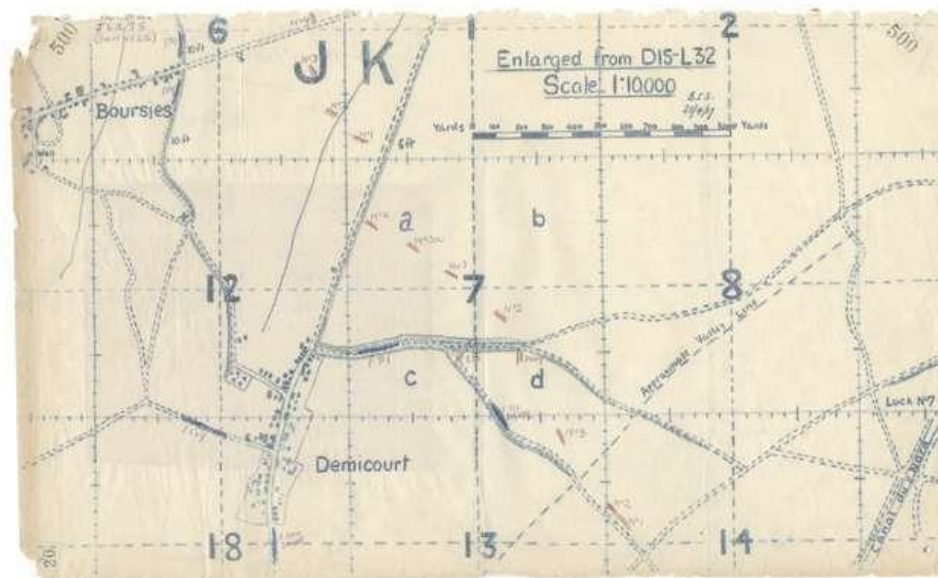


Walter (Wally) was born in Sydney on 4th October 1885, the son of Frederick Alfred Henry Gay and his wife Isabella Jane, nee Eldridge. Isabella died in 1901.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in the AN&MEF, stating that he was a labourer and single, giving his father at St Johns Road, Randwick s his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 27th Feb 1916 he enlisted in the AIF as part of the 20th Reinforcements, 4th Battalion, service number 6274. On this occasion he listed his occupation as fireman.

He left Sydney on 9th September 1916 aboard the EURIPIDES, arriving in Plymouth on 26th Oct 1916. On 13th December he moved to France aboard the ARUNDEL and was taken on strength by the 4th Battalion on 20th December 1916. Walter was killed in action on the 15th April 1917 at Demicourt during an attack by the Germans in an attempt to retake Boursies.



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Map showing the location of 4th Battalion on 15th April 1917

Walter was buried at the Boursies cemetery and is remembered at the Australian War Cemetery, Villers- Bretonneux and on Panel 40 at the Australian War Memorial Canberra.