

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5331 Private
Frederick Knight
Crawford**

22nd Battalion



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22nd A. I. F.

F. K. CRAWFORD, 5331.

W & M 3.5.17.

I have been told by Sgt. Moseley that Crawford was killed outright during the stunt on the 3rd May at Bullecourt and his body was ~~retrieved~~ afterwards brought in. Sgt. Moseley is now, I believe, in one of the hospitals in Rouen badly wounded.

Reference: S. Tucknott, 5422. A Co.

No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 24.7.17.

WTAR.

Written Sp Moseley 6.8.17

Off clb

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON.

1909/2/6

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Statement made by No. 5297 Cpl Moseley W.B. 22nd Btn

re No. 5331 Pte Crawford F.K. 22nd Btn
wounded & missing 3.5.17

Having orders to retire from our position. No. 5331 Pte F.K. Crawford (badly wounded in leg) was with our party. I helped him to get back to join our party ahead of us, I put him on my back and while running with him snipers fired at us and we both got a bullet wound. We were together from 3.30 p.m. to 3.30 a.m. in a shell hole. He tried to crawl also I helped tried to get to dressing station but it was impossible so I made for the dressing station and told stretcher bearers in supports of his condition and where to find him although badly wounded when I left him he seemed to be in good spirits and said he would look out for the stretcher bearers.

Dated at Beech House Hospital this 18th day of August 1917.

(Sgd) W.B. Moseley.

Statement made & signed before me

(Sgd) E. Davidson.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON. 2 NOV 1917

1909/2/6

C O P Y

Statement made by No. 5297 Cpl Mosley W.B. 22nd Btn

re No. 5331 Pte Crawford F.K. 22nd Btn
Missing & Wd. 3.5.17

When I last saw Pte F.K. Crawford he was badly wounded, he was wounded in two places, one in the thigh and one received later in the testicles. I was with him for 12 hours and being wounded myself and being unable to do anything further for him, I left him in a shell hole on our side of the wire of the Hindenberg line. When I left him he was very bright and cheerful and he had water and food for twenty four hours. I informed stretcher bearers of his whereabouts and left hoping to hear of his being brought back.

Dated at Tidworth this 19th day of October, 1917.

(Sgd) W.B. Mosley.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) L.S. Cockerell.
Capt.

Comd'g No. 2. Company.
S.G. School, for H.C.O.'s

not used for

H. d. b.

22nd Australians

Crawford P.K. 5331.

(W. & M. May 3/17)

"I saw Pte. Crawford (22. D. XIV) go back with a wounded arm almost as soon as we had gone over at Eullecourt on May 3rd. He reached the Dressing Station because his name was read out to us, but I don't know what happened after".

Eye-witness: He saw him wounded.

Description: Thinks he was an original Battalion man and thinks he came from N.S.W.

Informant: Pte. E. Carroll 5565,
22nd Australians, D. Coy., XIV Plt.,
3rd Southern Gen. Hospt.,
Oxford.

Home address:
31 Park St.,
Glenferrie,
Melbourne, Victoria,
Australia.

July 30/17,
J.H. Payne.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ROEBLOE

1909/2/6

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Statement made by NO. 5565 Sgt. Carroll E. 22nd Btn

re NO. 5331 Pte Crawford F.E. 22nd Btn
Missing & Hd. 3.5.17

No. 5331 Pte Crawford F.E. 22nd Btn was wounded on the
2.11.17. He was just getting into a shell hole when hit
and I saw him start for the dressing station. I don't say
what happened to him afterwards.

Dated at Fernham Down this 1st day of September 1917.

(Sgd) E. Carroll.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley

o/m

A. I. P. 22.

CRAWFORD. P.K.5331.

W/M. May 3rd, 1917.

Opl Mosley of A Coy now in England wounded got wounded when he was carrying Freddie Crawford out of action at Bullecourt on May 3rd. I did not see it happen myself. It was the talk of the Coy and I heard of it from quite a number of them.

Reference:- Pte. A. Moore. 5385. D.XIII.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

PHE.

Note: I am sending this hearsay report as I think it will be worth while to get into touch with Mosley if he is still in an English hospital. PHE.

Staples
20.9.17.

off. M.
See Mosley's Report

FRANCE.

22nd. BATT. A.I.F.

CRAWFORD. P.K. 5351.

W.M. May 3rd. 1917.

He was batman to Major Dooley. Cpl Mosley, ^{was carrying him} when he himself got wounded and Crawford killed. Cpl Mosley is now in England and wrote a letter to Sgt Hine telling him what had happened. Sgt Hine is in D. Coy and was with the Batt recently.

WSI

Ref --- Pte J.P. Martin. 5381.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

~~WSI~~
off ab

See Cpl Mosley's Report
Is Report. Nov 8th. 1917

A. I. P. 22.

CRAWFORD, P.X. 5331.

W/M. May 3rd, 1917.

He came over with me. We knew him as Fred and he was in D.Coy. Pte Weatherall of D.Coy now up line told me about a fortnight ago that he had seen Crawford being carried out on a stretcher on May 3rd at Bullecourt and saw him killed. I/Cpl Hesley, D.Coy, was wounded at the same time by same shell and is now in England.

Reference:- Pte S.R.W. Smith. 5414. C.XI.
I/G School.

PHE.

2 reports I/Cpl Hesley

H. H. H.

Staples
22.11.17.

Written Pte. Weatherall 30-11-17

22nd Btn.

CRAWFORD, F.K.
Pte. 5331.

N/A Pres Rep.

"Wounded & Missing 3/5/17."

"Cpl. W.B. Mosley, No. 5297, D. Co, 22nd Btn. (still with unit in France) told me that he was in the act of carrying casualty who had been wounded, out of the enemy line on his back across No Man's Land towards our own line at Bullecourt on the 3rd May, 1917, when they were both hit and fell, and that he, Mosley, was taken back to the Dressing Station and went to England to hospital to Monte Video Camp where I met him. He said he himself became unconscious after being wounded and did not know what happened to his charge, the above named casualty. I knew Casualty well. He went away with me with the 14th Reinforcements from Australia. He was a small man about 5 ft. 6 ins. so that Mosley who is a big man, could easily have carried him. Mosley told me in reply to my question, that Casualty was in a very bad way when he picked him up to carry him across the zone of fire to safety, and that there was no doubt in his mind that casualty had been killed on the spot."

Informant:- Sgt. A. C. Emry,
No. 5294, 29th Btn.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

22nd Bvn.

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CRAWFORD. P.K.
Pte. 5331.

Note. I promise to mention the matter again in my next letter to Hosley with whom I am in constant correspondence.

Private address:-
Deniliquin, N.S.W.

H.A.B.
29/11/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F. 22nd Btn

GRAFFORD

F.K.

5331

Wounded & Missing 3-5-17"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Wounded & Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 24-1-18.

London
28-1-18

OFF.M.

Pl. F. R. Crawford 5331

secondary

22 Bkt.

Pl. C. H. Calder 4990

5/2/18