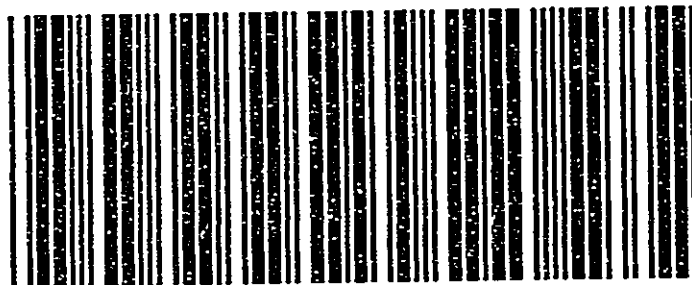


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Lieutenant
Harold Collins

6th Battalion



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28th. September. 1918.

6th. Australians.

Collins, Lieut. H.

K. August. 10/1918. Dets. D/S.

He was attached to A. Coy. He was killed by a M.O. Bullet in the heart in the attack on Lion Ridge, close to Rosiers in the morning about 8.30 a.m. I heard his body was brought back and buried that night but I do not know where.

Likens?
Inf:- Private. G. Hills. 3552.
6th. Australians. D.
Hospital Ship.

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COLLINS. LT.H.

K. Aug. 10th 1918.

I knew him, he was in VIII platoon, and was killed when the Battn. was attacking at Rosieres about the 8th or 10th August. I was not knew him, but was told that when the attack was on Lt. Collins was acting as Liaison Officer between our Battn and the Canadians, when he was hit and killed outright. The next day I saw his body being brought down on a limber to ~~Ha. Louice~~ where I was at the time. I did not see the grave, but I know there is a cemetery there where a number of ourmen have been buried.

Inf: Sgt J.E. Errington. 2220. 6.HQ
Billets,

BOULOGNE. 28.9.18.

L de D.

Sgt. R.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLINS
Lt. H.

"Killed 10-8-18"

He was in B.Coy. I did not see him killed but saw his body 2 hours later after he had been hit by a bullet in the chest, death having been instantaneous. Casualty happened at Harbonnieres in the early morning and he was advancing at the time. He was a very popular Officer and came from Melbourne, Victoria. He played football with Fitzroy. I did not see his grave, but he was buried at place of casualty. I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant. Carlson. Pte.A. 2586
C.Coy. 6th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
2-10-18
H.G.

M.

6th Battn:

Collins, Lt. H.

K. 10/8/18.

I saw Mr. Collins killed outright by a shell in front of Rosieres while he was examining the post. He was pretty badly hit all over the body but particularly on the stomach. I know nothing of his burial.

6th Battn:

Joynt, W.F.Pte. 7251.

A 12. Dartford. 3/10/18.

R.D.B.

J. A.

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

H. COLLINS.
Lient.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

I knew Mr Collins, of C. Company. On August 10th we were attacking between Harbours and Lihens, at 9 a.m. and he was hit by machine gun bullet soon after going over and killed instantly. I was told by his servant who was with him, whose name I cannot remember, We took the ridge, advancing 2000 yards. I did not hear of his being brought in but he would be pretty sure to have been buried and the grave marked. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Me.

Description:-

Home address:-

7 Elborough St. Informant:- May Aldred, 4251, Pte.

Southfields. (very good)

Wandsworth.

6th Battn A.I.F. B.VIII.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL

J.V. Edmonds.

London.

8-10-18.

M.I.S.

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

H COLLINS.
Lient.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

I knew that Lient Collins was killed on August 10th 1918 by a sniper at Mesieres. He was scout Officer, and was on patrol work at the time. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Me.

Description:- Medium height, slim, clean shaven, "Cel".

Home address:-

Heister Street,

Inglewood.

Victoria.

Informant:- Richardson, I.W.G. 4584.

(Accurate & Intelligent)

6th Battn. A.I.F. B.5.

Ford Hospital.

DEVONPORT.

G. M. Jackson.

London.

8-10-18.

M.I.S.

M.

6th Batta.
A.I.F.

COLLINS.
H. Lieut.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

Of Headquarters. At Rozieres in afternoon of 9th August during our attack. Killed outright by shell. full issue. His remains were taken out by stretcher bearers and buried same night in French Military Cemetery about 2 miles in front of Villers Bretonneux. I helped to prepare body for burial. I have not seen his grave, but all men killed on this field were brought out the same night and following day and buried in this Cemetery. Lieut. Mc Lachlan 6th Battalion. was buried alongside him in same burial ground.

