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Title: Victor Emery Collection

Name of creator: Emery, Victor (b. 1924)

Dates of creation of material: 1945-1946, 2009

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file (24 sheets)

Biographical history: Emery, Victor (b.1924)

Born 1924. Educated Marksbury Road Senior Boys School. Joined Army in 1942 and after training joined 112 Light Anti Aircraft (LAA) Regiment, Royal Artillery. In 1945 the regiment joined the 3rd Division (The Ironsides) to be shipped to America for training for the invasion of Japan with the Empire Corps. As this was cancelled the 112 Light Anti Aircraft Regiment, as part of the strategic forces, were flown to the Middle East in Sept/Oct 1945 and stationed first at Quassassin and then El Ballah on the Suez Canal. In Nov 1945 the Regiment was moved to Palestine and stationed near Hadera in Camp 71. After 6 months the Regiment was then moved back to the Canal Bases in Egypt.

Scope and content: Letter from Victor Emery describing his Army service in Palestine with photocopies of 5 photographs showing Emery in Egypt and Camp 71 as well as the Hadera Coastguard station after it had been blown up on 20 Jan 1946 and a photocopy of a newspaper clipping showing the Hadera Coastguard station prior to its destruction. Also includes a second more detailed account of Victor Emery's life and service in Egypt and Palestine including descriptions of leisure activities, contact with Jews and Arabs, relations with the Palestine Police and the level of news received in the Camp of events happening elsewhere in Palestine as well as a photocopy of a photograph of Victor Emery in 1943.

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Language of material: English

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