

File # ?

252759
SIN/NAS

Collins
Surname/Nom

Wm. John
Given names/Prénoms

**CANADIAN FORCES
FORCES CANADIENNES**

**PERSONNEL RECORDS ENVELOPE
ENVELOPPE DES DOSSIERS DU PERSONNEL**

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**COMPONENT
ÉLÉMENT** _____



Original

ATTESTATION PAPER

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

a.
No. 252759
Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION

(ANSWERS.)

- 1. What is your surname?..... William John Collins
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Shaunam
- 1b. What is your present address? Kincaidine, Ontario
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what country were you born? Mrs. John R. Collins
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... Oak Street, Point Gray, Vancouver B.C.
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... Mother
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?.....
- 5. What is the date of your birth?..... Dec. 13 1893
- 6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Bank Clerk
- 7. Are you married?..... no
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? yes
- 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... no
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?.. If so, state particulars of former service. no
- 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? yes
- 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? yes



DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, William John Collins, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date April 7th 1916
William John Collins (Signature of Recruit)
S. J. Geller (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, William John Collins do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty KING GEORGE THE FIFTH, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me So help me God.

Date April 7th 1916
William John Collins (Signature of Recruit)
S. J. Geller (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the

oath before me, at Shaunam this 7 day of April 1916
S. J. Geller (Signature of Justice)

Description of William John Collins on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 22 years 4 months.
 (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 6 feet ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 ins.
 Range of expansion 3 1/2 ins.

Complexion Fresh

Eyes Blue

Hair Brown

Church of England
 Religious Denominations. { Presbyterian yes
 Methodist
 Baptist or Congregationalist
 Roman Catholic
 Jewish
 Other Denominations
 (Denomination to be stated).

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the Recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer).



CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force

Date April 7 1916

Place Shannon Dock

Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

.....

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT

William John Collins having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

Date 7th April 1916

[Signature] (Signature of Officer)
 R.O. 20th Overseas Battalion C.E.F.

10th Battn

✓ 12377

Y from L 25.6.14

To in A. 28.4.14

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no card.

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Perforated sheet for Will from Pay Book of Reg.

No. 252759
Name William John Collins
Unit 9th Res. Battn (Alta)

Military Will

In the event of my death
I give the whole of my
property and effects to
my mother, Mrs. John R.
Collins. 246 13th Ave. West,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
(Canada)

