

Wilfred was born in Bathurst, NSW, on 10th April 1894 the son of Robert Dovey and his wife Winifred Isabel Agnes, nee Adams. At the outbreak of war, Wilfred was completing his law degree at Sydney University and took time of the enlist on 11th August 1914 in G Company, AN&MEF. Shortly after enlistment, and before departure for Rabaul he married Mary Dorothy Duncan at St John's Church Glebe on 15th August.

He was promoted sergeant on 18th August and whilst in Rabaul he spent some time as Acting Police Master



Sgt Dovey with the Police contingent in Rabaul in 1914.

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

He returned to his studies, completing his degree in 1916 before taking up a teaching appointment and Brisbane Grammar. He was admitted to the NSW Bar in 1922 and appointed a judge in the NSW Supreme Court.

His daughter, Margaret Elaine, born in 1942, married Edward Gough Whitlam in 1942 and went on to be Australia's First Lady during the Whitlam Prime Ministership in the 70's.

Wilfred died on 12th December 1969, having retired from the bar in 1964.