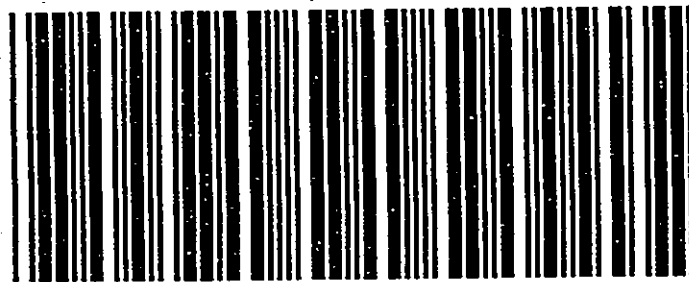


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3490 Private  
Edward Joseph  
Tompkins

4th Pioneer Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Pioneer Battn.  
late 2nd Battn.

TOMPKINS  
E.J. 3490

"KILLED IN ACTION 6/4/18"

In reply to yours of 26/7/18,

"No 3490 Pte. Tompkins E. J., was killed by a shell near Lavieville. He was buried where he fell and a cross was erected. His grave was also registered".

Cert. by Extract from letter received from T. F. Rutledge, Lt. Col., C.O., 4th Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F. Dated 10/8/18.

London  
25/8/18.

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4th A. Pioneer Battalion.  
(late 2nd Battalion)

TOMPKINS, E.J.

No. 3490.

"Killed. 6.4.18".

We had gone up to the reserve line as Infantry in the Albert Sector during the big German Offensive. Tompkins was in a dugout when a shell fell right on top of it. He was killed instantaneously. He was buried where he fell between two little Villages Millencourt and Labeville.

Informant:- Sergeant W.H. Richards, 4282,

Home Address:- "Ardishaig",  
Bathurst Road,  
Faulconbridge,  
Blue Mts.

J.V.M.  
No. 4, Australian General Hospital,

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

Pioneer A.I.F.

Tomkins, Pte. E. J. 3490,

(K. April 5/18)

"He was blown to pieces and buried near Laireville. He was in my Platoon."

Eye-Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Lt. P. A. Ballard,  
Pioneer A.I.F.  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth, London.

Home Address:

C. W. Lowes  
12.7.18.

A.I.F. 4 Pioneers.

Tompkins, E.J. 3490.

K.APR.6/18

He was the only one of that name in 4Pioneers. Not sure of No. or initials.

He was in a dug out with a man named <sup>9</sup>Cohlan near Albert and Henincourt. I had just left them at 7.30 in the morning while they were having breakfast, and had gone a few yds. when I saw a shell lob in the dug-out and blew both to pieces, leaving no trace but bits of cloth. We were in support lines at the time. I have no knowledge of his people, or when he joined.

Age 27 or 30: short: dark hair I think. He was in my Coy.

Jnf: Robinson, Priv.S.A. No.4142, C.Coy. 4 Pio.

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4th Australian Pioneers

Tompkins, E.I. 3490.  
C Coy.

( K. 6. 4. 18. Dets D & B ).

" Tompkins was blown to pieces in a dug-out by a 5ft 9 in. shell and also others, one named Cogland. Tompkins was buried in a cemetery - behind Albert, Hennemencourt. I saw him buried. "

Eye Witness - Of the burial and of explosion of shell.

Description -

Informant :- Pte. J. Austin, 2328,  
C Coy. 4th Australian Pioneers,  
2nd Southern General Hospt,  
Cheltenham.

Home address :-  
Cessnock St.  
KurriKurri,  
New South Wales.

8.7.18.  
E.E./H.Evans.

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4th Pioneers  
A.I.F.

TOMPKINS  
E.J. 3490

"Killed 6-4-18"

Tompkins was in B. or D.Coy. He was killed 25th April  
near Hennencourt at the same time as Coglein, of B.Coy.  
I am positive of the date.

Eye-witness: No.

Description: Middle height, dark.

Informant. Burley. A.G. 3813

C.Coy. 4th Pioneers.

University Hpl.,

SOUTHAMPTON.

G.R.B.

17-7-18

London

29-7-18

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Note:-

Not sent on. 3490 Tompkins Edward Joseph - 4th Pioneer  
Battn. K. in A. 6-4-18. Cert. by Searcher at A.I.F.Hqts.  
23-7-18.

4th. Pioneers.

Tomkins, E.J. 3490

K. 6/4/18.

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I saw a shell lob right on his dug out near Henincourt, which blew him to pieces. His remains were collected and buried in a French Civilian Cemetery about 1½ miles from Henincourt, I saw the grave.

4th. Pioneers.

Austin, J. Pte. 2328.

12. A. Dartford. 10/8/18.

R.D.B.

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