Date Range: 1929-1980

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Administrative History:

William Charles Henry Eddy was born in Maryborough, Queensland on the 15th of September 1913. The family moved to Newcastle at the age of 6 where he was educated at Waratah Public School and Newcastle High School. Eddy entered Moore Theological College with the intention of becoming a Church of England priest. However, while studying philosophy—'to discover proofs of God's existence'—he was deeply influenced by Professor John Anderson. He abandoned his religious vocation and adopted Anderson's atheistic philosophy. Eddy graduated with a BA in first class honours in History & Philosophy (1934), Honours MA in Philosophy (1936) and the Diploma of Education (1938) with the Beavis prize and the Jones medal as the most distinguished graduate of his year. He lectured for a year at St John's College, Morpeth and for 2 years at Sydney Teacher's College and taught in secondary schools.

In 1936 at West Wallsend he took his first adult education class as a part time tutor of the University of Sydney's Department of Tutorial Classes. In 1938 Eddy married Madge Leonie Chick. He joined the staff of the Department of Tutorial Classes of the University of Sydney as Senior Lecturer in Newcastle in 1945. He continued to work there and its successor, the Department of Adult Education, until his death. He was at that time Senior Lecturer in charge of the Metropolitan (Sydney) programme. He spent 1969 on study leave in Oxford, visiting all the main University and WEA community education centres in England and Wales.

Harry Eddy was active in the WEA as a tutor and committee-man until his death. In 1972 he was WEA State President. Other organisations on which he served included the NSW Adult Education Advisory Board and the Australian Association for Cultural Freedom. He was co-founder and first president of the Sydney Philosophy Club and was President when he died. He was also a member of the editorial committee of the *Current Affairs Bulletin* for twenty years. A staunch anti-communist, he studied Marxist theory and practice in order to refute them.

In the 1940s Eddy founded the only branch of the Australasian Association of Psychology and Philosophy initiated outside of a university city in Newcastle. He was instrumental in having the annual congress of that Association held in Newcastle for the first time in 1949. Eddy also played a role in the founding of the University of Newcastle. The movement to gain University facilities for the youth of the district was given tremendous impetus when Eddy joined the struggle and formed the Newcastle University Establishment Group, a voluntary body of interested citizens. Eddy did a great deal towards making Newcastle a learning society for many hundreds who wanted to learn, not only by his development of the tutorial class programme and the founding of the University of Newcastle, but also by his work for the founding of the Newcastle Cultural Centre (Library, Art Gallery and Conservatorium of Music, the Temple Bookshop and the WEA Studio Theatre).

Harry Eddy died at the age of 60 on the 9^{th} of December 1973.

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¹ Lorraine Barlow, 'Eddy, William Henry Charles (Harry) (1913 - 1973)', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 14, Melbourne University Press, 1996, pp 75-76

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'W. H. C. Eddy' (1913-1973) by DW Crowley & Joan Allsop *Australian Journal of Adult Education* Vol XIV, No 1, April 1974, pp. 20-26

Series 1: Personal

Date Range: 1929-1980

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.54m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

This series contains Eddy's diary from when he was 16 till 22 years old. It also contains notebooks and journals with letters, memos, talks and short stories. There are correspondence journals written by Beryl Anderson while Eddy, his family and Beryl were in England on study leave in 1969. The series also has correspondence with various people such as John Mackie, John Anderson, Sir Robert Menzies, Sir John Gielgud and Herman Black. (The correspondence was arranged in date order as it made finding if there was a reply in the accompanying folder easier.)

There is also correspondence regarding Eddy's book *Understanding Marxism* which was published after his death, and, biographical material and tributes to Eddy's wife Madge, after his death.

