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John Denis Fryer Collection

Size
3 boxes, 1 parcel

Contents
Correspondence, school and university records, photographs; papers, commissions and badges relating to his military service in the First World War. Papers relating to the establishment of the Fryer Library as a memorial to J. Fryer. Also some associated family correspondence and papers.

Date range
[189-] to 1990

Biography
John Denis (Jack) Fryer was born in 1895 at Springsure, Queensland, son of Charles George Fryer and his wife Rosina, née Richards. Charles and Rosina had seven children: Elizabeth Stuart (later Gilmour), William Thomas, Charles George, Henry Hardy, John Denis, Richard Alexander James and Walter Ponsonby. Jack won a scholarship to the University of Queensland and commenced study in 1915. By the end of first term, Jack decided to volunteer for military service in the first Australian Imperial Force. He was commissioned in 1916 and went to France where he was gassed in early 1917. After hospitalisation in England, Jack returned to France for the final push to Amiens, in August 1918. There he was again wounded, by a stick bomb. After the war he re-enrolled at the University of Queensland for the first term of 1920 to complete his English honours examinations. His health failed in 1922 and he died in February 1923. In 1926, as a memorial to their former member and vice-president, members of the University Dramatic Society donated £10 to establish a collection of works in Australian literature. The Fryer collection was maintained in the English Department until the 1950s when it became part of the University of Queensland Library.

Notes
Unrestricted access
Selected letters transcribed by Carmel McCarthy in Box 1 Folder 1.

Box 1
Folder 1
Selected letters from collection transcribed by Carmel McCarthy

Folder 1a
Letters from John D Fryer
Chronologically arranged notes taken from the collection of letters below

- John Fryer, St John's College, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane to 'Dear Lizzie', 13 May 1915
- John Fryer, Enoggera, Brisbane to 'Dear Lizzie', 20 Jun 1915
- John Fryer, A69 Warilda, Sydney to his father, 8 Oct 1915
• ‘Souvenir of Perth, W.A.’, John Fryer to Mrs CG Fryer, 15 Oct 1915
• John Fryer, Zetoun Camp, Egypt, to his mother, [1915]
• John Fryer, No. 4 Auxiliary Hospital, Abbassia, Egypt, to his mother, 14 Dec 1915
• John Fryer, No. 4 Auxiliary Hospital, Abbassia, Egypt to Elizabeth [Liz] Fryer, 16 Dec 1915
• John Fryer, France to Walter Fryer, 22 Jul 1916
• Field Service Post Card, John Fryer to Mrs CG Fryer, 23 Jul 1916
• Field Service Post Card, John Fryer to Master W. P. Fryer, 25 Jul 1916
• Field Service Post Card, John Fryer to Mrs CG Fryer, 25 Aug 1916
• John Fryer, New College, Oxford to his mother, 17 Dec 1916
• John Fryer, postcard to Liz, [nd.]
• John Fryer, New College, Oxford, to Liz, 17 Jan 1917
• John Fryer, France, to his Mother, 17 Mar 1917
• John Fryer, [France?], to ‘all at home’, 26 Mar 1917

Folder 1b

Letters from John D Fryer

• John Fryer, France, to his mother, 9 April, 1917
• John Fryer, Cranston’s Waverly Hotel, Southampton Row, London to Liz, 9 Jun 1917
• John Fryer, France, to his mother, 11 Jun 1917
• John Fryer, France, to his Father, 6 Aug 1917
• John Fryer, St John’s College, Brisbane, to his mother, 1 Mar 1921
• John Fryer, St John’s College, Brisbane, to his mother, 2 Aug 1922
• John Fryer, “Ardoyne”, Corinda to his mother, 5 Oct 1922
• John Fryer to his Mother, “Ardoyne”, [Rest and Hosp?], 17 Oct 1922
• John Fryer to his Mother, “Ardoyne”, Corinda, 7 Nov 1922
• John Fryer to his Mother, “Ardoyne”, Corinda, 25 Nov 1922
• John Fryer, France?, to his Mother, n.d.
• John Fryer, Springure, to his Mother, 2 Aug 1919
• John Fryer, Springure, to his Mother, 5 Oct 1919
Letters to John Fryer
- Mrs E. M. Goodwill, Midland Junction Western Australia, to John Fryer, 3 Sep 1918
- Charles G Fryer, Springsure, 11 Nov 1918
- Department of Defence, Melbourne to Lieutenant JD Fryer, Springsure, Queensland
- Registrar, University of Queensland to JD Fryer, Rosemount Hospital, 22 Dec 1922
- Wheally[?], to JD Fryer, Balliol College, Oxford, England, 22 Sep 1912

