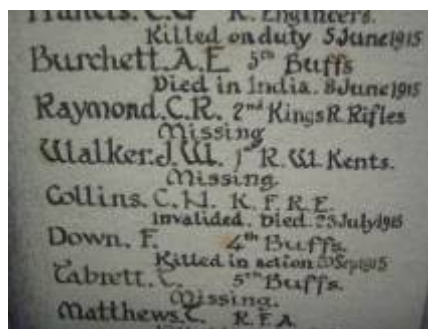


COLLINS C.N

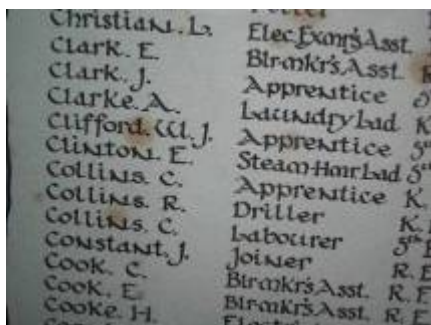
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Ashford War Memorial



Railway Rolls 1 (Invalids)



Railway Rolls (served)



Christchurch Ashford



Ashford St Mary's Church

Bugler Claude Noris COLLINS. 496th (Kent Fortress) Field Company, Royal Engineers (RE). Died 23rd July 1915 aged 17 years from Pulmonary Consumption (T.B). Son of Edward Collins of 1, Beaver Place, South Ashford, Kent. Resided and died at 6, Beaver Place, South Ashford, Kent. Buried 28th July 1915 in the old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave reference 7560. Claude's father was present when his son died.

Death Certificate reference- West Ashford/ASH28/293.

Claudes name appears on a large number of Kent civic war memorials including the large and impressive Dover Marine War Memorial in Dover –

1. Ashford Town War Memorial.
2. Ashford Railway Works Rolls of Honour (twice).
3. Ashford (St Mary's) Church war memorial plaque.
4. Dover (SE&CR) Marine Railway Station War Memorial, Dover.
5. Christchurch war memorial in South Ashford.

Claude's name also appears on the Railwayman Roll of Honour published in the Kentish Express on 7th June 1919. It records that C.N COLLINS was employed by the South East and Chatham Railway Company as a Turners Apprentice. His father Edward Collins was also a labourer on the railway.

The 1901 census gives –
1, Beaver Place, Beaver, Ashford

Edward	COLLINS	26	Railway Worker	Willesborough
Annie		24		Sellindge
Claude		3		Ashford

Claude contracted T.B whilst **still a serving soldier** and subsequently died of the **SAME** disease soon after being invalided from the army. The case for Claude is very strong and is supported by his name appearing on so many Ashford war memorials.



Claudes unmarked grave is under this tree