

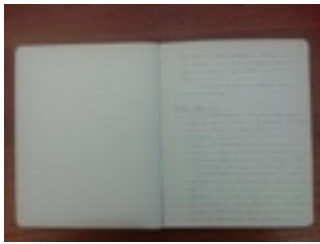


Menzies: By John Howard

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Image	Credit	Caption
 <p>AWM 007036</p>	<p>Image courtesy of Australian War Memorial</p>	<p>Robert Menzies and his camera</p> <p>Robert Menzies filming at a coastal command air station in the United Kingdom during his 1941 visit.</p>
 <p>nla.int-nl41450-sc4</p>	<p>The Prime Minister's desk Museum of Australian Democracy Collection</p> <p>The image is courtesy of the National Library of Australia</p>	<p>Prime Minister's desk</p> <p>This desk was custom-built for the provisional Parliament House and was used by every successive prime minister from Stanley Melbourne Bruce to Gough Whitlam, including Robert Menzies. It then went into storage, but during the 1999 Constitutional Convention, which was held in Old Parliament House, I came across it and immediately asked that it be put in my office in Canberra. I used it for the rest of my time as prime minister.</p> <p>John Howard</p> <p>This is an image of Prime Minister Menzies sitting at the desk. The original desk will be on display in the exhibition.</p>



18 April diary entry

On loan from the National Library
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Menzies' 1941 diaries

Robert Menzies had a remarkably strong sense of history. As well as filming many of his overseas travels, he regularly kept detailed diaries. These three diaries are a complete record of his trip to the Middle East, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States from January to May 1941. They contain fascinating insights into someone who was passionate in his promotion of Australia's interests, and deeply moved by the way the British people were dealing with the trauma of war.

John Howard

This image of his original diary shows an entry made on 18 April 1941. Select pages of his original diary will be open and on display in the exhibition.