



## GUIDE TO THE ROSS GOLLAN COLLECTION

### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Title:</b>	Ross Gollan Collection
<b>Collection dates:</b>	c.1930 – c.1967
<b>Creator:</b>	Ross Gollan/ Valmai Gollan
<b>Languages represented:</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library <a href="https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/">https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/</a>
<b>Extent:</b>	5 boxes
<b>Genre and Forms:</b>	Correspondence, holographs, and various ephemera from the life and times of Ross Gollan.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains personal correspondence, published newspaper articles and ephemera from the life and times of Ross Gollan.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

#### Provenance

Purchased by Fisher Library (Miss Beatrice P. Wise, Associate Librarian) for £800 (1962) from Ross Gollan's wife, Valmai Gollan. (Letter can be found in this collection within Folder 79.)

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#### Biographical note

The journalist, Ross Francis Gollan (1902-1961) attended the University of Sydney (B.A. 1923; M.A. 1925) and edited *Hermes*. Gollan joined the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 1923; spent 12 years as a Newcastle reporter covering coal industry unrest. He moved to Canberra to cover the federal parliament and became quite influential, especially during the short-term leadership of Prime Minister Arthur Fadden.

Reference: Australian dictionary of biography. Melbourne: Melbourne University Press; London; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1966-(2000). Volume 14, pp.289-290.

## Local Catalogue Headings

Gollan, Ross

### DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

#### Box 1

1. Correspondence, various, (incl. from RG's mother on his birthday).  
[Personal recollection] ephemera.  
Newspaper clippings.
2. Newspaper clippings.  
Correspondence with family.  
Conferring of degrees: Master of Arts, (26 April 1956).
3. Newspaper clippings.  
Essay on Memory / by Robert D. Fitzgerald.
4. Miscellaneous notes.
5. Miscellaneous notes.
6. Correspondence, various.  
ID card, Civilian registration (British subjects)  
Photographs (5) small.  
Photograph, Gollan.  
Children's drawing.
7. Field notebook of newspaper clippings, c.1960 – 1961.
8. Correspondence, Fitz (1945).
9. Manuscript, various, Zibanitu.  
Newspaper clippings, Wodehouse (1956).
10. Correspondence, Fitz (1934)
11. Correspondence, Fitz (1941)
12. Correspondence, Fitz (1939)
13. Correspondence, various.  
Incl. poem by R.D.G. Fiji (Nov – Dec 1932).
14. Correspondence with Fitz (1933).
15. Correspondence with Fitz (1935).
16. Correspondence with Fitz (1936).  
Incl. telegram from Fiji.
17. Correspondence with Fitz (1937).
18. Correspondence with Fitz (1943). **Fragile**
19. Correspondence with Fitz.
20. Correspondence with Gollan.
21. Correspondence with Gollan, from Lawson, Ollie.
22. Booklet, Record of service for D.B. Gollan, The Scots College,  
Australian Military Forces.  
Referral letter from A.K. Anderson at the Scots College for D.B. Gollan  
(1953).  
Death of Mr. A.K. Anderson, Lang Syne, A publication of the Scots  
College old Boys' Union (31 Jan 1955). Vol. 1 – No.6.  
School Leaving Certificate, D.B. Gollan (1954).  
Second term school report (1947).  
Memorandum of fees, the Scots College (1949) (2 items).  
Payslips for Gollan, DB (5 items).  
DB Gollan's correspondence with his parents.
23. Newspaper clippings (Incl. The Wodehouse Affair) (4 Aug 1961).

