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1st. Depot Battalion
MILITARY FORCES.
ENTP CAMP 27/4

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3733

Name { Surname **CROFT**
in full { Christian Name **William Thomas**
Unit **35th Bn 589/30**
Joined on **27/6/17**

N-75921

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your Name ? | 1. William Croft |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ? | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of Woolongong in the County of New South Wales |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) | 3. Yes <i>Natural born</i> |
| 4. What is your Age ? | 4. 27 Yrs 1 Month |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling ? | 5. Salesman |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice ? If so, where, to whom, and for what period ? | 6. No |
| 7. Are you married ? | 7. No |
| 8. Who is your next of kin ? (Address to be stated)
(The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a will.) | 8. (Mother) Maud Croft
1st, Woolongong
N. S. W. |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power ? | 9. No |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy ? | 10. No |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces ? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. | 11. No |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service ? | 12. Yes |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service ? If so, on what grounds ? | 13. No |
| 14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach ten shillings per day ? | 14. Yes |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever ? | 15. Yes |

I, **William Thomas Croft** do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date **5/6/17**

William Thomas Croft
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 5/6/17

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

Regimental No.	
Listed (a)	
Rate of Promotion	
present rate	
Intended Pay	
902/8.16 - C.7516-	
Report	
Date	Fr
17	70
17	14.4.17
2-17	-d
18	-d
18	-
2-18	-
2-18	-
(a) In the case	
(b) e.g., Signal	

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Croft swear that I will and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from the 5th. of June, 1917 until the end of the War, and a further period of months thereafter, unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

William Thomas Croft
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Newcastle in the State of New South Wales this Fifth day of June 1917 before me—

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Army Form B. 103. 3/33

Regiment or Corps *10th Rein^t Bn 59th Battalion*
 Regimental No. *3033* Rank *Pvt* Name *CROFT, William Thomas*
 Enlisted (a) *5/6/17* Terms of Service (a) *war 2 1/2 yrs* Service reckons from (a) *5/6/17*
 Date of Promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s _____
 Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____
 Pay Book No *501760*

Date.	From whom Received.	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
<i>17</i>	<i>TO.1</i>	<i>Embarked N.M.H. 28</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>2.8.17</i>	
		<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>GLASGOW</i>	<i>2.10.17</i>	<i>LR8932</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>14th Sig Bn</i>	<i>Plt M/Jn from Austrec</i>	<i>Hurdcoll</i>	<i>3.10.17</i>	<i>LR 91823 3/10/17</i>
<i>2.17</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>Pte sick to 404 Coy. Badford.</i>	<i>Godford</i>	<i>27.12.17</i>	<i>LR 18/16</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>Pte on 9m from Coy. Badford.</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>9.1.18</i>	<i>LR 18/445</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>Rel. a W/L from</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>31.1.18</i>	<i>RA 405</i>
<i>2.18</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>Pte Returned</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>5.2.18</i>	<i>RA 770</i>
<i>2.18</i>	<i>-do-</i>	<i>PR. CAPTAIN OVERSEAS FRANCE</i>	<i>ex Badford to 20th Bn in Southampton</i>	<i>12.2.18</i>	<i>LR 1445 8014/ E 18/2/18</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

[P.T.O.]

W. J. ...
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required
 applied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to *10th Rein^t Bn*

W. J. ...
 Commanding *1st Inf Depot Bn*

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents.		
Date.	From whom Received.						
8	3/2/18	A.I.B.D.	to	Marched in Ex.	Rouelles	13.2.18	AK 2227/46
9	14/2/18	A.I.B.D.	to	Marched out to Front	Rouelles	14/2/18	AK 2227/45
10	23.2.18	C.O. 35 Bn	to	Taken on Strength	Field	19.2.18	88/65 25010/1039
	9.2.18	14th Inf. Bn.	to	Crime. Conford A.W.L. from midnight to 9 am 5/2/18	Field	31.1.18	AK 2348/6
6				Award 6 days F.P. No 2 by Maj P. Edwards 5/2/18			AK 10/1076
				Total forfeiture 10 days pay (Prof for 5/2/18 conviction)			
11	11.5.18	C.O. 35 Bn	"	to Hoop Sick	France	2.5.18	68/76 25021/226
12	5/5/18	11th AF A.	"	Adm. to Hoop	Field	2.5.18	AK 2594/78
13	4/5/18	4 C.C.S.	"	to Hoop		2/5/18	AK 2594/74
14	4/5/18	12th Hoop	"	to Hoop		4/5/18	AK 2594/143 AK 2594/144
15	14/5/18	"	"	to Hoop		14/5/18	AK 2594/141
16	14/5/18	2 Coon Dep.	"	to Hoop		14/5/18	AK 2594/33
17	16/5/18	"	"	Discharged to Base		16/5/18	AK 2594/142 AK 2594/143
18	17/5/18	41 B.D.	"	Marched in to Hoop	France	17/5/18	AK 2594/155
19	24/5/18	"	"	Marched out to unit		24.5.18	AK 2594/169
20	1/6/18	C.O. 35 Bn	"	Rejoined in Hoop	Field	25.5.18	68/79
21	25.5.18	B 213	Bn	Wounded in Action	Field	22.8.18	68/79 VL 518
22	24/8/18	"	"	Appt Lance Corporal	France	14.8.18	68/91 AK 2594/585
23	31/8/18	B 213 35 Bn	"	Killed in Action (Prev ref wounded in action)	Field	22.8.18	68/92 25037/6292 (148) Corrig VL 528

AUSTRALIAN SECTION
3RD ECHOLON
GHQ BEF
19 SEP 1918

W. Thomas Croft
CAPTAIN
For Officer in Charge Records

William Thomas Croft.
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Newcastle in

the State of New South Wales

this Fifth day of June

1917 before me—

A. D. Macdonald
Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of William Croft on enlistment.

Age.....27.....Years...1.....Months.
Height.....5.....feet.....8.....inches.
Weight...159.....lbs.
Chest measurement...34.....37 1/2.....inches.
Complexion...Fair.....
Eyes.....Blue.....
Hair.....Brown.....
Religious Denomination.....R. C.....

