



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Priestley, Raymond Edward, Sir (1886-1974)
ACCESSION NO	1974.0079
CATEGORY	University, Individuals
ACTIVITY	Vice-Chancellors
DATE RANGE	1958-1974
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.02 cm
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Educated at University College, Priestley was appointed geologist to Shackleton's antarctic expedition of 1907 to 1909 and to Scott's expedition from 1910 to 1913. After war service where he received the Military Cross, Raymond Priestley resumed an academic and administrative career at Cambridge. In 1934, he reluctantly became the first salaried Vice Chancellor of Melbourne University. Priestley's main concern was to re-establish adequate funding and community support for the University. He was frustrated in these attempts, and he became the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham and left Melbourne in 1938. Priestley acted as an adviser to the BBC and, after his retirement in 1952, he served as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Civil Service and on a series of boards and associations.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	October 1974
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>Copy of "Wireless Memories Round and About the First World War, including an adjutant's view of the Wireless Training Centre at Worcester 1915-1917" by Raymond Priestley; letter from Priestley to Newcombe Wright enclosing memories; photograph of Priestley in a group "The final reunion and winding up of the Royal Engineers Wireless Association, Worcester; paper "Problems of the English Speaking University World by R.E. Priestley, 1937; obituaries and service 1974.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	

NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Frank Strahan
DATE	4 October 1974

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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: PRIESTLEY, Sir Raymond Edward (1886 - 1974).
ADDRESS: Deceased.
MAIN ACTIVITY: Antarctic explorer, geologist, University administrator.
TRANSFEROR: Mr. Newcombe Wright,
DATE OF TRANSFER: October 1974.

LIST OF RECORDS

1. Priestley, Raymond, Wireless Memories round and about the First World War including an Adjutant's view of the Wireless Training Centre at Worcester 1915 to 1917 (written in 1958 and copied for distribution at the Final Dinner R.E. Wireless Signals Association - 1914/18 - 1st May 1971). Printed cover, 14 page multilith.
2. Photograph of five people on the occasion of the Final Dinner, 1st May 1971, of the R.E. Wireless Signals Association. Labelled on verso (right to left) W.G. Taylor, secretary; Sir Raymond Priestley; Mayor (Councillor Burn); Col. Max Holdsworth, Alan Jolliffe. 16.5 x 21.5 cms. (glossy).
3. Priestley, Raymond, Letter of 19th April 1971 to Newcombe Wright advising that he is forwarding no. 1 above. 1p. ink MS
4. Obituaries on death of Raymond Priestley. Two press cuttings - no date or name for newspapers.
5. Order of Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Raymond Edward Priestley, Wednesday 3rd July 1974, the Abbey Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury (England). 6p. printed pamphlet.

4th October, 1974

Frank Strahan,
University Archivist.