Middle East

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Individual collections held in the Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives

ADAM, Gen Sir Ronald, 2nd Bt (1885-1982)
Adjutant General to the Forces, 1941-1946
Reports, 1942 and 1946, on international tours as Adjutant General, including Egypt and Iran

ALISON, Gen Sir Archibald (1826-1907)
Commander, British forces, Suez Canal, Egypt, 1882; Commander, British Force in Egypt, 1882-1883
Official correspondence relating to the campaign in Egypt, 1882-1883; memoranda, 1885-1886, including demobilisation in Egypt, and Colonel Sir Charles Wilson’s failure to reach Khartoum in time to relieve General Charles Gordon

ALLENBY, FM Edmund (Henry Hymnan), 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and of Felixstowe (1861-1936)
Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, Palestine and Egypt, 1917-1919; High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan, 1919-1925
Letters home detailing the progress of the Palestine campaign, 1917-1918. Telegrams, accounts and press cuttings relating to Palestine, 1917-1919. Letters home covering his work as Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, Jan-Feb 1919, and as High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan, Mar 1919-1922. Photographs, 1919-1925, including: Beirut and Baalbek, Lebanon; Sollum (Salum), Siwa, Sinai and Mersa Matruh (Marsa Matruh), Egypt; Allenby and Lady Allenby at the residency in Cairo, and Feisal I, King of Iraq. Correspondence, 1936-1939, between Lt Gen Sir Archibald Wavell and Allenby’s colleagues, family and friends, relating to Wavell’s Allenby (Harrap & Co, London, 1940) and concerning Allenby’s command of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1917-1918. Correspondence and other papers, 1936-1943, relating to Wavell’s Allenby in Egypt (Harrap & Co, London, 1943), including eyewitness account of the murder of Maj Gen Sir Lee Stack, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, 1924, and letters, 1940-1943, from Gerald C Delany, former Reuters chief Middle East correspondent, on the political situation in Egypt, 1919-1925

AMLOT, Air Cdre Douglas Lloyd (1910-1979)
Served with RAF in Palestine, 1936-1938
Account of air attack on Arab rebel forces, Deir Ghassana (Deir Ghassanah), Palestine, Sep 1938

ANSTRUTHER-GOUGH-CALTHORPE, Brig Sir Richard (Hamilton) 2nd Bt (1808-1865)
Served with Royal Scots Greys, Palestine, 1936-1939
Brief account of his life and career, 1908-1947, written c 1978

ARCHER, Capt John (1871-1954)
Served with 2 Battalion, Rifle Bde, Egypt, 1902-1905
Photograph album including parades, inspections, army sports and camps, 1902-1905

ASTON, Maj Gen Sir George (Grey) (1861-1938)
Military historian
Account by FM Paul Sanford Methuen, 3rd Baron Methuen, of his service as Commandant, British Army Headquarters, Egypt, 1882, including the Battle of Tel el Kebir, and account by Methuen of a visit to Egypt, 1919-1919, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Malta

BARTHOLOMEW, Gen Sir William Henry (1877-1962)
Brigadier General, General Staff, 20 Corps, Palestine, 1917-1918
Reports, correspondence, memoranda and notes relating to operations in Palestine, including the third Battle of Gaza, Nov 1917. Correspondence, 1936, with correspondents including FM Sir Philip Walhouse Chetwode, Lt Gen Sir John Francis Stanhope Duke Coleolidge, Secretary to the Military Department, India Office, Maj Gen John Greer Dill, Director of Military Operations and Intelligence, and FM Sir Archibald Armar Montgomery-Massingberd, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on subjects including Arab unrest and the RAF in Palestine, negotiations for an alliance with Egypt, and the feasibility of increasing British naval strength in the Aden Protectorate, following the Italian invasion of Abyssinia

BEARNE, AVM Guy (1908-2005)
Officer in charge of Armament Repair Section, Aircraft Depot, Hinaidi, Iraq, 1937-1939
Memoir of his career, including service in Iraq, 1937-1939

BEAUFROY BROWN, Capt John Frederick, RN (1910-1979)
Executive Officer, HMS GAMBIA, Port Said, Egypt, 1951
Photograph album relating to Beafoy Brown’s service as Executive Officer, HMS GAMBIA, Mediterranean and East Indies, 1951-1952, including peace-keeping patrols, Port Said, Egypt, 1951

BENSON, Maj Gen Edward Riou (1903-1985)
Chief of Staff, General Headquarters, Middle East Land Forces, 1954-1957
Draft of Suez: the seven day war by Arthur James Barker (Faber and Faber, London, 1964)
**BISHOP, Maj Gen Sir (William Henry) Alexander** (1897-1984)
Served with Dorset Regiment in Mesopotamia and Palestine, 1915-1918
Memoirs covering his life and career, 1897-1965, including service in Mesopotamia and Palestine, 1915-1918, written in 1971

**BLACKTON, Percy** (1909-1990)
Served with No 1 Armoured Car Company, Iraq, 1936
Two albums of photographs relating to service in Iraq with No 1 Armoured Car Company, 1936, including No 1 Armoured Car Company on deployment in the desert near Salman Pak, Iraq, a reconnaissance trip to Kurdistan, the streets of Baghdad, and armoured vehicles and aeroplanes

**BLAKSTON-HOUSTON, Lt Col John Matthew** (1898-1984)
Served with 13 Battalion, Royal Tank Corps, Egypt, 1919-1921. Major, 11 Hussars, Egypt, 1928-1930; High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, Iraq, Sep-Oct 1929; Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East, 1935-1936
Telegrams, reports, letters, notes and maps relating to RAF operations in Iraq and Kuwait, 1928-1936; notes, press cuttings, memoranda and letters compiled 1930-1935 by Brooke-Popham in research for lectures on Iraq, on topics including Assyrians and Kurds in Iraq, Memoranda, signals, letters, notes and press cuttings relating to RAF operations in the Middle East, 1935-1936, including planning for a conflict between the League of Nations and Italy following the Italian invasion of Abyssinia, and the Arab Rebellion against the British Mandate in Palestine. Correspondence, memoranda and minutes relating to the Executive Committee on Assyrian Settlement, 1943-1947, chiefly concerning the Khurbur Settlement scheme, Syria, and proposed alternatives. Press cuttings, 1923-1936, on various topics, including the French Levant states, archaeological excavations in Iraq and Anglo-Egyptian political relations, and press cuttings, 1944-1952, on topics including the creation of the state of Israel and violence in Palestine, 1948

**BLOUNT, Lt Col Hubert** (1910-1979)
Served with 9 Armoured Brigade Group, Western Desert, 1940-1942
Copies of two reports on actions of 9 Armoured Bde Group during the second Battle of El Alamein, Egypt, Oct-Nov 1942.