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Series 1 Personal, 1929-1980

Item	Description	Dates
001	Notebook - says minute book on the front. Eddy's private diary. Contains some newspaper clippings and included within the diary is a letter from Eddy's father and a letter to Kevin	1929-1935
002	Novacastrian – publication of Newcastle High School. Harry Eddy mentioned as prefect	1929
003	Notebook. First 9 pages contain handwritten copies of sermons given by various members of the clergy. Then notes on topics such as "What Marx Really Meant", "Theory and History of Historiography" and, "The Philosophy of Communism"	1931
004	Record of Eddy's work including details on his published works, public lectures, class lectures, radio talks and participation in organisations	1936-1972
005	2 items for Madge Eddy re provisional classroom certificate from the Chief Inspector of schools and efficiency award	1939
006-008	Correspondence	1939-1973
009	Bound volume of handwritten memos and letters	1956
010	Journal. Includes handwritten lectures on The Menshevik-Bolshevik Debate and Greek Philosophy. Also entries re the Temple Bookshop	1956-1971
011	Notebook – handwritten notes on topics including the United Nations and Truth & Reason	1957
012	Notebook containing letters to Lascelles Wilson, Owen Harris and Professor WGK Duncan	1961
013-018	Correspondence journals written by Beryl Anderson when Eddy was on study leave in Britain	1969-1970
019	Notebook. First 13 pages of diary on leaving England and travelling in Europe in 1969; letter to Des Crowley, Director DAE, and, short story "Ostend-Vienna Express" which is also in the small notebook (030)	1969
020	Correspondence re the publication of Eddy's book <i>Understanding Marxism</i>	1971-1979
021	Condolence letters/letters of tribute to Mrs Eddy following Eddy's death	1973-1974

Series 1 Personal, 1929-1980

Item	Description	Dates
022	'W. H. C. Eddy' (1913-1973) by DW Crowley & Joan Allsop <i>Australian Journal of Adult Education</i> Vol XIV, No 1, April 1974, pp. 20-26	1974
023	Tributes, valedictory and talks re Eddy. Includes a copy of an obituary by Eddy on Voltaire Molesworth who died on the 14 th July 1964	1974-1975
024	Tribute to Harry Eddy by Beryl Anderson; copy of a speech Eddy to give in Newcastle but unwell; and, a list of work in progress in memory of Eddy & bibliography of Eddy's work	1975
025	Correspondence re Eddy's manuscript on Marxism after he died	1975
026	Book reviews of <i>Liberty and Politics</i> . <i>Studies in Social Theory</i> by Owen Harris written in honour of Eddy	1979-1977
027	Biography on Eddy by Charles Bentley	1980
028	Copy letter to Malcolm Titt of Sydney University Press from Owen Harris, Associate Professor, School of Political Science, UNSW re book in memory of Eddy	n.d
029	Handwritten notes on times in Eddy's life	n.d
030	Small notebook. Notes/paper on Educational Theory and a short story by Eddy - "The Ostend-Vienna Express" (also in item 019)	n.d
031	Documents relating to a disagreement Eddy had with a member of staff	1948
032	Correspondence	1952-1962
033	Letters to Eddy while he was in hospital	1973
034	WHC Eddy memorial lecture	1974
035	Honorary Degree conferred on Charles Bentley at Eddy's suggestion	1974

Series 2: Philosophy Lectures Date Range: 1946-1959

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.18m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

This series comprises Philosophy lectures given by Eddy – not all of them are complete. There are also philosophy student notes on Eddy's lectures and his response to their queries.

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Series 2 Philosophy Lectures, 1946-1959

Item	Description	Dates
001	Philosophy, (missing lecture 11, 14 & 17)	1946
002	Philosophy	1947
003	Philosophy student's notes and Eddy's response to them	1947
004	Philosophy	1948
005	Philosophy	1949
006	Ethics	1952
007	Philosophy	1954
008	Early Greek Philosophy (missing lectures 5,6 & 8)	1957
009	Plato	1958-1959
010	Introduction to Philosophy, 25 lectures but missing 11, 13 and 20	1958
011	Talk at Hurstville. Philosophy class - pre class gathering	1959
012	D.249 "Socrates. The Philosopher and Society"	1959
013	Philosophy	1962
014	Philosophy – general notes & notes for lecture 2	n.d
015	Logic	n.d
016	Correspondence with Geoff Anderson regarding eclipses	1958
017	Self and others	1955
018	"What are we trying to do in our Philosophy classes?"	1955
019	Logic and education	n.d.
020	Discussion notes on "Mind As Feeling"	n.d.