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Two small pox marks, one on inner side of left eyelid
on outer side of right eyelid
Scar right knee Scar right buttock

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula ; phthisis ; syphilis ; impaired constitution ; defective intelligence ; defects of vision, voice, or hearing ; hernia ; hæmorrhoids ; varicose veins ; beyond a limited extent ; marked hydrocele with unusually pendent testicle ; inveterate cutaneous disease ; chronic ulcers ; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D or B.C. ; contracted or deformed chest ; abnormal curvature of spine ; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye ; his heart and lungs are healthy ; he has the free use of his joints and limbs ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 5/6/17

W. B. ... Capt.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Place Newcastle, N.S.W.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 10th Rein

53rd Bn

Date 27/7/17

W. B. ... Lt Col

Place Liverpool

Commanding 1st Inf Depot Bn

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Army Form B. 103-II.
Part II.

K.T. Regiment or Corps 10th Reinforce Bn. 35th Btn. Regimental Number 3733.
 *Substantive Rank 1/Cpl. Surname CROFT. Christian Names William Thomas.
 *Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

To be folded on this line.
Nothing to be written in this margin.
W1889-PP1150 500,000 5/18 G.W.P.Co.(3490)

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
2/8/17.	OC. Troops.		Emb. HMAT. MILTIDES.	SYDNEY.	2/8/17.	
7/10/17.	14th. Tng. Btn.		Disembarked.	GLASGOW.	2/10/17.	
30/12/17	"		Marched in from Aust	HURDGOTT.	3/10/17.	DO.82/4403.
12/1/18.	"		ex HMAT. "A.28".			
2/2/18.	"		Sick to No.4. Grp.	GODFORD.	27/12/17.	
10/2/18.	"		Hosp. Godford.		9/1/18.	
9/2/18.	"		Marched in from Grp. Clg."		31/1/18.	
			Hosp. Godford.		5/2/18.	
			A.W.L. from			
			Returned.			
			CRIME. Godford. AWE			
			From M/N. to 9. a.m. 5/2/18.			
			AWARD. 6 days PP. No. 2.			
			by MAJ. F. ECKERSLEY. 5/2/18.			
			Total Forfeiture 10 days pay. (For. foe 5/2/18 con current).			
12/2/18.	"		Proceeded 9/ seas. France. ex S' HAMPTON.		12/2/18.	DO. 14/18/2/18.
13/2/18.	A. I. B. D.		Godford. to reinf. 35th. Btn. via			
14/2/18	"		Marched in ex Eng.	ROUELLES.	13/2/18.	
23/2/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		Marched out to from		14/2/18.	
11/5/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		T.O.S.	FIELD.	19/2/18.	DO. 10/1039.
5/5/18.	11th. A.F.A.		To Hosp. Sick.	FRANCE.	2/5/18.	DO. 21/3216.
4/5/18.	4th. C.C.S.		Adm. TRENCH FEVER.	FIELD.	2/5/18.	
			"		4/5/18.	DO. 21/3376.

ADJ 10/10/18

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 5/6/17
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer. *W. J. ... Capt.*
 Place Newcastle *N.P.W.*

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 10th Reinforce

53rd Bn
 Date 27/7/17
 Place Liverpool
 Commanding 1st Inf Depot Bn

14/5/18.	13th. Gen. Hosp.	Adm. To Gen. Dep.	ROUEN.	14/5/18.	
14/5/18.	2nd. Co. Dep.	Adm. To Base	"	16/5/18.	DO. 23/3755.
16/5/18.	"	Disch. to Base	"	17/5/18.	
17/5/18.	A. I. B. D.	Marched in 22 Hosp	HAVRE.	24/5/18.	
24/5/18.	"	Marched out to Unit.	"	25/5/18.	
1/6/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.	Rejoined ex Hosp.	FIELD.	14/7/18.	189 36/5865
24/8/18.		Appointed L/Cpl.	FRANCE.		

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
25/8/18.		CO. 35th. Btn.	WOUNDED IN ACTION.	FIELD.	22/8/18.	
31/8/18.		"	Killed in Action. (Prev. rep. wounded in Action)"		22/8/18.	DO. 37/6292. Corr. VL. 828.
		Aust. Section, 3rd Ech. GHQ. B.E.F.	19-8-18. 28-8-18.	H. E. Crawford, (Capt), Sgd. For Off. i/c. Records.		

Nothing to be written in this margin.

William Thomas
Signature of Person

Taken and subscribed at Newcastle in
the State of New South Wales
this Fifth day of June
1917 before me—

[Signature]
Signature of Attesting Officer

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Statement of Service of No. **3733**