Folder 2a
Letters from William Fryer
- William (Will, Bill or Billy) Fryer, Brisbane to Liz, 17 Jun 1915
- Will Fryer, Sydney to his mother, 7 Oct 1915
- Will Fryer, A69 Warilda, to Liz 12 Oct 1915
- Will Fryer, Helmich Camp, to Liz, 19 Nov 1915
- Will Fryer, Helmich Camp, to his Mother, 19 Nov 1915
- Will Fryer, Helmich Camp, to his Mother, 2 Dec 1915
- Will Fryer, Helmich Camp, to Kitty, 2 Dec 1915
- Will Fryer, Polygon Camp, Abassia, Cairo, to his Mother, 21 Dec 1915
- Will Fryer, [Egypt], to Liz, 10 Feb 1916
- Will Fryer, Tel-el-Kebir, to Liz, 27 Mar 1916
- Will Fryer, OAS, Egypt, to his mother, 13 Apr 1916
- Will Fryer, postcard reading ‘Miss Edith Cavell, Murdered, Oct 12 1915 Remember!’ [nd.]
- Will Fryer, [France] to his mother, 7 Jul 1916
- Will Fryer, France, to Liz, 30 Jun 1916
- Will Fryer, France, to his mother, [nd.]
- Will Fryer, In the Field, to Liz, 20 Jul 1916
- Will Fryer, France, postcard to his mother, 18 Aug 1916
- Will Fryer, No. 5 Red Cross Hospital, France to his father, 22 Sep 1916
- Will Fryer, Bishops Knoll, No. 5 Red Cross Hospital, [France] to Liz, 26 Sep 1916
- Will Fryer, Bishops Knoll [Hospital], to Liz, 5 Oct 1916
- Fryer, Bishops Knoll, to Miss E. S. Fryer, State School, Springsure, Queensland, 14 Oct 1916
- Will Fryer, Bishop’s Knoll, to Liz, 26 Sep 1916
- Walter Fryer, circa 1916
- Will Fryer, Dorset to Liz, 15 Feb 1917
• Will Fryer, No. 1, Command Depot, Pesham Downs, Salisbury Plains, [1917]
• Will Fryer, Brisbane to Liz, 18 Aug 1917
• Will Fryer to Richard, postcard, n.d.

Folder 2b
Letters and Cards to William Fryer
• Ruth Mathews, London to William Fryer, 25 Apr to 16 Jun 19?
• Easter card, from [?] to Will Fryer, 5 Apr 1917

Cards from William Fryer
• Will Fryer to Elizabeth S Fryer, seven cards, 1915 to 1916
• Will Fryer to his mother, five cards, 1915 to 1916
• Will Fryer to Kitty (Brown), one card [circa 1916]
• Will Fryer to Walter, one card [nd.]
• Will Fryer to Richard, one card [nd.]
• Will Fryer, Field Service Post Card to Mr CG Fryer, Springsure, 25 May 1916
• Post card of Bishop’s Knoll Red Cross Hospital, Bristol
• Hammock tag issued to Will Fryer, Weymouth, 28 Apr 1917

Folder 2c
Letters and Cards from William and John Fryer
• H.M.A.T. Warilda, Will and John Fryer to Liz, 7 Oct 1915
• Will and John Fryer, ‘Greetings From Egypt’, Christmas card to Liz, [December 1915]
• Will and John Fryer, ‘Greetings From Egypt’ Christmas card, to Mother, [December 1915]
• Will and Jack Fryer, ‘Greetings From Egypt’ Christmas card to Dick, [December 1915]
• Will and John Fryer, Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt, to their mother, 15 Jan 1916
• Will and John Fryer, Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt, to their mother, 18 Jan 1916
• Birthday card, ‘Love to Dick from Will and Jack’
• Christmas card, from ‘Will and Jack to Dad’
• Farewell card, ‘Farewell to My Dear Father’ from Will and Jack
• New Year card, ‘To My Dear Mother’, from Will and Jack

Folder 3
Letters from Henry Fryer
• Henry Fryer, Fraser’s Paddock to Liz, 12 May 1916
• Henry Fryer to his Mother, 24 May 1916
• Henry Fryer, Chermside, to Liz, 25 May 1916
• Henry Fryer, [At Sea], to Liz, 1916
• Henry Fryer, At Sea to Liz, 1916
• Henry Fryer, At Sea, to Liz, 1916
• Henry Fryer, Ipswich, [Suffolk], to his Mother, 8 Aug 1916
• Henry Fryer, On Active Service, to his Mother, Sep 1916
• Henry Fryer, Codford, to Liz, 23 Dec 1916
• Henry Fryer, Codford to Liz, 3 Jan 1917
• Henry Fryer, Codford to Liz, 15 Jan 1917
• Henry Fryer, France, to his Mother, 24 Jan 1917
• Henry Fryer, Dartford, to Liz, 23 Jul 1917
• Henry Fryer, Clonburrin, [County Carlow, Ireland], to his Mother, 31 Jul 1917
• Henry Fryer, Monte Video, No. 2 Com. Depot, Weymouth to Will, 18 Aug 1917
• Henry Fryer, Weymouth to his mother, 21 Aug 1917
• Henry Fryer, Weymouth, to Liz, 27 Aug 1917
• Henry Fryer, A Group, [?] Citadel, Portland to Liz, 17 Sep 1917
• Henry Fryer, Folkestone, to Will, 23 Jan 1917
• Henry Fryer, [London], to Liz, 3 Jun 1917
• Henry Fryer, Westham Comp., Weymouth, to Liz, 1 Oct 1917

Folder 4
Letters and Cards from Charles Fryer [John D Fryer’s brother]

