

<b>COLLECTION TITLE</b>	Papers of J A Letts
<b>COLLECTION IDENTIFIER</b>	MSS 337
<b>INCLUSIVE DATE(S)</b>	1920 to 1987
<b>BULK DATE(S)</b>	1937 to 1944
<b>EXTENT</b>	3 boxes
<b>CREATOR</b>	J A Letts
<b>RELATED ENTITIES</b>	J A Letts Australian Army Australian Army, Volunteer Defence Corps
<b>RELATED COLLECTIONS</b>	Papers of J A Letts
<b>ACCESS POINTS</b>	Australia. Army. Volunteer Defence Corps -- Handbooks, manuals, etc. Cricket -- Australia -- 20th century J.A. Letts -- Archives Sports -- Australia -- 20th century

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

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#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Field service pocketbooks, memoranda, and volumes relating to the Home Guard (Australian Volunteer Defence Corps) in the Second World War collected by J A Letts, including small arms training pamphlets. The collection also includes sporting publications such as rare cricket magazines from England and Australia, particularly post-1945 tours to Australia, an album with cards depicting famous players, Australian football (VFL) and horse racing guides, and Australian National University Cricket Club newsletters

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#### **SOURCE OF ACQUISITION**

Gifted by J A Letts' grandson Sub-Lieutenant Michael Letts, RAN in 1996

#### **EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS**

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

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### Box 1 (MSS 337.B1)

#### Folder 1 (MSS 337.B1.1)

*New South Wales Cricket Association Annual Report: Season 1920-1921*  
*The Unrivalled Pocket Cricket Score Book* published by Collins Brothers Stationers  
*Rothmans Test Cricket Almanack*, compiled by Sydney Smith  
*Batts in the Belfry*, by Merv Hill  
*City and Suburban Cricket Association (Founded 1903): Rules and By-Laws 1963*

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#### Folder 2 (MSS 337.B1.2)

*The ABC Cricket Book 2: Australian Tour of England 1964*, published by the Australian Broadcasting Commission  
*Somerset County Cricket Club Yearbook 1965-1966*  
*North Sydney District Cricket Club (Founded 1893): Seasons 1966-1967, 1968-1969, 1969-1970 Annual Reports* (3 volumes)  
*Pakistan vs. Southern NSW XI Official Programme, 12-13 December 1972*, ACT Cricket Association  
*ABC Cricket Book: Australian Tour of West Indies 1973*, published by the Australian Broadcasting Commission  
*MCC Team Souvenir*, published by the Australian Cricket Society  
*ABC Cricket Book: West Indies Tour of Australia 1975-76*, published by the Australian Broadcasting Commission  
*The Laws of Cricket (1980 Code) – Official – Marylebone Cricket Club*

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#### Folder 3 (MSS 337.B1.3)

*Christmas Greetings from Northern Suburbs Cricket Association, 1907*  
*Pocket Book Cricket Guide 1946-47, England-Australia Tests*  
*ABC Cricket Broadcast Book*, published by the Australian Broadcasting Commission  
[Title unknown], England's Tour of Australia 1950-1951  
*Card Album*; contains colour cards of cricket players (1950s)

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#### Folder 4 (MSS 337.B1.4)

*The Melbourne Cup Official Programme, 1 November 1977*  
*Football Record: Collingwood vs. Hawthorn, 22 August 1981*  
*England v France, Twickenham, Saturday 15 January 1983, Official Programme*  
*Harold Park Raceway Official Programme and Formguide, Friday 21 December 1984*  
*34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Boorowa Racecourse, Friday 15 February 1985, Official Programme*, published by Boorowa and District Amateur Picnic Race Club  
*The Second National Word Festival, 9-11 March 1985*, Australian National University

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#### Folder 5 (MSS 337.B1.5)

*Cover Point*, ANU Cricket  
*Dr. Beaton's Cookery Book (The 1984-1985 Alternative Yearbook)*, Australian National University  
[Untitled ANU Cricket Club newsletter], 1985-1986 season  
*The Alternative Rugby Newsletter, no. 2*, published by ADFA: The Underground Press, 1987  
*The World of Sport catalogue*

