

# John and William Fraser Photographs and Correspondence

**Accession number** M 836

**Date** 1916-1918

**Author / Creator**

[Fraser, John, 1891-1918](#)

[Fraser, William, 1889-1916](#)

**Abstract** Memorial card for Private John Fraser and letters and memorial card for 2nd Lieutenant William Fraser.

**Scope and content** Memorial photographic cards for Private John Fraser, 52nd & 49th Infantry Battalions, killed in action on 12 August 1918; and his brother 2nd Lieutenant William Fraser, 7 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, killed in action on 25 October 1916. Also included in the collection are letters written by William Fraser in April, August, September and October 1916, and a letter on the death of William Fraser, dated 7 May 1917.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 3 series

**Description** 1 box of letters and memorial photographic cards

**Additional format** Digital copies available for selected items.

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## Series 1: Photograph (1916)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Photograph

**Date** 1916

**Scope and content**

Lieutenant William Fraser in his Royal Flying Corps uniform, c.1916.

William Fraser, 7 Squadron, Royal Flying Squadron (RFC) was shot down behind enemy lines in France on 25 October 1916, and died of wounds sustained in the crash. He is remembered at the Arras Memorial in Arras, Nord Pas de Calais, France.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 2: Memorial cards (1916-1918)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Memorial cards

**Date** 1916-1918

**Scope and content**

Two memorial cards for brothers William and John Fraser who were killed in action during the

First World War.

- 2nd Lieutenant William Fraser, 7 Squadron Royal Flying Corps, killed in action October 25, 1916, aged 27 years.
- Private John Fraser, 52nd Infantry Battalion, killed in action August 12, 1918, aged 27 years.

[Items M386/2 and M386/3]

#### Author / Creator

Queensland Memorial Card Co.

#### Description

**Description** 2 memorial cards

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## Series 3: Correspondence (1913-1917)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1913-1917

## Scope and content

This series consists of five letters by or relating to William Fraser, and three letters of reference relating to Charles Draughton.

## Author / Creator

Fraser, William, 1889-1916

## Description

**Description** 8 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available for selected items

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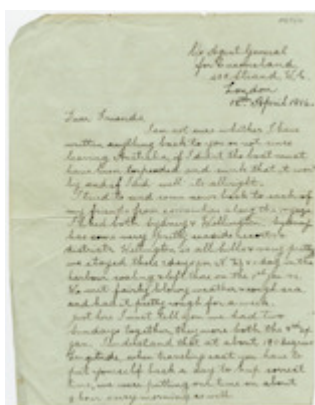
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## Items in this series:

### Letter (12 April 1916)



**Unit ID** M 836/4

**Date** 12 April 1916

## Scope and content

Letter from William Fraser to his friends Mary and Jamima Gray, in which he recounts the

journey to England on a passenger ship, via Wellington, Monte Video, Dakar and Tenerife. He describes the process of his appointment as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps, and reports the posting of some other colleagues. He describes sightseeing in London, the cold weather, and the standard of his lodgings, and refers to his aeroplane back home in Queensland.

### Author / Creator

Fraser, William, 1889-1916

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (9 pages)

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### Access

**Other guides** Transcript available

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## Letter (11 August 1916)



**Unit ID** M 836/5

**Date** 11 August 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from William Fraser to his friends, in which he talks about friends from home, and describes a trip to Elgin in Scotland to visit his fathers relatives while on leave. He reports that he completed his course of instruction and is now a qualified Flying Officer, although he is

uncertain as to where he will be sent. He also reports that his friends Cherry and Bert Smith are pilot instructors at a flying school in Scotland, and provides news of other friends.

### Author / Creator

Fraser, William, 1889-1916

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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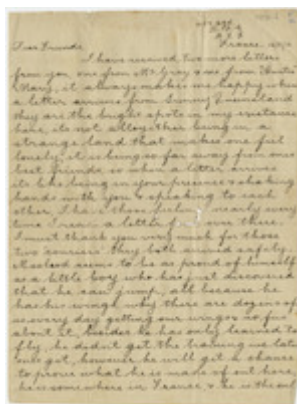
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## Letter (14 September 1916)



**Unit ID** M 836/6

**Date** 14 September 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from William Fraser to his friends Mary and Jamima Gray, in which he reports the movements and status of Queensland flying friends now they are all in England. He reports that he was posted as an instructor but was not suitable and was posted to 7 Squadron (RFC) in France. He marvels at the number of airmen Britain has, describes various guns and

aircraft, and talks about life in the encampment.

### Author / Creator

Fraser, William, 1889-1916

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (7 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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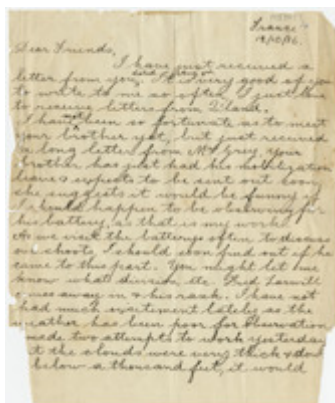
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## Letter (12 October 1916)



**Unit ID** M 836/7

**Date** 12 October 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from William Fraser to his friends Mary and Jamima Gray, thanking them for writing so often, and reporting that observational work has been hampered by poor weather, with cloud cover making flying altitude too low to be safe from rifles and field guns. He describes being attacked by a 'hun' and reports that they have 'pushed up' a fair bit.

### Author / Creator

Fraser, William, 1889-1916

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

215 x 170 mm

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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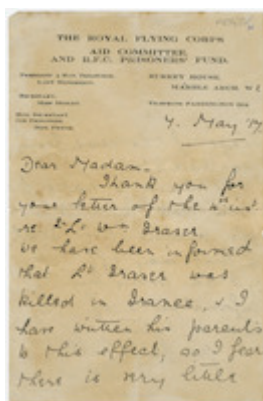
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## Letter (4 May 1917)



**Unit ID** M 836/8

**Date** 4 May 1917

## Scope and content

Letter of confirmation and condolence that William Fraser has been killed. Written by E. Pryor of the Royal Flying Corps Aid Committee and R.F.C. Prisoners' Fund.

## Description

**Description** 1 letter

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## Letter (30 November 1913)

**Unit ID** M 836/9

**Date** 30 November 1913

### Scope and content

Letter to Charles Draughton, from Leslie McGhie written as a parting character reference upon the liquidation of the company by which he was employed.

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5129

## Letter (7 April 1915)

**Unit ID** M 836/10

**Date** 7 April 1915

### Scope and content

Reference for Charles Draughton from R. Thallon, Barnes Auto Company (Motor Engineers & Importers).

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Locate** OMBOX Box 5129

## Letter (20 August 1915)

**Unit ID** M 836/11

**Date** 20 August 1915

### Scope and content

Reference for Charles Draughton from Frederick Barnes, Barnes Auto Company (Motor Engineers & Importers). The company was liquidated after business fell away during the First World War.

### Author / Creator

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

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