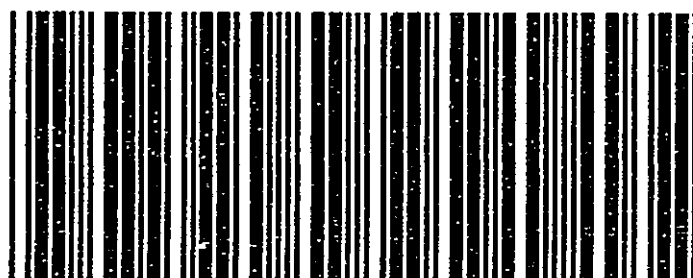


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**5552 Private  
Francis Edward Atkins**

**28th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 28th Battn.

ATKINS (ATKIN)  
F.E. 5552

"KILLED IN ACTION"

Killed in Action 20/9/17  
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Atkins F.E. No. 5552.

X. 20th Sept 1917. Det L/S.

I knew him fairly well, as I returned from Australia with him in the 'Surado' sailing from Fremantle on the 23rd September 1916. He came from near Perth, and used to work in Government offices there. On the 20th Sept we were at Polygon Wood, holding the line. In the morning about 7 o'clock we attacked and went about a mile, and got our objective. There we dug in, and it was here that Atkin was killed, hit through the heart by a M.G. Bullet. His body was taken back to the D/Station with other killed, but I did not see him buried.

Inf:- Pte J. Smith No. 693.

A.I.F. 28. B. Hill.

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ATKINS  
F.E. 5552

"X. Sept. 20/17"

At Ypres, sniped in the advance about the 2nd objective, killed at once - hit in heart. I saw him drop at time, he was hit, and when I came back I found him dead; he was in same section as me.

Informant - Sheppard 769  
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ATKINS  
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cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

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