

Frank Brendan Gavan DUFFY

Frank Gavan Duffy was the son of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Frank Gavan Duffy, his brother, Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, became a Supreme Court judge and another brother, Desmond, died in France in November 1916.

Frank was born in 1885, and attended Riverview College in Sydney, before he returned to Melbourne, to complete his law degree. He was admitted to practice in 1913.

He enlisted, initially with the Field Ambulance, but quickly changed to the Field Artillery like his brother, Charles. He started his training as a gunner and left Australia in September 1915 for Egypt. From Egypt, he arrived in Marseilles, in May 1916, and was on the Western Front from September 1916, in time for the later fighting along the Somme.

In July 1917, he received news that his mother was ill and that arrangements were made for him to return home. He arrived back in Australia late in 1917 and was discharged from the Army in January 1918. Ironically, his mother recovered from this illness and lived another 25 years.

Upon his discharge from the army, Frank Gavan Duffy was an associate to Justice Henry Bournes Higgins and, later, he practiced as a solicitor in Deniliquin and Albury, before going into partnership with David Clarke in Ballarat in 1935.

Frank Gavan Duffy died in Ballarat in December 1945.



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Troops preparing to board the *Makarini* in September 1915, Frank Gavan Duffy departed on this day and in this ship.