

# Adam Family Correspondence

**Accession number** OM91-11

**Date** 1908-1918

**Author / Creator**

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**Abstract** Letters, postcards, invitations, and telegrams written by members of the Adam family and friends during the First World War.

**Scope and content** This collection consists of letters, postcards, invitations, and telegrams written by members of the Adam family and friends principally during the First World War. Many of the letters are between Jane Adam, her husband Jack and and sons Willie, Douglas and Jack Adam. Much of the correspondence shows how warmly Jane was regarded, her nephews referred to her as 'mother'; also included are many items of condolence received after the deaths of her sons Willie and Douglas who died while serving on Gallipoli, including one from the commanding officer 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Colonel Stodart.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 11 series.

**Description** 4 archival albums containing 150 letters & cards; 7 photographs.

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## Series 1: Correspondence (1908-1914)

Series number 1

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1908-1914

**Scope and content**

This series consists chiefly of letters and postcards to Jane Adam from her sons preparing for service during the First World War.

Description

**Description** 6 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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Items in this series:

**Letter (20 February 1908)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/1

**Date** 20 February 1908

**Scope and content**

Letter from Lilian Adam, Jane's sister-in-law, in Deniliquin to her nephew Albert Adam in Brisbane.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, Lilian, 1879-

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (10 November 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/2

**Date** 10 November 1914

### **Scope and content**

Letter from William (Willie) Adam, Sydney to his mother Jane. He has arrived in camp at Liverpool after an enjoyable journey from Brisbane on the train.

### **Author / Creator**

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (23 November 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/3

**Date** 23 November 1914

### **Scope and content**

Letter from Willie Adam, Sydney to his mother Jane. He has had weekend leave and has enjoyed swimming at Bondi Beach.

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (30 November 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/4

**Date** 30 November 1914

### Scope and content

Letter from Willie Adam, Holsworthy Camp, NSW to his mother Jane. He will try and get leave to Sydney and spend time with his brother Jack.

### Author / Creator

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (8 December 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/5

**Date** 8 December 1914

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Menangle, NSW to his mother Jane. He has seen Willie at camp, and notes how he has grown.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (26 December 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/6

**Date** 26 December 1914

### Scope and content

Letter from Douglas Adam, Enoggera to his mother Jane. He has received her parcel, and they have celebrated a merry Christmas in camp.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 2: Correspondence (1915)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1915

### Scope and content

Letters and field service postcards, to Jane Adam from her sons Jack, Douglas and Willie as well as other family members in Queensland. There are many letters of condolence after the death of Willie and Douglas at Gallipoli.

## Description

**Description** 58 letters (cards)

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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## Items in this series:

### Letter (21 January 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/7

**Date** 21 January 1915

#### Scope and content

Letter from Eliza Lyall, Thargomindah, Qld. to her sister Jane in Brisbane. She expresses her concern that Willie has enlisted and hopes he writes soon.

#### Author / Creator

Lyall, Eliza, 1862-1952

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (4 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Letter (13 February 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/8

**Date** 13 February 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Willie Adam, Abassia, Egypt to his mother Jane. He has arrived safely in Egypt, they have had a good voyage. The letter is incorrectly dated 1914 instead of 1915.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcards (February 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/9

**Date** February 1915

**Scope and content**

Two postcards sent by Willie Adam, in Egypt to his mother Jane in Brisbane. He describes the activities on board ship when they crossed the equator.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 2 poscards (& envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (March 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/10

**Date** March 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter to Jane Adam, from her cousin Hilda and her husband Jim Allen, Charleville, Queensland. Newly married and new to the district they have not yet settled into the community.

**Author / Creator**

Lyall, Hilda Patti, 1895-1979

Allen, Oswald James, 1890-1952

Description

**Description** 1 letter (4 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (16 March 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/11

**Date** 16 March 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Sydney to his mother Jane in Brisbane. Jack has just returned from a voyage to the South Sea Islands, a great typhoon had hit Fiji the day before they arrived, causing much damage and many deaths.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (9 April 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/12

**Date** 9 April 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Willie Adam, Heliopolis, Cairo to his mother Jane in Brisbane. They are busy training, he is well and putting on weight.

### Author / Creator

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 3 pages

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 April 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/13

**Date** 18 April 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam in Brisbane, to her son Willie serving in Egypt. She has been anxious about his health, and writes that his brother Douglas is in camp at Enoggera. The letter has been returned to Jane, and mostly likely was never received by her son who was killed in action a few weeks after it was mailed. The envelope has been annotated in pencil 'Hospital' which was then crossed out and 'Killed' added. The postmark on the rear of the envelope is 1 Nov 1915, Dead Letter Office, Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (11 May 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/14

**Date** 11 May 1915

### Scope and content

Field Service postcard from Willie Adam, while on active service, to his mother Jane Adam, in South Brisbane. The card is dated two days before Willie was killed in action, Gallipoli, 13 May 1915.