• Charles (Charlie) Fryer, Exhibition Grd. [Brisbane], to Liz, 2 Nov 1915
• Charles Fryer, Eton Ground, [Brisbane], to Liz, 20 Nov 1915
• Charles Fryer, Exhibition [Grounds, Brisbane], to Liz, 30 Nov 1915
• Charles Fryer, Exhibition Grd., to Liz, 3 Jan 1916
• Charles Fryer, Exhibition, to Liz, Jan 1916
• Charles Fryer, Brisbane, to Liz, 7 Feb 1916
• Charles Fryer, Exhibition Ground, to Liz, 3 Mar 1916
• Charles Fryer, postcard, Egypt, to his mother, 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to his mother, 30 Jul 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to Liz, 13 Sep 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to Billy, 18 Sep 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to his mother, 26 Sep 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, postcard to his mother, 30 Sep 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to his mother, [possibly censored by military censor], [13?] Oct 1916
• Charles Fryer, France, to his mother, 16 Dec 1916
• Charles Fryer, postcard to his mother, ‘A Happy New Year 1917’
• Charles Fryer, postcard to Liz, 6 Mar 1917
• Charles Fryer, France, to his mother, 17 Mar 1917
• Charles Fryer, four postcards to his mother, undated
• Charles Fryer, four postcards to Elizabeth S Fryer, undated

Folder 5

Letters to Mr Charles G Fryer [John D Fryer’s father]

• National Bank of Kilkenny, Ireland, 5 Feb 1876 to Mr. Fryer
• Tom Fryer, [brother to Charles G Fryer] Clonburrin, Garryhill, Ireland, to Charles Fryer, [Orion Downs sheep station, Central Queensland], May 1880
• Kitty Fryer, [sister to Charles G Fryer] Clonburrin, to Charles Fryer, [Springsure], 25 [Jan] 1882
• William Fryer [brother to Charles G Fryer], S.S. Clan Sinclair, Indian Ocean, near Colombo, to Charles G Fryer, 20 Dec 1882
• Dr William F Fryer to Charles G Fryer, 14 Sep 1882
• William Fryer [brother to Charles G Fryer], Monkton House, Acton, London, to Charles G Fryer, 26 Mar 1884
• Dr William F Fryer to Charles G Fryer, [John D Fryer’s father], 20 May 1884
• Dr William F Fryer to Charles G Fryer, 12 Jun 1884
• Dr William F Fryer, Clonburrin, Bagnalstown to Charles G Fryer, 29 Oct 1885
• Mrs. Elizabeth S Fryer [Charles G Fryer’s mother], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Charles G Fryer, 26 Sep 1891
• Mrs Elizabeth S Fryer [Charles G Fryer’s mother], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Charles G Fryer, 20 Sep [nd]
• Mrs Elizabeth S Fryer [Charles G Fryer’s mother], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Charles G Fryer, 20 Feb 1894
• William Fryer [brother to Charles G Fryer], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Charles G Fryer, 22 Aug 1894
• Birthday card from Elizabeth S Fryer to ‘Dad’ [Charles G Fryer], 19 Jul 1917
• William Fryer [brother to Charles G Fryer], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Charles G Fryer, 30 Oct 1928
• Harry Fryer [brother to Charles G Fryer], Clonburrin, Bagnalstown to Charles Fryer, 19 Oct 1930

Folder 6

Letters to Mrs Rosina Fryer

• Mrs. Elizabeth S Fryer [mother-in-law], to Mrs Rosina Fryer, 1891
• Mrs Elizabeth S Fryer, Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Mrs Rosina Fryer, 16 Jun [nd]
• Mrs Elizabeth S Fryer, Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, to Mrs Rosina Fryer, 30 Jul [nd]
• Mrs W. Faragher to Mrs Rosina Fryer, 8 Dec 1915
• Major JM Lean, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne to Mrs R Fryer, Springsure re slight wounding of CG [Charlie] Fryer, 26 Mar 1917
• Lilly F Fryer [sister-in-law] to Mrs Rosina Fryer, 15 Apr 1923
• Professor Frederick W Robinson to Mrs CG Fryer acknowledging the donation of a book to the Fryer Memorial Library, 31 Mar 1949. See similar reference re acknowledgement letter from Professor Robinson to Mr JS Gilmour 31 Mar 1949

Folder 6a

Miscellaneous Telegrams

• Jack and Will to Miss E. S. Fryer [Liz], re farewell, 5 Oct 1915
• Joe Furnell to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer [Liz], re Charles Fryer leaving Brisbane for Sydney, 28 Mar 1916
• Lieutenant Colonel Luscombe to [?] clerk, George Street, Brisbane, re notification of the death of Charlie [Charles Fryer] ‘killed in action’, 5 Apr 1917
• Notification of Henry Fryer’s arrival in Melbourne, 19 Oct 1917
• Mrs Wheeler to [?] Fryer re Jack’s wounding and hospitalisation, 15 Aug 1918
• Army Base Records to Mr Charles G Fryer re Jack’s [John D Fryer’s] wounding –‘Multiple Gunshot Wounds severe’, 21 Aug 1918

