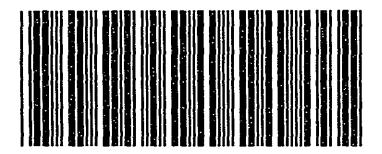
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6028 Private Francis William Abrahams

17th Battalion



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Abrahams, F.W. 4028

K.Aug.31/18

I was with Abrahams when he was killed. We had made an avance 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.

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ABRAHAMS, Private F.W. Ho. 6028

"Killed 31/8/18".

Informant described Abrahams as about 5'11" high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 24, a Jow. states that they both belonged to "C. Company. Informant on the 31.8.18 the Battalion was in action at Mont St. quentin. They hopped over at 4 a.m., and captured the Kount. About 6 a.m. when they had reached the top of the Lount and were walking About 6 a.m. along a sap one of the boys sang out "Put your head down", and immediately afterwards Abrahams (who was a tall man) was anot dead through the head. Informant was about 2 paces behind The others had to keep going and him and saw him fall. 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. No.4 Australian General Mospital,

PANDWICK. Sydney. 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

Home Address:Emu Hall
Emu Plains
via.Penrith. H.S.W.

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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 Zount St. Quontin 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 an 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. Austrolians. C. H.Q. Australian Conv. Camp. Rouellos.

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 ✓ Hilson, R. 1322.

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

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

Inf:- Private. James Adair. 7009.
17th. Australian Pioneers. H.Q.
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24th. october. 1918.

17th. Australians.

Abrahams. F. W. 6028.

K. August. 31/1918. Dets. 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 Actober 25th. 1916. I saw th Cross that was made by the Bettalian Pioneers or his Grave. e were at the back of Friese at the time. I heard that Abrahams was killed at Mount St. Quentin about five kilometres from Friese.

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

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