Name

CROFT William Thomas

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
Recruit SHOW GROUND CAMP SYDNEY, N.S.W.	Private	27/6/17		
E. Coy. 1 st Depot Bn Liverpool 10/53 rd T.O.I	Embarked at Sydney A28	2.8.17		
	APB. Embarked Sydney	2.8.17		
	Disembarked Glasgow	2-10-17	LR3932	
	Pte M/in from Australia via H.M.S. "A28" to H.M.S. "Hurdcott"	3.11.17		DR 9182 Do 82/4403E 31.10.17
	Pte. TRANSFERRED OVERSEAS via Godford to 35 th Bn via Southampton	12.2.18		L 1475 Do 14/560E 18/2/18
	(Pte) Offence Godford	1.2.18	A.M.L.	L 1558.
	from M/in. 31.1.18. to 9 a.m. 5.2.18.			B.E.F.F.O. 252.18.
	Award 6 days & P no 2 by Maj.			Do 10/1076- 6-3 18.
	P. Echersley 5.2.18. Total Fort.	5.2.18.		
	10 days pay. (Fort for 5.2.18. Concurrent) P.B. No 50176d/13.			
35 th Bn	(Pte) 2. 58 of 35 th Bn. from 18 th Regt's 53 rd Bn. France	19.2.18.		Do 10/1039 6/3/18
	Pte. 2. Hosp Sick	"	2.5.18.	10021. 3216. 22.5.18.
	Pte. Adm. Lofb. Hosp 40 &	"	4.5.18	10021. 3378. 22.5.18.
	M Unit Sick	"	16.5.18.	P.G.W. 3/2455. 5/6.18.
	(Pte) P. H. 2003. P.B. E. P. H. 2003. P.B. Sick.			
35 th Bn	KILLED IN ACTION	France	22.8.18	DR 564. 11.9.18 L 281 2825
	Buried			132869 133918.
	Pte apptd L/Cpl		14.8.18	1090 36/5265. 5/9/18.

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I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3733 Name { Surname CROFT
 in full { Christian Name William *Thomas*
 Unit 10 REINFTS. 53 BATTN *35th Bn*
 Joined on 27/6/17

N 98921

Indirect

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

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| <p>1. What is your Name ? ... PAY BOOK NO.
501760 ...</p> <p>2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born ? ...</p> <p>3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ...</p> <p>4. What is your Age ? ...</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling ? ...</p> <p>6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice ? If so, where, to whom, and for what period ?</p> <p>7. Are you married ? <i>Father - Mr. J. Croft, Sur.</i></p> <p>8. Who is your next of kin ? (Address to be stated) ...
 <small>(The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a will.)</small></p> <p>9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power ? ...</p> <p>10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy ? ...</p> <p>11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces ? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. ...</p> <p>12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service ? ...</p> <p>13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service ? If so, on what grounds ? ...</p> <p>14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach ten shillings per day ? ...</p> <p>15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever ? ...</p> | <p>1. <u>William Croft</u></p> <p>2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Woolongong</u> in the County of <u>New South Wales</u></p> <p>3. <u>N. B. Natural born</u></p> <p>4. <u>27 Yrs 1 Month</u></p> <p>5. <u>Salesman</u></p> <p>6. <u>No</u></p> <p>7. <u>No</u></p> <p>8. <u>(Mother) Maud Croft</u>
 <u>1st St. Woolongong Wollongong</u>
 <u>N. E. W.</u></p> <p>9. <u>No</u></p> <p>10. <u>No</u></p> <p>11. <u>No</u></p> <p>12. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>13. <u>No</u></p> <p>14. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>15. <u>Yes</u></p> |
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I, William Croft do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{two-fifths}{three-fifths}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ wife and children.

Date 5/6/17

W. S. Croft
 Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

MILITARY FORCES AUSTRALIAN
 CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.
 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 5/6/17

[Signature]
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William ^{Harvey} Croft swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from the 5th. of June, 1917 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter, unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

W. Croft
 Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Newcastle in

the State of New South Wales

this Fifth day of June

19 17. before me—

[Signature]
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

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Description of William ^{Thomas} Croft on enlistment.

Age..... <u>27</u>Years... <u>1</u>Months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <i>Two small @vs marks one on inner side of left eyebrow one on outer side right eyebrow. Scar R. knee Scar R. Buttock</i>
Height..... <u>5</u>feet..... <u>8</u>inches.	
Weight... <u>159</u>lbs.	
Chest measurement... <u>34</u> - <u>37 1/2</u>inches.	
Complexion... <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes..... <u>Blue</u>	
Hair..... <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination..... <u>R. C.</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula ; phthisis ; syphilis ; impaired constitution ; defective intelligence ; defects of vision, voice, or hearing ; hernia ; hæmorrhoids ; varicose veins ; beyond a limited extent ; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle ; inveterate cutaneous disease ; chronic ulcers ; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D or B.C. ; contracted or deformed chest ; abnormal curvature of spine ; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye ; his heart and lungs are healthy ; he has the free use of his joints and limbs ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 5/6/17

W Benton Capt R.A.M.C.
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

Place Newcastle, N.S.W.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 10th Regt

53rd Batt

Date 27.7.17

(Sgd) W A Secker Lt Col

Place Liverpool

Commanding 1st Inf Depot Batt

Statement of Service of No. *3733*

Name *CROFT William Thomas*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Recruit</i> SHOW GROUND CAMP, SYDNEY, N.S.W.	<i>Private</i>	<i>27/6/17</i>		
<i>E. Comp.</i> <i>1st Depot Batt</i>		<i>27.7.17</i>		
10 REINFTS. 53 BATTM A	28 'Miltiades'	Sydney	2.8.17	
<i>53rd Btn</i>	<i>Private</i>		<i>18.2.18</i>	<i>trans 3.9.2 131/55 a.t.</i>
<i>35th</i>	"	<i>19.2.18</i>	<i>13.8.18</i>	<i>app. 10570 34/8 68</i>
"	<i>2/6pl</i>	<i>14.8.18</i>		

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

CARO/E2/5/HW

REGISTERED MAIL

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21 JUN 1962

E2/

Dear Sir,

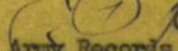
Re : The Estate of John CROFT deceased

Your letter of 15th June 1962 is acknowledged.

... Enclosed please find Certificate of Death No. 2872 in respect of the death on service of 3733, Lance Corporal William Thomas Croft, 1914-18 War.

You are advised that no charge is made for Certificates of Death supplied by this office.

