

## 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.'

# SOLDIERS' PRIVATE DIARIES.

Australasian Soldiers who have kept Diaries at the Front are notified that THE MITCHELL LIBRARY. SYDNEY, desires to purchase suitable ones for preservation in the State Archives. Good prices for good material.—Address, H. N. SOUTHWELL, c/o this office.

For the Trustees,—W. H. IFOULD,
Principal Librarian.



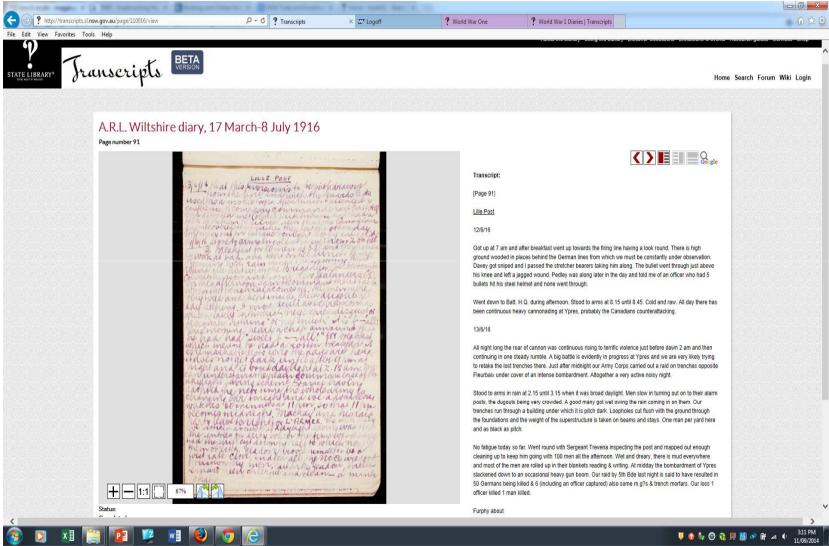
#### Challenge

- 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





## **Transcription Tool**





#### 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







## Any questions?



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