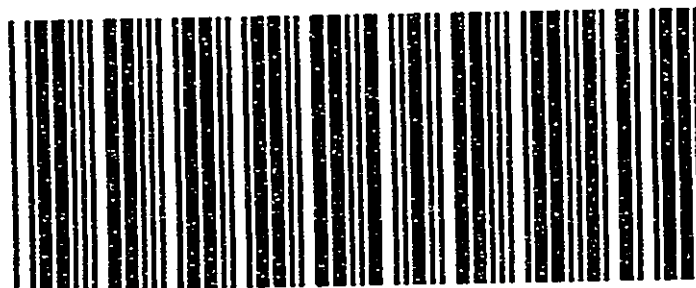


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**1642 Private
George Colgan**

14th Light Trench Mortar Battery



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A.I.F. 14th L.T.M.B.
late 54th Bn

COLGAN
Geo. 1642

"FOUNDED"

Wded 2-9-18 - N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs.

Nothing further -
Cert. by Rouan wire 25-10-18 & letter 22-10-18.

P.I.

London
25-10-18

A.I.F. 14th M.T.M.B.
late 54th Bn

Geo. 1642

COLGAN

Wdwd 2-9-18"

Nothing further

Cert. by Rouen wire 23-10-18 & letter 22-10-18

Wdwd & Missing previously reported Wdwd 2nd occ: 2-9-18

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 1211-18.

P.I.

London
4-11-18

A.I.P. 14th L.T.M.B.

COLGAN
George 1642

"Wounded & Missing 2/9/18."

Re 1642 Pte. G. Colgan, late of this Unit, who was reported wounded on the 2nd September 1918.

His being reported wounded was a mistake and he is now believed to be "Missing" on the date mentioned; he was left with the guns whilst myself and the two remaining men of the team were away on another part of the line. On our return Colgan was nowhere to be seen and the men close by said that he had been wounded and taken out. Since then, however, nothing has been heard of him, nor have we been able to trace the bearers who are supposed to have taken him out. Should anything be heard of him we shall let you know at once.

Letter from:- Lieut. S.C. Robertson,
53rd Battn.,
attd. 14th A.L.T.M. Battery,

London
18.11.18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F., 14th L.T.M.B.

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G. 1642.

"Wounded & Missing 2/9/18."

Refer to Corporal Ambler H., 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery who is now in France, for he will be able to give either particulars as reference.

Informant:- Pte. E.G. Emberson, 1770,
14th L.T.M. Battery,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. O'Man.

London

28.11.18.

Note:- Written. Cpl. Ambler 25.11.18.

S.M.P.I.

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J.E.A.

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14th L.T.M.B.
A.I.F.

COLGAN,
G. 1642.

"Wounded and Missing - 2-9-18."

"Killed in Peronne on 1st Sept. 1918. Buried in Military
Cemetery near Peronne.

About 5'10" in height, stout build, fair complexion, with
blue eyes.

Informant:- Cpl. H. Ambler, 5454.

A.C.K.
London,
12-12-18.
J.E.Q.

P.I.

J.E.Q. 1 Copy Syd

A.I.P. 14 L.I.M. 37.

COLGAN

C.N. 1642.

"Wounded & Missing 2.9.18"

I received your letter yesterday about my son George. The only hope is that the description is not correct; he was about 6ft. 1in. or 2ins in height, with very dark quantities of almost black hair, wavy, but not at all stout, indeed he had not any superfluous flesh being very thin; a fine strong fellow, well proportioned. His complexion was clear and a white skin, which was quite tanned with exposure to weather, and his eyes were very dark, a brown with some hazel, and black eye brows and long black eye-lashes, but his right arm to elbow was greatly tattooed, which he did when quite a boy. I think he had some on his left arm also.

Letter from:- Constance Colgan,
The Rectory,
Ballinlough,
Co. Roscommon.

London
20.1.19.

P.I.
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A.I.P. 14 L.T.M.B.

GOLGAN
George 1842

"Wounded 2/9/18"

Previously reported Wounded now killed in Action 2/9/18 Court of
Enquiry 30/3/19
Cert. by A.I.P. Hqrs 9/4/19

London
11/4/19

P.I.
S.

14th LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.
(late 54th Battalion.)

COLGAN, Private
G. No. 1642

"Killed 2/9/18".

We were in action at the big stunt at Peronne.
I saw him going back from the line badly wounded, but after
that we heard nothing, although we made a search. I had
not seen much of him; he had been sick and had rejoined.
He was a young fellow, height about 5ft7".

