

# MECA GUIDE BRITISH MANDATE PALESTINE POLICE

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## Guide to collections relating to the British Mandate Palestine Police

### Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that contain records of Palestine Policemen have been included. There are many other closely related collections such as the Kermack Collection that contains a memoir describing work in the Palestine Judicial Service, the Brebber Collection (military court material) and the Cunningham Collection that contains much material on the police due to the deteriorating security situation that Cunningham faced during his service as the last High Commissioner.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word 'Handlist'.

Please note that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

#### **ADAMSON, Richard.**

GB165-0001

Accounts by a Palestine Police Officer of the Cairo conspiracy trial in 1919 and the riots in Jerusalem, Easter 1920. 7 sheets.

#### **CANNINGS, Victor Henry Douglas (b.1919)**

GB165-0386

Papers relating to service in the British Mandate Palestine Police including a Police identity card, Criminal Code Ordinance for 1936, Palestine Police Magazines 1939-1947, 3 photographs of the Palestine Police Cricket Team, Certificate of Discharge from the Police and an oral history interview carried out in 2006 covering Cannings' service in the Palestine Police. Also including a booklet on Jerusalem promoting the work of the Jewish Agency and press cuttings covering bombings and deteriorating security in Palestine 1944-1946 and an essay on Canning's later Cricket Career, 1958. 1 box. Handlist.

#### **CARD, John Glenville (b.1926)**

GB165-0391

Oral history interview of John Card in March 2006, by Jordan Toone, covering Mr Card's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1945-1948. The interview is 68 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

#### **CLEAVER, Percy (1915-1998)**

GB165-0358

Recruitment film for the Palestine Police, not dated c1946. The commentary for the film was written by Rex Keating. Photocopies of letters from Percy Cleaver to his aunt and uncle Feb 1936-June 1938. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection. Please contact the Archivist in

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advance to arrange a viewing of the film.

**DE LACY, James Percival** (1906-87). GB165-0082  
MS notes on his service with the Northern Frontier Division, Palestine Police, 1937-39. 3 sheets.

**EDWARDS, Stephen** (1912-1997). GB165-0354  
Personal papers relating to Stephen Edwards' service in the Palestine Police 1936-1948 consisting of his service record booklet and papers mainly relating to pay, conditions of service and the end of the mandate. 1 box. Photographic collection.

**FARADAY, John Alexander Mulloy.** (1899-1986). GB165-0101  
Papers relating to the Safad disturbances of 1929 and the Jaffa riots of 1933. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**GREEN, Gerald John** (b.1928) GB165-0404  
Oral history interview of Gerald Green in Oct 2006, by Eugene Rogan, covering Mr Green's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 145 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

**HAMILTON, Robert Ernest** (1925-2006). GB165-0392  
Oral history interview of Robert Hamilton in April 2006, by Sharif Ismail, covering Mr Hamilton's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 56 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. Police Boundaries map showing civil district, sub district boundaries and Police Station Boundary, June 1947. 4 items. Handlist.

**HAYWARD, S. F.** (b. 1908) GB165-0141  
*For the Record:* Arab A.M.O. pamphlet giving details of terrorist incidents carried out by Jewish organisations in Palestine involving British victims, 1944-47. 14 sheets.

**JONES, Frank William.** (b.1928) GB165-0389  
Oral history interview of Frank Jones on 16 March 2006, by Nick Kardahji, covering Mr Jones' service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 79 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

**McARTHUR, Arthur** (b.1913) GB165-0380  
Photographs of the Palestine Police Rugby Team, official group photographs of Palestine Policemen, a few photographs of armoured cars, one photograph of a derailed train and a wooden Palestine Police Shield, 1942-1948. 1 item and 23 photographs. Handlist. Photographic Collection

**MORRIS, Philip** GB165-0379  
Palestine Police training materials, 1945-1946, giving information on the history and organisation of the Palestine Police, Jewish Military Organisations, Jewish and Arab military forces in Palestine, the Arab Legion, instructions with regard to curfew passes for troops manning road blocks and Guidance in the use of search lights. Also includes two TS accounts probably by the same unknown author entitled 'La Regence' giving an account of the bombing

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of the King David Hotel in 1946 and 'Jerusalem' giving an account of a short stay in Jerusalem commenting on accommodation and terrorism c1946. Handlist. 1 file.

