

**Townsend Cemetery,  
Crewkerne, Somerset**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**292791 BOMBARDIER**

**C. J. A. NEWBERY**

**ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY**

**2ND SEPTEMBER, 1918 Age 23**

*At Rest*

## Charles James Anderson NEWBERY

Charles James Anderson Newbery was born at Crewkerne, Somerset, England in 1895 to parents Benjamin & Edith Fanny Newbery (nee Harrison). Charles' birth was registered in the March quarter, 1895 in the registration district of Beaminster, Dorset. He was baptised on 21st April, 1895 in the Parish Church of Misterton. Benjamin Newbery, father of Charles James Anderson Newbery, was listed as a Farmer from Misterton.

The 1901 England Census listed Charles Newbery as a 6 year old Scholar, living at Bullring Farm, Misterton, Somerset with his grandmother as head of the household. Charles' grandmother was listed as Helen Newbery (Widowed Farmer, aged 59, born Merriott, Somerset). Also listed were six of Helen Newbery's children – Ellen Newbery (Farmer's daughter, aged 37, born Misterton, Somerset), James Newbery (Farmer's son, aged 29, born Crewkerne, Somerset), Annie Newbery (Dressmaker, aged 27, born Crewkerne, Somerset), Minnie Newbery (Boot Shop Assistant, aged 21, born Crewkerne, Somerset), Alma Newbery (Milliner, aged 17, born Crewkerne, Somerset) & Lily Newbery (aged 14, born Crewkerne, Somerset).

Benjamin Newbery, father of Charles James Anderson Newbery, died on 10th October, 1908 at Pontypridd, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Charles James Anderson Newbery attended Crewkerne Grammar School, Somerset, England.

The 1911 England Census listed Charles Newbery as a 16 year old, nephew, working on Farm, living at Bull Ring, Misterton, Somerset with Helen Newbery as head of the household. Helen Newbery was listed as a 69 year old, Widowed Farmer. Also listed was three of Helen's children – James Newbery (Farmer's son, working on farm, aged 39), Annie Newbery (Farmer's daughter – Dairy Work, aged 37), Minnie Mills (Farmer's daughter (married) – Dairy Work, aged 31) & Minnie's daughter Elin Mills (aged 7 months, born Crewkerne, Somerset).

According to details listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Charles James Anderson Newbery "*came from Australia to enlist in 1915.*" A "*Chas Newbery*", Farm Labourer, aged 18 was a passenger on *Irishman* which departed from the port of Liverpool, England on 25th September, 1913 bound for Melbourne, Australia. A "*Mr Charles Newberry*" Farmer, aged 20, from Australia, arrived at the port of London, England on *Omrah* on 13th October, 1915.

Charles James Anderson Newbery enlisted at Lambeth, Surrey with Royal Garrison Artillery on 18th October, 1915. He was a 20 year old, single, Gentleman Farmer from Bullring Farm, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset. Next-of-kin was listed as Edith Fanny Newbery, mother, Bullring Farm, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset. Charles stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 12 months with 5th Somerset Territorials & had been discharged in 1912. Charles Newbery was given the rank of Gunner & a regimental number of 1274. Gunner Newbery was posted to 137th Heavy Batter, Royal Garrison Artillery at Deptford on 18th October, 1915.

Gunner Charles James Anderson Newbery embarked from Southampton on 25th April, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Havre, France on 26th April, 1916.

Gunner Charles James Anderson Newbery was on leave to United Kingdom with Ration Allowance from 9th July, 1917 & returned from leave on 19th July, 1917.

Gunner Charles James Anderson Newbery was appointed Acting Bombardier on 25th September, 1917, vice Bolder "*becomes Pd/Lce/Bdr.*"

Acting Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was on leave to UK with 14 days R.A. (ration allowance) from 19th March, 1918 to 2nd April, 1918.

Lance Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was reported Missing on 11th August, 1918.

Lance Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was wounded in action on 11th August, 1918. He was admitted to 55th Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to right leg on 11th August, 1918. Lance Bombardier Newbery was transferred & admitted to 47th General Hospital at Le Treport, France on 13th August,

1918 with gunshot wounds to right leg – severe. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Aberdonian* on 16th August, 1918.

Lance Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery relinquished his pay of Lance Bombardier on being invalided to England.

Lance Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery's Regimental number was changed to 292791. (no date recorded).

Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was admitted to 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England on 18th August, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right leg & shrapnel wounds to flesh.

Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery died at 10.25 am on 2nd September, 1918 at 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England from Acute Bronchitis & Cardiac Failure. A telegram sent to R.G.A. Records, Dover stated that Relatives were present at his death.

A death for Charles J. A. Newbery, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England.

