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NAME OF COLLECTION

Lewis, Essington (1881-1961)

ACCESSION NO

1978.0104

**CATEGORY
ACTIVITY**

Business, individuals

DATE RANGE

1939-1958

**SIZE OF
COLLECTION**

51 microfilm rolls

**HISTORICAL
NOTE**

Lewis was born and educated in Adelaide and graduated in 1903 from the South Australian School of Mines, University of Adelaide. In 1904, he joined the Broken Hill Pty. Co. Ltd. as a foreman, and was effectively chief executive from 1921 to 1950, remaining a director until his death in 1961. Lewis' corporate career was interrupted in May 1940, when he was seconded to the government and appointed Commonwealth Director-General of Munitions and Aircraft Production until June 1945. Essington Lewis was a business consultant, the recipient of countless awards, member of various professional and social organizations and the author of numerous books on the Australian iron and steel industry. This accession refers to work of Essington Lewis for the Commonwealth Government 1939-1944, particularly as Director-General of Munitions and Aircraft Productions. These papers are permanently retained at the Australian Archives.

**DATE OF
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June 1978

**ACCESS
CONDITIONS**

Open

DESCRIPTION	[Microfilm] copies of outward correspondence 1940-1944; record book of important correspondence; copies of reports; Defence Sub-Committee report; copies of report on overseas visit 1944-1945; notebook containing technical information; index to minutes 1940; munitions diary 1944; details of invitations; copies of "Australian Munitions Digest" 1941-1946; Christmas cards; photograph album 1944; correspondence files relating to Lewis' activities as Director-General of Munitions and Aircraft Production 1939-1943; list of files; correspondence files relating to Advisory Panel on Industrial Organisation 1938-1940; correspondence files with Business Board; personal correspondence; miscellaneous publications; newspaper clippings; copies of index to Panel files; information files; maps and charts; digest of decisions and announcements.
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