



Daniel Patrick Crane collection

Accession number 32828

Date 1939-1949

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993, creator.

Abstract This collection contains photographs, ephemera, souvenirs, correspondence and realia principally relating to Daniel Patrick Crane's service with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces) in post-war Japan.

Scope and content A collection of photographs, ephemera, and realia relating to Daniel Patrick Crane. Crane, a Brisbane man, enlisted in the Citizens Defense Forces before being transferred to the A.I.F. where he subsequently served in New Guinea during the Second World War, and later as a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces of Post-War Japan. Features of this collection include his paybooks, a demobilisation instruction booklet, Japanese occupation currency, silk flags commemorating the American landing in Japan, and a photograph album featuring scenes and personal photographs of Crane's unit in Japan.

Description 1 photograph album; 2 silk flags; 2 silk garments; 1 AIF shirt; 1 kit bag; service papers; loose photographs; framed portrait.

Administrative / Biographical history BCOF headquarters were located at Kure, and the army encamped at Hiro. Their area of responsibility was the western prefectures of Shimani, Yamaguchi, Tottori, Okayama, Hiroshima, and Shikoku Island.

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Series 1: Photographs (1942-1949)

Series number 1

Series title Photographs

Date 1942-1949

Scope and content

Photographs taken and collected by Daniel Crane, spanning much of his time serving with the 34th Brigade 'A' Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery (RAA) in post-war Japan as a member of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF). Principally housed in a leather bound album, a number of which have hand-written captions underneath, there are also 60 loose photographs, and one mounted and framed studio portrait of Crane in uniform. Service history:

QX47722 (Q146135) Daniel Crane

- 20 February 1942 enlisted with the CMF, allocated to 113th Anti-Aircraft Regiment.
- 30 January 1943 reassigned to the AIF as part of 163 Battery
- July 1943 to March 1944 on active duty in New Guinea
- April 1944 returned to the training unit at Canugra
- 1945 was assigned to Brisbane Base Watercraft Workshops
- 1946 deployed to Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF)

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 1 album (1 folder loose photographs; 1 framed & mounted portrait)

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Items in this series:

Photograph album (1942-1949)



Unit ID 32828/1

Date 1942-1949

Scope and content

Leather bound photograph album - containing photographs and postcards which have been secured with corners, many have hand-written captions underneath. Loose items have been rehoused see Item 2. The photographs feature the following: military shipping; troops leaving Sydney, boxing onboard ship, signing of surrender documents on board ship; General Tomoyuki Yamashita (1885-1946); Kure, Hara Mura, San Dan Kyo [Sandan-kyo, Hiroshima], Kura Hashi Shima, Osaka, Mura, Matsuyama Castle, Taka Hama Harbour, Bofu air strip; Kieth Jenkins, Nina Shima, Tokyo Bay; Kaitaichi, Etajima, Fikuyama, Miya Jima, Military parade, Empire Day, Tokyo; HQ British Commonwealth Sub Area, Tokyo; Military parade, 4 July 1946, Tokyo; many government buildings Tokyo; Ginsa devastation; Imperial Hotel, Oasis Club, Tokyo; devastated buildings Tokyo; parade to honour Vice Admiral Boyd, Commander in Chief, British Pacific Fleet with A Field Battery, RAA, 1946

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 1 album (leather-bound)

Additional format Digital copy available

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Loose photographs (1942-1949)

Unit ID 32828/2

Date 1942-1949

Scope and content

Loose photographs taken or collected by Daniel Crane and his family relating to his service during and post the Second World War. A number of the photographs are family snaps of Crane in Brisbane wearing his service uniform, the majority are closely associated with his time in Japan as part of the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupational Force).

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 60 photographs

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Studio portrait (1942-1945)

Unit ID 32828/3

Date 1942-1945

Scope and content

Mounted studio portrait of Daniel Crane in full service uniform and hat. The frame has a replica of the Commonwealth Military Forces rising sun on the top centre.