### **MORTON, Desmond** (1927-2005)

GB165-0405

Papers and photographs relating to Desmond Morton's service as a British Constable in the Palestine Police between 1946-1948 including papers relating to his recruitment, training and police work such as his role as liaison with Spinney's for police food rations. Also includes a small amount of material relating to Morton's social life as well as Jewish and Arab propaganda and newspaper clippings relating to attacks on British Policemen. Correspondence from Desmond Morton to his parents describing his journey out to Palestine and his life as a policeman with descriptions of the deteriorating security situation and the shock at the decision to withdraw. Includes a small amount of administrative material relating to the end of Desmond Morton's service (such as information on plans to help Palestine Policeman find new jobs after withdrawal) and papers relating to the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association Also includes a small number of artefacts consisting of a police badge, a police whistle and Desmond Morton's General Service Medal with clasp 'Palestine 1945-8'. 2 boxes. Handlist.

### **POOLE, John**

GB165-0431

Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to John Poole's service as a British Constable and Wireless Telegraph Officer in the Palestine Police from 1938 to 1943. Papers relating to his police work include daily crime reports, summaries of Arabic and Hebrew press items, a propaganda leaflet and curfew order poster, as well as a Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association newsletter from 1955. The photographs cover both his police service and general life in Palestine. There is also a small collection of artefacts dating from his service in Palestine including badges, buttons, coins, police whistle and a General Service medal. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

### **RICE, Col. Harry Patrick** (1886-1973).

GB165-0240

Memos on the protection of Palestine Government officials during the Arab Rebellion, written by Rice as Acting Inspector-General of Police, November 1937. 8 sheets.

### **RUSSELL, Francis Mark.** (1927-2007).

GB165-0396

Oral history interview of Francis Mark Russell in May 2006, by Eugene Rogan, covering Mr Russell's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 119 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

### **SAUNDERS, Col. Alan.** (1886-1964).

GB165-0253

Farewell autograph book from Palestine Police colleagues on his transfer to Nigeria, 1935; Nigerian Police Reports, 1936-37; Tripolitania Police Force and Prison Service Administration Reports, 1946-51; maps of Kenya, 1947, and Tanganyika, 1957; article on the Tripolitania Police in *Soldier: The British Army Magazine*, vol. 6, no. 5, July 1950, pp.18-21; printed ephemera; epaulettes, badges and buttons from Palestine and Nigeria Police uniforms. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection.

### **SCOTT, Frank Montgomery.** (1892-1974).

GB165-0255

Official letters of thanks and appreciation, 1928-48, for his work in the Palestine Police and Prisons Service, and the Control Commission for Germany; medical reports for injuries

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sustained by Scott in the discharge of his duties in Jaffa, 1930; press-cuttings; Palestine Prisons Service Administration report, 1946. 21 sheets; 1 item.

**TEGART, Sir Charles Augustus.** (1881-1946).

GB165-0281

Papers relating to British policy in Palestine, internal security, the reorganisation of the Palestine Police, construction of border defences, and police work in general, 1937-39; personal papers relating to the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938; press-cuttings. 4 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**WELLS, Edward H.** (b.1924).

GB165-0393

Oral history interview of Edward Wells, by Josephine Delap, covering Mr Wells' service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1944-1948. The interview is 44 minutes in length. Photocopy of letter from B.N. Hinga (Commissioner of Police, Kenya) to Mr Wells summarising his career and giving thanks for his devoted service, 23 Aug 1965. 2 items. Handlist.

### UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

A draft handlist is available for the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association Collection, please ask the Archivist for further details.

**CAFFERATA, Col. Raymond Oswald.** (1897-1966).

GB165-0044

Photocopies of press-cuttings and notes on the life of Col. R.O. Cafferata, Palestine Police 1922-48 (54 sheets) plus additional papers and photographs covering his childhood, service in the First World War, the Royal Irish Constabulary, the Palestine Police also including some post Palestine Police papers such as articles, correspondence and obituaries. Draft Catalogue. 5 boxes.

**PALESTINE POLICE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

GB165-0224

Records of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association, such as newsletters and membership certificates, 1946-2000; personal papers of Palestine Policemen 1920s-1990s; mandate period material such as police training manuals, official publications and newspapers 1920-1948; and material compiled by Edward Horne as official historian of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association. Draft Catalogue. c50 boxes.

**PALESTINE POLICE SERVICE RECORD CARDS**

GB165-0365

Service record cards for British and Palestinian (Jewish and Arab) Palestine Policemen who served at the end of the Palestine Mandate including information such as places they served in and information on training received, 1940s. Draft Catalogue. 58 bundles and 5 boxes. **Please note that the service record cards are subject to Data Protection Legislation. Access can only be granted in line with this legislation. Further details on access are available from the Archivist.**