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BAGOT, Edward Daniel Alexander

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Series List

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Edward Daniel Alexander Bagot (1893-1968), educated Lowestoft and Framlingham Colleges, England, was one of the first students of wireless telegraphy under Marconi, and was wireless operator on the Marconi Line 1910-1913. He was on duty on the R.M.S. Olympic in April 1912, when it was called to the assistance of the Titanic after the latter struck disaster on its maiden voyage.

In 1913 Bagot entered the Post Master General's Department (Adelaide), and in 1916 was appointed to the Wireless Signal Squadron in Mesopotamia, where he was stationed until 1919. In 1920 he returned to Mesopotamia and operated a commercial agency and transport business, and took an active interest in Masonic lodges there. On his return to Australia in 1925, he began Bagot's Overland Tours, a motor transport service between Adelaide and Darwin. When this venture failed, he became an agent for General Motors (Australia) Ltd., from 1927-1928, and began a series of small business ventures. From 1930 Bagot took an active interest in public affairs and that year founded the Citizen's League of South Australia, of which he was subsequently Hon. Organizer and General Secretary. In 1935 he unsuccessfully sought appointment as Commonwealth Trades Commissioner to the East. From 1938-1941 he was a Member of the Legislative Council for the Southern District and drew on this experience for a work entitled *The New M.P.* which was not accepted for publication, partly because of critical references to living personalities. In 1944 Bagot moved to Sydney, and from 1944-1963 was an agent (later production manager) for the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. In 1955 he began research on the career of George Selth Coppin ("father of Australian theatre") and in 1965 his book *Coppin the Great* was published by Melbourne University Press.

Bagot married in 1916 (two days prior to his departure for Mesopotamia) Christobel Ballantyne Bollen, daughter of Dr. Christopher Bollen of Adelaide. Their only son Edward Christopher, born 1922, educated St. Peters College, was commissioned as Flying Officer in the Pathfinder Force in 1941, and was killed in action during a bombing raid on Berlin in 1943.

The Bagot Papers (1881-1972) the gift of Mrs. Bagot and of John Bagot of North Adelaide, consist mainly of the personal correspondence and diaries of E.D.A. Bagot, his wife Christobel, and son Edward; the personal business and financial records of E.D.A. Bagot; correspondence and manuscripts relating to his literary interests, particularly his biography of George Selth Coppin and his (unpublished) autobiography, *Roaming Around*; photographs; and a small amount of material relating to his public affairs interests (Citizens' League of South Australia, Australian Listeners' League) and public and business offices (MIC 1938-1941, Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. manager 1944-1963). Photocopies of records relating to the Citizens' League of South Australia, the originals of which were donated by E.D.A. Bagot to the Australian National Library, have been added to the collection.

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Letters of E.D.A. Bagot to Christobel Ballantyne Bagot (Bollen). 1916-1968 and undated. 50 cm.	<u>1</u>
Letters of C.B. Bagot to Bollen family. 1913. 1 envelope.	<u>2</u>
Letters of C.B. Bagot to E.D.A. Bagot. 1915-1967. 25 cm.	<u>3</u>
Personal letters to E.D.A. and/or C.B. Bagot. 1907-1971 and undated. 25 cm. [Arranged chronologically. See Special List for major correspondents.]	<u>4</u>
Personal letters by E.D.A. and/or C.B. Bagot. 1917-1971. 1 envelope. [Copies and drafts.]	<u>5</u>
Correspondence relating to E.D.A. Bagot's appointment as wireless operator in the Wireless Signal Squadron, Mesopotamia. 1916. 1 envelope.	<u>6</u>
Correspondence relating to E.D.A. Bagot's war service. 1916-1918. 1 envelope.	<u>7</u>
Correspondence relating to E.D.A. Bagot's application for appointment as [Commonwealth Trade Commissioner to the East. 1935-1938. 6 folders. [Includes four copies of biographical sketch of E.D.A. Bagot.]	<u>8</u>
Correspondence relating to the death of Edward Christopher Bagot. 1944-1945. 1 envelope.	<u>9</u>
Correspondence with William Howey concerning attempts to gain the honour of Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George for E.D.A. Bagot. 1956-1958. 1 envelope.	<u>10</u>
Correspondence with Walter Walker, largely relating to shares in the Norfolk Island and Byron Bay Whaling Co. 1947 and 1956-1957. 1 envelope.	<u>11</u>
Correspondence with Lord Selkirk, United Kingdom Commissioner-General for South-East Asia. 1961-1970. 1 envelope.	<u>12</u>
Correspondence with Cathy Williamson relating to her book, <i>Falling Free</i> . 1963-1964. 1 folder.	<u>13</u>

