

F J Newell

CWGC - SUB-LIEUTENANT FREDRICK JOHN NEWELL

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
Hood Bn. R.N. Div.

Died 12 October 1917
Age 27 years old

Buried or commemorated at

LA BRIQUE MILITARY CEMETERY NO.2

Son of Charles and Annie M. Newell, of 20, Avon Rd, Keynsham, Bristol.

Notes - Frederick formed part of the draft for the BEF on 9 October 1916 and joined the 'Nelson Battalion' on 9 December 1916. He returned to UK for a commission on 28 December 1916 when he achieved the rank of Temporary Sub Lieutenant RNVR on 29 May 1917. Drafted again for the BEF on 7 September 1917, he joined the 'Hood Battalion' on 18 September 1917. He survived just twenty-four days before he was killed on 12 October, the opening day of the first battle of Passchendaele, north of Ypres. A brother officer wrote "He died as an officer should cheering his men." He was buried in Plot I, Row O, Gr.15 La Brique Military Cemetery No.2 which is now situated next to the Ypres Golf Course.

BRISTOL AND THE WAR.

LOCAL OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION.

Sub-Lieut. Frederick J. Newell, of the Royal Naval Division (Hood Battalion), who was killed in France on the morning of October 12, was the younger son of Mr and Mrs Newell, Avon Road, Keynsham. A brother officer writes: "He died as an officer should cheering his men." He was a Merchant Venturers' Old Boy, and was for many years a member of the Bristol Naval Volunteers. On the outbreak of



war he was lent to the Admiralty Office, Bristol, and subsequently transferred from there to France as a petty officer. He returned from France early this year to take up a commission, to which he was appointed in June. Before the war he was secretary of Lawson's Non-Combining Compositum Ltd., Bristol, and was recently made one of the directors of that company.