Reference code: GB165-0581

Title: Donald Brodie Collection

Name of creator: Brodie, Donald Haig (1917-1981) Palestine Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1937-1941

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Brodie, Donald Haig (1917-1981) Palestine Policeman

Born 28 June 1917 in Lee, South East London, son of Ivor de Haga Brodie and Winifred Kathryn (née Fidgeon). Educated at Upton House (Devon) and Glenalmond School (Perthshire). Employed as an insurance clerk upon leaving school, before volunteering for the Palestine Police in summer 1937. Arrived in Jerusalem on 20 September 1937 and was stationed in the suburb of Rehavia. Remained in Palestine following the outbreak of the Second World War, but was dispatched on a mission to Baghdad in 1941, where he found himself trapped following the Golden Square coup in April of that year. Returned to England via South Africa in late summer 1943. Subsequently enlisted in Military Police, serving until 1947 (based at Redhill). Married, 1944, Joan Margaret Odell Beale. Donald Brodie died on 22 December 1981.

Scope and content: Two photograph albums containing photographs relating to Donald Brodie’s service in the Palestine Police between 1937 and 1942. The first largely contains personal photos and includes scenes of police officers and soldiers at work and rest, accommodation, posts and checkpoints, police and military vehicles, landscapes, places of interest and daily life. Also includes images documenting attacks carried out by Irgun, such as the bombing of the Jerusalem General Post Office on 12 June 1939. The second photograph album mostly contains propaganda photographs relating to the Arab Revolt in 1936-1939, presumably collected by Donald Brodie. There is also a small collection of prints containing copies of photographs found in the first album and a single newspaper clipping from 1939 containing a pictorial history of Palestine.

System of arrangement:

1. Newspaper Article
2. Photograph Albums
3. Loose Prints

Access conditions: Open
Language of material: English, with a small amount of Arabic

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of Donald Brodie until 1981, then Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie)

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie) in July 2014

Location of copies: Copies of photographs in the possession of Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie)

Related Units of Description:

In the MEC Archive

For other material relating to the Palestine Police see the MECA Guide. See in particular:

- GB165-0224 Palestine Police Old Comrades’ Association: This includes 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

For other photographs relating to the British military and police presence in Palestine before the end of Mandate see:

- GB165-0596 Patrick Wilson Collection: This includes photographs relating to Patrick Wilson’s service in the Royal Military Police in Palestine, 1944-1947. Contains scenes of policemen at work, armoured vehicles, places of interest and daily life. 1 box, 1 oversize file. Handlist

For other material relating to the Arab Revolt 1936-1939 see the MECA Guide. See in particular:

- GB165-0193 Sir Donald MacGillivray Collection: This includes engagement books covering service in Palestine, 1938-45; a few papers on the Arab rebellion, 1938, and the British withdrawal, 1947-48; printed ephemera from services and social

- GB165-0281 Sir Charles Tegart Collection: This includes 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. 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

- GB165-0354 Stephen Edwards Collection: This includes 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.

- GB165-0431 John Poole Collection: This includes 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.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE DONALD BRODIE COLLECTION

1 Newspaper Article
Pages 19-22 of the Daily Sketch newspaper with the article ‘Palestine’s story in pictures’
Access – please note that this material is large format and is stored separately

18 May 1939 2 sheets

2 Photograph Albums 1937-1941 2 vols
2/1 Album 1: Service in Palestine, 1937-1941
Photograph album containing 189 black and white photographs mostly taken by Donald Brodie and relating to his service in the Palestine Police. Includes scenes of police officers and soldiers at work and rest, accommodation, posts and checkpoints, police and military vehicles, landscapes, places of interest and daily life. Also includes images documenting attacks carried out by Irgun, such as the bombing of the Jerusalem General Post Office on 12 June 1939, and a single postage stamp from the Arab Revolt with the caption ‘Palestine for the Arabs’. Original captions, which are noted at item level, often contain the names of police officers and others associated with the Police Force. Corrections and additional information supplied in square brackets. A note on the inside of the album cover reads: ‘Sailed “Strathnaver” Sept. 11th 1937. Returned “Orontes” May 10th 1942’. One photograph missing with caption: ‘Bob Hamilton and myself taken near St Stephen’s Gate, Jerusalem’

