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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

*Judex all*

No. *1520*

Name

*Collings, Reuben*

Unit

*1st Run 19th Batt.*

Joined on

*11-4-15*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your Name? . . . . .  | 1. <i>Reuben Collings</i>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? . . . . .   | 2. In the Parish of . . . . . in or near the Town of <i>Wollongong</i> in the County of <i>N.S.W.</i> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) . . . . .  | 3. <i>Natural Borne</i>   |
| 4. What is your age? . . . . .   | 4. <i>21 years 9 mths</i>   |
| 5. What is your trade or calling? . . . . .  | 5. <i>test</i>  |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? . . . . .   | 6. <i>No</i>  |
| 7. Are you married? . . . . .  | 7. <i>No</i>  |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) . . . . .   | 8. <i>A. Collings (Father) Keira St. Wollongong</i>   |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? . . . . .  | 9. <i>No</i>  |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? . . . . . | 10. <i>No</i>   |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge . . . . .       | 11. <i>29 Inf A.R.R. 4 years</i>  |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? . . . . .   | 12. <i>Yes</i>  |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? . . . . .  | 13. <i>No</i>   |
| 14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? . . . . .  | 14. <i>Yes</i>  |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? . . . . .  | 15. <i>Yes</i>  |

I, . . . . . do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

\* And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths wife and children

Date *19-4-15*

*Sgt R. Collings*  
Signature of person enlisted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted 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 by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date. 17<sup>th</sup> April 1915.

Sigs. Ray S. M. Allen Lieut  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, Reuben Collings, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 17<sup>th</sup> April 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

Sigs. R. Collings  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of N. S. W. this 20<sup>th</sup> day April of the year 1915, before me—

Sigs. Ray S. M. Allen Lieut  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of ..... on Enlistment.

Age 21 years 9 months  
 Height 5 feet 4 1/2 inches.  
 Weight 136 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 30-34 inches.  
 Complexion Dark  
 Eyes Good Hazel  
 Hair Black  
 Religious Denomination Baptist

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Serofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see 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 he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 11-4-15

Place Sydney

Sigs. H. C. Donovan  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Capt. A. A. M. C.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

1<sup>st</sup> Reinft 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Date 4/5/15

Place Liverpool

Sigs. W. S. Bain  
 Commanding

Statement of Service of No. 1520 Name Collings R

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rein. 19 <sup>th</sup> Bat.	Private	17.4.15	30.4.15	} Part II M. F.F. Order No 15 3.3.16 att 13R72/31 Prom ↑
"	Promoted Corporal Confirmed	1.5.15		
"	A/Sergeant	24.1.16	3.10.16	
"	Sergeant	1.9.16	5.9.16	
"		6.9.16		

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1520  
D 11032 ✓

Name *Collings Reuben*  
Unit *19th Battalion 1st Reinft*  
Joined on *11 - 4 - 15*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ..... *Reuben Collings*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... }  
near the Town of *Wollongong* in or  
State of *N.S.W.*  
in the County of *New W.*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a }  
Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the }  
latter, papers to be shown.) ..... } *Natural born*
4. What is your age? ..... } *21 years 9 months*
5. What is your trade or calling? ..... } *black*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, }  
where, to whom, and for what period? ..... } *no*
7. Are you married? ..... } *no*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... }  
*Collings (Father)*  
*New W.*  
*Wollongong*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... } *no*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His }  
Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Inco- }  
rrible and Worthless, or on account of Con- }  
viction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servi- }  
tude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace }  
from the Navy? ..... } *no*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His }  
Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the }  
Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, }  
or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not }  
now serving, state cause of discharge ..... } *29 Inf. (A.R.R.) 4 years*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous }  
service? ..... } *yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's }  
Service? If so, on what grounds? ..... } *no*
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)— }  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance }  
will be issued to you either before or after }  
embarkation during your term of service? ..... } *yes*

15. *Are you vaccinated against inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?*

do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

\* And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths

Date *19 - 4 - 15*

*R. Collings*  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.







PROCEEDED TO JOIN  
 M.E.F. GALLIPOLI AUG 3 1915  
 Casualty Form - Active Service.

