



George Crigan Graham collection

Accession number 30151

Date 1916-1918

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981.

Abstract This collection includes photographs, correspondence, personal papers, certificates, sound recording, and newspaper clippings.

Scope and content Photographs and personal papers relating to George Crigan Graham's military service during World War I and his travels and life after the war. Also included is a sound recording of George Graham reading WWI poetry. 1 portrait of the five Creegan sisters.

System of arrangement Arranged into 9 series

Description 0.02 linear metres

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items.

Administrative / Biographical history George Crigan Graham's second name was spelled in various ways: Crigan was the spelling on his enlistment papers and George Cregen Graham was the spelling on his birth certificate.

Access restrictions Unrestricted access.

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Series 1: First World War photographs (1914-1919)



Series number 1

Series title First World War photographs

Date 1914-1919

Scope and content

This series contains photographs, photographic postcards and studio portraits taken during the First World War. George Graham, a farmer from Dungay, via Murwillumbah, NSW served with the 9th Infantry Battalion, from 1916-1919. Many of the images are of individual soldiers, but also included are group portraits. Identified are: Alexander McGilvray, No. 2701, B. Company, 49th Infantry Battalion

John Alfred Wilson Vincent No. 4317, 2nd Infantry Battalion

Duncan Foster , No.56741, 12th Infantry Battalion

Percival Albert Thumpkins, No.725, 42nd Infantry Battalion

Henry Dyson Keenan, No.10991, Australian Army Medical Corps

Keith Waldo Semmens, No.56744, 12th Infantry Battalion

Sydney Covington, No.168, 31st Infantry Battalion

Desmond Wallace Nixon, No.2707, 34th Infantry Battalion

Carl Mason, No.6572, 26th Infantry Battalion

Cecil James May, No.2391, 30th Infantry Battalion & 7th Field Ambulance

Ernest Walter Elborough, No.3102, 29th & 32nd Infantry Battalions

Private A Green, 14th Infantry Battalion with Henry Dyson Keenan, Australian Army Medical Corps

Percival George McKay, No.3835, 3rd Australian Machine Gun Company

Maurice Du Moulin Montgomery, No.24597, 3rd Divisional Ammunition Column

Brothers Norman Phillip Francis, No.5020 and James William Francis, No.4305 31st Infantry Battalion

William Graham, 4th King's Own Scottish Borderers

Roy William Sergeant, No.5822, 9th Infantry Battalion

David Hutchinson Graham, No.2821, 12 Coy 3rd Anzac Battalion Imperial Camel Corps

Albert Edward Thornthwaite, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment

Matthew Lionel Casey, No.763, 42nd Infantry Battalion

William George Croft, No.4966, 1st Pioneer Battalion
Francis Thomas Claude Axford, No.2191, 38th Infantry Battalion
Baden Powell Thornthwaite, 3rd Border Regiment
Raleigh Allen Miller, No.5806, 2nd Australian Battalion
Simon Tait Hamilton, No.499, 9th Infantry Battalion
George Washington Muir, No.1030, 12th Infantry Battalion [Items 30151/1 -
30151/65; 30151/126; 30151/160 - 30151/181]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 88 photographs

Additional format Digital copies available

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Series 2: Postcards (1916-1919)



Series number 2

Series title Postcards

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This series contains postcards sent by George Crigan Graham to his family in Australia while serving with the 9th Infantry Battalion during the First World War. Many of the postcards include brief notes. [Items 30151/66 - 30151/76]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 11 postcards

Additional format Digital copies available

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

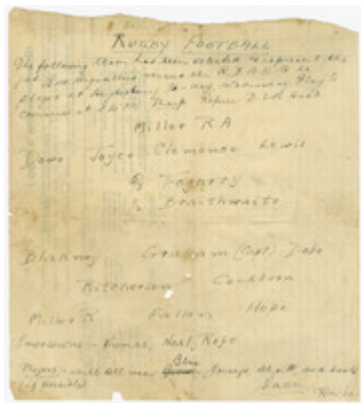
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Series 3: First World War papers (1916-1919)