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### Box 2 (MSS 337.B2)

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**Folder 1 (MSS 337.B2.1)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Orders and Intercommunication.* Pamphlet no. 2, 1939

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**Folder 2 (MSS 337.B2.2)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Intelligence – Information and Security.* Pamphlet no. 3, 1939

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**Folder 3 (MSS 337.B2.3)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Field Engineering.* Pamphlet no. 4, 1939

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**Folder 4 (MSS 337.B2.4)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Mechanized Movement by Road.* Pamphlet no. 6, 1941

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**Folder 5 (MSS 337.B2.5)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Protection Against Gas.* Pamphlet no. 8, 1941

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**Folder 6 (MSS 337.B2.6)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Supply and Replenishment of Material in the Field.* Pamphlet no. 9, 1939

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**Folder 7 (MSS 337.B2.7)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Discipline, Office Work and Burial Parties.* Pamphlet no. 11, 1939

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**Folder 8 (MSS 337.B2.8)**

*Field Service Pocket Book: Identification of Bodies, Burials, Graves Registration, Disposal of Effects, Burial of Enemy Dead.* Pamphlet no. 11a, Australian Edition, 1942

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**Folder 9 (MSS 337.B2.9)**

*Small Arms Training: Weapon Training.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 1, 1937. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office

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**Folder 10 (MSS 337.B2.10)**

*Small Arms Training: Application of Fire.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 2, 1937. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office

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**Folder 11 (MSS 337.B2.11)**

*Small Arms Training: Application of Fire.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 2 (reprinted with amendments), 1937. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office

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**Folder 12 (MSS 337.B2.12)**

*Small Arms Training: .303-inch Machine Gun, part 1 – Mechanical Subjects.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 7, 1939. Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office

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**Folder 13 (MSS 337.B2.13)**

*Small Arms Training: .303-inch Machine Gun, part 2a – Training, Infantry (Limber) and Horsed Cavalry.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 7, 1939

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**Folder 14 (MSS 337.B2.14)**

*Small Arms Training: .303-inch Machine Gun, part 3 – Fire Control.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 7, 1939.

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**Folder 15 (MSS 337.B2.15)**

*Small Arms Training: .303-inch Machine Gun Supplement.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 7, part 1, 1940

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**Folder 16 (MSS 337.B2.16)**

*Small Arms Training: Bayonet.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 12 1937

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**Folder 17 (MSS 337.B2.17)**

*Small Arms Training: Annual Range Courses.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 14 1939

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**Folder 18 (MSS 337.B2.18)**

*Small Arms Training: Sub-Machine Guns.* Volume 1, Pamphlet no. 15, 1943

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**Folder 19 (MSS 337.B2.19)**

*Operations: Notes on Extensive Warfare.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 23, Australian Addendum No. 1, March 1941

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**Folder 20 (MSS 337.B2.20)**

*Operations Part II – Defence.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 23, 1939

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**Folder 21 (MSS 337.B2.21)**

*Operations Part III – Appreciations, Orders, Intercommunication and Movements.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 23, 1939

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**Folder 22 (MSS 337.B2.22)**

*Infantry Training (Training and War).* 1937

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**Folder 23 (MSS 337.B2.23)**

*Infantry Training (Training and War).* 1937 (second copy)

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**Folder 24 (MSS 337.B2.24)**

*Infantry Minor Tactics.* 1941

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**Folder 25 (MSS 337.B2.25)**

*Coast Artillery Drills: Gun Drills – General. Part III, Pamphlet No. 1, 1940*

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**Folder 26 (MSS 337.B2.26)**

*Coast Artillery Training. Vol. 1, 1938*

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**Folder 27 (MSS 337.B2.27)**

*Coast Artillery Training. Vol. 3*

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**Folder 28 (MSS 337.B2.28)**

*Small Arms Training. Vol. 2, 1931 (Modified Edition, 1938)*

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**Folder 29 (MSS 337.B2.29)**

*Small Arms Training. Vol. 4 (Australia), 1934*

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**Folder 30 (MSS 337.B2.30)**

