

# ARMY MUSEUM OF TASMANIA

Collection Guide – AMT 6

Lance Sergeant Basil Cox Collection

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Basil Cox was born in Hobart in 1913 and enlisted with the Australian Army in July 1940. He served in North Africa for two years including with the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian General Hospital. After returning to Australia he was based in the Atherton Tablelands for eighteen months before embarking for New Guinea in September 1944 with the 2/46th Light Aid Detachment attached to the 17th Infantry Brigade of the 6th Division.

For his service during World War 2 Basil Cox was awarded the 1939 - 1945 Star, Africa Star with 8th Army Clasp, Pacific Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939 - 1945 and Australian Service Medal 1939 - 1945.

## 2. PAPERS – Basil Cox

2/1 War Diary including: -

- Diary 1 from 17<sup>th</sup> July 1940 (Anglesea Barracks) to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1942 (Petra, Jordan)
- Loose papers from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1942 (Petra, Jordan) until 7<sup>th</sup> June 1942 (Becharre, Lebanon)
- Summary diary 1941 until 1945 (copy)

2/2 Ephemera including: -

- Hymn sheet for Evangelical Meeting, HMT Windsor Castle 21<sup>st</sup> March 1941, Red Sea near Suez

2/3 Annotated backing to photograph taken in 1943 with history of service.

## 3. PHOTOGRAPHS – Basil Cox

3/1 Photographic albums including: -

- “Wartime No 1” – Brighton, Seymour, Melbourne, Bombay
- “Wartime No 2” – Bombay, Poona, Egypt, Tobruk, Palestine
- “Wartime No 3” – Palestine, Jerusalem, Syria, Beirut, Tel Aviv
- “Wartime No 4” – Miscellaneous – Middle East, Atherton Tablelands, New Guinea
- “War Years – The Convoy 1941”
- War Period – India, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jerusalem under snow”
- “The War Years – Petra”

3/2 Handmade stereo photographs from the Middle East, 1941 and 1942, some hand coloured.

3/3 Postcards including Ceylon, Egypt,

3/4 Negatives relating to Petra

#### **4. OTHER**

4/1 Various material includes: -

- New Testament published by Oxford Press, 1898. Presented to Mr Leslie Ellis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Contingent on his departure from the Council of Churches for Southern Tasmania, Hobart 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1900
- Kodak Wallet – London Photo Service, Alexandria, Egypt