

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4680 Private
John Steen Clare
Collum

19th Battalion



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19th A. I. F.

J. S. C. COLLUM, 4680

Killed 28.2.17. Det.D/B.

Informant states that Collum came over with him in the 12th Reinforcements. He was killed at Malt Trench close to the Butte de Warlencourt and was buried with a man named Cameron alongside the trench. Informant has seen the grave.

Reference: Pte.Frost, 4703.

No.10 General, Rouen, 22.5.17. S

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28th May 1917.

19th AUSTRALIANS

COLLIER, J. B. C. 4580

K. 29.3.17. Det. D/B.

He was in B Co. At Hauite Trench on the 28th of February I saw his body lying on top of the parapet. He had been sniped, and was quite dead. He was fair, medium height, near 30. I knew nothing of his burial.

Informant: Pte J. E. Sutton, 5403
19th Australians, B Co.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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19th Battn.
A. I. F.

Collum.
J. S. C. 4680.

"Killed 28.2.17."

I was alongside him on a L.M.G.(B.Coy) when I saw him shot dead through the heart. It was in Malt Trench which we had just taken in a bombing stunt near Le Barque. His body was removed about 8 days later. I was told the pioneers had been up for burial purposes. But know nothing definite though I tried to find out. We were pals and came home together.

Witness:-
J. Hunter. 4719.
19th Battn.
Bartford.

L. P. J.

London.
7.6.17.

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19th A.I.F.

Collum Pte. J.S.C. 4680.

(K. Feb. 28/17)

"Collum was killed by a German bomb in Malt trench near Warlencourt. He was buried where he was killed, Feb. 28/17. He was in my Section of VIII Plt".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Very big chap, well built, fair or "ginger", red faced.

Informant: Cpl. H. Stokes 658,
19th A.I.F. B. Coy., VIII Plt.,
Horton Courty of London War Hcsp.,
Epsom.

Home address:
c/o Mrs. E. Tallon,
Minnesota Avenue,
Five Dock,
Sydney.

June 18/17,
F.M. Barton.

19th Battn. B. Coy.
A. I. F.

Collum.
J.S.C. 4680.

"Killed 28.2.17"

Pte. Collum was in the Lewis Gun Section (No 2 on the gun) and was killed by a sniper in Malt Trench (Warlencourt) and death was instantaneous. He was buried near the trench about 200 yards off the Bapaume Road on the left hand side going in. I have seen the grave - there is a cross over it erected by the men of the 19th Battalion A.I.F.

Informant: Sgt. R. Wain 4261.
19th Battn. A.I.F.
Kitchener's Hospital.
Brighton.

D.M.
Brighton
5.6.17.

London.
24.7.17.

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19th Battn
A.I.F.

COLLUM.
J.S.C. 4680

"Killed 28.2.17."

Re this casualty. I was not an eye witness, but obtained my information from Pte. J. Hunter. 4719. 19th Battn now at 5rd A.A. Hospital Dartford. Hunter informed me that he was with Collum during the attack at Le Sais on Feb. 28, 17. and that he saw him killed instantly, by a shell fire of that date. No remark made re his burial. Collum was about 5.10. well built, fair complexion and about 27 or 28 years.

Witness:-

Towers. J. 5055
B. Coy. 19th Battn,
Perham Down Camp.

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A.R. McFhee,
London.

21.8.17.

Note written Pte. Hunter,
20.7.17.