

# James Nicholas Murray

**Accession number** 29924

**Date** 1915-2015

**Author / Creator**

**Murray, James Nicholas**

**Abstract** Papers, including a diary, map and notebook of James Murray.

**Scope and content** This collection includes papers relating to James Murray's employment as a surveyor in Queensland; a New Testament, a 1915 diary and other papers relating to his WWI service, including his time in Egypt and Gallipoli; various maps, including one of Cairo. Also included is a field service notebook containing survey measurements of trenches and tunnels at Gallipoli, and a contemporary survey map based on James Murray's notes. The contemporary survey was produced by James Murray's grandson Mark Murray, also a surveyor.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 5 series.

**Description** 1 photograph; 1 folder papers; 3 diaries; 1 notebook; 2 maps

**Additional format** Digital copies available for selected items.

**Guides** Transcripts available for selected items.

**Administrative / Biographical history** Private James Nicholas Murray was a surveyor by profession, and enlisted in the First World War on 10 February 1915 as part of D Company, 25th Infantry Battalion. He proceeded to Gallipoli in September 1915, then returned to Egypt when the Peninsula was evacuated. While on the Peninsula he surveyed the Allied trench and tunnel system. Once back in Egypt, he suffered hearing loss from otitis media infection, and on 3 March 1916 was invalided to Australia for discharge.

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## Series 1: Photographs (1915)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1915

### Description

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### Items in this series:

#### Photograph (1915)



**Unit ID** 29924/1

**Date** 1915

### Scope and content

Formal portrait of James Nicholas Murray in his A.I.F. uniform.

### Description

**Description** 1 photograph

**Additional format** Digital copy available

**Locate** OMBOX Box 19670

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## Series 2: Miscellaneous papers (1910-1934)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Miscellaneous papers

**Date** 1910-1934

### Scope and content

5 certificates, 1 declaration, notes, military order, 2 letters, one application, a small box, hair and a bible.

### Description

**Description** 5 certificates 3 documents 2 letters (letters) 1 box 1 Bible

## Access

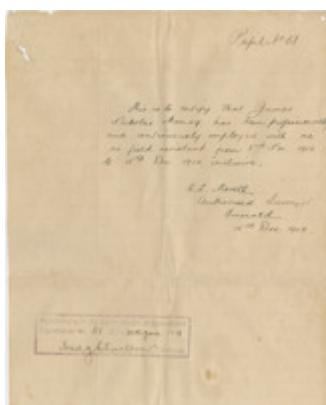
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Items in this series:

## Employment certificate (15 December 1910)



**Unit ID** 29924/2

**Date** 15 December 1910

### Scope and content

Document provided by C.L Morell, authorised Surveyor, Emerald, Queensland to certify that James Nicholas Murray was professionally and continuously employed by him as a field assistant from 3 November 1910 to 15 December 1910.

### Author / Creator

Morell, C.L.

## Description

**Description** 1 certificate

**Additional format** Digital copy available

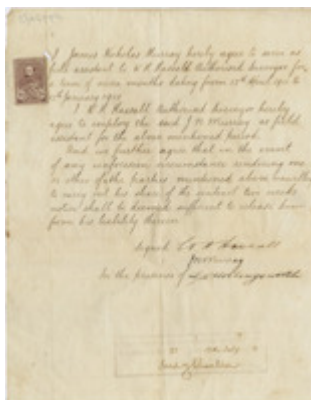
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## Employment declaration (17 July 1911)



**Unit ID** 29924/3

**Date** 17 July 1911

### Scope and content

Document signed by James Murray to declare his agreement to serve as a field assistant to W.H. Hassall, Authorised Surveyor from 17 April 1911 to 17 January 1912.

### Author / Creator

Murray, James

### Description

**Description** 1 document

**Additional format** Digital copy available

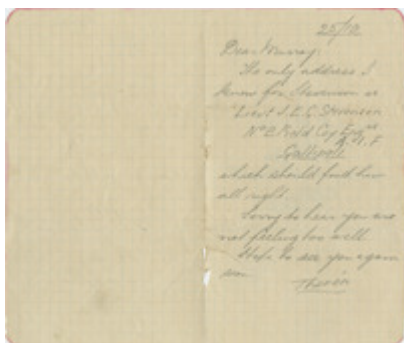
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## Field note (25 October 1915)



**Unit ID** 29924/4

**Date** 25 October 1915

**Scope and content**

Handwritten note to James Murray providing him with the address for Lieutenant J.E.G. Stevenson at Gallipoli.

**Author / Creator**

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**Description**

**Description** 1 note (document)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

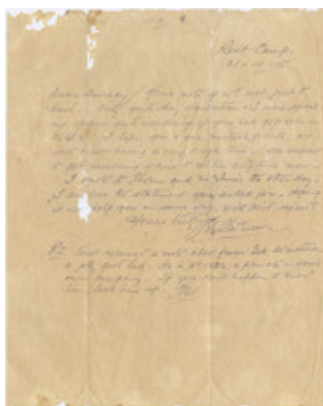
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**Letter (31 October 1915)**



**Unit ID** 29924/5

**Date** 31 October 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter to James Murray from an unknown colleague asking after his health and enclosing a statement which Murray requested.

