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# 6166 Private
# Vivian Vincent Collins

## 24th Battalion



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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLINS.
V.V. 6166.

"Killed 9.10.17."

He was Signaller in D.Coy. near Old Cemetery beyond ~~Broodseinde Ridge~~ Ridge on 9th Oct. After our attack he was sent with message to an Officer who was supposed to be in a shell hole. Officer was not there, had gone about 50 yds. on his return when hit in chest by snipers bullet. He came back to shell hole and told Pte.A.H.Woods No.----- A.Coy. that he was hit. Died in shell hole about 1 hour afterwards.

Before he died he handed over his Private effects in his two pockets to Pte.Woods, did not leave any message that I know of. Pte.Woods and I forwarded these belongings to his Mother, who lives at Denval, Fraser St., Randwick, his Camera 2 watches, and few other things that he had in England, have also gone back and been received. I have written to his Mother and received reply. Christian name Vivian Vincent. I do not know where he was buried. I did not see him at time he was hit.

Informant:-
Powter. Sig.L.H.6109.
24th Batt.B.Coy.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
2.7.18.
H.T.
H.G.

NOTE.
Written Pte.Woods.
2.7.18.

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A.I.F. 24 COLLINS, V.V. 6166.

E. Oct.9/17. Det. D/B.

Collins and I came over from Australia in the same boat in Oct.1916. He was a short, dark, smart man, a good athlete. On Oct.9th he was carrying a message from Bn. H.Q. when he was sniped while on an outpost. He was hit in the head, and his body fell across me as I lay on the ground. He died instantly and was buried near Daisy Wood, Ypres, close to the spot where he was killed. We first put a small cross on the grave, afterwards putting a large cross. The time was 10 a.m. We were attacking and held the ground which has since been lost.

Reference: L/Cpl. Alf. W. Parker, 6114. B Co.
No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 31.7.18.

JMA.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLINS.
V.V. 6166.

"Killed in Action 9-10-17"

Collins was hit in the right breast with a sniper's bullet. He died about an hor afterwards. The firing was tcc heavy for a stretcher to be fetched for him. The Battn was relieved that night and they had to leave the body there. This was at "Daisy Wood" in the mcve of Oct 9th. Woods told me he wrote tc Collin's mother and sent his things. (L/Cpl. T. BRES)

Letter from:- E.A.Lauder.
Oak Cottage.
Summersdale.

Lcndcn.
16-9-18.
N.T.

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