

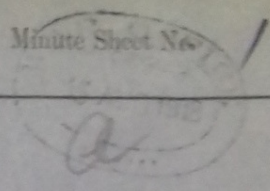
First World War Service Record of Robert Henry Collins

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Register No 204426/3

Minute Sheet No

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Major
Lieutenant Acting Captain R.H. Collins,
Royal Engineers, 97th Field Company.

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Wounded 29. 5. 18

"DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION" 1st June, 1918.

Next of Kin :-

Dr. R.J. Collins, (Father)
Bilboa,
Dulverton.

*Bill re
Certificate*

W. H. Rance

M.S.3. (Cas:)
14.8.18.

Send for certificate

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Robert Henry Collyns.

Joined class assembling at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, on the 7th February, 1915. - Paper No. 100/Engineers/678.

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Appointed temporary Second Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers with effect from the 30th January, 1915.

London Gazette - 29th January, 1915.

Form M.T.
392.

(This form is to be used for a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division,
Officers Training Corps, or a member of a University).

Form M.T.
393 should be used for other candidates.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN
THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The Candidate will complete the following particulars and submit this form to the
Officers Training Corps or University Authorities.

1. Name (in full)	Surname Collyns
	Christian Names Robert Henry
2. Date of birth	August 7 th 1894
3. Whether married	No
4. Whether of pure European descent	Yes
5. Whether a British born or a naturalised British subject	British born
6. Permanent address	Bilboa Dulweston Somerset
7. Present address for correspondence	8. Richmond Hill Clifton Bristol
8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give particulars	No
9. Whether able to ride	No

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list; they may, however, state here

10. The Branch of the service (cavalry, artillery, engineers, infantry or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Engineers
or Infantry

11. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date

6th 9/14

R.H. Collings

(Usual signature of candidate).

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Robert J. Collings
Father.

Certificate to be signed by a Member of the Military Education Committee of a University.

I certify that Mr.

is recommended by the Military Education Committee as a suitable candidate for appointment to a commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

University of

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REPORT of a Regular Officer of the R.A.M.C at

Horsfield Bristol on *31st Aug*

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the physical fitness of the undermentioned candidate for a commission in the

Regular Army,
Special Reserve of Officers, or
Territorial Force.

Name	Age last birthday	Height inches	Chest girth inches		Weight lbs.	Hearing	Teeth	Vision	Colour Vision	Remarks as to fitness for other service
			Max.	Min.						
<i>Collins, Robert H.</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>70$\frac{3}{4}$</i>	<i>33$\frac{1}{2}$</i>	<i>31$\frac{1}{2}$</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fit</i>

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Sir,

I beg to inform you that in the process of exhumation for the purpose of the concentration of isolated graves into cemeteries, the grave of Major R.H. Collyns M.C., Royal Engineers, was located at a point just South of Epernay, and his remains have been re-interred in French Military Cemetery (Hosp. Auban Moet) Epernay.

The new grave has been duly marked with a cross bearing all particulars and registered in this office.

The removal has been undertaken with every measure of care and reverence, and the re-burial conducted in the presence of a Military Chaplain.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) Stopford.

Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major-General,
Director G.G.R. & E.

Mr. R.J. Collyns,
Bilboa,
Dulverton.

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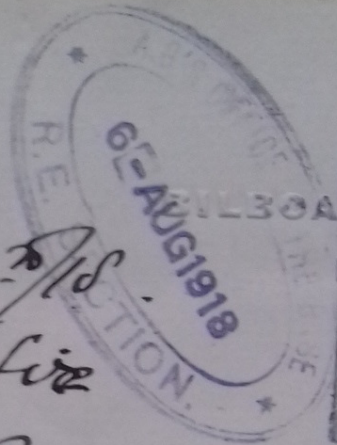
France
21 JUN 1918

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WIRED
Trans (Rennin)

Wire

August 3-18
Dear Sir



A.G.'s BRANCH,	
G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON.	
SULVERTON.	
Date	8-8-18
No.	P674/3
CASUALTIES.	

Can you kindly give
me any information about
my son Capt R.H. Collyer
97th Field Co R.I., who was
severely wounded in the
right arm & chest on May
29th at Soucherry.

He was seen in a field
dressing station at Bligny
the same afternoon by
the Co's Medical Officer -
Lieut Barnes - who supposed
he was being evacuated

to Spemay. Los Angeles.

Since then we do
not know whether he reached
Spemay.

I shall be deeply gratified
if you can trace his
whereabouts or tell me
anything about him.

Yours faithfully
(D.) R. J. Collyns
R. J. Collyns.

S.S. Cas/518.A.

August, 1918.

