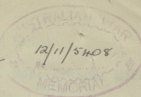


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Donor **W/O. H. Preston, Hon. Sec. R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub.-Branch, Ulmarra.**
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Records in respect of War Service of

2871 SGT. H. PRESTON.
9th Battalion. A.I.F.

Biographical Details

See - D.R.L. No.811 (2nd Series)

A.W.M. File No.

L/12/11/5408.

Date

30th March, 1938.

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Notebook containing experiences, training notes, &c.

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Invitation to Ball given by Members of
 9th Bn. A.I.F. Hotel de Ville. Chatelet,
 25/3/1919.

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WARRANT OFFICER H. PRESTON. 26

NOTE BOOK USED DURING GREAT WAR. 31

28th March, 1938.

Warrant Officer H. Preston,
C/- P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
P.O. Box 30,
ULMARRA, N.S.W.

Recd.
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21st March, 1938.

Dear Mr. Preston,

I have to acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of the notebook you have been good enough to forward to the Australian War Memorial.

The accounts of the battles and other events in which you took part as well as the notes of musketry lectures will make it an interesting and valuable addition to the War Memorial collection and we are grateful to you for having made it available.

At an early date a formal acknowledgment in the name of the Board of Management will be sent. In the meantime I thought you would be glad to know that the book has safely reached its destination.

Yours sincerely,

Warrant Officer H. Preston,
C/- P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
P.O. Box 30,
HEMARRA. N.S.W.

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22nd February, 1958.

Dear Mr. Preston,

Towards the end of 1935 you were good enough to inform me that, while you would ultimately make available certain war records to the Australian War Memorial, you could not do so immediately as they were being used by you in connection with articles which you were contributing to "Reveille".

May I now venture to enquire if you are in a position to say when it will be convenient for you to forward the records to the Memorial?

I am making this enquiry with some diffidence as I do not wish to annoy you by unwelcome persistency. I fear, however, that if I do not write you may think that we have lost interest. In the circumstances it appeared to be best to approach you and to explain that the enquiry is being made because we would value the records you may be able to present and would not like to lose them simply through having failed to approach you at the opportune time.

I shall be grateful, therefore, if you will let me know if it will be convenient for you to make the records available in the near future or, if not, when I may write to you again about them.

Yours sincerely,

H. Preston, Esq.,
 C/- P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
 Hon. Secretary,
 R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
 P.O. Box 50,
ULMARRA, N.S.W.

P.A.	B.F.
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*As kept
much.*

L.12/11/5408

23rd November, 1936.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 17th November, 1935, it would be appreciated if you would, when you can conveniently do so, let me know whether you are yet in a position to make your records available for inclusion in the National Collection.

It is realised that your time is fully occupied and that a matter such as this must wait until you can spare the necessary time to devote to it. This inquiry is therefore being made with the object only of keeping in touch with the matter and not with the intention of pressing you, should your decision be favourable to the War Memorial, to make the desired records available sooner than may be convenient. It is earnestly hoped, however, that you will be able to see your way to make your collection available for the purpose mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

H. Preston, Esq.,
C/o P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
Box 30, P.O.,
ULMARRA, N.S.W.

Director.Mr. Masley

For information.

Director.

23/11/37.

P.A.	B.F.
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H/AC

25th November, 1935.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter of the 17th November from which it is noted with pleasure that at a slightly later date you expect to be in a position to assist the War Memorial by making available records relating to your war service. The receipt of any records which you may eventually find yourself able to present for preservation in the National collection will be awaited with much interest.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the sympathetic consideration which you have given to our appeal.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

H. Preston, Esq.,
C/o P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
Box 30, P.O.,
ULMARRA. N.S.W.

Mr. Bazley.

For information.

Director.

P. A.	B. F.
	<i>[Signature]</i>

17/11/36.

12/11/5408

H. Preston
Ulmarra N.S.W.
17th November 1935

Director War Memorial Offices
Dear Sir

In reply
to yours to hand & records I
am not quite ready to forward
any thing yet, I am writing articles
for "Reveille" I will certainly keep
you later,

Yours Faithfully
H. Preston

L12/11/5308

18th October, 1935.