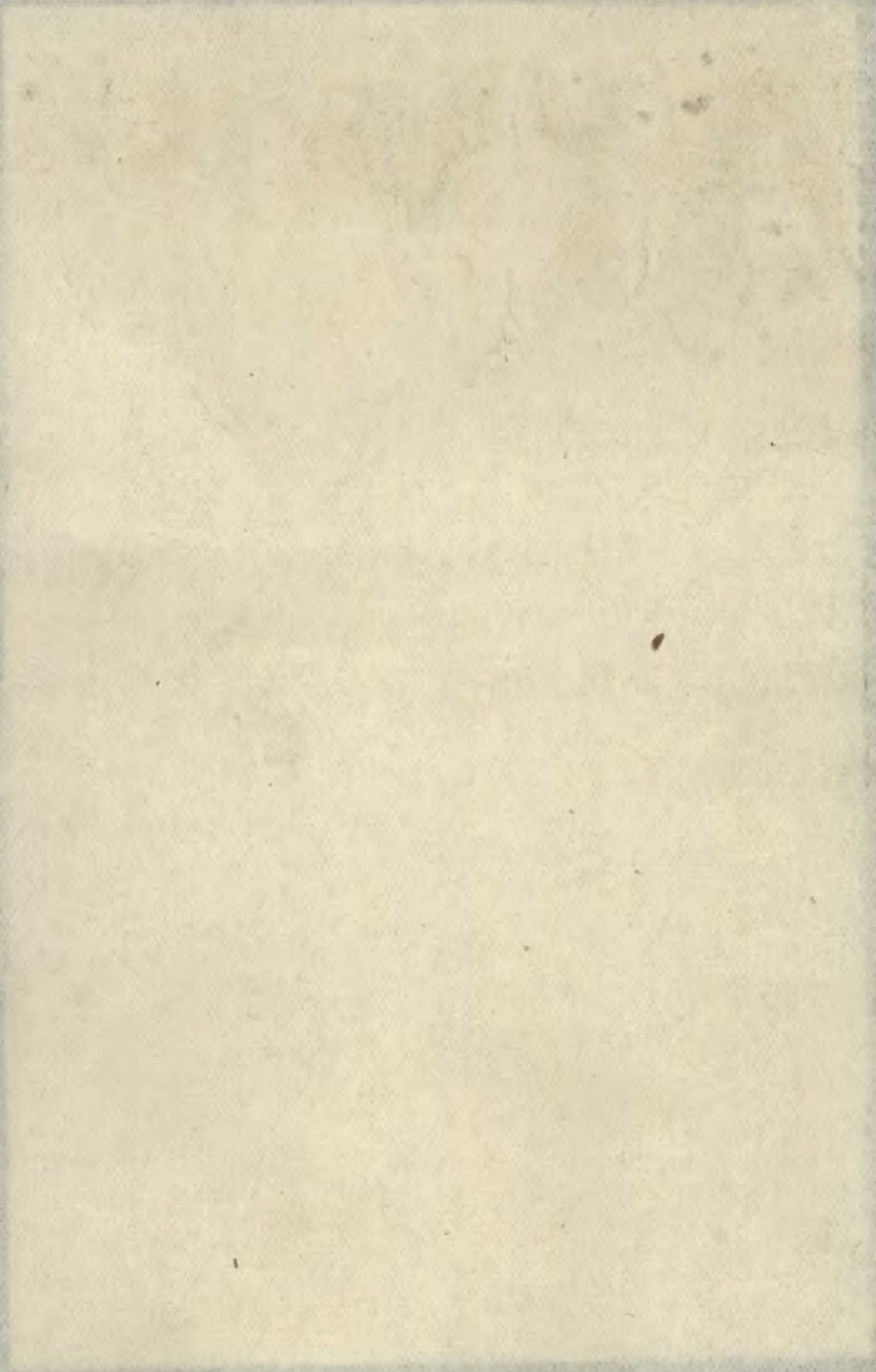
Signature W. J. Collins
Rank and Regt. Pte 9th Reserve Battn.
Date 5th ~~March~~ April 1914.

ESTATES BRANCH

No. 252759. Pte. W. J. Collins.

AUG 8 1914th. Res. Battalion. (Alta).

MILITIA DEPT.



ESTABLISHED 1870
AND 1871

MILWAUKEE

COPY.

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Perforated sheet for Will from Pay Book fo Reg.

No. 252759

Name William John Collins

Unit 9th Res. Battn. (Alta).

MILITARY WILL.

In the event of my death

I give the whole of my

property and effects to

my mother, Mrs. John R.

Collins, 246 13th Ave. West,

Vancouver, British Columbia

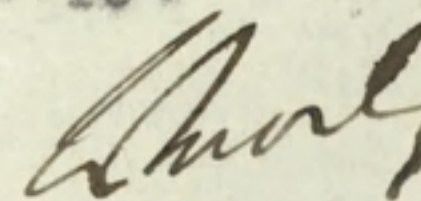
(Canada.)

Signature W.J. Collins,

Rank and Regt. Pte. 9th Reserve Battn;.

Date 5th April 1917 .

Certified a true copy.



Lieut.
for Officer i/c Estates.

WPM/UG

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ORIGINAL

252759

MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

Surname Collins Christian Name William John

Examined on 7th day of April 1916 at Shaunavon Saskatchewan

Birthplace City or Town Kincairdine County Ontario Canada

Apparent age 22 years & 4 months

Trade or occupation Bank Clerk

Height 6 feet

Weight 165 lbs

Chest measurement Minimum 30 & 1/2 inches Maximum expansion 3 1/2 inches

Physical development Fair

Small-pox Marks None

Vaccination Marks Arm Right 0 Left 40 Number 1

When Vaccinated last 1916

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease None

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection None

Approved by H.C. Cairns Rank Captain M.O.

