

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION:	Deane, Percival Edgar (1890-1946)
ACCESSION NOS:	76/74 & 97/157
CATEGORY:	Other, individuals
ACTIVITY:	Public Servant Publisher Quartermaster of the 1st Australian Hospital in Egypt, 1914-1916. Private Secretary to William M. Hughes Prime Minister, 1916-1923.
DATE RANGE:	1914-1974
SIZE OF COLLECTION:	1.7 metres (10 archive boxes)
DATE OF TRANSFER:	1976, 1997
ACCESS CONDITIONS:	Open
HISTORICAL NOTE:	Percival Edgar Deane was born in Melbourne in 1890. Educated at University High School, he became a Methodist lay preacher, sold typewriters and, after learning shorthand, a clerk at the University of Melbourne. He also founded and edited <i>Australian Golfer</i> . Enlisting in the AIF in 1914, he was posted to the 1 st Australian General Hospital in Cairo where he re-met (Sir) James Barrett, whom he had known earlier at the University. Together they published 'The Australian Army Medical Corps in Egypt' in 1918. The most significant event of his career was his appointment as Private Secretary to Prime Minister William Morris Hughes in November 1916, in which role he attended the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919. He became Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department in 1921, by then being regarded as the most influential public servant in Canberra. He was Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, 1929-1932, under Prime Minister Stanley Melbourne Bruce and then, his star now on the wane, a member of the War Pensions Entitlement Appeals Tribunal. Deane retired in 1936; he died in Melbourne in 1946.
DESCRIPTION:	The collection focuses on the correspondence between Deane and William Morris Hughes and other political figures from the period of WW1 until the foundation of Canberra as the national capital in 1927, and on the letters Deane sent to his wife, Ruth, when he was on overseas trips with Hughes. Also included autographs, notes, essays, debates, speeches, publications, press cuttings, menus, invitations, cards, drawings and photos.

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RELATED COLLECTIONS: Sir James Barrett

SERIES SUMMARY **Series no.** **Series Title**

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Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
1 - 3	1	Correspondence	1915-1947
1	1/1	Letters to Ruth Manning Deane from Percival Deane [Note Deane married Ruth Manning on 6 Oct 1917].	1917-1944
1	1/1/1	48 letters and telegrams to Ruth sent from Adelaide, Bendigo, Deloraine, Hobart, Katoomba, Melbourne, Sydney	26 Feb 1917 – 21 Dec 1917
1	1/1/2	19 interstate letters to Ruth	Nov - Dec 1917
1	1/1/3	18 cablegrams and telegrams to Ruth from Adelaide, Albury, Auckland, Capetown, Durban, London, New-York, Paris, Perth, Sydney	25 Apr 1918 - 29 Aug 1919
1	1/1/4	15 letters to Ruth before English trip. From Sydney	Feb - Apr 1918
1	1/1/5	21 letters to Ruth en route to England from Auckland and Honolulu, on board R.M.S. <i>Niagara</i> , Seattle. Railroad Vancouver to Washington, New-York.	30-04-1918 - 13-06-1918
1	1/1/6	44 letters to Ruth during English and Scottish trip	14 Jun 1918 – 02 Jan 1919 22 Jun 1919
1	1/1/7	15 letters to Ruth, sent from Paris. N.B.: incl photo of two unidentified men playing golf	18 Jan 1919 – 09 Jun 1919
1	1/1/8	18 letters to Ruth, sent from Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane, Ballarat, Woollongong	Oct 1919 - 27 Nov 1919
2	1/1/9	23 letters to Ruth Deane from Sydney, Adelaide.	Feb - Nov 1920
2	1/1/10	8 letters and telegrams to Ruth from Sydney	Mar 1921
2	1/1/11	26 letters and telegrams to Ruth during English trip, sent from Adelaide, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Colombo, Suez, Port-Said, Orvieto, Toulon, Gibraltar, London	20 Mar 1921 - 24 Sep 1921
2	1/1/12	23 letters to Ruth from Launceston, Sydney, 1922 With Bruce, 1923-1925	1922-1925
2	1/1/13	13 letters to Ruth en route to and from England	Sep – Dec 1926
2	1/1/14	14 letters, cablegrams and telegrams to Ruth from Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, New-York, Niagara, Suva, Sydney	Dec 1926 - May 1935
2	1/1/15	18 letters from Ruth to Percy In letter dated 20 Apr 1917 there is a photo of two women and a baby (Daphne Mayo, and ‘Connie,’ Constance Paul?) and a press cutting of Miss Constance Paul	1927-1928
2	1/1/16	46 letters to Ruth Deane. [All envelopes and letters includes Deane’s drawings and sometimes little stories]	1944
2	1/1/17	Typescript copies of letters to Ruth Deane from Percy [Note These are copies of the manuscript letters listed above]	1918-1919

