

Arthur Stanley Dobbs diaries

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Date 1914-1917

Author / Creator

Dobbs, Arthur Stanley, 1895-1969

Scope and content Two digitised diaries and a photographic postcard recording Arthur Stanley Dobbs' experience as part of the 7th Light Horse Regiment in the First World War.

System of arrangement Arranged into 2 series

Description 2 digitised diaries (229, 384 pages), 1 digitised postcard

Administrative / Biographical history Private Arthur Stanley Dobbs was a 19 year old farmer from Lake Albert, Wagga, New South Wales when he enlisted in the 7th Light Horse Regiment on 28 October 1914. He embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A35 Berrima on 19 December 1914, bound for Egypt. Dobbs saw action in the Sinai campaign, and served in Egypt and Palestine. His service was interrupted by a variety of illnesses, but he also successfully completed a Hotchkiss Gun course and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field and devotion to duty. Dobbs survived the war and returned to Australia on the H.T. Burmah in January 1919.

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Series 1: Photographs (January 1916)

Series number 1

Series title Photographs

Date January 1916

Scope and content

Portrait photograph of Arthur Stanley Dobbs and friend (seated) in A.I.F. uniforms during the First World War. Taken in Cairo, January 1916, and addressed as a postcard to Fred Langworthy.

Description

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Series 2: Diaries (1914-1917)

Series number 2

Series title Diaries

Date 1914-1917

Scope and content

Two diaries recording Arthur Stanley Dobbs' experience as part of the 7th Light Horse Regiment in the First World War. Item 2: 1914-1915 diary, in which Arthur Stanley Dobbs records his embarkation from Sydney on the HMAT Berrima A35 on 19 December 1914, and the voyage to Egypt. He reveals daily activities in the Light Horse training camp and on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and writes that arriving at the Dardanelles and digging into the hills beyond the beach on 18 May

1915 was 'the greatest day of my life'. Item 3: 1917 diary, in which Arthur Stanley Dobbs describes daily routine and operations in the desert as part of the 7th Light Horse. As the regiment moved across the Sinai and into Palestine, he records his locations, including El Arish, Kantara, Mazaar, Masaid.

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