Description

Description 1 studio portrait (with mount and frame)

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(1 digital)

Series 2: Notebooks (1945-1949)

Series number 2

Series title Notebooks

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Pocket-sized notebooks kept by Daniel Crane during his service during and post the Second World War. They principally record Japanese phrases, and names and addresses of friends and acquaintances.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 3 notebooks

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Items in this series:

Notebook (1945-1949)

Unit ID 32828/4

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Small pocket-sized brown leather-bound notebook containing several colour maps of Japan, handwritten Japanese phrases, names and addresses of friends and acquaintances; and a brief chronology of Daniel Crane's service.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 1 notebook

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Notebook (1945-1949)

Unit ID 32828/5

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Small pocket-sized notebook and pencil, containing brief notes including addresses, pay allotments, and Japanese phrases.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1933

Description

Description 1 notebook

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Notebook (1945-1949)

Unit ID 32828/6

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Small pocket-sized notebook in fragile condition, containing names and addresses of friends and colleagues.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 1 notebook

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Series 3: Correspondence (1942-1950)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1942-1950

Scope and content

This series is primarily official correspondence relating to the service of Daniel Crane during and after the Second World War. There is however one significant letter written by Crane to his family in Brisbane while serving with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Force) in Japan.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 7 letters (& statements, memos & 1 pamphlet)

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Items in this series:

Memorandum (2 April 1942)

Unit ID 32828/7

Date 2 April 1942

Scope and content

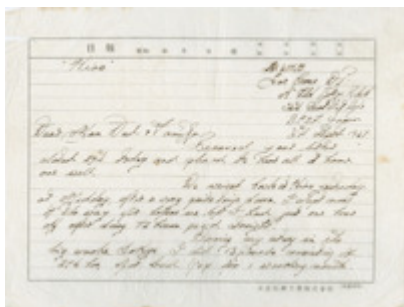
Printed 'Notice to Recruits', issued by Australian Military Forces, advising that Daniel Crane has been allotted to the 15th Battalion after enlisting at the Annerley Drill Hall, Brisbane.

Description

Description 1 memo

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Letter (3 April 1947)



Unit ID 32828/8

Date 3 April 1947

Scope and content

Letter hand-written on rice paper by Daniel Crane, BCOF Japan, to his family in Brisbane. Crane writes quite an amusing account of his activities over a number of days in April 1947 enjoying the company of New Zealand and American troops and describing some of his duties.

Author / Creator

Crane, Daniel Patrick, 1924-1993

Description

Description 1 letter (6 sheets, on rice paper)

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Memorandum (1939-1949)

Unit ID 32828/9

Date 1939-1949

Scope and content

Pro forma list 'A' detailing what should be brought to camp.

Description

Description 1 memorandum

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Statement (7 August 1947)

Unit ID 32828/10

Date 7 August 1947

Scope and content

Reconciliation of Continuation Paybook Advice for Daniel Crane, issued at the end of his service with the Australian Armed Forces and British Commonwealth Occupation Force.

Description

Description 1 statement

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Statement (22 August 1947)

Unit ID 32828/11

Date 22 August 1947

Scope and content

Final statement of account, Discharged member, Australian Military Forces, issued to Daniel Crane at the end of his service with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force.

Description

Description 1 statement

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Memorandum (6 May 1948)

Unit ID 32828/12

Date 6 May 1948

Scope and content

Statement advising of entitlement of War Gratuity for Daniel Crane after his service with the Australian Military Forces and the British Commonwealth Occupation Force.

Description

Description 1 statement

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Leaflet (1945-1950)

Unit ID 32828/13

Date 1945-1950

Scope and content

Summary of conditions of award, and notes for guidance in the wearing of campaign stars, defence and war medals issued to Daniel Crane following his service with the Australian Military Forces during the Second World War.

Description

Description 1 pamphlet

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(1 digital)

Series 4: Postcards (1946-1948)

Series number 4

Series title Postcards

Date 1946-1948

Scope and content

12 postcards collected by Daniel Crane, showing scenes from: Singapore, Penang, Malaysia,

and Japan including: Mt Fuji, Haneda Airport, Tokyo Station and the Imperial Palace, Tokyo.

Description

Description 12 postcards

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Series 5: Service papers (1942-1947)

Series number 5

Series title Service papers

Date 1942-1947

Scope and content

This series consists of soldier's pay books, demobilisation procedures and a brief record of service for QX47722 Daniel Patrick Crane for his service during and after the Second World War.

Description

Description 4 books (& one statement & discharge certificate)

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Items in this series:

Pay book (April 1942-January 1945)

Unit ID 32828/27

Date April 1942-January 1945

Scope and content

Soldier's pay book issued to Daniel Crane Army No. Q146135, includes separate cover.

Description

Description 1 pay book (& cover)

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Pay book (January 1945-June 1947)

Unit ID 32828/28

Date January 1945-June 1947

Scope and content

Soldier's paybook [continuation book] issued to Danie Crane, Army No. QX47722.

