

# Canon David John Garland papers

**Accession number** OM71-51

**Date** 1915-1918; 1934

**Abstract** Papers of Canon David John Garland.

**Scope and content** The collection consists of letters received by Canon Garland from Australian army soldiers, nurses and chaplains serving abroad during World War I, as well as of the carbon copies of his own replies. Included are letters from Reverend William Maitland Woods regarding the discovery, evacuation and transportation to Australia of the Shellal Mosaic.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 2 series

**Description** 140 letters and postcards; 5 photographs; 2 negatives

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Guides** A series and item list is available

**Administrative / Biographical history** David John Garland was born in Dublin in 1864. He trained for the law and migrated with his parents to New South Wales, joining the Church of England ministry in 1889. As a deacon he served in Grafton, Quirindi and Narrandera before being sent to Perth in 1892 where he was ordained as a missionary priest. He was also made diocesan registrar and secretary in 1895-1902, chaplain to the bishop in 1894-1902 and Canon of Perth in 1900-1902. In 1892 he married a widow, Mary Hawkins, nee Hadfield, and they had one son, David James Garland. In 1902 he moved to Queensland and became rector of Charters Towers and a canon of St. James Cathedral, Townsville. He was appointed archdeacon of North Queensland in 1903. In 1907 he resigned to devote his full attention to the Bible in State Schools League in Queensland. At the outbreak of the First World War, Garland volunteered and was senior army camp chaplain at Enoggera, Queensland, from 1914-1917 and was an active member of the Queensland Recruiting Committee. He served in 1918-19 in the Middle East where he founded eight clubs for Australian troops. He returned to Queensland in 1920 and became rector of Ithaca. Canon Garland was also an important originator of Anzac Day ceremonies and rituals, initiating the Anzac Day march, wreath-laying ceremonies and special church services. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1934. Widowed in 1933, he died on 9 October 1939 and was buried in Toowong Cemetery.

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## Series 1: Correspondence (9 May - 24 November 1915)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 9 May - 24 November 1915

**Scope and content**

This series contains letters (some typescripts) and postcards sent to Reverend Canon David Garland from servicemen and their families during the First World War. The authors included are:

- Frank Alexander Weeks (1892-1933) 1st Light Horse Brigade Train
- Edith Chater Hellicar (1856-1942) her son Valentine Hellicar, 15th Infantry Battalion
- George Henry Hoffman (1883-1961) 11th Light Horse Regiment, Gallipoli
- Frederick James Hallam, 9th Infantry Battalion
- Charles Richard Garland (1894-1981) 2/1st Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons
- Reverend Chaplain Charles Warren Tomkins (1875-1934)

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### Description

**Description** 7 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**System of arrangement** Chronological

**Locate** OMBOX Box 8809

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## Series 2: Correspondence (January - June 1916)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** January - June 1916

### Scope and content

This series contains letters (some typescripts) and postcards sent to Reverend Canon David Garland from servicemen and their families during the First World War. The authors included are:

- Albert Maroske (1875-1970) 5th Light Horse Regiment
- Henry (Harry) Melton Cobden (1864-1939) 26th Infantry Battalion
- John Oliver Ethell (1896-1917) 6th Field Company Engineers
- Charles Richard Garland (1894-1981) 2/1st Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons
- Jack Athelstan Collum (1894-1962) 1st Australian Army Service Corps
- Chaplain Philip Arthur Micklem (1876-1965)
- Frederick Thomas Baker (1896-1975) 9th Field Artillery Brigade
- Sister Edith Florence Avenell (1891-1937) No.3 Stationary Hospital
- William Joseph Leacock (b.1871) 52nd Infantry Battalion

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### Description

**Description** 16 letters

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**System of arrangement** Chronological

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## Series 3: Correspondence (July-December 1916)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** July-December 1916

### Scope and content

This series contains letters (some typescripts) and postcards sent to Reverend Canon David Garland from chaplains, servicemen and their families during the First World War.

- Chaplain Thomas Herbert Willoughby Hely-Wilson (1872-1949)
- William Joseph Leackock (b.1871) 52nd Infantry Battalion
- Chaplain Charles Warren Tomkins (1875-1934)
- Francis Jack Neeham (1892-1974) 42nd Infantry Battalion
- Frederick Thomas Baker (1896-1975) 9th Field Artillery Brigade
- Jack Athelstan Collum (1894-1962) 23rd ASC 3rd Divisional Train
- Reverend R Woodger, Byron Bay
- Mrs Annie Elizabeth Hallam, South Brisbane
- Reverend Stephen Baggaley (1876-1949)
- Reverend Austin Egbert Francis Henry Eva (1877-1960)
- Bertie Trevellyan Crommelin (1882-1923) Imperial Camel Corps
- Chaplain John Edward Norman Osborn (1882-1966)
- John Spencer Booth (1889-1958) Australian Army Medical Corps
- Thomas W. Payne (1893-1964) 25th Infantry Battalion

