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Guide to collections relating to Libya/Cyrenaica

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention Libya or Cyrenaica have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to Libya. For example the British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Clayton; Crow; Dickson, Arthur GM; Dickson; Lt Col H.R.P and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word ‘Handlist’.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

CAMERON WATT, Prof. Donald. (b. 1928) GB165-0296
Press-cutting collection from British newspapers covering: oil; the Arabian peninsula; Middle East (in general); Egypt; Cyprus; Malta; Eisenhower Doctrine; Iran; Lebanon; Libya; Iraq Revolution; Israel; Jordan; Syria; Turkey; Sudan; French North Africa; Somaliland; the Suez Crisis; some maps. 11 boxes. Handlist.

CASSELS, Gervase de la Poer. (1915-91). GB165-0050
Memoir, as Deputy Director of UNWRA in Jordan, of the Six Day War, 1967; personal account of his involvement in the Libyan federal elections, 1951-52. 2 folders.

Report on Occupied Enemy Territory Administration, Cyrenaica 14 October 1941-31 January 1942 by Brig. S.H. Longrigg; reports and memoranda on Cyrenaica, 1943-45; Tripolitania, 1943-44. 1 box. Handlist.

EDWARDS, Francis M. (b. 1886). GB165-0096
Papers on Egyptian rural problems and provincial taxation reports, 1920s; reports on a visit to Saad Zaghlul in Upper Egypt, October 1921; essays on early Muslim travellers in the Middle East; book reviews; note on the title of the ruler of Muscat; account of a duck shoot in the Libyan desert; letter, 4 July 1959, from L. Lockhart about the Persian claim to Bahrain. 1 box.
Papers on economic conditions in Cyrenaica, 1943. 170 sheets; 1 item.

LIBYAN NEWSPAPERS 1969 COUP. GB165-0736


LUCAS, Ivor. (b.1927). GB165-0561
TS article ‘Reflections on a diplomatic career in the Arab and Muslim worlds 1951-84’ by Ivor Lucas covering his work in the British Foreign Service relating to the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Libya, Aden and Syria and giving his reflections on the changing face of Islam. 1 file. Handlist.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. GB165-0203
Project papers and reports, 1939-1980s, dealing with agriculture, co-operatives, education, finance, fisheries, forestry, health provision, industry, mineral resources, public administration, transport, water resources, and other development projects, mainly in Jordan (including the West Bank territory), but also covering Aden, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Oman, Israel and Palestine; correspondence files; some papers on the South-East Asia Development Division and the Overseas Development Institute. 39 boxes. Handlist.

SAUNDERS, Col. Alan. (1886-1964). GB165-0253

TRIPE, William Borrowdale. (b.1906). GB165-0287
TS report, 1942, on the political development of Transjordan with a view to the possibility of applying its system of government to Cyrenaica at some future time; explanatory note, unsigned, on the background to the creation of the report. 32 sheets.