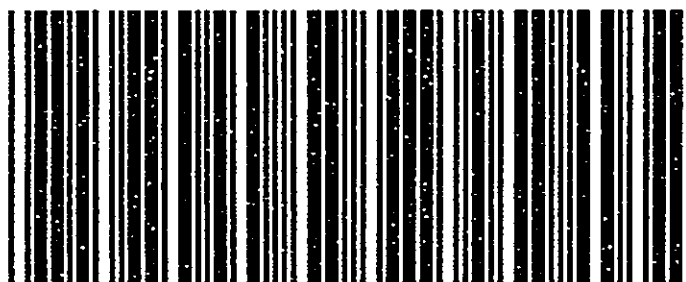


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**4654 Private
Charles Lansdowne**

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Bn.

LANDOWNE.
Charles. 4654

Killed in Action. 26-27.9.17.

Buried Heege Crater Cemetery. 2 miles due E. of Ypres.

Cert by AIF Hdqrs List of verifications of possible burials
for Captain Mills.

London.
29.7.19.

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31st Bata
A.I.F.

LANSDOWNE
C. 4654

"Missing Sep. 27th 1917"

Lansdowne was in same shell hole when 6 of us were knocked when I was wounded. Lansdowne was I believe killed only McGuinness and Law and myself came out alive. I don't know the names of the other two. Law lost his right arm and McGuinness wounded in the foot. This was on the 26th Sept. beyond Polygon Wood. Have heard nothing of burial

Witness:- M. Gate 210
31st Bata A. Coy.,
3 Hut. Monte Video

London,
21.11.17.

Note written Pte. McGuinness and Law 20.11.17.

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31st Battn.

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LANSDOWNE

C. 4654

"Missing 27.9.17."

I received your letter a while back and I enquired here but they said he wasn't here. I fancy he was wounded about the time I was hit, there were four of us hit with the one shell. One man was not able to get up and I did not know who it was. I knew the other two I couldn't help him as my right arm was badly hit. It may have been Pte. Lansdowne - as far as I can tell you about him he is not very tall and somewhere thirty five to forty years old and very fair and comes from Casino or Kiole.

Letter from:-

J.C. Law 3846

Whalley Hpl.

6ath10.17.

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London. 29.12.17.

Statement made by No. 434 Private James O. 31st

re No. 434 Private James O. 31st
31st 31st 31st

No. 434 Private James O. 31st Battalion was killed by
a bullet through the head on 27.9.17.

2 Copies

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Dated at Sutton Vaux, this 31st day of January 1918.

(354) O. Lacy

Statement made and signed before me

(354) R. Dealey.

Lieut and
Adj.

No. 1, Command Depot.
A. I. F.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHERLOP.

O O P Y

Statement made by No. 210 Pte Gale M. 31st Bn

re No 4654 Pte Lansdowne G. 31st Bn
Missing 17.12.17.

On the morning of 19.12.17. Pte Lansdowne was accompanying me, and several others with ration to the front line trenches near Polygon Wood we took shelter in a shell hole, when a shell burst in amongst us. The morning was dark and I could not see who was killed. I knew two who were wounded but he was not one of them. I saw a couple of the party who were blown out of the shell hole, lying as though dead. I could not swear that Pte. Lansdowne was one of them, but have reason to believe he was for we called for him but he did not answer.

Dated at Monte Video Camp this 17th day of December, 1917.

not sent on

(Sgd.) M. Gale.

Statement made and signed before me.

(Sgd.) Wm. P. Wilnot. Capt
O.C. 2 Company.

27 DEC 1917

31st A. I. F.

Lansdowne, Pte C. 4654,

(M. Sept. 27th/17)

"I was in action at Polygon Wood (Ypres front) on the 26th Sept. 1917. I went over the top early in the morning of that day, Lansdowne was near me at the time. Later in the day, or the following day, I saw Lansdowne lying on the ground dead. I did not move or touch the body but there is no doubt he was dead. I knew Lansdowne well although he was in C. Coy".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Very thin and round-shouldered, big eyes, fair hair, known as and called "Lizzie"

Informant: Pte Oscar Lacy, 4656, 31st A.I.F., D. 15,
Southport Infirmary,
Lancs.

9th Dec. 1917.
Mawdsley.

A.I.F. 31st Btn

C. LANSDOWNE
4654

"MISSING"

Killed in action 26--27-9-17 - previously reported Missing. 26-9-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 25-10-18, (by C.of. Enq.)

London
28-10-18

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Pt. McGinness

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B. 9. 7.

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Pt. C. Lansdowne

31st - Baltu. A. 9. 7.

M. 27-9-17

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(20.10.17)

pti. Law

31st Bally. A. 1. 7.

Lucan Mary Hospital
Whalley Lane.

abt.

4654 pti. C. Lawdowne

31st Bally. A. 1. 7.

M. 27 9-17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Pt. Law

31st Batta. A.I.F.

Queen Mary Hospital Whalley
Lancs.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

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Pt. C. Lawdowne 31st Batta. A.I.F. M. 27-9-17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supply-
ing some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could
send us concerning Pt. C. Lawdowne and
would also be glad if you could add a short description of his
personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove
his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

per W. F. Johnson
SECRETARY

ack
FM 10.12.14

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C. LANSDOWNE

31 Btn

Woolley Hospital
Oct 6th 1914

Dear Friend M. 27.9.14 S. 4

I received your letter a while back & I enquired here but they said he wasent here. I fancy he was wounded about the time I was hit there was four of us hit with the one shell one man was not able to get up & I didnt know who it was, I saw the other two I couldnt help him as my wright arm was badly hit it may have been Pte Lansdowne 31.

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very fair & comes from Basins or Risgde excuse this writing as I have to write with my left hand.

I Remain
3845 yours truly (pt) 31 Btn
J. L. L. (pt)

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December 12th, 1917.

Pte J.C. Law,
31st Battalion. A.I.F.,
Queen Mary's War Hospital,
Whalley, Lancs.

Dear Pte. Law,

We have to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning

4654 C. LAESDOYNE,
31st Battalion,
A.I.F.

especially as you are obliged to write with your left hand which usually means that it takes much longer to write.

We appreciate the trouble you have taken, and congratulate you on the application you must have made to be able to write so well, after such a short time.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to enjoy your furlough.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

V.D.
Lm.