

Reference code: GB165-0380

Title: Arthur McArthur Collection

Name of creator: McArthur, Arthur (1913-)

Dates of creation of material: 1942-1948

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 item and 23 photographs

Biographical history: McArthur, Arthur (1913-)

Born 28 June 1913 in Douglas, Isle of Man

Arthur McArthur joined the Palestine Police as an ordinary policeman on 3 March 1939 and took his exams, leaving as a Sergeant when the Palestine Police was disbanded. He was one of the last men to leave Palestine on 25 May 1948. He returned to the UK, but had to become an ordinary Police Constable with the Lancashire Police. He left to become an officer in the Malay Police and became an Inspector. He was in Malaya at the time when there were many troubles with Communists. When he had served his time in Malaya he took a position in Oman. When he went to Oman there were only five other British men there and at that time there was only one doctor (British). Mac was instrumental in setting up the Oman Post Office. Later he became chief Intelligence Officer. His rank was that of Major. He was invited to return to Oman again in about 1980, but after a good deal of consideration decided not to.

Scope and content: Photographs of the Palestine Police Rugby Team, official group photographs of Palestine Policemen, a few photographs of armoured cars, one photograph of a derailed train and a wooden Palestine Police Shield.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Physical Condition: The photographs are available for viewing via contact sheets

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

Custodial history: In the possession of Arthur McArthur and Mrs D Andrews

Immediate source of acquisition: Photographs received as a gift from Mrs D Andrews on 27 Oct 2005, wooden shield received as a gift on 1 Mar 2006

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

GB165-0365 Palestine Police Service Record Cards: Card Number 2782 McArthur, Arthur

Papers of other British Mandate Palestine Policemen include:

GB165-0001 Adamson	GB165-0379 Morris
GB165-0044 Cafferata	GB165-0240 Rice
GB165-0358 Cleaver	GB165-0253 Saunders
GB165-0082 De Lacy	GB165-0255 Scott
GB165-0354 Edwards	GB165-0281 Tegart
GB165-0101 Faraday	GB165-0224 Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association
GB165-0141 Hayward	

Please note that further accessions of papers relating to the Palestine Police may have been acquired after the compilation of this catalogue

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by D. Usher 10 March 2006. Biographical history supplied by Mrs D Andrews with additional information from the Palestine Police Service Record Card for McArthur