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2	1/1/18	Typescript copies of letters to and from Percy Deane	1918-1932
3	1/2	Correspondence about business activities and the Army Medical Corps	1913-1917
3	1/2/1	11 letters re Deane's sale of his share of ownership in <i>The Australian Golfer</i> to Barry K. Taylor.	1913-1918
3	1/2/2	From 1st Australian General Hospital in Cairo. James Barrett's papers.	1914-1916
3	1/2/3	10 letters to James Barrett	1915-1918
3	1/2/4	Letter from Deane to the Clearing Hospital, Melbourne	1916
3	1/2/5	Correspondence about a strike by Egyptian hospital workers in Cairo	1916
3	1/3	Correspondence with William Morris Hughes	1916-1977
3	1/3/1	Letter by Deane to Hughes	1917
3	1/3/2	120 letters between Deane and Hughes	1916-1947
3	1/3/3	3 letters from Ruth Deane to Hughes after Percy's death	1977
3	1/4	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1915-1939
3	1/4/1	8 letters to (Sir) Frank Tait	1915-1916
3	1/4/2	5 letters to Mrs Amy Scott (of Tait family)	1915-1916
3	1/4/3	16 miscellaneous letters to and from Deane. Correspondents incl Stanley Melbourne Bruce, F.W. Hughes, Stan Cross, Harold Herbert and unidentified army personnel.	1916-1941
3	1/4/4	26 letters from Cairo. [These are love letters, from 'Helene', a French dancer, 'Hamida', an Egyptian woman, and unidentified others. Several incl photos of the correspondent].	1914-1922
3	1/4/5	2 letters and one telegram from 'Di' (Diana?):	1933
3	1/4/6	Autographed letters [or signatures torn from letters] addressed to Deane or W.M. Hughes or Mrs Hughes. [Note These letters were apparently collected and compiled by Deane for their autograph value. One letter/signature per name unless otherwise indicated in brackets]. Letters/signatures of: Aubrey Abbott JS Amery R. M. McC. Anderson Frank Anstey (2) A.J. Balfour Sir James Barrett Edmund Barton W.R. Birdwood (2) Maxwell Blake (American consul) RP Blundell	1912-1939

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		L. Botha	
		Lily Butler (artist, incl press cutting)	
		Dame Mabel Brookes	
		Joseph Cook (2)	
		Maria Corelli	
		Stan Cross (Smith's Newspaper)	
		Cunliffe	
		S. Cunningham (Editor, Melbourne <i>Argus</i>)	
		Lord Curzon	
		Hugh R. Denison	
		R.C. Munro Ferguson	
		Andrew Fisher (4)	
		Claude Fleming (?)	
		John Forrest (4)	
		Lord Forster (2)	
		Alfred Frith	
		R. M. Garran (2)	
		Mary Gilmore (3)	
		Sir Henry Gullett	
		Bert Hinkler	
		W.A. Holman	
		Elbert Hubbard	
		W. M. Hughes and Mary Hughes (3)	
		Frank G. Indoe	
		W.H. Irvine	
		Isaac S. Isaacs (2)	
		Daisy Isaacs	
		Augustus John (2)	
		H. Campbell Jones	
		Sir George Handley Knibbs	
		Adrian Knox (Chief Justice)	
		Thomas W. Laby	
		George Lambert	
		Harry Lauder	
		A. Bonar Law.	
		Henry Lawson	
		Linlithgow (Head quarters 3e Corps)	
		Joseph Aloysius Lyons	
		Sir Bertram Mackennal (2)	
		Keith Murdoch	
		Charles Marr	
		W. Massy Greene (3)	
		Nellie Melba (5 and a press cutting)	
		E.D. Miller	
		Syd Miller (2)	
		Viscount Milner (2)	
		John Monash (3)	
		Sir Newton James Moore	
		Alice Northcote	

