

Frank was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, on 1st December 1894, the son of William Grierson and Lily Emma Brown.

He enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and stated that he was a traveller, single, and gave his father, c/- Department of Agriculture, Brisbane, as his next of kin.

Frank returned from Rabaul and was discharged, end of term of engagement, on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 9th April 1915, he enlisted as part of the 7th Reinforcements of the 26th battalion, regimental number 281, and was quickly promoted to corporal on 1st May, and to sergeant on 16th May. He left Sydney aboard the AENEAS on 29th June 1915 and arrived on Gallipoli on 4th September 1915. Just prior to this landing he was promoted to WO11 on 24th August.



RSM Brown taken around 1915

With his battalion he moved to France in March 1915 and was promoted to WO1 on 13th May 1916.

Frank was killed at Pozieres on 5th August 1918, along with his brother, William Robert Grierson Brown, regimental number 4388, 25th battalion, who was killed on the same day.

2/Lt C E Jones of the 26th battalion records: -

“I saw Mr Brown hit by a piece of High Explosive Shell on or about 4th August 1916. He was also buried. I dug him out and felt for breath and heart beat, but there was none – I concluded that he was dead. I had no doubt personally. On further enquiry I learnt that he did not pass through and clearing station. As the place where he was hit was some distance behind the point where we

launched the attack that evening, he could not have fallen into the enemy's hands. Those are the facts of the case as I know them. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind as to his fate."

Frank is remembered at the Australian Memorial at Villers- Bretonneux and on panel 107 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.