**BOSANQUET, Lt Col Neville Richard Gustavus** (1911-2003)
Lieutenant, Royal Welch Fusiliers, 1938
Memoir of life and service, 1930-1969, including account of travelling through Europe, Turkey and Egypt, 1938

**BROOKE, FM Alan Francis, 1st Viscount Alamein of Brokeborough** (1883-1963)
Captain, Royal Horse Artillery, 1914; Chief of the Imperial General Staff (CIGS), 1941-1946
Diary and letters home relating to service with Royal Horse Artillery, India, Egypt, Aug-Sep 1914. Semi official correspondence as CIGS, 1941-1946, with senior military, political and diplomatic personnel, including: Lt Gen Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India; Gen Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East; Sir Miles Wedderburn Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, on topics including: the defence of Syria; operations in Egypt and Libya (Western Desert); reorganisation of Middle East Forces; Allied forces command structure in Persia and Iraq; political situation in countries including Palestine, Egypt and Syria; proposed deployment of Palestinian Jewish units outside Palestine, 1943; SOE organisation in the Middle East; evacuation of British troops from Egypt, 1946. Also correspondence, 1941, of Gen Sir John Dill, Brooke’s predecessor as CIGS, with Auchinleck and with Gen Sir Archibald Wavell, Command-in-Chief Middle East, 1939-1941, on topics including: operations in the Western Desert; the strategic importance of the Middle East; planning for Operation SABINE (seizing and securing the port of Basra, Iraq); Operation EXPORTER (the Allied invasion of Vichy French controlled Syria); the progress of operations in Iraq, Brooke’s personal diaries as CIGS, including reference to: increased French military presence in Syria, 1945; his proposals for a Middle East defence federation, 1945; withdrawal of British troops from Egypt, 1946; the report of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine, 1946. Photographs of official visit to Egypt with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, 1942, and of Brooke’s world tour as CIGS, 1945, including Egypt, Transjordan, Palestine, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Correspondence, 1946-1954, relating to Brooke’s appointment and re-appointment as Director of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company; correspondence and photographs, 1946, relating to a visit by Muhammad Riza Pahlevi, Shah-an-Shah of Iran, to the company’s research station

**BROOKE-POPHAM, ACM Sir (Henry) Robert (Moore)** (1878-1953)
Air Officer Commanding British Forces in Iraq, 1926-1930; High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, Iraq, Sep-Oct 1929; Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East, 1935-1936
Memoranda and minutes relating to the Executive Committee on Assyrian Settlement, 1943-1947, chiefly concerning the Khurbur Settlement scheme, Syria, and proposed alternatives. Press cuttings, 1923-1936, on various topics, including the French Levant states, archaeological excavations in Iraq and Anglo-Egyptian political relations, and press cuttings, 1944-1952, on topics including the creation of the state of Israel and violence in Palestine, 1948

**BURGH, Maj Gen Frederick Whitmore (‘Eric’)** (1893-1977)
Served with 12 (Service) Battalion (3 Hull), East Yorkshire Regiment, Suez Canal Zone, 1916
Brief account of service, Suez Canal Zone, Jan-Feb 1916

**BURNETT-STUART, Gen Sir John Theodosius** (1875-1958)
Served with 4 Battalion, Rifle Brigade, Egypt, 1902-1903; General Officer Commanding British Troops in Egypt, 1931-1934
Memoirs of service, 1895-1945

**BUTCHER, Gen Sir Lord Francis Herbert** (1914-1994)
Papers include photograph album showing stages in the construction of the Mosul bridge over the River Tigris, Iraq, 1920, by J King George’s Own Sappers and Miners, Indian Army, presented to Butcher’s uncle, Maj Charles Butcher

**CADELL, Air Cdre Colin Simpson** (1905-1996)
Served with 208 Squadron, Helopoli, Egypt, 1929-1931; Aide de camp to Sir Miles Wedderburn Lampson, Ambassador to Egypt and High Commissioner for the Sudan, 1934-1936; service with 45 Squadron, Helouan, Egypt, 1936; Chief Signals Officer, Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, 1943
Memorandum of his RAF career, 1925-1945

**CAPPER, Maj Gen Sir John Edward** (1881-1955)
Director General, War Office, 1917-1918
‘Report of the commission appointed by Act of Parliament to enquire into the operations of war in Mesopotamia’ (Cm 8610, London, HMSO, 1917)

**CARR, Lt Gen Laurence** (1886-1954)
Commander, 2 Infantry Brigade, Palestine and Transjordan, 1937-1938
Letters home to his wife, 1936-1937, covering his service with 2 Infantry Bde in Palestine, describing Arab and Jewish unrest, and policing of the area by the British army

**CAUNTER, Brig John Alan Lyde** (1889-1981)
Commanded 4 Armoured Brigade, 7 Armoured Division, Western Desert campaign, 1940-1941; commanded 4 Armoured Brigade in capture of Fort Capuzzo, Battle of Beda Fomm, Libya, Feb 1941
Memoranda, accounts and correspondence relating to the First Libyan Campaign, Western Desert, 1940-1941. Photographs, including tanks in the Western Desert, 5 Division Headquarters at Mersah Matrih, and Italian prisoners after the Battle of Beda Fomm, 1941

**CHAMBERLAIN, Brig Noel Joseph** (1895-1970)
General Staff Officer Grade 3, Army Education, with Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1912-1922; Chief Education Officer, British Troops in Egypt, 1947-1949
CHARRINGTON, Brig Harold Vincent Spencer (1886-1965)
Commander, Fighting Vehicles Section, General Headquarters, Cairo, Egypt, May-Jul 1941
Accounts of the Battle of Sidi Rezegh, Libya, Nov 1941

CHATER, Maj Gen Arthur Reginald (1896-1979)
Commander, Somaliland Camel Corps, 1937-1940
Special order of the day issued by Gen Sir Archibald Percival Wavell, General Officer Commanding Middle East, 23 Dec 1940, thanking the forces under his command for their successful operations in Egypt

CHICHESTER, Cdr Michael Guy, RN (b 1917)

CHURCHER, Maj Gen John Bryan (1905-1997)
Commander, 3 Division, Palestine, 1946-1947; General Officer Commanding 3 Infantry Division, Egypt, 1954-1957

CLARKE, Brig Frederick Arthur Stanley (1892-1972)
Served with 162 Brigade, 54 (East Anglian) Division, Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and India, World War One
Draft memoir, including the Palestine campaign, 1917

CODRINGTON, Lt Col John Alfred (1898-1991)
Head of British Mission Allied Armies of the Orient, Smyrna, Turkey, 1920; service with 3 Battalion, Coldstream Guards, Turkey, 1922-1923; British Liaison Officer to French forces, Syria, 1926-1929
Memoirs, 'Gathering moss', 1898-1944, written c 1947, including account of service with British Mission Allied Armies of the Orient, Smyrna, Turkey, 1920, and as British Liaison Officer to French forces in Syria, 1926-1929

COOPER, Rt Hon Sir Frank (1922-2002)
Assistant Secretary, Head of the Air Staff, Secretariat, 1955-1966; Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, 1976-1982; Director, Westland Helicopters, 1982-1985

CRUM, Brig John Alexander Stewart (1892-1970)
General Officer Commanding 7 Armoured Division, Western Desert, 1939-1941
Reports by unit commanders and staff officers on 7 Armoured Div operations, Libya, 1940-1941

DANIELL, Brig Robert Bramston Thesiger (1901-1996)
Second in Command, South Nottinghamshire Hussars, 1940-1942
Account of service in Palestine, Egypt and Libya, 1940-1942, including the Battle of the Cauldron, Gazzal Bir Hacheim, Libya, 1942

