



Ivan Lefroy Loveday correspondence

Accession number 31465

Date 1914-1919

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Abstract First World War diary, letters and postcards, relating to Ivan Lefroy Loveday, who served with the 47th & 49th Infantry Battalions.

Scope and content First World War diary, letters and postcards, relating to Ivan Lefroy Loveday a station hand from Queensland, who served with the 47th & 49th Infantry Battalions, from 1916-1919.

System of arrangement Arranged into 10 series

Description Approximately 200 letters; 50 photographic postcards; 15 photographs

Administrative / Biographical history Ivan Lefroy Loveday (1898-1973) worked as a jackaroo in western Queensland before the First World War. Brothers Arthur and Eric also enlisted in the AIF, Eric died from wounds in 1916. Ivan enlisted on 31 August 1916 and embarked for England aboard the 'Demosthenes' as part of the 47th Infantry Battalion 8th Reinforcements. After a period in Codford Training Camp, Loveday was sent to France on 16 October 1917. On 5 April 1918 he received gunshot wounds to his left eye and ear and returned to England for treatment, then Australia aboard the 'Orca'. Upon arriving in Brisbane on 7 April 1919 he went into isolation camp at Lytton and was discharged 12 May 1919. After the war, Loveday worked on Marita Station, located around 80 miles north west of Longreach. He married Ethel Mary Philo on 29 June 1926 in Bowen, and in 1931 they moved to Brisbane. Loveday joined the Forestry Department, he and Ethel raised four children - Charles William (Bill), John, Philip and Penelope.

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Series 1: Diary (1916-1917)

Series number 1

Series title Diary

Date 1916-1917

Scope and content

This single-item series consists of a diary kept by Ivan Loveday from his entry into camp at Enoggera in August 1916, training at the barracks, the voyage on board the troopship 'Demosthenes' from Sydney and their stopover in Cape Town. The diary ends, 22 January 1917.

Service record: [Ivan LOVEDAY](#) [Item 31465/1]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 1 diary

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Series 2: Correspondence (1914-1915)

Series number 2

Series title Correspondence

Date 1914-1915

Scope and content

This series contains letters and cards principally written by Ivan Loveday and his brother Eric, to family prior to their enlistment with the Australian Army during the First World War. Also included are several cards from Eric who served in the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915. **Service record:** [Eric](#)

LOVEDAY, 9th and 49th Infantry Battalions Service record: Ivan LOVEDAY, 47th and 49th Infantry Battalions [Items 31465/2 to 32465/11]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Loveday, Eric Lethienllier, 1896-1916

Description

Description 10 letters (and postcards)

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Series 3: Correspondence (1916)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1916

Scope and content

This series contains letters and cards written by Ivan Loveday, to his parents Charles and Maude in Gympie from Maranthona Station where he was working, and later from Enoggera Barracks, Brisbane where he is undergoing training prior to embarking for active service in England and France. Also included is an extract from a letter written by C. Chippendall describing the conditions surrounding Eric Loveday's death, who was killed in action 4 September 1916. [Items 31465/12 to 32465/46]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 35 letters (and postcards)

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Series 4: Correspondence (1917)

Series number 4

Series title Correspondence

Date 1917

Scope and content

This series contains letters and cards written by Ivan Loveday on board the troopship 'Demosthenes' bound for England with the 47th Infantry Battalion reinforcements. After arriving in England they underwent further training at Codford Camp before embarking for France in October 1917. [Items 31465/47 to 32465/86]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 40 letters (and postcards)

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Series 5: Correspondence (1918)

Series number 5

Series title Correspondence

Date 1918

Scope and content

This series contains letters and cards from Ivan Loveday, written while on active service in France and Belgium. Loveday was seriously wounded and evacuated to England for treatment. He was later granted leave to stay with family in London. [Items 31465/87 to 32465/140]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 40 letters (and postcards)

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Series 6: Correspondence (1919)

Series number 6

Series title Correspondence

Date 1919

Scope and content

This series contains letters and cards written by Ivan Loveday, in England and later Longreach having returned home from active service. [Items 31465/141 to 32465/146]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 6 letters (and postcards)

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Series 7: Postcards (1916-1919)

Series number 7

Series title Postcards

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This collection contains postcards sent home by Ivan Loveday during his time overseas, while serving with the 47th & 49th Infantry Battalions during the First World War. [Items 31465/147-31465/191]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Bairnsfather, Charles Bruce, 1887-1959

Description

Description 44 postcards

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Series 8: Greeting cards (1916-1919)

Series number 8

Series title Greeting cards

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This series consists of greeting cards sent home by Ivan Loveday during his service with the 47th and 49th Infantry Battalions, during the First World War. [Items 31465/191-31465/193]

Author / Creator

Loveday, Ivan Lefroy, 1898-1973

Description

Description 3 greeting cards

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Series 9: Miscellaneous papers (1916-1919)

Series number 9

Series title Miscellaneous papers

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This series contains miscellaneous items relating to the service of Ivan Loveday, including his

will, soldier's paybooks, and leave passes. [Items 31465/194 - 31465/202]

Description

Description 1 folder (8 items: paybooks, tickets, booklets)

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Series 10: Photographs (1916-1919)

Series number 10

Series title Photographs

Date 1916-1919

Scope and content

This series contains photographs and photographic postcards relating to Ivan Loveday, and his service with the 47th and 49th Infantry Battalions, during the First World War. [Items 31465/203 - 31465/214]

Description

Description 12 photographs (& photographic postcards)

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