Series 3: Other Lectures Date Range: 1946-1962

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.18m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

This series contains lectures given by Eddy on politics, history and psychology. The lectures are not all complete.

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Series 3 Other Lectures, 1946-1962

Item	Description	Dates
001-003	Psychology	1946
004	Henry V	1946
005	Agenda for class titled "Abattoirs"	1946
006	Lectures on China	1946
007	How to read a book	1947
008	Political Theory	1949
009	Freud & Philosophy	1950
010	Political Science and the Russian Revolution	1951
011	Titoism versus Stalinism	1951
012	Churchill & Stalinism (with some notes on Stalin)	1952
013	International Affairs,	1952-1953
014	What is Jung's Contribution to Abnormal Psychology?	1954
015	Sophocles & Oedipus Rex (lecture 3) and, Aeschylus and the Agamemnon (lecture 2)	1954
016-017	History of the Twentieth Century	1956
018	The Study of History	1957
019	History as a Subject	1961
020	Wisdom and a World of Change	1962
021	The Struggle for the World	n.d
022	Australian Political Parties	n.d
023	The Political Theory of Marx	n.d
024	The Marxist Theory	n.d

Series 3 Other Lectures, 1946-1962

Item	Description	Dates
025	Political Science	n.d
026	Communism	n.d
027	Psychology - Instincts & Behaviour	n.d
028	Psychology - Inheritance	n.d
029	Notes and 2 lectures on Religion and society	n.d
030	Toynbee – A Study of History	n.d
031	Political Theories and Movements of Today	n.d
032	Lecture outline for "The Outlook for Democracy"	n.d
033	Socialism or Capitalism (one lecture given by WF Anderson)	n.d.
034	The Netherlands and East Indies	n.d.
035	Current Affairs	n.d.
036	Discussion Parliament	1951
037	Class Struggle – A Criticism	1955
038	Novum Organum	n.d.
039	Correspondence regarding lectures/discussions	1957/1958
040	Kennan's Estimate of Soviet Policy	1958

Series 4: Orr Case

Date Range: 1958-1976

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.18m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

Sydney Sparks Orr, Professor of Philosophy of the University of Tasmania, was dismissed by the Tasmanian University Council from his Chair on March 16, 1956 on a series of academic charges instigated by an allegation of misconduct by an 18 year old female student of Orr's. Harry Eddy had only met Orr once. During a lecture series organised by the WEA where Eddy gave a lecture, he was asked whether or not Orr was guilty of the charges against him. Eddy realised that in answering "no' to the question, there was a great deal more to the case. A close study of the many documents of the case, including the ten volumes of the appeal book containing the pleadings and evidence and other relevant material in the Supreme Court, convinced him that Orr was innocent and he wrote *Orr*.

The series includes newspaper clippings re the Orr case, Eddy's book and *Gross Moral Turpitude* by Cassandra Pybus (1993) in which she claimed that Orr was guilty of sexual misconduct. There is also an edited version of Eddy's book *Orr*, and papers on the case by Eddy. Orr's thesis for his MA degree is also contained within the series. Included within the correspondence is a letter to Orr from Eddy detailing John Anderson's funeral.

For additional papers on Orr see also:

P42 – Personal Archives of John Anderson and Family

P88 – Personal Archives of Emeritus Professor Alan K Stout

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Series 4 Orr Case, 1958-1976

Item	Description	Dates
001	Newspaper articles re the Orr case, reviews of Eddy's book <i>Orr</i> and, reviews of Cassandra Pybus' <i>Gross Moral Turpitude</i>	1958-1993
002	Publications and articles regarding the Orr case and Eddy's book	1958-1962
003	Correspondence	1959-1976
004	"The Orr Case – A Major Attack on Australia" by Eddy	1959
005	Orr by WHC Eddy – heavily annotated	1961
006	"The Challenge of the Orr Case" by Eddy	1961
007	"The Orr Case is Your Case" by Eddy	c1961/1962
008	A petition to be presented to the Visitor of the University of Tasmania, His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Rowallan, Governor of Tasmania.	c1962
009	Tasmania University Union – statement on the visitation by his Excellency Lord Rowallan to the University of Tasmania, 10 Aug 1962	1962
010	Notes on Professor R. D. Wright's memo of 14 Dec 1965 to all Executives of Staff Association	1965
011	Special Meeting of the Federal Council of the Australian University Staff Association, "Censure of the Administration of the University of Tasmania"	1966
012	"Report to the AAP Council on the Moves for a Settlement of the Orr Case"	n.d
013	"The Dismissal of S. S. Orr by the University of Tasmania" (University of Tasmania issued by the Vice Chancellor with the Authority of the Council of the University of Tasmania)	n.d
014	"Plato's Theory of Ethics as Contained in the Early Dialogues" A thesis for the degree of MA by Sydney S Orr	n.d
015	"Professor Sydney Sparks Orr" by Eddy	n.d
016	"The Struggle for Justice and the Preservation of a Heritage" by Professor SS Orr	n.d
017	Letters to Truman from Eddy re Orr case	

Series 5: Published and unpublished papers, talks, lectures and other writings

Date Range: 1939-1974

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.36m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

This series comprises papers, talks etc on a variety of topics including politics, adult education and philosophy. There are book reviews by Eddy and copies of an ABC 4 part discussion on democracy. The series also includes Eddy's writing on Julius Caesar, which he sent to Sir John Gielgud.

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<i>Item</i> 001	Description 01 Handwritten talk with no title 02 Measurement of Ability 03 Handwritten paper with no title 04 The Intellectual Environment of Adult Education 05 Universities and the Public 06 "Universities of NSW. Proceedings of a Convention on the Present Pattern and Future Trends", Sydney, 24-27 th Sept (WEA conference) 07 The 9 th John Anderson Memorial Lecture "Adult Education and its Intellectual Environment", 08 "Liberal Education" – paper for discussion at a WEA weekend	Dates 1947 n.d n.d 1954 1954 1972
002	 01 Adult Education 02 The Aim of Adult Education 03 The Role of the University in Adult Education 04 The Place of Adult Education in the General Educational Set Up 05 The Place of Education in the Community 	n.d n.d n.d n.d n.d
003	Public Opinion and Education	1954
004	01 Development of Universities02 Adult Education: Expanding Concepts and Realities03 The University in Adult Education04 Address to NSW Universities Convention	n.d n.d c.1967 1954
005	'Education and Society' by Eddy from The Australian Highway	1939
006	01 "The Place of Liberal Studies in Adult Education" by DW Crowley 02 WEA joint weekend conference. "The 'Andersonian View' of Adult Education and Another View" 03 Some Issues for Discussion	1974 1969 1970
	04 Comments by Eddy on 'What Is Education' by A Grey.	1970
	05 Philosophy as a Scapegoat	n.d
	06 Liberal Education: Foundations	n.d
	07 Aims and The Man	n.d
	08 Standards in Our Department	1965
	09 Did Jesus Walk on the Water?	1971
	10 Memo to Dr D W Crowley from Eddy re Racism 11 Some Comments on "A Modest Proposal"	1971 1973
007	The Australian Highway and articles from other journals	1964-1969
008	Hardback notebook containing "Logic and Education" – talk Eddy gave to the Newcastle Branch of the AAPP	n.d
009	Some Papers in Adult Education Department of Tutorial Classes University of Sydney,	n.d