Table with columns: Date, Fit or Unfit, EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT. Includes handwritten entry: TAB 28317 J.A. Jardine M.O.

Table with columns: Date, Result, VACCINATIONS. Includes handwritten entry: 1916 Positive H.C. Cairns M.O.

Table with columns: Date, Result, ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC. Includes handwritten entries: 17/12/16 OK H.C. Cairns M.O., 18/7/16 OK H.C. Cairns M.O., 24/7/16 OK H.C. Cairns M.O.

Enlisted on 7th day of April 1916 at Shaunavon Sask.

Table with columns: CORPS, REG'TL NUMBER, HABITS, DATE. Includes handwritten entries: 209th O.Batt. 252, 759, 10th Bn O.M.S., April 7th 1916, DEC 5 1916.

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD

Table with columns: STATION, DATE, DISEASE, RESULT.

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

A.G.R. Rank Name COLLINS, William John Reg'l No. 252759 252759
 Unit 209th Bn. If in perm. Corps, } Married or Single Single.
 What Unit? }
 Place and Date of Enlistment Shaunavon, 7th April, 1916. Place of Birth Kincardine, Ont.
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin Mrs. John R. Collins, 246-13th Avenue West,
 Oak St., Point Gray, Vancouver, B.C. Relationship Mother.
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to **M** Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship

N/E. R.B. No. 2710.
 File R.L. 2503207
 Category K.A.



Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

| Report. | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place. | Date. | REMARKS. Taken from Official Documents. |
|---------|------------------------|--|-------------|----------|--|
| Date. | From whom received. | | | | |
| | | H | | | |
| | | Arrived in England. | | | |
| 5-12-16 | 209 th Bn. | S.O.S. to 9 th Res Bn | Shorncliffe | 11/11/16 | pass S. Carnia |
| 7-12-16 | 9 th Bn. | Taken on strength. | | 5/12/16 | D.O. 254. |
| 26-1-17 | 3 rd BATT | STUCK OFF TO 9 th CAN RES BATT | | 5-12-16 | Pt II D.O. 342 |
| 26-1-17 | 9 th Res Bn | Taken on strength. | Bramshott | 25-1-17 | Pt D.O. 26 |
| 13-4-17 | ✓ | S.O.S. to 10 th Bn. Seas | ✓ | 13-4-17 | Pt II D.O. 78 [10 th Bn. 40 17/18/4/17] |
| 10-5-17 | 10 th Bn. | Killed in action | Field | 28-4-17 | CL ^A 640 9 Pt. II D.O. 53. |

A.F.B. 193 CHECKED
M.B. 24 APR 1917

Fill in Only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

M. F. W. 54. (A. F. B. 103.)

Casualty Form—Active Service.

250M.—1-16.
H. Q. 1772-39-920.

713.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 209th Overseas Battalion
 Regimental No. 252759 Rank Pvt. Name William John Collins
 Enlisted (a) 7/4/16 Terms of Service (a) Period of War Service reckons from (a) 7/4/16
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Bank Clerk

| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place | Date | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|---------|----------------------|--|-------------------|----------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | | 1 Embarked | Canada | 1/11/16 | |
| | | 2 Arrived | England | 11/11/16 | |
| 5.12.16 | O.C. 209th | 3 Tsfd. to 9th Res. Batt | St. Martins Plain | 5.12.16 | Pt. 2 Orders #254. Certified correct |
| | | | | | <i>[Signature]</i> Lieut.-Col. O.C. 209th Overseas Battalion C.E.F. |
| 12.16 | 9th Res Bn | Taken on strength 9th Res Bn | St. Martins Plain | 5.12.16 | Pt II 342 |
| 13.4.17 | O.C. 9th Res Bn Alta | Struck off strength 9th Res Bn & proceeded Overseas for service with 10th Bn | Bramshott | 13.4.17 | Pt II 78 |

CERTIFIED CORRECT
 4 - MAY 1917
 RECORDS, LONDON.