### Author / Creator

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (16 May 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/15

**Date** 16 May 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alexander Coutts, Heliopolis, Egypt to Jane Adam, South Brisbane. Coutts writes on behalf of her son Willie who left for Gallipoli a week prior and apologises for the delay, he has stayed behind to look after the horses. Coutts was unaware that Willie Adams had already been killed in action, 13/14 May 1915, just two days after landing with his regiment. Jane Adam received this letter one month later, 25 June 1915. Alexander Diamond

Coutts, #492 2nd Light Horse Regiment & Australian Flying Corps

**Author / Creator**

Coutts, Alexander Diamond, 1892-1958

Description

**Description** 1 letter (& envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (19 May 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/16

**Date** 19 May 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Sydney to his mother Jane in Brisbane. Jack writes he is sorry to hear that his brother Douglas is also going to war, one out of each family should be enough to fight for the Empire.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (20 May 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/17

**Date** 20 May 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Colonel R M Stodart, commanding officer 2nd Light Horse Regiment, to Jane Adam advising of the death of her son Private William Adam on the night of 14/15th May 1915.

### Author / Creator

Stodart, Robert Mackay, 1879-1956

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (24 May 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/18

**Date** 24 May 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Eliza Lyall, Thargomindah to her sister-in-law Jane Adam. She enquires about Jane's sons, hoping they are alright so far.

### Author / Creator

Lyall, Eliza, -1952

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (26 May 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/19

**Date** 26 May 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Jane Adam, South Brisbane to her son William. His brother Douglas has not left for overseas yet, she has sent on his letter.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/20

**Date** 1915

**Scope and content**

Note from William Adam, Cairo to his mother Jane advising her of his change of address.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, William Henry, 1897-1915

Description

**Description** 1 note

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/21

**Date** 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Frances Strong, Charters Towers, to Jane Adams. Frances is nursing at Braceborough Station, 40 miles from Charters Towers. She enquires after Jane's sons and asks for Jack's address. Sarah later married Jack Adam in 1918.

**Author / Creator**

Strong, Frances Sarah, 1890-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/22

**Date** 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Frances Strong, Charters Towers, to Jane Adams. She hopes that Jane's son Jack returns home soon; her brother is also enlisting.

**Author / Creator**

Strong, Frances Sarah, 1890-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (29 May 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/23

**Date** 29 May 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Douglas Adam, to his mother Jane. He will be calling in for his suit.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Letter (3 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/24

**Date** 3 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from St Clair Donaldson, 'Bishopsbourne', Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane to Jane Adams, expressing his sympathy at the death of her son William.

**Author / Creator**

Donaldson, St Clair George Alfred, 1863-1935

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Letter (5 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/25

**Date** 5 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Mrs Burger, Caboolture, to Jane Adams. She sends hers and Mrs Chaddock's sympathies at the news of the death of her son William.

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Telegram (5 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/26

**Date** 5 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Telegram from Eliza Lyall, Thargomindah to her sister-in-law Jane Adams, South Brisbane, expressing her sympathy at the loss of her son William.

**Author / Creator**

Lyall, Eliza, -1952

Description

**Description** 1 telegram

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Telegram (5 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/27

**Date** 5 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Telegram from Harry (Thomas Humphreys) to his cousin Douglas Adam expressing his sympathy at the loss of his brother William.

**Author / Creator**

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

Description

**Description** 1 telegram

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (8 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/28

**Date** 8 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Eliza Lyall to her sister-in-law Jane Adam. She is grieved to hear of William's death.

**Author / Creator**

Lyall, Eliza, -1952

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (10 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/29

**Date** 10 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from V. Woods (nee Lyall) to her aunt Jane Adams expressing her sympathy of the death of her son William.

**Author / Creator**

Woods, Margaret Victoria Edith, 1883-1947

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (12 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/30

**Date** 12 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Frances Strong, Charters Towers, to Jane Adams, she is saddened at the news of Willie's death.

**Author / Creator**

Strong, Frances Sarah, 1890-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (12 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/31

**Date** 12 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Kitty Watt, Hon. Secretary Red Cross Society, Brisbane to Jane Adam, conveying the sympathies of the society at the death of her son William.

**Author / Creator**

Watt, Kitty

Description

**Description** 31 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (23 June 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/32

**Date** 23 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Robert Mills, Hon. Secretary Queensland Patriotic Fund, to Jane Adams regarding her son William's death.

**Author / Creator**

Mills, Robert H.

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 July 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/33

**Date** 2 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Margaret Ambrose, Brisbane to Jane Adams expressing his sympathy on the death of her son William.

**Author / Creator**

Ambrose, Margaret

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (4 July 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/34

**Date** 4 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Thomas Ellison, in hospital, Egypt to Jane Adams. Tom knew William and was with him when he was killed. #146 2nd Light Horse Regiment

**Author / Creator**

Ellison, Thomas Arthur, 1895-1954

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (6 July 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/35

**Date** 6 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Douglas Adam, Sydney to his mother Jane. They have stopped in Sydney and are quartered in the Show Grounds.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (15 July 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/36

**Date** 15 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Gladys Nelson, Graceville to Jane Adams, thanking her for the photograph of Douglas Adam.

**Author / Creator**

Nelson, Gladys

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (19 July 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/37

**Date** 19 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Gladys Nelson, Graceville to Jane Adams thanking her for kind response to her own letter.

**Author / Creator**

Nelson, Gladys

Description

**Description** 1 letter (4 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (24 July 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/38

**Date** 24 July 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter to Jane Adam, from her nephew Henry, he has arrived back at Toowoomba, glad to be back home.

**Author / Creator**

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (2 August 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/39

**Date** 2 August 1915

**Scope and content**

Form letter from the Salvation Army to relatives of those who died in the First World War, expressing their sympathy.