Series number 3

Series title First World War papers

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This series contains: A handwritten list of the players of the 1st Brigade Signallers rugby football team for a match against the R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) to be played at Heytsbury, Wiltshire, England. Certificate of Discharge releasing Private George Crigan Graham from military service. [Items 30515/77 - 30515/78]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 list ; 1 certificate

Additional format Digital copies available

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Series 4: Coronation Contingent records (1936-1937)

Series number 4

Series title Coronation Contingent records

Date 1936-1937

Scope and content

This series contains correspondence and photographs relating to the participation of George Graham in the Australian contingent of ex-servicement at the coronation in London of King George VI in 1937. The certificate is only held in digital form. [Items 30515/79 - 30515/83]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 letter ; 3 photographs

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses

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Other

Notes

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Items in this series:

Letter (31 December 1936)

Unit ID 30151/79

Date 31 December 1936

Scope and content

Partial letter from the Australian Military Forces, Paddington, New South Wales, to George Crigan Graham Dungay, Murwillumbah, New South Wales. The letter relates to George Graham being nominated to participate in the Australian contingent of ex-servicemen at the coronation in London of King George VI in 1937. George Crigan Graham was the standard bearer for the Australian contingent at the 1937 coronation which took place on the 12th May 1937. Twenty-five men were chosen from New South Wales. The Australian contingent attended a number of official functions in England and Scotland, before attending final engagements in France.

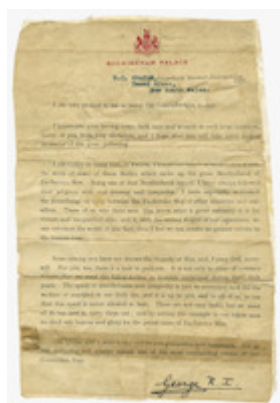
Author / Creator

Australian Military Forces, 2nd Military District

Description

Description 1 letter

Certificate (12 May 1937)



Unit ID 30151/80

Date 12 May 1937

Scope and content

Certificate, signed by George VI, and presented to dominion troops who formed the Coronation contingent of ex-servicemen and servicemen. The certificate is addressed to G.C. Graham, Tweed River, New South Wales, Standard Bearer, Coronation 1937.

Description

Description 1 certificate

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Notes

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Photograph (1937)



Unit ID 30151/81

Date 1937

Scope and content

Photographic postcard featuring an image of the Orient Line R.M.S. Oronsay. The postcard is inscribed on the reverse by George Crigan Graham "The first ship I travelled overseas 1937 to the coronation". The postcard is stamped "On board the Orient Line R.M.S. Oronsay"

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 photographic postcard

Additional format Digital copy available

Access

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Studio portrait (13 May 1937)



Unit ID 30151/82

Date 13 May 1937

Scope and content

Studio portrait of an unidentified Member of the Australian Contingent at the Coronation of King George VI, London, England, May 1937

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status Out of copyright

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Photograph (May 1937)



Unit ID 30151/83

Date May 1937

Scope and content

Postcard from George Crigan Graham to Elsie Daff in Cannon Hill, Brisbane, Queensland. He writes "The greatest parade of ex soldiers in the history of the British Empire where 80,000 marched in London at the coronation. I was one of the 100 Australians who took part in the parade. The old digger G.C. Graham". George Crigan Graham who was the standard bearer for the Australian contingent of servicemen and ex-servicemen who attended the coronation.

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 photographic postcard

Additional format Digital copy available

Access

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Series 5: Second World War papers (1943-1946)

Series number 5

Series title Second World War papers

Date 1943-1946

Scope and content

During the Second World War, George Crigan Graham was a member of the Murwillumbah Returned Services League and was involved in fund-raising efforts during the war.

