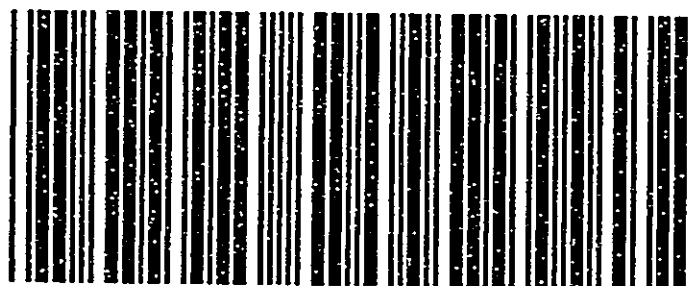


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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3263 Private  
David Robert  
Cramond

14th Battalion



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14th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Cramond.  
D. R. 3263

m "Missing 11.4.17"

I was not acquainted with the above named man who was in my section when I last saw him it was at Bullecourt. He was about 5'10", fair complexion and had a speck on one of his front teeth in the top row. I saw him get hit at Bullecourt near the barbed wire, it seemed to go through the chest. After we came back that afternoon I enquired about him, but could not hear anything about him, so I either think he is killed or prisoner of war.

Letter from:-

Pte. T. Dickson 162

C. Coy.

14th Battn. 4.8.17.

London.  
21.8.17.

M.  
P.I.

*1. Bond.*

14th A.I.F.

Crammond D.R. 3263,

(M. Apl. 11/17)

"I made all possible enquiries for Pte. David R. Crammond (14 C. IX) for his brother. I found out about fourteen days ago from Pte. Harry Hollow H.Q. that he had heard that he was a prisoner of war. I was not in the engagement on April 11th at Bullecourt. Our men had to come back".

Eye-witness: No, told by Pte. Harry Hollow H.Q.

Description: From nr. Melbourne, single, a mechanic.

Informant: Pte. Charles Crapper 3269,  
14th A.I.F., C. Coy., IX Plt.,  
3rd Southern General Hospt., Oxford.

Home address:  
Tandera Post Office,  
via Bendigo,  
Victoria,  
Australia.

Aug. 28th 1917,  
H.H. Pickerd-Cambridge.

Written by Hollow 9-9-17

1 Boul.

Written asking  
Chaplain 14th  
to interview  
Hollow 4-10-17.

P.I.  
M. 12450.

Hayre

29th August 1917

14th AUSTRALIANS

GRAMMOND, D.R. 3263

Missing 11th April 1917

Grammond was in C. Co. 9th Platoon. Private Dickson No. 162, 14th Bn. C. Co., 9th Platoon (originally in the 6th Bn.) told me that he saw Grammond fall in front of him when attacking at Bullecourt in April 1917. Dickson is serving a court-martial sentence.

Informant:

Pto. W. Lynch 2720  
14th Australians D.Co. 15th Bn  
formerly 14th Bn. C.Co. 9th Bn  
Australian Base, Rouelles

RDM

P.1

M-1000

*pts. Dickson written 20/7/17*

*1 Boul.*

Havre

18th September. 1917.

14th AUSTRALIANS

GRAMMOND, D.R. 3263

H. April 11th. 1917.

He was in C. Co., II. Pltn. He is my brother. His number is correctly given. I have had a letter from No. 3269, Pt. C.A. Cropper of the 14th Batt., C. Co., Signaller, stating that my brother David Gramond is a prisoner of war in Germany - date of letter 13-8-17 from the Battalion. Cropper was wounded about 18th or 20th August, and has gone down the line. There should only be one M in our name.

Informant: Sapper, J.B. Gramond, 15671

Field Engineers.

A.G. R.D.

Australian Camp, Honolles.

*Not sent to P.I.*

*In Boulogne.*

*No news as P.I. to H.A.*

*P.I.*

CNR.

*See report from Cropper 28.8.17.*

14th Batta.  
A.P. 187

NOTE TO MELBOURNE

GRAMOND  
D.R. 3853

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

At the request of the brother Spr. J. B. Gramond we have written to 2457 L/Cpl. J. Snuggs - 14th Batta., who is a prisoner of War at Schneidemühl. Spr. Gramond is returning to Australia shortly - Address:- "Airlie", 28, Carlisle Street, South Preston, Melbourne. Please send him L/Cpl. Snuggs's reply when it arrives.

London  
12-7-18

M.

Boulogne 24th. Sept. 1917

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

GRAMOND, D.R. 3263, 14th. Australians.

Please cancel. His brother, our enquirer, says  
he has heard that he is a P/W.

See report from Havre 18th. Sept.

A.I.P. 14.

M. 11.4.17.

GRAMMOND D.R. 3253.

Cpl. S. Hedson, 2061, C.Co. 1X Pl. now up the line, was with Grammond on 11th April at Bullecourt. I had a letter from Grammond's brother asking for particulars which I handed to Hedson who replied to it giving details. I was platoon Sgt. but saw nothing of Grammond myself.

