

Boy Killed After Fall From Train

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — Detectives are investigating the death of Brian Arthur Wilkes, 13, of Hotham Street, Sunshine, Victoria, whose body was found on the railway line near Breadalbane, N.S.W., early today.

The boy, with his parents and two sisters, left Albury last night on the Albury mail to spend a holiday in Brisbane.

The parents told police that Brian was asleep on a seat with a blanket around him when the train stopped at Goulburn, which is only a few miles from Breadalbane. They dozed off, and when they awakened Brian was missing. The parents and railway officials searched the train without success.

Police believe that the boy, befuddled with sleep, left his compartment to go to the washroom, opened a carriage door by mistake and fell to the railway line.

They think that he was not seriously injured by the fall but wandered along the track in a dazed condition and was struck by a fruit train which was about 20 minutes behind the Albury mail.

The driver of the fruit train reported to police that he felt a bump a short distance from Breadalbane.

The Wilkes family arrived as migrants from England about three years ago.

While anxious parents combed express, lad lay dead on line

PARENTS of a Sunshine (Victoria) family off to Queensland for a holiday anxiously searched the Albury-Sydney mail train early yesterday morning for their son, 13.

But he lay dead on the railway line miles back near Broadalbane, 150 miles from Sydney.

Police believe the boy, Brian Wilkes, left his compartment about 2 a.m. to go to the toilet.

They think he opened a carriage door by mistake and fell out of the train.

Then, dazed and injured, the boy probably scrambled back on to the line and was, police believe, struck by the engine of a fruit train 20 minutes behind the express.

The driver of the fruit train reported that he had felt a bump.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes, of Hotham st., Sunshine, searched the train, thinking their son had wandered off to some other section.

Brian's two sisters and brother were in the family party.