

Francis Bert KAY



Pre-enlistment:

- Francis KAY was born on 29 August 1892, New Zealand to parents Father, Thomas Henry Kay, 61 Bishop Street, St Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand
- He attended Richmond Primary School and West Christchurch High School, New Zealand
- He arrived in Australia 1912 aged 20 years
- His hometown was in Brisbane
- Prior to enlistment his occupation was that of an Architect

Military Records

- Service Number: Lieutenant
- Lieutenant Francis KAY enlisted in the A.I.F. on 18 October 1915 as a Second Lieutenant with, 9th Infantry Battalion
- On 30 Dec 1915 he embarked with 9th Infantry Battalion, on HMAT Itonus, from Brisbane
- On 1 March 1916 he was transferred AIF WW1, Second Lieutenant, he was promoted AIF WW1, Lieutenant, 49th Infantry Battalion
- He proceeded to join British Expeditionary Force from Alexandria on 5 June 1916 and disembarked at Marseilles on 12 June 1916
- He spent some time in the School of Instruction in France during his time on the Western Front
- On 1 November 1916 he was promoted Captain, with 49th Infantry Battalion
- 21 November 1916 wounded in the field
- War service: Egypt, Western Front
- Commanding Officer 49th Battalion Captain Francis KAY was Killed in Action by machine gun bullet on 7 June 1917, Messines, Belgium

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Panel 29), Belgium
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 148
- Sandgate Honour Roll, Sandgate War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Francis Kay was a member of Natives' Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/DetailsReports/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=7366543&isAv=N>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/123647>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=159855>
- Rifle Club Members-KIA WW1-1905: by Brian Rough