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Transcribing the past



European War Collecting project

- Began collecting diaries & letters in 1918
- 'Good prices for good material'
- 'to make available later on to the students of history, artists, poets and others, the occurrences and the feelings that the men experienced in the great struggle.'



Challenge

- Providing online access to the WWI collections
- Releasing the rich content from the handwritten pages through transcriptions
- Providing a simple search tool across all diaries & letters
- Delivering content ready for the Centenary of WWI program



Outcome

- Over 69,000 pages transcribed from the WWI collections
- Over 600 volumes of diaries & letters available online with full transcriptions
- Over 50 Library volunteers involved in the project
- An online transcription tool suitable for a range of manuscript collections





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Any questions?



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