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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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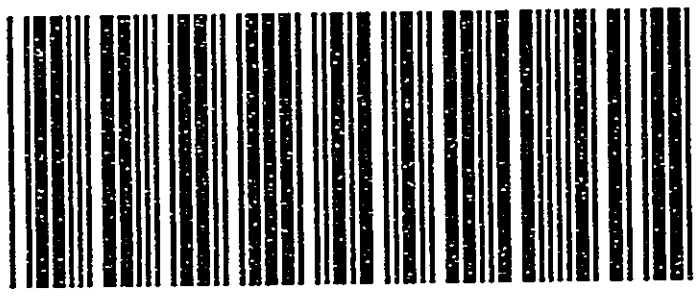
5307 Private
Sidney Collis

18th Battalion



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A.I.F. 18. COLLIS. S. 5307.

W/M.May 3rd 1917.

With regard to this case about 2 months ago I was talking to the brother Geo. Collis a S/B. in my Pltn. and he told me that news had been received that his brother S.Collis was a P/W. in Germany. This conversation took place at Arques near St.Omer.

Inf: Cpl.J.H. Swan. 3952.
57, Gen.Hosp
BOULOGNE. 7.11.17.

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Not Sent on
with Geo. Collis
Written Pte. Collis 15.11.17.

A.I.F. 18. COLLIS. S. 5307.

W/M.May 3rd 1917.

Collis was in my section and on May 3rd 1917 we were in the Bullecourt together. His people wrote to his brother who is in the same Battn. telling him that his brother had written to say that he was a P/W. This was about a month ago. Col is was of medium height and stoutly built and about 25 years old and was a bricklayer by trade.

Inf: J.F. Ellis. 3489.
57,Gen,Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 11.10.17.

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Note
Not sent to P.G.

Havre

18th Bde A.I.F.

12th March 1918.

Collis S. No.5307.

W/M 3rd May 1917.

He was in C.Coy. He has a brother G.Collis in C.Co. 18th Battn who told me that his brother S.Collis was killed. I don't know any more details.

Inf:- Pte G.W.Napier No.5379.
18th A.I.F. C.Co.
No. 38 Amb.T.

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NOTE TO BOULOGNE

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLIS
S. 5307

"Wounded & Missing 3-5-17"

Your enquiry 9-8-18. Havre has sent an enquiry on behalf of:-

Capt.Renshaw,
Salvation Army,
Australian Camp,
A.P.O. S. 12
B. E. F.

Is Boulogne also an enquiry?

London
28-8-18

Boul.

A.I.F. 18th Btn

COLLIS
Syd. 5307

"Wded 3-5-17"

Wounded & Missing 3-5-17 - previously reprted Wounded
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 3-7-17.

1 copy D'Logue

P.I.

London
9-7-17

16th Battn.
A.I.F.

Collis.
S. 5307

"Wounded & Missing 3.5.17"

Re my brother 5307 Pte.S.Collis reported wounded and missing and now reported killed in action. The only details I can give you of what I got from the boys that he was wounded and that is all the news I heard, but a chap has just come back from England and he says that a Sgt. had a letter from two chaps that are prisoners and they were in the same City. as my brother.

Letter from:-
G.W.Collis 5308
France 24.11.17.

1 copy B'lop-

London.
19.12.17.

S.
P.I.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLIS
Syd. 5307

"MISSING 3-5-17"

He was a mate of mine and I was told by another man that he had seen Collis walking back to a dressing station slightly wounded. As nothing more has ever been heard of him since I can only conclude that he was blown to pieces when walking back.

Informant. Colls.Pte.R. 5309
18th Battn.
London 28-8-18

London
28-8-18

Boul.
S.

A.I.F.
16th Btn.

COLLIS
Sydney 5307

Killed Wounded & Missing 3.5.17.

No trace in Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

B'logne & S.

July 17th. 1917.