Description

Description 1 pay book

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Pay book (July - August 1947)

Unit ID 32828/29

Date July - August 1947

Scope and content

Soldier's paybook [continuation book] issued to Daniel Crane Army No. QX47722.

Description

Description 1 paybook

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Demobilisation book (August 1947)

Unit ID 32828/30

Date August 1947

Scope and content

Demobilisation procedure book issued to Danile Crane Army No. QX47722 after his return from duty with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, in Japan.

Description

Description 1 book

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Record of service (1947)



Unit ID 32828/31

Date 1947

Scope and content

Record of Service issued to Daniel Crane Army No. QX47722 having returned from deployment with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, in Japan.

Description

Description 1 record

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Certificate (22 August 1947)

Unit ID 32828/46

Date 22 August 1947

Scope and content

Certificate of discharge, for QX47722 Gunner, Daniel Patrick Crane from the Australian Military Forces.

Description

Description 0

(1 digital)

Series 6: Mementos (1945-1955)

Series number 6

Series title Mementos

Date 1945-1955

Scope and content

Two badges retained by the Crane family in remembrance of Daniel Crane's service during the Second World War.

Description

Description 2 badges

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Items in this series:

Female relative's badge (1942-1947)

Unit ID 32828/32

Date 1942-1947

Scope and content

This badge was issued to the nearest female relative of members of the Australian Imperial Force. The stars displayed on a bar suspended below the badge represent the number of relatives involved in the war effort. In this case there is one, for Daniel Crane. It has been retained by the family in a small wood box with a sliding lid.

Description

Description 1 badge (& wooden box)

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Australia Remembers 1945-1995 pin badge (1955)

Unit ID 32828/33

Date 1955

Scope and content

50 years anniversary, 'Australia Remembers' pin badge, gold-plated metal with green enamel border, and an image of service personnel in enameled centre.

Description

Description 1 badge

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Series 7: Military equipment (1942-1947)

Series number 7

Series title Military equipment

Date 1942-1947

Scope and content

A service kit bag, AIF cotton shirt and a military colour patch, 34th Brigade 'A' Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery (RAA) all relating to the service of Daniel Crane during and post, the Second World War.

Description

Description 1 kit bag (with shirt & military colour patch)

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Items in this series:

Kit bag (1942-1949)



Unit ID 32828/34

Date 1942-1949

Scope and content

1 kit bag of brown canvas with brass rings. The kitbag consists of a long, brown, canvas cylinder closed at the bottom. The top has an internal canvas flap and eight brass grommets to allow a drawstring type rope to secure the bag. It has been stencilled with the name and service number of 'Crane, D P QX47722'.

Description

Description 1 kit bag

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Military shirt (1944-1949)

Unit ID 32828/35

Date 1944-1949

Scope and content

Khaki cotton long-sleeved shirt, with wooden buttons, issued in 1944 and associated with the service of QX47722 Daniel Crane during the Second World War.

Description

Description 1 shirt

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Colour patch (1945-1949)

Unit ID 32828/36

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Military colour patch [dark red and dark blue cloth] for the Royal Australian Artillery. Daniel Crane was assigned to the 34th Brigade 'A' Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery (RAA) while serving in Japan with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Forces).

Description

Description 1 cloth patch

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(1 digital)

Series 8: Souvenirs (1945-1949)

Series number 8

Series title Souvenirs

Date 1945-1949

Scope and content

Souvenirs obtained by Daniel Crane while serving with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Force) in post-war Japan. They include:

- Embroidered silk kimono-style shirt
- Embroidered silk American-style bomber jacket
- Japanese silk flag
- Japanese victory scarf
- Occupation currency
- Japanese coins
- Map of Japan for sight seers
- Map of Japan, large format, folded

Description

Description 2 shirts (2 flags, 60 bank notes, 4 coins, 1 token, 2 maps)

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Items in this series:

Shirt (1946-1948)

Unit ID 32828/37

Date 1946-1948

Scope and content

Embroidered silk kimono-style shirt. The cloth is embroidered with gold and red metallic thread and features traditional Japanese dragons.

Description

Description 1 shirt

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Jacket (1946-1948)



Unit ID 32828/38

Date 1946-1948

Scope and content

Embroidered silk American-style bomber jacket, embroidered front and back with dragons, and a representation of Mt Fuji.

Description

Description 1 jacket

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Japanese flag (1945-1947)



Unit ID 32828/39

Date 1945-1947

Scope and content

Japanese silk flag with gold fringe, souvenired and signed by Daniel Crane during his service with the BCOF (British Commonwealth Occupation Force) in post-war Japan.

