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COLLECTION OF PAPERS RELATING TO
WORLD WAR I

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Summary

Creator: Ferguson, John Alexander, 1881-1969
Title: Collection of papers relating to World War I
Date range: 1914-1941
Collection number: MS 3637
Extent: 34 cm. (2 boxes) + 1 folio packet

Administrative Information

Access

Available for reference

Provenance

The papers were acquired by the Library as part of the collections of Sir John Ferguson.

Scope and Content

Papers relating to the First World War collected by J.A. Ferguson. Ferguson was a major collector of Australiana and related Pacific materials, with a particular interest in printings and published/circulated work.

The collection includes programs, souvenir menus, patriotic and souvenir postcards, photographs, broadsides, correspondence, music scores and official proclamations, mostly from Australian military forces serving in Europe, the Middle East, New Guinea and at sea.

There are programs, menus and photographs from the German internment camps in Australia located at Holdsworthy, Trial Bay and Berrima, shipboard and other war theatre diaries, official printed material, letters from servicemen at the front (including to the Rev. John Ferguson and Mrs Ferguson) and later letters to J.A. Ferguson relating to his collecting activities, a number of shipboard and field service magazines, and three scores of patriotic war-time songs.

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Series List

Number	Title
1	German internment camps in Australia, 1915-1918, 1939
2	Australian and New Zealand military forces: programmes, menus and official printed material, 1915-1923, 1929-1941
3	Postcards, greetings cards, photographs and other printed material, 1915-1919
4	Correspondence, 1915-1920
5	Shipboard and other war theatre diaries and publications, 1914-1921
6	Post war service publications, 1919-1920
7	Patriotic songs, 1914-1917

Series Descriptions

Series 1 German internment camps in Australia, 1915-1918, 1939

Programs of musical, theatrical, sporting and similar events, literary publications (mainly processed) and photographs, related press cuttings and correspondence from the internment camps at Holdsworthy (later spelt Holsworthy) and at Trial Bay and Berrima. The series includes one concert programme from the Liverpool internment camp in World War II, dated December 1939.

Folders

- 1 Holdsworthy/Liverpool camp: programs and publications, 1915-1918
- 2 Liverpool camp: programs and publications, 1916-1918 and 1939
- 3 Liverpool, Trial Bay and Berrima camps: photographs, letters and newspaper cuttings, 1915-1919, 1936
Photographs of camp internees, c1918, camp buildings and deserted Trial Bay prison, 1936 and items made by internees; letters from internees (including Paul Helterhoff); camp rules; and newspaper cuttings (including re demolition of the Trial Bay monument, 1919)

Series 2 Australian and New Zealand military forces, programs, menus and official printed material, 1915-1923, 1929-1941

Programs, souvenir menus, greetings cards; official proclamations, broadsides, marching orders and other printed and processed material relating to Australian war operations in Europe and the Pacific.

Folders

- 1 Australian Infantry Forces, France and Belgium, 1917-1919
Leaflets, greeting cards, menus and programs of card nights, sporting functions and concerts of various divisions and brigades and companies, some in the field in France and Belgium (many with imprint 'Printed in the Field by 23rd Bn Press') and on board submarine S.S. *Rio Negro*

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- 2 British Military Occupation/British Administration and Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Rabaul, 1914-1920, 1935

Official proclamations, orders, instructions and ordinances of the British Military Occupation/British Administration 1914-1918; menus and programs of Australian Expeditionary Force services, sporting and other entertainments; also program of visit of HMAS *Melbourne* to Rabaul, 1920 and letters and photos re Soldiers' Memorial at Rabaul, 1935
- 3 Samoa, 1916-1920
Copies of proclamations issued during occupation of Samoa and program of service of thanksgiving for peace
- 4 New Zealand: photos of Featherstone and other military camps, n.d.
Printed album and 10 postcard-size prints
- 5 ANZAC Day programs and orders of service 1921, 1929, 1933, 1936-1938, 1941
- 6 Other war-related official documents, 1917 and undated Troopship orders HMAS *Shropshire*, 23rd Battalion standing orders and 10th Training battalion march order

Series 3 Postcards, greeting cards, photographs and other printed material, 1915-1919

Folders

- 1-3 Patriotic and souvenir postcards, photographs and greeting cards, 1915-1918
Include series of printed patriotic postcards and photographs of Australian forces overseas, field service cards, official cards from staff, and Australian Comforts' Fund, anti-conscription postcards 1916-1917
- 4 Miscellaneous war-related printed material, 1915-1919
Including War Chest Fund, conscription referendum leaflets, war savings, propaganda leaflets, proclamation of martial law in Jerusalem and newspaper articles re battles and war theatres

Series 4 Correspondence, 1915-1920

Folders

- 1-2 Letters from the front, 1915-1918
Letters and a diary extract from soldiers on active service: include letters to Rev. John and Mrs Ferguson and J.A. Ferguson from Eustace and George Ferguson and others, letters of 'Alan' to Bryce Carter, letters to J. Josephson and others, and a file of correspondence and leaflets relating to the War received or collected by Rev. Maynard Riley, frontline chaplain, 1915-1922, with covering letter to J.A. Ferguson, 1923. Separate file of envelopes received from war theatres, 1915-1916.
- 3 Letters to J.A. Ferguson and lists regarding copies of war-time printed and published material, 1915, 1919-1920

Series 5 Shipboard and other war theatre diaries and publications, 1914-1921

Printed, processed/hand-printed and typescript magazines prepared by and for servicemen at sea and in the field, and typescript copies of two diaries.

Folders

- 1 *The Homeward Bounders*, magazine of the H.M.A.T. Port Sydney
Typed copies of v. 1, nos. 1-5, c.1919.
- 2 *The Armadale News*, 1916
The Dinkum News, 1916
En Voyage, 1919
The Austral-Aeneas News, 1919
The 'Hororata' Special, 1920
The Sardine, 1919
The Ghost and The Ghostess, 1919
Ceramicalities, c.1919
The Boomerang, 1919-1920.
- 3 *The Ocean Echo*, 1919
with letter to J.A. Ferguson from the editor, Eric Farrey, 1921
- 4 *The Maltameter*, 1918.
The Oysterley [sic] Silence: the official record of the voyage of H.M.T. "Osterley" from Australia to England. 1918.
Grit: a journal of moral reform and no-license, Vol. XI, no. 7, 1917.
Grit: war-time prohibition means national efficiency, Vol. XII, no. 5a, 1918
- 5 Shipboard diaries (copies), 1914-1916 and 1918

Series 6 Post war service publications, 1919-1920

The Rising Sun, v.1 n0.11, Jan. 1919; *The Diggers Gazette*, v.1 no.1, November 1919; First New Zealand Mounted Rifles Association *Bulletin*, no. 42, Jan. 1920; *Carry on* no.1, July 1925; AIF Education Service Journal v.1 no.2, Feb. 1919; *Australia in the Great war: the story told in pictures*

Series 7 Patriotic songs, 1914-1917

Music score and words of *Prayer in time of war*, 1914, *Smile and carry on*, c1914 and *Fill the billy for the boys*, c1917