- Note from Buckingham Palace to Ross Gollan (1953).
24. Pages from a magazine called "Chums." **Damaged**
  25. Correspondence, various.
    - Poem: Glad World/ by Fitz?
    - Poem: From Camp to Camp / by Roderic Quinn.
    - Poem: The Way of It / by Roderic Quinn.
    - Poem: The Poet to his heart / by Charles Campbell.
  26. Correspondence, various.
    - Newspaper clipping: When River Ceased to Flow (8 Jan 1936).
    - Telegram receipt, to Gollan from Fitz.
    - Correspondence, from Fitz to Gollan (12 May 1930) on Fitzgerald & Blair letterhead.
    - Prose, Moonlight Acre, parts available 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31.
  27. Correspondence to Fitz from (?) Fisher Library (22 Oct 1940).
    - Correspondence to Francis from (?).
    - Poem, "Roundel: Of You" (1923).
    - Periodical, Lang Syne, Vol. 4 – No.2 (July 1957).
    - Correspondence, sender, and recipient unknown (9 July 1957).
    - Postcard, "Papuan Woman," sent to Ross Gollan (26 Sep 1928).
    - Booklet, "The Wind at your Door." A poem by Robert D. FitzGerald, limited edition (1959).
    - Miscellaneous prose.
    - Correspondence addressed to Ross Gollan (29 Nov 1938).
    - Prose, signed by R. D. FitzG, Seaqaqa (1931). **Damaged.**
  28. Leaflet, "True Patriots All or News from Early Australia as told in a Collection of Broad-sides." **Damaged.**
    - Newspaper clippings, Sobs at the Glebe (15 June 1923).
    - Loose pages, "The Plum-pudding Riots" / by Constance Clyde.
    - Miscellaneous correspondence. **Damaged.**
    - Loose pages, "Portraits of Reigning Sovereigns / by Joseph Simpson.
  29. Manuscript, In Re Habeas Corpus, ex parte: P.R. Stephenson. **Fragile.**
  30. Newspaper clippings and original photographs, "A Secretary Takes a Rest."
    - Photograph of Miss Donoghue being presented with a token of esteem by Mr Brian Outten, Ross Gollan likely in the photograph.
    - Newspaper clipping, John Fairfax Limited, Fifth Annual Meeting, SMH (13/10/1960).
    - Correspondence, addressed to Mr Gollan from Reg (18/2/1958).
    - Correspondence, addressed to Mr Henderson from Olive Donoghue copied to Ross Gollan, Subject: Retirement Letter (6/10/1958).
    - Holograph, draft rendering of Broadway Star – official Staff News, John Fairfax & Sons Pty Ltd.
    - Newspaper clippings:
      - A Sporting Flashback
      - Chief Engineer Retires (Jan 1959)
      - Herald Reports from the Law (13/10/1960)
      - J. Fairfax group accounts (5/10/1960)
    - Loose pages of draft cartoon, "'Look Boss' Right on the Bed."
    - Correspondence, from Don Whittington to Ross Gollan (25/8/1958)

Leaflet, Memorandum to the Reporting Staff from the Managing Director.

Hand sketch, How's the circulation.

Cabaret Menu, SMH Publishing Dept. (c.1960).

31. Newspaper clipping, Various verse (March 1956).  
Pages from Mr. Swinburne's New Poems.  
Loose page from The Bulletin (16/10/1937)  
Exhibition pamphlet, Ten Dobell Portraits  
Loose page, Way with a will from Nation (23/4/1960)  
Loose page, A worldly take-over in the local book trade, The Observer (16/4/1960)  
Miscellaneous manuscripts.

## Box 2

32. Loose pages (6), prose.
33. Loose pages (6), prose: "The Hidden Bole."
34. Prose: Fifth day / by Fitz (?)  
Prose: The Face of the waters / by Fitz (?)  
Prose: "... starving we licked the line of grease / by Fitz (?)
35. Miscellaneous correspondence. **Damaged.**
36. Miscellaneous prose. **Damaged.**
37. Miscellaneous prose & correspondence. **Damaged.**
38. Miscellaneous prose & correspondence. **Damaged.**
39. Poem, A Friend's visit / by Fitz
40. Poem, This Understanding / by Fitz  
Poem, Limitation / by Fitz  
Poem, The Fakir / by Fitz  
Poems: Eleven roadside compositions (10 pages)  
Prose: Heemskercq Shoals (Nanuku, Fiji / by Fitz)
41. Miscellaneous prose & correspondence. **Damaged.**
42. Correspondence, from Chief Publicity Censor to Ross Gollan (8/3/1942).  
4 pages on Examples of wartime censorship with replies.  
Booklet, Confidential Memorandum on Press Censorship.  
Booklet, Censorship Rules and Broadcasting Standing Orders (June 1941)  
Booklet, Revised Censorship Instructions, Secret Document under National Security Act. (1941?)  
Notice to all states on Wheat and Penicillin (8/12/1943).  
Consolidated Censorship Directions (30/4/1943).
43. Diary, from 17/2/1944 to 3/6/1950
44. Diary, from 27/6/1950 to 12/1/1952
45. Diary, from 16/1/1952 to 31/1/1954
46. Diary, from 2/7/1921 to 1/8/1927
47. Diary, from 2/8/1927 to 8/11/1930
48. Notebook containing newspaper clippings (1941?)
49. Field notebook containing various ephemera / Norman Zions (1906 – 1907).