**Author / Creator**

Stevenson, John Graham

**Description**

**Description** 2 pages

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Force Order No.28 (7 November 1915)**



**Unit ID** 29924/6

**Date** 7 November 1915

**Scope and content**

An order from General Headquarters, authorising the names of a number of Gallipoli localities for general use. The locations were surveyed by James Murray.

**Author / Creator**

Taylor, R. O'B.

Description

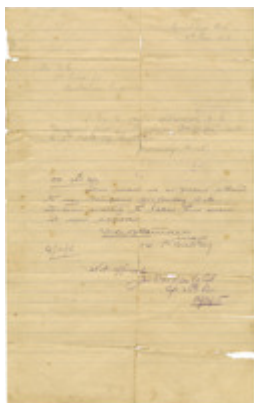
**Description** 1 document

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**Transfer application (5 December 1915)**



**Unit ID** 29924/7

**Date** 5 December 1915

**Scope and content**

Handwritten application from Private James Murray to transfer from 25th Battalion to 5th Field Company Australian Engineers. The application was not approved.

**Author / Creator**

Murray, James

Sturdee, Vernon Ashton Hobart



## Description

**Description** 1 page

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## Certificate of Discharge (10 April 1916)



**Unit ID** 29924/8

**Date** 10 April 1916

### Scope and content

Certificate of discharge for James Nicholas Murray, aged 30. Murray was discharged as medically unfit with deafness caused by chronic otitis media.

### Author / Creator

Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force

## Description

**Description** 1 page

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## Certificate of Marriage (photocopy) (1 May 1918)



**Unit ID** 29924/9

**Date** 1 May 1918

### Scope and content

Photocopy of the marriage certificate of James Nicholas Murray and Everilda Lois Evelyn Ponsonby Hawke. The couple were married in St Andrew's Church, South Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Needham, John Stafford

### Description

**Description** 1 certificate

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (15 July 1920)



**Unit ID** 29924/10

**Date** 15 July 1920

### Scope and content

Letter to James Murray to confirm that his name will be registered for inclusion in the ballot for portion 108, parish of Milton. A transcript is available.

### Author / Creator

Melville, A.

Lands Settlement Inquiry Office, Department of Public Lands

### Description

**Description** 1 page

**Additional format** Digital copy available

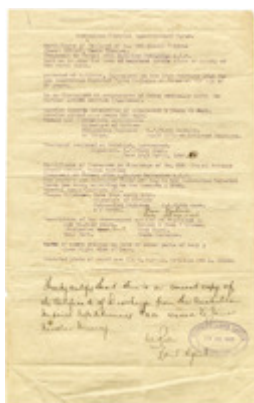
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**Certification (19 July 1920)**



**Unit ID** 29924/11

**Date** 19 July 1920

**Scope and content**

Gladstone District Land Office certification of James Murray's Certificate of Discharge.

**Author / Creator**

Rillie, W.

District Land Office, Gladstone

Description

**Description** 1 page

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Certification (24 October 1934)**



**Unit ID** 29924/12

**Date** 24 October 1934

### Scope and content

Unsigned certification that James Nicholas Murray passed the Land Surveyors' Examination and was registered as an Authorised Surveyor for the State of Queensland on 15th October 1934.

### Author / Creator

Harvey, J. P.

### Description

**Description** 1 page

**Additional format** Digital copy available

### Access

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### Lock of hair

**Unit ID** 29924/13

### Description

**Description** 1 packet

## Small box

**Unit ID** 29924/14

### Scope and content

Small box in which one of Private James Nicholas Murray's First World War service medals was sent.

## Description

**Description** 1 box

60 mm x 85 mm x 9 mm

## New Testament

**Unit ID** 29924/15

### Scope and content

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, illustrated from original drawings made in the Holy Land. This edition was published as a 'prized specialty for soldiers'. The signature inside is that of H.H. McGregor.

### Author / Creator

Harper, H.A.

Clark, J.

Walters, W.

## Description

**Description** 1 Bible

115 mm x 73 mm x 15 mm

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## Series 3: Diaries (1915)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Diaries

**Date** 1915

**Author / Creator**

Murray, James

Description

**Description** 1 diaries

**Locate** OMBOX Box 19670

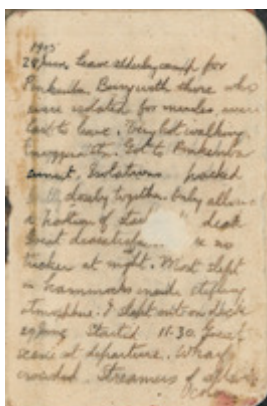
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Items in this series:

## Diary (1915)



**Unit ID** 29924/16

**Date** 1915

### Scope and content

1915 diary of Private James Nicholas Murray, in which he describes embarkation from Brisbane, the voyage to Egypt and then to Gallipoli. Murray details life and death in the dug outs and trenches of the Peninsula, and reveals how he was summoned to A&NZ Headquarters and tasked with surveying the trenches. He also describes the evacuation.