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		King O'Malley (Minister of Home Affairs)	
		Earle Page	
		J.J. Parer	
		Esther Paterson	
		Christobel Pankhurst	
		Emmaline Pankhurst	
		G.F. Pearce	
		Ambrose Pratt	
		G. Ramaciotti	
		Lord Rosebery	
		[Archibald Philip] Rosebery	
		Violet Rutland	
		Tighe John Ryan	
		James Henry Scullin (Prime Minister)	
		C.D. Ross Smith (two ex libris dedicated to Percy)	
		General Smuts	
		General V. Sellheim	
		Edward Sherdon (Commonwealth Offices)	
		Wickham Steed.	
		W. Haig (British Armies in France).	
		Edward Wallington (Buckingham Palace).	
		John Wren	
		12 unidentified autographs	
		Press cuttings re Barry Jones' autograph collection	
3	1/4/7	Autograph Album	1909-1911
3	1/5	Postcards received by Ruth Deane	c.1958 - 1970
4	2	Speeches and articles	<1914-1931
		[Note Manuscripts and typescripts on a wide range of subjects, of Deane's public addresses and newspapers articles. It is not clear from the scripts themselves whether they were published or used as speeches].	
44	2/1	Speeches and articles:	Mostly undated but before 1914
	2/1/1	The single tax league, 5 p.	
	2/1/2	Evangelism, 18 p.	
	2/1/3	National education, 8 p.	
	2/1/4	Which is the greater moral force: fear or hope?, 13 p.	
	2/1/5	Which does more for human progress? Wealth or Intellect?, 11 p.	
	2/1/6	The budget and land question, 5 p.	
	2/1/7	Democracy, 5 p.	
	2/1/8	Prehistoric man, 9 p.	
	2/1/9	Enigm, 8 p (first page missing).	
	2/1/10	15p. about spirit and religion.	
	2/1/11	The evolution of trusts, 19 p.	
	2/1/12	Chicago, 11 p.	
	2/1/13	Are early marriages desirable under present social conditions, no! 6 little p.	
	2/1/14	An early marriages justifiable under existancy social	

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
		conditions?, 4 p.	
	2/1/15	Is Great Britain justified in limiting her armaments?	
	2/1/16	8 p. about History of Australia.	
	2/1/17	Lessons from Romans, 6 p.	
	2/1/18	Abolition of State governors, 8 p.	
	2/1/19	Armaments and arbitration, 19 p.	
	2/1/20	Force, 6 p.	
	2/1/21	Shakespeare in deeper mood Hamlet, 19 p.	
	2/1/22	The French Revolution, 8 p.	
	2/1/23	Gentlemen and ladies, 3 p.	
	2/1/24	Aristocracy. Does it do good or harm?, 18 p.	
	2/1/25	Mythology, 4 p.	
	2/1/26	The coal strike, 7 p.	
	2/1/27	The evolution of industry, 5 p.	
	2/1/28	Steel corporation.	
	2/1/29	Evolution from Nebula to Man.	
	2/1/30	Monism and dualism, 13 p.	
	2/1/31	Monism and dualism, 11 p.	
	2/1/32	The Judgment, 7 little p.	3 Oct 1909
	2/1/33	Untitled papers	
4	2/2	Speeches and articles :	Mostly undated but >1915-1931
	2/2/1	Speech about the transfer to Canberra, 10p.	
	2/2/2	Negro Spirituals, 10p.	
	2/2/3	Controlled area, 5p. Published in Smith's Weekly.	
	2/2/4	Where has the war left by Australia ?, 11p.	
	2/2/5	Politics as a hazardous occupation, 14p. Speech at Advertising Men's Institute.	
	2/2/6	Compulsory military training, 4p.	23 Mar 1925
	2/2/7	Has the pulpit greater influence than the press? 5p.	
	2/2/8	The prodigal son, 6p.	
	2/2/9	The tobacco company, 7p.	1925
	2/2/10	The social gospel, 5p.	
	2/2/11	On "scientific investigation and its relation to social service", 8p.	
	2/2/12	Socialism, 4p.	
	2/2/13	Text about army and war, 11p.	
	2/2/14	About the standard oil coy, 10p.	
	2/2/15	Right wrong-Follow the King, 4p.	
	2/2/16	The Referenda, 9p.	
	2/2/17	Live pure, 4p.	
	2/2/18	Speak true, 4p.	
	2/2/19	Atheism and politics, by the Monist, 6p.	
4	3	Stories and plays	1916-1918
	3/1	<i>Note</i> Typescript plays and stories written by Deane	