## Box 3

50. Lace
51. Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, related to wartime global and domestic political news (1940).

52. Miscellaneous wartime newspaper clippings / articles by Ross Gollan (1945). Some items are **damaged**.
53. Miscellaneous newspaper clippings / articles by Ross Gollan (1944).
54. Newspaper clippings: Politics and the Wheat Scheme / by Ross Gollan (14/1/1946). (2 copies).  
Uniform Tax Fight in Second Round / by Ross Gollan (7/1/1946).  
Danger to working of Parliament / by Ross Gollan (25/2/1946).
55. Diary, from 17/9/1935 to 13/2/1944.
56. Diary, from 26/11/1930 to 15/9/1935.
57. Correspondence, various. Some items are **damaged**.
58. Booklet, The Australian Highway Vol XV!!! – No. 10 (New Series) (10/9/1936). **Damaged**.
59. Correspondence, various. **Damaged**.
60. Book, "Type Specimens" / John Fairfax & Sons Pty. Ltd.
61. Magazine, "Punch" Vol. CCXXIII – No. 5846 (29/10/1952)
62. Magazine, "Punch" Vol. CCXXX – No. 6021 (25/01/1956)
63. Magazine, Hermes 1959.
64. Book, Evolution of Methods of Newspaper Production / The Sydney Morning Herald.
65. Magazine, "Sporting Life, Special Olympic Games Issue, Melbourne 1956".
66. Magazine, Sporting Life, Colour Souvenir of Olympics (January 1957).
67. Magazine, Hermes 1948 / edited by Judith Gollan & Neil McNevin (1948).
68. Book, Songs of the Plains / by Francis Humphris Brown (1934).
69. The Australian Clar School Atlas / edited by F. Thos. Brodie and owned by M. Gollan (1940).
70. Booklet, A Brief History of Country Gentlemen (1954).
71. Booklet, Two Addresses by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Right Honorable R. G. Menzies 9June 1941). **Damaged**.
72. Booklet, Digest of Decisions and Announcements and Important Speeches by The Prime Minister (The Hon. John Curtin), No. 15, Period – 10<sup>th</sup> January 1942 to 19<sup>th</sup> January 1942 / Commonwealth Government. **Damaged**.
73. Booklet, Digest of Decisions and Announcements and Important Speeches by The Prime Minister (The Hon. John Curtin), No. 1, Period – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1941 to 18<sup>th</sup> October 1941 / Commonwealth Government.
74. Book, Arbitration's Chequered Career From 1901 to 1927 / by George Black, M.L.C.
75. Booklet, A History of the N.S.W. Political Labor Party from Its Conception until 1971 / by George Black, M.L.C.
76. Magazine, Boys Own (August 1951).

#### **Box 4**

77. Miscellaneous correspondence.
78. Photograph of Ross Gollan
79. Letter outlining how this collection came into Fisher Library's possession. **Fragile**.
80. Ben Chifley, "The man who sought naked socialism, Comments on Professor Crisp's biography" / A. H. Edmonds (1961).
81. Correspondence, A Simple Solution / J. H. Somerville.

