

# 2nd Lieutenant John Drummond NEWHAM

(Sgt No 550) John Drummond Newham was born at Collingwood Victoria in 1889 to Charles and Jeannie (Drummond) Newham, of 'The Gables', Ocean Street, Brighton, Victoria.

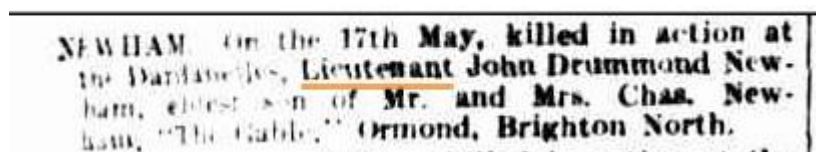
He was a 25 year old secretary when he enlisted on 17 Aug 1914. He was 5'7 tall, weighed 150 lbs, with dark complexion, brown eyes and brown hair. His rank on enlistment was Sergeant.

His unit (5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 'F' Coy embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on board Transport A3 *Orvieto* on 21 October 1914.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Newham was killed in action on 12 May 1915 at Gallipoli, Turkey, aged 26 years. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 48); on the Brighton Avenue of Honour on Point Nepean Road/Nepean Highway and North Road; and also on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen at Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria.

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NEWHAM.-On the 17th May, killed in action at the Dardanelles, Lieutenant John Drummond Newham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newham, "The Gable," Ormond, Brighton North.

From a private collection:

*Jack Newham commenced at Wesley College in 1903 in Year 7. Having been captain of the school football and cricket teams in 1908 he went to Claremont W.A. as Sports Master at Gilford Grammar and Scotch College. He played football for North Freemantle in 1909-1911.*

*Jack was 5'6" tall, weighing 150 lbs. In 1912 he became Master of a pearl lugger off Broome where he became ill with the bends.*

*He enlisted in the army in August 1914 as a private.*

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*Jack Newham had enlisted as a private in the Public Schools Company, was made platoon sergeant in Egypt, and received his commission in Lemnos, while waiting for the landing. After the first three days he became Acting Commander of 'C' Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. He was soon afterwards killed at Cape Helles during the famous charge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade near Krithia on 8<sup>th</sup> May.*

*Jack Newham was one of our greatest athletes, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Football, Captain of Boats, a member of the Athletic Team and of the Shooting Team, and also a Senior Prefect and Alexander Wawn Scholar. In the Public Schools Combined Sports of 1907 he represented Wesley in the pole vault against Hearn of Geelong Grammar School, vaulting over 9ft 7in.*