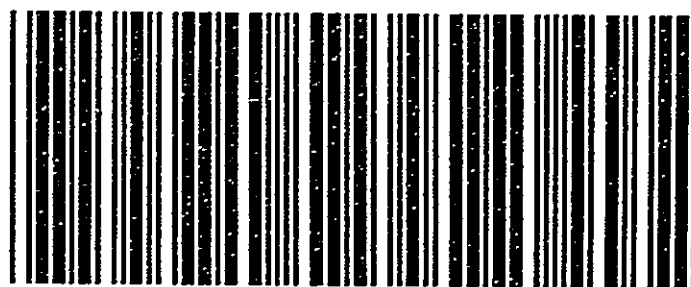


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Victor Mercer-Smith

Royal Flying Corps



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A.I.F. 1st Squadron R.F.C.

MERCER-SMITH
Lieut.V.

"PRISONER OF WAR"

Interned Reserve Lazarette 11.
St. Franziska Stift, Kneuznach,
Germany.

"I was brought down wounded on the 16th June. Hope to be discharged from Hospital soon as my wounds are getting on well. Drop me a line and let me know any Queensland news as I have not had letters for a long time."

Cert. by Copy of letter from Officer to Miss Mercer Smith, Secretary,
Red Cross Society, Brisbane, Dated 50.7.18

London
13.9.18

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No. 1000 B.P.C.

HERGERSMITH
Vitor (Vinta) B.C. Lieut.

"p/w Landshut all well, rec:
your cable Geneva love".

Renatriated on 15-12-18.

Cart. by phone B.P.W. 10-1-19.

London
10-1-19

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(L.C.O.)

A.I.F. 1st Squadron. R.F.C.

MERCERSMITH
Lieut. V.

"MISSING 16/6/18"

Prisoner of War. Interned Carlsruhe.

Copenhagen Wire 22/8/18.

Cert. by Information from R.F.C. by Telephone message 31/8/18.

London
3/9/18.

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TO - BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Lieut. Vitor Mercersmith, No. 1 Squadron, R.F.C.,

"Missing 16/6/18".

From:- A.R.C.S.,
38, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1.

Enquirer:-
A.R.C.S.,
Spencer Block,
Queen Street,
Brisbane,
Queensland,
by cable 23/8/18.L.C.O.

A.I.F. No. 1 Squadron R.F.C.

MERCER SMITH
Lieut. Vinton

"PRISONER OF WAR"

Interned Karlsruhe.

"In reply to yours of 3rd/9/18, We have just received a cable from our Copenhagen Bureau reporting that the above Officer is in good health".

Cert. by Letter from Central Prisoner of War Records 4/9/18.

London
6/9/18.

B.

A.I.F., No. 1 Squad R.F.C.

MERCER-SMITH
Lieut. Victor

"PRISONER OF WAR"

Interned Karlsruhe

Gun shot wound shoulder and foot - doing well - out of Hospital.
Cert. by Letter dated 27/8/18 received A.I.F.Hqrs 18/9/18.

London
23/9/18.

B

R.F.C.

MERCER SMITH
LIEUT. V.

"PRISONER OF WAR MESSAGE"

"All well received your Cable Geneva love"

Message received on Cable from Brisbane
dated 19/9/18.

(London
1/10/18.

A.I.F. R.A.F.
No 1 Squadron.

SMITH
Lieut. Victor Mercer

("PRISONER OF WAR"

Interned Landslut a Isar Bayern.

Cert. by Post Card from Officer to Mr. Soles, 40 Gloucester Street,
Belgravia, S.W.1., Dated 25/9/18.

(London
2/10/18.

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A.I.F. No 1 Squad. R.F.C.

MERCERSMITH
Victor Lieut.

"Exchanged prisoners, when does he return
to Australia"

Disch: to take Com. in Imp. Forces

Returned to Australia a few days ago.
Cert. by R.A.F. Phone 27.5.19

Cpl. Eyles (Pay Corps) Lieut Mercer-Smith's friend R to A. 31.5.19
W/O Gibbs - 27.5.19

Home address: Carnoela, Gladstone Rd, South Brisbane, Queensland.
Cert. by Phone from Air Min. 27.5.19

No record Australia House
Cert. by Phone 27.5.19

London
27.5.19

B(LCO)

The Secretary.

Central Prisoners of War.

4 Thurloe Place. S.W. 7.

3rd September

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Dear Sir.

