

Finding Aid for Colac ARP Collection

Collection Summary

Title:	Colac ARP (Air Raid Precautions)
Date Range:	1939 - 1944
Call Number:	363.35099457
Extent:	50 items
Location:	Alfred Deakin Prime Ministerial Library, Deakin University Geelong Waterfront Manuscripts Collection ADPML SPMSS

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains documents and ephemera belonging to Mr A. L. Davidson, ARP Area Warden for Area No. 5 (West) in the Borough of Colac. Documents include personal correspondence and ephemera relating to ARP activities in the Borough of Colac, 11 editions of ARP Review magazine, published books and pamphlets on ARP measures and first aid, published and hand written training materials, advertisements, newspaper clippings and pamphlets on ARP activities in Australian and abroad.

Background

In 1938 The Department of Defence embraced civil defence as part of their responsibilities, and established Air Raid Precaution (ARP) organisations around Australia. Operating under State emergency services authorities, the ARP was a civil defence organisation designed to protect civilian populations from the dangers of air raid attacks. Supported by government and non-government organisations, ARP volunteers were encouraged to remain at a constant state of readiness for attack, undertaking training in first aid, chemical weapons, bombs and evacuation procedures. ARP volunteers provided support to the population in adherence to regulations introduced during World War II. As an Area Warden in the Borough of Colac from April 1942, Mr A. L. Davidson was an active member of the ARP. Whilst Area No. 5 (West) never received any direct threat from the enemy, this collection of personal papers, official documents, and pamphlets provides a rare insight into the diligent efforts of authorities and individuals to maintain a state of constant readiness in the face of potential invasion or attack.

Arrangement

Documents are grouped into five categories with sub-categories under categories 1 and 5:

1. Borough of Colac ARP
 - Mr A.L. Davidson
 - Borough of Colac ARP activities
 - Training
2. ARP training materials - general
3. ARP Review magazine
4. Legislation
5. Public information
 - ARP preparedness
 - First aid
 - War news
 - Advertisement

Access

Available for use within the Alfred Deakin Prime Ministerial Library Reading Room, Geelong Waterfront Campus, Deakin University.

List of Items

CATEGORY 1: BOROUGH OF COLAC ARP						
Sub Category: Mr A. L. Davidson						
<i>Number</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1a	Letter	Dear Mr Davidson, A.R.P. Services	Borough of Colac, A. B. Jones	1-Apr-42	1 page	Letter confirming appointment of A.L.Davidson to position of Area Warden for Area No 5 (West)
1b	Ephemera	A.R.P. Name Badges	assumed owner - A.L. Davidson		2 items	Blue arm badges with red printing and white ties
1c	Document	Area 5	unknown	nd	1 page	Handwritten list of Wardens for Colac Area No. 5
1d	Sheet of blotting paper (imprint)	A. Bilson	assumed owner - A.L. Davidson	nd	1 page	List of Wardens for Colac Area No. 5
1e	Documents	Area 5	assumed owner - A.L. Davidson	nd	8 pages	Handwritten lists of Area 5 Wardens, notes re non-compliance with Lighting Restriction Order
1f	Plans	Various	unknown	nd	4 pages	Street plans within Area No. 5 Section C
1g	Letter and plan	Dear Sir, Re: Evacuation Plans	Mr W. G. Holzgreffe	19/06/1942	2 pages	Letter to Mr Davidson with plan of Sector 5B
1h	Letter and plan	Mr Davidson	Mr A. Parker	circa 1942	2 pages	Letter to Mr Davidson with plan of Sector 5A

1i	Document	Sector. Sector Warden. Patrol Wardens...	unknown	nd	1 page	List of Sector Wardens, Patrol Wardens, and Reserve Wardens for Sectors 5A to 5E
CATEGORY 1: BOROUGH OF COLAC ARP						
Sub Category: Borough of Colac ARP Activities						
1j	Flyer	Air Raid Precautions: Are you a member of the Borough of Colac A.R.P Services?	Borough of Colac	nd	1 page	Recruitment flyer and registration form
1k	Form	A.R.P Census Householder's Statement	Borough of Colac	nd	2 pages	
1l	Letter	Re Evacuation Plans	Borough of Colac	5/06/1942	1 page	Letter to Householder re evacuation plan and preparedness
1m	Newspaper clipping	Air Raid Precautions	Colac Herald	3/04/1942	1 column	
1n	Newspaper clipping	Air Raid Precautions: Wardens Meet	Colac Herald	6/06/1942	1 column	
1o	Newspaper clipping	Air Raid Precautions: Results of Examinations for Wardens	Colac Herald	1942	1 column	
CATEGORY 1: BOROUGH OF COLAC ARP						
Sub Category: Training						
1p	Public Notice	Air Raid Precautions	Borough of Colac, A.B. Jones	12/10/1939	1 page	Notification of ARP training
1q	Training Materials	Course in Air Raid Precautions	Borough of Colac	nd	22 pages	
1r	Training Materials	Training Course for A.R.P. Wardens	Borough of Colac	nd	3 pages	
1s	Training Materials	Course of Lectures, Air Raid Precautions	Borough of Colac	1939	11 pages	
1t	Training	Persistent Gases / Non	Unknown	1942	11 pages	