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (4 August 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/40

**Date** 4 August 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter of sympathy from the Mayor of Brisbane, George Down to Jane Adam.

**Author / Creator**

Down, George, 1847-1934

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (21 August 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/41

**Date** 21 August 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Hessie Scoones, Red Hill to Jane Adams. She expresses her sympathies on the death of her son William, her own son George died on Gallipoli.

**Author / Creator**

Scoones, Hester Flora, 1865-1948

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (28 August 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/42

**Date** 28 August 1915

**Scope and content**

Letter from Douglas Adam, Abbassia, Egypt to his mother Jane. They are training heavily and he has enjoyed a visit to the Cairo Museum.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (12 September 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/43

**Date** 12 September 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam to her son William who is serving in Egypt. She writes that there has been some mixup about William's death and hopes it has all been a mistake.

The letter has been returned to Jane, and the envelope annotated 'Killed in Action' and has passed through the 'Dead Letter Office'

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (& 2 envelopes)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (12 September 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/44

**Date** 12 September 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam to her son Douglas who is serving in Egypt. She writes that there has been some mixup about William being missing in action and hope it has all been a mistake. Attached is a casualty notice from the newspaper. This letter also has been returned to Jane marked 'Killed in Action' which indicates that the letter destined to reach Douglas did not, until after he also was killed.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (12 September 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/45

**Date** 12 September 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam to her son Jack, living in Sydney. She writes that there has been some mixup about William's death and hope it has all been a mistake.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (27 September 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/46

**Date** 27 September 1915

### Scope and content

Field Service postcard from Douglas Adam, to his mother Jane, South Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

### Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (28 September 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/47

**Date** 28 September 1915

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam from Frances Strong, in Charters Towers, congratulating her on the good news about her son William.

### Author / Creator

Strong, Frances Sarah, 1890-1961

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/48

**Date** 2 October 1915

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam, South Brisbane from Eve Adam, Mackay. She writes of the extremely sad mistake that has been made by mixing up the names of both their sons William.

### Author / Creator

Adams, Eve, 1873-1965

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (4 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/49

**Date** 4 October 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Douglas Adam to his mother Jane. He describes his duties and conditions on Gallipoli in the trenches.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (14 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/50

**Date** 14 October 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam to her son John (Jack). She acknowledges that William is most likely dead.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (17 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/51

**Date** 17 October 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Douglas Adam, Gallipoli to his mother Jane. He has been there five weeks and is in the best of health.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Vivian Douglas, 1895-1915

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (24 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/52

**Date** 24 October 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Catherine Keillor, Nanango to her future mother-in-law Jane Adam. She writes with sympathy of the death of Jane's son William; she is grateful that Albert (Adam) visits her.

### Author / Creator

Keillor, Catherine Isabella, 1894-1992

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/53

**Date** 2 November 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, to his mother Jane. He is at sea on board SS *Kulambangarra* bound for the Solomon Islands. Jack has been offered a position as Engineer, with the Malayta Company, Aola.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (13 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/54

**Date** 13 November 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from George Black, recovering in hospital, in Egypt to Jane Adam. He writes in reply to her request for definite news of her son William's fate. #6482 17th Company, Australian Army Service Corps

### Author / Creator

Black, George, 1890-1951

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (14 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/55

**Date** 14 November 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Jane Adam to her son Douglas who is serving in Egypt. She has sent his photo to Miss Nelson. The letter has been returned to Jane, unread by Douglas who by the time it reached Egypt, had been killed in action.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Jane, 1871-1936

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Telegram (25 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/56

**Date** 25 November 1915

### Scope and content

Telegram to Jane Adam from her niece Bertha Lyall, Thargomindah, expressing her sympathies on the news of Douglas' death.

### Author / Creator

Lyall, Adelaide Bertha Jane, 1889-1965

### Description

**Description** 1 telegram

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (26 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/57

**Date** 26 November 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Emma Nelson, Landsborough to Jane Adam. She writes that her daughter Gladys is broken hearted at the news of Douglas Adam's death, and expresses her warmest sympathy to Jane, his mother.

### Author / Creator

Nelson, Emma

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (30 November 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/58

**Date** 30 November 1915

### Scope and content

A brief note from Gladys Nelson to Jane Adam, her mother Emma is away on holidays.

### Author / Creator

Nelson, Gladys

### Description

**Description** 1 note

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Telegram (1 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/59

**Date** 1 December 1915

### Scope and content

Telegram to Jane Adam from Thomas Ellison noting the day of his arrival in Brisbane. Ellison was a friend of her late son William, and was with him when he died. Trooper Thomas Ellison #146 2nd Light Horse Regiment

### Author / Creator

Ellison, Thomas Arthur, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 telegram

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/60

**Date** 2 December 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from George Down, Mayor of Brisbane to Jane Adam, expressing sympathy at the loss of her son Douglas.

### Author / Creator

Down, George, 1847-1934

## Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (4 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/61

**Date** 4 December 1915

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam from Eve Adams in Mackay, expressing her sympathy at the death of Jane's two sons, whilst serving overseas.