Folder 7

Fryer Memorial Library Papers

• Colin Bingham, editor, Galmahra, obituary for John D Fryer, ‘St. John’s College Notes’, Galmahra, (May 1923)
• Extracts from Minutes of the Student Benefactions Committee of the University of Queensland Union, Galmahra, etc. relative to the foundation of the Fryer Library, 1927 to 1929, three copies
• Student Benefactions. Extract from Galmahra, Fryer Memorial Library (April 1927)
• Memorandum to Commander Drake re: Fryer Memorial Library of Australian Literature
• Letter from Professor Robertson, Lecturer in English, University of Queensland, Chairman of the Student Benefactions Committee of the University of Queensland to Dr. F. P. Keppel, President Carnegie Corporation of New York, New York re: application for funding grant, 29 Mar 1933
• ‘The Fryer Memorial library of Australian Literature’, Galmahra, (October 1929), two copies
• ‘University News and Notes’, Courier – Mail, [nd]
• Letter from John M. Russel, Carnegie Foundation, New York to Dr. Frederick W Robinson, 4 May 1933
• Carnegie Corporation of New York Survey of Australian Libraries – survey form
• Carnegie Corporation of New York Survey of Australian Libraries. Particulars of the Fryer Library of Australian Literature, a student benefaction to the English Department within the University of Queensland, 28 May 1934
• Letter from Mr S. F. Markham, The Museums Association, London, Secretary (Empire Survey) to Miss Pauline L. Joice, Clayfield, Brisbane re report to Carnegie Foundation, 1 Aug 1934
• ‘Varsity Benefits from Donation of Retired Publisher’, 10 Jun 1938
• Darnell Library Fund. Suggested uses, 2 Apr 1940
• Memorandum on the Fryer Library of Australian Literature, attached to the English Faculty, 23 Jul 1942 [page(s) missing]
• Associate Professor Frederick W. Robinson to Mr J. S. Gilmour, 31 Mar 1949
• The Fryer Memorial Library of Australian Literature: Two copies of an article written by Dr. Frederick W. Robinson on the history of the Fryer Memorial Library and published in Galmahra (November 1952)
• One copy of Galmahra, (November 1952)
• Letter from Daphne Harrison to Professor [Frederick W] Robinson, 28 Nov 1952
• Invitation to Professor and Mrs FW Robinson to the laying of the foundation stone of the new St. John’s College, 1954
• Letter from Mr Harrison Bryan, Librarian, Main Library, University of Queensland to Mr Stapleton, the State Librarian, Public Library of Queensland, Brisbane – copy to Fryer re ‘possible union catalogue of Australiana in major Brisbane libraries’, 2 Feb 1961
• Draft article by Mrs JM Merrell, Fryer Librarian, 1958 to 1961, on the history and function of Fryer Memorial Library of Australian Literature for the literary journal Quill, Jun 1962 [two copies of article]
• Letter from AC Cawley, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, to Miss E Harrington, Fryer Library re enclosed questionnaire on the University Library, 1 May 1963
• Letter from the ‘Librarian, Fryer Memorial Library’, listing books the Fryer Memorial Library was interested in acquiring, pre 1965
• ‘Browsing in the Fryer Library’ by Old Crab, Queensland Teachers Journal, Sep 1966 [two copies of article]
• Photocopy of letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Mrs N Bonnin, Fryer Memorial Library, re biography of John D Fryer by Mrs Gilmour and attendant information, 22 Sep 1966
• The University of Queensland Institute of Modern Languages course brochure, enrolment guide and university fee payment slip, 1966
• Newspaper article re the first purchase of books from the Mary Alexis Macmillan Memorial fund for the Fryer Library. Mary Macmillan was Jack Fryer’s fiancée at the time of his death, [nd]
• Memorandum to Mr Fielding from N Bonnin, Fryer Library, re Father Leo Hayes collection
• Fryer Classification List
• Fryer Classification List
• Proposed wording for notice on Fryer Memorial Library doors and rosters for ‘Alison, Marianne and Laurel’.
• Letter from Fryer Librarian to Miss Jean Macmillan, Albion re return of letter concerning Fryer material, 26 Aug 1969
• Photocopied page from Bookweek, Vol. 4, No. 2, re the Fryer Memorial Library index of Australian Literary periodicals, 1970
• Memorandum to Marianne from Don re vacation hours – Robinson Room, 23 Nov 1970
• Letter from FDO. Fielding, University Librarian to Professor Zelman Cowen, Vice Chancellor, University of Queensland, re forthcoming luncheon for Dr. FW Robinson, 16 Jul 1970
• ‘The Raison D’Etre of the Fryer Library’ [1970]
• Address delivered on the growth of Fryer and the new Robinson reading room – four copies bundled as one
• Description of Fryer Memorial Library, its history and its holdings, two typed pages, dated 15 Jul 1970
• Handwritten note from Elizabeth S Gilmour re Mrs Annie Wheeler
• Memorandum to Ric Moore re information on Fred Paterson
• Handwritten note re ‘Fryer article should cost $20’
• Handwritten note re correspondence ‘in the Fryer Brochure’
• Hardboard with typed biography of John D Fryer. Handwritten note explains ‘This card was originally exhibited with the photograph of JD Fryer in the Fryer Lib. display case’
• Pro forma acknowledgement letter used in the Fryer Library circa 1970
• List of Galmahra articles relevant to John D Fryer/the Fryer Memorial Library
• Bookplates used by the University of Queensland Library; Army Memorial Library bookplate, blank bookplate to acknowledge donated item, University of Queensland bookplate, The
John Caffery Memorial bookplate, Thomas Llewellyn Jones Memorial Library bookplate, The Roles Gift bookplate, and bookplate devised for items donated to the library by Archbishop James Duhig

- Letter from M. A. Macmillan to Mrs Harrison re founding of Fryer Memorial Library and contemporaries of John D Fryer

