

Alfred was born at Christchurch, New Zealand on 10th July 1890, the son of Harry George Day and Mary Ann Day, nee O'Farrell. He served for 3 years with the Kelburnie (Volunteer) Rifles in Wellington before coming to Australia.

On 11th August 1914 he joined the AN&MEF stating that he was a clerk and single, giving his brother Mr H M Day, 46 Epping Rd, Double Bay, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 22nd March 1915 he joined A Company, 20th Battalion and was promoted corporal on 21st May. He departed Sydney on the BERRIMA on 26th June and, in Egypt, he was appointed Lance Sergeant on 14th July. He landed with the battalion on Gallipoli on 16th August 1915, the same day he was promoted sergeant. He returned from the Peninsular on 9th Jan 1916 before moving with the battalion to Marseilles, France, on 16th March.

On 16th August 1916 he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant and promoted Lieutenant on 16th November. Between 28th March 1917 and 7th April 1917 he attended the Bomber School, Clapham qualifying as a Bombing Instructor.

On the 3rd September he was Mentioned in Despatches (MID) and on 14th October he was recommended for a Military Cross (not awarded), the recommendation stating: -

"On the 9th October at PASSCHENDALE Ridge by his coolness and courage under heavy shell fire he kept his men together and also rendered valuable assistance in confirming the reports as to the progress of the action from time to time. When he saw that the battalion in front of him was in difficulties he led his men forward to support, materially assisting their push forward."

On 11th March 1918 he received a gunshot wound to the right arm resulting in a fractured ulna. He was admitted to the General Hospital at Camiers, France before being transferred to the London General Hospital, Wandsworth on 5th April. On 12th May he left the UK for Australia aboard the RUAHINE, arriving in Sydney on 5th June 1918. His AIF appointment was terminated on 4th Jan 1919.

In 1920 he married Edna Florence Warren.

He later was appointed a Lt in the CMF (N60256), and at the outbreak of the Second World War he was taken on full time (NX113720) and served until discharge at 2 Garrison Battalion on 23rd December 1943.

Alfred died at Kooyong in 1985.