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		under the nom-de-plume 'Burnhard Sure' apparently as entertainments during his war service in the 1 st Australian General Hospital, Cairo. [One file]	
4	4	Press cuttings	1909-1974
4	4/1	Press cuttings about Deane.	1909
4	4/2	Articles by Deane from <i>Smith's Weekly</i> .	1934-1938
4	4/3	Australian press cuttings about Deane and Hughes from the Melbourne <i>Herald</i> , <i>The Times</i> , <i>The Sydney Mail</i> , <i>The Sun</i> , <i>The Morning Post</i> , <i>Punch</i> , Royal Australian Historical Society, <i>Smith's Weekly</i> , <i>Fact and Opinion</i> , <i>The Argus</i> , <i>Le Matin</i> , <i>The Bulletin and Listener In-TV</i> [The latter refers to a documentary on Hughes and Percy on ABC-TV 21 May 1974].	1916-1974
4	4/4	Press cuttings about Hughes	1917-1935
4	4/5	Press cuttings about Deane	1918-1946
4	4/6	Press cuttings about Shirley Deane Horsley [Deane's daughter] from <i>The Australian Women's Weekly</i> , <i>GMH</i> , <i>Canberra Times</i> , <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> .	1974
4	4/7	Articles by Frank Green on Hughes from <i>The Age Literary Supplement</i> .	1959
4	4/8	Sardine, in <i>The Bulletin</i> , 1915. Sidelights on an imperial conference, <i>Herald Melbourne</i> , 1927. Canberra skull, <i>Canberra Times</i> , 1931 AIF gives insurance, <i>Canberra Times</i> , 1931. [These presscuttings extracted from Speeches and Articles files]	1915-1931
5	5	Publications	1906-1921
		[Note Deane retained the significant publications pertaining to his various careers, starting with Army publications from his service in the 1 st Australian General Hospital in Cairo (1914-1916) and later, material relating to his role as Private Secretary to William Morris Hughes (1916-1923) which include copies of Hughes' speeches and the Versailles Peace Treaty].	1906-1921 (1954)
5	5/1	Report of Committee of Inquiry, Egypt. British Red Cross Society, Australian Branch, 1916, 56 p.	
5	5/2	Standing Orders for the Australian Army Medical Services, 1914, 93 p.	
5	5/3	Field service manual, Army Medical Service, 1913, 95pp.	
5	5/4	Regulations for the Army Medical Service, 1906, 183pp.	

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5	5/5	Hughes' speech to Parliament, 6 March 1917, (extract from <i>Hansard</i>), 18 p.	
5	5/6	Hughes' speech, Treaty of Peace, 10 September 1919, 9 p.	
5	5/7	Comments of the Report of the Commission of the Allied and Associated Governments as to the responsibility of the authors of the war, (proof before print) French and English, 1919.	
5	5/8	Treaty of Peace between the allied and associated powers and Germany, 1919, 95 p.	
5	5/9	Treaty of Peace between the allied and associated powers and Germany, 1919, 453 p, [cover, with maps and signatures in facsimile].	
5	5/10	'Kiaochow', (1919), 42 p.	
5	5/11	A Memorial of Keith J. Barrett (1891-1917), 1917, [with two photos of him and a photo of the 1 st Australian General Hospital, Cairo].	
5	5/12	'Academie diplomatique internationale', (Paris, n.d.), [in French], 16 p.	
5	5/13	'Anthropology and the government of subject races', 1921, 12 p.	
5	5/14	Extract from unidentified play [photocopy], 5 p.	
5	5/15	<i>The Australian Golfer</i> , September 15, 1914.	
6	5/16	'Conditions de Paix-Conditions of Peace'. Two copies, one signed by Hughes, the other by Deane.	
6	5/17	'The Cell' by Brian Shannon [a script for a proposed documentary of the Prime Ministership of W.M. Hughes].	
6	5/18	'The Billy Book', (Sydney, 1918) 20 pages of drawings.	
6	5/19	<i>Newsletter</i> of the Royal Australian Historical Society containing article by Claude McKay, 'Some reminiscences of William Morris Hughes', Apr 1969.	
6	5/20	'A Handbook for Nationalists, Containing useful information about Labour's record in office in Queensland, 1915-1918', (Brisbane, 1918)	
6	5/21	'The Oppressed English', by Ian Hay, (Sydney, 1918), 49 p. [Dedicated to Hughes].	
6	5/22	Visit to Australia of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, 1920, 131 p.	
6	5/23	Parliamentary Debates, second session 1922, 229 p.	
6	5/24	'The Round Table', 1926, 451 p.	
6	5/25	An hour with Hetty, by B.M. Deane, 1961. Dedicated "To Wendy with love from Daddy, 25-5-61". [Hetty is Mary Lindsay].	

