

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5352 Private
George Craig**

15th Battalion



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15th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Craig
G. 5352

"Missing 8-8-1916"

"Killed in Action 8-8-1916. previously reported Missing.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters L.B. 123

London
12-1-17

B.

A.I.P. 15.

K. 8.8.16.

GRAIG G. 5352.

Murphy J. 5468.

They are known to be P/W. in Germany. Craig's casualty as given is wrong. I saw a letter myself that Craig wrote to one of the men in the En. Both prisoners were unwounded and were doing well. I know them both very well. Craig used to work in Brisbane and Murphy came from Towamba. I am positively certain of their initials and numbers.

Reference: Pte. T. Snowden. 5510. A.Co.
4 A.D.B.D.

SA.

Etaples.
20.2.17.

W.L. Craig 1.
3075 28 Batt 4 P.W. at Wahn.
1499 Gas Murphy 51 Batt EW

B

A. I. 2. 15.

CRAIG, G. 5352.
(65 others).

E/August 8th. 1916.

The names of these men appeared in the British Australasian of Sept. 28th., or thereabouts, as P/W in Germany. I saw the statement that appeared. (Numbers, etc. checked from record kept by witness).

References: Pte. M. Hartagh, 5456. B. Coy. 15th. Bn.,
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Etaples.
6.3.17.
SA.

H. Q.
Asking H. Q. to verify 17.3.17 B.

15th Batt.
A.I.F.,

G. CRAIG 5352

"Killed Aug. 8/16"

I saw him killed at Pozieres on 8th Aug. in the trenches - shell?
he died at once. He was put in his oil sheet and put on the parapet
I did not see him buried came from Toowoomba *G*mate of mine. Short, *dark*.
~~dark~~ Came over as Cpl, but lost his stripe on journey up.

Reference:- 5375 G.W.Cox
Ward 36
Harefield Hospital.
9.3.17.

London
16.3.17.
D.P.Dickson

B.

15th. Battn. A. I. F.

CRAIG.
G. 5352.

Killed 8.8.16 any report of burial?

Still reported Killed. No report of burial.
Cert: by A. I. F. Headquarters. 19.3.17.

London
29.3.17.

B.

A.I.F. 15.

CRAIG, G. 5352.

K. August 8th, 1916.

A list of prisoners came through about October 1916. His name was on it. I did not see the list but men in my section (to which Craig belonged) saw it and gave me the facts. I knew him as George Craig. He belonged to XII pltn. C. Coy. I knew him quite well. He belonged to the same Reinf. to the 15th Battr. Lt. F. E. Barnes, H. Q. (prov. C. Coy) could substantiate this statement. I am positive as to his number.

Reference:- Pto. J. Donald. 5372. C. Coy.
Ho. 51 Gen. Hosp.

(This report is sent in because of persistent statements by different men to the effect that Craig is a P/W)

3075 W. L. Craig 25 Battr. P. W. Jr List dated 18.10.11
Is he P/W

Staples.
29.2.17.

Written H. Barnes 25.4.17

SA. B

A.I.F. 15.

CRAIG, G. 5352

K. August 8th. 1916. Det: D & B.

I know a man named George Craig, who was in my reinforcements, and whose number would be about 5352. He came from Brisbane, and was with Allan Stark & Co, Queens Street. I heard from a great friend of Craig's whose name was James Craig, of C. Coy, that George Craig was a prisoner in Germany. He was missing after the attack at Pozieres on the 8th August.

Informant: Pte Lows. 5449. 1^B. D. 8.
No. 3 Can. Gen.

BOULOGNE. 18.6.18.

*Written Re Craig 27.7.17
M. Hunt on*

RHL.

15th Battn
A.I.F.

CRAIG
G

5352

"Killed in Action 8.8.16."

