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4551 Private
James Philip Larkin

10th Battalion



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10th Battn.
A.I.F. Dep.

LARKIN.
J.P. 4551.

"Killed in Action" 7-10-17.

J.P.Larkin was a brakesman on a Military Limber, I was told by H.Wellcoat, Driver of the same, that he was killed by shell (instantaneous death) on the Menin Road as they were returning from the front, he was left by the roadside. I myself saw him there shortly after his death. This was either Oct 7th or 8th. I had known him 3 or 4 months,

Eye-Witness: Did not see death, only body.
Description: "Larky" nickname.
Inf. Brown Christian name Sr.

Informant:- Jones.E.954.Pte.
D.Co. ~~16 Pltn~~.
10th Battn.A.I.F.
Napsbury Hospital.

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Written 31.7.18
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10th Batt: Larkin, J.P. 4551.

K. 7/10/17.

I wrote to his wife in Australia giving her particulars. He was killed by concussion on Westholk Ridge and was buried on the slope of the ridge.

10th Batt: Norman, Pte. F.G. 7050.

12 A. Dartford. 15/6/18.

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Havre 26th January.1918.

10th AUSTRALIANS LARKIN, J.P. 4551

K. Oct. 7th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was attached to H.Q. I know Larkin pretty well. He comes from Adelaide way. On the afternoon of the 7th October we were taking up rations to the front line at Polygon Wood. I saw a shell drop near Larkin, killing him instantly. He was badly knocked about. I went up to [redacted] him; his body was left where it was. I passed the place two or three days after; his body was still there.

Informant: Pt. P. Isbell, 998
10th Australians, H.Q.
Havre Hospital, Havre.

H.G.

10th A.I.F. LARKIN. J.P.4551.

"Killed 7. 10.17."

Larkin was in the transport C. with me (packhorse duty) He was on the track near Shrapnel Corner (Ypres Section) when he was killed by concussion from the explosion of an enemy shell. he had no wound of any description, when examined by a pioneer Coy. A.F.I. His body was taken away by men of this Coy. and buried near Ypres.

Eye-Witness:- No. Teddy Purdon Jack 10th Bn (Transport)
Description:- Rather short, medium, colouring, pleasant disposition.

Home Address.
C/O G.P.O.
Adelaide. S. Australia.

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N.W.

Inf. Selfe, G.W. 6096 Pte. "B"
10th A.I.F. Kitcheners Block.E
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(Searcher's opinon of Inf. accuracy and intelligence). Very alert, and intelligent.

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10th Battn.
A.I.F.

LARKIN
J.P. 4551

"Killed 7-10-17".

He was of C.Coy. I think, 11th Pltn. On 20th Sept. during our attack in Polygon Wood, about 7-30 in morning, I passed him lying dead. He had been hit by piece of shell in left chest, tunic torn, and blood on shirt. Know nothing of burial. Christian name, Jim, number right, came from S.Australia.

Informant. Armstrong. Pte.J.G. 3333
10th Battn. C.Coy.
9th Pltn.,
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London
30-7-18
M.I.S.

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10th Battn.
A.I.F.

LARKIN
J.P. 4551

"Killed 7-10-17"

Larkin was killed outright while fetching up ammunition on Westhoek Road, near the Ridge. I saw him knocked, he was pretty badly knocked about. We shifted next day, and I cannot say anything as to his burial.

Informant. Woods. Sgt.S.S. 119
10th Battn. Hqts.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
30-7-18
M.I.S.

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A.I.F. 10. LARKIN, J.P. 4551.

K. Oct. 7th 1917. Dets.

I knew Larkin who was in the Battn.trans. post and he was killed under the following circumstances. On Oct. 7th he was going up to Westhoek with the ~~road~~ limber when a shell landed in the road and killed him and a couple of horses, his death being instantaneous. I was with a mate of his at the time and on going up the road we saw him lying dead, and we would have buried him that day but other things prevented. We therefore made up our minds to do it the next day but had to leave the ground during the night and had to leave him where he fell. He was a nice fellow, and liked by his mates.

N.W. Inf: Pte A.F.Roberts. 2774. 10.C.IX.
No. 53 General
BOULOGNE. 8.8.18.

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10th Battn. A.I.F.

LARKIN.
J.P. 4551.

"Killed 7.10.17."

Att. to Pack horse drivers - on 7th Oct. going up towards Anzac Ridge, Ypres Sector , about noon I passed him lying dead near Corduroy track - He had been killed by concussion He was going up behind a limber, the driver of this driver Purdon - was wounded by same shell. Next day he was taken away by pioneers for burial, but I dont know where the grave is, knew him as Larkin, was working with me in transport.

Inf:-

Pte. G. W. Selfe 6096,
10th Battn. A. Coy. III Pltn.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London,
9.8.19
J.E.A.

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To
Driver H. Wellert
10th Battn
a.I.F.

about
4551 Pte J. P. Larkin
10th Battn
a.I.F.

Killed in Action - 7.10.17.

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