

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**Lieutenant
Charles Louis Collin**

42nd Battalion



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Australian War Contingent Association.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

Date 31 / 10 1918.

Names in full of person enquired for

Charles L. Collin

Rank Lieut Regl. No. Batta 42.

Details known up to date K. & A. 1. 9. 8.

Name of Enquirer Mr. McMahon

Address Connaught House
Beckenham.

A.I.F. 42nd Btn

COLLIN
Lieut Chas.L.

"K/A. 1-9-18 det: D.&B."

Killed in action 1-9-18 - M.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 1-11-18.

London
4-11-18

P.I.

42
A.I.F. 47.

COLLIN Lt. C.L.

K. Sept. 1st 1918 Det D/B.

On Sept. 1st at Quarry Wood Farm Peronne, during our advance he was alongside me when he was shot in the head by machine gun, killed instantly and dropped just next to where I was standing. I spoke to him and moved the body and felt convinced that death had been instantaneous. I could not remain as we had to advance and did not see the body carried out but know he was buried by our Batt. police. About 5 ft 9 well built cleanshaven aged about 30 and had only recently arrived from Australia.

Inf, C.S.M. R. Witherich 984,

Billets

BOULIGNE 20.11.18.

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J.H.

42nd Battn.,
A.I.F.

COLLIN,
Lieut. C.I.

"Killed 1-9-18."

"On the Somme across the Main Peronne Bapume Road, he came to speak to the O.C. of D. Coy., and just when he had finished and got off his knees to go, a machine gun bullet hit him in the mouth and he only lived a couple of minutes. I was close to him at the time. I was Signaller. Don't know where buried, we were relieved that night.

Informant:- Klanke, G., 1113,
W. 36 Harefield.

D. P. Dickson,
London,
11-12-18.
J.E.A.

B. & P.I.

A.I.F. 42nd Battn.

COLLIN
C.I. Lieut.

"Killed 1.9.18"

I have been in 41st Battalion A.I.F. only a very little time. Before that I was in 42nd A.I.F., C. Headquarters. We went over the top on the 1st September, to attack a certain ridge, and we had just reached our objective, when Mr. Collin was hit in the head or heart by a machine gun bullet and killed instantaneously. This was near Bouchavines. He was buried near Quarry Farm. The Battalion has written to his people and given them full particulars of everything. Ground was held.

Informant:- S129 Cpl. Daniel Kevin Vaughan,
41st Battn A.I.F.
B. Coy,
Maresbury Hospital.

Home address:-
Bank of Queensland,
Queen Victoria Street, (A very intelligent and precise man)
E.C.

J.E. Merman.
London
6.1.19.
J.E.A.

B.
P.I.

A.I.F. 42nd Bn.

COLLIN
Charles L. Lient.

Killed in action 1.9.18

6 Buried Isolated grave $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. of Allaines and 3 miles N. of
Peronne.

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London
30.5.19

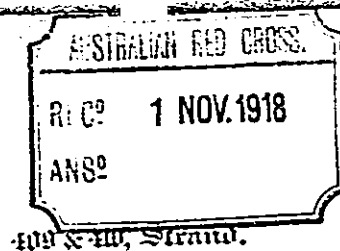
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
QUEENSLAND, WESTRANO, LONDON.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS,
CITY 3224, 3225, 3226.
REGENT 3224, 3225, 3226.

Communications should be addressed to:
THE SECRETARY TO
THE AGENT GENERAL FOR QUEENSLAND,
409 & 410, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.



409 & 410, Strand.

London. W.C.

31st October, 1918.

Sirs,

I am directed by the Agent General to ask whether you would be so good as to cause inquiries to be made concerning the death of Lieut. C. L. Colling, 42nd Battn., A.I.F., who was killed in action on 1st September, 1918.

Any information that you could procure about this sad event, such as place of burial, where killed etc. would be greatly esteemed.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. Dillon

SECRETARY

Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1.

The Agent General
for Queensland,
409-410- Strand, W.C.

23rd December 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry dated 31st October 1918, regarding
Lieut. C.L. Collin, 42nd Battn., A.I.F., who was killed in action
on the 1st September 1918, we beg to inform you of the following
unofficial report received from 984, C/S/M. R. Witherwick of
the same Battalion, who states:-

"On September 1st at Quarry Farm, Peronne, during our advance,
he was alongside me when he was shot in the head by machine gun,
killed instantly and dropped just next to where I was standing. I
spoke to him and felt convinced that death had been instantaneous.
I could not remain as we had to advance and did not see the body
carried out, but know he was buried by our Battn police. About
5ft. 9ins, well built, cleanshaven, aged about 30 and had only
recently arrived from Australia."

We are pursuing our enquiries and will advise you as
soon as further particulars come to hand.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

secretary.

E. Bell

Mrs. McMahon,
Connaught House,
Beckenham.

24th December 1918.

Dear Madam,

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RT Sullivan

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27th Dec. 1918.

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of 23rd instant,
and to thank you very much for the information
furnished therein concerning the death of the
late Lieut. C.L. Collin. *42 B.M.*

Yours faithfully,

Agnew

Secretary.

Miss Vera Deakin,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W. 1.

The Agent General for Queensland,
409 & 410 Strand.
W.C.

Mrs. McMahon,
Connaught House,
Beckenham.

January 18th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for Lieut. C. L. COLLIN, 42nd Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you of the following unofficial reports we have received about him from men in his Unit.

3129 Cpl. D. Vaughan stated that the casualty occurred at Bouchavines. They had gone 'over the top' to attack a certain ridge and had just reached their objective when Lt. Collin was wounded in the head by a machine gun bullet and killed instantly. He was buried near Quarry Farm.

1113 Pte. G. Klauke stated that he was close to Lt. Collin when he was wounded in the mouth by a machine gun bullet and died almost instantly. The casualty occurred on the Somme across the main Peronne-Bapaume.

We trust these reports may be of some assistance to you and will advise you immediately should any further particulars reach us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

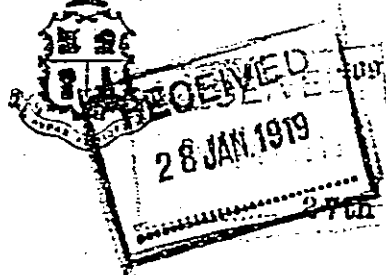
J. S.

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TJW/EKN



409 & 410, Strand,
London, W.C.

27th January, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 18th inst. respecting Lieut. C. L. Collin,
42nd Battalion, A.I.F. and to thank you for the
information contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

The Secretary,

Australian Red Cross Society,

36, Grosvenor Place,

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