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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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221 Private
Martin Lapham

40th Battalion



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A.I.F.
40th Btn.

LAPHAM
Martin 221

Killed in Action 13.10.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

M.

A.I.F. 40th Btn

LAPHAM
M. 221

"MISSING" 13.10.17

Killed in action 13-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 6-11-17

London
18-11-17

M

40th Battn.,
A.I.F.

LAPHAM,
M. 221.

"Injured."

Admitted to Bulford Military Hospital on 13-9-16.
Cert. by - Hospital Index.

Discharged to duty on 21-9-16.
Cert. by - letter from O.C. dated 17-2-17.

He is with unit on 15-1-17.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 22-2-17.

London,
23-2-17.

M.

40th Battn.
A.I.F.

LAPHAM,
M.221.

"KILLED IN ACTION13.10.17"

Lapham was in my platoon IInd, and was shot through the head and killed instantly up at Ypres going over to Passchendaele, I saw his body on the ground just a fter he was hit, did not actually see him hit, The officer got his disc & paybook. I handed in his paybook.

I cannot say if he is buried but he would be it,think.,

Informant;- Mc Bain. J.227.
40.A.Coy.11Ptn.
Hut 9.
Westham.

W.A. Rand.,

London.
18.2.18.

M.

40th Battn
A.I.F.

LAPHAM
M. 221

"Killed in Action 13.10.17."

I saw him killed by a sniper,bullet going over the top, killing him instantly, at Ypres near Broodseinde, just before you come to Passchendaele. We held the ground so he was sure to have been buried. I knew him well. He came from Wararah Tasmania. About 20. Medium height, and fair. Real good sort and generally liked.

Witness:-
J. Coghlan 2546
40th Battn
Harefield
Ward 40

W.Alison
London,
4.1.18.

M

Havre. 3rd. May. 1918.

40th. Australians. Lapham, M. 221.

~~M.~~ October. 13/1917.
K/A

I knew Private Martin Lapham, A. Company, 2nd. Platoon, from Waratah, Tasmania; a Minor. XLapham's chum who came from the same district wrote and told me that he saw Lapham killed at Passchendaele on October 4th. Jones was wounded and in Hospital in England in April. 1918.

Inf:- Corporal, G. E. Bailey. 137.
40th. Australians. A. H.Q.
Australian Camp
Rouelles.

X Pte. J.C. Jones, A Coy, 2nd Pltn, 210(?)

RDM.

40th Australian, A.I.F. Lapham, M. 221.

K/A
M. October 13/17.

"I was told by Pte. T.O. Jones (40.A.I.) that he saw Pte. Martin Lapham (40.A.I.) blown to pieces by a shell, during the attack in October at Passchendaele. The mud was very deep. I do not think our men were taken prisoners, although we lost the ground."

Eyewitness. No.

Description. From Blackwell, single, came out with Bn.

Informant. L/Cpl. Wm. Cook, 156
40 Australian I.F.
3 Southern Gen. Hosp.
Radcliffe Buildings,
Oxford.

Home address.
Claude Rd.
Sheffield,
Tasmania.

25.4.18.
H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

Written P.G. Jones 13.5.18.

13. 5. 18

Pte. T. O. Jones
A Co. - II Pln.
40th Batn. A.I.F.
abroad

Abt.
221 Pte. M. Lapham
40th Batn. A.I.F.
K/A 13.10.17.

14.5.18.
A.I.B.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8858.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John.
34, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

To The Officer Commanding

Bulford Mill Hospital
Bulford

12th Sept, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or wounds of 221 Pte Lapham (M.) 40th Bn Bath A.I.F.,

who was admitted to your hospital 13-9-16 We can find no record of his having been discharged



we should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply. We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are sure you will appreciate our object in allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

for The Secretary.

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Discharged 21.9.16 to Duty.

Bulford,
17.2.17.

Major,
Registrar, Military Hospital.