Informant:- No. 3095, Corporal R.A. Newton,
14th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

Private address:- "Tewocaba",
Rickard St., Hurstville, Sydney.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Enquiry Bureau,
SYDNEY.

27/5/19.

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THE RECTORY,
BALLINLOUGH,

Ireland

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CO. ROSCOMMON.

Dear Sir:

The Revd J. Cur. Chaplain. Australian Base Depots
France

Today sent me your address, saying you would
find out, and tell me about my son. he is.

Private George Olgan - no 1642 14th Light Trench
Mortar Battery, Australian Imperial Force.

he was wounded on the 2nd Sept. last. While
during operation with the British Expeditionary
Force in France. On ^{Sept} 1st news of above was sent to me
from the A.I.F. London. but there has been no
further information received of him, and I am
very anxious about him; his age 25 years, last
August, height 6'2" about, very dark hair & dark
brown eyes; he tattooed his arms when a boy.
but it may help to identify him.

I am very anxious to know all particulars
about him, also, in what Hospital he is?

I will be most thankful for anything you
can find out about him for me.

I am sorry to trouble you, as I am sure
you have more than you can well do,
all this sad time. but I will be
most grateful for your kind help
in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Constance Colgan.

October 24th, 1918.

TO:-

The O.C.

14th Light Trench Mortar Battery,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir.

At the request of his family we are asked to make enquiries as to the whereabouts of 1642 Pte. George Colgan, 14th L.T.M.B. A.I.F. who has been reported wounded 2-9-18, but on enquiries at Headquarters we can obtain no further information.

We should be much obliged if you could tell us anything about him.

With many apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

G.W.P.

Secretary.

Crabbe R.A. 3552
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 Somerville B.W. 7577
 Lisson R W 5772
 Pearlman L.C. 7503
 Collins Lt.H.
 Hammond C W. 6782

Harris H.C. 6212
 Glennon M. 2454
 Pollard C.B. 5456
 Wickham J.A. 8074
 Knowles J.P. F.D.J. 314
 Whitman H.J. 5731
 Whitman E.J. 6512
 Martinez W.G. 5061
 Newman J.C.B. 2013
 Roberts W.A. 2938B
 McIntyre E.M. 59051

Anderson E.R. 2529
 Morgan T F. 63421

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 Davies H.P. 2304
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Schoner H.C. 5975
 Fossale S.C. 7605
 Valley A.H. 1076
 McArthur Lt. J.E.
 McArthur J.K. 4170
 Boulton C.J. 17199

Power I. 2833
 SPECIAL ADD.
 (Sewell J.A. 5434)
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Enq. satisfied.

K/A 2-3-17. We

Mrs. C. Colgan,
The Rectory.
Ballinlough.
Co Roscommon. IRELAND.

October 24th, 1918.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for details as to your son -
1642 Pte. GEORGE COLGAN. 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery.
A.I.F. who was reported Wounded 2-9-18. We have made all
possible enquiries at Headquarters in both France and England,
but can obtain no further particulars except that he was reported
Wounded on that day.

We have written to the O.C. of his unit, and will advise
you as soon as we get his reply. In the meantime we are making
all possible enquiries.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy, and hoping to obtain
further particulars before very long.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

V. W. P.

Secretary.

	1st Battalion	Sufficient
Bowen H. 4550	1st "	"
Crabbe R.A. 3652	1st "	"
Lavton G P. J. 6530	1st "	"
Somersville E W. 7577	1st "	"
Lisson R W. 5772	5th "	"
Pearman L. G. 7503	5th "	"
Collins L. H.	6th "	"
Hammann G W. 6762	7th "	"
Harris H. G. 6212	8th "	P of W
Glendon M. 3454	11th "	Sufficient
Pollard S. B. 5455	11th "	"
Winchell J. A. 8074	11th "	"
Knott J. P. D. J. 314	12th "	"
Whelan M. J. 5731	13th "	"
Whitcomb E. J. 5512	14th "	"
Martinez W. G. 3051	15th "	"
Newburn L. G. E. 2075	15th "	"
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McIntyre W. M. 39051	23rd "	"
Anderson E. R. 2529	24th "	P of W
Morgan T. F. 63421	24th "	"
McArthur R. W. 6811	25th "	Sufficient
Treloven L. F. 6873	25th "	"
Sloan E. F. 3330	30th "	"
Smith H. S. 5092	30th "	Bel. K.
Wakeling E. 4876	30th "	Sufficient
Wilson G. F. 3145	33rd "	"
Anson T. 5	34th "	Bel. K.
Cush W. F. 1097	35th "	Sufficient
Scott L. J. 3382	35th "	"
Davies H. P. 2301	40th "	"
Thacker E. 595	41st "	"
Scribbings L. 2891	44th "	"
McCountry R. W. 2882	45th "	"
Alfred W. H. 4430	46th "	Wd. rem. on duty.
McDonald H. R. 1781	48th "	Sufficient
Schorer H. C. 5975	51st "	P of W
Boothale S. C. 7605	60th "	Sufficient
Wray A. H. 1896	5th Bde F. A.	"
Wardle L. J. E.	10th "	"
Wright A. K. 4170	4th Flt. Coy. Engrs.	"
Parlson C. J. 17199	14th "	"
Power L. 2833	12th Flt. Amb.	Enq. satisfied.
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(Cowell J. A. 5434)	55th Battalion	K/A 2-3-17. We
would be glad for a special effort to be made to obtain details		
in this case.		

