

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**5608 Private  
Frank Marrell Newey**

**19th Battalion**



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19th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Newey.  
F.M. 5608

"Killed 21.9.17."

Ten of ours were killed by a shell on Menin Road including Newey who was killed outright. We dug him out and I helped to dig a grave for him where he fell and made a cross also. We were then in supports.

Witness:-

J. Ramsbottom 4216  
19th Battn. C. Coy.  
Hut 18 Westham.

W. A. Sand

London.  
10.1.18.

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Havre.

22nd. March. 1916.

19th. Australians.

Hewey, F. M. No. 5608.

X. 21st. September 1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew Hewey for nine months; he was medium height, medium build, fair, about 27, a Carter in Civil Life, from Sydney, N. S. Wales. On September 21st the Battalion was on the Ypres front, and in the trenches under shell fire. Hewey was killed by a shell explosion. Death was instantaneous. I was knocked on the 20th September, and was sent to Blighty. My informant was, Private D. Walsh, 19th. Battalion, C. Company, 9th. Platoon, who is still with the Battalion, and could give full information. He told me he was there when it happened, and that several men were killed by the same shell.

Inf:- Private, W. L. Griffiths. No. 3425.  
19th. Australians.

C. Company.

9th. Platoon.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

*Walter Walsh*

*28-3-18*

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PM.

19th Battalion.  
A.I.F.

Private  
F.M. No. 508.

"Killed 21.9.1917"

I knew Newoy; He was in "C" Company, X Platoon with me. He was medium height, inclined to be fair, and of slight build. He was killed outright in the support trenches about 19th or 20th September 1917, just behind Polygon Wood. He was killed by a 9.5 shell, which also killed seven others. I was about 15 yards away at the time and helped to bury him. I am quite certain he was killed outright and did not suffer. We buried him and the other just near where they fell, not in a cemetery.

I think Corporal W. Pulley was collecting the mens' effects. Private Simmons and Sergeant Williams were killed by the same shell.

Informant:- Private J. RAMSBOTTOM, 4216,  
19th Battalion "C" Coy. X. Platoon,  
Private add ress:-

The Soldiers' Club,  
George St., Sydney.

9.4.18.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
RANDWICK.

H.S.O.

SYDNEY BUREAU. *S. C. [initials]*

A.I.F. 19.

NEWBY, F.M. 3608.

K. Sept 21st 1917. Dets.

Fred Newey was in C.C. and I think X pltn. I don't know his number. He was rather short, inclined to be dark, clean shaven and about 25. I don't know if he was married. It was whilst we were holding the e- line at Anzac Ridge on the 21st Sept. that I saw Newey killed by shell fire. I was about 20 yards off him and the same shell killed several others. Newey was buried with others in a shell hole close by.

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Inf: L/Cpl. E. J. Walder. 19.0.IX

No. 3 Can. Gen. Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 18.4.18.

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19th Battn  
A.I.F.

NEWBY,  
F.M. 5608

"Killed in Action 21.9.17."

The only thing I know about 5608 F. Newby is that he was killed at Ypres on the 21st September and was buried on the field.

Letter from:- R. Walsh, 6391,  
19th Battn C Coy.  
20.4.18.

London.  
25.4.18.

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Havre

17th May 1918.

A.I.F. 19.

Hewey F.M. No. 5608.

K. 21st Sept 1917. Det D/B.

He was in C. Coy. I did not know him at all. On the morning of the 22nd we were in supports between Anzac Redoubt and Anzac House. I saw a body lying on the top of the trench. I saw Pte A.J. Wilson No. 4873 of the 19th Battn C. Coy. (who I last saw in Hospital at Rouen about the 1st May suffering from Gas) go up to the body. He took papers etc from the body, and gave them to Lieut. Browning of the 19th Battn (I saw him with the Battn at the end of April when I left for Hospital) who was with him. Wilson told me at the time that the man was Hewey. I saw him buried in one grave with two or three others near where he was killed in the open. The grave was marked by a rifle put up on it with a piece of wood across with his name on.

Inf:- Cpl A.E. Brown No. 3476.  
A.I.F. 19. C. IX.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

Written <sup>HPS</sup> Pte. Wilson + Lt. Browning 22.5.18.

Havre

21st May 1918.

A.I.F. 191

Hewey F.M. No. 5608.