Folder 8

_Fryer Library Correspondence re John D Fryer_

- Letter from Elizabeth Gilmour to Dr [later Professor] Frederick W Robinson, Townsville, 25 Sep 1953
- Letter from Elizabeth Gilmour to Dr. Frederick W Robinson, 5 May 1954
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour [née Fryer], to Miss Lee, the Librarian, Fryer Library, University of Queensland re donation of money and brief account of Fryer siblings, 27 Oct 1960 [original and two copies]
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to The Librarian, Fryer Memorial Library, 27 Mar 1963
- Letter from Elizabeth Gilmour to Elizabeth [Harrington], 17 Sep 1963
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Betty [Miss E Harrington], 8 Oct 1963
- Letter from EN Dimmock to Miss Harrington, 4 December 1963
- Letter from EN Dimmock to Miss Harrington, 4 Dec 1963
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Betty [Harrington], 3 Dec 1963
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Mrs Bonnin, 22 Sep 1966
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Mrs Bonnin, 9 Nov 1966
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to Miss McCreath, 11 Dec 1970
- Letter from Lord Roberthall [Robert Lowe], London, to Mrs Bonnin, 8 Mar 1973
- Letter from Fred Patterson to Mr Len Fisher, Alumni Office, University of Queensland, 15 Jul 1973
- Letter from Eric Partridge to John L. Cummings, Deputy University Librarian, 6 Mar 1975
- Letter from Lex Lear née Gilmour, Townsville to Fryer Librarian, 20 Nov 1979

Folder 9

_Documents relevant to John D Fryer_

- Birth Certificate for John Dennis Fryer, Springsure, 11 Sep 1895, registered 9 Nov 1895
- Death Certificate for John Denis Fryer, Springsure, 7 Feb 1923
- Memo to Master John Dennis Fryer from Department of Public Instruction re candidate for State Scholarship, 15 Dec 1908
Memorandum from the Queensland Department of Public Instruction to John D Fryer re examination results, 29 Jan 1909

Rockhampton Boys' Grammar School reports for John D Fryer, Easter 1909 to Jun 1913

The University of Queensland Junior Public Examination results, JD Fryer, Dec 1911

The University of Queensland Senior Public Examination results for John D Fryer, Nov 1913

Rockhampton Boys’ Grammar School, 2nd Report for Session 1914 on JD Fryer

The University of Queensland Senior Public Examination results, JD Fryer, Nov 1914

Letter from CR Paterson, JD Fryer and AN Park to HA Kellow, Headmaster, Rockhampton Grammar School re increasing senior prefects’ privileges, [1914?]

Letter from the Department of Public Instruction, Brisbane to John D Fryer re granting of a scholarship to the University of Queensland, 8 Jan 1915


AIR: “The Tarpaulin Jacket”, typed copy of original publication

Menu: 52nd Battalion AIF Officers’ Mess, Christmas Dinner 1917. Signed by John D Fryer on the front and other diners on rear

Dedication (to the victorious “eight”). An ode to the victorious University of Queensland crew of eight. Note records ‘JD Fryer’s property’.

‘O Frailty------.’ Ode by ‘Chut’, [John D Fryer], Galmahra, Oct 1921

Folder 10
Fryer Family Documents

Marriage Certificate, Charles George Fryer and Rosina Richards, District of Rockhampton, 1883

Copy of Certificate of Marriage of Charles George Fryer and Rosina Fryer née Richards, District of Rockhampton, 1883

Birth Certificate for Elizabeth Stuart Fryer, District of Springsure, 1884

Birth Certificate of William Thomas Fryer, District of Rockhampton, 1887

Birth Certificate of Charles George Fryer, District of Rockhampton, 1889

Marriage Certificate of James Stephen Gilmour and Elizabeth Stuart Fryer, District of Springsure, 1919

Copy of Certificate of Marriage of James Stephen Gilmour and Elizabeth Stuart Fryer

Death Certificate of William Thomas Fryer, District of Springsure, 1946

Memorandum from Queensland Department of Public Correction to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re admittance to Department as a pupil-teacher, Brisbane, 23 Feb 1899

Annual examination results between 1900 to 1903 for Miss Elizabeth S Fryer as a pupil-teacher

Examination result, Teacher Third Class for Miss Elizabeth Fryer, 1904
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class III, Division 3, 19 Dec 1905
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class III, Division 2, 1906
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class III, Division 1, 1908
• Department of Public Instruction examination results for Miss Elizabeth S Fryer for the Standing of Class II, 18 Mar 1910
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth Fryer from the Department of Public Instruction re transfer from Springsure State School to Ashgrove State School, 23 Sep 1910
• Springsure State School Committee resolution to Miss E. Fryer on the occasion of her transfer to Ashgrove, Brisbane, 30th Sep 1910
• Department of Public Instruction examination results for Miss Elizabeth S Fryer for the Standing of Class II, 4 Mar 1911
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class II, Division 3, 15 Dec 1911
• Department of Public Instruction examination results for Miss Elizabeth S Fryer for the Standing of Class II, 17 Jul 1912
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth Fryer from the Department of Public Instruction re transfer from Ashgrove State School to Springsure State School, 4 Jun 1913
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class II, Division 2, 5 Feb 1915
• Military Forces of the Commonwealth Junior Cadet Training Certificate for Miss E. Fryer, 2 Dec 1916
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth S Fryer re appointment as a Teacher Class II, Division 3, 7 May 1918
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth Fryer from the Department of Public Instruction re application to take leave of absence with full pay, 28 Feb 1919
• Memorandum to Miss Elizabeth Fryer from the Department of Public Instruction re resignation from Department on occasion of her marriage, 22 Jul 1919
• Mrs Rosina Fryer employment references as matron of the Springsure Hospital and as midwife, 1917 to 1925. These references were required by Mrs Rosina Fryer when she sought to obtain her midwifery certificate in the 1920s. She delivered her first baby at 12 years of age. Information supplied by Mrs Alexis R Lear, Mrs Rosina Fryer’s granddaughter, at the time of donation
Folder 11