PHE.

Reference: Sgt. E. J. Horrocks. 1691. C. IX.  
22 Gen. Hpl.

Staples.  
2.10.17.

*not written p. 1.*

*Pd  
M*



14th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Cramond,  
D.R. 3263.

"Note to Boulogne"  
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Re your slip 8.10.17

We did not cancel above as we have an Australian enquiry about the case. - and the brother's report (Havre 19.9.17) showed his information to be very vague - We seldom cancel a man as a prisoner unless we have very strong proof or a camp address. 15071 Sapper. J.B. Cramond (the brother) is registered here as an enquirer... So unless you specially desire it we will not send you or Havre further reports on the case.

London 11.10.17

Bculogne 14th. Oct. 1917

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

CRAMOND. D.R. 3263, 14th. A.I.F.

Thank you for your note 11th. Oct.

Spr. J.B.Cramond, 15071, the brother, is our enquirer, and as we have had a good deal of correspondence with him already, and he is in France, we think it would really be best if we continued to send him information, unless, of course, you have a special reason for wishing otherwise. In that case we would hand over the whole correspondence to you, and tell Spr. Cramond that we are doing so. Will you tell us what you prefer.

NOTE TO BOULOGNE

12TH Batn  
A.I.F.

CRAMOND  
D.R. 3263

Re your slip 14.10.17.

Apparently 15071 Sapper J.B. Cramond is writing constantly to you as well as to us. He is continually raising points to which have to be investigated in England, and our informants frequently refer us to him. Usually we are only too glad to have you deal with enquirers in France, ~~you deal with enquirers in France~~, but in this case as we also have an Australian enquirer it would not lighten our work much, and if you hand the case over to us you will have, we hope, no further trouble with it. Also, should D.R. Cramond prove to be a prisoner our letter sent direct to the brother would reach him more quickly than a report sent first to you.

London.  
17.10.17.

14th Battrn.

A. I. F. 29.5

Cremond.

D. R.

3263

"Missing 11.4.17"

His brother has been informed that Sig.C.A.Crapper 3269 of the 14th Battalion A.I.F. now in the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford can give information about him. Will you please have Crapper interviewed and send any information to Sapper Cramond J.B. 15071 Aust. Field Engineers, A.G.B.D. Havre.

Letter from:-

The Secretary, D.C.

W. & M. Dept. B.R.C.S.

Havre. 11. 12. 17.

**London.**

19.10.17.

Letter received from brother same day.  
Writing Sig. Crapper 18.10.17.

P.I.

11.

NOTE Not sent on.

14th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Cramond.  
D. R. 3263

"Missing 11.4.17"

There is at present in the 3rd Southern General Hospital Oxford a Signaller by the name of Crapper C.A. 3269 14th Battn., I would like if you would have him interviewed for me with reference to a brother of mine. Dvr. David R. Cramond 3263 9th Pltn., C. Coy., 14th Battn., Missing since April 11th. This Sig. Crapper knew my brother well and wrote me about the latter end of August to the effect that he had information of my brother being a prisoner of war in Germany. I have written him but being severely wounded he may not be able to reply. Will you kindly ask him for me where he got his information from and if it is reliable.

Letter from:-

Sapper B. Cramond 15071.

Field Engineers.

A.G.B.D.

France. 11.10.17.

London.

22.10.17.

Note Not sent on.

M.  
P.I.

14th Bn  
A.I.F.

CRAMOND  
D.R. 3263

"Missing April 11th 1917"

I was told by Cpl. Hodson 2061 (14th A.I.F. C. Coy.)  
that Cramond was missing about April 1st 1917 at Bullecourt.  
Ground was lost. *Believe Cpl. Hodson might have more information*

Eye-Witness:- No

Description:- Tall, Fair, Called "Dave"

Informant:-

Edmund James Horrocks Sgt.  
14th Bn A.I.F.

Home address:- 48, Stuart Rd.,  
Walton, Liverpool.

London.  
31.10.17.

*NOTE Cpl. Hodson has already written to brother.*

M. P.I.

14th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Cramond.  
D. R. 3263

"Missing 11.4.17"

Re Pte.D.R.Cramond. I also received a letter from his brother  
J.B.Cramond as he wrote and told him what I had heard must have  
been untrue, as there had not been anything official come through  
up to date.

Letter from:-

Pte.C.E.Crapper

No.1 Command Depot.

Sutton Veny.

5.11.17.

London.

15.11.17.

M.  
P.I.

10/25/17

10/25/17

Statement made by John D. Grepper D.A. 14th Dec

to Mr. J. D. Grepper D.A. 14th Dec

I have nothing to say about the fate of  
my brother, John D. Grepper. I was told  
by a friend of his that he was a prisoner of war  
in Germany, so I notified his brother what I had  
heard.

Dated at Bullton Vaux this 23rd day of October 1917.

