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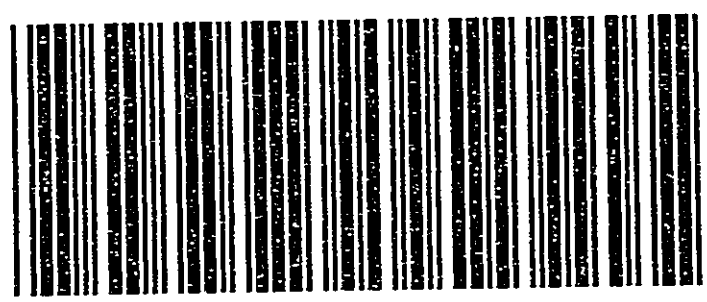
4995 Corporal
Edward Collinson

24th Battalion



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A. I. F. 24th Bn. COLLINSON, Corpl. E. 4995.

D/W. March 22/18. Det.D/B.

Fourteen of us, with Sergt.Henshaw in charge, were in an outpost on the Amiens Sector (I cannot remember the name of the place). The bit of trench we were in was in a dip in the ground, in open country. It had been quiet up till 3.0 a.m. when Fritz began to put some heavy shells over. Collinson was sitting with his back to the trench when an ~~shell~~ anti-tank shell burst and killed him outright. I was the first who picked him up. Sergt.Long, H.Q. 24 Bn. was in charge of the burial party and will know where he is buried. He was a tall, clean shaven man, about 24 and always very bright and cheerful.

Reference: Pte.M.Jackson, 2192, 24th Bn.

No.6 General, Rouen, 10.9.18.

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A.I.F. 24th Bttn

COLLINSON
Cpl Edw. 4995

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 54th Gen.Hpl 10-5-18 - died 22-5-18 - no report of burial. gunshot wounds
Cert. by Hpl Index & A.I.F.Hqrs 8-4-19

LONDON
9-4-18

24th Battn. A.I.F.

COLLINSON Cpl.E.
4995.

"Died of Wounds 22.3.18."

Re Cpl.E.Collinson. I beg to state that this N.C.O., was admitted to the hospital under my command on the 10th March fron No. 2 Aust. C.C.S. Cpl.Collinson was wounded on the 9th March in the left leg causing a compound fracture of the femur, and he also sustained a wound in the left buttock, he was operated upon at the C.C.S. and the foreign body removed.

On admission to the hospital under my command he was in a very bad condition, the wounds being very septic, and gas infection was on the 16th March, the wound opened up and cleaned, but the patient was in a very bad condition. On the 21st March it became necessary to amputate the leg. The patient gradually became worse and died 3 p.m. 22nd March.

Cpl.Collinson was buried on the 24th March at Wimereux Military Cemetery, Grave No. 2649.

London,
24.7.18.
J.E.A.

Letter from:- O.C.
54th Gen.Hospital,
France.

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FRANCE.

24th BATT. A.I.F. COLLINSON. Cpl E. 4995.

D/W March 22nd.1918. Det.

He came from Victoria and was in A.Coy. I was close to him and saw him wounded in the leg by a piece of shell; it was near Warneton during Fritz' heavy bombardment. We were standing in the trench at the time. He was carried out. The date when he was wounded should be about the 10th or 12th. It was read out to us later that he had died, but where I can't say. No 1 Australian C.C.S. was the nearest at the time and he mat have been taken there,

WSI.

Ref --- Pte A.Phegan. 6115.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

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Le Treport. August 9th.1918

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A. I. F. 24th Bn. COLLINSON, Corpl. E. 4995.

D/W. March 22/18. Det.D/B,

I knew him for he was in my Plat. I did not see him wounded myself, but Corpl.McCulloch and Corpl.Webb of A.Coy. and now with the Battn. told me he had his leg blown off at Warneton, and as they were there they could give information. There was no fighting - we were just holding the line for a few days. He had been in the Battn. about 2 years and was married man of about 40 years and of average height.

Reference: L/Cpl.J.J.Smith, 1770, A.III.

No.11 Stationary, Rouen, 6.9.18.

ABHH.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLINSON.
E. 4995.Cpl.

"Died of Wounds 22-3-18"

I forget the date when Collinson was killed. It happened one afternoon at Armentieres, and I heard about it a few minutes after. He was in a communication sap, cleaning his rifle, and a shell landed in the sap. Collinson and a man called Horan were both hit. C/S/M Morcam, (now transferred to B.or C.Co) found Collinson up, but he died on the way to the D/S, and was probably buried near. He was in 1st Platoon.

Eye-Witness:- No.

Description:- About 46. Thick set, blue eyes, nicknamed "Collie". He had a blue birthmark on his lip.

Home address:-
Harkaway.
Via Berwick.
Victoria.

Informant:- Way.Leslie.G.4547.Sgt.
24th Battn.A.I.F. A.I.
Ring Edward Hall.
Finchley.N.3.

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Daniel Cross for
Amy Trethewy.
London.
17-9-18.
S.A.

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No. 54. General Hospital.

4995 Cpl E. Collinson
24th Bttn
D/W 22-3-18 M V

B.E.F. France. 20.7.1918.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst re No 4995. Cpl. E. Collinson. 24th Bttn A.I.F., I beg to state that this N.C.O., was admitted to the hospital under my command on the 10th March from No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Cpl Collinson was wounded on the 9thnMarch in the left leg causing a compound fracture of the femur, and he also sustained a wound in the left buttock, he was operated upon at the CCS, and the foreign body removed.

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Yours Sincerely.

A. J. Swan

Captain. R.A.M.C.,T.
for O/C. No. 54. General Hospital.

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No. 1132/17