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A Pocket Biography of Each Contributing Soldier

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This chapter gives a brief outline of each soldier whose diaries and letters were referenced in the book, excluding those whose letters were accessed via contemporary newspapers. The details of each soldier follows the format of:

Surname, given names, reference

AIF service number, final rank, unit/s, religion, enlistment, return/discharge/death, decorations, personal details, nature of documents, observations on their statements on religion.

Most of those who returned before the end of the war (November 1918) were discharged medically unfit after being wounded, although surviving enlistees from 1914 were released for return in 1918.

Adam, Robert William Wyllie, 1DRL 0003, AWM

No. 1901, Sergeant, 11th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 25 January 1915, Died of Wounds 27 July 1916, single, 25, farmer from Perth. Letters to mother. Adam's letters to his mother indicates someone who had high personal standards. He appeared to have been a Christian in the general sense, but there is no evidence of particular personal religious fervour.

Adams, Alfred Sunderland, PR 84330, AWM

No. 17, Private, 5th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 21 August 1914, returned August 1916, single, 20, clerk from Albury, NSW. Letters to parents and diary. His letters and diary indicate a disgust of drinking and brothels and regularly note Church Parades.

Adams, John, PR 01919, AWM

No. 255, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion/54th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 18 August 1914, returned April 1921, Military Cross and Bar, single, 24, English-born valet from Sydney. Diary. While Adams mentions others getting up to mischief, he does not pass judgment on them. Adams mentions attending Church parade on a number of occasions, but without much detail.

Adamson, Charles Edward, PR 01898, AWM

No. 3678, 2nd Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, Baptist, enlisted 20 July 1915, returned March 1919, single, 29, farmer from Maldon, Victoria. Diary. Adamson regularly notes church Parades as well as voluntary services.

Addy, Francis Vincent, MLMSS 1607, NSW State Library

No. 2553, Corporal, 4th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 10 June 1915, returned March 1920, single, 26, iron turner from Sydney. Diary. Addy systematically documented places and travel but wrote little narrative. He had a sarcastic contempt for those in authority. He notes church attendance once.

Adlard, John Evan, 2DRL 0020, AWM

No. 4352A, Lieutenant, 1st Ammunition Column/3rd Field Artillery Brigade, enlisted 3 February 1915, returned March 1918, married, 26, English-born labourer from Sale, Victoria. Diary. Adlard mentioned Church Parade infrequently, and in very little detail, but noted once feeling under divine protection.

Albury, Frederick, PRG 1263/3, AWM

No. 1605A, Driver, 32nd Battalion/5th Divisional Ammunition Column, Methodist, enlisted 13 September 1915, returned April 1919, single, 19, English-born farmer from Katanning, WA. Diary. Following his army service Albury became a clergyman. He noted certain friends of upstanding character. The diary contains some religious references, especially voluntary church attendance.

Alcock, Thomas Henry, MLMSS 1609, NSW State Library

No. 5026, Private, 3rd Battalion/55th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 7 October 1915, returned January 1919, single, 25, clerk from Sydney. Diary. Extensive religious commentary in his diary indicates a devout man.

Alderdice, Arthur Gladstone, 1DRL 0018, AWM

No. 2101, Corporal, 2nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 6 April 1915, Died of Wounds 15 August 1916, married, 33, wool scourer from Chatswood, NSW. Diary. His diary is more of a notebook and contains one spiritually-oriented homily.

Alexander, Charles Henry, 1DRL 0019, AWM

No. 4971, Lieutenant, 22nd Battalion/9th Light Trench Mortar Battery, Theosophist, enlisted 10 March 1916, Killed in Action 25 February 1917,

single, 28, farmer from Karramomus, Vic. Diary. His diary offers valuable entries of a spiritual nature from outside the mainstream of Christianity.

Allan, John Richard, 1DRL 0022, AWM

No. 3755, Corporal, 18th Battalion/19th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 13 September 1915, Died of Wounds 3 October 1918, Distinguished Conduct Medal, single, 38, dairy farmer from Comboyne, New South Wales. Letters and diary. His papers contain careful military observations, and are replete with religious discussion. He held a conventional view of God, King and country.

Allan, Victor Philip, PR 00771, AWM

No. 10796, Lieutenant, 3rd Divisional Train, 26th Australian Army Service Corps, Anglican, enlisted 16 March 1916, returned July 1919, single, 22, English born clerk from Victoria. Diary. Allan favoured religion as a valuable part of general culture.

Allen, Ernest, 1DRL 0027, AWM

No. 2615, Private, 49th Battalion, Anglican (probably Non-Conformist), enlisted 5 July 1916, Killed in Action 25 April 1918, single, 32, a grazier from Gin Gin, Qld. Letters to brother. These often refer fondly to the farm, and report on the weather. Allen enlisted with two of his brothers, James and Josiah, and all died in action. There are a couple of religious allusions in his letters.

Allen, James Edward, 1DRL 0027, AWM

No. 2616, Private, 49th Battalion, Anglican (probably Non-Conformist), enlisted 5 July 1916, Killed in Action 7 June 1917, single, 30, grazier from Gin Gin, Qld. Letters to brother. This skilled marksman was killed in action alongside his brother Josiah at Messines, Belgium. Despite his enlistment papers recording him as Anglican, his letters indicate he was probably Non-Conformist. He wrote favourably of those religions, but felt Anglican services were 'superstitious humbug'.

Allison, Walter Henry, PRG 1471/1, SA State Library

No. 1824, Corporal, 5th Pioneer Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 25 February 2016, returned May 1919, single 21, shop assistant from Milang, SA. Letters to family and friends. His letters indicate regular pre-and post-war church attendance and contain religious correspondence between family members.

Allsop, Wilfred Joseph Allen, MLMSS 1606, NSW State Library

No. 6777, Sapper, 8th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 23 July 1915, returned August 1919, single, 22, clerk from Sydney. Diary. He noted many church services, and disapproved of incidents of drunkenness.

Anthony, Hubert Lawrence, *Letters Home: To Mother from Gallipoli and Beyond. Diaries and Letters of Sapper Hubert Anthony.* Edited by Doug and Margot Anthony. Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2009

No. 521, Sapper, 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 28 October 1914, returned October 1916, single, 21, telegraphist from Warren, NSW. Diary and letters. Anthony wrote of several services and made occasional religious comments.

Anthony, Norman John, private letter held by author

No. 4672, Private, 25th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 23 October 1915, Died of Wounds circa 7–17 November 1916, single (though he married before embarkation), 22, jeweller from Brisbane. Letter to wife. This letter indicates a faith in God and a belief in heaven. His personal effects included two Testaments.

Armitage, Harold Edwin Salisbury (Rollo), 1DRL 0053, AWM

Captain, 10th Battalion/50th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 25 March 1915, Killed in Action 3 April 1917, Mentioned in Despatches, single, 20, teacher trainee at Adelaide University. Diary. Armitage made a number of statements reflecting his faith and personal spirituality.

Atkins, Albert, PR 00613, AWM

No. 3121, Private/Bombardier, 12th Battalion/12th Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 27 July 1915, returned February 1919, single, 25, paperhanger from Melbourne. Diary. Few mentions of religion, but always favourable.

Axtens, John William, 2DRL 0308, AWM

No. 13, Captain, 30th Battalion/8th Machine Gun Company, Methodist, enlisted 20 June 1915, returned July 1919, single, 20, draper from Mosman, NSW. Diary and letters. Commissioned from the ranks, Axtens wrote prolifically, mostly to his mother, while his diary became more and more truncated. Intermittent mention of some services, most notably often mentioning hymn singing.

Baensch, John Godfrey, *War Diary 1915–1916.* Geelong Historical Records Centre in association with Geelong Historical Society, Geelong, Vic: 1993

No. 2566, Private, 24th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 27 July 1915, Died of Wounds 8 August 1916, single, 24, tanner from Grovedale, Vic. Published diary. Baensch noted a number of Church Parades without comment, but also an informal service organised when he missed a regular service.

Baillie, James, MLMSS 7569, NSW State Library

No. 1313, Private, 13th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 14 November 1914, returned February 1917, married, 28, labourer from Sydney. Diary. Baillie regularly recorded attendance at church on Gallipoli. He was also court-martialled for drunkenness, disobeying an order and bad language.

Baillie, John, PR 00621, AWM

No. 1073, Sergeant, 34th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 7 February 1916, returned March 1920, Meritorious Service Medal, single, 19, law clerk from Cessnock, NSW. Letters to girlfriend from church. Baillie's letters track his increasing disillusionment with religion.

Baker, Ernest William, 1DRL 0083, AWM

Nos 1032/1038, Quarter Master Sergeant, 20th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 11 August 1914, Died of Wounds 14 May 1918, married, 30, London-born labourer from Sydney. Baker's letters to his family indicate a man of Christian faith.

Baker, William Emanuel, 1DRL 0085, AWM

No. 28471, Sergeant, 3rd Divisional Artillery Column, Roman Catholic, enlisted May 1916, Died of Wounds 21 March 1918, single, 26, telephone mechanic from Northcote, Vic. Diary. Described as an 'exemplary Catholic,' his diary indicates that his faith was important to him.

Barnes, Charles Albert, 1DRL 0091, AWM

Captain, 11th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 17 August 1914, Killed in Action 28 April 1915, single, 34, London-born chief clerk from Guilford, Western Australia. Letters to mother. His letters make frequent positive religious statements.

Barr, Hugh, 1DRL 0092, AWM

No. 337, Sergeant, 44th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 7 January 1916, Killed in Action 13 October 1917, Military Medal, single, 30, seaman from Fremantle, WA. The only religious reference in his file is in a letter of condolence from Barr's officer.

Barry, William Charles, PR 00814, AWM

No. 2514, Private, 29th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 24 July 1915, returned August 1918, single 32, gasfitter from Croxton, Vic. Diary rewritten after the war. A lively, intelligent, resourceful man, and a bit of a larrikin, he wrote a very detailed narrative. Most of his religious comments are about his experiences in a POW camp.

Bartley, John Shakespeare, 1DRL 0100, AWM

No. 2880, Lance Corporal, 30th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 11 January 1916, returned June 1919, single, 27, hospital attendant from Sydney. Post-war memoir based on diaries and letters. A couple of religious references suggest that Bartley was somewhat favourable to religion.

Barton, Nathaniel Dunbar, 2DRL 0055 AWM

Major, 7th Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 14 November 1914, returned June 1918, single, 20, student from Wellington, NSW. Diary. A very capable officer, being promoted Major by the age of 22. Only one religious reference – a positive review of his chaplain. Gave distinguished service as a doctor in World War Two.

Barwick, Archie Albert, MLMSS 1493, NSW State Library

No. 914, Sergeant, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned March 1919, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), single, 24, farmer from Monmouth, Tas. Diaries. Barwick's extensive, articulate and observant diaries have been published. His remarks show someone responsive to a positive religion but resentful of negative religion.

Bell, James Elliott, MLMSS 1267, NSW State Library

No. 4019, Private, 1st Pioneer Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 20 August 1915, Died of Wounds 28 July 1916, single, 24, carpenter from Orange, NSW. Bell's diary records various services, a eulogy for a Christian friend and a statement of comfort and faith for his parent in the event of his death.

Bell, Roy Pinto, MLMSS 886, NSW State Library

No. 10126, Gunner, 2nd Divisional Artillery Column/5th Field Artillery Battery, Methodist, enlisted 14 September 1915, Killed in Action 9 December 1916, single, 21, accountant from Sydney. Diary. Bell enjoyed services on the transport ship and in Egypt, but there are effectively no religious references once at the front.

Bendrey, William Ewart, MLMSS 761, NSW State Library

No. 2110, Private, 2nd Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 17 May 1915, returned 11 December 1916, single, 23, telegraphist from Uralla, NSW. Diary. Bendrey attended church and valued companions of good morals.

Bennett, James, MLDOC 1293, NSW State Library

No. 481, Private, 6th Light Horse Regiment, Roman Catholic, enlisted 16 September 1914, returned October 1915, married, 24, horse-breaker from Sydney. An observant tourist, Bennett attended a number of voluntary services.

Berg, Wilbert Nugent, 2DRL 0442, AWM

No. 1132, Sergeant, 18th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 9 February 1915, returned April 1918, single, 18, butcher from Sydney. Diary. This

devout Catholic was a regular communicant.

Betteridge, Isaac Henry, PR90 151, AWM

No. 7209, Private, 23rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 2 January 1917, Died of Wounds 1 September 1918, single, 30, farmer from Wondai, Qld. Letters to sister. Betteridge comments favourably several times on soldiers involved in religious activities.

Binnie, Kenneth George, MLMSS 7326, NSW State Library

No. 18835, 2nd Lieutenant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade, Presbyterian, enlisted 6 January 1916, returned June 1919, single, 22, station manager from Quirindi, NSW. Diary. A widely and intelligently read man whose diary is studded with poems, aphorisms and quotes, added after he wrote the diary. He records attendance at many services, and his quotes often have a spiritual orientation.

Birch, William James, *World War I Diary of William James Birch.* Compiled by Bill Birch. Windsor, Vic: B. Birch, 2006

No. 3298, Lance Corporal, Australian Flying Corps, Anglican, enlisted 15 June 1917, returned May 1919, single, 21, civil servant, from Echuca, Vic. Published diary. He was a devout Anglican, attending voluntary services and Communion regularly.

Birkbeck, Gordon Tunston, MLMSS 810, NSW State Library

No. 5458, Private, 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance/1st Machine Gun Squadron, Anglican, enlisted 22 June 1915, returned March 1919, single, 23, printer from Sydney. Diary. It has just one religious comment, comparing Moslem and Christian devotion.

Blake, Charles Fredrick, MLMSS 784, NSW State Library

No. 3016, Private, 25th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 2 August 1915, Killed in Action 14 November 1916, single, 22, London-born farmer from Toowoomba, Qld. Diary. A religious man with good Bible knowledge.

Blaskett, William George, 1DRL 0130, AWM

No. 3232, 2nd Lieutenant, 48th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 2 August 1915, Killed in Action 11 April 1917, single, 20, clerk from Bowden, SA. Letters to family members. A prolific correspondent, he was a man of active faith. He was an excellent musician and an effective young officer.

Bonnin, Irene Gertrude Hiller, PRG 621, SA State Library

Sister, Nos 1/3 Australian General Hospital, Anglican, enlisted 12 June 1915, returned June 1919, single, 30, nurse from North Adelaide. Diary. Bonnin's diary is rich in her social life, but also captures her work environment. She was a regular attendee at church, often twice each Sunday.

Booth, John, MLMSS 1496, NSW State Library

No. 164, Private, 20th Battalion/5th Machine Gun Company, Anglican, enlisted 16 March 1915, Killed in Action 9 October 1917, single, 28, shipwright from Sydney. Diary. Only one religious entry – a positive statement about a Gallipoli chaplain.

Borbidge, William Romey, MS 11858, Victoria State Library

No. 1332, Private, 8th Light Horse Regiment/Australian Mounted Divisional Train, enlisted 22 July 1915, returned July 1919, single, 24, farmer from Moonambel, Vic. Diaries. These contain a number of religious references including voluntary services.

Bosward, Charles, 3DRL 4104, AWM

No. 958, Lance Sergeant, 4th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 2 September 1914, Died of Wounds 14 August 1915, single 25, clerk from Sydney. Diary. A couple of religious references are positive about services and a chaplain.

Boulton, Stephen Philip, 1DRL 0138, AWM

No. 3872, Lieutenant, 1st Divisional Artillery Column, 2nd FAB, Anglican, enlisted 12 January 1915, Died of Wounds 3 October 1918, single, 24, bank official, from Gladesville, NSW. Letters to family. Boulton often addressed his mother in his letters as 'matee boos', signing himself 'Tootie'. He demonstrated an interest in attending church and notes when services are unavailable.

Bourchier, Evelyn Denison, 2DRL 0152, AWM

No. 5845, Private, 22nd Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 25 April 1916, Died of Wounds 3 May 1917, single, 20, farmer, from Ivanhoe, Vic. Diary. Official records occasionally misspell his name as Bouchier. His diary has a couple of positive references to church services.

Bowler, William Gordon, MLDOC 1267, NSW State Library

No. 17032, Private, 1st Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 5 March 1916, returned August 1919, single, 28, railway employee, from Sydney. Diary. There is only one religious reference, noting two services on a transport.

Brew, Thomas, 2DRL 0140, AWM

No. 714, 2nd Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 8 September 1914, Killed in Action 4 October 1917, Distinguished Conduct Medal, single, 21, fellmonger from Sydney. Diary, transcribed without dates, and excerpts with dates. Brew regularly attended services when he could, and enjoyed them.

Brewer, Francis Joseph Campbell, MLMSS 1536, NSW State Library

No. 6765, Private, 20th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 8 January 1917,

returned January 1919, married, 33, journalist from Brisbane. There is only one significant religious comment in his diaries but it indicates his belief in God and Empire.

Brewer, Hector, MLMSS 1300, NSW State Library

No. 820, Lieutenant, 2nd Bn/56th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned March 1919, single 19, groom from Sydney. Diaries. Brewer had mixed feelings about religion. He appreciated many services early in the war, but became more distant from religion as the war progressed.

Briggs, Henry Francis, 1DRL 0152, AWM

No. 63, 2nd Lieutenant, 55th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 17 August 1914, Killed in Action 20 July 1916, single, 23, salesman from Sydney. Diary. Briggs' diary contains a reference to fate but none on religion.

Brown, Frederick Eales, MSS 1360, AWM

No. 13264, Private, 12th Field Ambulance, Presbyterian, enlisted 18 June 1915, returned November 1918, single, 22, fitter and turner from Benalla, Vic. Unpublished post-war autobiographical account, submitted for the RSSILA Centenary War Novel Competition. One of the most prolific diarists on the subject of religion, Brown's faith was tested by the war, and he had periods of spiritual discouragement. While his faith revived, he lost confidence in organised religion.

Brown Victor Voules, PRG 373/13E/2, SA State Library

No. 2382, Private, 48th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 27 June 1916, returned December 1918, single, 31, farmer from Brighton, SA. Letters to family. A couple of religious references indicate he was probably an active Christian.

Burgess, Joseph George, MLMSS 1596, NSW State Library

No. 236, Sergeant, 6th Light Horse Regiment, Methodist, enlisted 8 September 1914, returned November 1918, single, 27, tram conductor from Sydney. Diary. He had a somewhat negative attitude to religion.

Burrell, William Henry Thornhill, MLMSS 1375, NSW State Library

No. 3461, Private, 17th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 4 August 1915, returned May 1919, Military Medal, single, 22, signalman from Sydney. Diary. Burrell recorded many services and spiritual discussions as well as several religious poems. He was a very active churchman.

Burrows, Marshall, 2DRL 0303, AWM

No. 753, 1st Light Horse Regiment/4th Pioneer Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 23 November, returned March 1919, married, 30, fuelman from Sydney. Letters to mother. Relatively uneducated, with poor spelling and grammar, he held very anti-English views, and constantly felt the war was about to

end. Only one religious comment suggests that he had limited exposure to religion.

Burt, Francis Sinclair, 1DRL 0166, AWM

No. 28733, Lieutenant, 4th Machine Gun Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 26 May 1916, Killed in Action 24 April 1818, single, 30, station overseer from Perth. Letters. A single religious comment indicates faith in God and prayer.

Cameron, William, 1DRL 0185, AWM

No. 364, 2nd Lieutenant, 9th Light Horse Regiment, Presbyterian, enlisted 23 September 1914, Killed in Action 4 September 1915, single, 27, commission agent from Rushworth, Vic. Diary. His diary indicates strong religious commitment and faith.

Campbell, Sydney James, PR 88102, AWM

Captain, 8th Light Horse Regiment, Presbyterian, enlisted 14 November 1914, Died of Wounds 14 July 1915, single, 27, medical practitioner from Portland Vic. Diary. A couple of religious references give little indication of his personal beliefs.

Carter, Herbert Gordon, 3DRL 6418, AWM

Lieutenant Colonel, 1st Battalion/5th Pioneer Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 3 September 1914, returned April 1919, Distinguished Service Order, single, 29, civil engineer from Sydney. Diary and letters. Rising rapidly from Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel, Carter was a capable officer. He attended Anglican services regularly.

Cave, Harrie (Henry) Joseph, MLMSS 1224, NSW State Library

No. 3900, Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 15 July 1915, returned April 1919, single, 23, customs clerk from Sydney. Letters to parents. A faithful Methodist who never deserted his faith in God nor his strict non-smoker, teetotalling habits. His letters frequently mention religion, and comment on standards of behaviour.

Champion, Ben William, 2DRL 0512, AWM

No. 2481, Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 21 May 1915, returned June 1918, single, 18, dental apprentice from Sydney. Diary. The relatively few references to religion indicate that Champion was well-disposed to it.

Chandler, Leslie Gordon, *Dear Homefolks: Letters Written by L.G. Chandler During the First World War*, Mary J. Chandler (ed.), Mildura: Mary J. Chandler, 1988

No. 9886, Private, 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance/15th Field Ambulance, Methodist, enlisted 8 July 1915, returned December 1918, single, 27,

jeweller from Melbourne. Published letters. A devout and intelligent man opposed to violence, and sensitive to beauty in nature and in women. He was a keen ornithologist.

Chapman, John Joseph, 1DRL 0197, AWM

No. 993, Lieutenant, 9th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 15 September 1914, returned January 1920, single, 25, clerk from Ballarat, Vic. Diary excerpts. Chapman regularly attended services and enjoyed them.

Chapman, Percy Wellesley, 1DRL 0198, AWM

No. 1008, Captain, 55th Battalion, Church of England, enlisted 9 March 1915, Killed in Action 12 March 1917, Military Cross, single, 28, student from Goulburn, NSW. Diaries. Not particularly religious, the well-educated Chapman refers to religion several times. He enjoyed writing poetry.

Chenoweth, Lloyd James, D 6544(L), SA State Library

No. 3779, Private, 27th Battalion/1st Anzac Cyclists Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 27 August 1915, returned December 1916, married, 20, farm labourer from Semaphore, SA. Diary. Chenoweth records many services, mostly without comment. He was impressed by the bravery of chaplains under fire.

Chinner, Eric Harding, 1DRL 0200, AWM

Lieutenant, 32nd Battalion, Baptist, enlisted 8 August 1914, Died of Wounds 19 July 1916, single, 21, bank clerk from Petersburg, SA. Letters to family. Chinner was a highly respected officer, an enthusiastic Baptist, and a spiritual leader among his men.

Churchill-Smith, James, PRG 1159/1/1-5, SA State Library

Major, 50th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 12 July 1915, returned November 1919, Military Cross and Bar, single, 20, clerk from Prospect, NSW. Diary. This records regular services and Christian beliefs.

Cicognani, Henry Claude, MLMSS 1238, NSW State Library

No. 106, Private, 1st Field Ambulance/13th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned September 1918, single, 26, salesman from Sydney. Diary. The only religious entry is the story of an eccentric padre.

Clarke, Eric Roy, MLMSS 2758, NSW State Library

No. 8360, Staff Sergeant, 20th Australian Army Service Corps, Methodist, enlisted 2 September 1915, returned July 1917, single, 22, clerk from Sydney. Diaries. Clarke's diary records a number of services favourably; otherwise it lacks reference to religion.

Clarke, Oliver Joseph Bourke, PR 00054, AWM

No. 1208, Private, 7th Light Horse Regiment, Roman Catholic, enlisted 11 April 1915, returned March 1919, single, 22, bank clerk from North Sydney.

Letters. This larrikin's letters are full of comparisons between English and Australian troops. He shows an irreverent knowledge of the Bible.

Clayton, William Shaw, MS 10434, Victoria State Library

No. 1208, Lieutenant, 23rd Battalion/2nd Machine Gun Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 12 March 1915, returned June 1919, single, 28, Yorkshire-born farmer from Wonthaggi, Vic. Letters to family. A High Church Anglican devoted to the Sacraments.

Cleary, Thomas Joseph, MLMSS 1113, NSW State Library

No. 4084, Private, 17th Battalion/2nd Pioneer Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 30 September 1915, returned May 1919, married, 39, electrician from Sydney. Diary. Notes attending Mass and Confession several times.

Coates, Albert Ernest, *The Volunteer: The Diaries and Letters of Albert E. Coates. No. 23 – 7th Btn., 1st A.I.F. First World War 1914–18.* Winifred Gherardin and Walter Gherardin (eds.). Melbourne, Vic.: W. Graphics, 1995

No. 23, Corporal, 7th Battalion/1st Anzac Intelligence Corps, Methodist, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned October 1918, single, 19, postal letter-carrier from Ballarat, Vic. Published diaries and letters. An intelligent young man who spoke five languages. He gave distinguished service in Japanese POW camps as a doctor in WW2, overseeing the more famous 'Weary' Dunlop, and was knighted post-war. Coates enlisted despite religious opposition from home. He was a spiritual leader in the AIF, and his writings are replete with religious activity.

Cocks, Verner William, MLMSS 1171, NSW State Library

No. 11928, Private, 9th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 25 August 1915, returned May 1919, single, 21, articled clerk from Sydney. Letters for family. A prolific writer and excellent musician, his few religious comments indicate a believing man.

Colley-Priest, Langford Wellman, MLMSS 2439, NSW State Library

No. 6618, Private, 8th Field Ambulance, Presbyterian, enlisted 18 May 1915, returned May 1919, Military Medal, single, 25, warehouseman from Sydney. Diary. Colley-Priest expressed appreciation for a number of church services.

Cotterill, Eric Roland, 1DRL 0217, AWM

No. 365, 2nd Lieutenant, 13th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 21 September 1914, Killed in Action 9 May 1915, single, warehouseman from Sydney. Letters to mother. Letters indicate an eagerness to attend church, but also an apparent unfamiliarity with biblical stories when doing religious tourism.

Cotton, Malcolm John Bernard, 3DRL 3071, AWM

No. 24, Captain, 2nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 18 August 1914, Killed in Action 27 April 1916, single, 19, public servant, from Maitland, NSW. Diary. A regular church attendee, he wrote of the strength that his faith gave him under the stress of war.

Coulter, Jason Leslie Boyd, 1DRL 0218, AWM

No. 598, Sergeant, 2nd Battalion/8th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 27 August 1914, Died of Wounds 10 August 1915, single, 35, farmer from Ballarat, Vic. Coulter recorded one religious instance expressing concern over how God would work out the circumstances of the war.

Cox, Rudolph William Arthur, MLMSS 2759, NSW State Library

No. 6395, Corporal, 3rd Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 6 September 1915, returned February 1919, single, 19, student from Salisbury, SA. Diary. Cox recorded attending several services, though he was often unimpressed at their lack of vigour.

Crooks, Thomas Ray, MLMSS 838, NSW State Library

No. 1305, Lieutenant, 13th Battalion, enlisted 3 December 1914, returned March 1918, Military Cross, single, 30, coach smith from Newcastle, NSW. Diary. Crooks regularly noted church parade, but rarely with qualitative comments.

Cull, William Ambrose, MLMSS 1165, NSW State Library

No. 1155, Captain, 23rd Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 7 May 1915, returned April 1918, Silver Medal (Italy), single, 20, coach builder from Hamilton, Victoria. Letter diary. A faithful Catholic, he felt safe under God's protection.

Cuthbert, Noel Millar, 2DRL 0560, AWM

Captain, 2nd Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 4 May 1915, returned February 1919, Croix de Guerre, single, 19, university student from Sydney. Virtually no religious references. He observed a brave chaplain under shell fire.

Darchy, Thomas, MLMSS 1178, NSW State Library

No. 4072, Corporal, 1st Pioneer Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 18 January 1917, returned May 1919, single, 36, station manager from Rowena, NSW. Diary. Darchy's rather bland diary shows that he enjoyed some services, but also purposely dodged others.

Davies, George Henry, 2DRL 0789, AWM

No. 1094, Private, 36th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 24 January 1916, Killed in Action 12 July 1917, single, 28, Welsh-born Methodist Home Missionary from Coffs Harbour, NSW. Diary. A highly self-conscious life guide to his adoptive 13-year-old brother, his diary is intensely religious and moralistic, revealing a judgemental wowser.

De Vine, Apcar Leslie, 1DRL 0240, AWM

No. 330, Sergeant, 4th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 19 August 1914, returned August 1919, widowed, 28, Jersey-born electrical engineer from Waverly, NSW. Diary. Factual, unemotional diary which records some services, but De Vine does not appear to have been very religious.

Deitz, Charlie Reilly, PR 01937, AWM

No. 7717, Sergeant, 1st Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 9 January 1917, returned July 1919, married, 22, ironmonger from Kurri Kurri, NSW. Diary. Dietz, who badly missed his family during his overseas service, wrote warmly of his faith in his diary.

Denning, Roy Howard, *Anzac Digger: An Engineer with the First Division AIF 1914–1918*, Lorna Denning (ed.). Sydney: Australian Military History Publications, 2004

No. 213, Sapper, 1st Field Engineers, Congregational, enlisted 7 September 1914, returned October 1918, single, 27, carpenter from Narrabeen, NSW. Post-war narrative memoir. Denning's narrative captured his values, although it has few religious references. He was active in church life before and after the war.

Digges La Touche, Everard, 1DRL 0243, AWM

Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 27 December 1914, Killed in Action 8 August 1915, married, 31, Irish-born Anglican priest from Sydney. Letter extracts to mother. Digges La Touche was an energetic, combative theologian with dogmatic convictions about the righteousness of the British cause. His letters are replete with theological justifications of the war.

Donkin, Lyons Reginald, 2DRL 0069, AWM

No. 817, Private, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 31 August 1914, Killed in Action 13 August 1915, single, 23, labourer from Maitland, NSW. Diary. His diary indicates faith in God, though occasional resentment of enforced religion.

Douglas, Lennox Ross Owen, MLMSS 5480, NSW State Library

No. 1163, Private, 18th Battalion/19th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 9 February 1915, returned November 1915, single, 20, law clerk from Orange, NSW. Diary. The few comments indicate strong religious conviction.

Doull, David Farquhar, *With the Anzacs in Egypt: Life and Scenes in the Land of the Pharaohs, as Seen Through Australian Spectacles*, Sydney: J.A. Packer, 1916

Lieutenant, 17th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 30 December 1914, returned January 1916, married, 33, commission agent from Sydney. Memoir. Doull's book is a sanitised account of his time in Egypt and few weeks on Gallipoli before being invalided home. He wrote a somewhat useful chapter on the chaplains.

Drane, Thomas Edward (ed.), http://bushroots.com/wp/2009/04/anzac-gallipoli-war-diary-by-tedrane/

No. 53, Private, 1st Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 21 August 1914, returned March 1916, single, 27, Manchester-born tailor from Sydney. Diary. A couple of religious references seem to indicate a conventionally religious man.

Drummond, Robert James, MLMSS 1485, NSW State Library

No. 13754, Lance Corporal, 5th Divisional Australian Motor Transport Company, Presbyterian, enlisted 23 May 1916, returned October 1919, single, 26, clerk from Sydney. Diary. A single diary entry refers to lazy chaplains on the transport.

Duffell, William John, *Soldier Boy: The Letters of Gunner W.J. Duffell, 1915–18*. Introduced and edited by Gilbert Mant. Stevenage [England]: Spa Books, c.1992

No. 9898, Gunner, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 13 October 1915, returned August 1918, single, 18, packer from Sydney. Extracts of letters. The larrikin Duffell made several positive references to compulsory Church Parades.

Durdin, Arthur Bruce, PRG 1624, SA State Library

Lieutenant, 27th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 29 June 1915, returned July 1919, Military Cross, single, 28, managing law clerk from Adelaide. Letters. A couple of comments suggest conventional religious behaviour.

Eames, Edward Wareham, 1DRL 0251, AWM

No. 6907, Private, 18th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 15 March 1917, Died of Wounds 11 November 1918, single, 19, carpenter from Sydney. Typescript of diary and letters to family. A cheerful correspondent, Eames' was a faithful Anglican with high personal standards. Sadly, he died of wounds on the day the war ended.

Edgerton, Eric Henry Drummond, 1DRL 0257, AWM

No. 1524, Lieutenant, 24th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 14 April 1915, Killed in Action 11 August 1918, Distinguished Service Order, Military Medal and Bar, single, 18, student from Sydney. Diary. Edgerton was a highly decorated NCO before winning a rare DSO as a Lieutenant. His

effects included a Prayer Book and four devotional books. His cryptic and terse diary noted multiple attendances at a variety of services, with occasional remarks about their quality.

Elder, Howard Thomas, 1DRL 0259, AWM

Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 August 1914, Died of Wounds 9 May 1915, single, 23, salesman from Melbourne. Diary. Elder's effects included a prayer book and a devotional book. His diary reports on a number of services and suggests a level of personal piety.

Erickson, Samuel, privately held, read by author

No. 3171, 1st Battalion, enlisted 25 July 1915, returned September 1917, Anglican, married, 39, labourer from Gympie, Qld. Diary. Erickson's diary has an entry indicating faith in God.

Evans, Eric Sydney, *So Far From Home: The Remarkable Diaries of Eric Evans, an Australian Soldier During World War I*, Patrick Wilson (ed.). Sydney: Kangaroo Press 2002

No. 847, Sergeant, 13th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 9 September 1914, returned January 1919, single, 19, clerk from Sydney. Published diary. A youthful soldier who maintained a sweet romance by letter, his diary shows him to have been personally spiritual, but critical of poor quality chaplains.

Evans, Maurice Caine, MLMSS 1576, NSW State Library

No. 37, Corporal, 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned November 1918, single, 19, student from Sydney. Diary. Evan's only religious comment is to query the purpose of trying to convert Moslems to Christianity.

Evans, Wilfred, 2DRL 0014, AWM

Major, 1st Australian General Hospital, Presbyterian, enlisted 29 May 1915, returned January 1919, Military Cross, single, 25, medical practitioner from Sydney. Letters to family. Evan's letters contain considerable commentary on his circumstances and the sights he sees. He is an observant and not uncritical commentator on religion in the light of his own personal faith.

Falconer, John Harold, *On Active Service*, http://www4.tpgi.com.au/rnoakes/ and http://www.anzacwebsites.com/gallipoli/diaries.htm

No. 220, Sergeant, 18th Battalion/13th Australian Field Artillery, Presbyterian, enlisted 8 March 1915, returned April 1919, 19, single, fitter from Sydney. Post-war narrative based on diary. Falconer's war memoirs give a processed view of the war with the benefit of hindsight. There are passages of spiritual and religious reflection in the account.

Feez, Cecil Molle (Bill), PR 00857, AWM

No. 31938, 2nd Lieutenant, 3rd Field Artillery Brigade/Australian Flying Corps, Anglican, enlisted 22 August 1916, returned April 1919, 18, single, grazier from Brisbane. Letters. Firstly a gunner, then a pilot, Feez had strongly patriotic religious beliefs.

Findlay, Arthur William, PR 84258, AWM

No. 305, Private, 22nd Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 17 March 1915, returned February 1917, 22, farmer from Sydney. Diary. A stocky man, Findlay's diary records his bad nerves from bombardments, and contains a handful of references to services.

Flockart, Robert Pearce, 1DRL 0296, AWM

Major, 5th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 25 August 1914, Died of Wounds 15 July 1915, single, 27, clerk from Melbourne. Letters to mother. A graduate of Scotch College, Flockart was an intelligent, witty and sensitive man. He recorded several services favourably.

Forbes, Alfred Ernest, PR 3583, AWM

No. 53, Signaller, 37th Battalion, Church of England, enlisted 29 January 1916, returned October 1917, single, 19, grocer from Melbourne. Diary-memoirs. Forbes wrote two dateless narratives several months after the events he recorded. He was religious with high standards.

Fraser, William Arthur, MS 15436, Victoria State Library

No. 12295, Private, 10th Field Ambulance, Presbyterian, enlisted 8 March 1916, Killed in Action 11 August 1918, single, 28, clerk from Melbourne. Active in church pre-war, he served alongside several Christian friends who wrote after his death of his faith.

Gallwey, Wilfred Denver, 2DRL 0785, AWM

No. 2430, Corporal, 47th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 7 February 1916, returned March 1919, single, 18, bank clerk from Rockhampton, Queensland. Letters to family. In beautiful handwriting, Gallwey's prolific correspondence reveals an opinionated moraliser, who is also a self-confessed flirt. He spoke passable French. He took his religion seriously and attended services whenever possible.

Gardner, Thomas Oliver, PR 90157, AWM

No. 551, Private, 7th Battalion/5th Pioneer Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 1 September 1914, returned July 1918, single, 33, miner from Melbourne. Letters. A bit of a wanderer, Gardner was not particularly religious, skipping Church Parade where possible. Sadly, he accidentally drowned in a swimming pool soon after returning to Australia.

Geddes, Clifford Mervyn, MLMSS 3432, NSW State Library

No. 927, Corporal, 3rd Battalion/56th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 19 August 1914, returned June 1919, single, 26, bank clerk from Sydney. Diaries. Geddes' surviving diaries contain long passages of description, including battles, meals and flirtations with French girls. The few religious references indicate someone comfortable with religion and church.

Gibson, Hunter, PR 03311, AWM; MLMSS 783, NSW State Library

No. 121, Lance Corporal, 4th Battalion/1st Light Trench Mortar Battery, Presbyterian, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned October 1918, single, 23, clerk from Bundarra, NSW. Diaries. Gibson's diaries give lengthy generalised explanations and impressions of his experiences. He is not keen on either church attendance or rowdy Australian behaviour.

Giddings, Oliver Thomas, PR 02028, AWM

No. 1333, Private, 3rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 29 August 1914, Killed in Action 18 August 1916, single, 21, labourer from Sydney. Diary. A handful of references to church and voluntary services and Bible study groups suggest a believer.

Gissing, Henry Ernest, MLMSS 1845, NSW State Library

1751, Warrant Officer (Class II), 1st/14th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 14 December 1914, returned March 1919, Meritorious Service Medal, single, 26, chemist from Sydney. Diary. Gissing speaks frequently and positively of services and of chaplains.

Godlee, Francis Lister, PR 01507, AWM

No. 138, Sergeant, 3rd Light Horse Regiment/Anzac Mounted Train, Protestant, enlisted 19 August 1914, returned November 1918, single, 24, baker from Prospect, SA. Diary. Godlee, a Freemason, began his diary with a flourish but eventually it degenerated to spare entries, if at all, except for descriptions of battles. Occasional mentions of services on Gallipoli suggest he enjoyed them.

Goldring, Leslie, PR 83221, AWM

No. 227, Staff Sergeant, 12th Field Artillery Brigade, Jewish, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned December 1918, single, 19, commercial traveller from Sydney. Diary. Goldring demonstrates faith in God, but also expresses dismay at the lack of spiritual support for Jewish soldiers.

Goodwin, Thomas Edward, MLMSS 1598, NSW State Library

No. 181, Sergeant, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Roman Catholic, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned October 1918, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), single, 34, farrier from Stanmore, NSW. Diaries. Goodwin's extensive account of

the war has just a handful of religious references, mostly positive.

Gordon, Alexander Dundas, MLMSS 1629, NSW State Library

No. 139, Private, 1st Field Ambulance, Presbyterian, enlisted 24 August 1914, returned June 1915, single, 26, chemist assistant from Sydney. Gordon, a Presbyterian, expressed appreciation for Anglican Dean Talbot's services.

Gower, George Ernest, MLMSS 1651, NSW State Library

No. 12, Private, 15th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 10 November 1914, returned May 1916, single, 23, grocer from Brisbane. Diaries. Gower found services on Gallipoli meaningful and nostalgic.

Guppy, Alfred Leslie, 3DRL 1545, AWM

No. 201, Company Quarter-Master Sergeant, 14th Battalion, Protestant, enlisted 16 September 1914, returned March 1919, Military Medal, single, 27, farmer from Benalla, Vic. Diaries. This devout man attended many services.

Haldane, Douglas, PR 01677, AWM

No. 1561, Private, 1st Battalion/1st Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 25 November 1914, returned January 1919, Military Medal, single, 21, Yorkshire-born fitter from Sydney. Diary. Haldane was a very reluctant church attendee, a fact noted several times in his diary.

Hall, Joseph Rex, MS 10139, Victoria State Library

No. 63, Captain, 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance/15th Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 18 August 1914, returned July 1919, single, 19, accountant from Melbourne. Diaries. The rare mentions of religion across his diaries usually note the unpopularity of Church Parades.

Hamilton, Robert Saunderson, MLMSS 2769, NSW State Library

No. 16043, Gunner, No. 1 Hospital Ship 'Karoola'/10th Field Artillery Brigade, Presbyterian, enlisted 13 March 1916, returned May 1919, single, 19, clerk from Sydney. Diaries. Hamilton enjoyed many church services, though he recorded a dislike for some mediocre chaplains.

Hampson, William Kingston, 1DRL 0331, AWM

No. 2773, Private, 5th Field Ambulance/17th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 4 March 1915, returned December 1917, single, 18, farmer from Sydney. Diary. The scant religious evidence suggests devotion to God and Empire.

Hampton, Reuben Lucius, 3DRL 2310, AWM

No. 640, Corporal, 5th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 18 August 1914, Died of Disease 7 April 1919, single, 23, chemist from Melbourne. Diary. This accomplished footballer was also devout.

Harris, Benjamin, MLMSS 2771, NSW State Library

No. 6604, Corporal, 8th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 3 May 1915, returned October 1918, single, 24, seaman from Melbourne. Diary. Harris has a few religious references, all positive.

Harris, Herbert Henry, MLMSS 2772, NSW State Library

No. 3077, Corporal, 17th Battalion/55th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 14 August 1915, returned April 1919, married, 42, lift controller from Sydney. Diary. While not a regular church attender, Harris was a believing man.

Harslett, Cyril Gordon Lindsay, MLMSS 1984, NSW State Library

No. 67, Gunner, 1st Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train/14th Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 11 March 1915, returned December 1918, single, 20, tobacconist from Sydney. Diary. The handful of religious references indicate a man not overly keen on church.

Hawkes, Thomas Chudleigh, MLMSS 2774, NSW State Library

No. 10847, Staff Sergeant, Dental Corps, Anglican, enlisted 3 July 1915, returned October 1917, single, 25, dental assistant from Wagga Wagga, NSW. Diary. Hawkes, a pianist, enjoyed many services, not only for their spiritual content but also for their music.

Hawkins, Samuel Hedley Hemming, PR 04711, AWM

No. 292, Corporal, 15th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 18 September 1914, returned January 1916, Reenlisted 1917, single, 18, factory hand from Brisbane. Diaries. A regular voluntary attender at services, including various non-Conformist ones, he walked out of some that were 'too dry'.

Hayne, Stanley, MLMSS 2775, NSW State Library

No. 8408, Corporal, 20th Australian Service Corps/4th Divisional Train, Anglican, enlisted 4 September 1915, returned July 1919, single, 23, clerk from Sydney. Diaries. While not a consistent church attendee, Hayne enjoyed those he did attend, especially the music.

Healy, John Howard, *John Healy: The War Diary of a Soldier and a Gentleman (1915–1919)*. Sydney: Jack Caldwell Stewart, 2004

No. 11982, Private, 9th Field Ambulance, Roman Catholic, enlisted 21 August 1915, returned August 1919, single, 22, clerk from Sydney. Published diary. Healy comments favourably on church services. A fluent French speaker, he also diarised a lot on food.

Hellmann, Arthur Langey, MLMSS 2776, NSW State Library

No. 62, Driver, 1st Division Signals Company, Anglican, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned August 1915, single, 22, dental mechanic from Sydney. Diary. Hellmann mentions positively one church Parade.

Hetherington, John Wesley, PR 03795, AWM

No. 1003, Warrant Officer, 2nd Battalion/1st Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 17 September 1914, returned January 1919, single, 32, English-born engineer toolmaker from Sydney. Letters. A passionate man, his letters display antipathy towards shirkers, Catholics and inept administrators.

Heywood, Reginald Harriman, PR 04361, AWM

Captain, Veterinary Corps, Anglican, enlisted 16 April 1917, returned May 1919, single, 27, veterinary surgeon from Melbourne. Diaries. An intelligent and ironically witty observer, he often demonstrated a simultaneously respect for faith and a deflating insight into the foibles of religious behaviour. He tracked his own complex relationship with religion, critiquing its failures, but never fully dissociating himself from it.

Hill, Charles Rowland, Anzacsonline, http://anzacsonline.net.au/diaries/spr-hill-charles-r/

No. 393, Sapper, 17th Battalion/Australian Corps Signal Company, Anglican, enlisted 28 September 1915, returned January 1919, single, 27, New Zealand-born carpenter and painter from Sydney. Diaries. Hill was a regular attendee at services, which he consistently enjoyed.

Hockey, Reginald, MLMSS 2870, NSW State Library

No. 14896, Driver, Australian Service Corps, Anglican, enlisted 16 July 1917, returned June 1918, single, 22, farmer from Gunningbland, NSW. Diary. Scant comments suggesting patriotic religion.

Holt, Oliver Lucien Samuel, MLMSS 1986, NSW State Library

No. 4231, Lance Corporal, 3rd Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 10 June 1915, returned July 1919, single, 24, London-born teacher from Brisbane. Diaries. Holt was a scholarly man who read deep literature and enjoyed classical music. His diary rarely records going to church, yet Holt was deeply involved in spiritual matters.

Hooker, Reginald Dalton, MS 12399, Victoria State Library

No. 579, Lieutenant, 5th Battalion/5th Training Squadron, Anglican, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned September 1919, single, 21, clerk from Melbourne. Diary. Though not particularly religious, he was confirmed in the Anglican Church to please his mother.

Horniman, Lancelot Vicary, 1DRL 0357, AWM

No. 2146, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion/54th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 16 April 1916, Killed in Action 1 September 1918, single, 21, law clerk from Shellharbour, NSW. Diaries and letters to family. A sympathetic and affectionate man, stoic and deeply patriotic. He had a firm belief in God.

Horniman, Robert Geoffrey (Geoff), 1DRL 0358, AWM

No. 2711, Captain, 3rd Battalion/4th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 6 April 1916, returned July 1919, Military Cross, single, 24, clerk from Sydney. Letters to family. Geoff was like his brother Lancelot, affectionate, passionately involved in politics, and devout.

Hunter, Foster, 1DRL 0365, AWM

No. 5423, Private, 2nd Field Ambulance, Methodist, enlisted 20 May 1915, Died of Wounds 27 September 1917, single, 25, English-born theology student at Melbourne University. Letters to mother. A very pious and devout Christian who enlisted despite being exempt from service. He lost faith in the leadership of the army during his service.

Hutton, John Thomas, MLMSS 1138, NSW State Library

No. 4141, Private, 17th Battalion/Australian Army Pay Corps, Anglican, enlisted 2 October 1915, returned 25 September 1919, single 26, farmer from Balldale Riverina, NSW. Diaries. Hutton served in various roles as a soldier, officers' cook, general's groom, etc. A man with a passion for horses, boxing, drinking, gambling and pretty girls, his brief entries also recorded an active engagement with church.

Hyman, Arthur Wellesley, MLMSS 1996, NSW State Library

Major, 2nd Light Horse Brigade/51st Battalion, Jewish, enlisted 14 November 1914, returned August 1919, Officer of the Order of the British Empire, married, 34, solicitor from Sydney. Diary. Discernible through his almost unreadable handwriting is a devout family man with trust in God.

Idriess, Ion Llewellyn, 1DRL 0373, AWM

No. 358, Private, 5th Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 26 October 1914, returned February 1918, single, 27, miner from Grafton, NSW. Diary. Not a religious man, Idriess made occasional observations about religion. He became a famous and prolific author after the war.

Jacob, John Gilbert, *Home Letters of a Soldier-Student*, Adelaide: G. Hassell & Son, 1919

No. 1694, Private, 50th Battalion, Unitarian, enlisted 9 March 1916, Killed in Action 7 July 1918, single, 20, student from Adelaide. Published letters. Jacob's letters reveal a spiritually alive, optimistic and idealistic young man.

Job, Bernard Cedric, MLMSS 2872, NSW State Library

No. 17380, Private, 14th Field Engineers, Congregational, enlisted 23 October 1916, returned October 1919, single, 25, mining engineer from Sydney. Letters and Diaries. Job was an unwilling participant in religious activities.

Joyce, John, MLMSS 2779, NSW State Library

No. 3555, Private, 7th Battalion/59th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 27 July 1915, returned May 1917, married, 28, Irish-born storekeeper from Melbourne. Diaries. Joyce recorded a few encounters with religion and, while they were not always positive, he himself seems to have been a believer.

Kaighin, Thomas Robert Livesay, *A Personal Account of World War I.* Transcribed from the original war diaries and letters by his grandson Rodd Johnson. Rowville, Vic.: R. Johnson, 2000

No. 19801, Bombardier, 30th Field Artillery Brigade, Methodist, enlisted 28 December 1915, returned March 1918, single, 36, grocer's assistant from Melbourne. Diary and letters. Kaighin only recorded a few religious activities, but appears to have appreciated them.

Keary, John Francis, MLMSS 2780, NSW State Library

No. 1710, Private, 18th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 20 May 1915, returned April 1919, single, 27, Dublin-born motor mechanic from Sydney. Diary. A firm believer in prayer and in the afterlife.

Kelaher, Bernard Augustine, 1DRL 0390, AWM

No. 1859, Private, 2nd Battalion/14th Machine Gun Company, Roman Catholic, enlisted 1 February 1915, Accidental death 26 September 1916, single, 25, clerk from Bathurst, NSW. Letters to family. Kelaher was a devout Catholic who appreciated religious services. He had the misfortune to be shot twice by his own men: once on Gallipoli by accident, the second time fatally in France when he was drunk and failed to respond twice to a sentry's challenge at night.

King, Ernest George, PR 83018, AWM

No. 1720, Private, 19th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 15 May 1915, returned September 1917, single, 22, train guard from Raymond Terrace, NSW. Diary. A few comments suggest conventional religious habits.

Kirkland, William Angus, PR 89106, AWM

No. 572, Private, 5th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 17 August 1914, Killed in Action 21 September 1917, single, 20, accountant from Melbourne. Diary. Kirkland recorded a number of services without demonstrating any great passion for them. He also did a lot of religious tourism in Egypt and the UK.

Knuckey, Vernon Gladders, PR 03193, AWM

No. 1586, Private, 8th Light Horse Regiment/Australian Flying Corps, Methodist, enlisted 16 July 1915, returned September 1919, single 29-year-old clerk from Melbourne. Diary. A religious man with a deep appreciation of the work of his chaplain.

Kyle, Albert Roy, *An Anzac's Story*, Melbourne: Penguin, 2003

No. 1811, Private, 21st Battalion/2nd Division Medium Trench Mortar Battery, Presbyterian, enlisted 4 June 1915, returned October 1918, single, 21, bank clerk from Ballarat. Memoir. Kyle's moving narrative has few religious references but records the diversity of types among the Australians.

Laidlaw, Victor Rupert, MS 11827, Victoria State Library

No. 144, Private, 2nd Field Ambulance/2nd Australian General Hospital, Methodist, enlisted 18 August 1914, returned February 1917, single, 21, tailor from Melbourne. Diary. Laidlaw recorded attending many services which he clearly enjoyed. When services were unavailable, he and his friends ran informal ones.

Langtip, Henry, PR 00053, AWM

No. 2347, Staff Sergeant, 4th Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 25 January 1916, returned June 1919, single, 27, farmer from Port Albert, Vic. Diary. Langtip's recording of services seems to indicate a man familiar with church.

Laseron, Charles Francis, MLMSS 1133, NSW State Library

No. 751, Company Quartermaster Sergeant, 13th Battalion, Agnostic, enlisted 9 September 1914, returned June 1916, single, 27, American-born museum collector from Sydney. Diary. Laseron was an intelligent, educated man who made significant contributions to geology, biology, applied art and museum development, as well as exploration as a member of the Mawson Expedition to the Antarctic. The son of a clergyman, he was one of the few officially-acknowledged non-believers in the AIF, listing himself as agnostic. He found humour in a few services which he otherwise thought a waste of time.

Lawrence, Cyril, *The Gallipoli Diary of Sergeant Lawrence of the Australian Engineers – 1st A.I.F.* 1915, Ronald East (ed.). Burwood, NSW: Royal Blind Society of New South Wales, 1982; *Sergeant Lawrence Goes to France*, Peter Yule (ed.). Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 1987

No. 389, Lieutenant, 2nd Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 11 December 1914, returned March 1919, Military Cross, single, 25, New Zealand-born draughtsman from Melbourne. Published diary and letters. Occasional references indicate a man who was not particularly religious, but his letters contain a high number of rather frank accounts of his encounters with various French and British girls. Lawrence served in the next war, retiring as a Brigadier.

Leane, Benjamin Bennett, 1DRL 0412, AWM

No. 3, Major, 10th Battalion/48th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 19 August 1914, Killed in Action 10 April 1917, Order of the White Eagle (Serbia), married, 25, clerk from Adelaide. Diaries. Part of the famous Leane clan who were liberally represented in the 48th Battalion, Leane was a tender family man and a devout Christian who had enjoyed services of a variety of denominations, including Catholic.

Lewis, James Ray, MLMSS 1688, NSW State Library

No. 7148, Private, 17th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 16 August 1917, returned December 1918, single, 19, farmer from Bogan Gate, NSW. Diary. A self-educated and erudite farmer's son, Lewis waxed philosophical about religion and war. He was opposed to gambling and drinking, and appeared to have looked on religion with favour.

Linton, Noel Glendenning, MLMSS 1096, NSW

No. 15713, Sapper, 15th Field Engineers, Presbyterian, enlisted 1 May 1916, returned April 1918, single, 26, New Zealand-born clerk from Sydney. Diary. A keen singer, Linton sang at many services, including Catholic ones. He recorded enjoying most services he attended and saw his war service as a spiritual crusade.

Lycett, William Dalton, Anzacsonline, http://anzacsonline.net.au/diaries/lcpl-lycett-william-dalton/

No. 2063, Lance Corporal, 4th Field Ambulance/Australian Light Railway Operating Company, Anglican, enlisted 12 September 1914, returned December 1918, single, boilermaker from Melbourne. Diaries. Lycett records a number of services which he obviously enjoyed a great deal.

MacNamara, John Patrick, MLMSS 2876, NSW State Library

No. 2965, Private, 1st Light Horse Brigade/1 Squadron Australian Flying Corps, Roman Catholic, enlisted 2 February 1916, returned March 1919, Military Medal, single, 19, agriculture student from Coffs Harbour, NSW. Diary/Memoir. Some religious references indicate a conventional, if not necessarily conscientious, Catholic.

Makin, George Leslie (Les), 1DRL 473, AWM

No. 703, 2nd Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 18 August 1914, Died of Wounds 8 September 1918, single, 20, clerk from Melbourne. Letters to parents. A prolific correspondent, Makin experienced cycles of emotional highs and lows during his service. He was proud of his high ethical standards. While he seldom wrote of religion, the few references indicate faith in God.

Marks, Douglas Gray, MLMSS 2879, NSW State Library

Lieutenant Colonel, 13th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 20 November 1914, returned February 1919, Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, Order of the White Eagle (Serbia), single, 19, bank clerk from Sydney. Diary. One of the most distinguished young officers of the AIF, he rose to battalion commander at the tender age of 22. He was confirmed in the Anglican church in Cairo and was a good friend of his padre Chaplain Wray.

Marshall, James Joseph, MLMSS 1164, NSW State Library

No. 2453, Private, 53rd Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 6 March 1916, returned June 1919, single, 18, clerk from Sydney. Diaries. Marshall appears to have been a faithful Catholic. He raged against the mediocre padre on his sea voyage to England.

Matthews, Arthur Edward, 2DRL 0219, AWM

No. 5135, Sergeant, 3rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 3 January 1916, returned March 1919, single, 24, London-born gunsmith from Sydney. Diary. Addressed to his wife 'Nin', who he married in England during the war, Matthews recorded an impressive service before the Battle of Bullecourt.

McCrae, Geoffrey Gordon, 1DRL 0427, AWM

Major, 7th Battalion/60th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 19 August 1914, Killed in Action 19 July 1916, Mentioned in Despatches, single, 24, architect from Melbourne. Diary and letters. An attractive personality, accomplished sailor and useful artist, McCrae's faith shines in his letters and diary.

McGarry, Vincent James, PR 00716, AWM

No. 3638, Private, 1st Pioneer Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 30 November 1916, returned September 1918, single, 32, butcher from Dubbo, NSW. Letters in collection of Phyllis Lynch. McGarry's lively, flamboyant personality shines in his letters. He is more of a flirt than he is religious.

McInerney, John Morris, *Private Wars: Personal Records of the Anzacs in the Great War*, Greg Kerr, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2000

No. 3832, Lieutenant, 10th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted August 1915, Killed in Action 28 June 1918, single, chemist from Mount Gambier, SA. Letter quoted from a book. His personal file in the National Archives contains anxious letters from his mother and brother that his headstone be corrected from 'Catholic' to 'Methodist', noting his regular attendance at his Methodist church since childhood. His effects included a New Testament and three prayer books.

McKern, Howard Taylor, 3DRL 3906, AWM

No. 454, Corporal, 4th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 23 August 1915, Died of Wounds 16 August 1915, single, 21, farmer from Sydney. McKern noted many church services with favour.

McQueen, Alexander Ross, *There Is No Glory in War: The Gallipoli Diary and Poems of Alex McQueen, 1878–1968.* John McNamara and Sue Spence (eds.). 1878–1968. Yamba, NSW: Port of Yamba Historical Society, 2012

No. 721, Private, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 August 1914, returned November 1915, single, 33, labourer from Clarence River, NSW. Published diary. The handful of religious references show a man of strict faith.

Meggy, Douglas Acland, 2DRL 0493, AWM,

No. 2951, Private, 3rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 13 May 1915, Killed in Action 22–27 July 1916, single, 19, clerk from Sydney. Diary. Meggy records engaging in a religious discussion and several services.

Mitchell, Keith James, MLMSS 1790, NSW State Library

No. 12357/4457, Driver, 2nd Field Ambulance/10th Field Ambulance, Presbyterian, enlisted 12 January 1915, returned April 1919, single, 21, shop assistant from Melbourne. Diary. He makes one positive remark about a chaplain.

Molony, Henry Patrick, MS 10984, Victoria State Library

No. 911, Lieutenant, 5th Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned January 1919, single, 27, clerk from Melbourne. Diary. Molony maintained a close friendship with his Catholic padres, and was a regular at Mass.

Molony, Frank Henderson, MLMSS 2883, NSW State Library

No. 8087, Private, 1st Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 9 July 1915, returned April 1919, single 21-year-old architect from Sydney. Diaries. An avid reader, writer and artist, and a keen describer of the architecture of the many churches he visited, Molony was a philosopher by nature who seemed to accept the existence of God, but was rather cynical about religion and clergymen.

Monk, Cecil George, MLMSS 2884, NSW State Library

No. 3153, Private, 54th Battalion/2nd Machine Gun Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 24 October 1916, returned September 1919, single, 23, farm hand from Scone, NSW. Diaries. Monk's diary keeps careful track of place and conditions, but offers virtually no description or emotion. He recorded attendance at a few services, some voluntary.

Moore, Arthur John, MLMSS 911, NSW State Library

No. 6735, Lance Corporal, 8th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 6 May 1915, returned February 1919, Military Medal, married, 28, English-born ironmonger from Sydney. Diaries and letters. Moore recorded frequent church services with favour, and participated in a choir for some time.

Morris, Alfred Pritchard Kington, MLMSS 2886, NSW State Library

No. 97, Private, 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance/12th Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 18 August 1914, returned January 1917, single, 21, journalist from Melbourne. Diaries. A regular attendee at services which he enjoyed, he was full of praise for several chaplains.

Morris, Leslie, MLMSS 2888, NSW State Library

No. 14505, Private, 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance, Salvation Army, enlisted 6 December 1915, returned July 1919, single, 30, Salvation Army Officer from Sydney. Diary. Contains extensive religious commentary and poetry, and notes the biblical associations of locations in Palestine.

Moses, James Edwin, MS 14418, Victoria State Library

No. 721, Private, 40th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 15 March 1916, returned September 1919, single, 19, labourer from Mathinna, Tas. Diary. Moses kept a very succinct diary. While church services are rarely mentioned, he made a number of comments indicating personal faith in God.

Murray, Ernest, MLMSS 2892, NSW State Library

No. 151, Sergeant, 1st Field Engineers/14th Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 27 August 1914, returned July 1918, Military Medal and Bar, single, 33, engineering mechanic from Sydney. Diaries. An active Christian, he enjoyed a number of services in 1915, and later on leave in the UK.

Nicholson, William Henry, MLMSS 2931, NSW State Library

No. 4538, Private, 3rd Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 19 August 1915, returned March 1918, single, 18, boundary rider from Bonshaw, NSW. Diaries. Nicholson noted several church Parades, usually favourably.

Noakes John Campbell, http://users.tpg.com.au/rnoakes/text/WW%20I%20%20Journal_J%20C%20Noakes.htm

No. 2719, Lieutenant, 4th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 6 August 1915, returned July 1919, Distinguished Conduct Medal, single, 19, shop assistant from Sydney. Diary. A handful of religious references seem to indicate a believing Christian.

Orchard, Albert Arthur, *Diary of an ANZAC: The Front Line Diaries and Stories of Albert Arthur 'Bert' Orchard M.C.: Gallipoli & the Western Front 1914 to 1918.* Compiled by Arthur Orchard; foreword

by William Cox. Otago, Tas.: A.F. Orchard, 2010

No. 2000, Lieutenant, 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 27 August 1914, returned July 1919, Military Cross, widower then remarried in the UK, 26, warehouse salesman from Launceston, Tas. Published diaries and memoirs. A devout man whose spirituality seemed to be best nurtured by friendships. He was critical of organised religion at times.

Osborn, Jim (James), *The War Diaries of Sergeant Jim Osborn: The Great War 1914–18*. Melbourne: Jack Osborn and Julie Cattlin, 2010

No. 2411, Sergeant, 7th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 10 May 1915, returned July 1917, single, 26, engraver from Melbourne. Published diaries. Osborn's record of his war service includes many references to church attendance, which he appreciated.

Ottery, William Charles, MS 12644, Victoria State Library

No. 3509, Sergeant, 60th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 16 February 1917, returned April 1919, married, 25, butcher from Melbourne. Diary. Ottery notes many services with a few comments indicating personal faith.

Partridge, Darrell John, MLMSS 2939, NSW State Library

No. 558, Lance Sergeant, 2nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 August 1914, returned August 1917, Military Medal, single, 23, railway officer from Singleton, NSW. Diary. Partridge noted a few services without comment, but recorded an emotional concert item.

Peach, William Edward, *World War I Diary of William E. Peach, 7th. Battalion, A.I.F, 1915–1918*. Queensland: V. Kelly, 1988

No. 4272, Sergeant, 7th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 5 August 1915, returned January 1919, Military Medal, single, 19, postal employee from Beechworth, Vic. Diary. Peach noted attending many services including voluntary ones, which he enjoyed.

Peters, Charles Harold, MLMSS 1887, NSW State Library

Captain, 38th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 6 March 1916, returned May 1919, Military Cross and Bar, single, 27, managing bookseller from Bendigo Vic. Transcribed letters. A very musical officer, Peters only recorded a few services, but it is evident that he appreciated both music and sermon.

Peterson, William, MLMSS 2472, NSW State Library

No. 7, Sergeant, 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 23 August 1914, returned March 1917, single, 33, telephone linesman from Warwick, Qld. Diary. Peterson made several rather neutral references to religion in his diary, though the practical issues of running church Parades annoyed him at times.

Phillips, Richard Keith, PR 04143, AWM

No. 1084, Company Quartermaster Sergeant, 5th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 6 October 1914, returned July 1917, single, 19, clerk from Melbourne. Diary. A believer in God, the many blank pages of his diary match a rather neglectful religious practice.

Pike, Charles Richard, *War Cry*, 7 July 1917–8 September 1917

No. 1405/2289/7540, Private, 6th Battalion/5th Battalion, Salvation Army (Methodist on his first enlistment papers), enlisted 23 November 1914, returned October 1915, re-enlisted 28 March 1917, returned July 1919, single, 19, baker's driver/Salvation Army officer from Melbourne. Narrative published serially in *The War Cry*. Pike's narrative traces some of the challenges he faced as a practicing Christian during his first term of service.

Pocock, Mary Anne Bessie, PR 5050, AWM

Matron, 2nd Australian General Hospital, Anglican, enlisted 21 September 1914, returned 1919, Royal Red Cross 2nd Class, single, 51, Matron, from Sydney. Diaries. An experienced nurse who had served in the Boer War, Pocock's informative diaries contain considerable commentary, including much on religion.

Ranford, Clement Ledsman, 'Letters written on active service, A-L, 1914–1919,' A 2660, NSW State Library

No. 954, Lance Corporal, 3rd Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 28 November 1914, Killed in Action 31 October 1917, single, 18, clerk from Adelaide. Letters. Ranford had an active faith. He was one of the few Australians killed at Beersheba.