DARLINGTON, Col Sir Henry (Clayton) (1877-1959)
Commanded 1/5 Battalion, Manchester Regiment, Egypt, 1914-1915

DARLOW, Brig Eric William Townsend (1916-1998)
Assistant Director of Supply and Transport, Allied Forces Headquarters, 1945-1947
Article by Lt Col Patrick Mawby Edgell, Royal Army Service Corps, 'Aid to Russia convoys on the Persian L of C (Line of Communication)', from The Royal Army Service Corps Review, 1950

DAVISON, Maj Gen Francis Henry Norman (1892-1973)
Director of Military Intelligence, War Office, 1940-1944
War Office printed sketch map of Libya, 1939, scale 1:500,000; notes on Libya and the Australian attack at the Battle of El Alamein, Egypt, Oct-Nov 1942
DEAN, Sir Maurice (Joseph) (1906-1978)
Head of Air Staff Secretariat, Air Ministry, 1940-1943
Notes on campaigns in Syria and Persia, 1940-1941, and the battles of Alamein and El Alamein, Egypt, 1942

DEANE-DRUMMOND, Maj Gen Anthony John
(b 1917)
Commanding Officer, 22 Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment, 1957-1960
Reports, operational instructions, correspondence, signals and situation reports relating to 22 Regiment Special Air Service (SAS) operations in Muscat and Oman, 1958-1959

DE GUINGAND, Maj Gen Sir Francis (1900-1979)
Chief of Staff, 8 Army, 1942-1944
Maps, memoranda and plans relating to 8 Army operations in the Western Desert and Egypt, including plans for Operations LIGHTFOOT, SUPERCHARGE and GRAPESHOT, the three distinct phases of the Battle of El Alamein, 1942

DE LISLE, Gen Sir (Henry De) Beauvoir (1906-1997)
Correspondence, 1936-1937, including plans for Operations LIGHTFOOT, SUPERCHARGE and GRAPESHOT, the three distinct phases of the Battle of El Alamein, 1942

DOUGLAS-MONTAGU, Brig Gen John Walter Edward, 2nd Baron Montagu of Beaulieu (1866-1929)
Commanded 2 Battalion, 7 Hampshire Regiment, India, 1915
Letter home from Egypt, Jan 1915, describing a brief visit by 2 Bn to Alexandria while en route for India. Meteorological notes on ballooning over Egypt, 1918

DOWNES, Capt Walter Douglas (b 1884)
Lieutenant, Royal Sussex Regiment, served with Special Service in Egypt, 1909-1911
Photographs of Sinai, 1909-1911, mainly landscapes and people

DOWSON, Valentine Hugh Wilfred (1907-2000)
Art Director and Studio Manager of General Production Division, Ministry of Information, 1939-1945
Books, magazines, pamphlets, postcards and cigarette cards produced by the Ministry of Information, 1939-1945, to publicize and promote the Allied war effort, on topics including the Western Desert campaign, 1940-1942, and in languages including Arabic and Farsi. Also Handbook on Persia, for British troops serving in Iran, 1942, describing Iranian geography, climate and population; booklets of Ministry of Information maps for use in the press, including the Libyan and Egyptian coastlines, Iraq and northern Sudan; schedule produced by the Ministry of Information’s Overseas Publication Committee for material to be distributed in Iraq, Oct 1942, detailing the aims and methods of each publication

EDGELL, Lt Col Philip Mawbey (1906-1997)
Served in Royal Army Service Corps, World War Two
Account, ’Convoy 343. Carrying aid to Russia across the Persian mountains in midwinter’, by Capt A G Wallis, Officer Commanding C Platoon, 204 General Purpose Transport Company, Royal Indian Army Service Corps, relating to the first truck convoy driven by Indian troops from Persia to the USSR, Jan 1944

EMBLETON, Edgar Joseph (1907-2000)
Photographs of Sinai, 1909-1911, mainly landscapes and people

DOWNES, Capt Walter Douglas (b 1884)
Lieutenant, Royal Sussex Regiment, served with Special Service in Egypt, 1909-1911
Photographs of Sinai, 1909-1911, mainly landscapes and people

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EVANS, Maj Patrick Hutchinson (1913-1994)
Trained with Special Operations Executive (SOE), in Haifa, Palestine, and at General Headquarters, Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, 1943


www.kcl.ac.uk/iss/archives
Diary relating to SOE training, Palestine, and commando and intelligence training, General Headquarters, Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, 1943

EVTTS, Lt Gen Sir John (Fullerton) (1891-1988)
Commanded British Troops in Palestine, 1935; Brigadier commanding 16 Infantry Brigade, Palestine and Transjordan, 1936-1939; divisional commander, Syria, 1941
Reports on British forces’ operations in Palestine and Transjordan, 1938-1939, by Lt Gen Robert Hadden Haining, General Officer Commanding British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan. Snapshots of local views, including Nazareth and Haifa. Correspondence relating to allegations, 1976, concerning Evtts’s command decisions in operations against Vichy French Forces, Syria, 1941, and allegations, 1983, concerning 50 Middle East Commando, 1939-1941

FOULKES, Maj Gen Charles Howard (1867-1957)
Temporary Brigadier General, General Staff, 1919 Photographs of Egypt, including Cairo and the pyramids, waterwheels, and threshing and winnowing wheat, 1919

FREEDMAN, Professor Sir Lawrence David (b 1926)
Professor of War Studies, King’s College London, since 1982. Writer on defence and international affairs. Co-author (with Efraim Karsh), of Professor of War Studies, King’s College London, 1993

FURLONGE, Sir Geoffrey Warren
(1903-1984)
Orders, instructions, reports, staff lists, duties, returns and acquisitions logs for Headquarters, 19 Infantry Brigade, Operation MUSKETEER, Port Said, Egypt, 1915. Research files (including press cuttings, field notebooks, press releases, correspondence, publicity material and maps) relating to topics including the 15th and 20th National Day of Oman, 1985 and 1990. Research files (including press cuttings, field notebooks, photographs, press releases, correspondence, publicity material and maps) relating to the Iran Iraq war, 1980-1985, including photographs showing: British, American and Soviet tanks, armoured personnel carriers and self propelled guns captured from Iran on display in Baghdad; captured Iranian mine clearing tanks, small arms, mines and other weaponry; an Iranian POW camp, Ramadi; desert battlefields north-east of Basra; Iraqi artillery deployed near border east of Basra; Maj Gen Maher Abdul-al-Rashid, Commander Anglo-Iraqi 3 Iraqi Corps; Qasr-e-Ahmar, Iran; the battle for Khorrassanah docks, Shatt-al-Arab, Iran; Khorrassanah City, Iran, after capture; oil fires at Abadan, Iran; the first battle of the Howzeh (Al-Hawza) Marshes at Al-Baghdah; troops of the Presidential Guard Special Forces; Iranian attack craft and rubber assault boats; wounded cattle; village women waiting to be evacuated; Iraqi war memorial and military museum, Baghdad; and the aftermath of the Battle of Al-Azair, Iraq

