



# Jolly, Danton and Bond family papers and photographs

**Accession number** 7942

**Date** 1905-1978

**Author / Creator**

**Jolly, George Thomas, 1891-1969**

**Danton, Edward Albert, 1866-1950**

**Danton, Hugo Albert, 1895-1917**

**Ruddle, R. A. (Roland Arthur)**

**Fegan Studios**

**Murray Studios**

**Poulsen Studio**

**Abstract** Diaries, photographs and art work belonging to the Jolly, Danton and Bond families.

**Scope and content** This collection contains items relating principally to Edward Danton (1866-1950), his son Hugo Danton (1895-1917), George Jolly (1891-1969) and his son Norman (1921-2012). Included are a tape of a shipboard diary of Edward Danton, 1912; and papers relating to his son Hugo consisting of postcards, a memorial plaque and his service medals.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 11 series

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## Series 1: Diaries (1912-1969)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Diaries

**Date** 1912-1969

**Scope and content**

This series contains diaries and related ephemera kept by members of the Jolly / Danton families dating from 1912 to 1969. George Jolly who was a keen diariest, kept records of his observations, experiences, events, and holidays; most particularly during the Second World War when his son Norman was serving overseas.

- Cassette tape of a shipboard diary of Edward Albert Danton who emigrated to Queensland in 1912. Titled 'The voyage of the Roon'.
- Two diaries kept by George Jolly while serving on the steamship 'SS Wyreema' as a steward between 1915 and 1917 in which he briefly describes the ports visited as the ship sailed along the eastern coast of Australia, as far north as Cairns, and south to Melbourne.
- 21 diaries or logbooks kept by George Jolly in his role with the Brisbane Tramways and later, the Ipswich Road Tram Depot
- 20 personal and holiday diaries kept by George Jolly and his wife Winifred (formerly Winifred Danton) of their daily activities in Brisbane and annual vacations.
- 1918 special notice of circular issued regarding arrangements for soldiers on leave to travel for free during certain hours, who have specially issued Anzac Passes.
- Passport issued in 1924 for George Thomas Jolly and his wife Winifred Mabel Danton, accompanied by their son Norman Edward, 2 1/2 years.

[Items 1-32]

**Author / Creator**

Danton, Edward Albert, 1866-1950

Jolly, George Thomas, 1891-1969

Jolly, Winifred Mabel, 1892-1988

**Description**

**Description** 49 diaries ; 1 passport ; 1 leave pass

**System of arrangement** Chronological

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5589

**Access**

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

**Copyright status** Multiple copyright statuses

## Series 2: Norman Jolly papers (1939-1949)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Norman Jolly papers

**Date** 1939-1949

### Scope and content

This series contains letters, cards and other items collected by the Jolly / Danton family which record the experiences of Norman Jolly who served with the 29th Infantry Brigade during the Second World War. Norman Jolly enlisted in the second AIF on 29 May 1941 and served until 18 April 1946, when he was Lance Sergeant in the 29th Infantry Brigade, service number QX41080. Towards the end of the war he was part of the Brigade's Intelligence Unit, and in the period after the cessation of hostilities, he remained stationed on Fauro Island, in the Solomon group, with Japanese prisoners of war.

- 1941-1942, Letter from Norman Jolly to his parents, from aboard a transport ship
- 1943, Note from Norman Jolly to his parents with best wishes for Christmas
- 1941-1946, Humorous and lengthy letter written by Norman Jolly to his parents while serving overseas.
- 1944, 5 colour illustrated Christmas greeting cards showing a truck and jungle camp for the 2/102nd Australian General Transport Company.
- 1945, Letter written by Norman Jolly to George Gee, Bunya Street, Greenslopes, Brisbane
- 1941-1945, Studio portrait of Norman Jolly pictured in his military uniform
- 1945, Typescript reference written by Major General William Bridgeford, HQ 3 Div (AIF)
- 1946, Postcard to Norman Jolly, from a Japanese interpreter
- 1948, Letter written by Shigeo Nakano, Hiroshima, to Norman Jolly

[Items 33-41]

### Author / Creator

Jolly, Norman Edward, 1921-2012

### Description

**Description** 5 letters ; 5 greeting cards ; 1 postcard

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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## Series 3: Hugo Danton papers (1915-1925)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Hugo Danton papers

**Date** 1915-1925

### Scope and content

This series contains postcards, photographs & letters written by Hugo Danton, while on active service during the First World War, chiefly to his brother Stanley (Stan) Henry Danton (born 1903), in Brisbane. Hugo Danton enlisted in the first AIF on 9 August 1915 and was initially assigned to the 25th Infantry Battalion. He was later transferred to the 9th Battalion and while taking part in operations in Albert, France was killed in action 9 April 1917. Hugo is buried at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial.

