

## Monro, Walter Frederick

A.S.C. Tracey Period.

Note: School Role of Fallen, has him as "Frederick Walter."

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France

**War Grave Register notes:** Monro, Pte. Walter Frederick, 3852. 30th Bn. 23rd March, 1917. Age 37. Son of Walter Joseph and Laretta Monro; husband of Florence Monro, of Louth Rd., Cobar, Born in Sydney.

Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

To the Recruiting Officer  
at Midway

I, Walter Frederick Monro.

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS  
68 Union St  
Sydney  
NSW

Signature W Monro

Occupation Dentist

Date 10 - 4 - 16

OFFICIAL STAMP

**Note, a North Sydney Dentist. Also, school history lists him incorrectly as "Frederick Walter."**

Description of MONROE W.

Age 36 years 1 month

Height 6 feet — inch

Weight 196 lbs.

Chest Measurement 37½/40 inch

Complexion Medium

Eyes Grey 6/9 6/8

Hair D. Brown (Bald)

Religious Denomination CofE.



Plaque, entrance walkway of AWM. Photo Tony Cable

In the following “Casualty Form”, one can trace a typical soldier’s career. Left Australia, in a troopship Aug. ’16. Arrived England and sent to Codford for advanced instruction with 8<sup>th</sup> Training Bn. A stint in hospital (measles). To Etaples, in France, for final battle induction.

Posted to 30<sup>th</sup> Bn. Feb. ’17 and killed some 4 weeks later.

	O.C. Troops	HMAT "ANCHISES"	Sydney
	do	do Embarked ...	Plymouth
11/10/16	8th Tng Bn	Marched in	Codford
12/11/16	8th Tng Bn	Marched in ex Camp Hosp	do
13/1/17	do	Proceeding O/Seas per "Princess Victoria"	Folkestone
20/1/17	O.C. 5th ADBD	Taken on strength ex Eng.	Staples
10/2/17	do	Marched out to Unit	do
8/2/17	O.C. 30th Bn	Taken on strength	France
30/3/17	do	KILLED IN ACTION	DO



France: Picardie, Somme, Bapaume 17 March 1917

Members of B Company, 30th Battalion (in support) amongst the ruins on the Cambrai Road, Bapaume, during the day on which the Australians entered the town. Six days after this picture was taken, Frederick was killed nearby. Possibly, in vicinity of Lebuquiere.

**Battalion War Diary entry 23<sup>rd</sup> March:**

"4.30AM ENEMY penetrated outpost line held by 29<sup>th</sup> Bn. And temporarily occupied BEUMETZ, attacked our Right flank but was driven off by our counter attack some 50 casualties being inflicted by ----(?), the village was re-taken by our outpost troops and original line established.

5 O'R'S Killed  
6 Wounded

24<sup>th</sup>. Strength 32 officers & 945 O R relieved by 58Bn.

**So the above might describe the scene of Monro's death, the day before his unit left the line,**



Members of A Company, 30th Battalion March 1917 Ref: AWM E00803

Years Later the medals are issued.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

No. 3852

Rank Private Name MONRO, W.F.

Unit 30 Bn

Casualty Killed in Action 25.3.17 C. 1917. 1. 26. 50. dated 2

  

A reminder of the many years of grieving and the costs of war. Over 50 years after his death Walter's wife applies for a War Service Loan:



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PLEASE QUOTE: J/38424

WAR SERVICE HOMES BRANCH  
THE GRACE BUILDING  
77 YORK STREET  
SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2000

23 August 1968

The Officer-in-Charge,  
Central Army Records,  
'A' Block, Albert Park Barracks,  
MELBOURNE VIC. 3206

Subject: Private Walter Frederick MONRO - 3852 - 30th Btn  
Date of enlistment - August 1916

The widow of the abovenamed has lodged an application for assistance under the War Service Homes Act and, in order that further consideration may be given thereto, I shall be pleased if you will furnish the following information:

1. Full particulars of service including dates of enlistment and discharge and reason for discharge.

BIRTH. MONRO—On October 19th, 1908, the wife of Walter Frederick Monro, Barton Street, Cobar. A daughter (Marjorie Florence).

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