Informant:- Pte.R.H.Farmer.2222.
6th Batta. H.Q.
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.C.
London.
12-10-18.
J.E.A.

M.

6th Batta.
A.I.F.

COLLINS.
Lieut. H.

"Killed 10-8-18"

He was of D.Company. On morning of 10th August about 7.30. during our advance on left of Rozieres. He was killed outright by machine gun bullet- hit in forehead. I helped to carry his body out to dressing station. Know nothing of burial, but he would be buried near Rozieres. Had been a Sgt in 5th Battalion and was a D.C.M.

Informant:- Pte.E.Trew.5504.
6th Batta. D.Coy. XIII Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.C.
London.
15-10-18
J.E

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

COLLINS
Lt. H.

"Killed 10-8-18"

He was on Battn. Hqts. and went up the line to take command of one of the Coys. at Rosieres, where he was sniped in body. Casualty happened in the afternoon of 10-8-18 and death was instantaneous. I carried him back and then his body was taken back on a limber wagon for burial. One of the Band lads was with him when he was killed. I cannot remember bandsman's name.

Informant. Johnston. Pte. J.R. 3327
A.Coy. 6th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
16-10-18
M.I.S.

M.

6th Btn.

COLLINS, H.
2nd Lieut.

Kid. in act. 10/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 9", well built, ~~about~~ fair complexion about 25 years of age, known as "Harry". Casualty was in the front line and was killed by shell fire. I did not see Casualty killed, but I came across his body. I was stretcher bearing at the time. I carried him to a limber where he was taken on to Bayonvillers where he was buried. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- A.G. Woodfine,
No. 821

Private address
Sawyer Arms Hotel,
Newtown,
Geelong.

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ed Sup*

C.P.F.
29.11.18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

6th Btn.

COLLINS, H.
2nd Lieut.

Kid. in act. 10.8.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man about 6', well built, dark complexion about 25 years of age. Casualty was attached to Headquarters. He was advancing passed the village of Rosieres when he was hit by machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. I was 30 yards away lying wounded and I saw his runner, whose name was Osborne attached to the Band at the Dressing Station, and he told me that he died almost instantly. I do not know if he was ever buried."

Informant:- I.Cpl. H. Thomas

Private address
196 Richardson Street,
Middle Park.

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toff*

C.P.F.
2.3.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

6th Btn.

COLLINS, H.
2nd Lieut.

Killed in action. 10.8.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 9", slightly built, medium complexion about 27 years of age. Casualty was in the front line at Pozieres. He was hit by machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I carried his body to the bank and he was taken in a transport to the rear of Ithons, but I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- H. Pearson
No. 3901.

Private address
Rupanyup P.O.
Victoria.

T.C.F.
23.5.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE. *Mozell*

A.I.F. 6th Battn.

COLLINS "DCM"
Harold Lient

"Killed in action 10.8.18"

Buried Bayenvillers British Cemetery $\frac{5}{2}$ miles S.E. of Corbie.
Lt Speddings List

London
30.2.19

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6th Btn.

COLLINS, E.
~~2nd~~ Lieut.

E. in act. 10/8/18.

"I knew casualty. He was a slim man, about 5 ft. 10 ins. dark. 26 years of age. Casualty was in the advance at Rosieres. He was in charge of connection between the two battalions, and as he was getting into the trench an H.E. shell landed alongside him killing him instantly. I did not see him killed but I saw his body soon afterwards. He was taken back and buried at Harbonnières where a cross was erected."

Informant:- Pte. W. E. Hutson,
No. 2519, 6th Btn.

Private address:-
Hair Street,
Folkestone.

R.A.F.
16/5/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

6th Battn.

COLLINS,
2nd Lieut.

K. 10/8/18

I knew casualty he was a man of slight build, 5'10" in height dark complexion about 28 years of age. Casualty was at Rozieres during the advance and while going forward in the attack was killed by a machine gun bullet which entered his body. We had just reached our objective and he was getting into a trench when he was shot. I was twenty yards away at the time of his death. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- 5248,
Putland, H.R.

Private Address:- Hopetoun.

N.A.T.
22/8/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

6th Battn.

COLLINS,
Lieut. H.

K. 10/8/18.

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, about 5'7" tall, medium complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was communicating file, between two Units during the advance at Rozieres, and while on this duty was killed by a high explosive shell. I did not see him killed but saw his body and attended his funeral at Bay-on-Ville. He was buried by the Rev. G. W. Carter of Seymour.

SCHMIDT,
H.A., 5762

Private Address:-
Mitchell Street,
ECFUCA.

N.A.T.
4/7/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.