

<b>COLLECTION TITLE</b>	Papers of Willie Neville Majoribank Chester
<b>COLLECTION IDENTIFIER</b>	MSS 364
<b>INCLUSIVE DATE(S)</b>	1915 to 1918
<b>EXTENT</b>	1 box
<b>CREATOR</b>	Chester, Willie Neville Majoribank
<b>RELATED ENTITIES</b>	Chester, Willie Neville Majoribank Australian Imperial Force (1914-1921)
<b>RELATED COLLECTIONS</b>	Papers of Willie Neville Majoribank Chester
<b>ACCESS POINTS</b>	Soldiers Soldiers -- Australia -- Archives Soldiers -- Australia -- Diaries

#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Willie Neville Majoribank Chester was born in Papua New Guinea, and served as a Private in the Australian Army Medical Corps, Special Reinforcements, from 29 November 1915 to 10 June 1919. Chester enlisted at the Town Hall, Sydney, NSW, on the 28 August 1915, and entered Holsworthy Camp, NSW, on 28 September 1915, in DCoy, 9th Battalion. He transferred to the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) on 29 November 1915. He embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT A61 *Kanowna* on 29 March 1916, and disembarked in Egypt on 7 May 1916. He left Egypt on 29 May 1916, for England, disembarking on 11 June 1916 at Plymouth. He departed from Folkestone on the *Princess Victoria* on 16 July 1916, and arrived at Boulogne, France on 16 July 1916.

Chester served with the 2nd Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps in France and Belgium from 1916-1918. He returned to Australia on the 10 June 1919.

#### References:

Ian Chester  
First World War Unit Embarkation Roll  
National Archives of Australia, April 2006

#### ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The collection is available for research.

#### SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

The collection was acquired from Willie Chester's son Ian Chester in 1999.

#### EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

#### Collection Contents

**Papers of Willie Neville Majoribank Chester (MSS 364)**(1 record)

1915 to 1918 (Inclusive date(s))

Diary 1: 5 November 1915-22 December 1918 (MSS 364.diary1)

**Box 1 (MSS 364.B1)**

**Folder 1 (MSS 364.B1.1)**

1915 to 1918 (Inclusive date(s))

Original and photocopy of a brief diary kept during the First World War by Willie Chester, together with notes and addresses, 15 November 1915-22 December 1918

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