82. Poem, Life's Sceptic Faces Love (2 copies)
83. 19 poems / Ross Gollan.
84. Magazine, "The ISIS." (20 May 1953)
85. Miscellaneous correspondence.  
Article, Robert Lowe and Bronte House / by G. A. King (2 copies)  
Correspondence from the NSW Parliament to Mr. Holburn (9/1/1956)  
Henry Lawson Centenary Souvenir Programme (16/6/1967) (2 copies)
86. Miscellaneous poetry and prose.
87. Miscellaneous holographs (4 items).
88. Poem, "Torch-bearer" / Ross Gollan (4 copies)  
Poem, "Crows the Cock Twice" / (2 copies)  
Prose, begin with "The shuddering thought of Lesbia, the desire..."
89. Poem, To my Flat / Ross Gollan (1/4/1935). **Damaged.**
90. Loose pages, "Opus 23."
91. Loose pages (3), Hymn.
92. Poem, "Polish Alliance" / Ross Gollan (1/4/1939). **Damaged.**
93. Poem, "Duel for love – 1765".
94. Poem, "Come, Let us Drift." **Damaged.**
95. Correspondence, addressed to Darling / Ross Gollan.  
Poem, starts with "Long centuries ago..." (2 copies)  
Poem, Beethoven / Ross Gollan  
Poem, Garden Prayer / Ross Gollan  
Correspondence including a poem by Ross Gollan / Mikee  
Poem, "You are now dead..."  
Poem, "My heart and I are now at odds..."  
Poem, "Seascape" / Ross Gollan  
Prose, Pendants for Romance, I Night v Dragon II Duel for Love.  
**Damaged.**
96. Poem, "Running the race of beauty..."  
Poem, "XXV Saturn (For Robert D. Fitzgerald)."  
Poem, "This individual Star..."  
Poem, "Let beauty break..."  
Poem, "Lights leave..." (holograph)  
Poem, "On Some matrons..."  
Poem, "True the tardy timid voice that tells..."  
Poem, "Lady! In a week of nights..."  
Poem, "Morning and I..."
97. **All items in this folder are badly damaged.**  
Poem, "To a Friend and for a Sage..."  
Poem, "Torch-bearer – 2 ..." (part of a stanza).  
Prose, "Three Epigrams"  
Prose, "Let us deny to no man what..."  
Poem, "Pirates Standing..." (holograph)  
Poem, "The fascist castle..." (1/4/1939)  
Poem, "Clong! Bang! Tazar! Up goes the curtain..."  
Prose, "In the lost afternoon..."  
Prose, "Better, than you, she..."  
Prose, "Eliot was a gentleman..."  
Poem, "From an Elegy."
98. Hand drawn sketch of Frontier Warfare / by J. J. Gollan.

99. Program handout for the Sydney Morning Herald Centenary Dinner (23/3/1946).

**Box 4**

100. Book, Frontier Warfare / J. J. Gollan (1946).
101. Book, The Pocket History of the United States / Allan Nevins & Henry Steele Commager (1944).
102. Booklet, Official Programme for G.P.S. Regatta (1950).
103. Book, The Common Reader / Virginia Woolf (1938).
104. Book, A Century of Entertainment / published by Hutchinson & Co.
105. Booklet, Chinese and English Recipes / Rex Aluminium Co. Pty. Ltd.
106. Book, Tricks of Self-Defence / W.H. Collingridge.
107. Book, The Oppidan / Shane Leslie (1924).
108. Book, Cakes and Ale or The Skeleton in the Cupboard / by W. Somerset Maugham (1930).
109. Book, The Paid Piper / C.S. Forester (1924).
110. Booklet, 50 years of labour in Politics / George Weir (March 1945).
111. Booklet, Souvenir Program of NSW v British Isles (30 May 1959).
112. Booklet, Rugby News Vol. 37 – No. 24 (8/8/1959)
113. Newspaper page, The Bulletin, Vol. 60 – No. 3075
114. Honi Soit (31/7/1952).
115. Newspaper, Common Cause – An Open Letter to Ross Gollan (of Sydney Morning Herald) (5/2/1944).
116. Newspaper, Courier (Woollahra Centenary) Feature (11/8/1960).
117. Newspaper, The Maitland Daily “Mercury Centenary Supplement” (1/11/1935).
118. Newspaper clippings, “The Australian Women’s Weekly,” pages 7 to 12, covering four articles, (21/8/1957).
119. Newspaper sections:
  - The Daily Telegraph “Death of King Edward” (9/5/1910). **Damaged.**
  - Evening News (23/1/1901). **Damaged.**
120. Newspaper pages from “The Sunday Mirror (1960), The Catholic Weekly (1961), and The Bulletin (1936).
121. Newspaper pages on John Curtin (c.1958).
122. Hand drawn cartoon of “Weeks Best Seller.”
123. Miscellaneous Wartime Clippings / articles by Ross Gollan (1945).  
Some items **damaged.**
124. Newspaper (Politics). **Damaged.**
125. Newspaper Front Page (Sydney Morning Herald) (28/01/1946).  
**Damaged.**
126. Newspaper Front Page (Sydney Morning Herald) (18/02/1946).
127. Newspaper clipping (Politics) “Mr Menzies Attack” (1940).
128. Ross Gollan’s testamur for Master of Arts at the University of Sydney (1925).