



# Gilbert Holcomb diary

**Accession number** OM79-64/12

**Date** 1915

**Author / Creator**

**Holcomb, Gilbert Leonard, 1885-1966**

**Abstract** War diary of Private Gilbert Holcomb, 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance, 1915

**Scope and content** A diary recording Gilbert Holcomb's passage to the Middle East as a member of the First AIF, and his subsequent duties as a stretcher bearer with the 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance, including service in the Dardanelles during the First World War. Also included are four postcards, two printed pamphlets and a letter addressed to Holcomb.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 2 series

**Description** 1 diary; 4 postcards; 2 pamphlets, 2 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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## Series 1: Diaries (1914-1915)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Diaries

**Date** 1914-1915

## Scope and content

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## Author / Creator

Holcomb, Gilbert Leonard, 1885-1966

## Description

**Description** 1 diary

**Locate** OMBOX Box 9059

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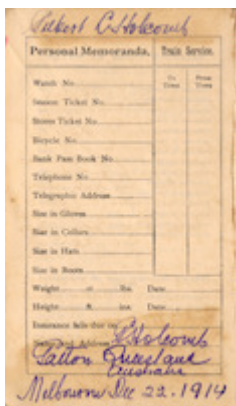
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## Notes

This is Item 1 of the collection

## Items in this series:

### Diary (1914-1915)



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/1

**Date** 1914-1915

### Scope and content

The diary which begins 22 December 1914, describes Private Holcomb's embarkation at Pinkenba, on the troop ship 'Borda', and disembarkation in Egypt. He served with the 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance as an orderly, attending the wounded being evacuated from Anzac Cove, Gabe Tepe, to Lemnos, Malta & Alexandria. Holcomb later falls ill with rheumatic fever and is sent to Bath, England to recuperate. The last entry is written from Monte Video Army Camp, Weymouth on 31 December 1915. It also includes a list of addresses.

### Description

**Description** 1 diary (the leather cover is fragile, several pages have water damage))  
95 x 155 mm

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## Series 2: Correspondence (1906-1916)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1906-1916

**Scope and content**

Letters, cards and other items of correspondence related to Gilbert Holcomb and his service with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment during the First World War.

Description

**Description** 1 folder

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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Items in this series:

**Postcard (23 June 1906)**



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/2

**Date** 23 June 1906

**Scope and content**

Postcard depicting the Royal Horse Artillery Band, parading in Wellington Avenue, Aldershot,

sent to Gilbert Holcomb, of Hinton Vale, Gatton. The writer provides his address as 108 Battalion, RGA [Royal Garrison Artillery] Rendon Hill, Aldershot, England.

#### Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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#### Postcard (15 December 1908)



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/3

**Date** 15 December 1908

#### Scope and content

Folded postcard [in two pieces] depicting a panoramic view of Manchester, New Hampshire. The card is addressed to Gilbert Holcombe, of Hinton Vale Farm, Gatton.

#### Description

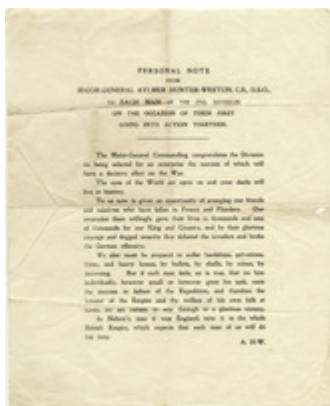
**Description** 1 postcard (colour, panorama)

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#### Note (April 1915)



Unit ID OM79-64-12/4

Date April 1915

### Scope and content

Printed message from Major-General Aylmer Hunter-Weston to the British 29th Division, prior to the Gallipoli landings, 1915

### Author / Creator

Hunter-Weston, Aylmer, 1864-1940

### Description

**Description** 1 note (printed)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Order of service (29 October 1915)



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/5

**Date** 29 October 1915

**Scope and content**

Order of service, for Nurse Cavell Memorial Service, held at Bath Abbey, 29 October 1915. Nurse Cavell was executed by the German authorities because of her heroic efforts to help Belgian and other allied refugees to escape after the outbreak of war in Belgium.

Description

**Description** 1 pamphlet

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Postcard (1910-1920)**



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/6

**Date** 1910-1920

**Scope and content**

Humorous postcard, depicting a woman seated at a piano, singing, and a male with his fingers over his ears. Inscribed "Twas thy voice my gen-tle Ma-ry" lyrics, from 'Mary of Argyle' by John McDermott. On the reverse is a stamped Christmas Greeting.

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

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## Postcard (1914-1918)



**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/7

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Humorous postcard published by Inter Art Co., Red Lion Square, London. "Two-six-three" series. No.264. It depicts "Pa going to make the foremen shunt-with the rest of the boys he's out at the front-while the neighbours laugh till their sides do crack, for Pa's old dutch is out at the back!"

### Description

**Description** 1 postcard

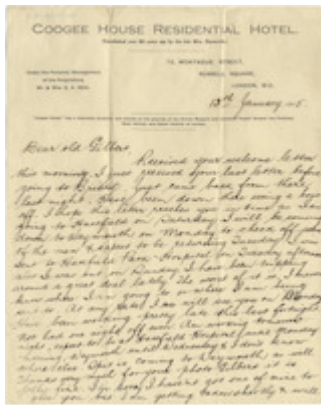
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## Letter (13 January 1916)





**Unit ID** OM79-64-12/8

**Date** 13 January 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Ted, of Russell Square, London to Private Gilbert Holcomb, 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance, Monte Video Camp, Weymouth. Incorrectly dated 1915, he invites him to stay at his residence in London, Jack Hogue is also there.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 sheets & envelope)

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