**Accounts of John D Fryer’s Life and Obituaries**

- ‘The Death of A Friend’, Galmahra, May 1923, author P. R. S. (Inky) Stephenson
- Copy of letter sent from Reverend Stevenson, Warden of St John’s College, Tasmania to Mr and Mrs Charles G Fryer, circa 1923
- An account of the Early Life of John Denis Fryer by Elizabeth Gilmour [née Fryer]. Nineteen pages typed
- Photocopy of Elizabeth Gilmour [née Fryer] biography, An account of the Early Life of John Denis Fryer
- Additions to Elizabeth Gilmour’s biography of John D Fryer
- Letter from FW Patterson recounting his friendship with John D Fryer, [197?]
- ‘JD Fryer at the University of Queensland’, [author possibly Lord Robert Hall]
- ‘Student Soldier Remembered’. Newspaper cutting and one photocopy of same
- Handwritten notes on the life of John D Fryer, seven pages
- Handwritten note from Mrs Macmillan re three Rhodes Scholarship recipients and early reading of John D Fryer
- Note from Dr. Cecil Hadgraft re John D Fryer’s nickname of “Chut”, 16 Jun 1966

Box 2

Folder 1

- Hand annotated scores to ‘Waltzing Matilda’ and ‘Dear Lord and Father of Mankind’ by Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour
- Drawing by John D Fryer ‘in his Uni days when he knew P.R. Inky Stevenson entitled ‘The Moaning of the Tied (Tide).’ Donated by Mrs Alexis R Lear, Townsville niece of G. R. Lear, May 1976
- Newspaper clipping, ‘Mrs Wheeler’s work recalled by family’, *The Capricornian*, 22 Jan 1975
- ‘Crystal Ball’ A poem typed by Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour, 1978 to 1979
- Australian Red Cross Society membership receipt for Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour
- Newspaper cutting: featuring photograph of Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour at a piano on her 95th birthday
- Newspaper cutting: entitled ‘Happy Mother’s Day munching’
- Newspaper cutting: ‘Special tea for some special ladies’
- Newspaper cutting ‘Grandmother is Arts graduate-and all by mail’ [nd]
- Card with Bellevue Homestead on front
- Letters to Mr and Mrs Lear, mainly from relatives

Folder 2

- Unidentified letter dated 1912 [Possibly Lily McCury (?)]. Sender’s address: 3 Spencer Villas, Kingston.
- Unidentified letter page (nd)
- Letter from Lily McCury [?], Spencer Villas, Glenagleary, [Ireland], [nd]
- Card: ‘Greetings from the Camel Corps’ from George Moffit to Elizabeth S Fryer
- Poem: ‘The Supreme Sacrifice’ by John S. Arkwright
- Christmas Card, ‘Alf - With love to Lizzie’ [December 1917]
- Letter from Aunt Linda Fryer, Clonburrin, Bagnalstown, Ireland to Elizabeth S Gilmour [née Fryer], 19 Oct 1919
- Letter from Aunt Linda Fryer, Ireland to Elizabeth S Gilmour, 9 Dec 1923
- Letter from Veronica Baggaly, Sandgate to Mrs [E. S.] Gilmour, [circa 192?]  
- Letter from Aunt Aggie to [?], Sep 1924
- Letter from [Lex Lear?] to [Elizabeth S Gilmour?], 16 Oct 1947
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to her daughter Lex Lear, 16 Jan 1950
- Letter from Aunt Kitty, [?] Ipswich, Suffolk, England to Elizabeth S Fryer, 15 Feb 1952[?]
- Card from the University of Queensland French Department to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour re her donation to the Mary Alexis Macmillan [Memorial] Fund, 15 Feb 1972
- Letter from Douglass [Fryer], 32 Jackson St, to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour, 7 Mar 1979
- Letter from Douglass and Agnes Fryer to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour, 11 Jun 1979
- Birthday card and letter from Ann and Don Lear [Grandson], Sandgate to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour, Springsure, 26th Jun 1979
- Envelope with family details of Don and Ann Lear
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour, Townsville to her daughter Lex Lear, 2 Jan 1980
- Letter from Elizabeth S Gilmour to her granddaughter, Stephanie Lear, 4 Feb 1980
- Letter from Don Ryan to Mrs S. Gilmour, 13 Aug 1980
- Letter from Mrs Veronica Sirman [nee Baggerly], friend of JD Fryer, Herstonville Convalescent Home, Herston, to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour
Bundle: Assorted letters and cards to Mrs Elizabeth S Gilmour
One Kolotex box containing 23 cards

