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Title: Victor Cannings Collection

Name of creator: Cannings, Victor Henry Douglas (b.1919)

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Biographical history: Victor Henry Douglas Cannings (b. 1919)

Born at Bighton, Near Alresford, Hampshire on 3 April 1919. Educated at Old Alresford, Preston, Candover & Farnham West School and from there gained a scholarship to Guildford Technical College. Worked on high speed lathe until joining the Palestine Police early in 1939. Cricket and soccer has more or less dominated my life. Whilst at Guildford played cricket for 'Young players of Surrey'. This XI included the Bedser twins of which Alec became later one of the mainstays of the England XI. While in Palestine met many men who later became big names in England's Cricket XI, including Yardley, Laicer, Appleyard and Lindsey Hasset who later captained Australia. He was in A.A. Battery in Haifa and we became very good friends. At cricket I toured Egypt (twice) and Lebanon. At soccer I toured Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. I came home in May 1946 and later that year signed on for Warwickshire County Cricket Club. Married in 1947 and have two sons. In 1950 left Warwickshire for Hampshire County Cricket Club. In ten years at Hampshire I coached cricket during the winter in South Africa, Pakistan, Argentina and Trinidad. I came as head coach to Eton College in 1960 and retired in 1984. The following year I was asked back to coach the boys in their 1st year. I did this for another nine years, during which representing Berkshire they won the All England Cricket Cup beating Cheshire and Trent Bridge.

Scope and content: Papers relating to service in the Palestine Police including a Police identity card, Criminal Code Ordinance for 1936, Palestine Police Magazines 1939-1947, 3 photographs of the Palestine Police Cricket Team, Certificate of Discharge from the Police and an oral history interview carried out in 2006 covering Cannings' service in the Palestine Police. Also including a booklet on Jerusalem promoting the work of the Jewish Agency and press cuttings covering bombings and deteriorating security in Palestine 1944-1946 and an essay on Canning's later Cricket Career, 1958.

System of arrangement:

- 1 Palestine Police, 1933-2006
- 2 Jerusalem Booklet and Newspaper Cuttings, 1936-1946
- 3 Cricket Career, 1958
- 4 Photographs, 1939-1948

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Physical Condition: The photographs are available for viewing via contact sheets. The oral history interview is available for listening via an MP3 Player.

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Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from V.H.D. Cannings on 28 Feb 2006

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

Papers of other British Mandate Palestine Policemen include:

GB165-0001 Adamson	GB165-0141 Hayward
GB165-0380 McArthur	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

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 and file and item level description created by D. Usher 14 Mar, revised 27 Mar 2006, 4 Dec 2007, 3 Jul 2008, 23 Jan 2012. Biographical history supplied by Mr V.H.D. Cannings.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE VICTOR CANNINGS
COLLECTION**

1 Palestine Police, 1933-2006

1/1 Palestine Police Identity Card, 1939

‘Palestine Police Force Certificate of Appointment’ used as an Police identity card	20 Apr 1939	1 item
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1/2 Criminal Code Ordinance 1936

Criminal Code Ordinance No. 74 of 1936 (Supplement No. 1 to the Palestine Gazette Extraordinary no. 652 of 14 th December, 1936)	Dec 1936	1 book
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1/3 Palestine Police Magazines, 1933-1947

1/3/1 Palestine Police Magazine	Nov 1933	1 booklet
1/3/2 Palestine Police Magazine	Apr 1939	1 booklet
1/3/3 Palestine Police Magazine	Jan 1940	1 booklet
1/3/4 Palestine Police Magazine	Apr 1940	1 booklet
1/3/5 Palestine Police Magazine	Jul 1940	1 booklet
1/3/6 Palestine Police Magazine	Jan 1941	1 booklet
1/3/7 Palestine Police Magazine	Apr 1941	1 booklet
1/3/8 Palestine Police Magazine	Jun 1947	1 booklet

1/4 Group photographs of the Palestine Police Cricket Team, 1940s

1/4/1 Palestine Police Cricket Team with Cunnings 5 th from front right	c1942-1943	1 item
1/4/2 Palestine Police Cricket Team including: Standing (left to right): Pearce, Edy, Reeves, Kinton, Cattering, Cannings, Kent Seated (left to right): Harwood, Johnson, Swain, Fletcher, Spelman	c1942-1943	1 item