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Correspondence etc. relating to E.D.A. Bagot's medical treatment under Repatriation Department entitlement. 1958-1968. 3 folders.	<u>14</u>
Correspondence relating to E.D.A. Bagot's membership of The Australian Society of Authors. 1967-1968. 1 envelope.	<u>15</u>
Miscellaneous official and business correspondence of E.D.A. and C.B. Bagot. 1911-1971. 2 envelopes.	<u>16</u>
Miscellaneous personal papers of E.D.A. Bagot, including birth and marriage certificates, draft of will, passport, commission as Justice of the Peace and wireless operator's certificate. 1893-1945. 1 envelope.	<u>17</u>
Miscellaneous personal papers of C.B. Bagot, including notes and press cuttings relating to her marriage, birth certificate, parents marriage certificate, examination papers, membership cards, lock of son Edward's hair, and miscellaneous printed items belonging to Christopher Bollen father) and Helen Bollen (sister). 1881-c.1940. 1 envelope.	<u>18</u>
Correspondence relating to the proposed publication of <i>The New M.P.</i> by E.D.A. Bagot. 1940. 1 envelope.	<u>19</u>
Manuscript of <i>The New M.P.</i> by E.D.A. Bagot. 1 folder.	<u>20</u>
Correspondence with Lucy Coppin and others relating to research on G.S. Coppin and publication of <i>Coppin the Great</i> by E.D.A. Bagot. 1955-1966. 20 cm.	<u>21</u>
Manuscript of <i>Coppin the Great</i> (entitled "The Coppin Story") by E.D.A. Bagot. 4 bound volumes. [Formerly D4733 (Lit. Ms.)]	<u>22</u>
Scrapbook belonging to G.S. Coppin. not dated. 1 bound volume.	<u>23</u>
Manuscript autobiography of E.D.A. Bagot, entitled <i>Roaming Around</i> . not dated 25 cm.	<u>24</u>
Papers relating to E.D.A. Bagot's service as wireless operator on R.M.S. <i>Olympic</i> , with particular reference to the <i>Titanic</i> disaster, April 1912. 1912-1971. 15 cm. [Includes 7 copies of the log book of R.M.S. <i>Olympic</i> for April 1912.]	<u>25</u>

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Notes, brochures, invitations and correspondence relating to E.D.A. Bagot's membership of Masonic Lodges in Basrah, Mesopotamia. 1920-1925. 1 bundle.	<u>26</u>
Press cuttings of articles written by E.D.A. Bagot ("Scrutator") for <i>The Basrah Times</i> and other papers in Mesopotamia. 1920-1925. 1 envelope.	<u>27</u>
Correspondence, notes, accounts and press cuttings relating to Bagot's Overland Tours (Adelaide to Darwin motor route). 1926-1932. 10 cm.	<u>28</u>
Correspondence, reports and speeches relating to the proposed [Commonwealth] Constitution Revision Convention. 1938-1939. 1 envelope.	<u>29</u>
Correspondence, notes, speeches and press cuttings relating to the Storage and Handling of Wheat Bill [South Australia]. 1939-1940. 1 envelope.	<u>30</u>
Miscellaneous parliamentary and campaign speeches by E.D.A. Bagot. 1939-1941. 1 envelope.	<u>31</u>
Miscellaneous essays, verse and lectures by E.D.A. Bagot. not dated. 1 envelope and 1 bundle.	<u>32</u>
Miscellaneous notes and sketches by E.D.A. Bagot. not dated. 1 envelope.	<u>33</u>
Personal diary of E.D.A. Bagot. 1963. 1 bound volume.	<u>34</u>
Miscellaneous address books of E.D.A. and C.B. Bagot. not dated. 2 envelopes.	<u>35</u>
Invitations, programmes and Christmas cards. 1912-1966. 2 envelopes.	<u>36</u>
Business papers of E.D.A. Bagot. 1919-1968. 1.25 m. See Special List.	<u>37</u>
Miscellaneous personal accounts and receipts. 1911-1971. 50 cm.	<u>38</u>
Monthly bank statements and cheque stubs. 1936-1968. (incomplete). 1 envelope. removed 11/08/2002.	<u>39</u>

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Medical benefits claims and accounts. 1956-1968. 1 envelope.	<u>40</u>
Taxation returns. 1941-1963. (incomplete). 1 envelope.	<u>41</u>
Tenancy agreements by E.D.A. Bagot, relating to Wellington Square and Mt. Lofty properties. 1935. 1 envelope.	<u>42</u>
Miscellaneous building plans, insurance policies, and related inventories. 1 envelope.	<u>43</u>
Correspondence, reports, accounts and published items relating to E.D.A. Bagot's position as agent for the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. 1944-1963. 15 cm. <b>RESTRICTED:</b> As this series includes information about the insurance policies of other people, access to it is at the discretion of the Archivist, and on condition that the names of these people are not published.	<u>44</u>
Accounts, correspondence and publications relating to the Citizens' League of South Australia. 1931 and 1969-1972. 1 envelope and bound volume. [See also Series 52].	<u>45</u>
Accounts and other papers relating to the Australian Listeners' League. 1937-1939 and 1950-1951. 1 envelope.	<u>46</u>
Papers of Edward Christopher Bagot, including school reports and papers, diaries (1937-1941) and letters to his parents (1941-1943). 1928-1943. 60 cm. and 1	<u>47</u>
Miscellaneous press cuttings. 1912-1968. 10cm.	<u>48</u>
Miscellaneous articles by others, and printed items. 4.2 1914-1968. 25cm.	<u>49</u>
Portraits and group photos. not dated 25cm. and 1 bundle	<u>50</u>
Views, publicity photos and postcards. not dated 25cm.	<u>51</u>

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- Records of the Citizens' League of South Australia. 52  
c.1930-1940. 1.25m. and 1 bundle  
[Photocopies of material in the National Library of Australia MS 1186.  
Description of the series may be found in the accompanying list (items  
1-46). The series also contains photocopies of the general  
correspondence of the Citizens' League (E.D.A. Bagot, Hon  
Organizer), 1930-1933, not included in the National Library of  
Australia series list].
- Wicker basket with leather compartments, used for filing correspondence. 53  
1 bundle.
- Extract from Staffordshire roll of the *Domesday Book* including the name 54  
'Bagod'.  
ca.1087. 0.5cm. 1 item. Photographic print.  
[Formerly accession D5540Misc].