

Surname	Cadden
Forename	James
Initials	J
Age	21
Honours/Awards	
Date died	12/12/1916
Rank	Driver
Regiment	Royal Field Artillery
Unit/Squadron	"A" Bty. 169th Bde.
Service Number	L/17186
Cemetery/Memorial	Hebuterne Military Cemetery
Grave Reference	IV. K. 7.
Further Information	Son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Cadden, 30 Poulton Road, Seacombe. Educated at St. Joseph's School, Wheatland Lane. His brothers Bernard and John also fell.



News Report

Gun-Team Driver Killed

The sad intelligence has been received of the death of Driver James Cadden (C.P.R., F.A.), in his 21st year. He was killed in action in France by a bursting shell on December 12th, while driving a gun-team. He was educated at St. Joseph School, Wheatland Lane, and was in the employ of Mr John Hughes grocer. He was the fourth son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Cadden, 30, Poulton Road, Seacombe, for whom much sympathy has been expressed, as the family are well-known, and highly respected.

Capt. H. Brittain writes :- Dear Mrs. Cadden – I am very very sorry to have to tell you that your son, Driver James Cadden, was killed this morning. He was driving in the team of a wagon bringing ammunition up to the guns when a shell burst on the team and he was killed at once, along with a comrade driving

with him. I have known him since very nearly the formation of the Battery, and along with his sergeant and other officers always thought him to be of the very best type of British soldier. He was brave and earnest in the face of hard work and its dangers, and always ready to help where volunteers were wanted. His comrades loved him, and the Officers and N.C.O.'s for whom he worked respected him. I cannot speak too highly of the manlike example he set the whole Battery. I trust that the knowledge of his splendid life and death as a soldier for a great cause may be some comfort to you all in your sorrow. All officers and men of the Battery wish me to express their deepest sympathy with you and your family in your loss.

Sergeant A.H. Davies writes:-

“Dear Mrs Cadden – It is with no intention of intruding on your sorrow, but to express my deepest sympathy, that I am writing this letter. Your son was a driver in my sub-section, and ever since the first days at Blackpool I have always looked upon him as one of my best lads. He was a conscientious worker and always very keen to attend church wherever possible, and no one will miss him more than I do. No doubt you are aware he was the lead driver of the gun-team, and was very proud of his position there. His end was a very merciful one, and I can assure you that he died at his post, doing his duty in the usual cheery manner one came to expect from him. There is no consolation to a parent for such a loss, as I well know, but later on, it may comfort you a little to know that your lad was always respected and liked by all his comrades, as well as those in authority. Again assuring you of my sincere regrets.”

References and Acknowledgments

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