GARDEN, AM Timothy, Baron Garden of Hampstead (1944-2007)
Director of Defence studies, RAF, 1982-1985; Commandant, Royal College of Defence Studies, 1994-1995; Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1997-1998; Liberal Democrat Spokesman on Defence, 2004-2007
Research papers on defence issues, 1982-2005, including lessons learned from the initial phase of the invasion of Iraq, 2003; briefing notes on Iran, issued by the Foreign Policy Centre, 2006

GRAHAM, Sir John (Alexander Noble), 4th Bt (b 1926)
Ambassador to Iraq, 1974-1977; Deputy Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1977-1979; Ambassador to Iran, 1979-1980
Speeches and texts of lectures given by Graham, 1972-1991, on topics including the Middle East, the Iranian revolution, 1979, the Iran-Iraq War, 1980-1988, and the Gulf War, 1990-1991

GRANT, Gen Sir Charles John Cecil (1877-1950)
Papers include account of Capt Neil James Archibald Primrose’s role in the capture of Turkish army officer Jaafar Pasha at Agagya, Egypt, Feb 1916, and letters from FM John Standish Surtees Prendergast Vereker, 6th Viscount Gort, High Commissioner and Commander in Chief for Palestine and High Commissioner for Transjordan, on the difficulties of maintaining peace in Palestine, 1945

GRAVES, Robert von Ranke (1895-1985)
Professor of English Literature, Royal Egyptian University, Cairo, Egypt, 1926
Papers include account, ‘Historical note on the defence plan that foiled Rommel’s invasion of Egypt in 1942 - by the officer who designed it (E E Dorman Smith)’ [Maj Gen Eric Edward Dorman Smith], 1943

HAMILTON, Gen Sir Ian Standish Monteith (1853-1947)
Inspector General of Overseas Forces, 1910-1914; General Officer Commanding Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 1915
Extensive collection of journals, maps, press cuttings and printed literature on politics, trade, international development and international relations in the countries of the Middle East, 1950-1955, including topographical and geological maps of Iran, 1950-1956; statistical reports on countries including Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, 1959-1990; arbitration between international oil companies and Iran, 1983-1989; international boundaries and water resources, including disputes between Israel and Jordan, and between Saudi Arabia and Yemen.


JONES, Sgt Charles Francis (1916-1932) Served with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 15 County of London Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales’ Own Civil Service Rifles) in Palestine, 1917-1918

Memoir of World War One service, including Palestine, 1917-1918, written in 1932.

JOYCE, Lt Col Pierce Charles (1878-1955) General Staff Officer Grade 2, Hedjaz (Hejaz) Mission, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1917; Base Commandant, 1917-1918; Special Service Officer, Hedjaz (Hejaz) Operations, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1918-1919

Official correspondence relating to operations against the Turks in Hedjaz (Hejaz), 1918-1919, and to supplies and stores for bases at Rabigh, Wajir, Yenbo, Akaba and Abu Lissal, 1918-1919; report on bombing attacks on the Hedjaz railway and on reconnaissance flights by X Flight and No 14 Sqn, 1917-1918; correspondence and notes, 1918 and 1963, concerning a meeting between Emir Feisal (later Feisal I, King of Iraq) and Dr Chaim Weizmann (later first President of Israel) on 4 Jun 1918; notes, 1919, on the future of the Arab movement; scripts for television programmes, written 1939 and 1941, concerning Joyce’s service with Col Thomas Edward Lawrence in Hedjaz, 1916-1918.


Diary including his service in Egypt, Feb-Apr 1916, Official correspondence, 1940-1944, with other senior British defence personnel, including: Lt Gen Arthur (Francis) Smith, Chief of the General Staff, Middle East Forces, Dec 1940-Mar 1942; Gen Sir James (Handyside) Marshall, General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Egypt, Jan-Aug 1944; Lt Gen Thomas William Corbett, Chief of the General Staff, Middle East Forces, Apr-Jul 1942; Gen Sir Bernard (Charles Tolver) Paget, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces, Aug-Sep 1944. Strategic planning memoranda, 1941, on topics including defence requirements in the Middle East, and operations in Libya.

KEOWN-BOYD, Sir Alexander (1884-1954) Oriental Secretary to the High Commissioner for Egypt, 1919-1922

Letters, 1920-1922, from FM Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and of Felixstowe, then High Commissioner for Egypt, including comment on Anglo-Egyptian relations.

KIGGELL, Lt Gen Sir Launcelot Edward (1862-1954) Director of Staff Duties, War Office, 1909-1913; Director of Home Defence, War Office, 1914-1915; Chief of General Staff, British Armies in France, 1915-1918

Letters from Lt Gen Sir Douglas Haig, Chief of General Staff, India, 1911, relating to operations in Siraz and Kerman, Persia, and rumours of Turkish Army reforms. Reports on operations in Egypt and Palestine, 1916-1918. Despatch by George Nathaniel Curzon, 1st Marquess of Kendleston, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1924, on the recognition of Egypt as an independent state.

LAMBERT, Col Charles George (1928-2000) Served with Royal Army Medical Corps, 1953-1982

Photographs of the handover of the British Medical Hospital, Tripoli, Libya, c 1970.


Extract from the war diary of LAYFORCE headquarters on the planning of a raid on Bardia, Libya, 1941; notes on lessons learned from Operation ADDITION, the evacuation of British troops from Bardia, Libya, Apr 1941; memoirs of John Borthwick of ‘G’ Troop, 7 Commando, on raids on Bardia, Libya, written c 1945 report and lectures on Litani river raid, Palestine, Jun 1941; lectures, 1943-1947, on Commando operations in the Middle East, World War Two. Correspondence relating to the court martial and subsequent acquittal of Capt Roy (Alexander) Farran for the murder of Alexander Rubovitz, Palestine, 1947.

LEAKEY, Maj Gen Arundell Rea (1915-1999) Navigator and Intelligence Officer, 4 Armoured Bde, Air Intelligence Liaison Officer, No 451

Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, Staff Officer, 10 Army Headquarters and General Staff Officer Grade 2, 7 Armoured Division, North Africa and Western Desert, 1939-1942; General Staff Officer Grade 2, 10 Army Headquarters, Middle East, 1942-1943; General Officer Commanding, Malta and Libya, 1967-1968

Memor of life and service, 1915-1961, including Western Desert campaign, World War Two, service in the Middle East, 1942-1943 and as GOC Malta and Libya, 1967-1968.

LEES, Lt Aubrey Trevor Oswald (1899-1969) Squadron commander, 1 and 2 Regiments, Iraq, 1922-1924; Special Service Officer (Intelligence), attached to RAF, Ramadi, Iraq, 1924-1925; Administrative Officer, Haifa, Gaza, Hebron and Jaffa, Palestine, 1929-1930.

Transcript of Lees’ trial for assaulting an Iraq railways police officer, Khânê, 1923. Account of journey through Shamiyah country of Iraq and encounters with Bedouin tribes, 1924.