Thomas Lytton Rigg, 52nd Infantry Battalion

- Eileen Rose Paull (1895-1922)
- Verdie George Schwinghammer (1889-1965) 42nd Infantry Battalion
- Chaplain Thomas Edwards (b.1880)

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## Description

**Description** 48 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**System of arrangement** Chronological

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# Series 4: Correspondence (January-June 1917)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** January-June 1917

**Scope and content**

This series contains letters (some typescripts) and postcards sent to Reverend Canon David Garland from chaplains, servicemen and their families during the First World War.

Thomas W. Payne (1893-1964) 25th Infantry Battalion

- Frederick Thomas Baker (1896-1975) 9th Field Artillery Brigade
- John Spencer Booth (1889-1958) Australian Army Medical Corps
- Chaplain Thomas Herbert Willoughby Hely-Wilson (1872-1949)
- Verdie George Schwinghammer (1889-1965) 42nd Infantry Battalion
- Miss Ina Doolan (1891-1969) sister of the late Lionel Doolan, 9th Infantry Battalion
- Chaplain Thomas Edwards (b.1880)
- Chaplain Horace Townsend Boulton (1885-1954)
- Chaplain Cyril Horswill Massey (1886-1969)
- Norman Thomas McDonnell (1896-1970) 1 Australian Wireless Squadron
- Chaplain William Maitland Woods (1864-1927)
- Chaplain David Jonathan Collins (1890-1949)
- Samuel Fogo Cochran (1899-1972) No.4 Railway Unit
- Chaplain Horace Clarence George Walton (1879-1954)
- Miss Mary Douglas McDonnell (1893-1940) sister of Norman McDonnell
- Jack Athelstan Collum (1894-1962) 1st Australian Army Service Corps

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## Description

**Description** 32 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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## Series 5: Correspondence (July-December 1917)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** July-December 1917

### Scope and content

This series contains letters (some typescripts) and postcards sent to Reverend Canon David Garland from chaplains, servicemen and their families during the First World War.

- Nurse Ella Clow McLean (1890-1968)
- Verdie George Schwinghammer (1889-1965) 42nd Infantry Battalion
- Chaplain Horace Clarence George Walton (1879-1954)
- Chaplain William Maitland Woods (1864-1927)
- Chaplain Thomas Herbert Willoughby Hely-Wilson (1872-1949)
- Miss Mary Douglas McDonell (1893-1940)
- George William Tarrant (1895-1958) 25th Infantry Battalion
- William Edward Greensill (1858-1922)

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**Description** 22 letters

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## Series 6: Correspondence (1918-1934)

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1918-1934

### Scope and content

This series contains letters (some typescripts) postcards and notes sent to and retained by Reverend Canon David Garland from chaplains, servicemen and their families during the First World War.

- Lieutenant General William Riddell Birdwood (1865-1951)
- General Francis Reginald Wingate (1861-1953)
- Winifred Moore (1882-1952)
- Charles Samuel Rodier Heath (1872-1923) 15th Infantry Battalion
- Reverend William Gordon Nisbet (1885-1955)
- Chaplain William Maitland Woods (1864-1927)

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### Description

**Description** 13 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**System of arrangement** Chronological

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## Series 7: Photographs (1915-1919)

**Series number** 7

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1915-1919

### Scope and content

Photographs, negatives and correspondence chiefly relating to servicemen during the First World War. Of note are three images relating to the Shellal Mosaic which was 'souvenired' under the direction of Reverend William Maitland Woods, now housed in the Australian War Memorial.

- Group portrait of eight men, including four in AIF uniforms, undated.
- Photograph captioned on rear 'A.I.F.' at play, undated, depicting servicemen engaging in tug-of-war game.
- Negative of servicemen engaging in tug-of-war game.
- Negative of church altar.
- Photograph captioned on rear "The Mosaic floor of Church, cleaned off, & marked in chalk, squares, work laid off, first morning. W. Maitland Woods.
- Photograph of inscribed panel uncovered with Shellal Mosaic.
- Photograph of inscription panel uncovered with Shellal Mosaic. Caption on rear 'inscription immediately after excavation. 8000 pieces of black & white marble. This is what I want to get for St Johns Cathedral'.
- Incomplete typescript letter regarding W. Maitland Woods, undated, unsigned.

[Items OM71-51/138-OM71-51/145]

### Description

**Description** 5 photographs 2 negatives 1 letter

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