### Author / Creator

Adams, Eve, 1873-1965

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (4 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (6 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/62

**Date** 6 December 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Sergeant Smith, Brisbane to Jane Adam, expressing the sympathies of the N.C.O.'s & men of D Company at the death of her son Douglas.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (14 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/63

**Date** 14 December 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Private John Snow convalescing at Kangaroo Point Military Hospital to Jane Adam. He served with her son William and asks if he can visit her the next day. John Snow #563, 2nd Light Horse Regiment

### Author / Creator

Snow, John Clement, 1891-1954

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (20 December 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/64

**Date** 20 December 1915

### Scope and content

Letter from Gladys Nelson to Jane Adam giving her family news, she will be going to Boonah to stay with the McKay's.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 3: Correspondence (1916)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1916

### Scope and content

Letters to Jane Adam chiefly from her son Jack, a merchant seaman and her husband (also Jack) serving overseas with the 9th Infantry Battalion during the First World War; as well as from family in Queensland.

### Description

**Description** 30 letters

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 22436 O/S

### Access

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### Items in this series:

#### Letter (2 January 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/65

**Date** 2 January 1916

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam, in Brisbane from Eve Adams in Mackay, giving family news, her own son has now rejoined his unit, hoping he is still well.

### Author / Creator

Adams, Eve, 1873-1965

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (14 January 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/66

**Date** 14 January 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Gladys Nelson to Jane Adam, she is unable to visit, but hopes to see her soon.

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (& envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (12 February 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/67

**Date** 12 February 1916

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam from Palmer & Co., real estate agents replying to her enquiry about a home for sale in South Brisbane.

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (8 March 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/68

**Date** 8 March 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Harry Humphrey to his 'Foster Mother' and aunt, Jane Adam. He writes that he is sorry that he missed seeing her when he called, hoping to see her soon. Thomas Henry Humphreys #34624 23rd Signal Co. Engineers & Field Artillery Brigade

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (8 March 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/69

**Date** 8 March 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Egypt to his wife Jane Adam, South Brisbane. He landed yesterday at Suez and is now in camp at Heliopolis.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (23 April 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/70

**Date** 23 April 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alfred Mollison, in camp at Broadmeadows, Victoria. They are tired and the weather is cold, he will write again soon. Alfred Knight Mollison, #850 3rd Pioneers Battalion

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (5 May 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/71

**Date** 5 May 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alfred Mollison, in camp at Broadmeadows, Victoria. They have been training on the rifle range, and are due to embark on the 15th. Alfred Knight Mollison, #850, 3rd Pioneers Battalion

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Receipt (18 May 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/72

**Date** 18 May 1916

### Scope and content

Receipt for parcel of soldiers effects addressed to Jane Adams, from Thomas Cook & Sons.

Description

**Description** 1 receipt (& envelope)

## Letter (19 May 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/73

**Date** 19 May 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Egypt to his wife Jane Adam, in South Brisbane. He has not received any mail since he arrived; he has just enjoyed a night with the Dungarees.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (19 May 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/74

**Date** 19 May 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Jack Adam to his mother Jane in South Brisbane. He is working on the Solomon Islands for the Malayta Company, recruiting natives for work on plantations.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (23 May 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/75

**Date** 23 May 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alfred Mollison, in camp at Broadmeadows, Victoria. They have been getting a lot of training, but expect to embark very soon. Alfred Knight Mollison, #850 3rd Pioneers Battalion

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (14 June 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/76

**Date** 14 June 1916

### Scope and content

Field service post card to Jane Adam from her husband John, serving overseas.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

### Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (14 June 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/77

**Date** 14 June 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, Perham Downs to his wife Jane. He is now in England where the weather is very cold.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (25 June 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/78

**Date** 25 June 1916

### Scope and content

Letter to Albert Adam from his uncle Nicolas Adam, Victoria. He gives advice for a good life and hopes that Albert's mother is feeling well.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Nicholas H., 1880-1950

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Receipt (29 June 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/79

**Date** 29 June 1916

### Scope and content

Receipt for parcel of soldiers effects addressed to Jane Adams, from Thomas Cook & Sons.

### Description

**Description** 1 receipt

## Letter (1 July 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/80

**Date** 1 July 1916

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adams, from Dorrie. She writes from Melbourne and describes the differences in fashion.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 July 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/81

**Date** 18 July 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, Perham Downs to his wife Jane. He has not received any mail since arriving in England.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (21 July 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/82

**Date** 21 July 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam to his mother Jane in Brisbane. He is working in Malayta, Solomon Islands, and describes it as a savage place.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (25 July 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/83

**Date** 25 July 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Thomas Humphreys (Harry) to his aunt Jane Adam, he writes from Signalling School, Chermside, Queensland. He is still in camp, and asks that she visit him.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (13 August 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/84

**Date** 13 August 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alfred Mollison, England to Jane Adam. He has received the letters she sent on, and discusses his brother James' death in June 1916. Alfred Knight Mollison, #850, 3rd Pioneers Battalion

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (20 August 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/85

**Date** 20 August 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Marau to his mother Jane in Brisbane. He is managing a coconut plantation for the Malayta Company.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (28 August 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/86

**Date** 28 August 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, England to his wife Jane in Brisbane. He has not received any mail since he left Australia. He encloses a photographic postcard of him and the brother of a friend he used to work with. [Refer to Item 166](#)

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

## Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (26 September 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/87

**Date** 26 September 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, England to his son Albert in Brisbane. He met a chap recently who was with his son William when he died in Gallipoli.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (26 September 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/88