(Sgd) C.A. Grepper

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) Mr. Dooly  
Lt. & Adj.  
Hq. I. Command Depot  
A.I.F.

*John D. Grepper*  
P.I.  
M



14th Batt.  
C. Coy. 9th Pltn.  
A. I. F.

Cramond,  
David Roberts' 3263

"Missing 11.4.17"

Killed in Action 11.4.17 - Previously reported Missing  
Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 23.11.17

London 5.12.17

M & P.I

14th Battn. C. Coy.  
A.I.F.

ORAMOND  
David Robert 3263

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

I am sorry to state I do not know or have not heard any  
information regarding him.

Cert. by Smaggs. L/Opl. J. P/W  
14th Battn. A.I.F.,  
Schneidemühl,  
GERMANY. 5-9-18.

London  
16-10-18  
N.T.

P.I.  
M.

14th Battn.  
A.I.F.

CRAMMOND.  
D.B.R. 3265.

" Killed in Action 14-11-17"

Re your enquiry relating to 3265, David Robert Crammond.  
C. Company, 14th Battalion. I am very sorry to state I do not  
know or have not heard any information regarding him. Will  
you please inform those concerned of the above.

Letter from: - L/Cpl. J. Smaggs. 2457.

14th Bann. A.I.F. 5. Coy.  
KRIEGSGEFANKESENDUNG. 8-9-18.

London.  
12-11-18.  
I.E.D.

M. & P. I.

Howe

18th June, 1917

24th AUSTRALIANS

CHAMPION, D.R. 3263

M. 11.4.17.

He was in C Co., 9th platoon. His name Pte. Dickson of the 14th battalion, C Co., 9th platoon, told me that he saw him killed at Bullecourt on the 11th April, 1917. He said he was alongside him and they were near the German wires. We did not hold the ground. Dickson was with the unit when I left about 6 weeks ago.

Informant: Pte H.A. Hamilton, 902  
14th Australians, C Co., 9th Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

Written Pte Dickson 20.7.17

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May 30th, 1917.

Sapper J.B.Crammond,  
Field Engineers Depot,  
Brightlingsea, Essex.

Dear Sir,

We are very sorry to inform you of the death from wounds on 15-3-17, at the 3rd Australian Casualty Clearing Station of your brother No. 2801 I/Cpl.Alex.K.Crammond, 39th Battn., A.I.F.

At present we have no details of his death, but we have written to the officer commanding the Hospital, and will send you his report as soon as we hear from him.

Your brother No. 3263 Pte D.R.Crammond, 14th Battn., A.I.F., is on our lists as officially Missing since April 11th, 1917. Although we have been making enquiries, we have received no information, but we hope very soon to obtain some details of his casualty, which we shall immediately forward to you, as we fully realise your anxiety.

May we offer our sincere sympathy with you in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.  
A.W.

2457 L/Cpl. J. Snuggs,  
British Prisoner of War,  
Gefangenenlager Schneidemühl,  
Posen, Germany.

July 12th, 1918.

Dear L/Cpl. Snuggs,

We have been asked by his brother to write and enquire  
of you can give us any information about -

~~3263 David Roberts Crammond, C. Coy, of your unit.~~  
who has been posted as Missing since 11-4-17 and is now reported  
Killed in Action.

We understand Spr. Crammond is also writing to you himself -

If you can send him any news, please write to him at his home  
address "Airlie", 28, Carlisle Street, South Preston, Melbourne.  
In that case perhaps you would kindly send us a message on your next  
card to Miss Chomley, just mentioning L/Cpl. D.R. Cramond's name so  
that we may easily trace the enquiry. If you cannot give any news  
do not trouble to answer Spr. Cramond's letter direct.

We will send a message to him when Miss Chomley receives  
it. We trust you are getting your parcels regularly and that they  
contain what you need most.

With best wishes for yourself, and your friends in the  
camp.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

M. S.

SECRETARY.

Recd  
F.M. 14/11/17  
9.11.17

3263

D.R. CRAMOND

M. 11.4.17

14 Ballinacorney Bond Depot

M  
P.I. 5.

Sutton Veng.

Wills

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917

To The Secretary Aust-Red Cross

Dear Madam

In reply re letter I  
received on 2<sup>nd</sup> inst concerning Pie D.R. Crammond  
3263. I also received a letter from his brother J.D. Crammond so I wrote and told him what I had heard must of had been untrue, as there has not been anything official come through up to date. So dear Madam this is all the information I can furnish you with trusting it will meet with your approval. I am yours very respectfully  
Pie D.R. Crammond

August 11th 1917.

Dear Sir,

We have received this first report about D.R. Grammond

3263, 14th Australians:-

He was in C.Coy. 9th pltn. His ohum Pte Dickson of the 14th Battalion, C.Coy, 9th pltn. told me that he saw him killed at Bullecourt on the 11th April 1917. He said he was alongside him and they were near the German wires. We did not hold the ground. Dickson was with the unit when I left about six weeks ago.

