

GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICES EDUCATION MATERIAL

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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Genre and Forms:	Correspondence, reports, minutes, newspaper clippings, bulletins
Abstract:	Material in the collection relates to the Australian Services Education Council, Camp Library Service, RAAF Library Service, and the Army Education Service.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

Not known. It is surmised that a large proportion of the material in this collection was collated by Edward Victor Steel, Assistant Librarian at Fisher Library.

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Biographical note

The Australian Army Education Service was established in 1941 to provide educational and vocational training to Australian Service personnel during WWII. To facilitate this scheme the Australian Services Education Council (ASEC) was formed. The council acted as a civilian advisory body and met annually from 1941 to 1945. Membership comprised J.D.G. Medley as Chairman, and representatives from each Australian university. The council worked in conjunction with the Directors for Army (R.B. Madgwick), Navy, and Air Force. The initial scheme focused on general education, including hobbies, general reading, lectures, films, and a weekly bulletin. The scheme was later expanded to include vocational training. The Army Education Service also published the weekly journal *Salt*.

A large portion of this collection relates to the activities of library sub-committee members, Edward Victor Steel (Assistant Librarian, Fisher Library) and Kenneth Binns (Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian). Much of the material including correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports focusses on the establishment of the Camp Library Service, supply of books for vocational training and distribution of educators and librarians to training camps.

Local Catalogue Headings

Australian Army Education Service -- History
Adult education -- Australia -- History
Soldiers -- Education, Non-military -- Australia
Military education -- Australia

Correspondence Abbreviations

EVS Edward Victor Steel
JWM John Wallace Metcalfe
KB Kenneth Binns
RBM Robert Bowden Madgwick
RM R. McGreal
WHI William Herbert Ifould

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

1. [Envelope] Correspondence and documentation (inc. newspaper clippings), regarding Camp Library Service, 1940-1943.

Reports:

Camp Library Service, 31 May 1943

Australian Institute of Librarians NSW Branch: Carnegie Visitors Grants Sub-Committee, n.d.

The War Service of NSW Librarians, n.d.

Minutes:

Camp Library Service, Book Week Appeal Committee, 11 Jan 1943

Circular:

Camp Library Service, from R McGreal (RM), 10 Feb 1943

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Camp Library Service, from NSW Public School Teachers' Federation, n.d.

Newspaper clippings:

'Education for Army Men', n.d.

'A.I.F. Education Scheme: Minister Favourable', n.d.

'A.I.F. Education: Organised Book Service Urged', n.d.

'Army Education: To the Editor of the Herald', Sydney Morning Herald, n.d.

'Army Education Service: A Need in the New A.I.F. Experience of the Great War', Sydney Morning Herald, 3 December 1940

Correspondence:

To CH Currey, from EV Steel (EVS), 21 Jul 1942

To EVS, from CH Currey, 23 Jul 1942 [handwritten note] attached to 'Memorandum to Students of the Teachers' Colleges in New South Wales now with the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth'

To Sir Thomas Blamey, from RM, 20 Oct 1942

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2. [Envelope] Primarily contains correspondence regarding Australian Services Education Council, and provision of books for the Camp Library Service, 1940-1942.

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'Army Education Service', Sydney Morning Herald, 3 Dec 1940 [newspaper clipping]
To KB, from EVS, 5 Dec 1940 [typescript]
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