

Royal was born at Newtown in 1893, the son of Andrew Sydney Dessaix and Mary Maude Dessaix, nee Elliott.

On 11th August 1914 he joined D Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a Coach Driver and single, giving his father at 132 Darby St Newtown as his next of kin.

Royal returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1914 having completed 206 days.

On 30th July 1916 he married Edna Florence Ethel Bullivant at St Clement's Church, Marrickville and they had 7 children.

Royal died at his residence in Campsie on 1st November 1937 and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery.