

COLLECTION TITLE Papers of General Sir John Wilton

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CREATOR General Sir John Wilton

RELATED ENTITIES General Sir John Wilton
Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

RELATED COLLECTIONS Papers of General Sir John Wilton

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wilton_\(general\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wilton_(general)) retrieved 1 May 2019

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RELATED ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Related Material

The diary of General Sir John Wilton has been transcribed by his son and is available at <http://www.raga.com/generalsirjohnwilton/> retrieved 1 May 2019.

Also available from the same site are: Wilton's obituary by Robert O'Neill, *The Age*, Melbourne (11 May 1981); a letter from Wilton to Returned Services League president regarding Aboriginal rights (15 May 1980); and a 'Tiger Story' by Lt-Col F.E. (Freddie) Elliot (1892-1971).

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

Collection Contents

Papers of General Sir John Wilton (MSS 231)

1937 to 1985 (Inclusive date(s))

Box 1 (MSS 231.B1)

Folder 1 (MSS 231.B1.1)

1937 (Inclusive date(s))

Diary of General Sir John Wilton: commenced in Mayomayo, Burma in July 1937, recommenced in Canberra, Australia

in February 1977.

Folder 2 (MSS 231.B1.2)

1937 (Inclusive date(s))

Two photocopies of the diary in Folder 1 (commenced in Mayomayo, Burma in July 1937, recommenced in Canberra, Australia in February 1977).

Folder 3 (MSS 231.B1.3)

1937 (Inclusive date(s))

Photocopy of the diary in Folder 1 (commenced in Mayomayo, Burma in July 1937, recommenced in Canberra, Australia in February 1977).

Folder 4 (MSS 231.B1.4)

1942 (Inclusive date(s))

Diary of General Sir John Wilton (5th August 1942 – 16th December 1942): Covers his period as GI, 3 Aust. Division Camp near Maryborough.

Folder 5 (MSS 231.B1.5)

1939 (Inclusive date(s))

Newspaper clipping: Marriage announcement of John and Helen Wilton (July 2nd 1939).
Letters to Helen Wilton:

- 15 letters sent from Pukapunyal to the Middle East (7th July 1940 – 20th November 1940).
- 12 letters sent from the Middle East (29th November 1940 – 16th February 1941).
- 17 letters sent from Queensland, Australia (4th January 1942 – 2nd October 1942).

Folder 6 (MSS 231.B1.6)

1943 (Inclusive date(s))

Letters to Helen Wilton:

Letters dated 4th January 1943 – 29th January 1943 sent from HQ of the 3 Aust. Division.
Letters dated February 1943 – August 1943 sent from New Guinea.

Box 2 (MSS 231.B2)

Folder 7 (MSS 231.B2.7)

1953 (Inclusive date(s))

Letters to Helen Wilton: dated 16th March 1953 – 27 July 1953, sent from Korea.

Folder 8 (MSS 231.B2.8)

1953 (Inclusive date(s))

Letters to Helen Wilton: dated August 1953 – February 1954, sent from Korea.

Newspaper article: "Flashback to the Half-Remembered War: Thirty years after, a look at the bitter conflict in Korea" by Philip Castle, 29th June 1980, Canberra Times (original article plus 1 photocopy).

Folder 9 (MSS 231.B2.9)

1962 (Inclusive date(s))

United States / United Kingdom trip (September 1962):

- Australian Military Forces notebook.
- Personal booklet of trip "US Army XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg".
- General instructions and maps for infantry/Tank Cooperation, Puckapunyal 16-23 May 1965.
- South East Asia Organisation Council (SEATO):
 - Final draft communique 21st May 1969.
 - Newspaper clipping from 1962.

Folder 10 (MSS 231.B2.10)

1970 (Inclusive date(s))

Kerr Committee of Enquiry into Financial Terms and Conditions of Service Employment (3rd November 1970).
1962 Lees Knowles Lecture "The Profession of Arms".

Folder 11 (MSS 231.B2.11)

1971 (Inclusive date(s))

3 Pay Books.

Receipts for returning of military articles.

Record of equipment on temporary issue to personnel.

Photocopies of magazine articles.

Address to the Australia Club dinner (25th April 1971): handwritten notes.

Folder 12 (MSS 231.B2.12)

Personal retirement file of General Sir John Wilton.

Folder 13 (MSS 231.B2.13)

Newspaper and magazine clippings re. Wilton's career and allegations against the Army.

Folder 14 (MSS 231.B2.14)

1973 to 1975 (Inclusive date(s))

Documents and correspondence from General Sir John Wilton's time as Consul General in New York (1973-1975).

Box 3 (MSS 231.B3)

Folder 15 (MSS 231.B3.15)

1974 (Inclusive date(s))

Correspondence and speeches from General Sir John Wilton's time as Consul General in New York (1974).

Folder 16 (MSS 231.B3.16)

1975 (Inclusive date(s))

Consul General:

Correspondence and speeches (1975).

"Foreign Affairs" reference paper (1975).

Representation Allowance Claim forms (1973-75).

Folder 17 (MSS 231.B3.17)

after 1975 (Inclusive date(s))
Consul General:
Documents relating to General Sir John Wilton's return to Australia (1975-76).
Repatriation appeal correspondence (1972-80).

Folder 18 (MSS 231.B3.18)

1976 (Inclusive date(s))
Army Historical Programme:
Transcript of Vietnam interview, September 1976.
Notes for Vietnam interview.

Folder 19 (MSS 231.B3.19)

after 1979 (Inclusive date(s))
Miscellaneous papers (1979-80):
Brief Notes on Australian Defence Organisation.
Defence statements by Killen (August-September 1980).
Paper: "Staff Corps Versus Militia: the Australian Experience in World War II" (2 copies).
Senior ARA Officer Appointments (1979).

Folder 20 (MSS 231.B3.20)

1950 (Inclusive date(s))
Miscellaneous papers (1950's-1972).

Folder 21 (MSS 231.B3.21)

Papers relating to the Aboriginal Treaty Committee.

Box 4 (MSS 231.B4)

Folder 22 (MSS 231.B4.22)

after 1950 (Inclusive date(s))
"Australia and the Korean War 1950-53" by R. O'Neill: typescript and correspondence relating to Volume II.

Folder 23 (MSS 231.B4.23)

General Sir John Wilton's files regarding WWII and the Korean War.

Folder 24 (MSS 231.B4.24)

1977 (Inclusive date(s))
Miscellaneous files:
Files regarding the Australian Archives (access clearance forms etc.).
Australian Military Forces notebook.
Australian Army Manual of Land Warfare Part One: The Fundamentals of Land Force Operations (Provisional) 1977.
Large notebook belonging to General Sir John Wilton.

Folder 25 (MSS 231.B4.25)

1985 (Inclusive date(s))
Newspaper clippings.
Copy of "Jungleer" vol. XXXVI, no. 3 June 30, 1985.

Copy of "The Dedication of the Australia Chapel, and Arthur Phillip Memorial...".
Copy of "Bath Guides and Directories and Newspapers", 1973.
Eulogy of General Sir John Wilton.

Folder 26 (MSS 231.B4.26)

1980 (Inclusive date(s))
Papers regarding Casey University – ADFA:
Statement by the Hon. D.J. Killen, M.P. Minister for Defence: The Defence Force Academy (15 May 1980).
Correspondence regarding Casey University: ADFA.
"An Analysis of the Report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the Proposed Construction of a Defence Force Academy" by D.J. Killen, Minister for Defence, March 1980 (2 copies).
"The Case for the Australian Defence Force Academy" by D.J. Killen, Minister for Defence, April 1980 (2 copies).

Folder 27 (MSS 231.B4.27)

1978 (Inclusive date(s))
Papers regarding Casey University – ADFA:
Second Reading Speech by the Minister for Defence – the Hon. D.J. Killen, M.P.: Casey University – Australian Defence Force Academy, 12 April 1978.
Statement by the Hon. D.J. Killen, M.P. Minister for Defence on Defence, 23 August 1979.
Casey University – Australian Defence Force Academy Bill 1978. Table of Provisions.
Photocopies of articles regarding the development of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Cool Room (MSS 231.COOL)

Box 5 (MSS 231.COOL.B5)

Folder 1 (MSS 231.COOL.B5.1)

1954 (Inclusive date(s))
Photo album (b&w): Visit to 1st Armoured Division, Kharian, 16 November 1954. Presented to General Sir John Wilton by Major General Nasir Ahamed Khan, Commander 1st Armoured Division.

Folder 2 (MSS 231.COOL.B5.2)

Photo album (b&w): Unison 65 (the Commonwealth Inter-Service Study, Cranwell, England) including images of RAF flying display

Folder 3 (MSS 231.COOL.B5.3)

Photo albums (b&w): Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, Military Advisers (2 albums).

Box 6 (MSS 231.COOL.B6)

1930 (Inclusive date(s))
Photo album (b&w). [b&w photos from the 1930s to the 1990s].

Box 7 (MSS 231.COOL.B7)

1960 (Inclusive date(s))
Photo album (b&w): Thirteenth Military Advisers Conference 15-18 September, 1960

Oversize Material (MSS 231.OS)

Map Cabinet 3, Drawer 7: (MSS 231.OS.MAP)

1975 (Inclusive date(s))

Certificate of honorary citizenship of Dover, Delaware, 1/4/1975.

Declaration for Consul General, N.Y., 20/8/1973.

Formal surrender of Second Japanese Army, to General Sir Thomas Blamey, Morotai, 9/9/1945 (2 copies).

Parade of Advanced Land Headquarters, Australian Military Forces, Morotai, 16/8/1945.

Blue print of house located at 7 (13) Bronte Cres, Batehaven, 91/59, 10/7/1959.

Distinguishing badges of the Australian Imperial Force, The Great War, 1914-1918.

Cambodia & South Vietnam [colour map], 1967.
