

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3045 Private
Walter Henry Crebert

55th Battalion



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55th Battn.
A.I.F.

Crebert,
W.E. 3045

H. 20/7/16:

Missing 20/7/16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' Cable 15/8/16.

Prisoner-of-war.

Captured Fleurbaix 20:7:16

Gef: Dülmen

Cert. by German Liaison dated 12:8:16

received 30:8:16

London,
2/9/16.

Col. H.

A.I.F., 55th Battn

Walter H. CREBERT 3045

PRISONER OF WAR

Trans - Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel
Cert. by card from man dated 12-11-16.

London
7-12-16.

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55th Batt,
A.I.F.

Crebert,
Walter; H 3046.

"Prisoner of War"

Transferred Signs from Dulmen,

Cert, by information from German List dated 8.6.17

London
12.7.17

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A.I.F. 55th ^{Stn}

OREBERT
W.H. 3045

"Prisoner of War"

Interned - Sennelager

ert. by postcard from man 22-5-17

"Am at present receiving my parcels very regular & must
thank you for reforwarding my Australian Parcel. I am enjoying
the very best of health"

London
1-8-17

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A.I.F. 55th Batn.

CREBERT,
W.H. 3045.

Prisoner of War.

Died 5-11-18 at Senne ?.

Letter from B.H.C. Senne ? to A.I.F.

Cert. by Inf. from Tel. Mess. from A.I.F. H.Q., 9-12-18.

London,
13-12-18.

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A.I.F. 55th Btn

CREBERT
Walter Hy. 3045

"P/War"

Died 5-11-18 at Senne 2
Cert by letter from B.H.C. Senne 2 to A.I.F. Hqs
(Message HQ)

London
27-12-18

A.I.F. 58th Battn.

GREBERT
Walter Henry 3045

"NOTE TO SYDNEY"

Prisoner of War

Died Senne 2. 5/11/18

Re your Cable enquiry of 24/12/18 "Rep. officially Died Germany verify your report" received 3/1/19.
We regret exceedingly that such a grave mistake has occurred in this case.

On receipt of your Cable received 3/1/19 we found we had received the official casualty by 'phone from Australian Headquarters on 9/12/18 forwarding it to you on 13/12/18 and having it confirmed by Australian Headquarters on 27/12/18.

In sorting the Prisoner of War slips for cabling on 9/12/18 it seems that Pte Greberts slip got in among the Repatriates of that date. Australian Headquarters 'phoned us yesterday asking for our information as Defence had cabled "Red Cross cables this man arrived England in-vestigate"

This directed our attention again to our slips and cables and we cabled to you last night at full rate. We recognise that this has caused quite unnecessary additional distress to your enquirer.

London
28/1/19

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A.I.F. 53th Battn.

NOTE TO SYDNEY

OREBERT
Walter Henry
3045

"PRISONER OF WAR"

We much regret that owing to a clerical error the Cable to Sydney 9/12/18
"Prisoner of War England" was incorrect, and should have read "Died
at Senne 2 - 8/1/18.

London
29/1/19

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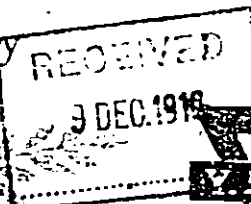
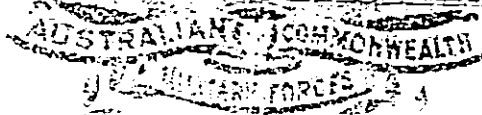
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12-12-16

For God, For King & For Country



PATRON
YMCA NATIONAL COUNCIL
H. M. THE KING.

Y.M.C.A.
WITH THE
AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



PATRON
MILITARY CAMP DEPT
H. R. H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Address reply to

Lt Col J Barnes 3761 Dec 7th 1916
Anzac Provost Corps
A & J Benthorne Bhs Tidworth
To the C. C. 5.5th Batt Wiltshire
A & J
Huddersford.

Sir

Having received note to the effect that 3045
Pte Walter Crebbert of the 5.5th has been
suggested as missing in the casualty list
I am writing to request you to endeavour to
find information of his whereabouts & oblige me
with same as I am seeking information on
behalf of his parents. Pte W. Crebbert
has been reported missing since about the
20th July 1916. Information will be gratefully
received by his parents & myself & we shall
be greatly indebted to you for your services in
the matter. Trusting it will give you very little
inconvenience I remain Yours in anticipation
Lt Col J Barnes

Sec. Australian Branch
British Red Cross Society
Tottenham Street
Westminster

Sir, Could you take this up and
inquire. Inform writer direct. We
have no information here.

