

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

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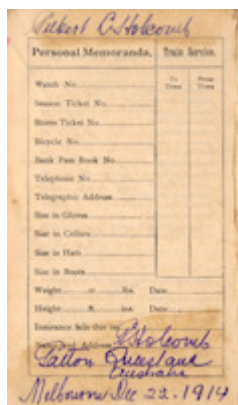
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Series 1: Diaries (1914-1915)



Series number 1

Series title Diaries

Date 1914-1915

Scope and content

A diary recording Gilbert Holcomb's passage to the Middle East as a member of the AIF, and his subsequent duties as a stretcher bearer including service in the Dardanelles during World War One. 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.

Author / Creator

Holcomb, Gilbert Leonard, 1885-1966

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.

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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

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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

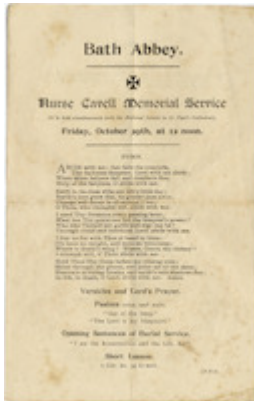
Description 1 postcard (colour, panorama)

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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)

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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

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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

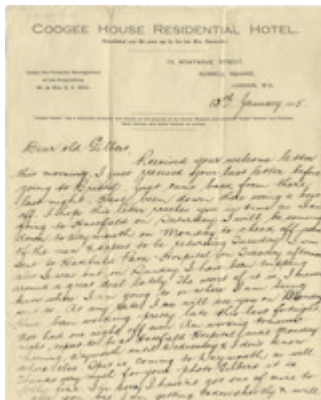
Description 1 postcard

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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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