

Francis was born at Lawson, NSW, on 31st July 1893, the son of Charles Newman and his wife Adele, nee Folster.

On enlistment in the AN&MEF he stated that he was a labourer and single. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, having completed 206 days service.

On 17th March 1915 he enlisted as part of the 7th reinforcements, 1st Light Horse, regimental number 1105. (His brother Frederick Gustave Newman enlisted on the same day with the regimental number 1106.) Francis departed Sydney on 16th August 1915 aboard the MARENE and remained in the Middle East for the duration of the war.

On 1st Jan 1916 he was appointed a Shoeing Smith and on 24th Feb 1917 he was promoted Sergeant Smith and, on a number of occasions, was Acting Farrier Sergeant.

He departed the Middle East on 24th April 1919 aboard the ULIMAROA and was discharged in Sydney on 28th September 1919.

On 8th March 1914 he re-enlisted in Canberra and was posted to the 13th Garrison Battalion, service number N104341. He was discharged on 19th August 1943,

Francis died on 6th October 1948 and is buried in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.