



# Louis Robert Fudge diaries

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**Date** 1915-1918

**Author / Creator**

**Fudge, Louis Robert, 1886-1957**

**Scope and content** Three diaries covering Louis Fudge's service in the First World War in England and France. The diaries are addressed to his wife Nell and are intended as a full account of his activities. He describes the voyage to England, training at Lark Hill camp on the Salisbury Plain, his service in the front lines, including the Battle of Passchendaele, and the voyage back to Australia.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 1 series

**Description** 3 diaries

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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**Administrative / Biographical history** Louis Robert Fudge (1886-1957) was born in Ingham, the eldest son of Albert John Wellman Fudge and Naomi Hooper. The couple immigrated to Queensland five days after their marriage in 1884. After spending time on a sugar plantation at Hamley and the tin mines of Kangaroo Hills, the young family settled in Mirani West in 1895 at a farm which they named 'Yeolands' and which was their family home for over 50 years. Louis had two brothers and three sisters, the children were educated at the Mirani State School, where Louis excelled both academically and in the sporting field. He enlisted with AIF in November 1915 in Rockhampton and was assigned to the 41st Infantry Battalion. At the time he was a 29 year old locomotive driver. Louis had married Ellen Andrews, known as Nellie, in 1914. He embarked from Sydney on HMAT 'Demosthenes' on the 18th May 1916 and spent time at Lark Hill Camp on the Salisbury Plain in England. Shortly after arriving Louis was promoted to sergeant and was responsible for training the troops in bayonet fighting and physical training. In September 1917 he proceeded to France to serve in the front lines of the Western Front, including the Battle of Passchendaele. In November 1917 he was repatriated to hospital in England suffering from nephritis. He was classified as unfit for general service due to his health and after sightseeing in England he embarked for Australia in March 1918. On the way back he read in a 'Queenslander' newspaper that his brother Edgar Fudge (service no. 5791) had died of wounds in Belgium on the 27 February 1918. Louis arrived in Sydney, Australia, on the 12 May 1918. After the war he returned to his work with Queensland Railways as a locomotive driver. He died in 1957.

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**Series number** 1

**Series title** Diaries

**Date** 1915-1918

**Scope and content**

Three diaries kept by Louis Fudge who served with the 47th Infantry Battalion during the First World War. They cover Louis Fudge's service in England and France and are addressed to his wife Nell. They were intended as a full account of his activities and describe the voyage to England, training at Lark Hill camp on the Salisbury Plain, his service in the front lines including the Battle of Passchendaele, and the voyage back to Australia.

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## Diary (15 May - 6 September 1916)



**Unit ID** 30546/1

**Date** 15 May - 6 September 1916

## Scope and content

The diary is addressed to Louis Fudge's wife, Nell, and is intended as a full account of his activities. He chose to write in diary form so that the text would not be read by the censor. The diary covers preparations for leaving the Rifle Range Camp at Enoggera, Brisbane; the train journey to Sydney; the voyage on the troopship 'Demosthenes' to England, via Cape Town in South Africa, and Madeira; arrival in England, including a description of the Lark Hill Military Training Camp on the Salisbury Plain, attending a musketry school at Tidworth, visiting relatives in England, and sightseeing in London.

## Author / Creator

Fudge, Louis Robert, 1886-1957

## Description

**Description** 1 diary

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Diary (5 September 1916 - 21 October 1917)



**Unit ID** 30546/2

**Date** 5 September 1916 - 21 October 1917

### Scope and content

The diary is addressed to Louis Fudge's wife, Nell, and is intended as a full account of his activities. He writes of returning to Lark Hill Camp from leave in London; the training at the camp; various periods of leave in London and Yeoville, Somerset, visiting family; spending Christmas 1916 in hospital with mumps; attending a training camp for officers in Aldershot; leaving for overseas service in France and serving in the front lines for the first time in the Battle of Passchendaele. He includes a list of the wounded and dead in his own platoon.

### Author / Creator

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## Description

**Description** 1 diary

**Additional format** Digital copy available

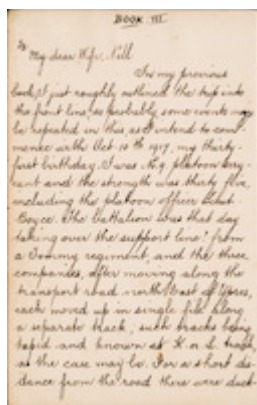
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## Diary (10 October 1917 - 12 May 1918)



**Unit ID** 30546/3

**Date** 10 October 1917 - 12 May 1918

### Scope and content

The diary is addressed to Louis Fudge's wife, Nell, and is intended to be a full account of his activities. He describes in detail the Battle of Passchendaele in which he served in the front lines; recuperating in England suffering from nephritis; sight-seeing in England and Wales where he visited family; and the voyage back to Australia via Cape Town.

### Author / Creator

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