Informant: Pte H.A. Hamilton. 902.  
14th Australians, C.Coy. 9th pltn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.  
Le Havre. 18th June 1917.

We cannot, of course, say whether this is correct, as we have nothing to confirm or contradict it. We will send you anything further we may receive.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary  
Wounded & Missing Dept.

Sapper J.B. Gramond 15071.  
A.I.F.

Field Engineers.

A.B.D.B.

A.P.O. 1.



**JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.**

**BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.**

**THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.**

Please reply to \_\_\_\_\_ Headquarters B.R.C.S.,  
and Quote No. \_\_\_\_\_ A.P.O. 2,  
B.R.F.

20. Oct/17

Letter of 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. not

answered -

We are telling Spn J B.

Cramond that in future

you will send him all

the information received

about his brother.

M. S. R. Cramond 3263.  
H. D. H.

Sherrin Oct 11/77  
A. S. B. D.  
France.

Dear William.

Yours to-day.

Will you be good enough to trace  
this Gen. Harry Westcott. Chap.  
1st Batt. 11th. C. A. Chap. 1st  
1869 says he got his information  
from the paper and from  
Boston.

Dear David. R. Chamberlain.

3263  
C. Camp. 1st Batt.

Missing since April 11th.

Have already written Private  
Heron, but have been unable to  
hear. I am writing about it.

Off. S. Heron, who sent me word  
some time ago that he had heard  
nothing further being a prisoner.

I have received no official news  
of him up to date. I want to

clear up this matter, and am writing  
him, and will give help I can.

I thank you for your remembrance.

Sep. Chamberlain A. S. B. D. 1869

Oct. 8th 1917.

Dear Sir,

I think we can put you in touch with Private C. Crapper 3269 for on the 29th Sept. he was in the 3rd Southern General Hospital ~~at Oxford~~.

He then gave the following report which gives his authority for saying that Pte. D.R. Cramond 3265 14th A.I.F. is a prisoner of war.

I made all possible enquiries for Pte. R. Cramond (14.C.IX) for his brother. I found out about 14 days ago from Pte. Harry Hollow H. . that he had heard that he was a prisoner of war. I was not in the engagement on April 11th at Bullecourt. Our men had to come back.

Description:- From near Hell urne, single, a mechanic.

Informant:- Pte. Charles Crapper 3269  
14th A.I.F. C. Coy. IX Pltn.  
3rd Southern Gen. Hosp.  
Oxford.

We have also had this from Sergt. E.J. Horrocks 1691 C.IX. which we send in case the letter from Cpl. S. Rodson should have reached you.

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Cpl. S. Hodson, 2061 C. Coy. IX Pltn. now up  
the line, was with Cramond on the 11th April at Bullecourt.  
I had a letter from Cramond's brother asking for particulars  
which I handed to Hodson who replied to it, giving details.  
I was platoon Sergt. but saw nothing of Cramond myself.

Informant: Sergt. E. J. Horrocks 1691. C. IX.  
R2, Gen. Hosp.  
Etaples. 2.10.17.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,  
Wounded & Missing Dept.

Sapper J. B. Cramond 15071.  
A. I. F. Field Engineers,  
A. G. B. D.  
A. P. O. 3/12.



On Active Service  
WITH THE BRITISH  
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>  
1917  
To Harro.

Dear Madam.

I am today so very happy  
to hear from you. I am in the  
1st Battalion. The information you speak of, I have had from  
Pier. D. Richards of the same Company. I am not  
quite sure of it, however. He is in the 1st  
Battalion. But he has the same statement, but also  
said that he did not know Chamberlain personally, and  
the description he gives of my brother (John) is quite  
correct (his teeth) does not fit his statement. My brother  
is a bit of a dark brown, and I have a few spots  
on my face. I am sure that I have had from  
Sgt. A. C. Chappell, 1st Battalion, who has been  
in the same Battalion. He has had information  
of my brother being a prisoner of war in Germany. I  
have had no official news confirming this, however. I  
have written to Mr. J. J. Thomas - his Battalion - 1st Battalion, 1st  
Division, 1st Army. I want to get in touch with  
Chappell if possible, and find out if he has his information  
confirmed. I have been very anxious about this for some  
time, as I am at present. I have written to Mr. J. J. Thomas  
of the 1st Battalion, 1st Division, 1st Army. I am hoping and  
hoping much to hear from you. Yr. aff. son, J. B. Chamberlain. 1st Battalion.

Sept. 27th. 1917.

Dear Sir,

We wrote to Private T. Dickson 162, 14th A.I.F. about your brother, Private D.R. Gramond 3263, 14th A.I.F. and have had the following reply from him:-

" I was acquainted with the above man who was in my section, when I last saw him it was at Bullecourt. He was about 5ft 10ins, fair, and had a gold speck on one of his front teeth in the top row. I saw him get hit at Bullecourt near the barbed wire, it seemed to me to be through the chest. After we came back that afternoon I enquired about him, but could not hear anything about him, so I either think he is killed or prisoner of war."