Correspondence relating to Lees’ dismissal as a Special Service Officer (Intelligence) with the RAF in Iraq, 1925. Papers, 1929-1943, relating to Lees’ service as Administrative Officer, Palestine, 1929-1933, on subjects including land settlement, 1934-1938; Arab-Jewish conflict, 1936. Lees’ suspension following his criticism of the Palestinian Government’s reaction to alleged Jewish atrocities, and his subsequent enforced retirement from the Colonial Service, 1938-1940. Mainly captioned photographs relating to his service in Iraq, 1922-1925, and Palestine, 1929-1938, including individual Iraqi members of Lees’ staff, groups of Iraqi officers and men and other military personnel, Lees’ accommodation, horses and vehicles, Palestinian villagers, the Palestinian-Syrian frontier post, and the dispersal by British and Arab police of a large crowd, Jaffa, 1933.

LIARDET, Maj Gen Henry Maughan (‘Bill’) (1906-1996) Commander, 6 Royal Tank Regiment, Libya, 1942

Account of operations of 6 Royal Tank Regiment, Gazala Line, Libya, May-Jun 1942.
MONTANARO, Brig Gerald Charles Stokes (1916-1979)
Brigadier, Headquarters Middle East, Aden, 1964-1965
Album of photographs of Montanaro's inspection of 653 Sqn, Army Air Corps, Aden, Feb 1965

MONTGOMERY-MASSINGBERD, FM Sir Archibald Armar (1871-1947)
Deputy Chief of General Staff, India, 1920-1922; Chief of the Imperial General Staff, 1933-1936
War Office maps of Persia and Afghanistan, 1912 and 1918. Handover notes by Montgomery-Massingberd for his successor as CIGS, 1936, on topics including expansion in British forces in Egypt

MULLENS, Brig Guy John de Wette (1899-1961)
Commanding Officer, 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, Palestine, 1938-1939
Narrative diaries relating to his command of a motorised cavalry sqn, 4/7 Dragoon Guards enforcing martial law in Palestine, 1938-1939, with nominal roll of officers, non-commissioned officers and men who served with 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards Sqn in Palestine, 1938-1939. Also captioned photographs, including Arab village life, views of streets in Gaza and Jerusalem and aerial views of villages including Salama and Lydda (Lod); map of Syria and Palestine, 1935; brochure for the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, 1939

NELSON, Maj Gen Sir (Eustace) John (Blos) (1912-1993)
Commanded I Guards Parachute Battalion, Palestine, 1946-1948
Memoir of life and military service, 1916-1968, including Palestine, 1946-1948

NORMAN, Maj Gen Charles Wake (1891-1974)
Colonel of the Regiment, 9 Lancers, 1940-1950

O’CONNOR, Gen Sir Richard Nugent (1889-1981)
Commander, 7 (subsequently 6) Division and Military Governor of Jerusalem, 1938-1939; Commander, 6 Division and Western Desert Force, Egypt, 1940-1941; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Troops in Egypt, 1941
Official correspondence, orders, despatches, telegrams and letters home relating to his service in Jerusalem, 1938-1939, including correspondence with Lt Gen Robert Hadden Haining, GOC British troops in Palestine and Transjordan. Official correspondence, 1940-1941, as Commander, 6 Division and Western Desert Force, including the first Libyan campaign. Accounts of the campaign by O’Connor and Lt Gen Philip Neame, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief and Military Governor, Cyrenaica

OLDFIELD, Maj Peter Carlton (1911-1992)
Head of Air Reconnaissance at General Headquarters Middle-East, 1941-1942; served with 1 Special Air Service Regiment, Libya, Sep-Dec 1942; captured, Dec 1942
Diary of his work at Air Reconnaissance Unit at the Middle East Headquarters, Jun-Nov 1941; reminiscences of his World War Two service, compiled 2004; memoirs of Elizabeth Oldfield, VAD, 15 Scottish Hospital, Cairo, Egypt, World War Two; photographs, c 1942, including surrendering Italian prisoners, Long Range Desert Group activities, and Field Marshal Erwin Rommel

Pirie, ACM Sir George Clark (1896-1980)
Served with Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and Royal Air Force (RAF), Palestine, 1917-1918; served with RAF in Iraq, 1928
Snapshots relating to service in Iraq, including aircraft, groups of officers and men, and local views, including burning oil wells. Copy diary extracts, 1923-1945

PITT, Barrie William Edward (1918-2006)
Author and editor
Copy photographs used as book and article illustrations, including photographs used in Crucible of War: Western Desert, 1941 (Jonathan Cape, London, 1980); correspondence and article offprints on topics including the Middle East

POWALL, Lt Gen Sir Henry Royds (1887-1961)
Commander-in-Chief, Persia-Iraq, Mar-Sep 1943
Personal diary, 1933-1944, including his service in Persia (Iran) and Iraq, with comment on the current military and political situation

PRENTICE, Maj Ronald D (1913-1980)
Served at General Headquarters, Middle East Command, Cairo, Egypt, 1942
Field book, Mar-May 1942, including notes on Allied military situation in Iraq and Palestine, and notes on Long Range Desert Group operations, Western Desert, Apr 1942, including Count Laszlo Almasy’s role as a German guide during Operation SALAAM, a German espionage mission from Libya through Allied lines

Purdon, Maj Gen Corran William Brooke (b 1921)
Commander, Sultan’s Armed Forces, Oman, and Director of Operations, Dhofar War, 1967-1970
List the bugle, reminiscences of an Irish soldier (Greystone, Antrim, 1993), a memoir of his life and career, including service in Palestine, 1945-1946, Egypt, 1949-1951, and his command of the Sultan’s Armed Forces, Oman, 1967-1970

Pyman, Sir Harold English (1908-1971)
Chief of Staff, General Headquarters, Middle East Land Forces, 1946-1949
Account of 7 Armoured Division operations in Libya, Nov-Dec 1941, by Major William Henry Ewart Gott, Commander 7 Armoured Division, with maps. Notes on Allied operations in Egypt and Libya, 1941-1942, made 1964-1985. Diaries kept as Chief of Staff, Middle East Land Forces, 1946-1949, including memoranda, telegrams, copy correspondence, and minutes of Chief of Staff’s meetings, on topics including: debate over British policy in the Middle East; illegal Jewish immigration to Palestine; the ending of the British Mandate in Palestine and the creation of the state of Israel; Arab-Israeli conflict; British relations with the nations of the Middle East

Queripel, Col Leslie Herbert (1881-1963)
Director of Army Signals and Telegraphs, Mesopotamia, 1916
Letter home describing the fall of Baghdad, Mar 1917, and subsequent conditions in the city; Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force General Headquarters ‘Despatch on operations’, Aug 1916 - Mar 1917

Raeburn, Maj Gen Sir (William) Digby (Manifold) (1915-2001)
General Staff Officer Grade 3, Middle East Land Forces General Headquarters, 1940-1941; General Staff Officer Grade 2, Middle East Land Forces and 8 Army, 1941-1942; General Staff Officer Grade 1 (Intelligence), Palestinian and Iraq Force, 1942-1943; Deputy Director of Military Intelligence, Middle East Land Forces, 1943
Memoir, including service as Intelligence Officer, Middle East Land Forces, 1940-1943, collecting and assessing information on Italian and German orders of battle