Item	Description	Dates
010	Adult Education and the Quality of Life Australian Association of Adult Education, Inc	1973
011	Report of the Proceedings of the Adult Education Conference, Adelaide	1959
012	"Adult Education: Dynamics and Voluntaryism" by Eddy <i>Australian Journal of Adult Education</i> , Dec 1965	1965
013	University of NSW proceedings (copy in Box 6 – this is the draft with a leaflet re the convention)	n.d
014	Further comments by Alan Barcan (Newcastle) "Decentralisation of Secondary Education"	n.d
015	"Crisis in Communism?" Selection of articles from the <i>Current Affairs Bulletin (CAB)</i>	1957-1958
016	World Voices on the Moscow Trials from the Labour and Liberal Press (New York)	1936
017	"The Modern Mind of Albert Schweitzer" from <i>CAB</i> Vol 19, No 13 April 22, 1957	1957
018	01 Interpreting Stalin 02 The Tragedy of Trotsky, parts I & II, 1964 for <i>The Australian Highway</i>	n.d 1964-1965
	03 "Critique of Pure Reason" Immanuel Kant. Prepared for the Newcastle Branch of the AAPP Meeting	1953
019	01 The Treason of the Intellectuals	n.d
	02 Of What Use is Philosophy in Technological Age?	n.d
	03 The Place of the Independent Institution in Education	1956
	04 Handwritten Defence /statement re the Orr case –	n.d
	Eddy attacked/labelled re the case and writing a response to allegations 05 "Should the School Period be Extended?" 2 nd contribution – talk for WEA session	1946
	06 Handwritten talk with no title on undercover communism	n.d

Item	Description	Dates
020	01 Freedom in Art 02 Implications of Pluralism in Matters of Scientific & Social Investigation	n.d n.d
	03 An Enquiry Concerning Pacifism	n.d
	04 Freedom is Decisive	n.d
	05 Fire or Smokescreen (with handwritten preliminary comments on Molnar's "Crisis Mentality About Communism")	1967
	06 Ethics, Society and Politics – article on John Anderson (3 papers)	1958
	07 Australian Involvement in Vietnam	n.d
	08 Freedom in Action	n.d
	09 Catlin on Politics and Ethics	n.d
021	01 Lawrence of Arabia & His Lessons for Management	n.d
V - 2	02 "The Challenge of Albert Schweitzer" – address delivered to the Newcastle Rotary	1952
	03 Absolute Authority	n.d
	04 Communism and the Intellectuals	n.d
	05 Eichmann and the Jews	n.d
	06 Article for the <i>Daily Telegraph</i>	n.d
	07 "What Does Democracy Mean to You and Me" ABC talk	n.d
	08 "Majority Rule Is That Democracy?" – discussion with Passmore, Penton and Ashton	1943
	09 Science & Morals. Extracts From a Letter	n.d
	10 "Debate on Methodist Church Mission to the Nation. WHC Eddy proposing 'That The Mission to the Nation is Premature'"	n.d
	11 The Movement of Ideas in Australia	n.d
	12 Grey Eminence by Aldous Huxley – lecture series dealing with moral problems of the 20 th century	n.d
022	"Politics and Education" (Reflections arising from a reading of Chapter X of 'Grey Eminence' by Aldous Huxley	n.d
023	01 Communism and Intellectuals	n.d
025	02 "The United Nations" Central Theses for QBW	1957
	03 "The Significance of the Cuban Crisis" Editorial comment for <i>The Australian Highway</i>	1962
024	Untitled paper on the Russians developing the atomic bomb	n.d
025	Untitled paper on Antonio Gramsci	n.d
026	Letters and obituary of John Rorke and miscellaneous newspaper Cuttings and articles	1966-1973
027	Book Reviews by Eddy and one by Ruth Walker	1958-1973

