

## FRIEND, Percy Alfred



Percy Alfred Friend (taken from a photograph of Friend Family SLQ Collection.  
*Friend family of Gladstone.* (2005). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

Service Number: 4241

Unit: 11/31 Infantry Battalion

Place of Birth: Gladstone Queensland

Date of Birth: 29 January 1887

Enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 4 September 1915 age 28 years. Next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs Rosetta Ann Friend, "Vahreepa", Yarroon Street, Gladstone, Queensland. (Father was Henry Friend, junior.) On enlistment he was 5 feet 7.5 inches and weighed 125 lbs. His chest measurement was 32-35 inches. His occupation was a merchant. He was appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on 24 March 1916. He contracted pleurisy while camped at Enoggera, Qld in October 1916. On 18 May 1917 he was admitted to 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Auxiliary Hospital England with bronchitis. He was in hospital for weeks and deemed unfit for service both overseas and at home.

Friend returned to Australia 22 July 1917 and his appointment was terminated on 1 November 1917.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](#)

*Paulette Flint, 2023*