

William and Benjamin Ingham papers

Accession number 29901

Date 1915-1945

Scope and content Letters, postcards, greeting cards and a diary belonging to brothers William and Benjamin Ingham from Toowoomba, Queensland, who wrote home to their parents from active service during the First World War.

System of arrangement Arranged into 9 series

Additional format Digital copies available

Guides A series and item list is available

Administrative / Biographical history Toowoomba brothers William and Benjamin Ingham were both bakers when they enlisted in 1915 and embarked for active service with the first AIF. William enlisted aged 21 on 1 April 1915 as part of the 7th Reinforcement, 9th Battalion, then was transferred to 49th Battalion. Benjamin enlisted on 10 September 1915 with 15th Battalion, 14th Reinforcement and was transferred to 47th Battalion. William died of shrapnel wounds in France on 1 February 1917 and was buried at Dernancourt. Benjamin suffered shell shock and returned home on 13 February 1917.

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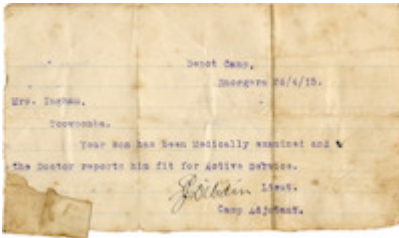
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Series 1: Correspondence (1915)



Series number 1

Series title Correspondence

Date 1915

Scope and content

This series of letters reveals the story of William 'Bill' Ingham from when he enlists with the First AIF in April 1915 and follows him on board SS *Shropshire* with the 9th Infantry Battalion, his arrival in Egypt, and his departure for the Dardanelles and Mudros Island. [Items 29901/1 - 29901/10]

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Description

Description 8 letters 1 telegram

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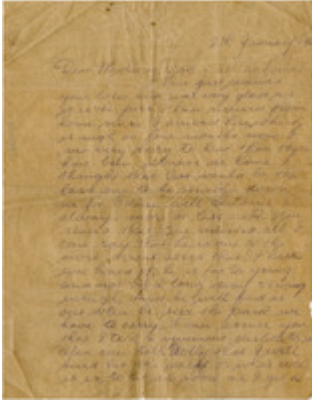
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Series 2: Correspondence (1916)



Series number 2

Series title Correspondence

Date 1916

Scope and content

This series of letters continue the story of William 'Bill' Ingham with the 9th and later 49th Infantry Battalions and the enlistment of his younger brother Benjamin 'Ben' in September 1915 who sailed for the Middle East with the 15th Infantry Battalion, having just turned 18 the previous July. Ben was transferred to the 47th Infantry Battalion and both soldiers proceeded with their units to France.

The brothers unsuccessfully requested to be assigned to the same Battalion but they served close by to each other. In August 1916 Ben was severely effected by neurasthenia as a result of high-explosive shelling and is evacuated to hospital. After convalescing he is considered unfit for active service and is to be returned home to Australia. [Items 29901/11 - 29901/52]

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Ingham, Benjamin Joseph, 1897-1959 ;

Andrews, Lucie Mary ;

Stevenson, William Edward, 1894-1968

Description

Description 35 letters ; 2 telegrams ; 5 postcards

Additional format Digital copies available

System of arrangement Chronological

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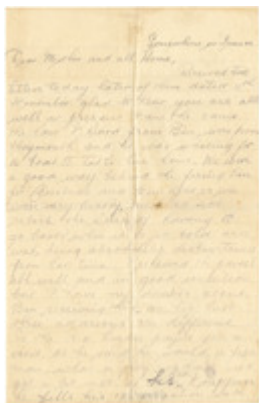
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Series 3: Correspondence (1917)



Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1917

Scope and content

This series of letters tell of the return of Benjamin Ingham home to Australia after becoming seriously ill; and the fate of his older brother William 'Bill' Ingham who died of shrapnel wounds 1 February 1917 and buried at Dernancourt. Included are many items of condolence. [Items 29901/53 - 29901/67]

Author / Creator

Ingham, Benjamin Joseph, 1897-1959

Stevenson, William Edward, 1894-1968

Description

Description 13 letters ; 2 cards ; 1 telegram

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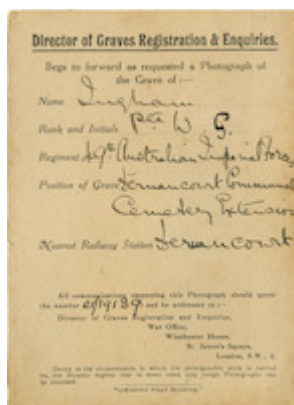
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Series 4: Correspondence (1918-1920)



