

HOBBS, JOHN MERVYN (1896-1972)

John Mervyn Hobbs was born in Perth in 1896, the eldest son of Sir Joseph John Talbot and Edith Ann Hobbs (nee Hurst). While an architectural student studying in London, Mervyn (as he was usually known) joined the Australian Imperial Force (AIF).

He served as a gunner on Gallipoli, was commissioned in 1915, won the Military Cross in France and served after the war in the Indian Army where he was awarded a Bar to the M.C. and became a brigadier.

In 1922, whilst on long service leave from India, he married Constance Jean Barber in Perth and continued to serve in the Indian Army on the North West Frontier. He was made an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in 1946 for his services and retired with the rank of Brigadier in 1947, when British India was partitioned and Pakistan created. He returned to Perth and worked as a welfare officer for the firm Bunnings Brothers and following a stroke he moved to England in 1972 to live with his son and died shortly after.

ACC 7275A Donated 9 November 2009
ACC 9298A Donated 18 January 1980

PRIVATE ARCHIVES MANUSCRIPT NOTE (MN2665; ACC 7275A, 9298A)

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
CERTIFICATES CORRESPONDENCE ENVELOPES	NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS TELEGRAMS

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	CERTIFICATES
ACC 9298A/1	1.1. 4 June 1896. Birth certificate 1.2. 1910. Certificate of Discharge issued by the Military Cadet Corps, 5 th Military District 1.3. 26 April 1922. Certificate of Marriage
	CORRESPONDENCE
	<i>ACC 7275A/3-16. To his mother, including messages to his sister, Dorothy. Mrs Hobbs and Dorothy were in England at this time.</i>
ACC 7275A/3	8.4.1914 [1915] "En route for Alexandria". Written on train between Cairo and Alexandria after a send-off from camp by the WA Light Horse.
ACC 7275A/4	9.4.1915. Postcard written on board the ship <i>Karoo</i> at Alexandria. Mervyn's father came aboard.
ACC 7275A/5	15.4.1915 (place marked out by censor). On board ship, in harbour, awaiting action. He saw his father again and is Mess Orderly.
ACC 7275A/6	21.4.1915 Still on board ship. Has seen John Newmarch.

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
ACC 7275A/7	19.5.1915 In position in [Turkey?]. Tells of skirmishes with the Turks, Jack Napier's leg amputation.
ACC 7275A/8	2.6.1915 In position. General comments.
ACC 7275A/9	12.6.1915 In a new gun pit position; Tells of his nineteenth birthday.
ACC 7275A/10	19.6.1915 Still in position.
ACC 7275A/11	9.7.1915 "Kaba Jepi" In position.
ACC 7275A/12	25.7.1915 "Gaba Jepe" Deaths of Leonard from Guildford, and Carter. Transfer as Acting Corporal to headquarters
ACC 7275A/13	15.8.1915 Still at headquarters. Tour of Turk trenches with his father.
ACC 7275A/14	5.9.1915 Still at headquarters with Col. Johnston. His father has left and should be in Egypt.
ACC 7275A/15	26.9.1915 "Anzac" Still at headquarters, his father has returned.
ACC 7275A/16	4.10.1915 "Anzac" Still at headquarters.
ACC 9298A/2	8 April 1921 Letter from his future father-in-law, Dr George Barber, expressing his delight on his future marriage to Jean
	ENVELOPES
ACC 7275A/1	1915 8 envelopes "on active service", Australian Div. Field PO. Include censor stamps. All to Mrs J T Hobbs, England.
ACC 7275A/2	1915 1 envelope postmarked Alexandria, to Mrs J T Hobbs, London.
	NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 9298A/3	3.1. 1922. Article regarding his marriage to Jean Barber 3.2. October 13, 1933. Article from <i>The News</i> , Adelaide regarding the crash of a mail plane on which Capt. Hobbs was a passenger
	TELEGRAMS
ACC 9298A/4	4.1. 30 March 1921. Announcement of engagement to Jean Barber 4.2. 19 August 192. Congratulations regarding bar and examinations

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