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J.C. 6.11.18
9.9.18

1642
George Colgan,
14 L. J. M. B.
W. M. 2.9.18

14 to A L T M. B.
27-10-18

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To Secretary,

I am in receipt
of your enquiry re the
present whereabouts of
1642 Pte G Colgan late of
this unit, who was reported
wounded on 2-9-18.

This being reported wounded
was a mistake and he is
now believed to be missing.
On the date mentioned he was
left with the guns whilst myself
and the two remaining men
of the team were away in another
part of the line. On our return
Colgan was nowhere to be seen
and the men close by said
that he had been wounded &
taken out.

Since then however nothing
has been heard of him.

nor have we been able to
trace the bearers who are
supposed to have taken
him out.

Should anything be heard of
him we shall let you know
at once.

S. Robertson

Lieut.
53rd Battalion

L. G. att: 14th ALT M. B. T. V.

November 13th, 1918.

Mrs. C. Colgan,
The Rectory,
Ballinlough,
Co. Roscommon,
IRELAND.

re 1642 GEO. COLGAN. 14th L.T.M.Bty. A.I.F.

Dear Madam.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded is now officially reported Wounded & Missing since 2-9-18.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning more definite information as we fully realise your anxiety about him.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

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Mrs. C. Colgan,
The Rectory
Ballinlough,
Co. Roscommon.
IRELAND.

November 22nd. 1918

Dear Madam,

In further reference to your enquiry for 1642 Pte. George Colgan, 14th. Light Trench Mortar Battery, A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have just received an unofficial report from Lieut. S.C. Robertson late 53rd. Batt. attached to the 14th. Light Trench Mortar Battery. He sent the following statement, which we give you in his own words :-

"Pte. G. Colgan, late of this Unit, who was reported wounded on the 2nd. September 1918. His being reported wounded was a mistake and he is now believed to be 'Missing' on the date mentioned. He was left with the guns whilst I and the two remaining men of the team were away on another part of the line. On our return Colgan was nowhere to be seen and the men close by said that he had been wounded and taken out. Since then, however, nothing has been heard of him, nor have we been able to trace the bearers who are supposed to have taken him out. Should anything be heard of him we shall let you know at once".

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we obtain further particulars.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety,
Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

The Rectory
Ballinlough
Co. Rosemount
19/11/18-

Miss Vera Derrin

Dear Madam, I have to
thank you for your kindness
in writing to tell me about
my son, and also for the
great kindness of the
Australian Red Cross Society
for all their enquiries
about my poor son.

No 1642 Geo. Colgan 14th L. J. H. B^{ty}
A. J. F.

You mentioned in
your letter of Nov 13th that
you were making further

enquiries about him -

I do trust that he is safe
he may perhaps be a
prisoner

I am terribly anxious
about him -

Again thanking you
for your most kind
sympathy and help.

Yours faithfully

Constance Colgan

21. 11. 1941

15. 11. 1941

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January 4th, 1918.

Mrs. C. Colgan,
The Rectory.
Ballinlough.
Co Roscommon,
Ireland.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for your son-
1642 Pte. G. COLGAN. 14th Light Trench Mortar Bty. A.I.F.
We regret to inform you of an unofficial report which we
have received about him from 3454 Cpl. H. Ambler of the same
unit who stated that he was killed at Peronne on Sept. 1st, 18
and was buried in the Military Cemetery near that place. He
described your son as about 5'10" in height, of stout build, fair
complexion and ~~had~~ with blue eyes.

We must again point out that this evidence is
purely unofficial and in the absence of further official news,
would not advise you to accept it as conclusive.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you
as soon as any information reaches us.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

G.N.G.

April 15th, 1919.

Mrs. C. Colgan.
The Rectory,
Ballinlough.
Co Roscommon.
Ireland.

