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Records Description List

Reference Number: 1980.0081

Collection/Series Title: BASSETT, WALTER ERIC, SIR

(1892-1978)

Creator	Bassett, Sir Walter Eric
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Company directors - Engineers, civil

Creator's Historical Note

Walter Bassett lectured at the University of Melbourne in Mechanical Engineering from 1919 to 1928 and then worked as a consulting engineer, serving on the Army Mechanization Board during World War II. In 1923 he married Flora "Marnie" Bassett, daughter of Professor Sir David Orme Masson. He was the former partner of W.E. Bassett & Partners and director of the Mt. Lyell Mining & Railways Co., later becoming its Chairman of Directors.

Date Range of Collection/Series	1914-1974
Size/Extent	1.5 metres
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Papers relating to university teaching 1928; the Institute of Engineers 1940-1943; the Army Mechanization Board 1942-1944; miscellaneous correspondence; certificates; lantern slides of engineering subjects; portrait of Sir Walter Bassett by Jack Carington Smith, oil on canvas, $120 \times 90 \times 10^{-5}$ cm.

Collection Category	Other, individuals
This document dated	22/12/2014

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
1980.0081 Unit 1	1980.0081.0000 .0001		1914-1918	Material relating to Edward Alfred Bassett, younger brother of Sir Walter, who was killed in action at Armentieres, 19 July 1916. Photograph of Edward in uniform; Next of Kin Memorial Plaque (and framed note) and Next of Kin Memorial Scroll
1980.0081 Unit 2	1980.0081.0000 .0002		1914-1918	Field Service Pocket Bk 1914; Military Engineering Bks W.W.I; X-Rays of hip, n.d.
1980.0081 Unit 3	1980.0081.0000 .0003		1928-1943	Institution of Engineers Australia, Dec 1940-43; Personal 1928
1980.0081 Unit 4	1980.0081.0000 .0004		1942-1944	Mechanization Board 1942-44
1980.0081 Unit 5	1980.0081.0000 .0005			Glass Photographic Slides; School badge (Wesley), sporting medals; Harrods file card
1980.0081 Unit 6	1980.0081.0000 .0006			Honours, personal letters, Photographs; Inc. Hon. Degrees of Marnie & Walter; Passports of both

Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
1980.0081 Unit 7	1980.0081.0000		1916-1974	Associate Member certificate, The Institution of Engineers Australia, February 1923; Invalid Certificate from AIF, January 1918; Royal Citation, Lieutenant, March 1919; UoM Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, April 1916; Membership certificate, Institution of Aeronautical Engineers, April 1927; Royal Citation, 2nd Lieutenant, April 1927; Promotion Citation, Honorary Lieutenant, April 1924; UoM Doctor of Engineering, May 1970; UoM Master of Engineering, September 1927; Membership certificate, The Institution of Engineers Australia, November 1927; UoM Doctor of Laws, April 1974; Membership certificate, The Australasian Institute of Mines & Metallurgy, November 1972
1980.0081 Unit 8	1980.0081.0001			Parcel - Newspapers; Illustrated London News 1855; Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, Dec 1916
SI	1980.0081.0002		1959	OBE Certificate, awarded June 1959