Description

Description 1 flag

580 x 525 mm

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Japanese flag (1939-1948)



Unit ID 32828/46

Date 1939-1948

Scope and content

Autographed souvenir Japanese 'good luck' flag (*hinomaru yosegaki*) with the signatures of Allied soldiers and their service numbers. Made of white silk, the flag is printed with a crimson red hinomaru and was a traditional gift for Japanese servicemen deployed most notably during the Second World War. *The flag was typically a national flag signed by friends and family, with short messages wishing the soldier victory, safety and good luck.*

Description

Description 1 flag

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Other

Biographical history

Autographs of Australian servicemen so far have been identified as follows. The men were primarily from 'A Field Battery' Royal Australian Artillery (RAA):

NX176078 Bambury, Brian Claude; Lidcome, NSW

NX123993 Brown, John; Liverpool; NSW

NX179292 Donehue, Robert Neale Patrick; Bankstown, NSW

NX111853 Downie, Ralph James; Randwick, NSW

NX205264 Drinkwater, Warren Anthoney; NSW

NX180818 Hancock, Geoffrey; Hamilton, Victoria

NX207801 Isaac, Stuart Norman; Goulburn, NSW

NX171721 Power, William Ernest; Ouyen, Vic

NX173355 Stewart, Mervyn William; Kensington NSW

NX10490 Stewart, George Henry; Gladesville, NSW

QX35840 Atkinson, William Edward; Brisbane

QX47452 Bradford, Edward Mervyn; Gympie, Qld
QX25035 Cowin, Allan Roy "Walrus"; Coolangatta, Qld
QX45484 Devere, Robert Henry; Qld
QX28819 Hirst, Edward Dyson; Brisbane
QX41198 Jamison, Harold; Maryborough, Qld
QX35626 McClements, James Albert; Brisbane
QX64076 Rutherford, Roy Arthur; Brisbane

SX21259 Sinclair, Alfred John; Rosewater, SA

TX15897 Curtain, Max Edward; Hobart

VX148464 Barbee, Anthony; Melbourne
VX97965 Bruce, David Baines; Melbourne
VX147173 Chapman, Ronald Cyril; Ouyen, Vic
VX101570 Charles, Thomas; Footscray, Vic
VX147887 England, Kenneth Maxwell; Diggers Rest, Vic
VX97689 Jenkins, Keith Charles; Melbourne
VX125405 Johnston, Russell Kenneth; Melbourne
VX135747 Matthews, Graeme William; Caulfield, Vic
VX98084 Thomas, Alan Walter; Melbourne

WX39372 Lee, Robert Leonard; WA
WX30589 Matson, Earnest Jack; Perth
WX30830 Tomlinson, Peter; Northcliffe, WA

Scarf (1945)



Unit ID 32828/40

Date 1945

Scope and content

Souvenir Japanese victory scarf, printed with 'In memory of landing in Japan' and a central map showing Yokohama, Japan and the west-coast of America; with floral motifs around three edges.

Description

Description 1 scarf (960 x 680 mm)

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Currency (1945-1947)

Unit ID 32828/41

Date 1945-1947

Scope and content

Occupation currency; 60 paper based notes of varying denominations. Issued by the British Armed Forces and the Japanese Government.

Description

Description 60 bank notes

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Coins (1945-1947)

Unit ID 32828/42

Date 1945-1947

Scope and content

Japanese coins [4] of various denominations and a gold-paper token.

Description

Description 4 coins (& 1 token)

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Map (1915-1947)

Unit ID 32828/43

Date 1915-1947

Scope and content

'Map of Japan for sight seers'. Folded colour map, well used, and still in good condition, annotated in Japanese and English.

Description

Description 1 map

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Map (1947)

Unit ID 32828/44

Date 1947

Scope and content

'New map of Japan' published by Nihon-Kenkyu Sha, Tokyo. Large format, folded map. 1 pp. Illus. with 1 folding color map with map insets.

Description

Description 1 map

770 x 1080 mm

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(4 digital)

Series 9: Miscellaneous items (1935-1937)

Series number 9

Series title Miscellaneous items

Date 1935-1937

Scope and content

[Item 45] Prayer book. '*The small missal : containing the proper of the Mass for all Sundays and the principal feasts of the year, the rite of benediction, compline for Sundays, and other devotions*'. This prayer book was presented to Daniel Crane in 1937 by his parents on his 13th birthday. Several pages are loose and includes fragments of pressed plants [now housed separately to the item]. The red fabric page maker is also loose from the binding.

Description

Description 1 prayer book

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