Yours faithfully,


Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

David Nelson Esq.,
Solicitor,
P.O. Box 295,
WOLLONGONG...N.S.W.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
ACTION SHEET

1. Maxine RYAN Being etc.

HERBY CERTIFY that 1918 Lance Corporal William Thomas CROFT
35 Australian Infantry Battalion

Died on the twentysecond day of August

One thousand nine hundred and eighteen

Dated the _____ day of _____ 19____

.....

Name of applicant David Nelson

Address of applicant obscure

P.O. Box 295

Wollongong, N.S.W.

Particulars verified as above Yes

Certificate of Death No. 2872 prepared Yes

Covering letter prepared Yes

Entered in Certificate Register Yes

~~Certificate of Death (presumption) No. _____ prepared _____~~

DAVID NELSON

SOLICITOR

I. D. L. NELSON, B. A.

P.O. Box 295.

REGENT HOUSE

87 Keira Street

WOLLONGONG

B 4386

15th June,

1962

The Officer in Charge,
Army Records,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Re: The Estate of John Croft deceased.

In dealing with this Estate it is necessary for me to procure a Death Certificate of William Thomas Croft who was born on the 11th May, 1890 the son of John Croft of Wollongong, Taylor and Maud Gibson who is believed to have been killed in France as a member of the A.I.F. during the First World War.

Would you kindly send me a Certificate of the registration of his death. I undertake to pay any proper fee upon notification of the amount.

Yours faithfully,

David Nelson
DAVID NELSON.

WOLFGANG
87 KYLE STREET
RECENT HOUSE

DAVID NELSON

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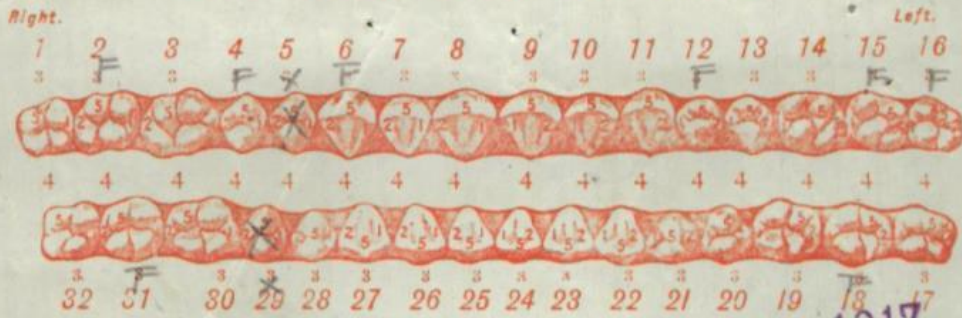
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A.A.M.C. (DENTAL)

2nd MILITARY DISTRICT.



Examination Date JUN 28 1917

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General Remarks: Scaloflean

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SHOW GROUND.

_____ Military Camp

Name Croft. W. T.

Rank Pfc. Herbert J. Done, Lieut., D. O.

Army Form B. 103. 751605

2 pages in original

Regimental Number 3733

Casualty Form - Active Service

Rank *2nd Lt* Surname *Liddle* Christian Name *William Ronald*

Regiment or Corps *10/53 Bn* Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) *5.6.17* Terms of Service (a) *Max. 10 months* Service reckons from (a) *5.6.17*

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Date	Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
	From whom received					
	<i>London</i>		<i>A.O. 82/4403</i>			
	<i>France</i>		<i>14/E</i>			
			<i>10/1039</i>			
			<i>10/1076</i>			
			<i>21/3216</i>			
			<i>21/3378</i>			
			<i>23/3755</i>			
			<i>VL 818</i>			
			<i>A.O. 36/5865</i>			
			<i>VL 828</i>			

Original sent to Gen. April 20/9/18

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment shall be entered. (17501.) Wt. W 1887-P 1124. 1,000,000. 618. D & S. Form B.103. (E. 1956.)

Just dictating 2/10/18 B.F.

D 51605

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Corps

Sqn., Batty., or Company

Name

No.

Service or Proficiency Pay

G.C. Badges

Signature O.C. Company, etc.

Date of enlistment

Sheet No.

Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra line

No. and date of last drunk

Cases of Drunkenness

Rank

Date of offence

Place

Character

By whom awarded

Date of award or of order dispensing with trial

Punishment awarded

Names of Witnesses

Offence

Remarks

Remarks

By whom awarded

Date of award or of order dispensing with trial

Punishment awarded

Names of Witnesses

Offence

Remarks

Cases of Drunkenness

Rank

Date of offence

Place

No.

By Percy Secretary M.P.

5.2.18

6 days 11 hrs

AWOL from Murgough on 31.1.18 till 9 AM on 3/2/18 (105 hours)

31.1.18

5.2.18

London

5.2.18

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Army Form B. 122

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Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks

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SIGNATURES OF RECRUITS.

3733

1. After being passed by Medical Officer.....

W. J. Croft

Date.....

5/6/17

2. On arrival in Camp.....

W. J. Croft.

Date.....

27/6/17

3. On allotment to Unit.....

Date.....

4. A few days prior to Embarkation.....

Date.....

D.H.-Q's. Printing Office, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

Mrs M. Croft

2. First St

Woolongong

New South Wales

Bahia Castillo

Parish

Inw. No 39

Dear

As requ

I beg to enc

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Don't fail to send chan

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AUSTRALIAN IMPÉRIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late No. 3733 I/Cpl. W. T. Croft, 35th Bn., consigned to me. ex "Bahia Castillo"

No. Description,

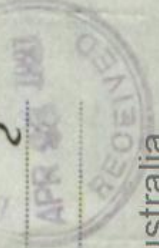
- 1 package
- 1 Goggles' Flask
- 1 Small Diary.

Signature *Mrs. M. Croft.*

Date *April 16th 1921.*

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.