1/4/3	Palestine Police Force Cricket Team and an Australian Team. Cannings front row second from right	1940s	1 item
<u>1/5 Palestine Police Certificate of Discharge, 1946</u>			
	'Palestine Police Force Certificate of Discharge' giving dates of service and comments on good service	20 Mar 1946	1 booklet
<u>1/6 Oral History Interview of Palestine Police Service, 2006</u>			
1/6/1	Questions for oral history interview of Palestine Police Service with answers in the form of MS notes by V.H.D. Cannings	Feb 2006	6 sheets
1/6/2	Oral History Interview of V.H.D. Cannings Physical Condition: Equipment needed to hear the digital sound file. Please ask the Archivist for further details.	27 Feb 2006	87 minutes (.wav file)
1/6/3	Transcript of oral history interview of V.H.D. Cannings	27 Feb 2006	29 sheets

2 Jerusalem Booklet and Newspaper Cuttings, 1936-1946

<u>2/1 Jerusalem booklet, 1936</u>			
	Booklet 'Jerusalem' published by the Keren Hayesod to encourage support for the Jewish Agency including a map, images of Jerusalem and a brief history of the city and it's development	1936	1 booklet
<u>2/2 Press cuttings, 1944-1946</u>			
	'Press cuttings of some of the recent outrages in Palestine & Other "interesting" notes' The press cuttings mainly cover bombings and deteriorating security conditions with one Irgun	1944-1946	1 book

propaganda notice

3 Cricket Career, 1958

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| 3/1 | Photocopy of a printed essay 'V.H.D. Cannings An Appreciation' by John Arlott giving an account of Cannings Cricket career | 1958 | 8 sheets |
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4 Photographs, 1939-1948

Access: The photographs are available for viewing via contact sheets

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| 4/1 | At Port Said on our way to join P.P. in April 1939
L[eft] to R[ight]
Davidson-Chapman-Cannings-Early | Apr 1939 | 1 item |
| 4/2 | 1939 Christmas at Central Station. I am sixth up on right hand side of table | 1939 | 1 item |
| 4/3 | <u>Parade with Australian and Black Watch Bands</u> | 1940s | 4 items |
| 4/3/1 | No1 Shows the Parade headed by the band of the Black Watch | | |
| 4/3/2 | No 2 The first batch of the Aussies and the last line of the Black Watch Band | | |
| 4/3/3 | No 3 The Australian Band with the usual crowd of kids and sightseers | | |
| 4/3/4 | No 4 The end of the Aussies Band and the rest of the Parade | | |
| 4/4 | <u>M.P.S.F</u> | 1940s | 11 items |
| 4/4/1 | B/Sgt McLean who usually with me led the others. He took all the pictures | | |
| 4/4/2 | B/C Cannings on the March with M.P.S.F | | |
| 4/4/3 | M.P.S.F (Ramallah)
Walking 15 to 30 K's, 3 times a week through the hills. The dog is 'Sheila' who came nearly every time with us | | |

4/4/4	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/5	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/6	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/7	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/8	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/9	M.P.S.F (Ramallah) on the march		
4/4/10	M.P.S.F (Ramallah)		
4/4/11	M.P.S.F (Ramallah)		
	B/Sgts Morrison, Duffel & McLean		
4/5	<u>Inspection by Prince Henry</u>	1940s	7 items
4/5/1	Prince Henry inspecting members of the force at Mt Scopus. Insp Gen at his side. Behind in Kaldak, Supt Kyle		
4/5/2	M.P.S.F at Mt Scopus inspected by Prince Henry		
4/5/3	M.P.S.F at Mt Scopus inspected by Prince Henry		
4/5/4	Camelry Corps at Mt Scopus being inspected by Prince Henry		
4/5/5	M.P.S.F at Mt Scopus inspected by Prince Henry		
4/5/6	M.P.S.F at Mt Scopus inspected by Prince Henry		
4/5/7	Mounted Police at Mt Scopus at inspection by Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester Copyright H. Orushkes New Russian Bldg, Jaffa Road, Jerusalem		
4/6	Taken in the Turkish-Syrian frontier in Nov 1942. (Palestine Police who escorted German nationals in exchange for British.	Nov 1942	1 item
4/7	Force XI v Australians (Haifa) led out by Lindsay Hasset who later played for Australia in 1948 and then became Captain on next tour	1948	1 item

4/8 Cricket ? at Force v Aus[rarians] at Mt Scopus ?1948 1 item
L[eft] to R[ight] Deval, Australian, Lewis,
Eldridge
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