We have recently been asked by cable from our Brisbane Bureau to ascertain the nature of the wounds of - Lt. Victor Harcourt Smith. No. 1 Squad, R.A.F. who is interned in Carlisle having been captured on 16-6-18. Will you be good enough to let us know when you hear from Lt. Smith so that we may reply to our Brisbane Bureau. Have you at present any news of Lt. Smith being wounded?

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

E.H.W.

Secretary.

RECEIVED

23rd April 1918.

47th A.I.F.

January 2. No. 3064.

K/A

N. 13th Octr 1917.

He was in C.Co. 11. ltn. he was a pal of mine, he came from Rockhampton, did odd jobs. On the 13th Octr we were attacking at Passchendaele, we went over about 7a.m. Newbery was about 3 yards from me. I saw him hit by a bit of shell in the side. I went up to him and told the S/Es to put him on a stretcher. He was quite conscious. I was told that he died on the way down to the D/Station. I don't remember who told me.

RECEIVED

Inf.

2nd C.O. Shaw No. 4599.

47th A.I.F. C.No. 11. ltn.

Australian Camp.

Houellon.

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ST. JAMES'S CROSS SOCIETY
WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU

38, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, W.1

5 APR 18



Wounded
Address not known

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Private Supply

2nd Battalion

Australian Imperial Force

95 miles

Postage

*Miss Mercer-Smith
Sec. Queens Society
Red Cross
Brisbane
Sister*

Reserve Lazarette II.

St. Franziska Stift,

Kneuznach, Germany.

30th July, 1918.

C Dear Iles,

I was brought down wounded on the 16th June.
Hope to be discharged from hospital soon, as my wounds
are getting on well. Drop me a line and let me know any
Queensland news as I have not had letters for a long time.

Yours sincerely,

V. Mercer-Smith.

C

Pullau

2.11.18

The Secretaries
Red Cross Society
Dear Madam

I have to thank you
for your letter of 3rd Sept
concerning cablegram
from Borneo.

Kindly note my pres-
ent address.

I am

Yours faithfully

V. Mervin Smith

H. R. A. F.

Ab sender: (Name) V. Werner Smith
(Dienstgrad) 1st Lt. P. A. F.

Kriegsgefangener im Offiziers-Gefangenenlager

Hammerfall **Ingebladt, Fort X**
Pillau Balzen (Allenstein)
East Prussia

Postkarte AID
The Secretary
1400 1st St. N.E.
Quot Red Cross Society
Grand Rapids, Mich.
(State) _____
(Street) _____
(Department) _____
London S.W.1
England



V. A. Smith
40, Gloucester Street,
Belgravia, S.W.1.

*The Secretary
Aus. Red Cross Society*

0 Please note that I have this day received a
post card, dated 25th August, 1918, from -

Lieut. Victor Mercer Smith, R.A.F.
stating his address now to be -

Kriegsgefangenenlager Landshut a. Jsar Bayern.

For your registration, please.

E. W. Jones

3rd October, 1918.

Home address:-
"Camoola"

Gladstone Road

South Brisbane. Q.

All references to a prisoner
should contain full details
as to his rank, regiment,
battalion, etc.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN
OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

CENTRAL PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF SANDWICH, Chairman.
P. D. AGNEW, C.B.E., Vice-Chairman and Managing Director.
Lieut.-Col. L. IMPEY, C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary.

Cheques should be made payable to the Earl of Sandwich, and crossed Barclay & Co., not negotiable.

Please reply to
THE SECRETARY,
Central Prisoners of War Committee

4, THURLOE PLACE,

[Nearly opposite the Brompton Oratory]

LONDON, S.W. 7

and quote Officers' Records. M.A.P.

4th. September 1918.

Telegram: Prisoners,
South Kensington, London.
Telephone: Kensington 7040.
(five lines)

Dear Madam,

Re Lieut. Vinton Mercer Smith,
R.A.F.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your
communication dated 3rd. September, and to inform you
that we have just received a cable from our Copenhagen
Bureau reporting that the above Officer is in good
health and we hope this will re-assure you.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. J. Neguslin

Hon. Secretary,
Officers' Records.

Miss V. Deakin,
Australian Red Cross,
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1.

P.

September 3rd, 1918.

Lt Vinton Mercer Smith.
No 1 Squad. Royal Flying Corps.
Offizierlager Karlsruhe.
GERMANY.

Dear Sir.

We have recently been asked by cable dated 8-3-18
from our Brisbane Bureau to send you the following message
from home which we are sure will greatly cheer you.

"Family delighted safe - Hope soon better. Love"
Your present address in Germany has been cabled to Australia
and we trust that you will soon get home letters.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Aw*

Secretary.