- 1916-1917, 3 printed postcards to Stanley (Stan) Henry Danton (born 1903) from his brother Hugo Danton
- 1915-1917, 3 photographs of Hugo Danton: taken prior to enlistment; in his Army uniform; in Egypt
- 1914-1918, Studio portrait of Mr Ackerman, wearing English Army uniform
- 1916, Letter written by Hugo Danton to his Aunt.
- 1919-1925, Proforma War Graves order form

[Items 42-50]

### Author / Creator

Danton, Hugo Albert, 1895-1917

## Description

**Description** 7 cards ; 2 letters 1 photograph

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## Series 4: Medals (1920-1976)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Medals

**Date** 1920-1976

### Scope and content

Service medals and associated papers relating to Hugo Albert Danton for his service during the First World War.

- 1914-1915 Star Medal issued to Hugo Danton, 9th Infantry Battalion
- British War Medal issued to Hugo Danton, 9th Infantry Battalion
- Victory Medal issued to Hugo Danton, 9th Infantry Battalion
- Ribbon box containing 3 ribbons associated with the service medals issued to to Hugo Danton
- Next of Kin medallion / plaque issued in remembrance of Hugo Danton, to his next of kin
- Commemorative letter from King George V which accompanied the Next of Kin plaque
- Proforma letter from the Australian Imperial Force, Base Records Office to the next of kin for Hugo Albert Dalton, informing him of the transmission of the Victory Medal awarded to the late Hugo Dalton, 9th Battalion
- Victory Medal issued to Virgil Charles Templeton, who served with the 26th Infantry Battalion

Service medals and associated papers relating to Norman Edward Jolly for his service during the Second World War.

- 1939-1945 Star issued to Norman Jolly, 29th Infantry Brigade
- Australia Service Medal 1939-1945 issued to to Norman Jolly, 29th Infantry Brigade
- War Medal 1939-45 issued to Norman Jolly, 29th Infantry Brigade
- Pacific Star issued to Norman Jolly, 29th Infantry Brigade
- WW2 Medal ribbon bar

WW2 Mothers badge and bar, likely to have been issued to Winifred Jolly

- Metal / brass medallion inscribed with stars and palm trees on one side; the other has 3 columns of Japanese characters
- Newspaper clipping from '*Army newsletter*' titled 'The medallion is no stranger' by Major A.G. Nesbitt
- Letter written by Director of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, to Norman Jolly

[Items 51-61, 94-98]

#### Description

**Description** 8 medals ; 1 memorial plaque ; 1 ribbon bar ; 1 medalion ; 2 letters ; 1 clipping

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box to be assigned

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## Series 5: Memorabilia, objects (1915-1946)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Memorabilia, objects

**Date** 1915-1946

#### Scope and content

This series contains objects relating to Norman Jolly and his parents George and Winifred Jolly.

- Camp Hill Comforts Fund leather wallet and writing case, embossed with "N.E. Jolly".
- A small material enclosure containing a lock of hair, presumably relating to George Jolly and his wife Winifred Mabel
- Captioned 'my mascot' by George Jolly, this item consists of a small envelope containing a gum leaf which has a greeting inscribed on it "Best wishes from WD" likely to be Winifred Danton and kept by George for good luck.

Newspaper clipping titled 'Patriotic effort' describing a fund raising event held at the home of George and Winifred Jolly to raise money for the Australian Comforts Fund during the Second World War.

- Australian Commonwealth Military Forces rising sun hat badge, most likely to relate to Norman Jolly who served with the 29th Infantry Brigade during the Second World War.
- Commemorative medallion minted for the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, 1945-2005, issued to eligible veterans in 2005. Stored in its original issue box. Associated with the service of Norman Jolly, 29th Infantry Brigade.

[Items 62-63, 89-92]

## Description

**Description** 3 keepsakes ; 1 clipping

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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# Series 6: Manuscripts (1939-1950)

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Manuscripts

**Date** 1939-1950

## Scope and content

This series contains poetry, and unpublished manuscripts collected by or attributed to Norman Jolly and August Childs.

- Typescript titled 'A wartime memory and a sequel'
- Handwritten prose which begins ... 'On the Samarinda Trail'
- Typescript poem titled 'Somewhere in Australia'. It is prefixed by: The following poem was written by an American in Australia. It was subsequently read by a lady teacher at Charters

Towers whose reply follows the poem.

- Typed comic piece by August Childs
- Military issue notebook that has been utilised by Norman Jolly to record remeniscences, poems, sketches and into which is pasted several illustrated envelopes.

