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“The Survey of Palestine 1937-38: A Personal Memoir”: photocopied TS covering his recruitment to the Colonial Service and description of his work and the work of the Survey. 39 sheets.


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   7 sheets  1947

“Operation Elephant”
1/5 1st Infantry Division report on “Operation Elephant”.
   1 vol.  1947