Army Form B. 103.

1st Reinforcements 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 Regiment or Corps  
 Regiments No. 1520 Rank *Private* Name *Collings R.* *11032*  
 Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (*a war 4 months*) Service reckons from (a)  
 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)

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				
<i>5.9.15</i>	<i>C.O. 19<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>Taken on strength</i>	<i>Gallipoli</i>	<i>31.8.15</i>	<i>B213 DO. 13/726</i>
		<i>DISMISSED AT ALEX- ANDRIA 7/1/16 REL. US4 B</i>			<i>(3)</i>
<i>19.2.16</i>	<i>C.O. 19<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>To be Corporal vice Keech</i>	<i>Canal Zone</i>	<i>24.1.16</i>	<i>B213 AP 4641 DO 19/214</i>
		<i>PROCEED TO JOIN B.E.F. ALEXANDRIA 18/3/16</i>			<i>(5)</i>
<i>2.9.16</i>	<i>C.O. 19<sup>th</sup> Bn</i>	<i>To be acting Sgt vice Kirkwood</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>1/9/16</i>	<i>B213 AP 4831 DO 6/1/1118</i>
<i>9.9.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>To be Sergeant</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>7/9/16</i>	<i>B213 AP 5780 DO 6/1/4498</i>
<i>25.11.16</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>14/11/16</i>	<i>R.Q. 11314 B213 V.L. 161 8/12/16 DO 97/6644</i>

(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, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.T.O. P.T.O.

*R. Collings*  
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Liverpool* in  
 the State of *New South Wales*  
 this *twentieth* day of *April* of  
 the year *1915*, before me—

*Raymond Allen Lewis*  
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

From whom received \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Report \_\_\_\_\_

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.
ORIGINAL.	Copies forwarded to Defence Melbourne and with A.F. B2090a-25/1/1917.			Headquarters. A.I.F.
	ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. B. E. F.			Lieut. Officer i/c Records.

B. 2090A.

After receipt  
from any sources.

Place ..... *Sydney* .....

Enlisted.

..... *Accoraway* .....

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
*Capt. A.M.B.*

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been completed with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

*1st Lieut 19th Battalion*

Date ..... *1. 5. 15* .....

Place ..... *Liverpool* .....

*W. W. D. L.*

Commanding *1st 19th*

Third  
by the

**FIELD SERVICE.**

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 19th BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }  
OR CORPS } Battery or Company }  
Regimental No. 1520 Rank Sergeant  
Surname COLLINGS Christian Names R.

Died { Date 14th November 1916 Place FRANCE  
Cause of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report A. F. B. 213 dated 25.11.16.

By whom made Commanding Officer 19th Battalion A.I.F.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By whom reported For Burial Report See 3105

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Will not received) in Small Book (if at Base) \_\_\_\_\_  
a Will or not (c) as a separate document \_\_\_\_\_

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F. A.G. Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. Station and Date } B. E. F. Signature of Officer in charge of Section }  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Lieut

20th January 1917

(1332) Wt. 5710/M745 400,000 8/16 JFW [E328] Forms/B2090A/2

Officer i/c Records

He can see 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 he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 11-4-17

Place Sydney

Accompany  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
Capt. Lamb.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been completed with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

1st Coy 19th Battalion

Date 1.5.17

Place Liverpool

[Signature]  
Commanding 1st Coy 19th

..... on Enlistment.

years <u>9</u> months <u>5</u> feet <u>4 1/2</u> inches. <u>120</u> lbs. ht. <u>30. 3/4</u> inches. <u>Dark</u> <u>Hazel</u> <u>Blue</u> mation <u>Bapt</u>	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

and the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions,  
 phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing;  
 hydrocele; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle;  
 venereal disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked  
 D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or  
 condition calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see 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 he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 11-4-15

Place Sydney

Accorway  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.  
Capt. A.M.C.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to .....