**Date** 26 September 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, Perham Downs, England to his son Albert, South Brisbane. He met a chap that was with William when he died, J.V. Moody who was surprised to find he was William's father.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 October 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/89

**Date** 2 October 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from John Adam, Perham Downs, England to his wife Jane in Brisbane. He has received her letter and parcel, but expects to go to the front anytime; he is working at the Military Post Office.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

## Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 October 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/91

**Date** 2 October 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Harry Humphreys, Rifle Range Camp, Enoggera to his aunt Jane Adam, in Brisbane. He has just missed out on joining the transport unit as a motor mechanic, but has just returned from escorting several groups to Melbourne.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

#### Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Letter (20 October 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/90

**Date** 20 October 1916

#### Scope and content

Letter from Private Percy Lyall, Salisbury Plains, England to his aunt Jane Adam, in Brisbane He is now a First Class Gunner; he asks after his cousin, he has not yet seen her husband John.

#### Author / Creator

Lyall, Percy Douglas, 1892-1917

#### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Letter (26 October 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/92

**Date** 26 October 1916

#### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Hulo, Malayta Island, to his mother Jane in Brisbane. He hopes

to be leaving for Aola on the next ship, the weather is now very hot.

**Author / Creator**

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Letter (27 October 1916)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/93

**Date** 27 October 1916

**Scope and content**

Letter from Eve Adams, Mackay to Jane Adam in Brisbane. She talks of her own son, who is still well, training to be a gunner; she hopes the conscription referendum results in the Yes vote.

**Author / Creator**

Adams, Eve, 1873-1965

Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

[View the items](#)

**Letter (30 October 1916)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/94

**Date** 30 October 1916

### Scope and content

Letter from Private Alfred Mollison, on active service, to Jane Adam. He received her kind letter, and asks that she remain strong in her great sorrow.

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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(28 digital)

## Series 4: Correspondence (1917)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1917

### Scope and content

Letters to Jane Adam chiefly from extended family members now serving overseas in the First World War, as well as friends of her late sons, Willie and Douglas.

### Description

**Description** 14 letters (cards)

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Locate** OMBOX Box 22436 O/S

### Access

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Items in this series:

## Postcard (30 January 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/95

**Date** 30 January 1917

### Scope and content

Field service post card from Private Alfred Mollison to Jane Adam in Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

## Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (8 February 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/96

**Date** 8 February 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Gunner Henry (Harry) Humphreys, Sydney to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. He writes that he doesn't think they will embark until April, and looks forward to the Sydney Show.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/97

**Date** 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Gunner Henry (Harry) Humphreys, Sydney to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. He is still in camp at Liverpool; his watch was trodden on by a horse, thankfully he wasn't wearing it at the time.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (21 February 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/98

**Date** 21 February 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam, Aola, Solomon Islands, to his mother Jane in Brisbane. He is going to Malyata as there has been some trouble with the native people.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

## Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (1 March 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/99

**Date** 1 March 1917

### Scope and content

Field service post card from Private Alfred Mollison to Jane Adam in Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

## Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (16 March 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/100

**Date** 16 March 1917

### Scope and content

Letter to Alf from Private William (Bill) Norris, France. He is surprised to hear that Alf has not received any mail, as he has sent several letters, it can take about five months to receive a letter from Australia.

### Author / Creator

Norris, William Edward, 1884-1958

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (21 April 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/101

**Date** 21 April 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Private William (Bill) Norris, France, to his friend Alf in Longreach. He hopes to receive more letters from him soon; he hopes the war will soon be over.

### Author / Creator

Norris, William Edward, 1884-1958

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 May 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/102

**Date** 18 May 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Henry (Harry) Humphreys to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. He is still in camp at Liverpool more than 3 months since he arrived. He asks after family and friends in Brisbane, and would like a photograph of her to take away with him.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter card (1 July 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/103

**Date** 1 July 1917

### Scope and content

Letter card from Henry (Harry) Humphreys, at sea to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. So far he has proved to be a good sailor.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 lettercard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (31 July 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/104

**Date** 31 July 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Henry (Harry) Humphreys, at sea to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. They have called into several ports on their way past South Africa and he has enjoyed the sights; Harry asks after friends and family at home.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (3 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/105

**Date** 1917

### Scope and content

Letter from Percy Lyall, in camp, Victoria to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane. Percy is beginning to like Victoria, they are given lots of physical exercises & drill.

### Author / Creator

Lyall, Percy Douglas, 1892-1917

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (29 October 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/106

**Date** 29 October 1917

### Scope and content

Field service post card from Henry (Harry) Humphreys to his aunt Jane Adam in Brisbane.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (16 November 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/107

**Date** 16 November 1917

### Scope and content

Card from Private Alfred Mollison, France to Jane Adam. He is still getting on alright, but will be glad when the stunt is over.

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

## Description

**Description** 1 card (& envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 November 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/108

**Date** 18 November 1917

### Scope and content

Letter to Jane Adam from her niece in Longreach. Her brother Robert has been wounded, they are waiting to hear more details.

## Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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(14 digital)

## Series 5: Correspondence (1918)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Correspondence

**Date** 1918

### Scope and content

Letters to Jane Adam chiefly from friends and family, some still serving overseas during the First World War, and her son Jack in the Solomon Islands.