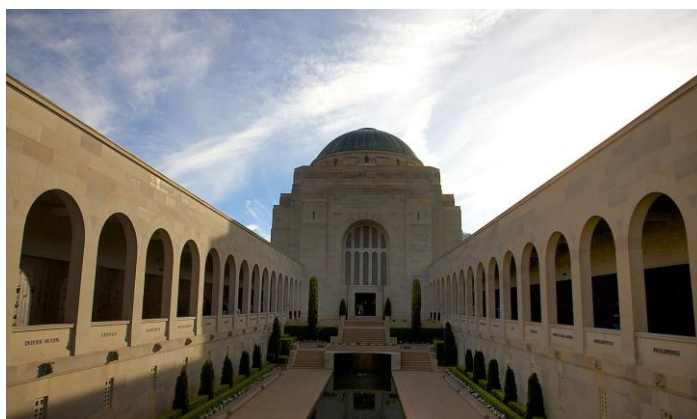
Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was buried on 7th September, 1918 Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne, Somerset, England – Plot number R. 1885 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Statement of Names & Addresses of all Relatives of the late Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery, completed by his mother - Edith Fanny Newbery, on 18th June, 1919, listed 4 full blood sisters of the late Soldier (all living at 4 Henhayes, Crewkerne, Somerset with their mother) – Daisy Woodrow (aged 23), Gwendolyn Newbery (aged 18), Edith E. Newbery (aged 15) & Christine S. Newbery (aged 11).

Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. Edith Fanny Newbery, mother of the late Charles James Anderson Newbery, signed on 19th April, 1922 for receipt of the Medals.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery – service number 292791, aged 23, of 137th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was the son of Edith Fanny Newbery, of 4 Henhayes South St., Crewkerne, and the late Benjamin Newbery.

Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

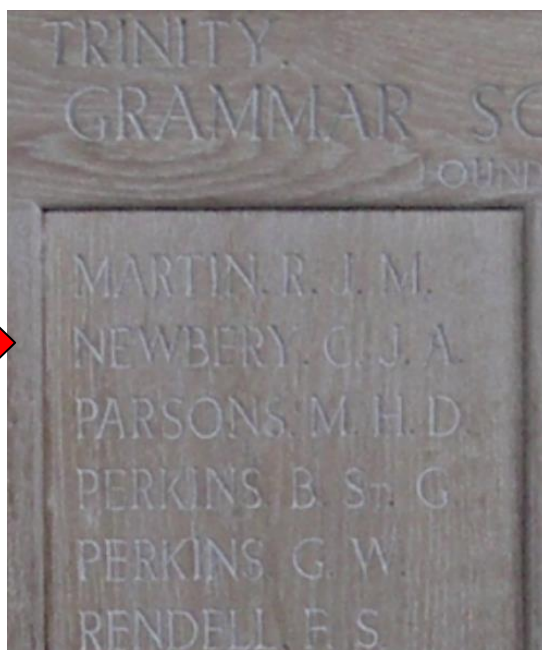


**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)

C. J. A. Newbery is remembered on the Crewkerne Grammar School Roll of Honour, located in St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, England. (Panel 3)



**Crewkerne Grammar School Roll of Honour** (Photo from War Memorials Online – War Memorials Trust)



Bdr. C. J. A. Newbery is remembered on the Crewkerne World War 1 Roll of Honour, located in St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, England. (right of centre panel)



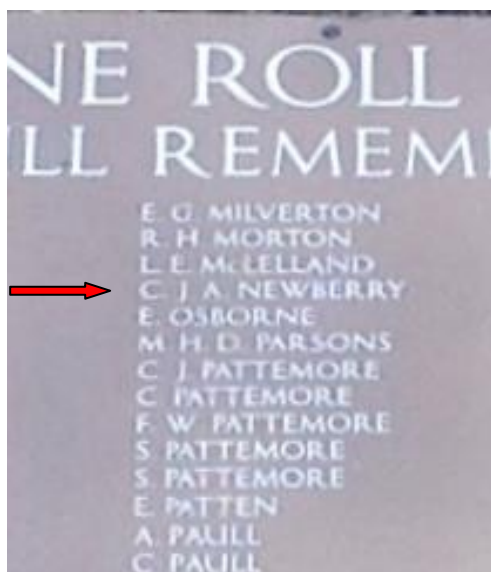
Crewkerne World War 1 Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Online – War Memorials Trust)



C. J. A. Newbery is remembered on the Crewkerne Memorial Plaque, located Falkand Square, Crewkerne, Somerset, England. (Column 4)



Crewkerne Memorial Plaque (Photo from War Memorials Online – David Lovell)



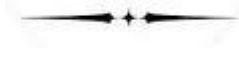
C. J. Newbery is remembered on the new Crewkerne Memorial Plaque, located Falkand Square, Crewkerne, Somerset, England. (Column 3, last name)



Crewkerne New Memorial Plaque (Photo from War Memorials Online – Crewkerne Branch, RBL)

(Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery's Service records are available for viewing).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & National Archives



### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers were contacted to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (in Australia) (subject to fluctuation).

Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*At Rest*



**Charles James Anderson Newbery** (*Photo from Stephen Brotherton*)





## Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne, Somerset, England

Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne, contains 19 Commonwealth War Graves – 10 from World War 1 & 9 from World War 2.



Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne (Photo from CWGC)



Chapel at Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne (Photo courtesy of Paula Hewitt, Crewkerne Town Council)



**Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne** (Photos courtesy of Paula Hewitt, Crewkerne Town Council)



Photo of Bombardier Charles James Anderson Newbery's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Townsend Cemetery, Crewkerne, Somerset, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Paula Hewitt, Crewkerne Town Council)*