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Title: Les Sims Collection

Name of creator: Sims, Les (b.1926)

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Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 item (6 sheets)

Biographical history: Sims, Les (b.1926)

Born 19 Jul 1926 in Castleford Yorkshire. Attended Airedale school and left at age 14. Went to work as a telegram boy at the Post Office. After demobilisation returned to work in the Post Office as a postman. Joined RAF Volunteer Reserve, Postal Section on 15 Sept 1952 and served until 7 Sept 1956 doing two weeks training each year at the Middlesex Regiments barracks and Hornchurch airfield. Stayed at the Post Office until retirement in 1985 by which time in charge of the Pontefract Delivery Office with a staff of just under 50. Joined Palestine Veterans Association on 24 May 2006.

Scope and content: TS Memoir 'A Private's Story' written by Les Sims giving an account of his wartime service from his call up on 25 July 1944 to his demobilisation in 1947 and covering his training and Army service in France, Palestine and Transjordan with a more detailed description of his duties in Palestine, such as road blocks and searches during 1946. The memoir also includes copies of photographs of Aug 3 Squad and Les Sims and his brother Arthur Sims on Christmas Day 1945.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Les Sims on 17 Jun 2009 as part of the Palestine Veterans' Association and Palestine Command Collections

Location of originals: Original photographs with Les Sims

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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