### Description

**Description** 14 letters, envelopes

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 22436 O/S

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Items in this series:

## Letter (26 January 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/109

**Date** 26 January 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from Henry (Harry) Humphreys, France to Jane Adam, in Brisbane. Harry has heard she has been unwell and hopes Jack will soon be home for her.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 February 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/110

**Date** 18 February 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from Sergeant Alfred Mollison, France, to Jane Adam. He is very grieved to hear that her nephew Percy Lyall had died, he saw him only a few days before.

### Author / Creator

Mollison, Alfred Knight, 1888-1965

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (1 page & envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (9 April 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/111

**Date** 9 April 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from John Tindale, of the *Thargomindah Herald* to Jane Adam. He will pay for her son Jack's wedding notice in lieu of a wedding gift, he has sent him a copy of the *Herald* with the notice in.

### Author / Creator

Tindale, John R.

## Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (14 May 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/112

**Date** 14 May 1918

### Scope and content

Field service post card from Henry (Harry) Humphreys to his aunt Jane Adam.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

## Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (2 June 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/113

**Date** 2 June 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from Henry (Harry) Humphreys, France to Jane Adam in Brisbane. It is her late son Doug's birthday, Harry writes that he will be thinking of his old pal; he is pleased that her son Jack and Frances have made a 'match'.

### Author / Creator

Humphreys, Thomas Henry, 1895-1954

### Description

**Description** 1 letter (2 pages)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (28 August 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/114

**Date** 28 August 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from Frances Adam (nee Strong), Graceville, to her mother-in-law Jane Adam. She has been very ill and hopes that Jane can come and see her as soon as she can.

### Author / Creator

Adam, Frances Sarah, 1890-1961

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (18 September 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/115

**Date** 18 September 1918

### **Scope and content**

Letter from the District Paymaster, Brisbane to Jane Adam, with regard to a Separation Allowance.

### **Author / Creator**

Fitzgerald, J.T.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (20 September 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/116

**Date** 20 September 1918

### **Scope and content**

Letter to Jane Adam regarding Princess Mary's gift to her late son William, it will be forwarded separately. [The Princess Mary Gift Fund box is an embossed brass box that originally contained a variety of items such as tobacco and chocolate. It was intended as a Christmas present to those serving at Christmas in 1914 and was paid for by a public fund backed by Princess Mary. Eligibility was extended to all who were serving, whether at home or abroad, and to prisoners of war and the next of kin of 1914 casualties, to an estimated figure of 2,620,019]

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (16 November 1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/117

**Date** 16 November 1918

### Scope and content

Letter from John (Jack) Adam to his mother Jane. He has received her letter and case of vegetables and discusses his wife Frances' illness and their son Herbert.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Edward, 1892-1961

### Description

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

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Letter (1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/118

**Date** 1918

### Scope and content

Note from Mrs Friend to Jane Adam, she has sent her one pound and will send more next pay.

### Description

**Description** 1 letter

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Note (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/119

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Note stating that William Henry Adams, formerly reported missing, now decided killed in action.

Description

**Description** 1 note

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Note (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/120

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Note with the address of Driver G. Black, no. 6482, 17th A.A.S.C. 7th Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.

Description

**Description** 1 note

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Note (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/121

**Date** 1914-1918

**Scope and content**

Note with the address of Trooper W.H. Adams, no. 611, 2nd Light Horse, 1st Brigade, A.I.F. Cairo, Egypt.

Description

**Description** 1 note

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Envelopes (1914-1919)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/122

**Date** 1914-1919

**Scope and content**

Unmatched envelopes

Description

**Description** Approximately 6 envelopes

(13 digital)

## Series 6: Invitations (1915-1919)

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Invitations

**Date** 1915-1919

**Scope and content**

Invitations and tickets for Jane Adam and family to attend commemorative and social occasions.

## Description

**Description** 4 items

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 22437 O/S

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Items in this series:

### Invitation (13 September 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/123

**Date** 13 September 1915

#### Scope and content

Invitation to Mr & Mrs Adams & friends to a memorial concert, 'Honour the brave Australians' to be held at the Exhibition Building, to pay tribute to fallen soldiers, it includes an admission ticket.

## Description

**Description** 1 invitation (& admission ticket)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Invitation (17 October 1915)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/124

**Date** 17 October 1915

**Scope and content**

Invitation to Mr D Adams to attend the 21st birthday party of Irene Phyllis Phipps held at Cafe Majestic, Brisbane.

**Author / Creator**

Phipps, Joseph, 1869-1942

Description

**Description** 1 invitation (& envelope)

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Invitation (24 June 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/125

**Date** 24 June 1915

**Scope and content**

Invitation to Jane Adams to attend a victory celebration for the Labor party member E.N. Free at St Andrews Hall, Vulture Street, South Brisbane.

**Author / Creator**

Free, Edgar Noah, 1872-1938

Description

**Description** 1 invitation

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Voucher (1915-1930)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/126

**Date** 1915-1930

**Scope and content**

Discount voucher for photographic reproductions from Silvester photographs.

Description

**Description** 1 voucher

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 7: Postcards (1910-1918)

**Series number** 7

**Series title** Postcards

**Date** 1910-1918

**Scope and content**

Postcards from family and friends to Jane Adam

Description

**Description** 6 postcards

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 22437 O/S

Access

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Items in this series:

## Postcard (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/127

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Postcard sent to Douglas Adam by his girlfriend Gladys Nelson. She writes "A beautiful wish that God would bless you, keep you always well and brave and strong and bring you back again safely to your dear people and Australia." Douglas Adam was killed in action 13 May 1915, Gallipoli.