Item	Description	Dates
028	 01 Notes on Arndt's script on the Vernon Report 02 Poster/flyer for "Australia's Political Future", 03 "Marxism" for the WEA Wollongong 04 Morals and Politics 05 "Russia and the West" week long residential school course in Newport 	1965 1961 1967 n.d 1950
029	The Myth in Politics	n.d
030	Scattered talks on psycho politics	1959
031	ABC "After the war then what about a real democracy in Australia". Eddy was editor of discussion 1, 2 & 4. Also 4 newspaper articles on "Democracy in Australia", on 3 of the above talks/discussions broadcast	1943
032	The Sociological Significance of Religion	n.d
033	01 An essay concerning Human Understanding – John Locke 02 Will and Desire 03 Letter to the editor of <i>Prospect</i> from G Stuart Watts 04 Draft of a script between 'E' and 'R' on the intimate relationship between art and society	n.d n.d 1963 n.d
034	Short stories written by Eddy	1961-1963
035	"Of What Use is Philosophy in a Technological Age?" script – with Eddy, Thornton, Baxter and Wellmouth (same paper in item 017 box 7)	n.d
036	Julius Caesar	1958-1962
037	01 Philosophy and Action 02 Eddy's Philosophy notes	1965 n.d
038	2 pages of sayings	n.d
039	Lilian Gibson memorial Lecture: "William Temple, 1881-1994"	1952
040	Untitled talk given at Cessnock	1950
041	Ghandi	1966
042	Churchill	1961
043	UNESCO Seminar	1958

Item	Description	Dates
044	Ban on the Communist party	1958
045	Way of Life – Part in a Democracy	n.d.
046	Untitled handwritten notes	n.d.
047	Liberty & History	n.d.
048	Importance of Clarification	n.d.
049	Untitled paper	n.d.
050	Talk on Philosophy	n.d.
051	Talk on Malaya	n.d.
052	Original Bedell-Smith note	n.d.
053	Palestine	n.d.
054	Speech given in Waratah	n.d.
055	Germany France Czechoslavkia Yugoslavia	n.d. n.d. n.d. n.d.
056	Adult Education – Dynamics and Voluntaryism	
057	Paper on the development of universities	n.d.
058	Flyer WEA public lectures	n.d.
059	The God That Failed	n.d.
060	Draft paper on "Goldwater and his Critics"	1964
061	EH Burgmann – tribute by Eddy	n.d.
062	Open letter to editor of Neucleus by Eddy	1965
063	Philosophy Congress AAPP	1949
064	Discussion on Peace Council	n.d.
065	ABC Broadcasts – "Pressure Groups in our Australian Way of Life" Correspondence and discussion transcripts	1952

Item	Description	Dates
066	Lenin	n.d.

Series 6: Issues Eddy involved/interested in

Date Range: 1938-1972

Item List: Yes Quantity: 0.18m

Accession No: 1452, 1754

Series Description:

This series contains material on issues and groups in which Eddy was either involved directly or interested in. In 1940 charges were brought against Eddy and 2 other colleagues by the Reverend Father Forrest while working at the Sydney Teachers College. Father Forrest claimed that the 3 accused attacked morality amongst other things. The documents include letters wrote by Eddy to those he lectured to confirm or deny the charges, the replies and an outline of the charges. There are letters from John Anderson to Harry and his wife, newspaper clippings and papers by Professor Anderson.

The series also includes minutes of the Democratic Group (– Harry's wife Madge was also a member); the Sydney Philosophy Club of which he was co-founder and President when he died; and, Peace With Freedom which was an Australian wide organisation concerned with issues associated with defence, foreign policy, communism at home and abroad, and all forms of political and intellectual collaboration.

There are a few documents concerning Frank Knöpfelmacher who was approved for a post in Political Philosophy at Sydney University but the post was blocked by the University Senate. There are also documents pertaining to the controversy within the Philosophy Department at the University when a proposal was introduced for an optional course on Marxism-Leninism.

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Series 6 Issues Eddy involved/interested in, 1938-1972

Item	Description	Dates
001	Democratic Group	1938-1939
002	Sydney Teachers College	1938-1940
003	John Anderson	1939-1968
004	Congress for Cultural Freedom	1950-1954
005	Newcastle University Establishment Group	1952-1956
006	Sydney Philosophy Club	1958-1975
007	Knöpfelmacher	1958
008	Objectivism	1962-1970
009	Peace with Freedom	1965-1967
010	Christian Anti Communist Crusade	1966-1969
011	Vietnam Moratorium	1968-1970
012	Sydney University Philosophy Department Controversy	1970-1972
013	Australian Association for Cultural Freedom	1963