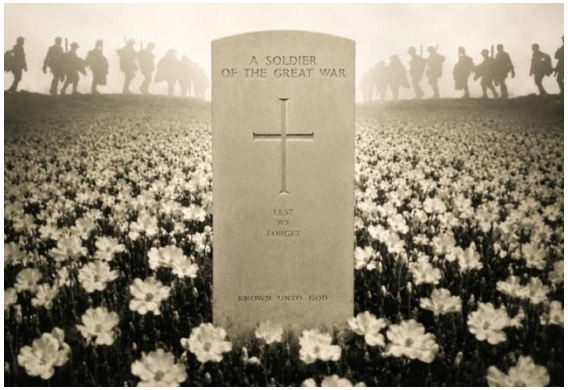






Hubert Arthur Cram

1889 – 1918

Civilian Research

Field Name	Field Data	Source of data
Casualty Nam	Hubert Arthur Cram	CWGC
Date of Birth	11/8/1889 born Eastcote, Middx 3/11/1889 baptised parish of Ruislip	Baptism register – on file
Date of Death (from Spreadsheet)	16/4/1918 NOTE the spreadsheet says 15th – error?	CWGC
Age at death (from Spreadsheet	27	CWGC
Marital Status	No mention of wife in obituary or by CWGC	
Children (if any)	ditto	
Occupation prior to Call up	Insurance Clerk for a Fire Insurance company	1911 census

	1911	
Parents	Joseph Oliver Cram and Margaret Cram, of 56, Hindes Road, Harrow, Middx. Native of Eastcote, Pinner	CWGC
Listed Address(s)	1911 – Laurel Cottage, Eastcote, Middx 1901 – The Laurels, Ruislip, Uxbridge 1891 – Wiltshire Lane, Uxbridge 1889 – Laurel Cottage, Eastcote, Ruislip	1911 census 1901 census 1891 census Baptism register
Parents /Fathers occupation	1911 – Accountant for a ship broker 1891 – Accountant; in 1901 Shipping Accountant	1911 census 1891 census, 1901 census
Brothers and Sisters	George Alfred Cram (older), Herbert Oliver Cram (older), Edith Mary Cram (older), Gladys Cram (older), Evelyn Gwynneth (older), Olive Winifred (younger0	
Years at John Lyon School		
University (if any)		
Obituary	Very brief in newspaper below	Hanwell Gazette
Additional sources of data		
War Memorials:	Ruislip war memorial, Crossroads of Eastcote Rd and Ruislip High St, Eastcote Rd, Ruislip, Hillingdon	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/331152
Unless there's another H A Cram these are a lot of memorials	Pinner books of remembrance and window. On display in gift shop, West House, Pinner Memorial Park	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/595055
	St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Pinner	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/249660
	Eastcote Cross, Memorial Gardens, Field End Road, Eastcote, Hillingdon	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/memorial/2188
	East Window, Emmanuel Church, High St, Northwood, Hillingdon	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/225391
	Pillar, Corner of High Street and Grange Gardens, High St, Pinner, Harrow	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/340321

	John Lyon School, sundial	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/341269
	John Lyon School, plaque	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/340968
	St Lawrence Eastcote, Bridle Road, Eastcote, Hillingdon	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/358985
	St Martin of Tours Church, High Street, Ruislip, Hillingdon	https://memorials.iwm.org.uk/name/2167992

Military Research

JLS WWI RoH	CRAM H.A.
CWGC Reference	https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/455349/cram,-hubert-arthur/
Age	27
DoD	15-Apr-18
Rank	2 Lt
Regiment	King's Royal Rifle Corps 16th Bn
	KLEIN-VIERSTRAAT BRITISH CEMETERY
Location	West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
Military details	Son of Joseph Oliver Cram and Margaret Cram, of 56, Hindes Road, Harrow, Middx. Native of Eastcote, Pinner, Middx. According to Hillingdon Council WW1 Book of Remembrance and great war forum.org Second Lieutenant Hubert Arthur Cram died on April 16, 1918. He served with the 16th Battalion (Church Lads' Brigade) of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He was mortally wounded in action. He fell defending Mount Kemmel (Kemmelberg), a strategic high-ground position southwest of Ypres in West Flanders, Belgium. His death occurred during the ferocious opening phases of the Battle of the Lys (part of the German Spring Offensive). The 16th Battalion was thrown directly into the path of a massive German breakthrough attempt. Under unrelenting heavy artillery bombardments and infantry assaults, the unit suffered overwhelming casualties trying to hold the tactical high ground of the hill. Due to the chaotic nature of the defensive retreat and subsequent heavy shelling over the battlefield, his body was not recovered or could not be identified after the war. He is commemorated on the North Gate War Cemetery memorial in Baghdad, Iraq. (Note: During WWI, officers who died on other fronts but had specific territorial or familial registry ties to regional administrative commands were occasionally recorded on collective commonwealth lists like those in Baghdad, or he is commemorated on the local Ruislip/Hillingdon book of remembrance in England).

Story of Sacrifice

Hubert Arthur Cram (1889 – 1918)

Civilian Life

Hubert Cram was born in Eastcote, Middlesex, on 11 August 1889 and was baptised in the parish of Ruislip. He was the son of Joseph Oliver Cram and Margaret Cram, who later lived at Hindes Road, Harrow. Hubert was one of several children, with brothers George Alfred and Herbert Oliver, and sisters Edith Mary, Gladys, Evelyn and Olive. In 1911 he was living at Laurel Cottage, Eastcote, and working as an insurance clerk for a fire insurance company.

