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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1741 Private
Norcliffe Crossley

11th Battalion



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A.I.F. 11th Btn

CROSSLEY
Norcliffe 1741

"M. 25-7-16"

Killed in Action 25-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

London
14-7-17

OBF.M & P.I.

11th Bn.

1st Lt.

GROSSLEY
Horsliffe 1741

Killed in Action 25.7.16

Re France Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills, 10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

Off. M. & P. I.

July August Casualty Drafts

July 14

to Mrs Crossley

Woodlands

Belle Grove

Welling

Kent.

to No 1741 Pte Moreliffe Crossley

11th Bn.

Killed in action 25-7-16

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A.I.F. 11th Bn D.Coy.

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Geo. Leen 3373

"M. 25-7-18"

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London
14-7-17

OFF.M. & P.F.

1741

Crossley

Plé Norcliffe

11th Batta C. Coy.
A.I.F.

M-25/7/46-

30.8.46.

Inquirer:-

Mr Crossley

Woodlands

Belle Grove

Wellington

Kent.

(wire in prison)

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13th November,

Dear Madam,

We are enclosing the names of several prisoners of war of the 11th Battalion, who may possibly be able to give you information about your son - Pte. ~~Mc~~ Morcliff CROSSLEY, No. 1741, 11th Battn. A.I.F.:-

No. 3258 Pte. H. Ashcroft is a prisoner at Gefangenenlager Munster, Westphalia

No. 3683 L/Cpl. David Carmichael Wallace is at - ditto -

No. 3248 Richd. Hy. Hickson is now at Gefangenenlager Stendal, ~~Germany~~ Saxony

No. 4575, Pte. ^{Er} Herbert Geo. Parkes is at Gefangenenlager Dulmen, Westphalia

No. 4622, Pte. Thos. Wm. Winspear at Gefangenenlager Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel

No. 3334 Pte. Francis Ernest Thos. Gale is at - ditto -

If you write to them you should mention nothing of the war, and if possible a typed letter, one only to each camp, and address the envelope as follows:-

Prisoner of War
Gefangenen-~~Sendung~~,
No. 3258, Pte. H. Ashcroft,
11th Australian Infantry Battalion,
Gefangenenlager Munster,
Westphalia.
Germany.

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We hope that you will in this way get news of your son. We think it would be ^{more} satisfactory for you to write and we should be glad if you would let us know the result.

We have found the address of No.1763, Pte. W.B.M. Foreman, late 11th Battn. A.I.F. to be A.I.F. Canteens, to which Unit he was transferred on May 26th, so we advise you to address a letter to him there.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY.

L.A.W.

Mrs. E. Grossley,
Woblands,
Belle Grove,
Welling. Kent.

Pt. N.
Crossed 174
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Woodlands
Belle Grove Rd
Welling.
Kent.

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Dear Miss Leakin

○ We have received
the enclosed letter.
which you may like
to see. I wrote to Private
Foreman whose address
you so kindly got for
me. He has sent me
the names of two men,
friends of my boy, who
must have been with
him in France. He says
they were recently
wounded & sent to England

but the people at Horseshoe
Rd know nothing about
them. I wonder if you
could find them. Private
Foreman was not sure
of their number but they
belonged to the 4th reinforcement
11th battalion. The names
are Private Howard - Combe

17--

4th reinforcement

Private Fred Presell

17--

4th reinforcement

I feel I am giving you
a lot of trouble but I
am sure somebody
must know if only I
could come across the
right person.

I should like to have
Private St. Parkes letter
back if you don't mind
posting it on.

With many thanks
for your kind help
Believe me

Yours sincerely;

E. Crossley.

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Address to be sent to

Address

Date

Sender

October 3rd 1919.

Mrs Crossley.
Woodlands.
Bello Grove.
Welling, Kent.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 2nd inst concerning
1741 Pte M. Crossley, 11 Btn A.I.F. we beg to inform you
that his name is on a special list held by our representa-
tive in Germany who is trying to obtain information
concerning the many missing Australians not definitely
accounted for. Should any news be obtained, which we fear
is doubtful, will be sent you through our office in Australia.
For particulars concerning any personal effects we would
recommend you to apply to the O.C., A.I.F. Kit Stores, 110,
Greyhound Road, Fulham, and concerning the locality of
graves to Captain Spedding, Secretary,

Battle Memorials and Soldiers Graves Committee,

Room 6, Australia House,

Strand W.C.

Again assuring you of our sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss.) SECRETARY.

MR.

30.9.19.

Final Draft n.

Thos. Crossley
R Woodlands
Belle Grove
Welling
Kent

about

1741 N. Crossley
H. R.

Secretary (if any) or from
letters.

Enquiry included in
W.S.M. Cable

Enquiry included in
Deferred Cable

Name and Address of
Enquirer

Relation of Enquirer to
Enquiree.

State if Next-of-Kin.

No.

of

No.

of

128 May 27-1918
Mr. A. Wicks,
Cherbury Road,
Victoria Park

Mother

Yes on cards Henry Greig
Mr. Wicks

Secretary.

Woodlands
Belle Grove Kent. 3.10.19
Welling, 2/10/19

Re N. Crossley No. 1741

11th Batt

Dear Madam, I beg to acknowledge with
thanks, your kind letter of the 30th Ult.
As in very many other cases the death
of my son seems shrouded in mystery.
After the battle & capture of Pozieres
my son was reported as "Missing" &
after the usual lapse of twelve months,
notification was received from War
office of his having been killed at
that time. I have not been able
to get any definite information from
any source. A few small effects
were returned amongst which was
his disc, which he wore on Gallipoli.
Now had this disc been taken from his
body there would have been no
uncertainty in the matter. I can only
conclude that new discs were issued
& this old one was left behind, with
other things, in his kit before going into
action. If this assumption is incorrect
I shall be obliged if you can give me
any information more definite & the
locality of his grave. I feel deeply
indebted to the Australian Red Cross
for its past kindnesses & shall esteem
it an additional favour if you can
obtain any further information. I am
Yours faithfully
N. Crossley

Miss Helen B. Whybrow
36 Grosvenor Place
S.W. 1.

// Further details required