Possibly you may have written to him yourself, as we sent you his name some little time ago but in case you received no answer we think you will like to see what he says though we fear that it is not good news.

Yours faithfully,

Sapper J.B. Gramond, 15071.  
A.I.F. Field Engineers  
A.G.B.D.

Secretary  
Wounded & Missing Dept.

His Secretary

Dear Bernard

Geo. Davis D. Chambers.

Aug. 1863. C. Comp. 1st Batt.

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but more important to come in later

Laurens only irregularly, Pittsford, 24 Feb.

procer. *Stachys serotina* Linn. fr

for most men exist as particulars.

accepting that the Bureau was wrong.

What happened, I am sure

For the purpose of the Sanitary Commission of the U. S.

and under a cover of a Great House.

1700 arrived on the 2nd of June from  
the same place. Harris had been in

little firm. There is just a possibility  
of him being a permanent resident.

Takapuna, New Zealand. A. F. F. K.

and the Government is here, from

*Stauben*

Engineer: *Sgt. Carstens* 118.10071 A-1



### *In the Field.*

1500

*Handwritten signature*

June 16 / 1952

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### *In the Field.*

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Sup. Command R  
Hess 5071  
A. T. R.  
Personnel  
is present in  
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Dec.12th.1917.

No. 5507 Pte. O.C. Smith.  
60th Battn. A.I.F.  
No. 2 Y.M.C.A. Hut.  
No. 3 Command Depot.  
Hurdcott.

Re - 3263 David Robert CRAMOND - 14th Battn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir;

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 11.4.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news,

Yours faithfully,

LAW.

Secretary.

3351 Pte.H.Hollow,  
14th Infantry Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Force.  
February 4th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 3263 Pte.D.R.GRAMOND, 14th Battalion, A.I.F., We much regret to inform you that he is now officially reported killed in action on 11.4.17, having previously been reported Missing on that date. Up to the present we have been unable to obtain any details of his death, beyond the fact that he was killed at Bullecourt and the ground afterwards lost.

We are still pursuing our enquiries concerning him and will at once advise you if we receive any particulars of his death and burial.

Assuring you of our sympathy in the loss of your friend.  
Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Flora N. F. St. George L.B.

1772  
Dear Mr. Parker  
In answer to your inquiry relating to  
the David Robert of Grand Cay 12 P.M.  
I am very sorry to state I do not know  
or have not heard any information regarding  
him. Will you please inform those concerned  
of the above if they people are receiving fully  
regular and continue what I just mentioned above  
Many thanks  
Yours truly  
J. S. D.  
J. S. D.

Non address  
My address  
2467  
Gefangenlager Schreinemühl  
Deutschland

Kriegsgefangene, Internierung



Mrs. V. Pichler

Australian Wounded and Missing

Ernest Barker

36 Grosvenor Place

10 SEP 18

London

England

Postadresse:  
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Deutschland

Kriegsgefangenen-Sendung

Alfred Decker

Michael Müller

Frank Kuhn

36 Gefangen

in der Gefangen

Georg Kuhn



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2457 L/Cpl. J. Smuggs,  
14th Australian Infantry Battalion, 1st November 1918.  
Australian Imperial Force,  
5 Company,  
Gefangenenlager,  
Schneidemühl,  
Deutschland.  
C/o Australian Base Post Office, London.

Dear L/Cpl. Smuggs,

Thank you very much for your reply to our enquiry about  
3262 Pte D.R. Cramond, 14th Battalion, although you were unable  
to give us any particulars of this soldier, we were very pleased  
to have a letter from you. We are glad that your parcels reach  
you fairly regularly and that they contain what you like.

Trusting that you and your companions in the Camp are in  
good health and with best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary

*Per JED*

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 11. 1919

From Lieut.

France

H. H. Koller, No. 3351

1st Bn. 1st S. F.

Ans. 2.2.15

To the Secretary  
Honored Military Commission

I would be glad if you  
could give me any information regarding  
the whereabouts of P. R. Brown  
No. 3363 of the 1st Bn. 1st S. F.  
It was rumored that he was killed  
but I would like to know for  
certain as he was my mate.

Yours faithfully  
H. H. Koller

Dec.12th.1917.

No.15071 Spr.J.B.Cramond,  
Field Coy.Ehgers,  
Aust: General Base Details,  
B.E.F.

Re - David Robert CRAMOND 3263 - 14th Battn.A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 11.4.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of your sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

L.A.W.

Secretary.



Harvey May 31  
Engineer Dept  
Brighton.

The Secretary.

Art. Branch. 1 British  
Red Cross.

Kear Madam.