Mrs. Allen,
Fern Villa,
38, Carlton Road,
Kentish Town.
N. W. 5

Re. 5307 Sd. Collis, 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Madam

With reference to your enquiry for the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded, we regret to inform you that he is now reported Wounded & Missing since 3.5.17.

Further enquiries are being made and we hope to be able to send you detailed information soon.

Yours faithfully,

K.D
Secretary.
LAW

Enquiry for

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5307 Rte Syd. COLLIS

18 Batt A.I.F

W. 3. 5. 17

no card.

Enquirer

Mrs Allen

Fern Villa

38 Carlton Road

Kentish Tn

N.W.5

Thu 20.6.17

FRONT France

TION AS TO

Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
	40 Australian I.F.	A		K. Feb 17/17 Per D/B

EN BY

Rank.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
8th	40 Australian I.F.	D	XVI	Annebaldock Kimberley Tasmania

OF INFORMANT

ten in first person).

Reuben Atwell (40.A) was killed about Feb 17, at Armentières, while at night. I have seen his grave in Armentières. There is a cross put up with

SWER THE FOLLOWING :—

f not, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.	"several men told me"
f Informant says a man was killed, was death instantaneous, and was the body buried, and if so where?	Instantaneous buried in Aus. Cemetery at Armentières
Was there any other man of same name in Co. or Battalion?	no other

very nice man.

RECEIVED 11 JUN 1917

Signature of Searcher Hilda M. Pickard - Cambridge

Date of Report 9th June 1917

"Fern Villa"
38. Carlton Rd
July 14th Kentish Town
/14 N. W. 5.

Dear Madam

I beg to acknowledge
Yours of 17th inst. respecting
Pte Sidney Collis (5307)
18th Batt. A.I.F.
for which I thank You
very much.

Yours Faithfully
R. S. Allen (Mrs)

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19 JUL 17

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The Secretary
Wounded & Missing
– Enquiry Bureau –
Australian Red Cross Society
54, Victoria Street London S.W.1

5308 Pte.G.W.Collis,
18th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
BE E. F.

6th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We have been making enquiries on behalf of our Sydney Bureau concerning :-

5307 S. COLLIS, 18th Battalion, A.I.F. "W/H 3-5-17"

and we understand that this soldier is your brother. In the course of our enquiries we have received an unofficial report from 5320 Pte.G.Cutler, in which he states that Pte.S.Collis was wounded in May and went to hospital, and was at Perham Downs in October. We have applied to Headquarters but they can give us no further report than W/H 3.5.17, therefore we fear that our informant has confused your brother with you or another soldier.

We shall be very glad to hear from you in the matter, and also to know whether you have gathered any more definite news of your brother's fate.

Assuring you of our sympathy in your trouble.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

5307 S. COLLIS
W&M. 3.5.17. 18 Batt
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Somewhere
In France
24/11/17

To the Secretary
The Red Cross
Inquiry Bureau.

H. Q verify Kim A.

Dear Miss

I have just received your letter concerning my Brother 5307 Pte S. Collis 18th Battalion ~~who~~ of which we have received three reports Reported wounded, reported wounded and Missing and now it is killed in action. Well the only details I can give you of what I got from the boys that he was wounded, and that is all the news I heard but a Chap has just come back from England and he says that a Sergeant had a letter from two Chaps that are prisoners, and they

were in the same Company as my Brother Will Miss I think this is all the news I give You thanking You for You sincere sympathy in the loss of my Brother

I Remain

Yours Faithfully

G. W. Collis

5308 Pte G Collis

Line

20/8/18

HAVRE

ENQUIRY

Name	Regiment	Information from Enquirer	Address
Collis Pte S. 5307	18 Bn A.I.F. C. Co.	W/M 3/5/18 bel. K	Capt Renshaw Salvation Army Australian Camp A.P.O S. 12 B.E.F

Note:- This enquiry has been sent to A.R.C. marked 'Boulogne Enquiry'.