

**Reference code:** GB165-0489

**Title:** Malcolm Walmsley Collection

**Name of creator:** Walmsley, Malcolm Thomas (b.1927)

**Dates of creation of material:** 23 Jul 1947

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 4 items

**Biographical history:** Walmsley, Malcolm Thomas (b.1927)

Born 23 Apr 1927 at Cannock in Staffordshire. Attended St Mary's Roman Catholic School. Left at the age of 14. Employed by local construction company. Conscripted into the Army aged 18 on 17 May 1945. After initial training posted into the Corps of Royal Engineers. After training as a driver at Chesterfield and Stocksfield Northumberland, posted to Egypt on 5 Dec 1945, to a R.E. Camp at El Ballah. Transferred some months later to the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company at Fayid. Moved with the company into Palestine in 1946. Returned to Tel El Kebir Egypt at the end of 1947 to the "Engineer Plant Depot" Demobbed on 10 Mar 1948. Resumed work with construction company.

**Scope and content:** Copies of photographs of Sapper M.A. Oliver's funeral at Ramleh Military Cemetery, Palestine on the 23 Jul 1947. M.A. Oliver was driving a jeep that was blown up by a mine planted in the road by either the Stern Gang or the Irgun. Malcolm Walmsley was a bearer and helped to lower the coffin into the final resting place.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Physical Condition:** Contact sheets are available for viewing the photographs

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

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Malcolm Walmsley on 3 Jun 2009 as part of the Palestine Veterans' Association and Palestine Command Collections

**Location of originals:** With Malcolm Walmsley

**Finding aids:** Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fond and item level description created by D. Usher 3 Jun 2009. Biographical history supplied by Malcolm Walmsley.

**ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE MALCOLM WALMSLEY COLLECTION**

1 Photographs of M.A. Oliver's funeral, Ramleh Military Cemetery, 23 Jul 1947

Captions provided by Malcolm Walmsley

1/1	Ramleh Cemetery
1/2	The procession
1/3	Lowering the coffin
1/4	The Last Post