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FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ANGUS JOHN MCNEILL COLLECTION

A Papers relating to the Palestine Gendarmerie

1 Diary (in 4 volumes) written whilst A J McNeill was commandant of the British Gendarmerie of Palestine  Feb 1922 – July 1926
2 (F1) Suggested designs for the uniforms of members of the Palestine Gendarmerie  Mar 1922
3 (F1) Notes by A J McNeill on the British Gendarmerie of Palestine  1923
4 (F1) Copies of three letters from A J McNeill to Winston Churchill discussing the Gendarmerie  Nov 1924 – May 1926
5 (F1) Letter from A J McNeill to Amery re: the work of the Gendarmerie  June 1925
6 (F1) Letter from Winston Churchill expressing regret at the disbandment of the Gendarmerie  Apr 1926
7 (F1) Note and memo – prepared by the Middle East Department of the Colonial Office on the revision of the public security forces in Palestine  June 1926
8 (F1) Letter from Winston Churchill re: the alleged poor treatment given to ex members of the Gendarmerie by the Middle East Department of the Colonial Office  June 1926

Photographs
(a) A group of Gendarmerie officers before leaving for Palestine  1922
(b) A group of Gendarmerie officers in Palestine
(c) Photographs of training exercises

B Papers relating to the Government Stud Farm, Daboya, Acre

1 (F2) E R Sawer ‘Memorandum on the stock breeding service in Palestine’  1926
2 (F2) Copy of the farewell address of Mr B M Cameron,  Mar 1947
Manager of the Government farm

(F2) A J McNeill ‘Notes on horsebreeding in Palestine’  May 1947

Photographs

(a) Visit of Amir Abdullah to Daboya  1927
(b) Visit of the Athlones  1931
(c) Four RAF aerial photographs of Daboya  1930s
(d) Four photographs of B Cameron’s farewell party  1947
(e) Photographs of stock

C Papers relating to the 1929 disturbances in Palestine

1 (F3) Letters from Mrs Lillian McNeill to her husband describing the disturbances in Acre  Aug 1929
2 (F3) Letter from J R Chancellor to Lillian McNeill thanking her for her influence in Acre during the disturbances  Sept 1929
3 (F3) Letter from Mustafa el Kheiry to Lillian McNeill asking her to act as a channel of communication between H.M.G. and Palestine  Dec 1929
4 (F3) Letter from acting Chief Secretary Jerusalem to Lillian McNeill conveying Lord Passfield’s appreciation for her services during the disturbances  Sept 1930

D Papers relating to the end of the British Mandate in Palestine

1 Diary of events at the termination of the Mandate  May 1948 – May 1949
Includes a draft copy of a letter from McNeill to Winston [?Churchill] and a short telegram reply from Winston in Nov 1948
2 Press cuttings re: A J McNeill’s decision to remain in Palestine after the termination of the Mandate