1<sup>st</sup> Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Date 1. 5. 15

Place Liverpool

W. B. L.  
 Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Coy 19<sup>th</sup> Bn

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Entitled to 1914/15 Star

Statement of Service of No. 1520 Name Collings R

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reinf 19 <sup>th</sup> Batt	Private	17-4-15	30-4-15	
" " " "	Promoted Corporal	1-5-15		
	Taken on strength	31/8/15		PT 2/10 <sup>13</sup> / <sub>726</sub> 8/10/15
<b>PROMOTED</b>	Corporal	24-1-16		PT 11 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>214</sub> 3-3-16
	To be acting Sgt without pay vice Kirkwood promoted France.		1-9-16	PT 2/10. 67/4418. 17/9/16
<b>KILLED IN ACTION,</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Batt	14/11/10 CIDG 824	France		PT 11 <sup>97</sup> / <sub>6614</sub> . 12.12.16
	Promoted Sgt in the field. France.		7-9-16	PT 2/10. 68/4498. 18-9-16

See copy B3103 enclosed

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

Army Form B. 103.

**P.F.E.**  
**P.F.E.**

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number 1520

Regiment or Corps 1st Rfmts. 19th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Rank Sergeant. Surname COLLINGS

Christian Name R.

Religion

Age on Enlistment years months.

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) War & 4 Months Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { Re-engaged { Qualification (b) } or Corps Trade and Rate

Signature of Officer.

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
5.9.15	CO 19th Bn.		Embarked Disembarked Proceeded to join M.E.F.	Gallipoli	3.8.16.	
			Taken on Strength	Galli.Pen.	31.8.15	B213.D013/726
			Disembarked at Alexandria	ex Mudros	7.1.16	D3406
19.2.16	CO 19th Bn		To be Corporal vice Keech.	Canal Zone	24.1.16	B213 AP4671 D015/1214.
			Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	18.3.16.	
			Disembarked	Marseilles	25.3.16	
2.9.16	CO 19th Bn.		To be Acting Sergeant vice Kirkwood Promoted	France	1.9.16.	B213.AQ4831 D067/4418.
9.9.16	CO 19th Bn.		To be Sergeant	France	7.9.16	B213.AQ5980 D068/4498.
25.11.16	CO 19th Bn.		KILLED IN ACTION	France	14.11.16	B213.AQ11314 D097/6614 VL161.8.12.16
ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON. G.H.Q.						

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Lieut.

(c) In the case of B.E.F. who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment to be given in Form B. 103/4, E. J. 354.

(d) Signaller, Signalling-Smith, &c.

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Forms/B.103/4. E.J.354.

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# FIELD SERVICE.

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STATEMENT showing the Strength of each Unit to which Rations were issued  
 at Mo. Lead for consumption on the 3-6-1919 day  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 taken from the numbers given in the  
 indents and adjustment submitted by Unit.

Corps, or Unit Indenting.	Numbers shown on Indents for this day. (A.M. Book 55.)			Adjustment of Indents for <u>23-5-1919</u>									Forage.			Remarks.
				Number Overdrawn.			Number Underdrawn.			Horses.						
	B'fast.	Din'r.	Tea.	B'fast.	Din'r.	Tea.	B'fast.	Din'r.	Tea.	Scale I.	Scale II.	Scale III.				
<p><i>No 16 A.S.H</i> <i>W.A.</i></p>	70	70	70	-	-	10	-	-	-							

*Agnes N. Dowson*  
 M.C.O. Officer in Charge of Supplies.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the above adjustments of Indents with the "States" and find same as above

*W. Maudslayi*  
 Officer in Charge of "States" or Commandant.



BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
DEPARTM 8 SEP 1925

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the burial of your son, the late No.1520 Sergeant R. COLLINGS, 19th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice from the Imperial War Graves Commission that in order to conform with the uniform layout of the WARLENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, the following official registration has been allotted to the site of the late soldier's final resting place, viz :-

Plot 8. Row A. Grave 22.

where a permanent headstone will be erected and engraved with his full regimental particulars and date of death, together with any verse or epitaph previously submitted in the form of a personal inscription.

According to the latest progress report to hand, the erection of war stones in this cemetery is now proceeding, and generally the work of re-construction has reached an advanced stage. The opportunity will be afforded relatives later of obtaining a copy of the printed Register containing full particulars of all British and Dominion burials therein.

