

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



Regimental Badge

23610 RIFLEMAN

PATRICK JOSEPH LARKIN

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES

16th FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 17

R. I. P.

ON HIS SOUL

SWEET JESUS HAVE MERCY

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Patrick Joseph Larkin is located in Back Row

Grave Plot # 19 of Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery

Patrick Joseph LARKIN

Patrick Joseph Larkin was born in 1901.

The 1901 census for Ireland was taken on the night of Sunday, 31st March, 1901. Patrick Joseph Larkin is recorded on this census as a one month old who was born in Belfast. Patrick's parents are recorded as James Larkin, father, aged 24, a General Labourer, born in County Down & Eliza Jane Larkin, mother, aged 27, born in County Tyrone. Also included in the household are 2 older brothers of Patrick – James, aged 2 & Robert, aged 1. Eliza's mother - Margret McBriarty, aged 60, a widowed housekeeper & Eliza's sister – Annie McBriarty, aged 30, a single linen weaver are also included as living at the same address of 20 Oakfield Street, Belfast. The family are listed as Roman Catholic.

The 1911 census for Ireland was taken on the night of Sunday, 2nd April, 1911. Patrick Larkin is listed as a 10 year old scholar. His parents are listed as James Larkin, father, aged 34, Labourer in Brickworks & Lizabeth Larkin, mother, aged 36, a Weaver (linen). James & Lizabeth Larkin had been married for 14 years, having had 7 children – 6 children still living. Also included on the Census are Patrick's siblings – James (aged 12), Robert (aged 11), Harry (aged 8), Maggie (aged 4) & Annie (aged 1). *Marget* McBriarty, (Lizabeth's mother) is aged 77 & Lizabeth's sister – Annie McBriarty is listed as a single, 42 year old Weaver (Linen). The family are listed at 44 Elmfield St (Clifton, Antrim) Belfast, Ireland.

Patrick Larkin was a Rifleman with the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles. His service number was 23610. Patrick Joseph Larkin transferred to the Labour Corps – Service number 680957.

Patrick Joseph Larkin died on 16th February, 1919, aged 17 years. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Larkin of 44 Elmfield St, Belfast, Ireland.

Patrick Joseph Larkin is included in the publication *Journey of Remembering – Belfast Book of Honour* – 2006 & 2009 editions.

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The Royal Irish Rifles was an Irish infantry regiment of the British Army during World War 1. The 3rd Battalion was a Reserve Battalion. In August 1914, the battalion was located at Belfast. It was a training unit & moved on mobilisation to Dublin. The battalion returned to Belfast in April, 1916. It moved to England in April, 1918, going to Larkhill.

Rifleman Patrick Joseph Larkin's Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery.



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