

James Albert Crane

James Albert Crane served in the First World War as a private, enlisting on 12.10.1916, embarking from Australia on 22nd December 1916 on board the DEMOSTHENES, and arriving at Plymouth on the 3rd March 1917. He served with the 9th and 15th Infantry Battalions in France, wounded in the leg in France in May 1918, and admitted to the 39th General Hospital in Havre, transferred to Guildford, returned to Australia aboard Wiltshire on 4th July 1919. He was discharged on the 9th September 1919.

No. 170 A
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Certificate of Discharge of No. 2781 (Rank) Private
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Postcard Photo from Jim, 1918.

France
27-8-18

Dear Julie,
 I sent you a little packet a couple of weeks ago, which I hope you receive alright. I received a letter from Mother a few days ago so I will be answering it next week. I am sleeping quite well and hope all at home are the same. I suppose you have a nice time down at M. Cunningham's. You must be her pet I think. This will do for your P.B. album. Do with best love to all
 I am,
 Your loving father
 Jim

A.R.
X X X

James in World War I



Description of the above-named Soldier on discharge:-
 Age 24 1/2 years Height 5' 5"
 Complexion Dark Eyes Brown
 Hair Brown
 Trade as stated by him on enlistment Mailman
 Marks or scars, whether on face or other parts of body Scar Head
 Place of Residence Thompson St. Bundaberg
 Signature of Soldier James A. Crane

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James Albert Crane

James Albert CRANE, the first child of Joseph William and Jessie, was born at home in Railway Street in Bundaberg on 12.10.1894, and accidentally killed in Bundaberg on 7.8.1942 by a train in Quay Street.



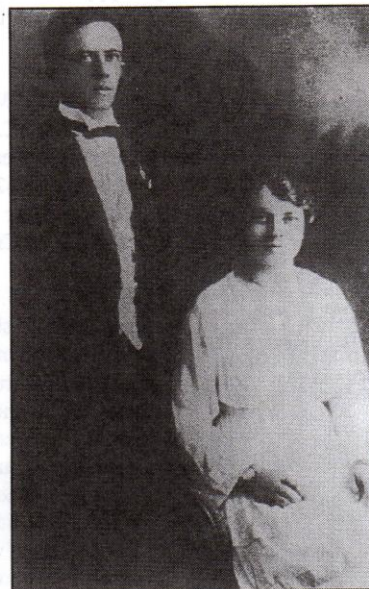
James at College

Jim, as he was called, was educated at the Central School and the Technical College and had various positions during his life. Was a Shopkeeper in Brisbane with Bert Kettlewell (his future brother-in-law) after the war but his Enlistment Papers shows his calling as a Mailman in the Bundaberg Post Office. On return to Bundaberg after the War his positions were as a Clerk in the Main Roads Commission, the Australian Workers Union (AWU), and was at the Bundaberg City Council in the Sewerage Department when he enlisted again in the Home front during World

War II. He also worked at Gibson and Howes Sugar Mill as a Weighbridge Clerk and worked in the fields during the Slack. He rode his bicycle right out to Bingera all the time he worked there. In 1939, as a Relief Worker, he did clerical work at the Bundaberg Police Station.



Young James



Wedding 1920

He served in World war I as a private, enlisting on 12.10.1916, embarking from Australia on 22.12.1916 on board *Demosthenes*, and arriving at Plymouth 3.3.1917.

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Name _____

CRANE James Albert

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

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2788

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Name GRANE James Albert

Unit

6742nd BATTALION

15th Batt

Joined on

12. 10. 16

(AAO Corps)

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?

James Albert Grane

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...

2. In the Parish of ... in or

near the Town of B. Berg
state Queensland
in the County of

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

3. yes

4. What is your Age?

4. 21 yrs. 11 Mos

5. What is your Trade or Calling?

5. Mail. Man

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 an indication of the nature of the Will.

8. Father Joseph William Grane
First Station Wingham St.
Bundaberg, B. Berg. Queensland.

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. Militia

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. Insufficient Chest Development

14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day?

14. yes

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever?

15. yes

3. James Albert Grane 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 two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife* † and children.

Date 12. 10. 16

James Albert Grane
[Signature]
Signature of person enlisted.

6019 P.O.S. France
L 2132
14.3.18

Statement of Service of No. 2788

Name **CRANE James Albert**

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11th. Depot Bn. <i>25-1-42</i> <i>6/42</i>	Private	31-10-11	25-11-16	<i>W.A.B. 4.</i> <i>S.H.P.L.</i>
6/42 Bn	Embarked. Sydney Despatched. Disembarked Plymouth	22-12-16 3-3-17	 5-3-17	 L.R. 828
	by 01011 Bn, Southampton, from Australia (P.R. 550)	Engl	6-3-17	7015/1393E 24.3.17
	Pte Proceeded 6.2.18 France ex 9. in Eng Bn Forward to reinforce the. 15th Bn 15th Bn			L. 2162 2024/689. 8.4.18. 15.
15th Bn	ex 9. of 15th Bn. A.D.F. (ex 15th Bn) from Aust. Eng. Base Depot.		13-3-18	2013/1223. 28.3.18.
15th Bn	Placed in 15th Bn. 17.2.18 Taken on strength ex 15th Bn.		20/4/19	2090/2197. 1919
				200 123/605
			4.2.19.	Lt 6398. F181325 J.B.R. 457. 10.2.19.