2/1/1 Passeport [Passport] photo [Sep 1937]
2/1/2 Passing liner “Montclare” [Sep 1937]
2/1/3 Two of our party on board Strathnaver [Sep 1937]
2/1/4 Three more of our party [Sep 1937]
2/1/5 Mediterranean, Gibraltar in distance [Sep 1937]
2/1/6 Passing under Stromboli [Sep 1937]
2/1/7 Stromboli [Sep 1937]
2/1/8 Entering straits of Messina [Sep 1937]
2/1/9 Passing through straits [of Messina] [Sep 1937]
2/1/10 Leaving straits [of Messina] [Sep 1937]
2/1/11 Nearing Jerusalem [Sep 1937]
2/1/12 Field of Shepherds, Bethlehem 1937-1941
2/1/13 Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/14 River Jordan taken from Allenby Ridge 1937-1941
2/1/15 Myself after bathing in Dead Sea 1937-1941
2/1/16 Myself (peak cap) 1937-1941
2/1/17 Some of our squad 1937-1941
2/1/18 Palestine police machine gun 1937-1941
2/1/19 Our squad. Arrived Jerusalem Sept 20th 1937 20 Sep 1937
[two ‘Xs’ above the photograph relate to the additional caption: ‘M. Harrison, A.J. Malia, killed in ambush Oct 15th 1937’]
2/1/20 Police searching passers-by in Allenby Square, Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/21 Our squad Dec 1937 (two front ranks) Dec 1937
Inspection for machine gun (self, front rank, 4th from left of sergeant)
2/1/22 Views of the Mosque of Omar 1937-1941
2/1/23 Views of the Mosque of Omar 1937-1941
2/1/24 Mosque area 1937-1941
2/1/25 Mosque area 1937-1941
2/1/26 Mosque (two of our party) 1937-1941
2/1/27 Mosque area 1937-1941
2/1/28 Four British policemen 1937-1941
2/1/29 Arabs at well in mosque area 1937-1941
2/1/30 Via Dolorosa 1937-1941
2/1/31 Via Dolorosa 1937-1941
2/1/32 The Tower of David 1937-1941
2/1/33 David Street 1937-1941
2/1/34 Jerusalem Youda St 1937-1941
2/1/35 Golgotha, inside Church of the Holy Sepulchre 1937-1941
2/1/36 Jerusalem [skyline view] 1937-1941
2/1/37 Jerusalem, the Holy Rock inside the Mosque of Omar 1937-1941
2/1/38 The walls of Jerusalem and Golden Gate 1937-1941
2/1/39 The Garden of Gethsamene 1937-1941
2/1/40 The Church of the Holy Sepulchre 1937-1941
2/1/41 The Jordan plain 1937-1941
2/1/42 Rehavia police post 1937-1941
2/1/44 Carmel sanatorium, Haifa 1937-1941
2/1/45 Closer view of sanatorium 1937-1941
2/1/46 Distant view of sanatorium 1937-1941
2/1/47 Taken from bedroom window [in the Carmel sanatorium, Haifa] 1937-1941
2/1/48 Another view [taken from bedroom window in the Carmel sanatorium, Haifa] 1937-1941
2/1/49 Arab “sook” market place, Haifa 1937-1941
2/1/50 Kingsway (Jewish Quarter), Haifa 1937-1941
2/1/51 French customs, Syrian border 1937-1941
2/1/52 Taken from “New Royal” Hotel, Beirut 1937-1941
2/1/53 Ditto [Taken from “New Royal” Hotel, Beirut] 1937-1941
2/1/54 Moslem women in Arab Quarter, Haifa 1937-1941
2/1/55 Rehavia police post 1937-1941
2/1/56 View from Rehavia 1937-1941
2/1/57 B/C Gardner sunbathing 1937-1941
2/1/58 Goods train on Jerusalem-Lydda line 1937-1941