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connexion with the deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.Mr. H. Collings,  
Keira Street,  
WOLLONGONG, NSW.  
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Wollongong March 26<sup>th</sup> 1917.

To Officer in Charge

Dear Sir - I wish to draw your attention to a matter that concerns me very much. Being the Father of Sergeant Reuben Collings No 5720 who was killed in action last November having heard nothing more, I thought I would make some inquiries through your office as it seems very strange to me that there should be so much delay in settling up this sad business. Will you kindly answer me the following questions, When may I expect to receive his deferred payment.

and his pay Book also his belongings Kit &c.

Could you tell me how he came by his death and the name of the Chaplain who buried him and where,

I think it is too bad to keep the Parents who have given their Boys in such dreadful suspense if there is any portion of the People in Australia who ought to be worried it is those who will not send their Sons to defend our Country and Empire.

Yours faithfully  
Henry Collings Keira St Wollongong

19th Battalion  
5th Brigade  
28/3



16th March

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Dear Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your communication dated 11th instant enclosing one from Mr. G. Jarman, inquiring about No. 1520 Corporal R. Collings, 1st Reinforcements, 19th Battalion, I have to state no report has reached this office concerning the soldier and it is assumed, therefore, that he is with his Battalion. Letters addressed as under should reach him.

No. 1520 Corporal R. Collings,  
1st Reinforcements,  
19th Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force,  
Egypt.

The letter from Mr. Jarman is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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addressed to THE MANAGER.

Literary communications to be  
addressed to THE EDITOR.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir:

Could you supply any information respecting the enclosed,  
for publication in the "Sunday Times."

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully yours,



*16/3<sup>att.</sup>*

*attached sheet of 8/14/13*

*W Jackson*

For Editor.

C O L L I N G S

Reubin

1. 19th/Bn

Surname.

Other Names.

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Sydney on H.M.A.T. A32 "Themistocles" 12.5.15

*lpl.*

24-1-16 To be Corporal vice Keach

1/9/16 To be Acting Corporal without pay vice Jackson ~~W~~

Wounded

7/9/16 Promoted Sergeant

14/11/16 KILLED IN ACTION

BUREAU 24 WILES S.W OF BAPAUME FRANCE (VT)

BEFO 68/2-16

DA BEFO 97/6-16

LON 4/1-18

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.  
9th October 1918

NM

Dear Sir,

Forwarded this day, per separate parcels is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 1520 Sergeant R. Collings, 19th Battalion, received ex "Toroneo" post, registered the late No. 1520 Sergeant R. Collings, 19th Battalion, received ex "Toroneo" is one package

as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip. (Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

*J. J. J. J.* Major,  
J. J. J. J.

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1378/S.18.—C 13178.

Mr H. COLLINGS

Mr H. Collings,  
Keira Street,  
Wollongong, NSW.



FO'LL

2nd April 1917.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication of 26th ultimo, I have to state the only information available to-date, regarding your son, the late No. 1520, Sergeant R. Collings, 19th Battalion, is to the effect that he was killed in action in France on 14th November 1916. Should any further details come to hand, you will be promptly communicated with.

All matters in connexion with pay will be dealt with by the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, N.S.W., and it is suggested that, in order to prevent unnecessary delay, further enquiries on this subject be addressed to that Officer. The Pay-book, when to hand, will be retained by the District Paymaster above referred to. That Officer will furnish a financial Statement.

No personal effects in this connexion, have been returned to this Office to-date, but any coming to hand will be promptly forwarded either to you, or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. H. Collings,  
Keira Street,  
WOLLONGONG. N.S.W.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned ( 1 ) Package , being the ~~xxxxxx~~ **identity disc** of the late No. 1520 Sergeant R. Collings 19th Battalion. consigned to me. ex"Toromeo" 10028

No. 1 Description, **identity disc.**

Signature

*Newmy Collings*

Date

*Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1918.*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.



D.1072/8.17.—0.10113.—50M.