Military Life

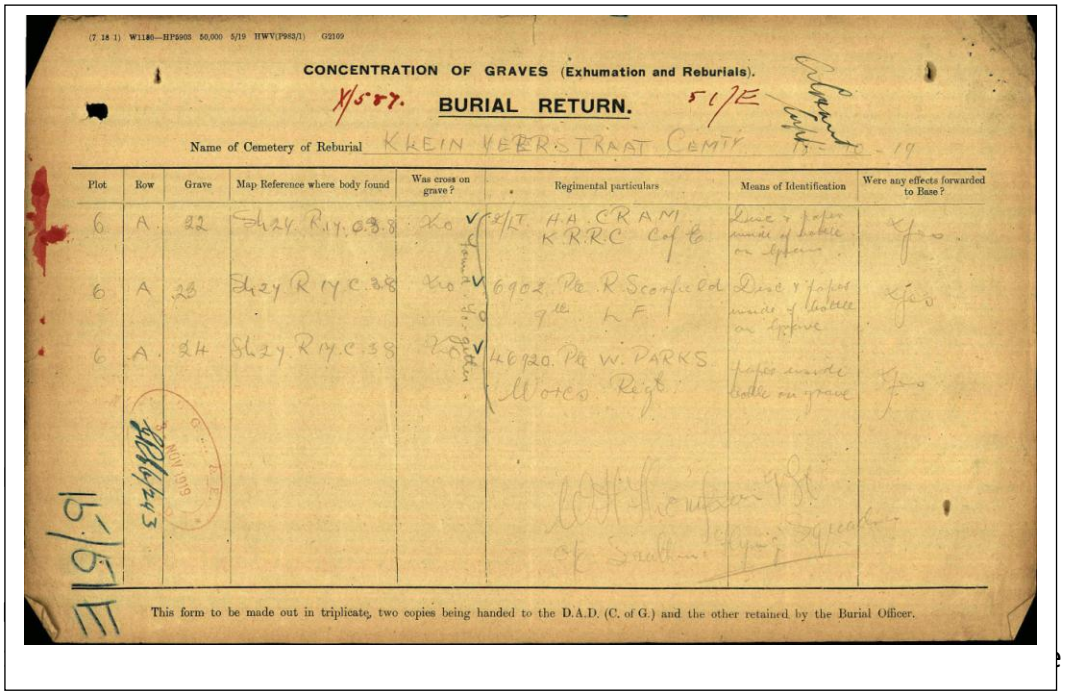
Cram served during the First World War, joining up in 1914, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the 16th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. The battalion, also known as the Church Lads' Brigade battalion, served on the Western Front. In April 1918, during the German Spring Offensive and the Battle of the Lys. The 16th Battalion was thrown directly into the path of a massive German breakthrough attempt. Under unrelenting heavy artillery bombardments and infantry assaults, the unit suffered overwhelming casualties trying to hold the tactical high ground of the hill around the Neuve-Eglise and Mount Kemmel areas in West Flanders, Belgium. According to the research, Cram was mortally wounded in action while defending Mount Kemmel and died from his wounds on 16 April 1918.

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Cram was buried at Klein Vierstraat Cemetery, in Belgium. His probate record identifies him as a Second Lieutenant of the 16th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, who died on 16 April 1918 in France. A contemporary newspaper report recorded that he had been serving since 1914 and gave his age as 28.

Notes and Clippings:

He is commemorated in a cemetery near Kemmel



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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

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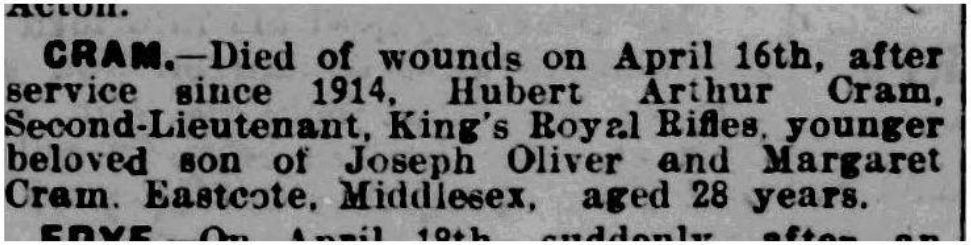
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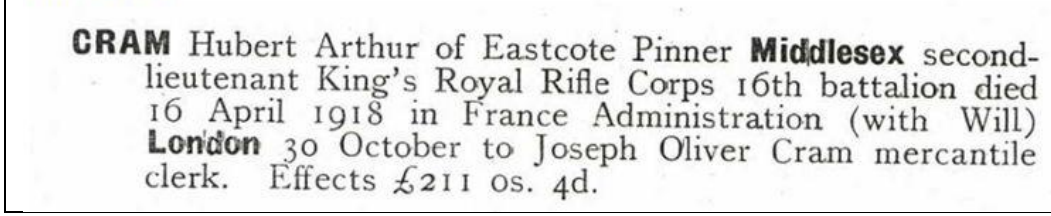
Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
6	A	22	Sh 27. R 14. C. 3.8	Yes	2/Lt H.A. CRAM K.R.R.C. C of E	Disc & paper inside bottle on grave	Yes
6	A	23	Sh 27 R 14 C. 3.8	Yes	6902. Pte R. Scorfield 9th L.F.	Disc & paper inside bottle on grave	Yes
6	A	24	Sh 27. R 14. C. 3.8	Yes	46920. Pte W. PARKS Motor Regt.	Paper inside bottle on grave	Yes

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

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NEUVE EGLISE area SW of MESSINES. After heavy fighting in early morning mist, the remains of the battalion regrouped at HILL 70 to the S of MOUNT KEMMEL. Losses 12-17 April 1918 were 544 other ranks and most of the officers.

Hanwell Gazette 27/4/1918	
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