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


Note, a North Sydney Dentist. Also, school history lists him incorrectly as “Frederick Walter.”
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 8th Training Bn. A stint in hospital (measles). To Etaples, in France, for final battle induction.

Posted to 30th Bn. Feb. ’17 and killed some 4 weeks later.
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 Lebucquiere.

**Battalion War Diary entry 23rd March:**

“4.30AM ENEMY penetrated outpost line held by 29th 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

24th 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,
Years Later the medals are issued.

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

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