Riall, Air Cdre Arthur Bookee (1911-1984)
Major, East Yorkshire Regiment, seconded to RAF in Iraq, 1947; transferred to RAF Regiment, 1948; Chief Instructor, RAF Regt Depot, 1951-1953; commanded RAF Levies, Iraq until their disbandment, 1953-1955; Master of the Royal Exodus Hunt, Iraq, 1953-1955

Ritchie, Maj Gen Walter Henry Donniss (1901-1984)
Brigadier in charge of administration, British Troops in Egypt and Chairman of Operation SATIRE Works Committee, 1946-1947
Minutes of meetings of Operation SATIRE Works Committee meetings, Jul 1946-Mar 1947
concerning the provision of accommodation for military units moving to the Canal Zone, Egypt

ROBERTS, Sqn Ldr Cyril Edward (1909-2005)
Non-commissioned officer, Royal Army Service Corps, Palestine, 1938-1939; Chief Clerk of the General Staff, Western Desert Headquarters, 1940-1941

Memoirs, including service as confidential clerk, 1938-1941, under Gen Sir Richard Nugent O'Connor, Palestine and Egypt

ROBERTS, Maj Gen (George) Philip (Bradley) ('Pip') (1906-1987)
Commanding Officer, 3 Royal Tank Regiment, 7 Armoured Division, 8 Army, Western Desert, 1941; commanded 22 Armoured Brigade, 8 Army, Western Desert, 1942

Detailed letters home from the Western Desert, 1940-1942; memoranda, typescript intelligence summaries and notes, on operations of 22 Guards Bde and 7 Armoured Div, Egypt and Libya, Jun 1941

ROBERTSON, FM Sir William (Robert), 1st Bt (1860-1933)
Chief of the Imperial General Staff, 1915-1918

Lecture given by Robertson as Commandant, Staff College, Camberley, Surrey, 1912, on communications and transport in Persia and Mesopotamia, and the strategic relevance of the Baghdad railway. Memoranda written and received by Robertson as Chief of General Staff, BEF, 1915, and as CIGS, 1915-1917, on the Middle East campaigns. Official and personal correspondence and telegrams, 1915-1918; memoranda, typescript intelligence summaries and notes, on operations of 22 Guards Bde and 7 Armoured Div, Egypt and Libya, Jun 1941

SCLATER, Gen Sir Henry Crichton (1855-1923)
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Cairo, Egypt, 1883-1890

Letter to Slater from Gen Sir (Francis) Reginald Wingate, relating to riots in Egypt, Jun 1920

SHEA, Gen Sir John Stuart Mackenzie (1869-1966)
Commander, 60 Division, Palestine, 1917-1918

Correspondence, notes and orders of battle relating to the Palestine campaign, 1917-1918; photographs, 1917-1918, including Jerusalem, encampments, and troops crossing the river Jordan. Correspondence, 1917-1955, relating to the Official History of Palestine; lectures and addresses by Shea on the Palestine campaign, 1918-1937

SIMPSON-BAIKIE, Brig Gen Sir Hugh Archie Dundas (1871-1924)
General Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, 21 Corps, Egypt and Palestine, 1917-1919; served at

Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force, Lt Gen Sir Percy Henry Noel Lake and Lt Gen Sir Frederick Stanley Maude; Lt Gen Sir John Grenfell Maxwell, General Officer Commanding, Egypt; Gen Sir Charles Carmichael Monroe, Commander in Chief in India; Gen Sir Archibald (James) Murray, General Officer Commanding in Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force; Gen Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, Robertson's successor as CIGS; Gen Sir (Francis) Reginald Wingate, High Commissioner of Egypt, on topics including: problems of administration and supply to the separate Mediterranean and Egyptian forces; operations in Mesopotamia; the defence of Egypt; the transfer of divisions from Egypt to the Western Front, from Egypt to Mesopotamia, and from the Western Front to Mesopotamia; the siege and surrender of Kuf at El Amara; the logistical requirements of the Palestine campaign; the possibility of British overall command of Allied operations in Syria; the Third Battle of Gaza, Oct-Nov 1917; the capture of Beersheba, Oct 1917; operations around the Hedjaz railway and British-Arab cooperation; the capture of Jericho, Feb 1918

SPLAWSON, Maj Gen Sir Cuthbert Allan (1877-1956)
Consulting Physician, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, 1916-1918

Memoir of service, including Mesopotamia, 1916-1918

SPROT, Lt Col Aidan Mark (b 1919)
Served with Royal Scots Greys, Middle East, 1941-1943

Memoir of service, 1942-1945, written in 1947, including the Battle of El Alamein, Egypt, Oct 1942

STANFORD, Brig Henry Mornant (1894-1957)
Commanded Support Group, 8 Armoured Division, Middle East, 1941-1942

Correspondence, reports and memoranda relating to gunnery techniques and tactics, Support Group, 8 Armoured Div, Middle East, 1941-1942

STARLING, Brig John Geoffrey ('Joe') (1928-1996)
Served with Parachute Regiment landing at El Gamil airfield; aircraft carriers HMS BULWARK, EAGLE and ALBION; British troops, Port Said; French and British officers; aerial views of Port Said

STONE, Brig John Southam Wycherley (1895-1983)
General Staff Officer Grade 2, Palestine, 1937-1939

Account, ‘Duck shooting in the upper Jordan valley, 1938-1939'; extracts from his letters home, Palestine, 1938

Third Battle of Gaza and as General Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Battle of Megiddo, Palestine, 1918

Letters home from Egypt and Palestine, 1917-1918

SLADE, Gp Capt Richard Gordon (1912-1981)
Served with No 4 Flying Training School, Agh Sweur, Egypt, 1933-1934, and No 30 Bomber Squadron, Mosul and Habbaniyah, Iraq, 1934-1937

Photographs of Egypt and Iraq, 1933-1937, chiefly aerial views over Iraq, including Erbil (Arbil), Kirkuk, Mosul, Shergat (Ashur), and Zakhu, aircraft in flight and on the ground, and the personnel of 30 Sqn

SPRAWSON, Maj Gen Sir Cuthbert Allan (1877-1956)
Consulting Physician, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, 1916-1918

Memoir of service, including Mesopotamia, 1916-1918

SPROT, Lt Col Aidan Mark (b 1919)
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General Staff Officer Grade 2, Palestine, 1937-1939

Account, ‘Duck shooting in the upper Jordan valley, 1938-1939'; extracts from his letters home, Palestine, 1938

www.kcl.ac.uk/iss/archives
STREET, Maj Gen Vivian Wakefield (1912-1970)
General Staff Officer 3, British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan, 1939-1940; General Staff Officer 3, General Headquarters, Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, 1940; attended Staff Course, Haifa, Palestine, 1940; General Staff Officer 2, General Headquarters, Middle East, 1941-1942
Narrative diary of service in Palestine, Aug-Oct 1939. Photographs of Palestine, 1938-1939, and Middle East, 1940-1942, chiefly colleagues, and attendees at the Haifa staff course, 1940-1941. Press cuttings and related papers on the award of the MC to Street, Palestine, 1938

