From “The Xaverian” 1917, p. 39
Sergeant Jack Collins.—Sad news indeed from the front, which told of poor Jack’s death from wounds received in action somewhere in France. May the devoted “God’s will be done” of a sorrowing mother only increase the happiness that his own sterling good life (to which many letters from the front testify) has surely won for him. Mentioned for the D.C.M. shortly before being wounded. He has it now, and more.”

From “The Xaverian” 1918, p. 58
“Sergeant Jack Collins.—We cull the following from the Military Chaplain’s (Father Bosssence) letter to poor Jack’s mother on the occasion of his death—”Without hesitation, I say that I never found a better lad in the Brigade. Besides attending to his own duty, and never allowing an opportunity to pass without receiving the Sacraments, he was a regular Apostle, and helped me to get to Confession many a lad who, but for Jack, might have gone to his death without making peace with God.” God rest his soul, and may he be realising now to the full that “those who instruct to justice shall shine as stars for all eternity.”

From the Red Cross Files
“… he was last seen near a German pill-box on Westhoek Ridge, badly wounded by a shell. Stretcher-bearers went out for him but were unable to find him and it was concluded that he had been