

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

4128 Lance Corporal
Roland Edgar Adkins

7th Battalion



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7th Batt. A.I.F.

ADKINS. Pte R.E. No. 4128
"D" Coy, 7th Batt.

Killed March 4th/17. Det. D./B.

"Pte Adkins was killed by a whizz-bang while on outpost in front of Higny on the morning of March 4/17. He was buried at the back of the post where he was killed. No cross was erected at the time. He came over with the 13th rein. to the 7th Batt., joining up at Serapium, Egypt."

Description. Age about 30, height 5'6", medium complexion, medium build.

Witness. Pte B.A. Wakepeace, No. 4230, 14 Plat., "D" Coy, 7th Batt.

Taken at No. 4 C.D.
24th July, 1917.

H.

7th A. I. F.

Adkins, L/Cpl R.E. 4188,
D. Coy, 16th Pltn

(2. 4.3.17. Det: D & B)

"L/Cpl (recently promoted) R.E. Adkins was killed by a shell at Trello (?) just in front of Bapaume on the 4th March/17."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: About 5'7", stoutish build, fair, pink cheeks,
was a runner

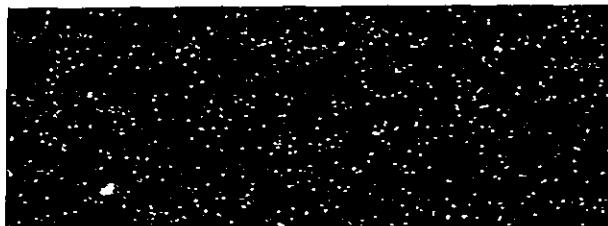
Informant: Pte G.A. Collins, 8888,
7th A.I.F., D.Coy, 16th Pltn,
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address:

Liger St.
Clunes,

Victoria, Australia.

28th August 1917.
Edgar Rice.



A.I.F. 7.

ADKINS, R.E. 4128.

K. March 4th 1917. DetsvD/B.

Advise writing to Pte Amiet of D.Coy who was the great chum of Adkins. They formerly lived together in Gippsland, Victoria, joined together and been together ever since. Amiet was with Adkins when Adkins was killed. To my knowledge Amiet was alive on 18th August and the with Battn.

Inf: Pte A.G. Waldron. 2827. 7.D.
No. 8 Stationary
BOULOGNE. 31.8.17.

PRBL

9/15.

A.I.F. 7.

ADKINS, R.E. 4128.

K. March 4th 1917. Dets D/B.

I heard from Pte Len Amiet, D.Coy., who was a neighbour of Adkin's at Kneumburie, Gippsland, Victoria, that he was killed by a shell at Yarrow Bank on March 4th. I believe he was killed in Bayonet Trench. Cannot say whether body was buried.

Pte J.M. McDonald, 2850. 7.B.VII
No. 2 Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 31.8.17. HMH

9/15.

Written by Amiet 10.9.17

701 BATT. A.I.F.

ADKINS. R.E. 4428.

1. March 4th. 1917. Det D/B.

He was killed in March as the Germans were retiring
 We were at the back of Japanese. ^{near Ligny} He was a P/Opl, and at
 night they sent to me for a P/Opl to go to an advanced
 post so I sent him up. Next morning word was brought to
 me that a shell had burst on the post where he was and had
 killed him, blowing off his leg. They buried him just be-
 hind where he fell. Here is his name and number in my book.
 JIA

Ref ---Sgt Levers. 4428. D.Co. 1st Plat.
 No 47 Gen. Hospital

Le Troport. Sept 26th. 1917

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7th Batt,
A.I.F.

A. J. Akins
A. J. Akins
R. E. 4126.

"Killed Mar 4/17 Det"

Killed on right of the Transloy near Woodcourt by shell
buried with two others or three others about 100 yds from trenches and
and about 50 yds right of a Road to Bapaume not the Main road
I was there when killed and buried was in same Coy

Witness:- R. Sterling 1423
43 Ward Harefield

D. P. Dickson
8.10.17

London 12.10.17

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7th A.I.F.

Adkins. L/Cpl. R.E. 4128.

(K. Mar 4/17.)

Det. D & B.

"L/Cpl. Adkins was killed by a "fish-tail" bomb at Ligny Thilloy (?) March 4th, holding the trenches. I saw him killed and we buried him just behind the trenches. There was no Padre available and no cross as we were following up the German evacuation."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Medium build - round face - dark, very popular with the men.

Informant: Capt. W.B. Campbell,
7th A.I.F.

Home address: Australian H.Q.
Horsferry Road.

Oct. 13/17.
W. Arnold Davis.

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7th Australian I.F.

Adkins. R.E. 4128.

(K. Mar. 4/17.)

Det. D/B.

"I believe that L/Cpl. Roby Adkins (7 D. XIII or XIV ?) was killed on March 4th. at Yarrow Bank in front of Bapume. He was on a post when a shell burst. I do not think he ever recovered consciousness and died on the spot. I am sorry I can give no further particulars."

Eye-witness: No. Known in coy.

Description: I believe an Englishman and married.

Informant: Pte. Sidney Smith. 2807.
7 Australian I.F. D. Co. XVI Plat.
3rd Southern Gen. Hqs.
The Base. Oxford.

Home address: Golden Square. Victoria.
15/10/17.

Hilda A. Pickard Cambridge.

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