STUART, Maj Gen Sir Andrew Mitchell (1861-1936)
Served with No 4 Section Telegraph Bn, Royal Engineers, Sudan and Egypt, 1885-1887
Diary, May-Jun 1885, including details of inspections of telegraph line between Halfa and Asswan; note on maintenance and operation of telegraph lines, Sudan and Egypt, 1884-1887; ‘Reminiscences of the Nile Expedition, 1884-1885 and after’, by Col Arthur Henry Bagnold, 1935

THOMPSON, Reginald William (1904-1977)
War correspondent and military historian
Letters from Maj Gen Eric Edward Dorman O’Gowan (formerly Eric Edward Dorman Smith, 1883-1964) to Street, Palestine, 1938

THWAITES, Brig Peter Trevenon (1926-1991)
Commander, Muscat Regiment, Sultan of Muscat’s Armed Forces, Muscat and Oman, 1967-1970

TIPPEN, Assistant Paymaster Lewis Roland (1890-1916)
Clerk, HMS KENT, 1909
Photographs relating to armoured cruiser, HMS KENT, 1909, including views of Port Said, Egypt

TOWNSHEND, Maj Gen Sir Charles Vere Ferrers (1861-1924)
General Officer Commanding 6 Indian Division, Mesopotamia, 1915-1916; commanded 6 Indian Division at Battles of Kurna, Kut el Amara, Ctesiphon and the defence and siege of Kut el Amara, 1915-1916; prisoner of war, 1916-1918

VAN STRAUBENZEE, Lt Col Henry Hamilton (1914-2002)
Lieutenant Colonel, 10 Armoured Division, Middle East, 1943-1944; 1 Division, Palestine, 1945-1946
Memoir of life and military service, including Middle East, 1943-1944, and Palestine, 1945-1946

VEASEY, Capt Robert Francis, RN (1883-1964)
Sea Transport Officer, later Divisional Sea Transport Officer, Aden, 1941-1943; Divisional Sea Transport Officer, Port Said, Egypt, 1943
Letters home, 1941-1943, chiefly written from Port Said, 1943

WARD-BOOTH, Maj Gen John Antony (1927-2002)
Served with 3 Battalion, Parachute Regiment, Aden, 1964
LIFE international photographs and magazine article, Oct 1946, relating to the role of 3 BN Parachute Regt in protecting the Aden-Dhala road, South Arabia, from incursions by Yemeni guerrillas, 1964

WHEELER, Maj Gen (Thomas) Norman (1915-1980)
Served with Royal Ulster Rifles, Palestine, 1937-1939

“Notes on tactical lessons of the Palestine Rebellion, 1936”

WINTRINGHAM, Capt Thomas Henry (1898-1949)
Socialist author and military commentator
Letters from his brother John Wintringham describing his service with Lincolnshire Yeomanry, Egypt, 1916-1918. Draft articles for Picture Post, and the Daily Mirror, 1940-1942, on topics including operations of the Western Desert campaign in Egypt and Libya. Correspondence and drafts, 1947-1949, for an unpublished book, ‘World Guard’, proposing the formation of a volunteer international armed peace keeping force for Palestine

WOODHOUSE, Col Hon Christopher Montague, 5th Baron Terrington (1917-2001)
Served in Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) in British Embassy, Teheran, Iran, 1951-1952
Papers on the SIS/CIA plot to overthrow Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed MusaDeq (Operations BOOT and AJAX), 1953

WRETHAM, Kenneth Edward (b 1925)
Telegraph operator, escort carrier HMS RAJAH, 1944-1945
Photographs, 1944-1945, including views of the Suez Canal

YOUNG, Lt Col Geoffrey Douglas Pulford (1900-1967)
Staff Paymaster, Ministry of Defence, 1970-1972
Collected publications, including text of ‘Proclamation by the GCC in Chief (Lt Gen Sir William Raine Marshall) in Mesopotamia to the people of Iraq on the occasion of the successful conclusion of hostilities against the Turkish Armies’, 2 Nov 1918

YOUNG, Maj Sir Hubert Winthrop (1885-1950)
General Staff Officer Grade 2, Hejaz operations, Arabia, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1918
Copy notes, memorandum and account relating to operations in the Hejaz (Hejaz), Arabia, 1917-1919, especially the provision of camels and equipment to Sheikh Faisal bin Hussein’s Northern Arab Army

Media

Cold War television documentary collection, Jeremy Isaacs Productions

The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs television documentary collection, Brian Lapping Associates
MIDDLE EAST

Israel and the Arabs: Elusive Peace television documentary collection, Brook Lapping Productions

Interview transcripts, original interviews and research material relating to the Arab-Israeli peace process, 1999-2005, for a three-part series broadcast on BBC2, 2005, as a follow-up to the 1998 The Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs.

Interviewees include political, military and diplomatic personnel, including: Ehud Barak, Prime Minister of Israel, 1999-2001; Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel 1996-1999, and Foreign Minister 2002-2003; Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel, 1984-1986 and 1995-1996; Ariel Sharon, Prime Minister of Israel 2001-2006; Abu Ala’a (also known as Ahmed Qurie), Prime Minister, Palestinian National Authority, 2003-2006; Yasir Arafat, President of the Palestinian National Authority, 1996-2004; Saeb Erekat, Head of PLO Steering and Monitoring Committee, 1995-2003; Abu Mazen (also known as Mahmoud Abbas), President, Palestinian National Authority, 2005-2007; Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi (also known as Abd al-Aziz Rantisi), co-founder of Hamas; Nabil Sha’ath (also Nabil Sha’ath), Foreign Minister, Palestinian National Authority, 2003-2005 and Prime Minister, Dec 2005; Nabil Sha’ath (also Nabil Shaath), Foreign Minister, Palestinian National Authority, 2003-2005 and Prime Minister, Dec 2005; Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State 1997-2001; William Jefferson (‘Bill’) Clinton, US President, 1993-2000; Colin Powell, US Secretary of State, 2001-2005. Topics covered include: Israeli-Syrian negotiations, Dec 1998; events at the Middle East Peace Summit at Camp David, Maryland, USA, Jul 2000; the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, May 2000; problems with the publication and implementation of the road map for peace plan, 2002; the Israeli capture of a weapons shipment from the Palestinian freighter KARINE A, Jan 2002; Passover bombing of the Park Hotel, Netanya, Israel, Mar 2002; the first siege of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat’s compound and the launch of Operation DEFENSIVE SHIELD by the Israeli Defence Force (IDF), Apr 2002; the siege of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem by Israeli Defence Forces, Apr-May 2002; the assassination of Salah Shehadeh, Hamas military leader, Jul 2002; the second siege of President Yasser Arafat’s compound, Ramallah, Sept 2002; the planning and execution of Hamas suicide bombings, Israel, 2002-2003; the Middle East Peace Summit, Aqaba, Jordan, Jun 2003; Ariel Sharon’s disengagement plan, Jun 2004

The Nuclear Age, television documentary collection, Central Independent Television


The Washington Version, television documentary collection, Brian Lapping Associates