Dear Sir,

In a letter dated 17th September, 1935, I ventured to enquire if you would assist in completing the national collection of war records by presenting any records you may possess, particularly those relating to your experiences and service throughout the war years. It is hoped that you are giving this request sympathetic consideration.

If you should have such records, and be desirous of retaining them, at least for the present, may I suggest that you should permit the War Memorial to make copies or extracts. Should the records be forwarded for that purpose, they would be acknowledged at once, the copying or extracting would be completed as quickly as possible, and the originals returned by registered post without delay.

Each week private war records of this nature are being received and it is hoped that you also will assist by replying favourably to this appeal.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

H. Preston, Esq.,
C/o P. C. Campbell, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
Box 30, P.O.,
ULMARRA. N.S.W.

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Donated Records List, No. **811** (Second Series).

Donor **Editor - "Reveille". R.S.S.I.L.A. N.S.W.**

Records in respect of War Service of
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9th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Biographical Details **Enlisted 10/6/15; joined 9th Battalion 19/1/16;**
Sergeant 26/9/17. Wounded 18/7/18. Left England for return
to Australia 12/5/1919.

A.W.M. File No. **L/12/11/5408** Date **17th October, 1935.**

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17th September, 1935.

Dear Mr. Bazley,

Many thanks for sending us the article by Sergeant H. Preston, which we have now added to our 9th Battalion records of Pozieres.

As you will note from the attached copy of our letter, we have now written to Preston inviting him to present his records to the War Memorial. We shall not fail to advise you of his response.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. W. Bazley,
c/o Official Historian,
Victoria Barracks,
PADDINGTON. N.S.W.

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Bazley

Particulars:-

2871, Sgt. Harold Preston, 9th Battalion.
 Enlisted 10/6/15. Joined 9th Battalion, 19/1/16.
 Sergeant 26/9/17. Wounded, in face, 18/7/18.
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L12/11/5408.

17th September, 35.

H. Preston, Esq.,
 c/o P.C. Campbell, Esq.,
 Hon. Secretary,
 R.S.S.I.L.A. Sub-branch,
 Box 30, P.O.,
ULMARRA. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

The Australian War Memorial as you are doubtless aware, has been established by Act of Parliament of the Commonwealth as the national memorial to those Australians, who, while serving with the forces, fell or died during the Great War, or whose deaths since its termination have been due to the results of active service.

In the library of the War Memorial there are preserved the written records. These, which include naval and New Guinea documents, the war-diaries and official records of the A.I.F., and a large collection of private diaries and letters, are now being studied by the official historians, and will through the centuries be the main source of information for those dealing with Australia's war effort.

For this reason I am writing to enquire whether you can see your way to present to the War Memorial library now, or bequeath to it later, any such records, papers, letters, diaries, photographs, etc., that you may possess, particularly those connected with your own experience and service throughout the war years, both in Australia and overseas. In addition, unit and troopship magazines, as well as books, pamphlets, or leaflets relating in any way to the war, would be gratefully received.

It is of course recognised that these documents are very precious to you and that, if kept in your family, they will be treasured by future generations. On the other hand, it may perhaps be reasonably held that, if included in a library such as the one being formed by the Australian War Memorial, they will be of even greater value to Australia as a whole and, in the long run, more tenderly and carefully preserved. In the case of letters, it is also realised that these must contain much of a private nature. The documents in the War Memorial Library, however, include many confidential State papers, and are well guarded, and only to be inspected by historians on conditions strictly laid down. The confidence imposed by these conditions has never been and is never likely to be broken.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. B. F.

M. R. Bazley.

For information.

Director.Director.

Dear Major Treloar.



You may like to keep these notes among the 9th Battalion records of Pozieres, ^{in which they have been incorporated,} Preston's article, may not appear in Revue until Aug. 1936, but I think these notes are worth preserving.

Yours sincerely

Ch. Byler

12/9/35.

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