

Egyptian Images from Australia

Thousands of photos were taken by Australians passing through Egypt en route to the First World War, one hundred years ago. An exhibition of these photographs has now been brought to Egypt by Dr Anne-Marie Willis, in partnership with the Australian Embassy and the Arab Association of Civilization and Islamic Arts.



The historic photographs tell stories of military history and the lives of individual Australians. Willis, who lived in Egypt for several years and recently returned to Australia, has curated these extraordinary photos of Egypt from the National Library of Australia, the Australian War Memorial, and other public collections.



The exhibition shows places that have become invisible as Cairo has grown, such as the Delta Barrage Bridges and Baron Empain Palace, surrounded by sand dunes. Other photos show the effects of the First World War on Egypt, with a vast military camp in front of the pyramids, and thousands of Egyptian men recruited to support the British war effort.



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