Folder 3
Miscellaneous mementos and keepsakes of war experience

- Post card of T.S.S “Star of Victoria”, ‘Ship on which one of the Fryer’s sailed to war’
- Christmas card unsent: ‘Christmas Wishes from Springsure. To My Dear Boy on Active Service’.
- Card: ‘Tell her that I love her’.
- Prayer card: ‘The Angel at the War’. CG and Rosina Fryer and Elizabeth S Gilmour
- Booklet: ‘What a British Soldier wants to say in French and how to pronounce it. An English-French booklet for the use of the Expeditionary Force’
- Booklet: Poems ‘composed by Mrs L. Cameron whose husband is one of the 6th Field Engineers, Queensland Section, for the purpose of cheering those who are serving our country, also to assist funds to provide comfort for our wounded.’
- Booklet [?] Front image embroidered village centre, ‘Albert 1914’. Inside mounted Banque de France Cinq Franc note
- Cotton Bag
- Post card from [?] to Auntie [?], 30 Nov 1916
- Card: ‘From the Mayoress of Exeter and Committee’
- Army Form W3083: Transport tag accompanying Will Fryer from France to Dover aboard the Anglo-American Hospital Ship St. David. Tag describes type of wound and condition.
- Postcard: ‘Bishop’s Knoll Red Cross Hospital, Bristol’. Hospital in which Will Fryer recovered from injuries in 1916.
- Program: Bristol District Cornish Association, Entertainment to Wounded Soldiers from Bishop’s Knoll Hospital, Bristol, 24 Nov 1916
- Post card: (“M.C”) K.C.S ‘At Weymouth, Doing His Bit’ From the boys and girls of the old brigade, 1919
- Xmas Greetings, 6th Aust. C.C.S. A.A.M.C. A.I.F., 1942 [Two Cards]
- Seasons Greetings, 1943 to 1944, from Private S.R. Gerrard
Folder 4

John D Fryer: Certificates, keepsakes and drawings

- Three certificates awarded to John D Fryer for academic achievement at the Rockhampton Boys’ Grammar School
- Poster: ‘Female Obelisk. A simple-ton of learning, so aged and wise, Finds fit representation in the obelisk guise’
- John D Fryer, Results of Examinations, Rockhampton Grammar School, 1911 to 1912
- Certificate of Commission as an Officer in the Defence Force of the Commonwealth, 1 Jul 1920
- Invitation to Mr J Fryer from ‘His Excellency the Governor at Home’ 28 Apr [1920?]
- Menu: ‘Dinner tendered to Brisbane University Football Team by the University Amateur League Football Club, Burlington Café, 12 Jun 1920’
- In memoriam card: John Denis Fryer (Lieut. A.I.F) Who Died 7th February, 1923 from the effects of gas received in France, aged 27 years
- Rockhampton Boys’ Grammar School bookplate devised in honour of John D Fryer and awarded for proficiency in French and English

Folder 5

Correspondence, photos, in memoriam notices re Alexis Macmillan

Miscellaneous publications

- Box: Complete Works of Shakespeare. Presented to JD Fryer by Boys’ Grammar School, Rockhampton as third prize, fifth form, Christmas, 1910
- Souvenir of Cairo and its Environs with 32 environs
- Military field map – Valenciennes 12 Edition 2 Belgium
- Military field map – British and German Trench lines as at 24 Jun 1918
- Military field map – St Quentin, France
- Military field map – Amiens, France [includes handwritten notes]
- Military field map – Villers Bretonneux region
- Lieutenant John D Fryer’s officer training pocket book re strategy
- Lieutenant John D Fryer’s officer training notebook re munitions and weaponry

Box 3

Miscellaneous realia

- One box containing military insignia, buttons, ribbons and medals
- One framed photograph of JS and ES Gilmour, Bundaberg, 1944
Folder 1

- Remnants of brooch presented to Elizabeth Gilmour [née Fryer], before her marriage, by an admirer who was later killed ‘from a horse’, 1980
- Certificate: Queensland Public Service Examination, presented to John James Sparks, Nov 1914
- Examination supervision papers
- Miscellaneous envelopes and stamp collections

Folder 2

- Letter to Aunty Kathleen from Alexis Gilmour, 10 Dec 1933, with attached note and envelope dated 1990
- Postcard to Mum from Henry Fryer, 25 Mar 1917
- Photograph, Uncle Bill Fryer’s Ford, Springsure, nd
- Photograph, baby, nd
- Photograph, Graham K and Grandma Fryer, Eunice Gilmour behind and “Toby”, nd
- Photograph, Grandma Fryer in her youth, nd
- Photograph, Charles George Fryer with Eunice Gilmour, nd
- Photograph, Charles George Fryer Senior to left of flag, Springsure Railway Station, John Denis to open door (?), nd
- Photograph, Charles George Fryer (Senior) when younger, nd
- Photograph, Nurses Quarters [Springsure], nd
- Photograph, Old Hospital [Springsure], nd
- Photograph, Springsure Hospital, nd

Folder 3

- Christmas card, nd
- Embroidered postcard from Henry [Fryer] to Liz, 11 Mar 1917
- Postcard from H Renault to Mr Fryer, 1 Feb 1918
- Postcard, 6CLR Australian Commonwealth Military Force, unsigned, nd
- 4 postcards, blank, depicting various soldiers and camps
- Postcard, JD Fryer, signed ‘love to u from Jack’, nd
- Postcard, blank, JD Fryer’s grave
- Postcard, blank, Private Charles George Fryer, nd
- Postcard from Grace to Will, 8 Jul 1918
- Photograph, Elizabeth and Bill, nd
- Photograph, Staffield Hall (Cumberland, Jack invited here), nd
- Postcard from Liz Fryer to Jack Fryer, 16 Mar 1909
- Postcard, St John’s cricket, 1920
- Postcard, St John’s cricket, 1921
- 3 postcards, cricket and rugby teams
- Postcard from Will Fryer to Mum, nd
- Postcard, ‘Hospital in England where Uncle Henry was’, nd
- Photograph, Rose Cottage?, nd
- Photograph, Will Fryer, nd
- 2 photographs of soldiers, nd
- 2 photographs of rugby teams, nd
- 2 photographs of house, nd
- Photograph, Steve West, nd
- Photograph, May Miller, nd
- Photograph, nurse Alice Kemp, nd
- Postcard, ‘The clutching hand Fred’, Jul 1918
- 3 portraits, Charles George Fryer, nd

