



Glanville Henry George Rolls papers

Accession number 29784

Date 1915-1916

Author / Creator

Rolls, Glanville Henry George, 1889-1916

Scope and content Copied photographs and poem "Australia as a Nation" written by and to Glanville Henry George Rolls. Both poem and photographs are copies of the original items. Original manuscript of poem no longer exists.

System of arrangement Arranged into 2 series

Description 1 poem; 3 photographs

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

Administrative / Biographical history Private Glanville Henry George Rolls (1889-1916) was born at Kingsborough, Queensland. He worked as a miner in the Cairns region before he enlisted as a member of 9th Infantry Battalion, aged 26 years at Rockhampton. He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT 'Seang Bee' on 21 October 1915 and during the voyage wrote the poem "Australia as a Nation". Rolls was transferred to 49th Infantry Battalion, and died aged 27 on the 5 September 1916, during the Battle of the Somme, having last been seen in No Man's Land before action at Mouquet Farm.

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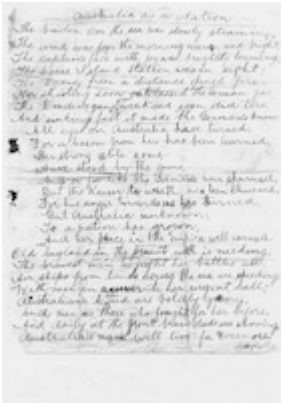
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Series 1: Poetry (1915-1916)



Series number 1

Series title Poetry

Date 1915-1916

Scope and content

Photocopy of poem titled: Australia as a Nation, written by Private Glanville Henry George Rolls during the First World War.

Author / Creator

Rolls, Glanville Henry George, 1889-1916

Description

Description 1 poem (1 sheet)

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Series 2: Photographs (1916)

Series number 2

Series title Photographs

Date 1916

Scope and content

Photographs and photographic postcard of Private Glanville Rolls, together with fellow soldiers, taken during his service with the 49th Infantry Battalion in the First World War.

Description

Description 3 photographs

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Items in this series:

9th Infantry Battalion soldiers, in Egypt (1916)



Unit ID 29784/2

Date 1916

Scope and content

Photograph of Glanville Rolls and three fellow soldiers, 1916. The message on the back reads: "To Gundy from Glan with best wishes from Egypt 24-1-16"

Description

Description 1 photograph

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Glanville Henry George Rolls, Egypt (19 February 1916)



Unit ID 29784/3

Date 19 February 1916

Scope and content

Studio portrait of Glanville Rolls with five fellow soldiers, sent to his family as a postcard. The message on the reverse reads: *Ezbekiah Gardens, 19th Feb. 1916. 2 all at Home, We met Jock Angus the other day, he is camped not far from our camp. He has been to the front and is spelling now. We thought it nice to get taken together to send home so I suppose it will appear on the films at the Pictures. I think you will agree that this life has not done us any harm so far. One of Jock Angus' mates who returned yesterday from England says that the feneral opinion there is that we will all be home in six months time [illegible] boys have been quarantined [illegible] at Suez on account of diphtheria. Best Wishes from Glan.*

Description

Description 1 photographic postcard

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Glanville Henry George Rolls, and friends, Egypt (19 February 1916)



Unit ID 29784/4

Date 19 February 1916

Scope and content

Photographic postcard sent from Cairo by Glanville Rolls to his sister Flo, 19 February 1916. The photograph features Glanville and his mates, including Jock Angus of the Light Horse. The message reads: *Cairo Egypt, 19/2/16. Dear Flo, I last wrote to you about 3 weeks ago. Am expecting a letter any day. Heard from Nell yesterday they are all well at home & cousin Mary is up for a trip. Do you think we are any thinner than we were. How are all the Sydney folk. The other boys are my mates, and the Light Hose chap is Jock Angus who we had not seen for a couple of years. We expect to be leaving here shortly. So good bye for the present. From your loving brother xx. Glan Rolls.*

Description

Description 1 photographic postcard

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