[Items 64-67, 77]

### Author / Creator

Jolly, Norman Edward, 1921-2012

Childs, August

### Description

**Description** 3 manuscripts ; 1 poem ; 1 notebook

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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## Series 7: Poetry (1939-1996)

**Series number** 7

**Series title** Poetry

**Date** 1939-1996

### Scope and content

This series contains books of verse written by George Jolly to his son Norman Edward Jolly while Norman was on active service during the Second World War; one page of verse from George to his wife Winifred.

- Notebook recording over 100 verses written by George Jolly and enclosed in letters to his son Norman whilst at camp and on active service from January 1942.
- Notebook containing verses written by George Jolly to his son Norman while on active



service during the Second World War. Continued from the previous book the humorous works also provide a glimpse of the activities of the Jolly family during this time.

- 'Verse my father wrote me' a self published booklet of verse written in 1942-1946 by George Jolly and reintroduced in 1996 by his son Norman Jolly, with illustrations.
- Page of verse written by George Jolly to his wife Winifred to celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary.

[Items 69-71]

### Author / Creator

Jolly, George Thomas, 1891-1969

### Description

**Description** 3 notebooks ; 1 poem

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## Series 8: Illustrations (1912-1945)

**Series number** 8

**Series title** Illustrations

**Date** 1912-1945

### Scope and content

This series contains many illustrations by George Jolly and his son Norman. George's work dates from his early life in England; his employment aboard passenger steamships prior to, and during the First World War; and letters to his son Norman during the Second World War. Norman's work illustrated his letters home to family, while he was serving overseas with the 29th Infantry Brigade, during the Second World War.

41 drawings and 5 cards of verse illustrated by George Jolly

- 22 painted envelopes and verse illustrated by Norman Jolly
- 3 Sketchbooks containing illustrations by George Jolly.

[Items 72-76]

### Author / Creator

Jolly, George Thomas, 1891-1969

Jolly, Norman Edward, 1921-2012

### Description

**Description** 46 drawings (& cards) 22 envelopes ; 3 sketchbooks

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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## Series 9: Family photographs (1905-1950)

**Series number** 9

**Series title** Family photographs

**Date** 1905-1950

### Scope and content

This series contains photographs and photograph albums collected by the Jolly and Danton Families, which include images taken while on holiday in England in the 1920s.

- Photograph of the Danton family home in 1914, 28 Salstone Street, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane.
- Staff of Sachs & Co about 1905, metal manufacturers, including Hugo Danton, son of Edward Albert Danton
- Group wedding portrait of Harold and Rene Aldridge

Loose photographs and photographic postcards of: Norman Jolly; the family house at Lloyd Street, Coorparoo; Archerfield hangar; old tram depot at Ipswich Road, Buranda; Stanley Henry Danton, and various early family portraits.

- Photograph album of snapshots taken after 1915 of the Danton and Jolly Families including a trip to England by George, Winifred and Norman Jolly, in 1924?
- Jolly family holiday photographs taken at Tewantin, Caloundra, Bribie Island, North Stradbroke Island, the Sunshine and Gold Coasts. Many items have captions on the rear.
- Selected views of Lamington National Park. A sample booklet of views O'Reilly's Guest House, Blue Pool, Moran's Falls, Western view, entrance to walking tracks, Elebana Falls.

[Items 77-83]

#### Description

**Description** 3 albums ; Approximately 40 photographs (loose and mounted)

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## Series 10: Scrapbook (undated)

**Series number** 10

**Series title** Scrapbook

**Date** undated

#### Scope and content

This series consists of a booklet of newspaper clippings and photographs relating to the wreck of the steamship 'Pericles'. SS *Pericles* was a UK steam ocean liner and refrigerated cargo ship. She was launched in 1907 in Ireland for the Aberdeen Line for service between Great Britain and Australia via South Africa. When new, she was the largest ship on the route. *Pericles* was wrecked in 1910 off Cape Leeuwin, off the coast of Western Australia, but without loss of life. The scrapbook was most likely to have been collated by George Jolly. [Item 84]

**Author / Creator**

Jolly, George Thomas, 1891-1969

**Description**

**Description** 1 scrapbook

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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## Series 11: Family papers, postcards (1910-1915)

**Series number** 11

**Series title** Family papers, postcards

**Date** 1910-1915

**Scope and content**

This series contains miscellaneous papers relating to the Danton and Jolly families including biographical notes.

- Picture postcards and greeting cards received by George Jolly from friends and family members
- Contract for sale of property, auction results and line of credit
- Biographical notes on Edward Albert Danton and George Thomas Jolly; Hugo Danton and Norman Jolly

[Items 85-87]

**Description**

**Description** 5 postcards ; 1 contract ; 1 biography

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5590

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