~~Amaz~~ Marshall Capt
100 " 1014 11/11/11

8/12/16

December 12

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I/C A.J. BARNES ~~2361~~ 3761
Inzac Provost Corps
Bhurstpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH
Wilts

Dear Sir,

Your letter to the O.C. of the 55th. Batt. has been passed to us to deal with, as we deal with all Australian prisoners.

We are glad to be able to tell you that 5045 ~~W.H. CREBENT~~ W.H. CREBENT, 55th. Batt was taken prisoner and we have had a card dated 12-11-16 from him from his last camp Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel.

We are sending him food every week and we have cabled to our Sydney office that he is a prisoner, so when writing to his people will you tell them, if they have not been, to go to see the Secretary at Dalton Buildings, 115, Pitt Street, Sydney

We hope you will write to PTE. CREBENT. He is allowed 4 postcards and 2 letters a month.

Put Kriegsgefangensendung. British Prisoner of War

~~cc7035~~

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across the top of the envelope and his camp address after his
battalion. It is advisable to put Australians instead of
A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

W.F.Q.
Secretary,

Dec 22/18

British & Australian
Red Cross Society

30.12.18

Dear Madam

I am writing to you
regarding my brother, who has been
a prisoner of war since July 1916. I
want to know particulars about
him. The last I heard of him was
about four months ago. His address
then was ³⁰⁴⁵ Pte W. H. Gribert 55 Bde A.I.D.
Camp No 31838 Komf 6
Block II

Internelager Germany

Thanking you in anticipation I am
Yours faithfully
No 6005 Pte A. H. Gribert
5 A. M. T. Co

Ward D2 C. I. L.

Brook War Hospital

Shoolies Hill Woodville



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

BROOK WAR HOSPITAL,
Shooters Hill, Wealdwick, S.E.

Dec 26th - 1918.

Dear Miss Deakin

Will you kindly attend
to the enclosed for me of my wounded
men here. You have been so good
in finding out much for me.

Yours sincerely

E. E. Tansley

Lady Almoner.

December 30th, 1918.

6005 Pte. A.W. Crebert
5th Aust. M.T. Coy.
Ward D 2. Brook War Hpl.
Shooters Hill.
WOOLWICH.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 3045 Pte.
W.H. CREBERT. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. who was captured
by the Germans on 20.7.16. We deeply regret to inform
you that he is reported from Headquarters to have died
at Senne on 5.11.18.

We are doing our utmost to obtain particulars
of his death and burial and will advise you as soon as
we succeed.

We very much regret having to forward such sad
news and would like to assure you of our sincere sympathy
in your loss.

With good wishes for your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

MR.

Secretary.

My dear Mr. Herbert

No 3045 p. 5 W. H. Herbert

55 - Ball

W. H. Herbert

Please let me know as soon as possible for it is fast to be and a boat for London is very soon

6005 Pte. A.W. Crebert.
5th Aust.M.T.Coy.
No 2 Command Depot.
Weymouth.

March 20th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 14th inst. concerning your brother 3045 Pte. W.H. CREBERT. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We have to confirm the news of his death which occurred on 5.11.18 at Senne, and we deeply regret and sincerely apologise for the distress caused you through the clerical error by which he was reported to have been repatriated.

We cabled to our Sydney Office immediately in reply to their cable asking us to verify our report of his repatriation and trust that this grave mistake for which we again sincerely apologise did not cause undue distress to your relatives in Australia. Should we obtain any further particulars concerning your brother they would immediately be sent to our Sydney Office.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *M. Stansfeld*
SECRETARY.

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

BERLIN BRANCH

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Telephone: Centrum 7488

War Office: " 6900 (No. 772)

Your Reference

Our Reference

BERLIN W. 8,
Wilhelm Straße 70

3045 Pte CREBERT Walter Henry 55th Bn.

I7-7-19.

Sennelager:

Died: I-II-18. in reserve Laz. Detmold.

Buried: Town Cemetery at Detmold/Lippe. Grave No. 145.
(Death Certificate and Entry Received.)

*Documents not received on Capt. Smith's list
ad 1/10/19.*

"A. list.

Progress Report. No. 9.