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RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion with the late 203733 49pt. Croft W T.

35-4-1922
John Croft Sgt.
(Date) 1st April 1922

(Signature)



This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No. 3733 L/Cpl. W.T. Croft,
35th Battalion.



John Croft Per.

Signature

Date 5th Dec. 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

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- AUSTRALIA -

Inventory No.....39.

<u>Reg.No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Articles recovered.</u>
3733.	L/Cpl.	* CROFT. W T.	35th Battn.,	1 Pocket Flask. 1 Small Diary.

MG

B.R. Form No. 2a.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE. 11th April, 1921.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded this day, per separate parcels containing personal effects of the late ^{post} ~~mail~~ ^{one} ~~package~~ ^(No. 39) 35th Battalion, ex "Bahia Castillo" ~~3733 L/Cpl. W. T. Croft,~~

as per inventory attached. ALL GOODS DESPATCHED FROM THIS OFFICE ARE SECURELY FASTENED AND SEALED. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether (Enclosure.) come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Croft,
2 First Street,
Wollongong, N.S.W.

J. J. J. J. Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

D.1378/G.19.—C.5517.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Mrs. M. Croft,

2 First Street,

Wollongong, N.S.W.

RECEIVED
1918
MAY 10 1918
MRS. M. CROFT

[Faint handwritten signature]

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 10th Reinforced Bn. 35th. Btn. Regimental Number 3733.
 *Substantive Rank L/Cpl. Surname CROFT. Christian Names William Thomas.

*Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

K.T.

W1889-P1150 500,000 5/18 G.W.P.Co.(3490)

Nothing to be written in this margin.

To be folded on this line.

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
2/8/17.	OC. Troops.		Emb. HMAT. MILTIDES. SYDNEY. 2/8/17. Disembarked. GLASGOW. 2/10/17.			
7/10/17.	14th. Tng. Btn.		Marched in from Aust HURDCOTT. 3/10/17. DO.82/4403. ex HMAT. "A.28"			
30/12/17	"		Sick to No.4. Grp. GODFORD. 27/12/17.			
12/1/18.	"		Hosp. Godford.			
2/2/18.	"		Marched in from Grp. Clg. "			
10/2/18.	"		Hosp. Godford.			
9/2/18.	"		A.W.L. from " " "	31/1/18.		
			Returned. " " "	5/2/18.		
			CRIME. Godford. AWE			
			from M/N. to 9. a.m. 5/2/18. AWARD. 6 days FP. No. 2. by MAJ. P. ECKERSLEY. 5/2/18. Total Forfeiture 10 days pay. (For. foe 5/2/18 con current).			
12/2/18,	"		Proceeded 0/ seas. France. ex S' HAMPTON. 12/2/18. DO. 14/18/2/18.			
13/2/18.	A. I. B. D.		Codford. to reinf. 35th. Btn. via			
14/2/18	"		Marched in ex Eng. ROUELLES. 13/2/18.			
23/2/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		Marched out to from " "	14/2/18.		
11/5/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		T.O.S.			
5/5/18.	11th. A.F.A.		To Hosp. Sick.			
4/5/18.	4th. C.C.S.		Adm. TRENCH FEVER. " "			
			FIELD. 19/2/18. DO. 10/1039.			
			FRANCE. 2/5/18. DO. 21/3216.			
			FIELD. 2/5/18.			
			" 4/5/18. DO. 21/3376.			

19/10/1916

14/5/18. 12th. Gen. Hosp. Adm. To Con. Dep. ROUEN. 14/5/18.
 14/5/18. 2nd. Com. Dep. Adm. " " DO. 23/3755.
 16/5/18. A. I. B. D. Disch. to Base HAVRE. 16/5/18.
 17/5/18. " " " " 17/5/18.
 24/5/18. CO. 35th. Btn. Rejoined ex Hosp. FIELD. 24/5/18.
 1/6/18. " " " " 25/5/18.
 24/8/18. " " " " Appointed L/Cpl. FRANCE. 14/7/18.

19036/5855

(A) Report Date	(B) Authority of Part II, of Orders From whom received	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
25/8/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.	WOUNDED IN ACTION.	FIELD.	22/8/18.	
31/8/18.	"	Killed in Action. (Prev. rep. wounded in Action)	"	22/8/18.	DO. 37/6292. CORR. VL. 828.
25/8/18.	Aust. Section, 3rd Ech. GHQ. B.E.F.	19-9-18. 28-9-18.	H.E. Crawford. (Capt). Sgd. For Off. i/c. Records.		

L413 30/9/18

Nothing to be written in this margin.

2 First St
Kollongong
12th April 1920

The Officer in Charge
Base Records
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of two Photographs of the grave of my
Son, the late No 3433 Lance Corporal J. Croft
35th Battalion, and I can assure you
on behalf of Mrs Croft and Self that
we are thankful for same.

Yours faithfully
John Croft Esq.

APR 16 1920

DECEASED
SECTION

APR 19 1920

RECEIVED

C R O F T

William Thomas Pte

10/53rd Bn

3733

Surname.

Other Names.

Regimental No.

Unit.

PURPORT.

AUTHORITY.

Embarked at Sydney per H.M.A.T.A28 "Miltiades" on 2/8/17

3.10.17 Mchd into 14th Tng Battn Hurdcott from Aust, ex A28

LON 82/9-17

19.2.18. T.O.S of 35th Btn. from 10th Rfts 53rd Btn (MOK)

BEFO 10/3-18.

AVL from M/N 31.1.18. to 9.a.m. 5.2.18. AWARD 5.2.18. 6 days

P.P.No.2 TOTAL BERT 10 days pay Forf. Con.o 5.2.15. P.BN501760

BEFO 10/6-18.

22.8.18. KILLED IN ACTION

IB 564/47-18.