George Graham gave a radio broadcast in July 1943 to advertise a Grand Diggers Sports Carnival in Murwillumbah to raise money for WWII prisoners of war; and in March 1946 assisted with the organisation of a 'Grand Victory Parade and Rodeo' held in Murwillumbah to welcome home local men and women who had served - the event raised £2000 for WWII prisoners of war and the Tweed District Hospital and Ambulance. [Items 30151/84 - 30151/95]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 4 letters ; 1 transcript ; 2 newspaper clippings ; 2 certificates ; 3 photographs

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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Access

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Copyright status Multiple copyright statuses

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Items in this series:

Letter (3 July 1943)

Unit ID 30151/84

Date 3 July 1943

Scope and content

Letter from Garnet Lake at Piggabeen, Tweed River, NSW, to George Graham in Murwillumbah, NSW. He writes of being inspired by Mr Graham's radio broadcast about raising money for the war effort and has made a donation. Mr Lake had four sons serving in the armed forces. During the Second World War, George Crigan Graham was a member of the Murwillumbah Returned Services League and was involved in fund-raising efforts during the war.

Author / Creator

Lake, Garnet Gordon, 1888-1961

Description

Description 1 letter

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Copyright status In copyright

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Other

Notes

Works authored by Garnet Lake remain In Copyright until 2031

Letter (19 February 1945)

Unit ID 30151/85

Date 19 February 1945

Scope and content

Letter from V.E. Kennedy, Commander of the Royal Naval Air Station in Rocklea, Brisbane, to George Crigan Graham, thanking him for the invitation to attend the patriotic sports day at Murwillumbah

Author / Creator

Kennedy, V. E.

Description

Description 1 letter

Transcript (July 1943)

Unit ID 30151/86

Date July 1943

Scope and content

Transcript of a radio broadcast by George Crigan Graham regarding a Grand Diggers Sports Carnival in Murwillumbah to raise money for Second World War prisoners of war.

Description

Description 1 transcript

Clipping (June 1946)

Unit ID 30151/87

Date June 1946

Scope and content

Newspaper clipping regarding the Grand Victory Parade and Rodeo held in Murwillumbah to welcome home local men and women who had served during the Second World War. The event raised £2000 for WWII prisoners of war and the Tweed District Hospital and Ambulance.

Description

Description 1 newspaper clipping

Clipping (1943)

Unit ID 30151/88

Date 1943

Scope and content

Newspaper clipping regarding the Diggers' Sports Day held in Murwillumbah during the Second World War to raise money for prisoners of war. George Crigan Graham was the organiser of the event.

Description

Description 1 newspaper clipping

Certificate (31 May 1945)



Unit ID 30151/89

Date 31 May 1945

Scope and content

Certificate awarded to George Crigan Graham by the Commonwealth of Australia for special services rendered in connection with the Third Victory Loan Campaign during the Second World War.

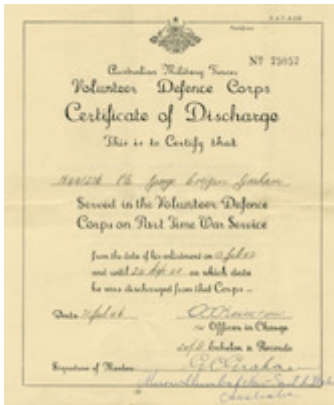
Description

Description 1 certificate (digital only)

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Certificate (31 July 1946)



Unit ID 30151/90

Date 31 July 1946

Scope and content

George Crigan Graham's Certificate of Discharge from service in the Volunteer Defence Corps during the Second World War. Digital copy only.

Description

Description 1 certificate (digital only)

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Address (7 September 1946)

Unit ID 30151/91

Date 7 September 1946

Scope and content

Copy of an address presented to George Crigan Graham from the people of the Tweed District in appreciation of his efforts to raise funds for patriotic purposes during the Second World War.

Description

Description 1 address

Letter (18 March 1946)

Unit ID 30151/92

Date 18 March 1946

Scope and content

Letter from Edward Michael Hanlon (1887-1952), Labor premier of Queensland, to George Crigan Graham thanking him for an invitation to attend the Grand Victory Parade and Rodeo to be held in Murwillumbah on the 30th March 1946 to welcome home the men who served in the Second World War. The date of the event was later changed to 10 June 1946 due to heavy rain in March.

Author / Creator

Hanlon, Edward Michael, 1887-1952

Description

Description 1 letter

Access

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Other

Biographical history

E.M. Hanlon served with the 9th Battalion on the Western Front during the First World War, he became the Premier of Queensland on 7 March 1946 and held this office until his death in 1952.

