Researching Australian military service: Army Chaplains, First World War

Lists of names


Official records

Official records held at the Memorial relating to chaplains include:

- **AWM25 177/1**, Correspondence on establishments of chaplains, administrative instructions for chaplains and Senior Chaplains.
- **AWM25 117/2**, Nominal roll of chaplains in Egypt 1916. Also a nominal roll of chaplains after January 15th 1918 in various units.
- **AWM10 4306/2/5**, Correspondence regarding individual chaplains and their placements, resignations, unit establishments in England and France.

Records relating to chaplains are also held at the National Archives of Australia. These can be found using the Archives' RecordSearch database [www.naa.gov.au/collection/search/]. RecordSearch help is available on the Archives website. Other relevant records include:

- **MP150/1, 431/202/177 Part 1**, Chaplains appointed to RAN and RANVR [Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve] 1911-1913
- **MP150/1, 431/202/177 Part 2**, Chaplains appointed to RAN and RANVR [Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve] 1913-1959

Private records

The Memorial holds more than 100 private records and manuscripts relating to chaplains. Private records series 1DRL includes papers from individual chaplains collected at the request of John Treloar. These documents can be found by searching the Memorial's Collection Search [www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search] using the name of the chaplain or the keywords “chaplain” or “padre”.

Published sources

- John Bond, *The army that went with the boys: a record of Salvation Army work with the AIF* (Melbourne: Salvation Army Headquarters, 1919).

**Other resources**

• Maitland Woods papers held in the State Library of Queensland
  Digitised collection of letters written during the First World War.
  [onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au/primo_library/libweb/action/dlDisplay.do?vid=SLQ&docId=slq_digitool374016]

• David John Garland papers held in the State Library of Queensland

• Transcript of a Radio National program on Army chaplains highlighting the story of Anglican Senior Chaplain Pitt-Owen.
  [www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/encounter/padres3a-australias-ww1-military-chaplains/5632226]