Dear Madam.

We very much regret to inform you that your son - 1642 Pte. George COLGAN. 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery. A.I.F. who was reported "Wounded & Missing" on 2.9.18. is now officially reported "Killed in Action" on that date. Should we receive any further details as to his death and burial we will advise you immediately.

With sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

WSP

SECRETARY.

Expiring to the family of Colgan 1642
French Master Battery A.T.F.

The Rectory,

Ballinlough,

Co. Roscommon.

1642

9/11/4
Miss Anna Treahin of Colgan
14th Y.M.B.

Dear Madam. 16th M. 29. 18.
P.S. 4

I received your letter

Yesterday about my son

George. The only hope is that

the description of him given by

Cpl H Ambler, is not correct.

He was about 6'1" or 2 height.

with very dark quantities of

almost black hair muscular

but not at all stout indeed

he had not any superfluous flesh

being very thin a fine strong
fellow well proportioned -
his complexion was clear
and a white skin which
was quite tanned with
exposure to weather,
and his eyes were very
dark, a brown with some
hazel, and black eyebrows
& long black eyelashes -
but his right arm to elbow
was greatly tattooed, which
he did when quite a boy -
I think he had some on
his left arm also -
so I trust there is some hope.

of a mistake being made
about him -

Also the last letter you
sent me, in November
sent on as requested to
the A.T.F. Horseferry & London
as they were making enquiries
about him lately -

You said the Captain stated
that George was left in charge
of the guns while he & 2 men
the last left went to another part
of the field & on his return
that George was nowhere to
be seen, but he was told by
some soldiers close by that

they saw George carried out
wounded - & since then no
account of him or the bearers
was to be had. That was
on the 2nd of Sept/18 -

I think that is word for word
as well as I remember what
you wrote, for at present I
have not your letter -

I am so very grateful to you
and the Australian Cross
for your most kind help
and sympathy. I thank

you ever so much for all
the trouble you have
taken for me, & for continuing
to make enquiries
Yours faithfully
(Eustance Polgan + others)

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I received your letter of the 11th
and was glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope this letter
will find you the same. I am
very much interested in the
progress of the [unclear] and
hope to hear from you soon.
I am, dear Mr. [unclear],
very truly,
Your friend,
[unclear]

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31 May 1919

Ans. 2.6.19

The Rectory,
Ballinlough,
Co. Roscommon.

Dear Madam

As I have not heard
from you since April 15th -
I fear you have not heard
any further details as to
the death and burial of my
son - George - but perhaps
you may hear later -
I hope so -
I am writing to ask you
if you can send me

the address of the
Rev. John A. Cune Chaplain.
he was in the U. S. Army Depot
France. I wrote to him
some time ago - as I thought
perhaps he might know
if George made a will while
there as he wrote about him
to me. but as I have not had
an answer to my letter I
think he must have gone
away - It was Rev. Cune who
lent me the address of the
B.R.C.S. - B.E.F. So I hope you
may know where he is now

I am sorry to be such a
trouble to you.

Yours faithfully

C. Colgan.

Mr George Colgan

1642

14 St. David's Hotel

June 3rd, 1919.

Mrs. C. Colgan.
The Rectory
~~Ballinlough~~ Co Roscommon.
Ballinlough
Dear Madam.

With reference to your enquiry of 31.5.19.
concerning 1642 Pte. George Colgan, 14th Light Trench
Mortar Battery, A.I.F. We beg to inform you that the
Rev. Canon John A. Carr returned to Australia on 6.11.18
per S.S. "Marathon". We have not got his home address
but will endeavour to ascertain it through one of our Australian
Offices if you wish us to do so.

We regret to inform you that at present we have no
further details concerning the death of your son but are still
continuing our enquiries and will advise you immediately should we
succeed in obtaining other particulars.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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SECRETARY.

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July 7th. 1919.

Mrs Colgan
The Rectory
Ballinlough
Co. Roscommon
IRELAND.

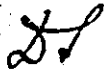
Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter of the 30th inst concerning your son, 1642. Pte George Colgan, 14th Light Trench MStar Battery A.I.F. we beg to inform you, that we have ascertained Cannon Cue's address from S/Sgt Sedgley of the Chaplains Department. He stated that Canon Cue is now in Brisbane, that he has been reappointed and is going to St. Thomas's Church, Toowong near Brisbane, Queensland. we should therefore advise you to write to him there, and trust you will be able to get into touch with him.

Should any further particulars concerning your son reach us, we would immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)



SECRETARY.

1st Sept. 1919.