Regarding 5352 15th Battn A.I.F. Well I am afraid I can't give you anything official as regards him being a prisoner of war. But in November 1916 I read in the Anzac Bulletin about him being prisoner and everyone ~~that~~ was in the same stunt as him at Pozieres says he is a prisoner. Of course I can't say anything about that because I was not there, since then someone in this Battn gave me his address. I can't remember who it was but they told me they had a letter from one of their mates who saw him there. The address was 5352 G. Craig Gefangenen Lager. Dubren Camp Prisoner of War, West Germany. I am afraid my information is not much good to you but I never thought there was any doubt about him not being a prisoner of War and everyone that knew him in this Battn is of the same opinion. I have never wrote to him as it is only lately ~~that~~ I ~~have~~ received the above address. I make enquiries and try and find out who it was that gave me his address and will let you know

Letter from:- J.R. Craig

2636 15th Battn A.I.F.
France. 1.8.17.

London.
14.9.17.

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30th April 1917.

Lieut. F. E. Barnes,
Head Quarters,
15th Australian Inf. Battalion.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Brisbane Bureau to make enquiries for:-

No. 5352. G. Craig, 15th Battn. A.I.F.
Killed 6.8.16.

and have lately received persistent unofficial reports to the effect that this soldier is a Prisoner of War.

We have never received his name on any of the Lists of Prisoners of War, tho we have 3075. W.L. Craig, 28th Battn. A.I.F. as Prisoner of War Captured Pozieres 29.7.16. and should be very grateful if you could inform us whether you have any information in the Battalion of 5352. G. Craig other than the report of Killed 8.8.16.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary.

July 26th. 1917.

Pte. James Craig,
C. Coy.,
15th. Battalion, A.I.F.
E. E. F.

Dear Pte. Craig,

We have been making enquiries for our Brisbane Bureau concerning :-

5352 G. Craig, 15th. Battn., A I.F.

Killed 8.8.16. and have lately been told that you knew him to be a Prisoner of War in Germany. We should be very grateful for the sake of our enquirers if you would write without delay, and tell us if our informant was correct as his statement as so far we have never received the name of 5352 G. Craig on any of our Lists of Prisoners of War in Germany though we have :- 3075 W.L. Craig, 18th. Battn., A.I.F. on our Prisoners Index.

If you have ever received any letters or postcards from G. C. Craig written from Germany, we should be very glad if you ^{would} send it to us in order that we might copy the name and the Camp etc. and make further enquiries.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
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ack
F.M. 13.8.17

August 1st 1917

To the Secretary.
A. R. C. Society.

8352

G. CRAIG

K.A. 8.8.16 -

15th Batt (P.M.H.)
B.3 (Ted)

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 26/7/17 regarding G. Craig. 5552. 15th Batt. A. I. F. Well I am afraid I can't give you anything official as regards him being a prisoner of war. But in November 1916 I read in The Anzac Bulletin about him being a prisoner and every one that was in the same stunt as him at Poziers says he is a prisoner of course I can't say anything about that because I was not there, since then someone in this Batt. gave me his address. I can't remember who it was. but they told me they had a letter from one of their mates who saw him there, the the address was. 5552. G

Craig. Gefangenon Lager, Dabren Camp.
Prisoner of War, West Germany.

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because it is only lately I received the
above address. I will make inquiries
and try and find out who it was that
gave me his address, and will let you know

I am.

Yours Truly.

J. R. Craig.

2636.

15th Batt. Coy.

A. I - F. Coy.

Francis

13.8.17.

2636

2036. Pte. J.R. CRAIG

15 Batn. A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Craig,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning:- ~~5352 G. CRAIG~~
15 Batn. A.I.F.
and for your promise to let us know should you later hear anything more definite.

We are rather inclined to think your informant must have been confusing:- ~~5352 G. CRAIG~~
~~3008, Wm. CRAIG.~~ with
3075 Wm. L. CRAIG. 28th. Batn. A.I.F.
who was taken prisoner 29.7.16 - and has been since interned at
Dulmen, Germany.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

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