October. He was promoted Lieutenant on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1918.



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Officers of the 19<sup>th</sup> Btn at Picardie, France on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1918. Frederick is 7<sup>th</sup> from left, middle row.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October he transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion and returned home aboard the MORVADA, departing UK on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1919 and disembarking in Brisbane on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1919.

His appointment to the AIF was terminated on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1919.