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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6976 Private Richard Percival Collins

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 3. COLLINS. R.P. 6976.

D/W. Sept.21st.1917.

I knew him his number is about that, he was a farmer and I believe came from Cootamundra way. He was very short and broad, fair, about 19 and was in C.Coy. He was badly wounded by a shell in our trench at Polygon Wood about that date. I did not actually see it but he was only about 20 yards away from me when he was hit. When we got out I heard that he had D/W. at a D/S. He would be buried somewhere near there.

Inf: Pte.F. McCabe. 6806. D.XIV.
No.3, Can.Gen.
BOULOGNE. 18.12.17.

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A.I.F. 3. COLLINS, R.P. 6976

D/W Sept 21st 1917.

He was in my company and I was told by some of the boys that he was badly wounded by a shell and taken to hospital where he died the next day. I also made enquiries from the company's clerk, F. Ellis, who comfirmed this. Collins was my friend and came from N.S.W. where he wokred on a farm and we came over together from Sydney on Nov. 9th 1915. I do not know where he was buried.

Inf: F.G.Mildenhall. 7031. 3.C.Band.
No. 1 C.C. BOULOGNE. 19.12.17.

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3rd Battalion.
A.I.F.

COLLINS.
R.P. 6976.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 21.9.17"

Reference to your enquiry re No.6976 Pte R.V. Collins 3rd Battn.A.I.F. This lad was very well know to me, he belonged to my reinforcement and we came from Australia together. He was wounded on 20.9.17" and died of wounds at the 3rd Canadian C.C.S. on 21.9.17" and is probably buried in the cemetery where this clearing station was situated. I cannot give the exact location but no doubt you could easily get that. He was only a boy,about 19, I think, and a good clean living boy whom I liked very much We all miss him. Hewas of very stout build.Can I give you any more information.I shall be happy to obliged.,

Letter from;- Frank Ellis.6990
In the Field.
13. 1.18.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
13.3.18.

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6976 R.P. COLLINS In the Field
3 Bttn Jan 13th 1918
D/W 21-9-17
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Dear Miss Deakin

Reference your enquiry re No 6976 Pte R.P. Collins Fre Dn A.I.F.

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He was wounded on 20.9.17 and died of wounds at the 3rd Canadian C.C.S on 21.9.17. and is probably buried in the Cemetery where this Clearing Station was situated. I cannot give the exact location, but no doubt you could easily get that.

He was only quite a boy - about 19. I think - and a good clean living boy whom I liked very much. We all miss him. He was of very stout build

Can I give you any more information? - I shall be happy to oblige

Yours very sincerely
Frank Ellis
Hon 6990