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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6028 Private
Francis William
Abrahams**

17th Battalion



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A.I.F. 17 Bat.

Abrahams, F.T. 4028

8 Aug. 31/18

I was with Abrahams when he was killed. We had made an advance near Mont St. Quentin and had gained our objective where we dug in. While in the trench a M/G burst got Abrahams and blew off the entire scalp, killing him instantly, wounding me at the same time, so I don't know where he is buried.

Inf. Shipley, Sergt.G. 2635, 17 Bat.

G.P.G.

Nestham

25/10/18

A.I.F.
17th Battalion, 17th Rfts.

ABRAHAMS, Private
F.W. No. 6028

"Killed 31/8/18".

Informant described Abrahams as about 5'11" high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 24, a Jew. Informant states that they both belonged to "C. Company. On the 31.8.18 the Battalion was in action at Mont St. Quentin. They hopped over at 4 a.m. and captured the Mount. About 6 a.m. when they had reached the top of the Mount and were walking along a sap one of the boys sang out "Put your head down", and immediately afterwards Abrahams (who was a tall man) was shot dead through the head. Informant was about 2 paces behind him and saw him fall. The others had to keep going and Informant heard nothing further about Abrahams.

According to Informant Abrahams was a well liked chap.

Informant;- No. 4549, Pte. W. Theobald,
"C" Company - 17th Battalion,
Private address;- 528 Crown St., Surry Hills, Sydney.

W.E.G.
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7/2/19.

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17th Battn.
A.I.F.

ABRAHAMS
F.W. 6028

"KILLED 31-8-18"

I was 10 yards away from Abrahams when he was killed. He was sniped by a bullet in the head and killed instantly. This was at Mont St. Quentin about an hour after we gained Possession.

He would be buried by the stretcher bearers, but I do not know where.

I did not know him very well. I do not know his initials or number. I only knew him as "Abrahams". He only joined the Battalion just as we went over the top. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes

Description:- Height about 5'9". Light build. Dark and clean-shaven.

Informant - McGrath.Cpl.V.A. 4484

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17-10-18

London

29-10-18 H.G.

S.

Havre.

23rd. October. 1918.

17th. Australians.

Abrahams, F. W. 6028.

K. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Private. F. W. Abrahams, D. Coy, about 21, tall, slim, dark, and clean-shaven. I was about twenty yards from him just before we took Mount St. Quentin on August 31st. 1918, daylight, when he fell hit by, I think, a M.G. I passed quite close to his body just before it was carried back for burial. I saw his Grave in the open ground that we had just taken near the Railway Line; there was a rough Cross on his Grave. I could point it out.

Inf:- Private. C. O'Brien. 7091.
17th. Australians. C. H.Q.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

h.c.s.

CP.

Havre.

22nd. October. 1918.

17th. Australians.

✓ Abrahams, P. R. 6028.
✓ Wilson, R. 1322.

X. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

I helped to make the Crosses which were to be put on their Graves. We were alongside the canal about four hours march from the front at Johncourt in September. 1918. I do not know where they were buried nor did I know them personally. Wilson was a Sergeant. The Battalion should have records of locality of Graves.

Inf:- Private. James Adair. 7009.
17th. Australian Pioneers. H.Q.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Roubaix.

RDM.

CP.

Havre.

24th. October. 1918.

17th. Australians.

Abrahams, F. W. 6028.

X. August. 31/1918. Dots. D/B.

I knew Private Frank W. Abrahams, C. 12. ? he came from Sydney with me in the 17th. to the 17th. Reinforcements in the 'Ascaniu' sailing on October 25th. 1916. I saw the Cross that was made by the Battalion Pioneers for his Grave. We were at the back of Friesse at the time. I heard that Abrahams was killed at Mount St. Quentin about five kilometres from Friesse.

Inf:- Private. W. B. Taylor. 6149.
17th. Australians. C. 11.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.