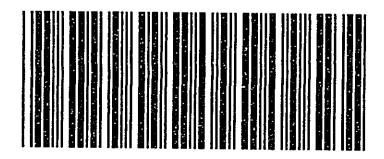
# Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

## 2883B Private Reginald Gordon Crittenden

19th Battalion



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M. 3.5.17.

I knew Crittenden who came from Sydney, B.S.V. He worked at Jones Jam Factory in Sydney, and was about 24 years old, and was single, I believe. On May 3rd, 1917, he was in the attack on the sunken road, Bullecourg. Up to this point we were together, but we then got so mixed up with other Units that I missed him. We then had to retire, and on going back we got into our own barrage, and I believe that Crittenden was killed at that time, but his Pl. Sgt., Hamed Bayliss could speak with greater certainty on that point.

Informant: G. Kellow, 5842, 19th Bn. C Co. No.57 Gen.Hpl. Boulogne 28.9.17.

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Witter St Bayliss 12.10.17

19th A.I.F.

Crittenden. R.G. 2883 B.

11. May 3/17.

"I was with Crittenden, C Co. at Bullecourt, on May 3. He was in the same gun team and was wounded by a shell, as we were advancing, in the early morning. I just heard him sing out and saw him fall."

Eye-witness:
Description: "Critto", about 5'll", fair, well

Informant: E. Smith, 5028,
19 A.I.F. C Co. XI Pl.,
Bethnal Green Mil. Nos.,
S. Justice Ward.

Home address: Home Rule, Mudgee, N.S.W. 2.11.17. F.H.Bathurst.

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19th Battn.
late 56th Battn.
A.I.F.

Crittenden. R.G. 2865B

#### "Missing 3.5.17"

Re 2883 Pte.Crittenden. I may state that I was platoon Sgt.in which the above belonged. Also he went with the platoon on the attack of Bullecourt 3.5.17. On calling the roll the same night I found the above missing. Of leaving the trenches ment day he was still missing. I have made enquiries as regards to anyone who might have seen him in the attack, but can gather no definite information concerning him. I could not say if he is killed or a prisoner. If at any time I receive information I will at once let you know.

Letter from:C.Bayliss 814
C.Coy. 19th Battn.
France 30.11.17.

London. 13.12.17.

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A.I.F. 19th dtn late 56th Btn

CRITTENDEN Reg: Gordon 2883B

#### "MISSING"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing Cert, by A.I.F. Hqrs 8-1-18.

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19th Battn. A.I.F.

GRITTENDEN R.G. 28838

#### "Killed 3-5-17"

Crittenden was reported as Missing, but I'm pretty certain he was in the shell hole at Bullecourt when I got hit. It was after we had gone forward. The shell landed in the middle of the shell hole and I'm pretty certain he was killed. There were about a dozen of us in the shell hole and only two of us got out. I was unconscious for a minute or so and could see the bodies by light of the flares. I could not recognise them. The man who got out was a Col., I don' know his name but it was not Crittenden.

Informant. Hillier W. 2915
19th Battn., C. Coy.,
Hut 9,
WESTHAM.

W. A. Rand London 12-3-13

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No trace in Germany Gert. by Capt. Hills 10/10/19

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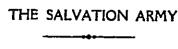
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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 101 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, E.C.

13th September 17.

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Dear Bir:-

RE: - 2893. Pte.R.G.Crittenden. 7th Reinforcements. 56th Batt: A.I.F. Missing 3rd May 17.

. If you are not already enquiring for this man, I shall be most greteful if you will include his name in your searchers list, and advise us of any information you are able to obtain regarding him.

The Mother in Sydney has asked us to make all the enquiries possible.

> Thanking you in anticipation, Yours faithfully,

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TO: - The Secretary, The Australian Red Cross, 54, Victoria St.

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Pt. R. G. Crittenden 2883.

Pte Roy Quintal 3086. 2 5/1/18.

R. G. CRITTENDEN C. Baylos 814 19 Butt b. boy. 19 Ball A.J. F 20/11/17 France. The Secretary. Mounded & Miring Conguery Reveals Australian Bounch BRES 54 Victoria St. London, J.W. Dear Madans, In regard to your enguery as to 2883 B 10 & brittenden R. S. 19 Butt, reported as mirring, I may state that I was platoon sergeart in which the above belonged. Hho he went will the platton on the attack of Bullicourt 3/5/17. On calling To roll the same night I found the above missing On leaving the trenche meet day he was still missing. I have made engineer as regards to anyone who might have seen him to the attack but can gather no definate information concerning him. I could not say if he is helid or a prisoner. If at any time I receive information I will at once let you know. Yours Faithful E. Byin

# THE SALVATION ARMY WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,

10th January 1918.

ARMY POST OFFICE 3 B.E.F.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

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Sir.

2883 - Pte. R.G.Crittenden,

19th Battalion, late 55th Battn,

7th Reinforcements, 14th Bgde, A.I.F.
Reported Missing on 3rd Way 1917.

I would esteem it a great favour if you could institute enquiries with a view to ascertaining the present wheresbouts of this man. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully.

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Salvation Army with B.E.F.

18th Earth, 1918.

W.T. Haines, Esq. O.C., Salvation Army with B.E.F., A.P.O.3, B. E. F.

name but it was not Crittenden."

Dear Sir.

In answer to your enquiry about - 2883 Pte. REGINARD G.

CRITTENDEN. 19th Battalion. A.I.F., - We regret to inform you that
he was officially reported Killed in Action 3-5-17. We have
received an unofficial report respecting him, from 2915 Pte.W.Hillier,
19th Battn. A.I.F., now at Westham, who states "Crittenden was
reported as Missing, but I'm pretty certain he was in the shell hole at Bulledourt when I got hit. It was after we had gone forward. The
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We regret that we have only such sad news to send, and should to obtain further details to shall immediately advise you of them.

Yours faithfully.

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