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Title: Sir Charles Tegart Collection
Name of creator: Tegart, Sir Charles Augustus (1881-1946) Knight, Indian Police Officer
Dates of creation of material: 1920; 1925-1926; 1931; 1936-1942
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Biographical history: TEGART, Sir Charles Augustus (1881-1946)
Born 1881, son of Revd. J.P. Tegart. Educated Portora Royal School, Enniskillen; Trinity College, Dublin. Joined Indian Police, 1901; King’s Police Medal 1911; MVO 1912; CIE 1917; served France, Royal Flying Corps, 1918-19; Kt 1926; retired from Indian Police 1931; CSI 1931; Member of Council of India, 1932-36; KCIE 1937; advised Palestine Government on police organisation, 1937-38; Ministry of Food, 1942-46. Married Kathleen Herbert. Died 6 April 1946.

Scope and content: 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. Photographic collection.
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The MEC Archive has extensive holdings of papers and photographs relating to the Palestine Police. For other Palestine Police papers and photographs please see the Guide to collections relating to the Palestine Police

In Other Repositories
Tegart Papers at Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge; MS biography by Lady Tegart at India Office Library (MSS Eur. C. 235)

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist
FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR CHARLES TEGART COLLECTION

Box 1

1/1 Daily C.I.D. news bulletins nos. 228/37-254/37 and 1/38-135/38 giving details of terrorist and other incidents 1 Dec 1937 – 10 June 1938 202 sheets

1/2 Weekly C.I.D. situation reports giving details and statistical analysis of terrorist incidents and casualty figures 9 Aug 1938-25 April 1939 214 sheets

1/3a Reports on Haj Amin Husseini (the Mufti) and members of the Husseini family 1938-1939 5 sheets

1/3b Information on societies and prominent individuals (mainly Arab) and their links, if any, with Haj Amin Husseini not dated 34 sheets

1/3c Statement of suspects; reports on terrorist gangs 1937-1939 113 sheets

1/4 Papers relating to the first course of instruction on bombs and bomb disposal, given by Assistant Superintendent E.T. Cosgrove, C.I.D. Jerusalem, 25-28 July 1938, including diagrams and 14 photographs July 1938 22 sheets; 14 prints

1/5 Duplicated copies of telegrams between High Commissioner and the Secretary of State for the Colonies Jan-Mar 1939 82 sheets

Box 2

2/1 Papers relating to internal security in Palestine with a memorandum on the formation of a gendarmerie or semi-military force for Palestine and its relationship with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force; 2 annotated maps of the Hebron and Haifa areas Jan-Mar 1939 82 sheets

2/2 Papers relating to police reorganisation including a memorandum on the future structure and establishment of the Palestine Police by Tegart and Sir David Petrie, with earlier drafts and correspondence Jan 1938-Feb 1939 198 sheets

2/3 Papers relating to internal security including terrorist attacks, especially the murder of Mr. Andrews and May 1938 Constable McEwan; information on suspects; sketch maps Dec 1937- May 1938 168 sheets
of areas under terrorist gang control; police posts and establishment; Force HQ warning orders

2/4 Papers relating to internal security including the construction of the border fence; information on suspects; terrorist activities; police establishment

July 1938- 81 sheets

Mar 1939; not dated

Box 3

3/1 Indexed TS copy of the Palestine (Defence) Order-in-Council, 1931, brought into force in 1936 and The Palestine Gazette, no. 674, Saturday 20th March 1937 supplement no.2 containing the Palestine (Defence) Order-in-Council, 1937, with other notices and orders relating to curfews, meetings, censorship etc.; TS copy of the Palestine Martial Law (Defence) Order-in-Council, 1936; carbon copy TS of the Emergency Regulations, 1936, with a covering letter from the Chief Secretary, W.D. Battershill

1931; 1936- 261 sheets

3/2 Papers relating to frontier defences in the Jordan Valley notably the erection of a barbed-wire fence, patrolled by armoured cars and protected by searchlights, including correspondence with the contractor, D. Hacohen of Solel Boneh

Jan-Oct 1938 128 sheets

3/3 Papers relating to police accommodation, including correspondence with D. Hacohen of Solel Boneh and the Public Works Department; the construction of police posts and stations; police housing; increased prison accommodation

1938-1939; 1941-1942; not dated

3/4 Papers relating to Palestine Police establishment and organisation, and the recruitment, grading and promotion of police personnel

1938-1939 121 sheets

3/5 Correspondence with Syrian and Transjordan authorities on border control and security to counteract arms smuggling and terrorist infiltration, with a report by Gilbert Mackereth, British Consul in Damascus, on the activities of the Palestine Defence Committee.

Jan-Oct 1938 44 sheets
| Box 4 | **4/1** Carbon copy TS of a talk on the Arab Legion by Ez Zaim E.W. Northfield Bey broadcast by the Palestine Broadcasting Station, Jerusalem | 13 Feb 1938 | 5 sheets |
| | **4/2a** Papers relating to Tegart’s appointment to Palestine and contract of service | 1937-1938 | 18 sheets |
| | **4/2b** Letters from well-wishers following the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938, and the death of his companion G.D. Sanderson | 1939-1940 | 47 sheets |
| | **4/2c** Personal letters to Tegart | 1920; 1937-1938 | 5 sheets |
| | **4/3** Papers relating to British policy on Palestine including the Secretary of State’s despatch of 23 December 1937; carbon-copy TS letter, 10 July 1938 [possibly Tegart to Malcolm MacDonald] dealing with the findings of the Palestine Partition (Woodhead) Commission; carbon copy TS of a note on Dr Weizmann’s final appearance before the Palestine Partition Commission, 30 August 1938; duplicated TS copy of a statement made by Mr. M. Shertok at the Palestine Conference, 13 February 1939 | 1937-1939 | 41 sheets |
| | **4/5** Carbon copy TS translation from Munich Latest News of an article entitled ‘Jewish dictatorship at the London Colonial Office’ | 22 Mar 1939 | 5 sheets |
| | **4/6** MS and TS diary giving details of Tegart’s meetings, visits and conversations related to police work in Palestine: 17 December 1937 – 14 January 1938 | 1937-1938 | 1 vol. |
4/7 TS diary giving details of Tegart’s meetings, visits and conversations related to police work in Palestine: 22 January – 9 February 1938

Box 5 Press cuttings

5/1 Press cuttings of New Year’s Honours lists giving details of the Indian list 1925-1926; 1937

5/2 Press cuttings on Tegart’s appointment and mission, and the situation in Palestine; seating plan and programme of 32nd Calcutta Dinner held at the Connaught Rooms, 23 May 1939 at which Tegart was guest of honour 22 Oct 1937 – 21 July 1939 46 sheets; 1 item

5/3 Press cuttings, C.I.D. Daily Intelligence Summaries and duplicated extracts from newspapers relating to security, terrorist attacks and the work of the Palestine Police, including a police map of Palestine, 1937 19 Dec 1937 – 9 June 1938 104 sheets