The Military Secretary presents his compliments to Dr. Collins, and much regrets to inform him that the result of the enquiry which was made in France states that Captain R. H. Collins, Royal Engineers, died of wounds June 1st.

The Military Secretary is desired by the Secretary of State for War to express his deepest sympathy with Dr. Collins in the loss of his gallant son.

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June 28. 18.

BILBOA

DULVERTON.

Dear Sir

R.D.F.O. 1883/18

I am writing back to you

if you could get me any
information about my son.

Capt. R.H. Collyns. 97th Field Coy
R.E.

who was wounded on May
the 29th. This is official from
the W.O. & through the Red
we heard on the 6th of June
that he had been moved from
a French hospital to a Casualty
Clearing Station. Since then

we can get no news of him
at all. I have never heard
from him himself. I kept
through his manservant at
Wron as a Field Aid on
May 29th. The day ^{the son} he was
wounded. saying he was
being taken to the base.
We have tried through many
sources to get news of him
since then without success
I should be thankful for any
help you could give us
Yrs truly. Paul Collins

5/6/18

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix A. Code 5/6/18 (Inland Official Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram 1370/18

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

O. H. M. S. M.S.3. At W.D.
CAS. To W.D.
 By W.D. (Signature) W.D.

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO {

Collins
 Bilbao
 Dulverton

Lt. R. H. Collins R. E. 97 Field Coy
 wounded May twenty-ninth

26/6/18

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix A. Code 26/6/18 (Inland Official Telegrams only.) No. of Telegram 664

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

O. H. M. S. M.S.3. At W.D.
CAS. To W.D.
 By W.D. (Signature) W.D.

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Dated Stamp.

TO {

R. J. Collins
 Bilbao Dulverton

Regret to inform you Lt. R. H. Collins R. E.
 was wounded on 26th June further
 particulars sent on receipt

C. & Capt. R. Lt. Collyns. M.C. R.E.

97th Field Co. R.E. 4th Division.

BILBOA

DULVERTON.

Somerset.

Aug 1. 18.

Dr Collyns writes to enquire whether there is still no trace to be found of his son, Capt. Collyns, who was wounded on May 29th & since missing. He encloses copies of letters he has received. One from the doctor who attended to his wound at Bligny on May 29th & an extract from one from his manservant (Staden) who was with Capt. Collyns when he was taken back to the dressing station from Yonchery after being wounded. No one can tell us to what place he was sent after being evacuated from Bligny. We are naturally

and at 8 P.M. - level

It is now from the

Extremely anxious for news
of him specially as you have us
to understand, on June 20th, that
you were making a special
inquiry about him.

(Copy)
Letter. Re. 9/Capt: R.H. Pollyas R.
97th Field Co.
from Lt. Barmes 2nd Division
United States Medical Service
of. Col. 2nd Division.

Dear Sir July 22. 1918

Your letter of 15th inst. received
I saw Capt. Pollyas at Bhsing
in the afternoon of the day he
was wounded. This was at
the advanced Dressing Station
of the 57th Field Ambulance.
I am not certain where he was
removed to from there, but think
it was Ipernaz. He was
wounded in 5 different places
but none would necessarily

get away from the dressing
to have been captured". I

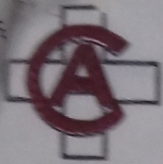
be fatal. Two were in
chest. one in the neck
two in the right arm
I do not know the name of the
D.C. of the 57th Field Ambulance
but any letter addressed to
D.C. 57th Field Ambulance will
reach him. I am very interested
in Capt. Collyer as I have
known him personally for some
months & hope that he will
soon be heard from.

Yr truly

M. W. Barnes

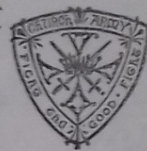
Lt Col M.C.

His man servant says. "He cannot
hear anything of Capt Collyer. I think very funny
after taken to Red Cross Station: & the Car waiting
to take him to the C.C.S. ... Dated July 21.



Church Army Recreation Hut

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



No 46 Stationary Hospital
B. E. F.

Haver

July 28. 1918

Dear Mr. Collins,

I heard late last night
from the B. E. F. that they had had in-
formation that your son "was wounded at the
"railway crossing, Tonicing on the Marine &
"that he was taken to a dressing station by
"four stretcher bearers & reached there safe
"as the bearers returned. It was then early
"afternoon & the enemy advanced & we had
"to withdraw at 8 P.M. Unless therefore he
"got away from the dressing station he is certain
"to have been captured". This ends their in-
formation. I am sincerely sorry I cannot give
you more exact ^{news} ~~information~~, but I think you
have good grounds to hope he is a prisoner, &
I am thankful to say, that your son's return that
other business, especially wounded, are treated
fairly well now.

Sincerely yours

Frederick Fitzmaurice