Folder 4
Crochet work by Mrs Eliza Fisher in memory of Charles Fryer, with letter from A R Lear, 1981

Folder 5
Memorial Plaque, Charles George Fryer

Monographs
- In Memoriam All who made The Supreme Sacrifice in the Great war 1914-1918
- 52nd Battalion Australian Imperial Force – addressed to [John Fryer] and prefaced by JL Witham, Lieut. -Colonel, Commanding 52nd Battalion, AIF
- Folder: Contains a partly preserved booklet of ten poems by HM Morris and one poem by Percy Ranninger 1915 to 1916.
- Roll of Honour and Roll of Service 1914-1919, (Brisbane, Government Printer, 1919)
- Perry. Grace, Staring at the Stars (Sydney, The Author, 1943)
- The Diggers Annual. Sons of ANZACS. Tales of Diggers –Old and New ([Sydney], Regent Press, 194?)
Journals

- *The Rockhampton Grammar School Magazine*, Michaelmas, 1910
- *The Rockhampton Grammar School Magazine*, Michaelmas, 1911
- *The Rockhampton Grammar School Magazine*, Vol. IX, No. 6, Jun 1924
- *Argo*, 1954

Photographs

1. Portrait John D Fryer. Oval Photograph Mounted on Hardboard
2. Rockhampton Boys Grammar School. JD Fryer Seated Second Row, Extreme Right
3. Rockhampton Boys Grammar School, 1909. JD Fryer, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Row, 3\textsuperscript{rd} From Left
4. Rockhampton Boys Grammar School, JD Fryer Seated Extreme Right
5. Rockhampton Grammar School Rifle Team, 1911
6. Cadets [?] and Officer. JD Fryer, Front Second From Left, Perroux Photo
7. Rockhampton Grammar School First Fifteen, 1911
8. Rockhampton Grammar School Cricket Team, 1912
9. Rockhampton Boys Grammar School, First Fifteen, 1913
10. Rockhampton Boys Grammar School, Tennis Four, 1913
11. Rockhampton Grammar School, 1\textsuperscript{st} XI, 1913 to 1914
12. Toowoomba Committee of the School of Instruction
13. Kings College Students Club, 1914
14. John Denis Fryer, 1915
15. St John's College, 1915. JD Fryer Standing Rear, 2\textsuperscript{nd} From Right
16. Second Old School, Springsure, Prior 1916
18. Lieut. JD Fryer in charge, Springsure Returned Men
19. Annie Margaret Wheeler
20. Lieutenant JD Fryer welcoming Mrs Wheeler (MBE), Annie Laurie at Springsure Railway Station. Copy one of two
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56  St John’s College 1940, 41. [Group Portrait]
57  Mrs Elizabeth Stuart Gilmour [née Fryer]
58  Fourteen miscellaneous photographs in an envelope reading; ‘The smaller of these were carried in [John D?] Fryer’s uniform pocket. Henry Fryer now has JD Fryer’s compass, which at this stage means nothing to my Mother [Elizabeth S Gilmour] as it is too small for her to see, Lex Lear, 1979’
59  Lex, Jack, Leonard and Stephanie Lear, Townsville, 1950 to 1951
60  Mrs E Gilmour Aged 87. Sister of JD Fryer. Picture Donated by Mr LC Fisher
61  L to R: Miss Eunice Gilmour, Mr John Fisher, Mrs E Gilmour, Springsure, 19 Jan 1972

Photographs with note by Fedora Fisher identifying them
62  ‘Springsure about the time Jack Fryer knew it’
63  Bundle of eight unidentified photographs
Parcel 1

Outsize items

- Large portrait photograph of John D Fryer [identical to #1 above, size: 32 cm x 26 cm]
- Photograph of Elizabeth Fryer [c. 1910?, size: 35 cm x 30 cm]
- Document confirming John Denis Fryer’s commission as Second Lieutenant, Land Forces, 25 Jan 1917 [transferred from Box 3]
- Australian O.C. Football Team, New College, Oxford, Played 15 matches, Won 11, Lost 3, Drew 1 [John D Fryer, 3rd row back, 3rd from right] [identical to #25 above, size: 45 cm x 31 cm] [information supplied by Alexis R. Lear, niece of John D Fryer, daughter of his sister, Mrs Elizabeth Gilmour]
- Rockhampton Agricultural Society, certificate awarded to JJ Sparkes for essay competition, second prize, 1913 [size: 45 cm x 36 cm]
- Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League (Qld. Branch), Shire of Banhinia, certificate issued to John Denis Fryer 'in grateful appreciation of his Services for King and Country in the Great War', 3 Jun 1921 [size: 50 cm x 32 cm]
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