

Nicholas was born at Coolamon, NSW on 26th July 1887, the son of Elijah W R Nicholls and his wife Annie Therese, nee Gavin.

On enlistment in the AN&MEF he stated that he was a tram conductor and was single. He was posted to the Machine Gun Section. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

ON 31st May 1915 he enlisted as a driver as part of the 19th Reinforcements to the 1st Divisional Train, regimental number 7307. He left Sydney on 8th October 1915 on the WARILDA for the Middle east,

On the disbandment of the Divisional Train he transferred to the 1st Pioneers and arrived in Marseilles on 2nd April 1916.

He caught Influenza and returned to Australia on the BAKARA, leaving the UK on 11th December 1918, arriving in Melbourne on 14th Feb 1919. He was discharged from the AIF on 29th April 1919.

On 24th Feb 1919, shortly after arriving back in Australia, but before his discharge, he married Florence M Brodie.

Percy died on 23rd Feb 1960 at Chatswood and is interred at the Macquarie Park cemetery.