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Title: Angus John McNeill Collection

Name of creator: McNeill, Angus John (1874-1950) Brigadier General

Dates of creation of material: 1922-1949

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: McNeill, Angus John (1874-1950) Brigadier General

Born 1874. Commandant of British Gendarmerie 1922-1926; Manager of Government Stud Farm and Stock Breeding Officer 1927-1931. Died 1950. Further details unknown.

Scope and content: Papers relating to service in Palestine as Commandant of British Gendarmerie, 1922-26, as Manager of Government Stud Farm and Stock Breeding Officer for Palestine, 1927-31 and as a resident of an Arab village north of Acre, 1932-49.

System of arrangement: Gendarmerie papers; Stud Farm; 1929 disturbances; end of the Mandate

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

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 Sawyer 'Memorandum on the stock breeding service 1926
in Palestine'
- 2 (F2) Copy of the farewell address of Mr B M Cameron, Mar 1947

Manager of the Government farm

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

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