Raws, John Alexander, 2DRL 0481, AWM

2nd Lieutenant, 22nd Battalion, none, enlisted 24 July 1915, Killed in Action 22 August 1916, single, 31, Manchester-born journalist from Adelaide. Letters to family. The son of a Baptist clergyman and a fine all-round athlete, Raws volunteered for the AIF on principle despite opposition from his father. He was listed as having no religion, which helps account for few religious references in his diary. He was killed in action at Pozières weeks after his brother Robert.

Raws, Robert Goldthorpe, 2DRL 0481, AWM

Lieutenant, 23rd Battalion, Baptist, enlisted 11 January 1915, Killed in Action 28 July 1916, single, 28, Manchester-born warehouseman from Adelaide. Letters to family. 'Goldy' Raws, unlike his brother John, maintained his faith, which is evident in some of his letters. He was killed at Pozières, weeks before his brother.

Reay, William John, Private collection, copy in author's possession

No. 1032, 1st Battalion, Private, Anglican, enlisted 14 September 1914, returned December 1915, single, 19, wireworker from Sydney. Letters to parents. Reay was actually just 18 when he enlisted, having put his age up to join. A few indirect references to religion indicate someone familiar with religion and the Bible.

Reddan, Thomas Francis, PR 01016, AWM

No. 5834, Lance Corporal, 22nd Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 31 August 1916, returned January 1919, single, 30, warehouseman from Melbourne. Letters to parents. One reference indicates that Reddan valued the faith he was raised in.

Rhodes, Oscar, MLMSS 1199, NSW State Library

No. 35, Corporal, 20th Battalion/1st Divisional Staff, Anglican, enlisted 26 April 1915, returned August 1918, married, 27, journalist from Sydney. Diary. Rhodes' journalistic background shows in his flowery descriptions. He recorded attending a number of voluntary services.

Richards, Thomas James (Rusty), 2DRL 0786, AWM

No. 25, Lieutenant, 1st Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 26 August 1914, returned February 1919, Military Cross, single, 33, traveller from Sydney. Diaries. A distinguished pre-war Rugby Union dual international and Olympic Gold Medallist, Richards' expansive, literate and self-perceptive diaries reveal a conflicted man who wanted meaningful religion in traditional forms. His diary critiques his own beliefs as well as that of others, finding merit in places and feeling let down in others.

Ridley, John Gotch, *Born To Be a Soldier: War Diary of Lieutenant John G. Ridley MC. World War I 1914–1918.* Sydney: Baptist Historical Society of New South Wales, 2010

No. 3545, Lieutenant, 1st Battalion/53rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 23 July 1915, returned March 1919, Military Cross, single, 19, military student from Sydney. Diaries. An intensely devout man, Ridley's diary abounds in references to services and personal devotions, as well as his involvement in public religious events. He served as a chaplain in World War Two, and as a famous evangelist he inspired street artist Arthur Stace to write 'Eternity' on Sydney's footpaths.

Roberts, Richard, PR 00395, AWM

No. 773, Private, 3rd Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 25 August 1914, returned September 1918, single, 21, Railway employee from Heddon Greta, NSW. Diary. A keen sportsman and musician, whose bandsman duties kept him

out of some battles. He recorded far more about girls than about religion.

Roberts, Thomas Crawford, *Thomas Roberts' Great War: The Diaries of Thomas Crawford Roberts 1917 to 1920.* Bruce A. and Donald C. McLennan (eds.). Sydney: Bruce A. McLennan & Donald C. McLennan, 2010

No. 34810, Sergeant, 4th Field Artillery Brigade/2nd Divisional Ammunition Column, Congregational, enlisted 21 November 1916, returned January 1920, single (married in 1919 in the UK), 33, English-born clerk from Sydney. Diary. Roberts' diary records his appreciation for many services at a variety of denominations, provided they were not too 'High'.

Rodda, Arthur Leslie, MLMSS 1208, NSW

No. 3491, Private, 53rd Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 12 October 1916, returned January 1919, single, 28, bookkeeper from Bourke, NSW. Diary. Rodda attended a number of voluntary services.

Rosenthal, Charles, MLMSS 2739, NSW State Library

Major General, 1st Division Artillery/4th Division Artillery/2nd Division, no religion listed, enlisted 25 August 1914, returned January 1920, Knight Commander of the Bath, Companion of St Michael & St George, Distinguished Service Order, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), Croix de Guerre (France), Legion of Honour (France), Order of St Maurice & St Lazarus (Italy), married, 39, architect from Sydney. Diary. General Rosenthal's diary contains many references to religion, often in the course of his duty. Pre-war, he was active in Methodist, Congregational and Anglican churches.

Ross-King, Alice, PR 02082, AWM

Sister, 1st Australian General Hospital, Presbyterian, enlisted 28 November 1914, returned June 1919, Military Medal, Royal Red Cross 2nd Class, single, 27, nurse from Melbourne. Ross-King's chatty, informative diary shows her to have been an active Christian whose faith was severely tested by her war experiences.

Rowe, Frederick William, PR 90090, AWM

No. 953, Gunner, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 15 August 1914, returned March 1916, single, 25, salesman from Melbourne. Letters. Rowe wrote in praise of Chaplain Gillison, who was killed at Gallipoli.

Rowe, Roy, PR 04297, AWM

No. 1260, Warrant Officer, 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital, Presbyterian, enlisted 10 September 1914, returned January 1919, single, 19, cabinetmaker from Perth. A devout man, with frequent attendance at church and devotional groups. He copied a number of hymns and poems into his diary.

Schwinghammer, Verdi George, http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/32360/20100306-0022/www.diggerhistory.info/pages-asstd/schwinghammer.html

No. 2639, Private, 42nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 14 July 1916, returned June 1919, single, clerk from Grafton, NSW. Post-war memoir. A gentle Christian and dedicated church visitor, he served as a Sergeant in the Army Pay Corps in World War Two.

Scott, John William, PR00772, AWM

No. 2264, Lieutenant, 18th Battalion/4th Division Artillery, Anglican, enlisted 16 May 1915, returned 1919, Croix de Guerre (France), Mentioned in Despatches, single, 27, draper from Dungog NSW. Letters to fiancée. A devout man with high personal standards.

Silas, Ellis, MLMSS 1840, NSW State Library

No. 634, Private, 16th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 September 1914, returned August 1916, single, 30, London-born artist from Perth. Revised and heavily edited diary. As a man of self-consciously artistic temperament, Silas both delighted in and suffered from being different. He used some of his run-ins with authorities over religion helped win him sympathy from his fellow soldiers.

Sinclair, Ronald Augustine, *Dear Ad ... ... Love Ron: The Complete Collection of the Handwritten Letters and Diary Entries of Ronald Augustine Sinclair, Australian Imperial Forces, Fifth Divisional Artillery, 14th Field Artillery Brigade, 114th Howitzer Battery on Active Service in Egypt, France and Belgium, 1915–1919*, Monica Sinclair (ed.). Singleton NSW: The Sisters of Mercy, 1997

No. 3413, Private, 2nd Battalion, Roman Catholic, enlisted 23 August 1915, returned May 1919, single, 31, draughtsman from Sydney. Published diary and letters. A devout Catholic, Sinclair did his best to maintain his religious practices under the conditions of war.

Sindrey, Arthur George, 3DRL 7514A, AWM

No. 3237, Private, 57th Battalion, Congregational, enlisted 6 November 1916, returned January 1919, married, 35, bricklayer from Melbourne. Letters to wife. Only one religious reference in all his letters, but it indicates faith in God.

Small, Frederick Trouton, 2DRL 0778, AWM

No. 165, Lieutenant, 3rd Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 4 September 1914, returned February 1916, single, 29, engineer from Brisbane. Diary. A few entries on religion show Small to be a habitual church attendee.

Smith, Claude Stanley, MLMSS 2742, NSW State Library

No. 367, Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, Congregational, enlisted 22 August 1914, returned December 1918, single, 28, manufacturer's agent from Sydney. Diary. A regular church attender with an appreciation of music.

Smith, Francis (Frank) Henry, MLMSS 2742, NSW State Library

No. 437, Sergeant, 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 13 October 1914, returned November 1918, single, 23, telegraphist from Marburg, Qld. Diary. Smith has a number of statements about services and chaplains, mixing positive and negative comments.

Smith, Ross Macpherson, PRG 18/17/1-56, SA State Library

No. 217, Captain, 3rd Light Horse Regiment/1 Squadron Australian Flying Corps, Anglican, enlisted 19 August 1914, returned May 1920, Military Cross and Bar, Distinguished Flying Cross and two Bars, single, 21, warehouseman from Adelaide. Diary. Smith's one comment demonstrates that he was not a religious man. During the war he was pilot for Lawrence of Arabia on several occasions. He achieved post-war fame for his flight from the UK to Australia.

Smythe, Edward Vivian, http://www.smythe.id.au/diary/index.htm

Major, 24th Battalion, Congregational, enlisted 11 April 1915, returned July 1919, Military Cross and Bar, married, 24, telephone mechanic from Newcastle, NSW. Diary. One of four brothers, including Percy, Viv was a devout man.

Smythe, Percy Ellesmere, PR 01463, AWM; http://www.smythe.id.au/diary/index.htm

No. 2461, Lieutenant, 3rd Battalion, Church of Christ, enlisted 10 April 1915, returned September 1919, Military Cross, single, 22, electrician from Sydney. Diary. A devout man who found the rough army atmosphere difficult to square with his conservative values. His diary records frequent church attendance at a variety of denominations.

Sparke, Edward Rashleigh, MLMSS 3042, NSW State Library

No. 130, Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 25 August 1914, returned July 1917, single, 19, Law Clerk from Newcastle, NSW, returned to Australia 21 July 1917. Diary. Sparke has a couple of comments about religion and fate.

Stanley, Malcolm Shore, MLMSS 3043, NSW State Library

No. 1888, Lieutenant, 10th Field Engineers, Anglican, enlisted 11 March 1916, returned March 1919, Military Cross, single, 28, Manchester-born, New Zealand-raised civil engineer from Melbourne. Diary. His writing is

studded with religious observations and poems.

Strom, Christine Erica, 2DRL 1166, AWM

Staff Nurse, Nursing Corps, Unitarian, enlisted 8 May 1917, returned July 1919, single, 25, trained nurse from Sydney. Diary. A regular and appreciative church attender.

Surtees, Herbert, PR03533, AWM

No. 1834, Private, 2nd Battalion/1st Light Horse Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 30 December 1914, returned January 1919, single, 23, English-born labourer from rural NSW. Diary. Surtees' diary is the epitome of extreme brevity, hence the importance of his many descriptions of biblical scenes from Palestine.

Swann, Lyell Keith, PDF diary, privately held

No. 2156, Lieutenant, 43rd Battalion/4th Squadron Australian Flying Corps, Methodist, enlisted 14 March 1916, Died of Wounds 14 November 1918, Military Medal, single, 20, bank clerk from Keyneton, SA. Diary. A quiet but regular church attender.