M. 21st Sept 1917.

I knew him well. He came from Sydney, was about 28 years old, and married. He was a very quiet man, short, and thickish. This man was blown up by a shell at Ypres on the date named. I was about 400 yards and heard of it at the time, but full details could be had from Pte T. Brown No. 4870 of the 19th Battn C. Coy, who was with him at the time. I saw Brown about a week ago.

Inf:- Pte W. Toop No. 5457.  
A.I.F. 19.  
H.S. 'Garristbrooke Castle'.

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G. L. 20/18

19th Battn.  
A.I.F.

F.M.

H. EMY  
5608.

"Killed in Action" 21-9-18.

Re 5608. Pte. F.M. Newey. 19th Battn. A.I.F. killed 21-9-17. This man was under my charge at a position about 250 to 300 yards to the right of Anzac House and in front of Westhoek Ridge where he was killed by shell fire early on the morning of the 21st Sept. He was buried on the field by his comrades. I regret being unable to give you map reference as I have not got a map in my possession at present. I was only temporarily attached to C. Coy at the time but I have had confirmation of the above from Cpl. Follard 19th Battn. who is at present attached to the battalion and who was also with me at the time.

Letter from: - C.C.  
19th Battn. A.I.F.

London.  
13-6-18.

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19th Battn.  
A.I.F.

NEWAY.  
F.M. 5608.

"Killed in Action" 21-9-17.

Re Pte. F.M. Newey C. Coy. 19th Battalion. A.I.F. , killed on the 21-9-17. I saw the man a few moments after the shell killed him. There was also an officer with me, of the same battalion. He was killed straight out. I took his pay book off him and handed it to the officer. I also looked at his disc. He was cut about too much - half of his head was off, so all that was left for identification was his pay book and disc.

For Letter from: - Pte. A.J. Wilson.  
FRANCE.

London.  
18-6-18.

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PL D. WALSH.

R. Coy 19 A. I. F.  
13.9.7

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19 A. I. F.

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In the Field; ~~F. M. Newby~~  
19. B. Bellion  
20 April 1918  
K. in A 21. 9. 17

My Dear Friend

I received your welcome letter  
a few days ago and the  
only thing I <sup>know</sup> about  
5608 F. Newby that he was  
killed at Ajypres the 21. Sept 18  
and was buried on the field

Your Sincer friend

6391 P. Walsh

19 B. Bellion

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Pt. A. J. Wilson

C Coy.

19<sup>th</sup> Baltn. C. I. 7

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Pt. F. M. Newey

C Coy.

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The Secretary  
Wounded Missing Enquiry Bureau  
Aust. Red Cross Society

Madam

Re enclosed enquiry for No. 5608 Pte.

F. M. NEWBY 19th Batta A.I.F. Killed 21. 9. 17.

His name was under my charge at a position about 250 to 300 yards to the right of ANZAC HOUSE & in front of WEST HOKER RIDGE where he was killed by shell fire early on the morning of 21st Sept. He was buried on the field by his comrades. I regret being unable to give you M.A.P. REFERENCE as I have not got a M.A.P. in my possession at present. I was only temporarily attached to Coy at the time but I have had confirmation of the above from Cpt. Pollard 19th Batta who is at present attached to this Battalion who was also with me at the time.

Yours faithfully  
James Cronin J.  
19th Batta A.I.F.

Tel: VICTORIA { 8576  
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23.5.18

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY,"

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

*Lt. Browning  
19<sup>th</sup> Batta. A.I.F.  
Abroad*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*5608 Pte. F. M. Newey C Coy. 19<sup>th</sup> Batta.  
K. 21.9.17. A.I.F.*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

*Cpl. Pallas, 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (Miss) Vera Deakin Pte G.I.B.  
Knows of the man he was killed by  
shell fire just about 300 yds to the right of  
Anzac House in front of Westhoek Reserve  
He was buried on the field. In his Comrade  
Secretary*

Rebald H. Pe  
15.6.18  
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J. M. Henry  
19<sup>th</sup> Batta  
K. M. A 21.9.17

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Co. Secretary

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In reference to the

J. M. Henry c. Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion A. F. 7

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handed it to the officer I also looked at his disc he  
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so all was left for ~~identification~~ identification was  
his pay book and disc

I am  
P. A. G. Wilson