12.2.18. Pro. O/Seas to France via S'ton ex 14th Tng. Btn.

Codford to Rfts 35th Btn. (M'K)

LDN 14/1-18.

22.8.18. WOUNDED.

(M'K)

14.8.18. Apptd. I/CPL.

IB 558/52-18.

2.5.18. TO HOSP. SICK.

"

BEFO 36/18.

4.5.18. Adm. to L of C H B. ex F.M. Unit ex SICK.

(M'K)

BEFO 21/2-18.

(M'K)

BEFO 21/7-18.

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PURPORT.

16.5.18. Disc. to A.I.B.D. from I of C Hosp. Sick.
22.8.18. KILLED IN ACTION.

(M'K)
(M'K)

AUTHORITY.

BEFO 23.8-18.
BEFO 37/5-18.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—
BASE RECORDS,
MELBOURNE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

B. T.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
12th March, 1919
MELBOURNE.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded this day, per separate parcels registered post, **is one** package containing personal effects of **the late No 3733 W.T. Croft L/Cpl 35th Battalion, recieved, ex "Sardinia" D/S 42805** as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether **same** come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt (Enclosure.) slip.

Yours faithfully,

PARCEL POST
J. Inkean Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1578/S.18.—C 13178.

Mrs. M. Croft
1st Street
Woolongong
NEW SOUTH WALES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late No 3733 L/Cpl W.T. Croft 35th Battalion consigned to me. ex "Sardinia" D/S 42805

No. 42805	Description,	Signature	Date
1	Package	<i>Marion Croft</i>	<i>March 21st 1919</i>
1	<i>Wallet (metal</i>		
1	<i>Purse</i>		
1	<i>Keary (damaged)</i>		
1	<i>Coin</i>		
	<i>Photos</i>		

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.

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IC
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,

FULHAM, LONDON,

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— **3733 Croft W.T. 35rd Batt'n. A.I.F.**

Forwarded to—

**N.O.K. Mother:—
Mrs Maud Croft,
1st St.,
Woolongong,
N.S.W.**

SARDINIA

Effects received from the field (3/7000) 23.9.18.
Parcel (sealed) containing:—

**1 Wallet, 1 Purse, 1 Rosary, 1 Coin, 1 Metal wrist
watch (damaged) and strap, 1 Diary, Photos, Cards,
1 Certificate.**

No. of Package/s.

42805

Checked by

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, CROFT W T



Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to advise as to whether further information, other than that contained in your communication of 10th Oct, has been received by your Department, in regard to the death of No. 3733 P. W. T. Croft, of 35th Battalion.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.P. Taylor
GRAND SECRETARY

W. Morgan 4/12

The Officer-in-Charge,
Base Records Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

HC AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE. 30th. November, 1918

Dear Sir,

As requested in your communication of 5th.ultimo,
I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of
the late No. 3733 Private William Thomas Croft, 35th. Battali

Yours faithfully,

The Grand Secretary,
M.U.I.O.O.F.
M.U.Hall,
185 Elizabeth Str.,
Sydney N.S..

J. Mean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

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HC

No. 3733,

----Private William Thomas Croft,
35th. Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxxxx was Killed in action, -----

(No record available), 22nd. August, 18.

Cable No. C.I.B.I.

2825, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters dated Loddon,
11th. September, 1918 confirmed by Mail, from the Commandant, A.I.F.
Headquarters, dated London, 16th. September, 1918.-----

30th. November, 18.

Major.



TELEPHONE
City 2608

BASE RECORDS
7 OCT 18 AM
RECEIVED

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of an application for benefits payable to the representatives of No. 3433 P. N. Y. Croft 35th (late 52nd) Batta., a member of the Australian Imperial Forces, whose death on 22nd August 1918, whilst on Active Service, has been reported.

Will you be good enough to furnish me with a Certificate which will be regarded as confirmatory of the report, and enable the Society to pay the amount due to the persons entitled thereto.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

ANCHOR
DEPT. ATTACHED
[Signature]

GRAND SECRETARY

Wylbonga
S110

The Officer in Charge,
Base Rec rds' Office,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

FORMAL ACKmt.

SENT 10/10/18 mt

4279. P.F.H.

This is the last Will and Testament of me
William Thomas Croft. of Maitland Rd Islington
Newcastle N.S.Wales at present a Member of the
Australian Imperial Force. In the event of my
death I give the whole of my Property and Effects
to (mother) Maud Croft First St Woolongong N.S.Wales.

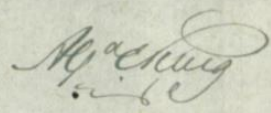
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand this Twenty Fifth day of July in the year one
thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

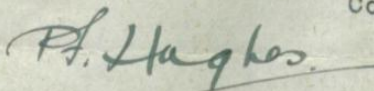
Signature W=T=Croft.
Rank Private/
No. 3733.
Unit 53rd/40th Btn. Reinforcements.

Signed by..... as and for his last
Will and Testament in the presence of us both present
at the same time who at his request in his presence
and in the presence of each other have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses.

G.E.Ryland.
R.P.Deane.

Certified to be a true copy of the Will of
No. 3733 Pte W.T.Croft 53rd Btn. lodged with the
Officer in Charge Base Records upon embarkation for
active service abroad.


Corporal.

Checked by:- 

B.R. Form No. 9.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
L.M. MELBOURNE.

Dear **I Mad am,**
has been reported **7th September, 1918**
to advise you that **Private W.T. Croft,**
wounded.

His postal address will be—

No. 3733 Private W.T. Croft,
35th Battalion Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, **it being clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this department has no more information to supply.**

Yours faithfully,

J. Mean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records,
NAA: B2455, CROFT WT

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**Mrs M. CROFT,
1st Street,
WOOLONGONG. N.S.W.**

(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Regiment or Corps 10th Reinforced Bn. 35th. Btn. Regimental Number 3733.
 *Substantive Rank I/Cpl. Surname CROFT. Christian Names William, Thomas.

*Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

(A) Report		(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
Date.	From whom received	Authority of Part II. of Orders	Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	Place of casualty	Date of promotion, reduction, casualty, &c.	Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
2/8/17.	OC. Troops.		Emb. HMAT. MILTIDES. SYDNEY.		2/8/17.	
7/10/17.	14th. Tng. Btn.		Disembarked. GLASGOW.		2/10/17.	
30/12/17	"		Marched in from Aust HURDCOTT.		3/10/17.	DO:82/4403.
12/1/18.	"		ex HMAT. "A.28".			
2/2/18.	"		Sick to No.4. Grp. GODFORD.		27/12/17.	
10/2/18.	"		Hosp. Codford.		9/1/18.	
9/2/18.	"		Marched in from Grp. Clg. "			
	"		Hosp. Codford.		31/1/18.	
	"		A.W.L. from		5/2/18.	
	"		Returned.		"	
	"		CRIME. Codford. AWE			
	"		From M/N. to 9.a.m. 5/2/18.			
	"		AWARD. 6 days FP. No. 2.			
	"		by MAJ. F. ECKERSLEY. 5/2/18.			
	"		Total Forfeiture 10 days pay. (For. foe 5/2/18 con current).			
12/2/18,	"		Proceeded O/seas. France. ex S' HAMPTON.		12/2/18.	DO. 14/18/2/18.
13/2/18.	A. I. B. D.		Codford. to reinf. 35th. Btn. via			
14/2/18	"		Marched in ex Eng. ROUELLES.		13/2/18.	
23/2/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		Marched out to from		14/2/18.	
11/5/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		T.O.S.		19/2/18.	DO. 10/1039.
5/5/18.	11th. A.F.A.		To Hosp. Sick.		2/5/18.	DO. 21/3216.
4/5/18.	4th. C.C.S.		Adm. TRENCH FEVER.		2/5/18.	
			"		4/5/18.	DO. 21/3376.

19010/1046.

W1889-PP1150 500,000 5/18 G.W.P.Co (3490)

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Ld/13 30/9/18

14/5/18. 12th. Gen. Hosp. Adm. To Con. Dep. 14/5/18.
 14/5/18. 2nd. Com. Dep. Adm. "
 16/5/18. A. I. B. D. Disch. to Base 16/5/18.
 17/5/18. " Marched in ex Hosp. 17/5/18.
 24/5/18. " Marched out to Unit. 24/5/18.
 1/6/18. CO. 35th. Btn. Rejoined ex Hosp. 25/5/18.
 24/8/18. " Appointed L/Cpl. 14/7/18.

DO. 23/3/85.

19/0/36/1865

(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, postings, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1816 of 1917. Corps and unit to which transferred and posted to be invariably named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, reversion, casualty, &c.	(F) Remarks and initials and rank of an officer
Date	From whom received					
25/8/18.	CO. 35th. Btn.		WOUNDED IN ACTION.	FIELD.	22/8/18.	
31/8/18.	"		Killed in Action. (Prev. rep. wounded in Action)"		22/8/18.	DO. 37/6292. CORR. VI. 828.
	Aust. Section. 3rd Ech. GHQ. B.E.F.		19-9-18. 28-9-18.	H.E. Crawford. (Capt). Sgd. For Off. i/c. Records.		

LHB 30/9/18

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Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

To the Recruiting Officer

at Rass. Sydney. NSW.

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

I, William Thomas Croft

hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.
2nd St.
Wollongong,
NSW.

Signature W. T. Croft.
Occupation Salesman
Date 28/6/17

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (For Persons under 21 years of Age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my ^{son}_{ward} for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.

Father's Signature _____
Mother's Signature _____
or
Guardian's Signature _____

PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age—27 yrs. 5 mcs. | Height—5 ft. 8 in. | Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—37 1/2 inches.
Married. Widower Single.

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.
~~UNFIT, for the following reasons:—~~

Place Rass. | W. R. Anderson
Date 28/6/17 | Signature of Medical Authority.
I Concur | A. A. M. C.

Place Rass.
Date 28/6/17 | Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot.

CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally Accepted ~~Rejected~~ this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place Rass. | Signature _____
Date 28/6/17 | Recruiting Officer.

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INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) Application forms received by Recruiting Officers will not be handed back again to applicants but will be passed direct to the Medical Practitioner, who will similarly return them to the Recruiting Officer, who will then forward them by post to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot to which recruits are instructed by them to Report.

(2) If an Applicant who has been rejected desires a copy of this certificate, it must be completed in duplicate at the time of Medical Examination, and the word "original" or "duplicate," as the case may be, will appear on the top of the respective forms. Both copies will be forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot, where the duplicate will be impressed with the official stamp and then returned to the applicant.

(3) Copies will **NOT** be made of any certificate of acceptance. The word "Duplicate" will be struck out of such certificates, and they will be sent to the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot by post.

(4) Names of accepted applicants who do not report at Central Recruiting Depot within the prescribed time will be forwarded to the Local Recruiting Officer for information.

(5) When alternatives are shown on the front of the form, such as :-

Fit	Son	Married	Original
Unfit	Ward	Widower	Duplicate
		Single	

 strike out the words which are not applicable.

(6) Only those persons who fulfil the requirements in all other respects will be examined regarding medical fitness. These requirements may be ascertained by reference to daily newspapers and official posters.

(7) The Central Recruiting Depot, to which accepted applicants from various places will be sent for final medical examination, will be determined by District Commandants. Recruiting Officers at outlying places will require to issue clear instructions to such applicants, informing them where and when to report, and will forward the application forms in time to insure that they will be in the hands of the Officer in Charge of the Central Recruiting Depot when the recruit reports for enlistment.