Interviewees include: James Addison Baker III, US Secretary of State, 1989-1992; Richard B (Dick) Cheney, US Secretary of Defense, 1989-1993; Colin Powell, Chairman, US Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen Norman Schwarzkopf, Commander in Chief, Lawrence S Eagleburger, Deputy Secretary of State, 1989-1992; Sergei Tarasenko, Policy Advisor to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze 1985-1991; Topics include: the granting of permission for US forces to enter Saudi territory; Israel’s position; Soviet response to the Iraqi invasion; the use of sanctions against Iraq; the role of the news media; air strikes on Iraq; Iraqi Scud missile strikes on Israel; objectives finally achieved by the coalition forces


MICROFILM MF 361-72; MF 412-421

Confidential US State Department Central Files, Soviet Union, Foreign Affairs, 1945-1959
Themed collection relating to US State Department interpretations of Soviet foreign affairs, 1945-1959, on topics including Soviet alliances or friendship treaties with countries including Egypt and Syria, and Soviet-Iranian boundary disputes

MICROFILM MF 293-320

The Diaries of Dwight D Eisenhower, 1953-1961

White House staff memroanda, reports, correspondance, and summaries of congressional correspondence, on topics including the Suez Crisis, 1956, and military officer exchanges between Israel and the US, 1957

MICROFILM MF 71-81; 172-174; 286-292; 434-437; 792-791

Documents of the National Security Council, 1947-1985

Memoranda, policy papers, directives and records of actions undertaken by the US National Security Council, 1947-1985, on topics including: United Nations decision to introduce military forces to Palestine, 1948; US policy regarding Iran, 1949-1956; policy papers and progress reports relating to the Middle East, 1947-1985

MICROFILM MF 422-426; MF 548-552; MF 438-440

Minutes of Meetings of the National Security Council: First Supplement

Minutes of meetings, official meeting files and supporting documentation, and detailed records relating to meeting of the National Security Council, 1947-1956, on topics including: US political position towards Palestine, 1947; conversations with the British concerning the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East, 1948

MICROFILM MF 333-357

Official Conversations and Meetings of Dean Acheson, 1949-1953

Minutes of conversations and meetings of Dean Acheson during his tenure as Secretary of State during the Truman administration, 1949-1953, on topics including: US policy in the Middle East, financial assistance to Iran

MICROFILM MF 565-608

The Papers of John Foster Dulles and of Christian A Herter, 1953-1961

Minutes of telephone conversations, memoranda, reports, and correspondence of Dulles and Herter as US Secretary of State and Under
Secretary of State respectively (1953-1959), and Herter as US Secretary of State (1959-1961), on subjects including deteriorating Arab-Israeli relations, 1954-1956, the Suez Crisis, 1956, and American troops in Lebanon as part of a United Nations force, 1958. Correspondents include David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel; Hussein ibn Talal, King of Jordan, and Gamal Abdul Nasser, President of the Republic of Egypt

MICROFICHE MFF 338-339
Potsdam Conference Documents, 1945: The Presidential Documents Series
Themed collection including the personal and official documents and correspondence of President Harry S Truman during proceedings of the Potsdam Conference, 23-29 Jul 1945, on topics including the withdrawal of Allied forces from Iran, and Anglo-Soviet rivalry in the Middle East

MICROFICHE MFF 1
War Cabinet Minutes (HMSO), 1939-1945
Themed collection of the minutes of the War Cabinet Meetings, Sep 1939-Jul 1945, and Cabinet Conclusions and Confidential Annexes, 1941-1945, on subjects including the seizing of French warships in British and Egyptian harbours and the sinking of French warships at Mers-el-Kebir, Egypt, 23 Jun 1940

The National Archives, Kew

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Miscellaneous

MISC 66
British and European printed maps, 1909-1962
Collection also includes historical maps of the Palestine campaign, 1917-1918, produced by the War Office Historical Section (Military Branch), 1927-1929

MISC 74
Civil Service Oral History Project, 1989
Typescript transcripts of interviews, 1989, with selected senior British civil servants, on topics including the Suez Crisis, 1956

MISC 83
HMSO and Ministry of Information publications, World War Two
Publications, 1939-1956, relating to World War Two including, “The battle of Egypt” (Ministry of Information, 1943)

MISC 15
Maorachot articles relating to Capt Sir Basil Henry Liddell Hart
Copies of articles (in Hebrew) from the military journal Maorachot relating to Capt Sir Basil Henry Liddell Hart’s theories of military strategy and tactics, including ‘Rapid Training of Recruits’, by Capt Basil Henry Liddell Hart, Sep 1939; obituaries for Liddell Hart, 1971; review of Liddell Hart’s History of the Second World War by Col Dr Yehuda Wallech, 1971

MISC 12
Sepia photograph of Kut el Amara, [1915]
Photograph of Kut el Amara, Mesopotamia, before the siege of the British garrison, 1916

SUEZ ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
Series of interviews with British political, diplomatic and military figures involved at a senior level in the Suez Crisis of 1956, made 1989-1991, by Anthony Gorst of the University of Westminster and Dr W Scott Lucas, then of the University of Birmingham. Also copy of the Protocol of Sèvres, 24 Oct 1956, recording the agreements reached between the governments of Great Britain, France and Israel during discussions held in France, 22-24 Oct 1956, on a joint politico-military response to Egypt’s nationalisation of the Suez Canal

SUEZ SEMINAR
Held at King’s College London, Nov 1996 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Suez Crisis, 1956

MISC 10
Audio recordings of personal accounts of the Suez campaign, Nov 1996, including three personal accounts of aspects of the Suez campaign, by: Maj Gen Denis Arthur Beckett, Second in Command, 3 Bn, Parachute Regt in airborne landings, 5 Nov 1956; Maj Gen Nicholas Francis Vaux, Second Lt, 45 Commando Royal Marines, 3 Commando Bde, in helicopter-borne amphibious assault, 6 Nov 1956; Dr Henry Cowper, lecturer in history, Napier University, Edinburgh, who served as a Corporal (on National Service), 1 Bn, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), 19 Infantry Bde in Port Said, Egypt, 14 Nov 22 Dec 1956

MISC 26
War Office instructional booklets on the German Army, 1941-1943
Includes Periodical Notes on the German Army, on subjects including German Army tactics in Libya, 1941

Individual collections held in the College Archives

FEREDAY, Edmund James (b 1959)
War Studies student, King’s College London, 1984-1989
Account of an educational cycle tour through Jordan, Israel and Egypt, including descriptions of archaeological sites and an archaeological dig at Udrud, Jordan, 1985

Guy’s Hospital Medical School records
Photograph album including a visit by a team of Guy’s staff to the grave monument of the pathologist, Thomas Hodgkin in Jaffa, Israel, 1967

Modern Poetry in Translation
Working papers of Professor Norma Rinsler relating to the Second International Poets Festival in Jerusalem, 1993

MOTTRAM, Professor Eric (1924-1995)
Professor of American and English Literature, King’s College London, 1982-1990
Copies of Al-Zahaf Al-Akhdar: the weekly ideological journal of the revolutionary committees (Tripoli and London), a pro-Palestinian newsletter in English, 1981-1982

NASH, Professor John (1922-1981)
Professor of Civil Engineering, King’s College London, 1961-1982
Geological and hydrological survey report on the proposed Tannur dam, Jordan, 1968