*Advanced Training for the Home Guard: With Ten Specimen Field Exercises* by John Brophy

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**Folder 31 (MSS 337.B2.31)**

*Elementary Drill for the Home Guard*

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**Folder 32 (MSS 337.B2.32)**

*Notes on the Administration of Discipline on War Service.* 1 May 1943

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**Folder 33 (MSS 337.B2.33)**

*Infantry Section Leading.* Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1938

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**Box 3 (MSS 337.B3)**

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**Folder 34 (MSS 337.B3.34)**

*Range Table for .303-inch Vickers Machine Gun.* Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1937

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**Folder 35 (MSS 337.B3.35)**

*The Vickers Gun Simplified: Pocket Book and Illustrated Guide.* Published by Robertson & Mullens, Melbourne

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**Folder 36 (MSS 337.B3.36)**

*Handbook for .303 Inch Vickers Machine Gun: based on Official Text Books* by Major C.B. Davidson, M.C. Published by Westbury Traders Pty. Ltd., Sydney, 1941 (revised edition)

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**Folder 37 (MSS 337.B3.37)**

*Owen Gun: Instruction Book.* May 1942

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**Folder 38 (MSS 337.B3.38)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 1, January 1942*

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**Folder 39 (MSS 337.B3.39)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 2, November 1942*

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**Folder 40 (MSS 337.B3.40)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 3, December 1942*

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**Folder 41 (MSS 337.B3.41)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 4, January 1943*

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**Folder 42 (MSS 337.B3.42)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 4, January 1943 (duplicate copy).*

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**Folder 43 (MSS 337.B3.43)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 5, May 1943.*

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**Folder 44 (MSS 337.B3.44)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 5, May 1943 (duplicate copy)*

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**Folder 45 (MSS 337.B3.45)**

*Australian Defence Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.No. 6, August 1943*

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**Folder 46 (MSS 337.B3.46)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Manual. 1941*

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**Folder 47 (MSS 337.B3.47)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Manual – Field Works.Pamphlet no. 7, 1941*

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**Folder 48 (MSS 337.B3.48)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Manual – Grenade Training.Pamphlet no. 13, 1943*

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**Folder 49 (MSS 337.B3.49)**

*Volunteer Defence Corps Manual – Protection Against Gas.Pamphlet no. 14, 1941*

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**Folder 50 (MSS 337.B3.50)**

*Notes on Concealment and Camouflage.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 26, 1939

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**Folder 51 (MSS 337.B3.51)**

*Training in Fieldcraft and Elementary Tactics.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 33, 1940

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**Folder 52 (MSS 337.B3.52)**

*The Training of an Infantry Battalion.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 37, 1940

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**Folder 53 (MSS 337.B3.53)**

*The Infantry (Rifle) Battalion: Part II – The Carrier Platoon.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 39, 1941

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**Folder 54 (MSS 337.B3.54)**

*The Infantry (Rifle) Battalion: Part II – The Carrier Platoon.* Military Training Pamphlet no. 39, 1941 (duplicate copy)

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**Folder 55 (MSS 337.B3.55)**

*Rescue of Crews from Crashed Aircraft.* Civil Defence Leaflet no. 4

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**Folder 56 (MSS 337.B3.56)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.*No. 7, 1944

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**Folder 57 (MSS 337.B3.57)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.*No. 8, 1944

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**Folder 58 (MSS 337.B3.58)**

*Australian Military Forces: Volunteer Defence Corps Training Memorandum (War) Australia.*No. 9, 1944

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**Folder 59 (MSS 337.B3.59)**

*Australian Military Forces: Standing Orders for Volunteer Defence Corps.*1942

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**Folder 60 (MSS 337.B3.60)**

*Handbook of Artillery Instruments and Range-Finders: Part 1 (Section 14: Calculator, Ballistic Correction,*no. 1, Mark 1). 1933

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**Folder 61 (MSS 337.B3.61)**

*Owen Gun: Illustrations Showing the Use of the Sling.*May 1942

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**Folder 62 (MSS 337.B3.62)**