2/1/59 Keith-Roach, present High Commissioner for Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/60 Orthodox Jews at Wailing Wall 1937-1941
2/1/61 View taken on Jerusalem-Jericho road 1937-1941
   Related material: Larger print: 3/5
2/1/62 Taken from armoured car on Jerusalem-Jericho road, near Dead Sea 1937-1941
2/1/63 Jerusalem-Jaffa road 1937-1941
2/1/64 Armoured police car 1937-1941
   Related material: Larger print: 3/3 and 3/4
2/1/65 Taken from armoured car on police patrol, Jerusalem-Jericho road 1937-1941
2/1/66 Police baton charge 1937-1941
2/1/67 Jerusalem-Jericho road [an ‘X’ on the photograph refers to the additional caption ‘Favourite ambushing spot’] 1937-1941
2/1/68 British warships in Haifa harbour 1937-1941
2/1/69 Armoured police car with search-light and machine gun mounted 1937-1941
   Related material: Larger print: 3/1 and 3/2
2/1/70 Marines in Haifa 1937-1941
2/1/71 View on Mount Carmel 1937-1941
2/1/72 Soldier and two police guard ammunition dump 1937-1941
2/1/73 In the “waddi” hills 1937-1941
2/1/74 Two Arab girls 1937-1941
2/1/75 Engine blown off track by landmine, Jerusalem-Lydda 1937-1941
2/1/76 Zion Square, Jerusalem (Ben-Yehuda Street on left) 1937-1941
2/1/77 Barclays Bank, Allenby Square 1937-1941
2/1/78 Jerusalem-Jericho road 1937-1941
2/1/79 Typical police outpost 1937-1941
2/1/81 Army armoured cars now in Palestine 1937-1941
2/1/82 Typical Arab bandit chief 1937-1941
2/1/83  An Arab bandit “casualty”  1937-1941
2/1/84  A propaganda postage stamp from the Arab Revolt, inscribed ‘Palestine For The Arabs’ and depicting the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in front of a map of Palestine, with the caption ‘Stamp issued ready in anticipation of the Mufti’s success’
2/1/85  Houses being blown up by the R.E.s [Royal Engineers] for punishment for an act of terrorism, after evacuation
2/1/86  Some of the “boys”  1937-1941
2/1/87  Palestine railway stn [station]: after being gutted by armed band
2/1/88  Unexploded bomb guarded by police  1937-1941
2/1/89  Curfew is lifted after occupation of the “Old City” of Jerusalem by troops and police from terrorists
2/1/90  Wreckage of plane brought down near Hebron, Sept 1938. Observer landed by parachute, pilot missing
2/1/91  Another view of same plane  Sep 1938
2/1/92  Air-Force and police armoured cars in Palestine
2/1/93  “Wailing Wall” police post  1937-1941
2/1/94  Air Force armoured car  1937-1941
2/1/95  Troops entering a deserted house suspected as ammunition [ammunition] dump, informer in foreground
2/1/96  Inspector Pringle – dogmaster, with mounted Arab constable and dog
2/1/97  B/C Edwards (Damascus Gate in background)  1937-1941
2/1/98  Police recruits parading prior to entering “Old City” of Jerusalem  Oct 1938
City” with troops to eject terrorists Oct 1938