	Materials	Persistent Gases / Diagnosis Chart fo Cases Due to Gas				
1u	Training Materials	No title	Various	1942	45 pages	First aid training notes and activities, handwritten and typed
1v	Training Materials	Use of Articles in First Aid Kits	Unknown	Unknown	1 page	
CATEGORY 2: ARP TRAINING MATERIALS - GENERAL						
2a	Book	Air Raid Precautions: Manual of General Training (Fourth Edition)	State Emergency Council for Civil Defence, Victoria	Aug-41	72 pages	
2b	Supplement	Air Raid Precautions: Supplement to Manual of General Training (Fourth Edition)	State Emergency Services, Victoria	Mar-42	8 pages	
2c	Booklet	Air Raid Precautions: Advice to Householders	Government of Victoria	1941	48 pages	
CATEGORY 3: ARP REVIEW						
3a	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 5.	Government of Victoria	Aug-42	16 pages	
3b	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 6	Government of Victoria	Sep-42	16 pages	
3c	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 7.	Government of Victoria	Oct-42	16 pages	
3d	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 8	Government of Victoria	Nov - Dec 1942	16 pages	
3e	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 9.	Government of Victoria	Jan-43	16 pages	
3f	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 10.	Government of Victoria	Feb - Mar 1943	20 pages	

3g	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 11.	Government of Victoria	Apr - May 1943	20 pages	
3h	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 12.	Government of Victoria	Jun - Jul 1943	16 pages	
3i	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 13.	Government of Victoria	Aug - Sep 1943	16 pages	
3j	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 14	Government of Victoria	Dec-43	15 pages	
3k	Magazine	A.R.P. Review, No. 15	Government of Victoria	Feb - Mar 1944	15 pages	
CATEGORY 4: LEGISLATION						
4a	Public Notice	Victoria Government Gazette, No. 214	Government of Victoria	10/06/1942	12 pages	Announcement of State of Victoria Lighting Restriction Order No. 3
CATEGORY 5: PUBLIC INFORMATION						
Sub Category: ARP Preparedness						
5a	Booklet	Advising the Public in the Event of Invasion: Notes for the Guidance of Police and Air Raid Wardens	Department of Home Security	Feb-42	8 pages	
5b	Pamphlet	Incendiary Attack On Farm and Field	Rural Fire-Fighting Services	nd	8 pages	
5c	Newspaper clipping	Novel Shiled for A.R.P.	Melbourne Herald	8/04/1942	1 column	
5d	Pamphlet	"The Australasian" ARP Charts	The Australasian	nd	8 pages	Reprints of household instructions on ARP including window blackout, lighting, air raid shelters, trenches, firefighting and refuge rooms
5e	Form	Application to Enrol. - Men	State Emergency	nd	2 pages	

			Services (Victoria)		(duplicate)	
CATEGORY 5: PUBLIC INFORMATION						
Sub Category: First Aid						
5f	Book	A First Book of First Aid In Peace and WAR	Monica Salmond	194x	64 pages	
5g	Book	First Aid Through Photographs	L.S. Michaelis	1941	64 pages	
5h	Training Materials	The Triangular Bandage and How to Apply It	St. John Ambulance Association	nd	2 pages	
CATEGORY 5: PUBLIC INFORMATION						
Sub Category: War News						
5i	Leaflet	Miracle in the Mediterranean	Australian Association of British Manufacturers	Jan-43	2 pages	Accounts of British activities in the Mediterranean during WWII
5j	Pamphlet	News Flashes from Czechoslovakia Under Nazi Domination, Release No. 166	Czechoslovak National Council of America	4/01/1943	4 pages	
5k	Pamphlet	News Flashes from Czechoslovakia Under Nazi Domination, Release No. 167	Czechoslovak National Council of America	11/01/1943	4 pages	
5l	Pamphlet	I Have Lived in Japan: An Address by Joseph C. Grew	Department of Information	1942	5 pages	Transcript of broadcast by Joseph C. Grew, former American Ambassador to Japan on Japanese military activities during WWII
CATEGORY 5: PUBLIC INFORMATION						
Sub Category: Advertisement						
5m	Advertisement	Anti-Blast Adhesive	Sherwin-Williams A.R.P. Products	nd	1 page	