[Signature]
 ADJUTANT, 9TH RES. BATTN. C.E.F.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoering Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place | Date | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|---------|--------------------|--|---------|---------|---|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| 16/4/17 | C. B. D. | ARRIVED C. B. D. | FRANCE | 14/4/17 | N. R. D. PART I ORDERS No. 40. 18/4/17 |
| 17/4/17 | C. B. D. | LEFT C. B. D. | 10th Pn | 17/4/17 | N. R. D. C.S. 441. |
| 21/4/17 | 10th Pn | ARRIVED 10th Pn | FIELD | 20/4/17 | B. 213 D. |
| 1/5/17 | 10th Pn | Killed in Action | Field | 28/4/17 | K.I. 16/4538 Part II O. 53. 6/5/17 |
| | | | | | <p>Wassielewski</p> <p>Lieut. for Major, A.A.S. Canadian Section</p> |

Surname

Christian Name or Names

Reg. No.

Collins
Rank

W. J.
Unit

252759
Co. Troop Batty.

Pte
Hospital

10th Bn

Date of Admission

Transferred

Hosp.

Hosp.

Hosp.

Hosp.

Diagnosis

(1)
Later Diagnosis (if changed)

(2)

(3)

Additional Diagnosis: if more than one state present

Killed in Action 28-4-17

DISPOSITION

Date

C.L. 10-5-17 A640

REMARKS

A.M.D. 2 DEPT.

Beh. of D.G.M.S. O.M.F.C. London,

EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

Hospital

Adm.

1.

2.

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4.

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6.

7.

REGT'L. No. 252739

H. Q. FILE No. 649

NAME *Collins William John*

RANK AND CORPS *Pte 10th Bn (Form 209th Bn)*

FOLLOWS
No.

CABLE

NO.

DATE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

FOLLOWS

M4103

10-5-17

Killed in action Apr. 28th 1917 ✓

L2B

20909

Killed in action in the field

Rouen

8-5-17

France 28-4-17 (noted 11-7-17)

LIST No.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF
ADMISSION

REMARKS

A 640.

Rep from Base

28-4-17

Killed in action

No. 252759 RANK *pvt.*

NAME *Collins, W.*

J.

T. O. S. 7-4-16
(Apr Pay list)

UNIT *209th Battalion, C. C. F.*

M. D. *10th 12th 1916*

| PAID FROM | PAID TO | SIG. OR REC'T | PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC. | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|-----------|
| | | | PARTICULARS | AUTHORITY |
| <i>1916 Apr 7</i> | <i>1916 Apr. 30</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>May.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>June.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>July.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>Aug.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>Oct.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |
| | <i>Nov.</i> | <i>✓</i> | | |



649-C-11655

CARD NO.

SURNAME. *Bollins*

CHRISTIAN NAMES *William John*

FOLL.

D

REGL. No. *252759*

RANK *Pte*

UNIT *209th*

Bn.

FORMER CORPS *Nil*

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL *Bollins Mrs. John R.*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Mother*

ADDRESS *Oak St., Point Gray, Vancouver*
246 - 13th Ave. W. B.C.

649-C-11655-24-9-17

COUNTRY OF BIRTH *Canada, Kincardine, Ont.* DATE *Dec. 13th 1893*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION *Shaunavon, Sask.* DATE *April 7th 1916*

MARRIED

SINGLE *yes*

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

Bank clerk

RELIGION

Presbyterian

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

21

YEARS

4

MONTHS

HEIGHT

6

FEET

—

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

34

INCHES

EXPANSION

3 1/2

INCHES

COMPLEXION

Fresh

EYES

Blue

HAIR

Brown

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Nil

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

Shaunavon, Sask

DATE

April 7th. 1916.

Present Address—Shaunavon, Sask

MCH

Number

252759

Rank

Pte

V

Surname

COLLINS.

Christian Name

William John

Units

10 Bn Canby

Theatre of War

France

Date of Service

13-4-19

D

Remarks

Mrs. Sarah Collins

Latest Address

246-13th Ave. West

Vancouver, B.C.
B. Page 21879

Roll No.

GRATUITY (IMPERIAL)

CHRISTIAN NAME

SURNAME

REG. No.

SCHEDULE No.

LINE No.

UNIT RETIRED OR DISCHARGED FROM

PLACE OF RETIREMENT OR DISCHARGE

DATE RECEIVED FROM OTTAWA

IMPERIAL DEPOT No.

