

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

2149 Private  
Lawrence Robinson  
Coltish

21st Battalion



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21st A. I. F.

L. R. COLTISH, 2149.

Missing 3.3.17.

He was killed at Ballecourt. I saw a man who had seen him buried close to where he fell, and his pay book I know was brought in. A SE MAN named Green together with Coltish were out searching for wounded when this happened. Green was killed also and his pay book was brought in at the same time as Coltish's.

Reference: Pte. R. E. Dyer, 5008.

No. 12 General, Rouse, 3.7.17.

*W. M.*  
PS.

21st A.I.F.

L. R. COYRISH, 2149.

Missing 3.5.17.

He was killed at Ballecourt. He was a stretcher bearer and died before he got to the dressing station. This was told me by Pte. Luscombe who was also a stretcher bearer.

Reference: Pte. W. Ryan, 2677.

No. 1 Australian, Rouen. 10.7.17.

P3.

Written by Pte Luscombe 2.8.17

off. M.

Rayne

25th July, 1917.

81st AUSTRALIANS

GOLDIEB, L.R. 8149

N. 8.8.17

He was a stretcher bearer in A Co., and came from Queenscliffe, Victoria. He died of wounds at the Dressing Station and was buried near the "Seven Fields" in a Military Cemetery near Vaux. His paybook has been handed to the Battalion H.Q.

Informant: Pte. E. Ryan, 2877  
81st Australians, A Co., 1st Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Bouelles.

RDM

Asking HQ to verify 8.8.17

Q.M.

F. 21st Btn

COLTISH  
L.R. 2149

TM, 3-5-17<sup>R</sup>

Killed in Action 4-5-17 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 31-7-17.

OFF. M.

London  
4-8-17

21st Battn.  
A. Coy. P.

Coltish.  
L. R. 2149.

"Missing 3.5.17"

Refer to C.Sgt. Major W.C. Trevascus 21st Battalion A.Coy. who wrote to me a few weeks ago and said he was killed and will be able to give particulars of death and burial.

Witness:-

Sgt. W. Silverlock 288  
21st Battn. A.Coy.  
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

W. Oman.

London.  
4.8.17.

Note Written C.Sgt. Major Trevascus 2.8.17. Off.M.

21st A.I.F.

Coltish Pte. L.R. 2149,  
B. Coy.

(K. <sup>May</sup> Mar. 4/17 Dets. D/B)

"I knew Coltish very well. He was a stretcher bearer and was blown- hit badly by a shell at Bullecourt on May 4th and died at once. He had volunteered to go out and bring some men in. Pte. Crowell was killed by the same shell, they had gone together. They were buried in the Military cemetery near Bapaume".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Thickset man abt. 26. Known as "Bob" or "Coltish".

Informant: B. Smythe 5084,  
21st A.I.F., A. Coy., III Plt.,  
5th Southern General Hospt.,  
Fawcett Rd., Portsmouth.

Home address:  
c/o Mrs. Paterson,  
c/o Mrs. Thoms, Alexander, Victoria. M

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Apl. 22/18,  
H.H. Palmer.

A. I. F. 21st Battn.

COLTISH  
L.R. 2149.

KILLED in ACTION 4/6/17.

Bob Caddy states that he knows that Bob Coltish died at the Dressing Station.

Eye-witness:-  
Description:-

Informant:- 4081 Pte Bob Caddy,  
21st Battn., A. I. F.,  
C Company,  
5th Section,  
Exeter War Hospital.

Home address:- Victoria.

NOTE:- Written Pte. Caddy.  
15/5/18.

L. Landon.  
2/5/18  
London  
16/5/18.

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21st Battn.  
A.I.F.

COLTISH.  
2149. L.R.

"Killed in Action 4-2-17"

Bob Coltish was a stretcher bearer in A. Company, 21st Battalion, and I was with him up to within an hour when I got wounded. He was buried with me and I left and went into Hospital and he went out to get another chap that was wounded and he got knocked bringing him in and he died from wounds at the 7th Field Dressing Station and was buried alongside of it at Vaux, the other side of Bapaume. I knew Bob quite well. He was working in a shearing shed in New South Wales with me. He is of slight build, and thin face, and rather inclined to be freckled, but it would be hard to find his grave now, as the Germans have got it all back again, but he was buried in a Cemetery and not in the field. It was about 3 miles from where he was wounded.

Letter from: - Pte. R.L. Caddy. 4081.  
C. Company. 21st Battn.  
HURDCOTT.

London.  
15-7-18.

H.

Ack by Cecil (has)  
15/7/18

2149 L.R. Collish  
21 Bttn  
K/A 4-5-17

Hurdcott

12/7/18

Dear Miss

M 3 (Time Cancel)

I have given all the information 3 or 4 times regarding Bob Collish he was a stretcher bearer in 21 Coy 21 Bttn and I was with him up to within a hour when I got wounded he was buried with me and I left and went into hospital and he went out to get another chap that was wounded and he got knock bringing him in and he died from wounds at the 7 field Dressing station and was buried alongside of it at ~~Vause~~ Vause the other side of Bapaume. I knew Bob quite well he was working in a shearing shed in New South Wales with me. he is of slight build and thin face and rather inclined to be feeble, but it would hard to find his grave now as the germans have got it all back again but he was buried in a cemetery and not in the field it was about 3 miles from where he was wounded 2149 Pte. L. R. Collish 21 Coy 21 Battalion of Tropic did not have Vause I would be able to show you his grave I think this is all  
German Pte R. J. Cuddy 4087  
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