**Author / Creator**

Murray, James

**Description**

**Description** 1 diary

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 4: Notebook (1915-1916)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Notebook

**Date** 1915-1916

**Description**

**Description** 1 folder

**Locate** OMBOX Box 19670

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Items in this series:



## Diary (1915-1916)



Unit ID 29924/17

Date 1915-1916

### Scope and content

Transcript of the diary of James Nicholas Murray from Tuesday 17 December 1915 to Monday 3 April 1916. Murray describes time spent on Lemnos and on a troopship after the evacuation, and details his activities in and around Cairo once back in Egypt. He records his voyage home and arrival in Sydney on 3 April 1916. ***Transcript only - Original not held***

### Author / Creator

Murray, James

### Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Additional format** Digital copies available

### Access

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## Series 5: Maps (1914-1915 ; 2014)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Maps

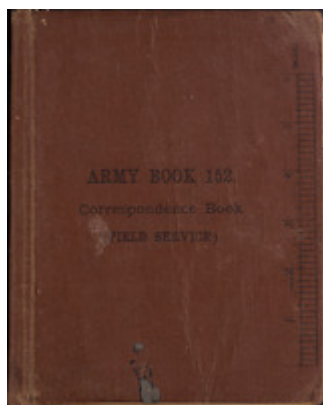
**Date** 1914-1915 ; 2014

Description

**Description** 0 maps 1 notebook

Items in this series:

### Surveyor's notebook (1915)



**Unit ID** 29924/18

**Date** 1915

#### Scope and content

James Murray's grid pattern Field Service correspondence book, which contains his surveyor's notes and measurements for many locations on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Instruments used by Surveyor Murray for the observations noted were a prismatic compass, a clinometer and a graduated 20 foot (6.09 metres) long piece of string.

#### Author / Creator

Murray, James

Description

**Description** 1 notebook

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Map (16 September 1915)



**Unit ID** 29924/19

**Date** 16 September 1915

### Scope and content

Map which appears to be hand drawn by Captain M. Connor, Officer Commanding D Company at Durrants Post. The map is a plan showing the disposition of troops in the vicinity of Durrants Post.

### Author / Creator

Connor, M.

Description

**Description** 1 page

**Additional format** Digital copy available

**Locate** OMBOX Box 19670

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## Map



**Unit ID** 29924/20

### Scope and content

Brief hand drawn map showing various features of the Gallipoli Peninsula, including Suvla Bay, Anzac Cove, Hill 60, Sari Bair, Chunuk Bair, Chailak Dere, Russell's Top, Monash Gully, Schrapnel Valley and Lone Pine.

## Description

**Description** 1 sheet

204 x 255 mm

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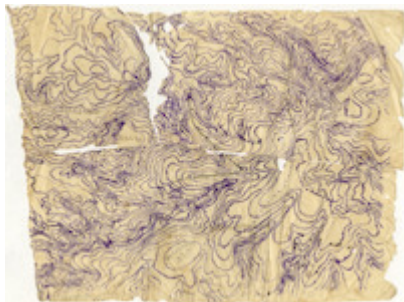
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## Map



**Unit ID** 29924/21

### Scope and content

Contour map on which is hand written the names of various features at gallipoli - Battleship Hill, Table Top, Chunuk Bair, Chailak Dere.

### Description

**Description** 1 sheet

200 x 260 mm

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Map

**Unit ID** 29924/22

### Scope and content

Poster sized map of Europe with an inset map of the Dardanelles. Map is surrounded by advertisements for businesses in New South Wales, including the Armidale Chronicle.

### Description

**Description** 1 map

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Map of Cairo (1914)



**Unit ID** 29924/23

**Date** 1914

### Scope and content

1914 map of Cairo, scale 1:15,000.

**Author / Creator**

Survey Department, Egypt

**Description**

**Description** 1 sheet

358 x 504 mm

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Map of Russell's Top, Gallipoli (26 November 2014)**

**Unit ID** 29924/24

**Date** 26 November 2014

**Scope and content**

Map of traversed trench and tunnel positions around Russell's Top, Gallipoli. Produced by the surveying firm of James Nicholas Murray's grandson Mark Murray, from Private James Murray's original field notes. Private Murray's notes were made between 1 October and 1

November 1915. The traverses shown are of Todd Road, White Lane, Broadway, Meldrum Lane, Paul Avenue, Rocket Street, Murphy's Lane, Main Street, Jenkins Avenue, Uther Lane and D.Sah.

**Author / Creator**

Murray & Associates: Surveyors & Town Planners

Description

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