Swindells, William, PR 00251, AWM

No. 426, Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 31 August 1914, returned August 1918, single, 30, Manchester-born salesman from Sydney. Diary. In contradiction of his enlistment papers, his diary reveals that he was a faithful Catholic.

Taylor, Thomas, MLMSS 3048, NSW State Library

No. 3045, Private, 30th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 19 January 1916, returned May 1919, single, 19, postal official from Moss Vale, NSW. Diary. A single religious reference exists about a thoughtful chaplain.

Terrell, Frederick Leopold, PRG 1331/2, SA State Library

No. 186, Gunner, 1st Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train/12th Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 27 March 1915, returned June 1918, single, 25, iron moulder from Largo Bay, SA. Diary. A regular pre-war church attendee, Terrell maintained this habit during the war, enjoying Anglican, Catholic and Non-Conformist services.

Traill, Sydney Robert, 2DRL 0711, AWM

No. 753, Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 August 1914, returned July 1919, Croix de Guerre (Belgium), single, 19, clerk from Sydney. Diary. Traill enjoyed life and lived it hard at times, though he was concerned over those who sacrificed personal standards. While not obviously religious, he seems to have coped with religious requirements without too much difficulty.

Treganowan, Rupert Henry, PR 3166, AWM

No. 18321, Sapper, 4th Signal Group, Methodist, enlisted 2 January 1917, returned July 1919, single, 19, telegraphist from Bendigo, Vic. Letters to family. Not hugely religious, Treganowan showed interest in locations in Palestine which matched stories he knew from the Bible.

Treloar, John Linton, *An Anzac Diary. 1894–1952.* Armidale, NSW: Alan Treloar (ed.), 1993

Major, No. 1 Squadron Australian Flying Corps, Methodist, enlisted 16 August 1914, returned July 1919, Officer of the Order of the British Empire, single, 19, military staff clerk from Sydney. Treloar, who was invalided home in 1915, then re-enlisted, also served in World War Two. He was a driving force behind the Australian War Memorial. His diary contains long and frequent passages of deep spiritual reflection and activity.

Tucker, Henry Frederick Wallace, MLMSS 1013, NSW State Library

No. 117, Private, 6th Light Horse Regiment, Methodist, enlisted 14 September 1914, returned March 1917, married, 36, Welsh-born railway porter from Wallangarra, Qld. Diaries. A personally devout man who attended many voluntary services, he was not convinced of the value of compulsory church activities.

Turnbull, John Henry Llewellyn, PR 91015, AWM

No. 1433, Driver, 8th Battalion /5th Divisional Ammunition Column, Anglican, enlisted 11 November 1914, returned December 1918, single, 31, Engine driver from Geelong, Vic. Diary. A colourful raconteur not restricted by facts, Turnbull wrote a generalised diary rather than one about himself. While there are many comments about food, there are few on religion.

Turner, Lindsay Robert, PR 01698, AWM

Lieutenant, 53rd Field Artillery Brigade, Anglican, enlisted 1 May 1916, returned March 1919, single, 29, barrister and solicitor from Bairnsdale, Vic. Diary. Turner was quietly religious. He expressed regret when he couldn't go to church, with flashes of annoyance at the army for scheduling unnecessary activity on Sundays.

Vick, Frederick Harold, MLMSS 3051, NSW State Library

No. 15526, Private, 7th Field Ambulance, Anglican, enlisted 6 January 1916, returned January 1919, married, 23, boilermaker from Sydney. Letters. Vick was confirmed in the Anglican church while on active service. One letter expressed faith in God.

Vowles, Rupert Taylor, MLMSS 3052, NSW State Library

No. 5263, Staff Sergeant, 1st Anzac Signals Squadron, Anglican, enlisted 22

August 1915, returned July 1919, single, 21, electrician from Sydney. Diary. Vowles enjoyed several services while in transit and training, but recorded virtually none once in the field.

Walker, Eric Lawford, MS 11877, Victoria State Library

No. 1659, Lieutenant, 4th Light Horse Regiment/12th Light Horse Regiment/60th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 1 July 1915, returned January 1918, single, traveller from Melbourne. Diary. Walker seems to have been a middle-of-the road religious type. He attended church voluntarily from time to time, enjoyed compulsory church parades, yet never mentioned religion otherwise.

Weingott, Samuel, www.patriotfiles.com

No. 127, Private, 1 Battalion, Jewish, enlisted 24 August 1914, Died of Wounds 5 June 1915, single, 21, tailor's cutter from Sydney. Diary. An observant Jew, Weingott made some effort to attend Jewish services in Egypt, despite opposition from his officers. He was one of three brothers to serve, another of whom died on Gallipoli.

Weir, Frank Valentine, MLMSS 1024, NSW State Library

Major, 1st Light Horse Regiment, Anglican, enlisted 9 October 1914, returned June 1919, Distinguished Service Order, single, 36, station manager from Deniliquin, NSW. Letter-diary. Weir appears to have been a conventionally religious man, who was used to church attendance, but also critical of practices he didn't approve of. He indulged in a lot of religious tourism in Palestine, including various Coptic and Islamic sites.

Wharton, Raymond Thomas, 'Letters written on active service, A-L, 1914–1919,' A 2660, NSW State Library; MLMSS 3055, NSW State Library

No. 2143, Private, 36th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 April 1916, returned January 1919, single, 19, butcher from Sydney. Letters. Wharton's letters are found in two files in the NSW State Library, neither under his name. A Christian, and also an aggressive Socialist.

Whitaker, Arthur George, *World War I Diaries of Two Brothers: Arthur George Whitaker & Charles Whitaker.* Helen Skinner (Comp.). Frankston, Vic: H. Skinner, 1998

No. 7174, Leading aircraftsman, 3rd Australian Army Service Company/ Australian Flying Corps, Anglican, enlisted 8 April 1915, returned January 1919, single, 26, Manchester-born engineer from Melbourne. Published diaries. Whitaker records attendance at several services which he appreciated.

Whitaker, Charles Leonard, *World War I Diaries of Two Brothers: Arthur George Whitaker & Charles Whitaker.* Helen Skinner (Comp.). Frankston, Vic: H. Skinner, 1998

No. 673, Private, 5th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 22 August 1914, Died of Wounds 25 April 1915, Single, 30, Manchester-born rubber mechanic from Melbourne. Published diary. Whitaker was a church-going man but with little evident enthusiasm. Fatally wounded on the first day at Gallipoli.

White, Thomas Alexander, MLMSS 965, NSW State Library

Captain, 13th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 9 June 1916, returned May 1919, married, 30, school teacher from Sydney. Diaries. White's diaries exhibit a sincere faith.

Whitelaw, Roy Melsyd, *Somewhere in France: Letters to Home: The War Years of Sgt. Roy Whitelaw 1st A.I.F.*, Allan M. Nixon (ed.), Fitzroy Vic: The Five Mile Press, 1989

No. 8341, Sergeant, Australian Medical Corps Motor Transport, Anglican, enlisted 11 August 1915, returned July 1919, single, 24, motor mechanic from Melbourne. Edited letters published post-war. Whitelaw makes no significant religious comments, but speaks on matters of morale and spirit.

Whiteside, Thomas Clair, *A Valley in France: Cpl Thomas Clair Whiteside 59th Battalion, Infantry. WWI Letters to His Parents and Sister While on Active Service from Egypt, France and Great Britain. 1915–1918*, Elizabeth Whiteside (ed.), Beaconsfield, Vic: Elizabeth Whiteside, 1999

No. 2821, Corporal, 22nd Battalion/59th Battalion, Presbyterian, enlisted 17 July 1915, returned December 1918, single, 21, orchardist from Beaconsfield, Vic. Edited letters published post-war. The son of a minister, Whitelaw was a keen moderate evangelical who despised formal religion.

Williams Victor Owen, *To War and Home Again.* Kerry Blinco & Blurb Publishing, 2013

No. 3756, Private, 45th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 17 April 1917, returned August 1919, single, 19, farmer from Crows Nest, Qld. A regular church-goer, Williams recorded a number of services with approval in his diary.

Wilson, John (Jack), PR 91078, AWM

No. 2190, Private, 30th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 31 August 1915, Died of Wounds 29 August 1918, married, 22, carter from Kurri Kurri, NSW. Diary. Active in church and fellowship groups, Wilson was very conscious of God's presence. His younger brother Robert served alongside him, and later married Jack's widow.

Wilson, John Davison, MLMSS 3057, NSW State Library

No. 46, Private, 37th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 28 February 1916, returned April 1919, married, 40, blacksmith from Shepparton Vic. Diary. Wilson recorded many church parades and other services that he attended. He appears to have been a devout man.

Wiltshire, Aubrey Roy Liddon, MLMSS 3058, NSW State Library

Lieutenant Colonel, 22nd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 24 March 1915, returned 11 November 1919, Companion of St Michael and St George, Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, single, 24, bank officer from Melbourne. Diary. Wiltshire frequently mentions church Parades and the chaplain, but mainly in the line of his duties as an officer. Although the son of a clergyman, he offers little personal comment on religion.

Wren, Eric William Gregg, MSS 0720, AWM

No. 1487, Captain, 3rd Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 17 August 1914, returned 13 December 1917, Medaille Militaire (France), single, 26, clerk from Sydney. Manuscript of 3rd Battalion History. Wren recorded some of the chaplains' activities along with the reactions of the men at Gallipoli.

Wright, Theodore Willard, *The Eager Soldier: An Australian Journalist's Account of His Life and the Great War*; Laurel Kathleen McIntyre and Barbara Adams (Comp.); Heather Eaton (ed.). West Lakes, SA: Seaview Press, c.2007

No. 937, Corporal, 43rd Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 15 February 1916, Died of Wounds 31 July 1917, single, 23, monoline (typesetter) operator from Adelaide SA. Letters to family. Wright was a pre-war regular church goer, who maintained his faith and his personal standards during his war service. He wrote of a number of services that impressed him, though he was occasionally offended by clergy lecturing men on their behaviour.

Wright, Walter Vicery, MLMSS 1012, NSW State Library

No. 1662, Private, 4th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 14 November 1914, returned January 1918, Military Medal, single, 20, overseer from Dubbo, NSW. Wright, who was not a believer, was unimpressed by the obligations of religious services, protesting over several services.

Yates, William Thomas, 3DRL 7219(A), AWM

Captain, 8th Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 25 August 1914, granted leave to study in the USA July 1919, Distinguished Service Order, single, 29, dairyman from Camperdown, Vic. Diary. Yates briefly noted several services, including a voluntary service in England.

Youlden, Ray Moore, MS 13554, Victoria State Library

No. 629, Lance Sergeant, 8th Battalion, Methodist, enlisted 18 August 1914, returned January 1916, single, 20, clerk from Maryborough, Vic. Diary and letters. Youlden appeared to enjoy church services.

Young, William Campbell, PR 86123, AWM

No. 3556, Corporal, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, Anglican, enlisted 7 July 1915, returned January 1919, Military Medal, single, English-born painter from Melbourne. Diaries. Patchily-kept, Young's diaries usually only record time in the trenches. Apart from a detailed description of religious sites in Cairo there are no religious references.