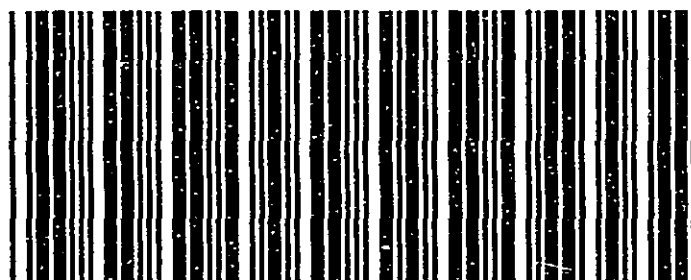


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**4352 Private
Francis Patrick Adams**

19th Battalion



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A.I.F. 19.

K. 23.12.16.

ADAM F.F. 4352.

(Francis Patrick)

He was killed in Needle Trench, the other side of Delville Wood, on 23rd. Dec. while we were in reserves. A shell got five of us, he amongst the five. I saw his dead body. The bodies were buried together afterwards, back of the parapets. He had been on guard just previously at the Dump, and was brought into the trench with the others because of the heavy shelling.

Reference: Lts. D. McEwen. 4487. A.Co.
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19th Batt.

A.Co.,

A.I.F.,

ADAMS
F.P. 4352

(Francis Patrick)

"Killed Dec. 23/16"

I came over from Sydney with him. He was a great friend of mine and got him to join my platoon. I saw him killed at Needle Trench on the Somme. I thought it was the 22nd of Dec. not the 23rd. He was buried the same day he was killed and has a cross on his grave with name and No. Called Frank.

Reference:-

R.G. Ashton 4356

19th Batt. A.Co., A.I.F.,
Dartford,
5.3.17.

London

5.3.17.

F.E.B.

9.3.17

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A.I.F.

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ADMIS. F.B.P. 4352

(Francis Patrick)

K. Dec. 23rd. Det: D & B.

I knew him. He was killed by a shell in Needle Trench, Flers front. He was buried in a little burying ground behind the dugout. Four men who were standing together were killed by this shell and the four of them were buried together.

Informant: Pte E.J. Naughton. 4497

No.1 Conv.Camp.

BOULOGNE. 12.3.1917.

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A.I.F. 19th Batt
S. Coy.

1917
F.P. 4358

Killed Dec. 23-16

(Francis Patrick)

This man was killed by a shell in the support trench near Fleurbaey to the right of Belville Wood. I saw a 59 shell catch this man and three of his companions, as they were going for their positions. I saw the four men brought in dead. I did not see him buried, but I saw the grave where he and three others were buried in the trenches. I saw Adams name with those of three others, on a cross at the head of the grave. Adams was from L.L., and came over in the "Hector" with me (11th L.S.C.) He was of medium height stoutish build, dark haired.

Ref. letter recd. from - C.H. Peterson 4367

19th Batt S. Coy.

Burford Hospital

March 8th 1917.

A.A. McWhie
London
13-3-17

19th Battalion. D.Co.
11th Reinf.

ADAMS, F.P. (Pinner Patrick)
4352 Pte

Killed in Action 23/12/16.

I knew Adams well. He was a very good fellow about 22 or 23. He was killed with 6 or 7 others just before Christmas about 9 a.m. at Needle Trench up in front of Guebecourt. He was killed instantly. They were all buried there together.

Informant: Ashton, R.S. 4356
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
27/12/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.