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Spaces for identification by means of handwriting.

... J. A. ...

Memorial Scroll incorrectly inscribed - new

Amman
1/11/1911
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- (a) BRAY MILITARY CEMETERY. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. of Albert.
Passchendaele
- (b) TYNE COT BRITISH CEMETERY, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles E.N.E. of Ypres.
Sailly Laurette
- (c) BRACON BRITISH CEMETERY, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.S.W. of Albert.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.
 EXHUMATIONS.

35th Btn. A.I.F. 3733 CROFT L/C. W.T. 22.8.18.
 (a) (Report Bray-sur-Somme 3.44/C) *Aust 5*
 Plot 2. Row I. Grave 16.

42nd Btn. A.I.F. 3049 HOLLOWAY Pte. A.B. 25.8.18.
 (a) (Report Bray-sur-Somme 3.45/C) *Aust 5*
 Plot 2. Row J. Grave 9.

35th Bn. A.I.F. 1200 McEVROY Pte. T. 22.8.18.
 (a) (Report Bray-sur-Somme 3.44/C) *Aust 1*
 Plot 2. Row J. Grave 15.

38th Btn. A.I.F. 2946 McCULLOCH Pte. G. 4.10.17.
 (b) (Report Passchendaele 51.538/C) *Aust 1*
 Plot 45. Row A, Grave 15.

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~~3rd~~ Bn. A.I.F. 7296 MAILLER Pte. C.L. 12.10.17.
 (b) (Report Passchendaele 51.920/B) *Aust 5*
 Plot 57. Row B. Grave 22.

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 25/A.I.F.B. Coy. 5845 HANSEN Pte. E. 10.6.18.
 (c) (Report Sailly Laurette 8.24/C) *Aust 5*
 Plot 3. Row H. Grave 18.

To be used for Enlistment in the Permanent Military Forces only.

A.M. Form D.I.

1st. Depot Battalion
Liverpool

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname CROFT Christian Name William James

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Woolongong W.S.W.
Examined on 5th day of June 1917.

Examined at Newcastle

Declared Age ... 27 Yrs 1 month.

Trade or Occupation ... Salesman

Height ... 5 feet .8 inches.

Weight ... 159 lbs.

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully Expanded 37 1/2 inches.

Range of Expansion 3 1/2 inches.

Physical Development and Pulse rate Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left. Number nil | nil

When Vaccinated ... never

Vision ... { R.E.—V = 0/6
L.E.—V = 0/9

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease { (a) 25 spots mark. 1 on inner side L. Eye 6 or 7
1 on inner side R. Eye 6 or 7

(b) Slight defects, but not sufficient to cause rejection { (b) ...

CONFIRMED BY Approved by W.R. Gribben (Signature) Capt. (Rank) Newcastle (Place) Call Medical Officer.

Enlisted 28 JUN 1917 at Newcastle on 5th day of June 1917.

Joined on Enlistment Re Embark Cox Capt a/cmc 27/1/17
Transferred to ...

Corps	Regtl. No.
<u>35th Batten</u>	<u>3733</u> <u>12 FEB 1918</u>

Became non-effective by ... on ... day of ... 19... (Signature) ... (Rank) ...

Sick List in the case of Warrant Officers treated in Quarters.

RS 4707

Remarks bearing on the Cause, Nature, or Treatment of the Case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of Syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty.

Signature of Medical Officer.

Field Hospital Liverpool

Slight attack

Capt came 27/7/17

*R. Stephenson
Capt.*

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Part 2

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Transfer or Service Abroad, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

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DATE.	BRIEF DETAILS, AND SIGNATURE.																																										
	Have you suffered from:—(1) Fits <u>NO</u> (2) Insanity <u>NO</u> (3) Consumption <u>NO</u>																																										
	Vaccination Date <u>17/7/17</u> Result <u>John. G. W. Parramore Capt.</u>																																										
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Table IV.—Service Table.

Station	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.	Station.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Departure.

Extract from folder of photo of grave.

Buried Bray-sur-Somme Mil. Cem.

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WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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No. 2733 ✓

Rank *Plt Lt Col* Name CROFT, W. T.

Unit 35th Bn Duff

LIST. 284 Casualty WOUNDED
Wounded in action 22/8/18
11BL 2807 2292⁰ dated London 7/11/18 Received B. N. 27/11/18
11BL 2525 2354^B dated London 11/6/18 Received B. N. 14/9/18 *Jo*



DATE.	A. F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	MEMORIAL SCHOLL
SEP 8 1918	N. O. K. Advised Wounded		
SEP 16 1918	M. O. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION, 22/8/18		Father
20-7-18	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		M. J. Croft Senr
28-9-18	"Will" to D.P.M. 2 M.D.		357654
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		16-3-22
	Cable No. <i>B9PR 2225 vde 15/11/18</i>		
14. 3. 19	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. <i>"Sandiria"</i>		
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched		
15/3/16	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN, B.R.M. No. 48722. <i>if</i>		
11. 2. 21	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX <i>Bahia Castillo</i>		
17/6 21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt <i>2nd.</i>		
	M.D.B.R.M. 53/600		
	"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."		
	Pamphlet sent to <i>M. J. Croft Senr</i> on 22.6.21		

WAR HISTORY INDEX



D. 81/10.16.—C.1978.—631.

MEMORIAL
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To
Father Ducey
my Cross
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21 " 22
21/11/22

23 MAY 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to Father B.R.P.F. 40
Registered Post No. 2007 G. P. O. Melbourne

~~6/1/26 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched~~
~~re St Sever Cemetery,~~
~~Rouen, All.~~

~~6/1/26 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched~~
~~re Gray Military Cemetery,~~
~~France, All.~~