Mrs Colgan
The Rectory
Ballinlough
CO. Roscommon
Ireland.

Dear Madam,

With further reference to your enquiry concerning your son.
1642 Pte George Colgan, 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery. A.I.F.
we beg to inform you we have received an unofficial report from
Cpl J.A. Willis 2498 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery A.I.F. which
we will give you ⁱⁿ his own words.

"I saw Pte George Colgan carried out badly wounded at
Peronne on the 2.9.18. but he must have died on the way
to the dressing Station, as a few days latter, I saw his
grave, with a cross over it, near Peronne. He was a chap
about 5ft 11 ins, and had a fair complexion, with brown
hair. He had only just rejoined the Battery, a few weeks
previous to being killed."

With much regret at having to forward such sad news and with kind
sympathy.

Yours faithfully

(Miss)

SA
SECRETARY.

Handwritten by
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 "Blackwolf"
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 Position of above only
 K 149 A. J. L. Nov. 11, 1960 &

Name	Rank and Unit	Locality and Remarks
Paterson Pte. J.	191 - 26th Btn. f	K in A. 1-7 Nov. 17, photo & position of grave only required.
Mrs. A.E.P. eterson "Methwold" Wongarra St. BUNDABERG		Q

6/10/19

Further details
11.10.19

The Rectory
Ballinlough
Co Roscommon

Dear Madam

Ireland

Thank you very much for
writing on 29/9/19. I only got the
letter last Saturday evening & it
too late for next post.

I do not think there are any
further enquiries to be made,
it seems conclusive that my
son George Blain 1642 14th J. T. M. B. A. S. J.
was killed at Ypres on 27/9/18.
However, all statements sent by the Red
Cross were unofficial. I would like
to know more about him, who his
bearers were? and, if living, they might
perhaps if so, tell me if he ever reached
the dressing hut ^{alive} or if he sent any
message before he died? I want to
know so much, but I think now, I
never shall know till we meet again.
Thanking you for the Red Cross and all
their & your

Kindness and trouble

Remain

Yours sincerely

Constance Plgan

Miss L.A. Whybrow

Hon Secretary

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THE HALLS OF THE

October 13th, 1919.

Mrs. Colgan,
The Rectory,
Ballinlough,
Co. Roscommon,

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of 6th inst. concerning
1642 Pts. G. COLGAN, 14th L.T.M.B., A.I.F. We beg to inform
you that we are forwarding your address to our Office
in 325 Collins Street, Melbourne, and if further information
be received (which we fear is unlikely) you will be advised.

Again assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

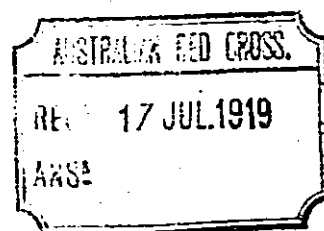
Yours faithfully,

(Miss) MK

SECRETARY.

July 14th, 1919.

Officer in Charge,
Records,
Australian Imperial Force.
130. Horseferry Rd.,
London, S.W.1.



1642. Pte. COLGAN, G. 14th L.T.M.B., A.I.F.
3359. Pte. ELLIOTT, W.S., 53

buried

With reference to the above two men included in
your list

"MISSING PERSONNEL"

forwarded to me on the 26.3.19. I should be glad if you would
supply me with:-

1. Place and date of capture.
2. German units opposite.

Captain, A.I.F.,
Australian Red Cross Society,
Berlin.

Australian Red Cross Society.
Prisoner of War Mission.
BERLIN W. 8.
Wilhelmstrasse, 70.

Postal Address:
A.P.O. 840.
COLOGNE.
(British Army on Rhine).

1642. Pte. COLGAN, G. 14th L.T.M.B. - A.I.F.

11.4.19. Berlin Information Buro. No card. Referring to Frankfurt
Red Cross also Limburg and P.O.24.

8.5.19.	Gastrow reports:-	No trace.
5.6.19.	Gardelegen "	" "
" " "	Limburg. "	" "

"D." List.
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LONDON

- 25.8.19. A.I.F. ~~London~~ report with letter of 25. August that place and date of casualty were Peronne 2.9.18. German units opposite:- 38 Div. (94, 95, and 96th Regt.) 2. Gren. Gds. (1, 2, 4. Regts) 14 Sav. Div. (25, 4, and 8 Regts).
- 2.9.19. Cassel. San. Abt. XI/XV. No trace in San. Komp. 27.
- 19.9.19. Bad Rothenfelde . San. Abt. 8. No trace in Records of San. Komp. 20.

Recd. 10.10.19.