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Dear

Forwarded herewith are photographs and  
description of the locality of the grave of

which I trust come safely to hand. Any discrepancy

National Archives of Australia the temporary memorial will be rectified when  
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Extract from folder of photo of grave

Re-interred Warlencourt New Brit. Cemty., Plot 8, Row A.

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**RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.**

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late No. 1520. Sergeant R. Collings.

19th Battalion.

(Signature)

*Henry Collings*  
*August 30th 1921*

(Date)

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.



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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 19th BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }  
OR CORPS } Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 1520 Rank Sergeant

Surname COLLINGS Christian Names R.

Date 14th November 1916 Place FRANCE

Died { Cause of Death\* KILLED IN ACTION

Nature and Date of Report A. F. B. 213 dated 25.11.16.

By whom made Commanding Officer 19th Battalion A.I.F.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army B. 114) Will not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base)  
a Will or not { (c) as a separate document

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F. and Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.  
Station and } B. E. F. Signature of Officer in charge of Section }  
Date } 20th January 1917 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }  
Officer i/c Records Lieut

(1352) Wt. 5710/M745 400,000 8/16 JFW (E328) Forms/B2090A/2

I.H.

WARLENCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY  
2 1/2 miles S.W. of BAPAUME.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.  
(EXHUMATION).

19/AIF. ✓	1520 ✓	COLLINGS ✓	Sgt. R. 14.11.16 (Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.264E) <i>Aust 8</i>
28/Bn. AIF. ✓	5350 ✓	EDWARDS ✓	Pte. B.B.J. 2.3.17. (Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.224E) <i>Aust 8</i>
19/AIF. ✓	2144 ✓	GOODWIN ✓	<sup>Pte.</sup> Cpl. H. 14.11.16. (Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.187E) <i>Aust 4</i>
28/AIF. ✓ <i>Par</i>	846 ✓	FITZPATRICK T/Cpl. J.J. 16/19.	(Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.93 E) 11.16. <i>Aust 15</i>
19/Bn. AIF. ✓	4422 ✓	GRIFFIN ✓	Pte. J. 14.11.16. (Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.197E) <i>Aust 4</i>
3/AIF. ✓	5091 ✓	GINTY ✓	Pte. M. 6.3.17. (Report Warlencourt-Saucourt 60.264E) <i>UK 4</i>

*Army  
list*

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Transferred to

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

19639

No. 1520

Rank Sgt Name COLLINGS, R.

Unit 19th Battalion

Casualty 14/11/16 Killed in Action, C.I.B. 824/7783° D. Lond 12/12/16

**"WAS THE AUSTRALIANS REST."**  
Pamphlet sent to Mr. H. Collings on 2.8.21

DATE. **A.F. B. 103 Received** PURPORT. **A.F. B. 2090A Received.** REF. NO.

16.12.16  
21-12-16

M.O. R ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 14/11/16  
COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
Cable No. B 21318 24 vide 4/2245 18/12/16

26 3 17

Not asking for Particulars. - Depa Pay. - Pay Books - Effects -

NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 6/417

9 10 18

Identity Disc see Jones  
M. J. Jones B.R.M. 48/1868 & Booklet re Graves despatched 1.12.19 19 KR  
"Received & acknowledged" by printed card 22.11.20

WAR HISTORY INDEX

17/9/20  
18 720

To Comdt 2nd M.D. B.R.M. 51/1157,  
1914/1916 Star issued B.R.M. 48/1229/1918  
PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, transmitted to next of kin. B.R.M. No. 51/74 Am

16616  
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BRITISH WAR PENSIONS  
7/13  
12315

12256  
2/13

21-11-20 PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. B.R.M. No. 521567  
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29/7/21 BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt *Lat* M.D.B.R.M. 53/885 932

MEMORIAL  
SCROLL  
To  
*Father*  
*Mr. H. Collings*  
*311031*  
*19. 8. 21*

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
*Father (Direct)*  
*Mr. H. Collings*  
*311031*  
*21. 4. 22*  
*J.H.B.*

*21. 4. 22*

25 NOV 1922 VICTORY MEDAL to *Father* R.R.F.F. 27  
Registered Post No. *8645* G. P. O. Melbourne