2/1/99  B/C Edwards  1937-1941

2/1/100  Army machine gun post in Old City  1937-1941

2/1/101  Troops and police moving up to occupy new sector during re-occupation  1937-1941

2/1/102  B/C Jowett, B/C Halett, taken in Old City, Oct 1938  Oct 1938

2/1/103  B/C Seidel  1937-1941

2/1/104  Moslem Quarter of Old City. Troops were fired on by Arab in minaret shown above  1937-1941

2/1/105  B/C Seidel, Damascus Gate behind  1937-1941

2/1/106  Water carriers  1937-1941

2/1/107  Army truck or “bug”  1937-1941

2/1/108  Destroyer in Haifa harbour during 1938  1938

2/1/109  On the way to the Wailing Wall  1937-1941

2/1/110  Left to right, Rehavia, 1938 Back row: Brodie, Young, Williams Front Row: Halett, Melville, Laing  1938

2/1/111  Orthodox Jews “doing their stuff”  1937-1941

2/1/112  Rehavia, 1938  1938

2/1/113  Damascus Gate and Old City  1937-1941

2/1/114  Police post at Wailing Wall, since wrecked and burned by terrorists  1937-1941

2/1/115  1st B/Sgt Craig  1937-1941

2/1/116  “Abid” our Arab cook at Rehavia  1937-1941

2/1/117  B/C Forrester, our mess caterer  1937-1941

2/1/118  View from Rehavia police post, Greek monastery in foreground  1937-1941

2/1/119  Greek monastery built by Crusaders  1937-1941

2/1/120  Hallet, in Old City  1937-1941

2/1/121  B/C Young with three native police on check traffic duty. Note “pill box” for retreat in case of sudden attack  1937-1941
2/1/122 King David Hotel [an arrow drawn on the photograph presumably indicates location of a room stayed in]
1937-1941
2/1/123 Disguise! 1937-1941
2/1/124 Convoy of potash lorries passing military road patrol between Jerusalem and Dead Sea 1937-1941
2/1/125 B/C Edwards, Old City in background 1937-1941
2/1/126 Praying to Mecca in the Sinai Desert (camel looks somewhat supercilious) 1937-1941
2/1/127 Potash lorries convoyed by police armoured car 1937-1941
2/1/128 B/C Seidel 1937-1941
2/1/129 A military convoy halting in Jaffa Rd, Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/130 All that was left of the N.A.F.F.I [Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes] lorry after striking a land-mine 1937-1941
2/1/131 Wailing Wall police post in Old City since wrecked, burned by terrorists 1937-1941
2/1/132 View from Romema water tower, Jack Leaman in foreground 1937-1941
2/1/133 Arab prisoners arrested in the “Old City” during disturbances, Oct 1938 1937-1941
2/1/134 1st B/Sergt Craig outside Rehavia 1937-1941
2/1/135 Identification parade 1937-1941
2/1/136 Coldstream Guards occupying the Old City of Jerusalem during the disturbances of October 38 1937-1941
2/1/137 Troops and police at Damascus Gate during the occupation of the Old City, October 38. Sergt Craig in foreground 1937-1941
2/1/138 Troops at Damascus Gate, Oct 38. Police “pick-up” in background 1937-1941
2/1/139 Vickers machine gun post on Old City walls during terrorist occupation, Oct 38
2/1/140 Bren-gun and crew try to locate a sniper, Old City, Oct 38
2/1/141 Troops of the machine-gun section guarding the boundary between the Old and New (Jewish) section of Jerusalem
2/1/142 Guarding a street junction inside the Old City, Oct 38
2/1/143 Terrorism in Jerusalem’s Old City and subsequent re-occupation by troops and police. Roped suspects being brought out
2/1/144 Damascus Gate, Old City Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/145 The Army stands by, Old City Oct 38 Oct 1938
2/1/146 Army machine-gun post, Oct 38 Oct 1938
2/1/148 St Julian’s Way, Jerusalem Oct 1938
2/1/149 Distributing bread during army occupation of Old City. Note telephone wires cut by terrorists previously
2/1/150 “Freddie” Potter 1937-1941
2/1/151 Main building police depot, Mt Scopus 1937-1941
2/1/152 Acre 1937-1941
2/1/153 Armoured car and lorry crash, Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/154 “Abdul” the billet dog – in disguise! 1937-1941
2/1/155 My crib – note libelous [libellous] row of “dead” men 1937-1941
2/1/156 Railton of the “pantomime” police 1937-1941
2/1/157 By the sea 1937-1941
2/1/158 Refreshment afterwards 1937-1941
2/1/159 Some of our party 1937-1941
2/1/160 “Wet day”, Jerusalem 1937-1941
2/1/161 “Baron” Searle 1937-1941
It rains in Jerusalem