### Author / Creator

Nelson, Gladys

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (27 August 1910)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/128

**Date** 27 August 1910

### Scope and content

Postcard of Princes Royal Harbour, Albany, WA sent to Mr & Mrs Adam from [...] They have had a good journey to England and hope that the family is well.

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/129

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Postcard entitled "Daddy please come home again" simply inscribed on the reverse "From you loving friend Jack".

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/130

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Postcard entitled "Coming events cast their shadows before them". There is no inscription on the reverse.

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/131

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Silk embroidered postcard showing the Australian and English flags and the words "Australia forever", sent from Paddy to 'Serummy' with love. Paddy being the nickname of John Adam.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Postcard (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/132

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Postcard of floral arrangement; unsent

Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Series 8: Greeting cards (1910-1918)

**Series number** 8

**Series title** Greeting cards

**Date** 1910-1918

**Scope and content**

Cards expressing Christmas greetings, as well as memorial cards, sent to Jane Adam and close family members.

### Description

**Description** 10 cards

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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### Items in this series:

#### Greeting card (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/133

**Date** 1914-1918

**Scope and content**

Postcard "Wishing you a happy Christmas"; unsent.

### Description

**Description** 1 postcard

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Greeting card (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/134

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Greeting card with a poem by M.E. Mulry which begins "To my brave and noble boy".

Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Greeting card (1916-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/135

**Date** 1916-1918

### Scope and content

Greeting card from Bertha Lyall to Jane Adam remembering her at Christmas.

### Author / Creator

Lyall, Adelaide Bertha Jane, 1889-1965

Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Greeting card (1916-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/136

**Date** 1916-1918

### Scope and content

Christmas greetings from John (Jack) Adam to his wife Jane.

### Author / Creator

Adam, John Youran, 1867-1950

### Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Greeting card (December 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/137

**Date** December 1916

### Scope and content

Christmas greetings to Jack Adam from Jack Tindale, Thargomindah.

### Author / Creator

Tindale, John R

### Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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## Greeting card (December 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/138

**Date** December 1916

**Scope and content**

Christmas greetings from Gladys & Emma Nelson.

**Author / Creator**

Nelson, Gladys

Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Greeting card (1914-1918)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/139

**Date** 1914-1918

**Scope and content**

Greeting card "To wish you health and happy days" includes a poem by Mary E Mulry entitled "To our gallant boys".

Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**Greeting card (1914-1918)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/140

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Two greeting cards "Rembrance" includes a poem by Mary E Mulry entitled "To our gallant boys".

#### Description

**Description** 2 greeting cards

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Memorial card (1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/141

**Date** 1916

#### Scope and content

Two memorial cards, issued to the general public in memory of Earl Kitchener who drowned after the British warship HMS *Hampshire* sank after it hit a mine, 5 June 1916.

#### Description

**Description** 2 memorial cards

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Greeting card (1916-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/142

**Date** 1916-1918

#### Scope and content

Christmas greetings to Jack Adam from Harry [Humphreys ?] 'from the land of the silver wattle'.

## Description

**Description** 1 greeting card

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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(10 digital)

## Series 9: Miscellaneous papers (1912-1915)

**Series number** 9

**Series title** Miscellaneous papers

**Date** 1912-1915

### Scope and content

Receipts, prayer cards, & various notebooks.

## Description

**Description** 19 items (Holy cards, Anzac day ribbon, Church catechism, Grammar booklet, Membership ticket, Life insurance application, Examination results, Poem, Hymns, Telegram, Receipts, Pay Sheet, Statement of account, Insurance policy, Map - Queensland railways)

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Items in this series:

## Holy cards (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/143

**Date** 1914-1918

### Scope and content

Four holy cards kept by Jane Adam annotated by her sister Matilda Williams

Description

**Description** 4 cards

## Anzac day ribbon (1938)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/144

**Date** 1938

### Scope and content

Anzac day ribbon or 'badge' worn for the commemoration of those who served for the armed services, since 1916.

Description

**Description** 1 ribbon

## Catechism (undated)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/145

**Date** undated

### Scope and content

Incomplete booklet entitled 'The church catechism'.

Description

**Description** 1 booklet

## Booklet (undated)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/146

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Incomplete and damaged booklet providing rules on grammar - the adjective, verb and syntax. The property of Aubrey Robert Coyle Adam (1903-1971).

Description

**Description** 1 booklet

**Membership (31 December 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/147

**Date** 31 December 1915

**Scope and content**

Membership ticket issued to Jane Adam by the Queensland Labor Party Workers Political Organisation, South Brisbane.

**Author / Creator**

Queensland Labor Party Workers Political Organisation

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

**Insurance application (1915-1918)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/148

**Date** 1915-1918

**Scope and content**

Application form/card partially completed by Jane Adam for life insurance, the proposed insuree is not named, their occupation is 'soldier'.

Description

**Description** 1 application form

**Receipt (8 October 1917)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/149

**Date** 8 October 1917

**Scope and content**

Receipt from Brisbane Boys Grammar for school fees paid by J. Adam Esq. presumable John (Jack) Adam

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

**Examination results (June 1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/150

**Date** June 1915

**Scope and content**

Half-yearly examination results issued by Brisbane South Boys School to Aubrey Robert Coyle Adam.