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Yours today to my  
brother A. H. Channing 2901 and David R.  
Channing 2902 - 591 Batt. and in light.  
I will obtain it for you. I will forward  
me all particulars relating to my younger  
brother (Wick) brother. — What it depends  
I want to obtain any of his personal belongings  
through you? Kindly let me know. —  
Regarding news of my brother David, missing  
since April 1st. But will be thankful for  
any information concerning him.

Appreciating your kind  
— and very much.  
Yours truly.

Sgt. Channing R.  
H. 5071.  
Art. Branch.  
Brighton.

Ans 19.6.17

Leaving 15/6/17  
Engineers' Depot.  
Brighton  
Essex.

To Secretary, Art. Bch. Brit. Red Cross.

Dear Madam.

I have my information and  
thought with reference to my brother

Pete David. R. Army.  
(James) 110 3263. 1st Battalion.  
O. Company.

14th Battalion A.S.F.  
Reported Missing April 1917.

Assured to hear.

Yours  
Sincerely,  
Sup. Command R.C.  
11.5.17  
Hon. Engineer.



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4/8/17

3263 D.R. CROMMOND

14 Batt 21 F

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answer to your letter about

CP 3263 Pte D.R. Crommond 14<sup>th</sup> Batt 21 F  
reported missing on 11.4.17

I was well acquainted with the above  
named man who was in my section  
when I last saw him at  
Buller's.

He was about five feet six fair complexion  
and had a gold tooth in of his front  
teeth on the top row.

Then when I got back at Buller's  
near the Barbours it seemed to  
be through the chest after we  
came back that afternoon I  
enquired about him but could  
not hear any thing about him so I  
then thought he killed or prisoner of war  
that is all the information I can give you  
about him.

I remain yours faithfully  
CP 162 Pte J. Burton 6 Coy 14<sup>th</sup> Batt 21 F

7.8.17

15071 Sapper J.B.Cramond,  
Field Engineers. A.I.F.  
A.G.B. D.  
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We fear the only news we have of your brother 3263 Pte. D.R. Cramond 14th. Bn A.I.F. is not of a reassuring nature. At the same time it is secondhand and we cannot vouch for its accuracy. Our informant 902 Pte. H.A. Hamilton 14th. Bn told us that your brother's chum Pte. Dickson of C.Coy, 9 Pltn told him that he saw Pte. Cramond killed at Bullecourt on the 11th April. Pte Dickson was alongside him and they were near the German wires. The ground was not held. We have written to Pte. Dickson for confirmation of this report but have not yet had an answer. We will at once communicate with you when we have further news so would be glad to hear when you change your address. Assuring you of our sympathy with you in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

W.F.B.

Secretary

9.8.17

No 1507\ Sapper J.B. Crammond,  
Field Engineers, A.G.B.D. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are very <sup>4</sup>to advise you of an official report about your brother No. 3263 Pte. D.R. Crammond 14th. Btn. A.I.F. which leads us to fear that he was killed in action on 11.4.17. No. 902 Pte. H.A. Hamilton, of the same unit who was in camp in France reported that he was told by Pte. Dickson, your brother's friend, that he saw him killed beside him near the German wire, during the attack on the German lines at Bullecourt on 11.<sup>4</sup>17. It proved unsuccessful so they did not hold the ground and he knows nothing of his burial.

We have written to Pte. Dickson for any information that he may be able to send us and as soon as we receive his or any other report we shall let you know as we realise how very anxious you must be.

With our very sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary  
LAW

Wm. H. Hall, Jr.  
 Secy. of the Board.  
 Sunday, July 10/77  
 Boston.

The Secretary. Edgar Allan Poe

Chas. T. 19th. 1st. 1st. 1st.  
Recd. Chas.

Dear Madam. Your report &c

my brother: —  
 Geo. David D. CHASE  
 C. Chase. 1408 Madison Ave.

I have something indirectly to the  
 same effect as for cracker, but  
 place the evidence upon it. I also  
 sent Mr. Pickens asking for par-  
 ticulars, but, we fear, have the answer  
 no answer. I am sure that I get intouch  
 with him, and would do so if you  
 can tell me how. I believe he stated to  
 some of the boys that he was very free-  
 ly - he would not mention him as being  
 killed. It is possible he may have been  
 somewhere else, and then taken prisoner.  
 Hoping that such is the case, and  
 I believe, to have further from you  
 with the means to him. I am, Sir,  
 Yours, Chas. J. B. 25071

14.8.17.

162 Pte. T. DICKSON,  
C.Co. 14 Btn. A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Dickson,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry  
concerning:- 3365 D.R. CRANFORD, 14 Batten. A.I.F.

So far we have not received his name on any of our lists of  
Prisoners of War. We are continuing our searches and trust to  
receive later some information regarding his fate.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.  
Secretary.