[Note A copy of 'The Parliamentary Government of the Commonwealth of Australia', by L.F. Crisp, (2nd ed. 1954) was amongst this collection but as it was

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		badly damaged by mould and insects it was discarded by the archivist].	
7	6	Government Inquiries [Note The two inquiries were ones in which Deane was personally implicated].	1920-1925
7	6/1	Sugar Inquiry	1920-1923
7	6/1/1	Joint committee of public accounts, explanation about credit.	1922-1923
7	6/1/2	Letters of support and congratulations.	1923
7	6/1/3	Publication: 'Royal Commission in connexion with Sugar purchases by the Commonwealth through Mr Davis in September and October 1920', 1923. Letters and notes concerning Sugar Inquiry:	1923
7	6/1/4	Negotiations re sugar orders, 1920. Letter of Bruce to Deane, 23-08-1923. Letter of Deane to Bruce, 21 and 23-08-1923. Letters from the Public Service Board of Commissioners, 1923.	1920-1923
7	6/1/5	Press cuttings about Sugar Purchases Inquiry, 1923.	
7	6/2	Telegram Leakage Inquiry	1925
7	6/2/1	Typewriters from Inter departmental Board of Inquiry.	
7	6/2/2	Letter from Brown, Deane, Knowles to Prime Minister.	18-29 Sep 1925 2 Oct 1925
7	6/2/3	Speech from House of Representatives (Bruce).	17 Sep 1925
7	6/2/4	Press cuttings.	17-18 Sep 1925
7	7	Maps	
7	7/1	Ethnographical maps of Central and South Eastern Europe and Western Asia	1919
7	7/2	South Pacific	
7	7/3	Northern Territory	
7	7/4	Canberra	
8	8	Personal documents & items [Note The documents and items all pertain to Deane].	1903-1935
8	8/1	Diary. Notes in shorthand writing. A letter and transcription of shorthand.	1 Jan -12 Apr 1915
8	8/2/1	Personal documents: Certificate of Merite Memorandum for Deane, Education department Letter from Federal Commercial College for Business Training Extract of birth entry Certificate of discharge.	1903-1942 1903 1904 1905 1916 1916

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		Certificate of marriage.	6 Oct 1917
		Curriculum vitae	1915-1916
		Curriculum vitae	1914-1932
		Thank you letter to Deane from Stanley Melbourne Bruce	1917
		Personal items	
8	8/2/2	Soldier's pay book	1914-1916
		Pocket diary [in shorthand]	1918
		Appointment of special constable	1919
		Passport	1918
		National ration book	1919
		2 Official passes to Peace Congress in Paris, one with an ID photo of Deane	1918
		Driver's Licence	1919
		Member's card and Rules of Kit Cat Club, London	c.1919
		Deane's own visiting cards	n.d.
		Empty leather wallet, inscribed 'P.E. Deane, C.M.G'	
		2 small commemorative leather wallets issued for the establishment of the government in Canberra	1927
		The Food Preservers' Union of Australia: Victorian Branch Rules (booklet)	1942
8	8/3	Autobiographical notes by Deane of his school days entitled 'History of the "Brotherhood of Death"' incl snapshot of 'the brotherhood'.(7 pp.)	n.d.
8	8/4	Sketch book with 75 drawings.	1908-
8	8/5	Drawings of Deane on tracing-paper and paper. Photo of an Albanian, a boat, Parliament House and Flinders Street.	
8	8/6	6 original caricature sketches of Deane (x 3), Stanley Melbourne Bruce, George Reid and Canberra. One copy of caricature sketch of the first Canberra press gallery	c. 1920s 1927
8	8/7/1 – 8/7/2	Menu cards and programmes for formal dinners and events attended by Deane. [Many of the cards are autographed].	1918-1927
8	8/8	Invitation cards and letters received by Deane	1913-1932
9	8/9	5 journals with notes by Deane in shorthand. [Three with English transcriptions (by Shirley Deane?); they are notes on John Keats, literary criticism and the history of the English language]. One notepad with notes in both shorthand and English.	1932-1935
10	9	Photographs	1919-1928
10	9/1	Photos of William M. Hughes	1919
10	9/2	Military photos (Hughes)	1919
10	9/3	Photos of delegates to the Paris Peace Conference (7)	1919
10	9/4	Portrait of Stanley Melbourne Bruce and photos of Mr	1926

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		and Mrs Bruce with Canadian Prime Minister and Canadian Cabinet	
10	9/5	Photography of Deane, friends, family, house, landscape (little ones).	
10	9/6	Photography of Deane, friends, family (big portraits).	
10	9/7	Photos of entertainers	1924-1928
10	9/8	Photos of Egypt (commercial copies)	1914 - 1916

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