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Love, Glenora Clara

(1887 - 1963)

Born	18870308, Fitzroy Victoria Australia
Died	19630703, Surrey Hills Victoria Australia
Occupation	Mother, War widow

Summary

On 27 April 1915, two days after the landing, Glenora Clara Love's husband, Corporal Alfred Herbert Love, 14th Battalion AIF, was killed in action at Gallipoli. Glenora had had a troubled marriage but when she eventually received her husband's diary, she read his last words to his 'Dear Wife'. He wanted her to know, he wrote, that his 'last thoughts were of her and of Essie my darling daughter'. Glenora's marriage had been marked by two episodes when her husband had deserted her but once he began his diary on the day that he sailed from Australia he wrote only loving words of their relationship. The couple had a daughter, Esther, aged 8, and in 1912 had lost a son soon after birth. Glenora remarried two years after his death but the concerned letters she wrote to the Repatriation Department testify to her devotion to furthering her daughter Esther Love's future.

Read a longer essay on Glenora Love in the online exhibition War Widows of the ACT: A Forgotten Legacy of World War I.

Archival resources

National Archives of Australia, Melbourne Office
Love, Alfred Herbert - Service Number - 1375 [assistance to Esther Love (daughter), Education and Training Scheme]

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