Photograph (1940-1945)



Unit ID 30151/93

Date 1940-1945

Scope and content

Photograph of George Crigan Graham (right) with Sir William Glasgow at the opening of a gymkhana and carnival in Murwillumbah, NSW, ca.1940s.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Biographical history

Sir William Glasgow was commander of the 1st Australian Division during World War I. He rose to the rank of Major General and was the highest ranking Queenslander to serve during the war.

Photograph (1943-1946)



Unit ID 30151/94

Date 1943-1946

Scope and content

Photograph of George Crigan Graham (left), Sir William Glasgow (centre) at an event in Murwillumbah, NSW, ca.1940s

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copy available

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Other

Biographical history

Sir William Glasgow was commander of the 1st Australian Division during World War I. He rose to the rank of Major General and was the highest ranking Queenslander to serve during the war.

Photograph (10 June 1946)



Unit ID 30151/95

Date 10 June 1946

Scope and content

Photograph of George Crigan Graham on horseback leading a procession in Murwillumbah, to welcome home the men and women who served during the Second World War. George Graham is riding his horse, Midnight, in the procession. (Description supplied with photograph).

Description

Description 1 photograph

Additional format Digital copies available

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Series 6: 40th Anniversary Tour of Gallipoli (1955)



Series number 6

Series title 40th Anniversary Tour of Gallipoli

Date 1955

Scope and content

This series contains papers relating to a planned visit to Turkey by Australian ex-servicemen to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. They include a report with a tentative programme; newspaper articles by George Graham regarding memories of his service during World War I and the 1955 tour; an account of the tour; photographs of the participants; a souvenir menu and a number of related letters. [Items 30151/96-30151/123, 30151/182-30151/183] Selected items have been digitised.

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 report ; 3 newspaper clippings ; 1 manuscript ; 14 photographs ; 1 menu ;

7 letters ; 1 itinerary ; 1 certificate

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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Series 7: Personal papers, photographs (1915-1970)



Series number 7

Series title Personal papers, photographs

Date 1915-1970

Scope and content

These papers include photocopies of correspondence and papers relating to overseas trips, land holdings, a birth certificate, and a certificate presented to George Graham from the Turkish Government in 1979. The photographs include a studio portrait of the five Creegan sisters who migrated to Australia. One of the sisters is Alice Graham, nee Creegan, the mother of George Crigan Graham. The portrait is located in Box 13405 O/S. (Alice Graham, nee Creegan (is seated on left) is the mother of George Crigan Graham. Creegan sisters: Standing L to R: Bridget (Boland). Eliza (O'Rourke), Catherine (Stevens) Sitting: Alice (Graham), Ellen "Nellie"

(Bird)) Other images include the Wingerath family, of Dusseldorf, Germany friends of George Graham; George riding H.R.H. drum horse "Hannibal" in England, and marching in an Anzac Day parade. [Items 30151/124 - 30151/125; 30151/127 - 30151/158]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 2 letters ; 1 card ; 26 photographs ; 3 newspaper clippings ; 1 manuscript

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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Series 8: Newspaper clippings (1915-1945)

Series number 8

Series title Newspaper clippings

Date 1915-1945

Scope and content

Various newspaper clippings relating to Anzac Day; George Graham's travels and wartime experiences; the war service of Phillip Tarlington from Uki, New South Wales; Murwillumbah; Dungay; and the First World War.

Description

Description 1 folder

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Series 9: Sound recording (1977)

Series number 9

Series title Sound recording

Date 1977

Scope and content

This series includes a recording of George Graham reciting war poetry, and a small selection of World War I poems, both printed and handwritten. The poems include "Fourteen Minutes For Fourteen Men", "War Graves At Tarakan", and "In Flanders Fields". [Item 30151/159]

Author / Creator

Graham, George Crigan, 1898-1981

Description

Description 1 sound recording (mp3 format)

Part 1: 2 mins 23 secs; Part 2: 2 mins 44 secs ; 1 folder (poems)

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items

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