

Basil was born in Glasgow, Scotland on 23rd October 1884, the son of Francis wood Clark and Margaret Clark, nee McKeith. He came to Australia in 1908 aboard the ORTONA.

On 11th August 1914 he joined A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was an engineer. He married Lillian Clare Robson on 18th August 1914, the day before leaving on the BERRIMA. He also stated that he was in the Imperial Army for three years, probably in the Cameron Highlanders, regimental number 6159. On 5th October he was appointed lance corporal and returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915.

Basil was a Instrument Maker in the Public Service and died at Queanbeyan Hospital on 23rd Feb 1933. At the time of his death he was living at Mt Stromlo in the ACT.