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Biographical history: Burt, John (b.1925)

John Burt was born in London, and educated at Battersea Grammar School until the commencement of World War 2; he then joined the Post Office Engineering Department as a trainee engineer. He also became a member of the Home Guard. After call up in the Royal Signals regiment he spent the whole of 1946 and 1947 in Haifa, Palestine, in a military trunk exchange. On return to civilian life with the Post Office, he was closely involved in the implementation of international communications, including the feasibility of satellites and then the use of Early Bird, the first geo stationery satellite. Later, on promotion, he was head of a group responsible for the planning and implementation of international transmission standards. He retired in 1977.

Scope and content: A memoir of ‘The Army Service of 14935920 Sergeant John Burt Royal Signals February 1945 – April 1948’ describing his service in 2 Company Palestine Command Signals based in Haifa which was responsible for all the trunk and local communications in North Palestine for military units.

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