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Title: Rupert Scrivener Collection

Name of creator: Scrivener, Rupert Frederick (1890-1951) Chief Engineer of Palestine Railways and Ports

Dates of creation of material: 1882-1948

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 4 boxes

Biographical history: Scrivener, Rupert Frederick (1890-1951)

Born 21 November 1890. Military service 1914-20; Assistant Chief Engineer, Palestine Railways, 1920; Engineer, Ways and Works, 1924; Assistant General Manager and Chief Engineer, 1929; Chief Engineer, Railways and Ports, Palestine, 1931-48. Died 8 May 1951.

Scope and content: Papers relating to the administration of Palestine Railways and Ports, 1923-48, including reports on sabotage; development of railways in the Middle East, 1882-1946. Photograph collection.

System of arrangement: Administration of Palestine Railways and Ports; historical development of railways in the Middle East; pamphlets etc. unconnected with railways; maps

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COLLECTION**

A Papers re: the administration of Palestine Railways and Ports

Box 1

File 1	R.F. Scrivener's personal file	1923-1930
File 2 a	Military railway extract from despatches of General Sir Edmund H H Allenby –GCB GCMG Egyptian Expeditionary Force	July 1917 – Oct 1918; c1919
File 2 b	Report on the replacement of the Yarmuk river bridge	1923
File 3	Palestine Railways – particulars of senior staff as at 31 July 1925	1925
File 4	R.F. Scrivener – Report on the railway systems in Palestine, Sinai and Transjordan administered by the Palestine Railways	Sept 1925
File 5	R.F. Scrivener – Palestine Railways Estimates	1925
File 6	Government of Palestine – Note on the technical system of the survey of Palestine	1927
File 7	R.F. Scrivener – technical report on the Sinai military railway deviations	1929
File 8	R.F. Scrivener – Diary of the riots in Haifa	25-31 Aug 1929
File 9	Palestine Railways – Administrative Report for year ending 31 Dec 1929	[1930]
File 10	Rendel, Palmer and Tritton – Report on the Haifa Harbour works Partners visit	Nov 1932
File 11	(a) R.F. Scrivener Memorandum on the administration of the new harbour, Haifa	1932
	(b) C.R. Webb – Correspondence with R.F. Scrivener re: the proposed Haifa – Baghdad Railway	1932
	(c) R.F. Scrivener. Notes on route mileage in operation and gangs employed on Palestine Railways	1934
File 12	Sir F.J.C. Pale. Report on proposed railway improvements in	1935

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| File 13 | (a) R.F. Scrivener. Letter describing the visit of the Emperor of Ethiopia to Palestine | 9 April 1936 |
| | (b) Graph and figures showing the amount of labour lost on Palestine Railways during the strike of August 1936 | [1936] |
| | (c) Sample of the letters of intimidation sent to Arab members of the Palestine Railway's staff | Aug 1936 |
| | (d) R.F. Scrivener. Report on attacks made on railway property | Aug – Sept
1936 |
| | (e) Government of Palestine – staff list | 1937 |
| | (f) R.F. Scrivener. Reply to K. Al Khalidi's criticism of R.F. Scrivener's talk on Railway development in Palestine | 1937 |
| File 14 | R.F. Scrivener. Report giving details of sabotage on Palestine Railways | Apr 1936-Nov
1939 |
| File 15 | (a) Government of Palestine – staff lists | 1939,1943 |
| | (b) R.F. Scrivener. Annual Report on the working of the Engineering branch of Palestine Railways for the year ending 31 March 1940 | [1940] |
| File 16 | Kirby A.F. Report of the General Manager (Palestine Railways) on the administration of the Palestine Railways...and on the ports of Palestine | 1946-1947 |

Box 2

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| File 1 | J. Mouchly <i>Survey of Palestine Railways, Ports, Public works and other technical developments</i> | 1948 |
| File 2 | R.F. Scrivener. Personal file re: matters connected with the termination of the Mandate (transportation of furniture, pensions etc) | 1948 |
| File 3 | R.F. Scivener. Report of the Sinai Military Railway | Not dated |

B Papers concerning the historical development of railways in Turkey, Palestine, Sinai and the Levant

- File 4 (a) R.F. Scrivener. List of railway concessions granted by the Turkish Government for railways in Palestine and Syria from 1882-1902
- (b) R.F. Scrivener. Notes for a lecture on the history of the developments of railways in Palestine from 1888
- (c) P. Dickman. Notes on railways in Palestine from 1888-1920
- File 5 (a) Notes on the development of the Syrian – Palestinian railway during the 1890’s by R.F. Scrivener 1925
- (b) R.F. Scrivener. Notes on the development of the railways of Palestine 1890-1940
- (c) F.D. Fox. Report on ‘Central Syria and the sphere of influence of the Syria – Ottoman Railway’ 1893
- (d) ‘Acts of the Syria Ottoman Railway Company’ – Acre to Damascus 1899
- (e) Syria Ottoman Railway Co. ‘Contract No. 2 – Specification for works for a line from Akka (Acre) to Damascus with a branch to Haifa’ 1899
- (f) Translation of an agreement between the Ottoman Government and the Arian Ottoman Railway Co. for the repurchase of the concession for the Construction of a line from Acre to Damascus. Plus related correspondence 1902
- File 6 (a) Auler Pasha. Pamphlet entitled ‘The Hejaz Railway – 2nd Stage - Ma'an to El 'Ula’. Based on a second inspection journey and official sources 1908
- (b) Scrivener R.F. An account of the 327km of lines constructed in Palestine during the war by the Turkish military authorities Not dated
- (c) Collection of press cuttings re: Palestine Railways 1923-1946
- (d) Series of articles from *The Times* entitled *The Railways* May 1932

- File 7 R.F. Scrivener. Translation of Auler Pashas' *The Hejaz Railway with an introduction by Colman von der Galtz* (Gotha 1908). Translation 1941
- File 8 (a) [Scrivener R.F.] Notes on the history of the Hejaz Railway Not dated
(b) Scrivener R.F. *A short history of the Development of Railways in Palestine* Not dated
(c) Scrivener R.F. Paper entitled *The Development of Railway Communications in Palestine* Not dated
(d) Scrivener R.F. Paper entitled *The Palestine Railways – the Past and the Present* Not dated

Box 3

- File 1 Pamphlets, lecture notes etc – but mostly unconnected with Palestine Railways
- File 2 Collection of maps of Palestine, Syria, Hejza Railway etc

C Photographs

Collection of photographs of railway installations and rolling stock, sabotage etc