Description

**Description** 1 result card

**Poem (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/151

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Poem entitled 'School life', the first line reads: "I sat in the School of Sorrow".

Description

**Description** 1 poem

**Hymns (1925)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/152

**Date** 1925

**Scope and content**

Two hymns written by William J. Young sent to Jane Adam by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Queensland. The envelope is included.

Description

**Description** 1 hymn

**Telegram (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/153

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Blank form used to send telegrams via the Postmaster-General's Department, Queensland.

Description

**Description** 1 form

**Receipt (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/154

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Fragments of receipt from book keeping journal for 3 pounds.

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

**Receipt (9 September 1916)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/155

**Date** 9 September 1916

**Scope and content**

Receipt from Albert E Harte & Gayford, auctioneers for monies received from Jane Adam for property and furniture.

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

### Receipt (21 September 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/156

**Date** 21 September 1916

**Scope and content**

Receipt from Albert E Harte & Gayford, auctioneers for monies received from Jane Adam.

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

### Receipt (30 June 1914)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/157

**Date** 30 June 1914

**Scope and content**

Receipt from Herga & Co, watch & clock makers, made out to Mr Elliston.

Description

**Description** 1 receipt

### Pay Sheet (February 1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/158

**Date** February 1916

**Scope and content**

Pay sheet for the Bowen Hills railway station, showing salaries of railway employees including A. R. Adam. (Aubrey Robert Adam)

## Description

**Description** 1 statement

### Statement (30 October 1917)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/159

**Date** 30 October 1917

#### Scope and content

Statement of account regarding Vivian Douglas Adam, deceased, monies held by The Public Curator.

## Description

**Description** 1 statement

### Insurance policy (8 April 1912)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/160

**Date** 8 April 1912

#### Scope and content

Insurance policy in the name of William Henry Adam for the benefit of his mother Jane Adam, taken out when her son was only 15 years. There are 2 copies.

## Description

**Description** 1 policy

### Map, Queensland railways (1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/161

**Date** 1916

#### Scope and content

Map of Queensland. Side 1: showing all railways open for traffic, under construction, and approved by parliament, 1916

Side 2: showing railways in the south-east portion of Queensland

## Description

**Description** 1 map

## Series 10: Photographs (1915-1925)

**Series number** 10

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1915-1925

### Scope and content

Photographs of John Yourne Adam, Vivian Douglas Adam, 25th Infantry Battalion, Jack Coyle, and Jane Adam.

## Description

**Description** 7 photographs (some mounted)

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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## Items in this series:

### John Adam (1916)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/162

**Date** 1916

**Scope and content**

Mounted photograph of Private John (Jack) Yourn Adam, 9th Infantry Battalion, husband of Jane Adam.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

### **Vivian Douglas Adam (1915)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/163

**Date** 1915

**Scope and content**

Mounted photograph, showing members of the 25th Infantry Battalion including Douglas Adam, rear standing, far left, before embarking for overseas. Douglas Adam was killed in action 22 November 1915, Gallipoli.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

### **John James Coyle (1915-1916)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/164

**Date** 1915-1916

**Scope and content**

Mounted photograph of Gunner Jack Coyle taken in Alexandria, Egypt while serving with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, brother of Jane Adam.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

### **John Yourne Adam (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/165

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Photograph of an elderly John (Jack) Yourne Adam, husband of Jane Adam

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

**John Yourne Adam (28 August 1916)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/166

**Date** 28 August 1916

**Scope and content**

John (Jack) Yourne Adam (left) with brother of a friend he used to work with. (Description supplied with photograph)

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

**Jane Adam (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/167

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Jane Adam nee Coyle with her pet dog.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

**Photograph (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/168

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Unidentified image of family group, most probably one of Jane Adam's sisters.

#### Description

**Description** 1 photograph (black & white)

## Series 11: Published material (1915-2015)

**Series number** 11

**Series title** Published material

**Date** 1915-2015

#### Scope and content

Items saved from newspapers of the day relating to the service of the Adam brothers during the First World War; commemoration at Thargomindah, Bulloo Shire.

#### Description

**Description** 1 folder (newspaper clippings, article, poster, photocopied image)

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Items in this series:

### Newspaper clippings (1914-1918)

**Unit ID** OM91-11/169

**Date** 1914-1918

**Scope and content**

Newspaper clippings relating to soldiers who served in the First World War.

Description

**Description** 1 folder (clippings)

**Newspaper article (30 April 2015)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/170

**Date** 30 April 2015

**Scope and content**

Photocopied article from the '*Warrego Watchman*' 30 April 2015 entitled 'Tribute an assault on the senses'. It details the centenary service and activities held at Thargomindah to commemorate the lives of Vivian Douglas Adam and his brother William Henry in 1915 at Gallipoli.

Description

**Description** 1 clipping

**Poster (25 April 2015)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/171

**Date** 25 April 2015

**Scope and content**

Colour poster issued to advertise Anzac Centenary commemorations held at Thargomindah, 25 April 2015

Description

**Description** 1 poster (colour)

**Honour board (undated)**

**Unit ID** OM91-11/172

**Date** undated

**Scope and content**

Photocopied image of the honour board, Department of Agriculture and Stock, located at William Street, Brisbane.

Description

**Description** 1 photocopy