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No 15071 Sapper J.B.Cramond,  
Field Engineers,  
Australian General Base Depot,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 15th inst, about  
your brother No 3263 Pte. D.R.Cramond,  
14th Battalion,  
A.I.F.

we very much regret to inform you of a letter received  
from No 162 Pte. T.Dickson, who when he wrote on 4.8.17  
was with the 14th Battalion in France. He states that  
although your brother was in his section he was not  
personally acquainted with him. His description there-  
fore will help you to establish the truth of his report.

He says that Pte. Cramond was fair, 5ft 10 inches  
in height, and had a gold speck on one of the front teeth  
in the upper jaw.

He saw him wounded, apparently in the chest, near  
the barbed wire entanglements in the attack at Bullecourt  
and when they returned that afternoon he inquired about him  
but could obtain no information. He therefore concluded that

he was either killed or a prisoner of War.

We very much fear that there is little hope that he is a prisoner as four months have elapsed since that date and he would surely have advised someone of his capture.

We are making further inquiries as we know how very anxious you are and as soon as we receive any information we shall send it to you immediately.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.  
(A. A. W.)

Receiving Aug 29/71  
J. H. H. H.

The Secretary

Anti-Slavery Society

Dear Madam

I have just received from the  
at hand. The description of  
Dickens gives you the (W.R.  
Chambers (see with Batt.) and we  
correspond with him in regard.

I wish to inform you that  
have received notes from a party  
in relation to the, stating that  
he has had information of you  
to the being a person of great  
in Germany. I have written

for confirmation of this report  
and will receive you of the result.

Should you be notified that such is  
the case, please send me name of  
person so that I can get in touch  
with him. I thank you.

Yours truly  
J. H. H. H.  
The Engineer A. L. F. - AGED. - 1871 -

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Sig. C. A. Chapin

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C. Chapin with Batt.

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John Stan. H. H. H.

2061  
C. Chapin with Batt.

Bro. J. H. H. H. H.  
my brother particularly  
well.

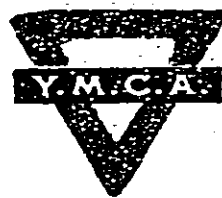
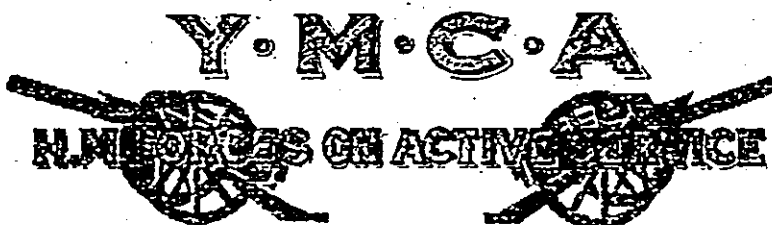
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For God, For King & For Country



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

Reply to \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_ Bar \_\_\_\_\_ Regt \_\_\_\_\_

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

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*Pte O. C. Smith*

*60<sup>th</sup> Batt A.I.F. 1<sup>st</sup> 2. Y.M.C.A.*

*Hurdcott. 1<sup>st</sup> R. Salisbury*

Dear Sir

*Would you  
let me know if you can find out anything  
about No. 3263. D. R. Cramond. Pte. 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
A.I.F. He was Reported missing April 11<sup>th</sup>. his  
people in Melbourne. have written to me asking  
me. to try. & find out what I can about him. so  
will you let me know. any news. you have of him  
& Oblige. Pte O. C. Smith*

October 4th, 1917.

Captain Rolland, C.F.  
14th Australian Infantry Battalion,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have been making enquiries on behalf of our Melbourne bureau, and his brother who is in the Engineers about:-

3263 D.R. CRAMOND, 14th Battalion, A.I.F. -

who is reported missing 11.4.17. The brother writes that 3269 Pte. Charles Crapper made enquiries for him, and Crapper reports that Pte. Harry Hollow, Battalion Headquarters, had heard that he is a prisoner of war. We have received no reply to our letter to Hollow, and if he is still with the unit we would be much obliged if you would question him as to whether he has actually heard from Pte. D.R. Cramond from Germany, or merely presumes he is a prisoner.

We would not trouble you about this case were it not that the brother evidently is so satisfied with information he has received that he has cancelled his enquiry at our Boulogne office.

We have no trace of 3263 D.R. Cramond in our index of prisoners, and are of course not sending him any parcels of food etc.

Yours faithfully,

*Sec. per L.W.S.*

P.S.

You may be interested to learn that we hear the new arrangements for exchanging prisoners of war will probably include many British soldiers at present in Turkish hands. You have no doubt been officially informed that 4314 A.A. STEPHENS, 14th Battalion who was captured in July last year, <sup>4 interned in Germany</sup> has been repatriated from Switzerland.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Oct 5/10/14

N° 5207

Pte O. C. Smith

60<sup>th</sup> Batt A.I.F. 4<sup>th</sup> N° 2. YMCA

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Salisbury

Sir

Would you  
let me know if you have heard  
anything of Pte D. R. Gramond.  
N° 3263-14<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F. He was  
reported missing April 11. I  
have written to you before but  
got no reply. I would like to  
know about him as his people  
have written to me asking me  
to try & find out about him.  
+ Oblige Pte O. C. Smith



8th October 1917.