R.A.F. [Royal Air Force] armoured car

View from Romema

Romema, British police billet

Romema, British police billet

Sunset over Romema

View from balcony, Romema police billet

War memorial, Jerusalem

Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion

Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion

Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion

Close up view of counter in Jerusalem G. PO [General Post Office] after 3\textsuperscript{rd} and last bomb exploded and which killed the armourer “Nobby” Clarke

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Close up view of counter in Jerusalem G. PO [General Post Office] after 3\textsuperscript{rd} and last bomb exploded and which killed the armourer “Nobby” Clarke

War cemetery, Jerusalem

War cemetery, Jerusalem

War cemetery, Jerusalem

Sunset over Romema, Jerusalem

View from my window

At a conference

Bomb discovered just before zero hour
Partaking of feast afterwards 1937-1941
Armoured car escort 1937-1941
Refugee ship captured by Navy 1937-1941
Dead Arabs: Jewish counter terrorism starts after many years 1937-1941
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Bottom right shows Mr Starkey, British archaeologist, who was brutally murdered by Arabs [10 Jan 1938]

2/2 Album 2: The Arab Revolt, 1936-1939 1 vol
Photograph album containing 11 black and white propaganda photographs, mainly relating to the Arab Revolt of 1936-1939 and showing Arab rebels in action, in particular Fawzi al-Qawuqji, leader of the Revolt. Presumably collected by Donald Brodie during his service in the Palestine Police Force. Original captions are noted at item level
Fauzi, leader of Arab Revolt, Palestine 1936 1936
Fauzi 1936-1939
Fauzi 1936-1939
Rebels in the hills 1936-1939
Armed Arab fighters with a caption in Arabic that reads: ‘The organised guns of the enemy in the place called Bal’a’ 1936-1939
Fauzi reviews his “troops” 1936-1939
Rebels in action 1936-1939
Rebels in action 1936-1939
Rebels in action [a caption on the photograph in Arabic reads: ‘The right flank in the firing
line, showing two machine guns, one is English the other French’]

2/2/10 Rebel leaders confer 1936-1939
2/2/11 Bob Hamilton and myself 1937-1941

3 Loose Prints 1937-1941 6 prints

Six black and white photographs relating to Donald Brodie’s service in the Palestine Police. Includes larger format versions of images at 2/1 and one photo relating to military coup in Iraq in 1941. Original labels are noted at item level

3/1 Armoured car – Palestine Police 1937-1941
Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/69

3/2 Armoured car – Palestine Police 1937-1941
Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/69

3/3 Armoured car and two members of crew – Palestine Police 1937-1941
Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/64

3/4 Armoured car and two members of crew – Palestine Police 1937-1941
Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/64

3/5 View taken in hills between Jerusalem and Dead Sea 1937-1941
Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/61

3/6 British Embassy – Baghdad. H.E. [His Excellency] Sir Kinahan Cornwallis with H.E. [His Excellency] Mr Paul Knabenshue, American Minister in Baghdad. Photo taken in Embassy courtyard on day siege was lifted after May 1941 trouble. Iraq Army officer behind

3/7 A SELO roll film and print wallet marked ‘D. Brodie’ Not dated 1 item
with the address ‘Paramount Photo, Jack Solomon & Co., Hotel Fast Building, P. O. B. 1037, Jerusalem’, in which the prints were presumably originally received and later stored