

ARNOLD FAMILY





ARNOLD

Daniel Wesley

Service No: 27

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Wesley Arnold

Service number: 27

Date of enlistment: 22/2/1917

Age at Enlistment: 25 years 6 months

Civil Occupation: Bank Clerk

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Height: 6 feet 1 ½ inches

Weight: 145 pounds

Chest measurement: 38 inches

Complexion: dark

Eye Colour: brown

Hair Colour: light brown

Father: Daniel Wilcox Arnold

Mother: Katie Harriet Arnold (nee Powell)

Siblings: Arthur Edwin Henry (born circa 1880), Katie Grace (born circa 1881), Margaret Dorothy (born 1883), Jules Bertram (born 1886), Olive Gertrude (born 1888) and Francis Alwyn Harcourt (born 1894)

Life Story

Daniel Wesley Arnold was the first child of the Arnold family to be born in York. His two elder siblings had been born in England before the family migrated to Australia, with the other three born in Perth while the family owned a store in William Street.

The Arnold family lived in York between 1891 and 1897. They established a Cash Store next to the Imperial Hotel on Avon Terrace.

Daniel was born in 1891 and lived in York until his family moved to Perth sometime between 1895 and 1897.

Daniel applied to enlist on the 1st March 1916. A note on top of his form stated that minor dental treatment was required. He was re-examined at Claremont on 22nd February 1917 and sent for training, before being assigned to the Machine Gun Squadron in April.

In June, Daniel embarked from Fremantle. On his arrival in Egypt, he immediately joined the Isolation Camp at Moascar, suffering firstly from influenza then mumps. After two weeks, Daniel was transferred to hospital at Ismailia, staying there for a further 3 weeks, before being discharged to duty. In September 1917 he was Taken On Strength with the 3rd Machine Gun Squadron. Daniel continued to serve with this Squadron for the next six months, before he was sent to a rest camp at Port Said in March 1918. Daniel continued to serve until early 1919, when he was sent home, per the *Oxfordshire*, after developing jaundice.

On his return to civilian life, Daniel worked as a bank clerk for the Commonwealth Bank in Busselton, where he met Amy Cammilleri, who was also working at the bank. They married in Busselton on the 22nd August 1924 and went on to have two children, Phillip (born 1925) and Marie Ponsonby (born 1930).

Daniel died in 1983.

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ARNOLD
Francis Alwyn
Harcourt
Service No: 1623



BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Francis Alwyn Harcourt Arnold

Service number: 1623

Date of enlistment: 7/2/1916

Age at Enlistment: 21 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Clerk

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 10 ½ inches

Weight: 176 pounds

Chest measurement: 31 inches

Complexion: fresh

Eye Colour: brown

Hair Colour: brown

Father: Daniel Wilcox Arnold

Mother: Katie Harriet Arnold (nee Powell)

Siblings: Arthur Edwin Henry (born circa 1880), Katie Grace (born circa 1881, Margaret Dorothy (born 1883), Jules Bertram (born 1886), Olive Gertrude (born 1888), Daniel Wesley (born 1891)

Married: Alma Margaret Redgrave

Life Story

Francis Alwyn Harcourt Arnold (known as Alwyn) was born in York in 1894. His parents, Daniel Wilcox Arnold and Katie Harriet Powell, had arrived in Fremantle from the United Kingdom in 1883.

Between 1891 and 1893, Daniel Wilcox ran the Cash Store next to the Imperial Hotel in York and his wife, Katie Harriet, was listed as living in York as late as 1897. However, by 1897 her husband was living in Wanneroo, having been appointed as a clerk in the Department of Woods and Forests, a position he held until 1905.

Daniel Wilcox died in Perth in 1914. Katie died in Perth in 1920.

Francis enlisted as a Private in the 51st Battalion on the 7th February 1916. He embarked at Fremantle, bound for Suez, then England, and was marched out in July to join the 51st Battalion Reinforcements in France.

In April 1917, Francis was promoted to Corporal but, four months later, he was evacuated to hospital suffering from venereal disease. It was one hundred and sixteen days before Francis was able to re-join his unit, at the end of December 1917.

On the 13th March 1918, Francis was promoted to Sergeant and, three months later, he was seconded from his unit to attend the No. 6 Officer Cadet Battalion in Oxford, England. This Battalion trained military cadets to become commissioned officers.

On the 2nd January 1919, Francis was appointed 2nd Lieutenant on probation and attached to the General Service Regiment. On the 2nd April his rank was upgraded to Lieutenant.

Finally, on the 12th July 1919, Francis embarked aboard the *City of Exeter* to return to Australia.

In 1920, Francis married Alma Margaret Redgrave. They had a son, John, in 1921, a daughter, Elaine, in 1926 and twin daughters in 1938. They lived in Mabel Street, North Perth, before moving in the early 1930s to 11 Alexander Drive in Mt Lawley (now Menora), with their first electoral enrolment at that address in 1936.

Francis spent most of his post-War career working in the insurance industry. In 1930 The Merchant Marine Insurance Co. Ltd. appointed Francis Attorney for Western Australia and, in 1940, he was recorded as being the W.A. Manager of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd. Francis was listed as an insurance manager on the electoral rolls until 1963.

Francis and Alma both died in Perth in 1967.

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