5027 Pte O.C. Smith  
60th Btn A.I.F.  
c/o No. 2 Y.M.C.A.  
BURDOCK

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter in which you ask for news of 3263 Pte D.B. Cramond, 14th Btn, A.I.F. who was reported Missing 11-4-17, we have to inform you that we have received vague statements that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, but so far these statements have never been satisfactorily confirmed. His brother No 15071 Ssgt. J.B. Cramond, Fld. Engr. A.G.R.D., Aust. Camp Rouelles, received the information that he was a prisoner of war in Germany through - 3269 Sig. A. Crapper, 14th Btn, who received it from Pte Harry Hollow, H.Q. As Sig. A. Crapper, is at present at Weymouth, we are writing him for confirmation. We have also written to the Chaplain and Adjutant of the battalion to interview Pte Harry Hollow, from whom the information first came.

We hope very much that the news of his being a Prisoner of War may turn out to be true and will let you know if this is the case.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

  
Secretary

3269 Pte. C. A. Crapper,  
14th Battn. A. I. F.,  
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital,  
Dartford.

Oct. 19th, 1917.

Dear Pte. Crapper,

We have been making enquiries on behalf of our Melbourne Bureau and his brother concerning -

3263 D. R. CRAMOND 14th Battalion. A. I. F. Missing 11.4.17.,  
and in the course of these received the information given by you to the B.R.C.S. searcher at the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford.

So far we have never been able to obtain any definite news of Pte. Cramond as a Prisoner of War and though we wrote to Pte. Hollow, who had told you of this report, we have not received an answer from him - nor have we received Pte. Cramond's name on any of our Official Lists of Prisoners of War.

We have now received a letter from Sapper J. B. Cramond Pld. Coy. Engineers, in which he says that he had written you, but had not heard in return - and requests us to write you for further information.

We are satisfied ourselves that you can tell us nothing further than the report you have already given, but in view of the anxiety felt by Sapper Cramond for his brother, we should be very glad if you would send us a reply which we might in turn transmit to Sapper

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per Gramong. We have written to the Chaplain of the 14th Battalion asking him to interview Pte. Hollow in order to ascertain whether he has received any postcard or letter from Pte. Gramond, but as Chaplain Rolland has always been most helpful in forwarding us immediately the names of any of the Battalion reported Prisoners of War, we are afraid the report must be groundless.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.  
Secretary.

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3263 D.R. CRAYMOND  
M. H. 4. 17 14 Bait IF C. S. B. D.  
M. P. France.  
The Secretary  
Note her name on Ant. Del. Red Chm.  
Dear Madam  
There is at present  
in the 3rd Southern Society a  
Baptist a Signer by the name  
of Chappin A. C. No. 269. 1st Batt.  
I would like if you could have been  
interviewed for his with reference  
to brother James.  
Dear Maria R. Craymond  
No. 263. 9th Platoon. 1st Comp. 1st Batt.  
Worcester April 11th.  
This Bro. Chappin was my brother  
well, and with me about the latter  
part of August, to the effect that  
he had information of my brother  
being a prisoner of war in Germany.  
I had written him but being so  
convinced he may not be able to help.  
Will you please ask him for me when  
he get his information from and if  
it is reliable. Sincerely  
A. C. Craymond  
A.C.D. 15071. Field Engineer.

15071 Sapper J.B.Cramond,  
Field Engineers,  
A.G.B.D.,  
B.E.F.

Oct. 19th, 1917.

Dear Sapper Cramond,

We have received your letter of October 11th in reference to your brother -

3263 D.R. CRAMOND - 14th Battalion, in which you ask us to try and obtain further information from Pte. Crapper as he had not replied to your letter. We think possibly by this time you may have heard from Pte. Crapper; as he had in the interval been moved from Oxford to the 3rd Aust. Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, and your letter might have been somewhat delayed in transit. We have, however, written Pte. Crapper to-day, and asked him to send us a reply as soon as possible, in order that we might communicate any further information to yourself.

We had written Pte. Hollow who is reported to have heard that your brother is a prisoner of war on 9.9.17, but so far have received no reply from him. On October 4th we wrote Chaplain Rolland of 14th Battalion asking him to interview Pte. Hollow and let us know if he had received any postcard or letter from your brother written as a Prisoner in Germany, or for any other proof of his statement which we were rather inclined to think doubtful, as Chaplain Rolland has since the engagement of 11.4.17 been most helpful to the Red Cross in send-

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ing word immediately any member of the 14th Battalion has been notified to the Battalion as a Prisoner of War, either officially or by private correspondence.

We are expecting daily to hear from Chaplain Rolland, and will advise you at once.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in your anxiety for your brother.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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