RETURN TO AUSTRALIA
For *Willshire*
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I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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A.I.F.
Army Form B103 Part I.
Service and Casualty
Form.
PART I.
103 a-6/15-12344.

(1) PRESENT UNIT
15th BATTALION
AAC Corps *Wiltshire* *A30440*

(2) Regt. No.
2788

(3) Present Rank
Pte.

(4) SURNAME
CRANE

(5) Decorations

(6) Christian Names.
James Albert.

Particulars.

(7) Date of Enlistment
12/10/16.

(8) Place of Enlistment
B'burg. Queensland.

(9) Age on Enlistment
21 Years 11 Months

(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate
Auth. C.R. / /

(11) Birthplace
B'burg. Queensland.

(12) Religion
C of E.

(13) If Married
No.

(14) Trade or Calling
Mail Man.

(15) If an Apprentice
No.

(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia
22-12-16.

(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin:
i.e.
Australia or Abroad
AUST.

(18) Special Notification Card No.
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Nothing to be written in this Margin.

CASUALTY FORM-ACTIVE SERVICE. Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps *AAC Corps* *15th BATT* *2788*

Regimental No. *2788* Rank *Private* Name *CRANE James Albert*

Enlisted (a) *12.10.16* Terms of Service (a) *Four years Service reckons from (a)* *12.10.16*

Date of Promotion to present rank) Date of appointment to lance rank) Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s)

Extended) Re-engaged) Qualification (b))

Report to.	From whom Received.	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 30, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 30, or other official documents.
O.C. Troops	A64 "Demosthenes" (Bakki)	Sydney	22-12-16	(LR 336)	
	(Disen)	Plymouth	3-3-17	(5-3-17)	
17 1st Eng Bn	M.I. from Aust	England	6.3.17	LR 550 3015 21 5.17 (2 752 21)	
17 Camp 13	Pte 1st to 9th Eng Bn from 11th Eng Bn forward	Forward	5.11.17	LR 10409 3243 (Auth) 24.10.17	
18 9th Bn	Pte Proceeded from forward to rear from the 15th Bn	Sia Hampton	5.3.18	2212 21	2.4.18
18 1st Bn	from Eng	Mohr Moore	7.11.18	AK 2774/18	
18 do	from Mohr	do	20.1.18	AK 2774/18	
18 1st Bn	from Mohr	do	2.2.18	AK 2774/18	
18 do	from Mohr	do	5.3.18	2212 21	2.4.18

(a) Is the 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, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

P.T.O.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form D. 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 D. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official document.
Date	From whom Received				
	1st Army of School	Entered at school report		22/6/18	
11.11.18	do	Still attached	France	11.11.18	9965/12/15
14.11.18	do	Sp. 11th Bn. France	do	14.11.18	1001/15/15
	Adm. Asst. Quar. 60th Bn. 6th Div. 2nd Army	Transferred			1001/15/15
22.11.18	do	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	22.11.18	1001/15/15
18.1.19	Const. 1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	18.1.19	1001/15/15
2.4.19	1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	2.4.19	1001/15/15
26.4.19	1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	26.4.19	1001/15/15
27.4.19	1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	27.4.19	1001/15/15
17.5.19	1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	17.5.19	1001/15/15
19.5.19	1st Bn. 11th Div.	Reported at 1st Bn. 11th Div.	France	19.5.19	1001/15/15

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Adm. Asst. Quar. 60th Bn. 6th Div. 2nd Army

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(SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM Part II).

Army Form B. 103-11.
Part II.

Regt. No.
2788

Regiment or Corps a.a.v. Corps Regimental Number 2788
 *Substantive Rank He Surname Leane Christian Names J. A.
 *Acting Rank _____
 (* To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.)

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(A) Report		(B) Authority of Part II. of Orders	(C) Record of promotions, appointments, reductions, casualties, transfers, retirements, &c. All acting as well as substantive promotions to be shown, for method of entry of which see A.C.I. 1011 of 1917. Every post unit in which transferred and posted to be minutely named.	(D) Place of casualty	(E) Date of promotion, reduction, retirement, &c.	(F) Remarks, and initials and rank of an officer
Date.	From whom received					
10/10/19	HAAC		He Mony for R.T.A. 21st		10/5/19	L 50/123
16/19	AD Hpl		Diach to CTD. P House.			
31.5.19	b2D.		He Mony 1st AD H.	hptarrhal	31/5/19	VR 1605
10.6.19	3 Hpl		Adut to 603 Prof	P House	31/5/19	LF 5517
do			He Lx ex P House.	badford	10/6/19	LF 5789
					10/6/19	LF 5771

