

OLIVER, F.

Frank Leslie Oliver was born in Bedford in 1897. He was studying to be an Anglican priest at St Aidan's Theological College, Ballarat when he enlisted in 1917. He was sent to England and, following the war, was granted leave to study at King' College, London. He returned to Australia on board HT *Friedricharuh* in 1920, completed his theological degree at Trinity College, The University of Melbourne and was ordained. He was appointed a naval chaplain in 1924 and, in 1925, married Moira Bird Good (1895-1969), daughter of Rev John Good, at St Jude's Carlton. The well attended ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Harrington Lees.

After various postings, Frank Oliver was appointed as the live-in Chaplain to the Mission to Seamen, 717 Flinders Steet Melbourne. He and Moira served there between 1930 and 1960. Their son Rodney and daughter Barbara were also involved in the Mission later on.

During World War II, Frank served as a chaplain in the Royal Australian Naval Reserves.

AIF Project Entry

Frank Leslie OLIVER

Regimental number	19579
Place of birth	Bedford, England
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Theological student
Address	Carlton, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Friend, Rev John Good, St Jude's Vicarage, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	14 November 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	Army Medical Corps, October 1917 Reinforcements
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/99/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS <i>Orontes</i> on 5 June 1918.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Fate	Effective abroad (still overseas)

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Rev Frank Oliver and his bride Moira Good.
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Padre Frank Oliver and Moira in their back garden at the Mission to Seamen, late 1950s.
Victorian Collections: <https://victoriancollections.net.au/items/59caf98c21ea6811907dc45e>
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