DATE RECEIVED FROM REG. DEPOT.

DATE FORWARDED TO OTTAWA

REG. NO. 35985
DESP. 61001

[✓] Pte. Collins, W. J. [✓] [✓] [✓]
252759

10th Bn.

649. C-11655

Medals & Decorations.

Not elig. for 1914-1915 Star

Name & Address of Legatee

Mrs. Sarah F. Collins (m)

246-13th Ave. West

Vancouver, B. C.

✓ 5007

M

Name & Address of Next of Kin

Per # 802475

Mr. R. Collins, (Father)

246-13th Ave. West

Vancouver B. C. 649 C-11655

P & S.

Name & Address of Female Next of Kin

Mrs. Sarah F. Collins (m)

Desp MAY 14 1920 C 740f

Memorial Cross

UUB7C

APR 21 1920
Reqn. No 2 39449
Plaque Desp SEP 21 1920 Reqn. No P 8138

H.C.

M.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE
ASSIGNED PAY
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M. F. W. 12.
 25m-4-17.
 H. Q. 1772-39-819.

To Whom *Mrs. John R. Collins*
 Address *448-13th Ave West*
Vancouver B.C.

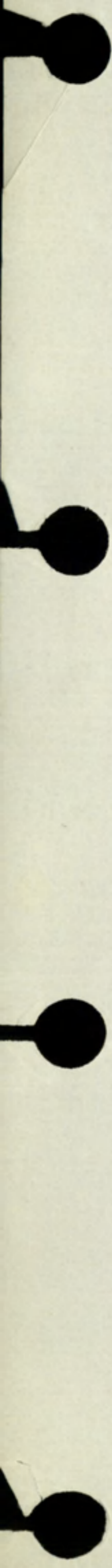
By Whom Assigned *Collins Wm J.*
 Regtl. No. *252759*
 Rank *Pte.*
 Corps *909 Bn.*

Rate *15⁰⁰ Apts 1/17*

PAYMENTS *2 Mo. 4⁴/₁₇*

| Month | Year | Cheque No. | Amt. | REMARKS |
|-------|------|------------|------|---------|
| Aug. | 1914 | | | |
| Sept. | | | | |
| Oct. | | | | |
| Nov. | | | | |
| Dec. | | | | |
| Jan. | 1915 | | | |
| Feb. | | | | |
| March | | | | |
| April | | | | |
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| Aug. | | | | |
| Sept. | | | | |
| Oct. | | | | |
| Nov. | | | | |
| Dec. | | | | |
| Jan. | 1916 | | | |
| Feb. | | | | |
| March | | | | |

Pensions Notified Date... *8-6-17*
 Killed in Action }
 Died of Wounds } Date... *28-4-17*
 Missing }
 C. L. *(9)* *11/5/17* Clerk... *GM Basketer*
 Date Noted... *8-6-17* 101



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MILITIA AND DEFENCE
ASSIGNED PAY
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M. F. W. 12a.
 18m.-4-17.
 1772-39-819.

Sheet No. 2. *Mrs Jno R. Collins*
 (Assignee)

Name of Soldier *Collins Wm J*
957759 Pte 909 Batta

PAYMENTS.

L. L. Job 1927-M. & D. 7814.

| Month. | Year. | Cheque No. | Amt. | Remarks. |
|--------|-------|------------|------|----------|
| April | 1916 | | | |
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| Feb. | | | | |
| March | | | | |
| April | | | | |
| May | | | | |
| June | | | | |
| July | | | | |

15th April 17

CFX, 1-4-17

a/c closed car 1-4-17

*L. P. Bosheta
 8-6-17*

F. X. Rend. Date By
 E.F.X. " Date *30/17* By *[Signature]*

MILITIA AND DEFENCE
ASSIGNED PAY
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Sheet No. 2 (Contd.)

PAYMENTS.

Name of Soldier _____

| Month. | Year. | Cheque No. | Amt. | Remarks. |
|--------|-------|------------|------|----------|
| Aug. | 1918 | | | |
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1878/89

Collins Wm J
25-2759

