

William George Abraham WWI Postcards, 1914 – 1915

Repository Code: IE LHA

Collection Reference Code: PP00309A/

Title: William George Abraham WWI Postcards

Dates: 1914, May 1915

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 2 items

Name of Creator(s): William George Abraham

Admin/Biographical History: William George Abraham (1895 – 1916), or Willie as he was better known, joined the Royal Irish Rifles in Dublin in 1914 when he was nineteen years of age. He was the son of John and Susan Abraham of the Drogheda Road, Collon, County Louth. He was the brother of Isaac and Ned (Edward) and of his sister May. William George Abraham attained the rank of Lance-Corporal, in the Royal Irish Rifles. His regiment was later absorbed into the 7th Brigade of the Machine Gun Corps. William George Abraham was killed in action on 21st May 1916 at Vimy Ridge, France.

Archival History: This collection was acquired by private donation in July 2010.

Scope and Content: The collection contains two postcards: one is of William George Abraham and was a standard issued to a soldier when he first enlisted in the army; the other postcard was written by William George Abraham while he was stationed in France to his sister May of the Drogheda Road, Collon.

Subject index: First World War; Royal Irish Rifles; World War I

Appraisal & Destruction: Retain permanently

Accruals: No further accruals are currently expected.

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System of Arrangement: Items are arranged in chronological order.

Conditions of Access: Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

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Language/Script of Material: English

Physical Characteristics: Paper. Good condition.

Technical Requirements: Careful handling required

Finding Aids: Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Existence & Location of Originals: Louth County Archives Service

Existence & Location of Copies: Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Related Material:

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA LCC/MB/001/ Louth County Council Minute Books

Publications:

- Hall, Donal, *The Unreturned Army: County Louth Dead in the Great War 1914-1918*, County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, 2005
- Ireland's Memorial Records 1914 – 1918

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Descriptive List

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Sepia-tone postcard of William George Abraham depicting his photograph at the centre of the Union Flag with the vignette of the Royal Irish Rifles over his head. He is surrounded on each side by two pennant flags bearing the battle honours of the Regiment. Underneath the portrait of William, is a small portrait of Lord Kitchener, placed at a point directly centre of a scroll which bears the inscription “Kitchener’s Army” and the year 1914. The postcard was a standard issued to a soldier when he first enlisted in the army. The back of the postcard is not written on and it was produced by BB Studios of 16 Henry Street in Dublin.

1914

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1 item

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Coloured postcard sent from William George Abraham to his sister Miss May Abraham, Collon, County Louth. The message reads: ‘Dear May, it is near time to write to yourself, isn’t it. I hope that you are quite well and going to school every day. How is poor “Snap”. Hope you will like this card. Don’t forget to write me a long letter. Good bye. With best love from your loving brother Billie xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx’

The image of the postcard depicts a dog looking at a girl eating a sweet with the title ‘Ask nicely, and you will get it’ (also in French). The sender has written ‘Snap’ on the dog and ‘May’ on the girl. Snap was Abraham’s dog.

The postcard, number 718 from the ‘DOGGIE’ series, was produced by Inter-Art Company, Kinofilm House, 6 and 7, Red Lion Square, London WC.

10 May 1915

Level: item

1 item