Series number 4

Series title Correspondence

Date 1918-1920

Scope and content

This series of letters includes correspondence from William Stevensen who was serving with the 11th Field Artillery Brigade, a friend of the Ingham family; formal correspondence from the Australian Military Forces, and unmatched envelopes retained by the family. [Envelopes Items 29901/73 - 29901/81]

Author / Creator

Stevenson, William Edward, 1894-1968

Lean, James Malcolm, 1878-1931 ;

Ralph, Edgar Maurice, 1876-1950

Description

Description 5 letters ; 9 envelopes

Additional format Digital copies available

System of arrangement Chronological

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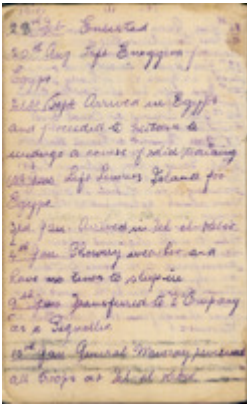
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Series 5: Diary (1916-1917)



Series number 5

Series title Diary

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

Diary of Sergeant William 'Bill' John Ingham, 49th Infantry Battalion, detailing his service from the time of his enlistment in 1915, training in Egypt, and life in the trenches France, the last entry is for 27 January 1917. William Ingham died of wounds, 1 February 1917 at Dernancourt.

[Item 29901/82]

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Description

Description 1 diary (58 pages)

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Series 6: Photographs (1900-1915)

Series number 6

Series title Photographs

Date 1900-1915

Scope and content

Three photographs relating to the Ingham family of Toowoomba, and of brothers William and Benjamin Ingham who served during the First World War. [Items 29901/83 - 29901/85]

Description

Description 3 photographs (black & white)

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Items in this series:

Photograph (1900-1915)

Unit ID 29901/83

Date 1900-1915

Scope and content

Unidentified photograph, inscribed on rear "Mr/s G. Ingham, 2nd house from 'Australian Hotel', Neil St. Toowoomba". Most likely to be of Mr Gilbert Ingham, who was a baker in Toowoomba.

Description

Description 1 photograph (cabinet card)

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Photograph (1913-1915)

Unit ID 29901/84

Date 1913-1915

Scope and content

Studio portrait possibly of brothers William and Benjamin Ingham. Inscribed on rear 'To Dear Auntie with love from Essie & Charlie'.

Description

Description 1 photographic postcard (blac & white)

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Photograph (1905-1910)

Unit ID 29901/85

Date 1905-1910

Scope and content

Unidentified school photograph, showing pupils of classes I, II & III, most likely to be in Toowoomba.

Description

Description 1 photograph (mounted on card)

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Series 7: Postcards (1915-1919)



Series number 7

Series title Postcards

Date 1915-1919

Scope and content

This series of postcards principally relate to the overseas service of brothers William and Benjamin Ingham during the First World War. One item shows a photograph of the original grave site of William Ingham, who died of wounds 1 February 1917. [Items 29901/87 - 29901/107]

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Ingham, Benjamin Joseph, 1897-1959

Description

Description 22 postcards

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Series 8: Greeting cards (1915-1919)

Series number 8

Series title Greeting cards

Date 1915-1919

Scope and content

This series contains a small miscellany of cards received by the Ingham family during the First World War. [Items 29901/6; 29901/108 - 29901/109]

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Description

Description 4 greeting cards

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Items in this series:

Greeting card (1915)



Unit ID 29901/6

Date 1915

Scope and content

Greeting card from William Ingham to his mother, sent from Egypt, on active service, it includes a poem titled 'Loving Greeting to my dear Mother'.

Author / Creator

Ingham, William John, 1894-1917

Description

Description 1 greeting card

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Greeting card (1916)



Unit ID 29901/110

Date 1916

Scope and content

Xmas 1916 card from Mr & Mrs A.C. Thompson, Canterbury. Included is newspaper clipping entitled 'On the wallaby track' published in *The Truth*, Brisbane, 9 August 1925, p.1

Description

Description 1 greeting card

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Greeting card (1919)



Unit ID 29901/108

Date 1919

Scope and content

Card illustrating theatres of war, 1916-1919

Description

Description 1 greeting card

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Souvenir card (1919)



Unit ID 29901/109

Date 1919

Scope and content

Souvenir card 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Description

Description 1 card

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Series 9: Miscellaneous papers (1915-1921)



Series number 9

Series title Miscellaneous papers

Date 1915-1921

Scope and content

This series contains miscellaneous items including newspaper clippings, sympathy cards, catalogues for ordering wreaths, and railway tickets, relating to the service of brothers William and Benjamin Ingham during the First World War.

Description

Description 3 newspaper clippings ; 4 cards ; 2 tickets ; 4 catalogues

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