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**Title:** Reginald Popham Collection

**Name of creator:** Popham, Reginald Philip (1900-1999)

**Dates of creation of material:** c1917, 1920-1921

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 3 photograph albums

**Biographical history:** Reginald Philip Popham (1900-1999)

Private, Somerset Light Infantry Brigade Signals Division. 6<sup>th</sup> Mountain Battery RGS/Ladha. India North West Frontier 1918-1921. In civilian life he worked as a Telephone Engineer in Bristol. During World War Two his job entailed keeping the gunnery communication telephone lines open between the 25 gun batteries surrounding Bristol. On one particularly heavy raid on Bristol he was working in the basement of the telephone exchange with ear phones on unaware of the mayhem in the city above him and was told he needed to get out by someone checking the wreckage of the buildings. He received a letter of commendation for his attention to his task.

**Scope and content:** Digital copies of three photograph albums. Album 1 covers India and Iraq (Mesopotamia) probably during the First World War c1917, including images of Babylon, Basra, the Tigris, Baghdad, Baqubah as well as an image of Muscat. Albums 2 and 3 are of the North West Frontier including images of Ladha, Sararoqha, Jandola and Waziristan in Pakistan in 1920-1921.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Physical Condition:** The digital (TIFF) images are available for viewing via contact sheets

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Reginald Philip Popham and then his daughter Mrs Judith Gribble. Album 1 was not created by Reginald Popham, it is not known who gave him the album.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Photograph albums loaned to the Archive for copying on 17 Mar 2010

**Location of originals:** The original photograph albums are with the family (Mrs Gribble)

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

For other photographs of Mesopotamia (Iraq) during the First World War see:

GB165-0023 Gertrude Bell

GB165-0095 Cecil Edmonds

GB165-0159 Lionel Jardine

GB165-0229 St John Philby

GB165-0118 Sir John Bagot Glubb

GB165-0266 Arthur Lionel Smith

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE REGINALD POPHAM  
COLLECTION**

Album 1: India and Iraq (Mesopotamia), not dated c1917

The captions are the original captions from the album

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 1/1     | Bombay, Ballard Pier      |
| 1/2     | Victoria Terminus Bombay  |
| 1/3-6   | Ruins of Babylon          |
| 1/7     | Babylon                   |
| 1/8     | Babylon                   |
| 1/9     | Ezra's Tomb (Tigris)      |
| 1/10    | Bazar. Bagdad             |
| 1/11    | Museum Querra             |
| 1/12    | Querra                    |
| 1/13    | Museum Querra             |
| 1/14    | Querra                    |
| 1/15-18 | Marble Rocks Jubbulepore  |
| 1/19    | Bombay                    |
| 1/20    | Bombay                    |
| 1/21    | Bombay                    |
| 1/22    | Bombay                    |
| 1/23    | Marble Rocks (Jubb)       |
| 1/24    | Ashar Creek (Basra)       |
| 1/25    | Ashir Creek               |
| 1/26    | Ashir Creek               |
| 1/27    | Babylon                   |
| 1/28    | Babylon                   |
| 1/29    | Bombay                    |
| 1/30    | Querra                    |
| 1/31    | Hindu Temple Marble Rocks |
| 1/32    | Taj Mahal Agra            |
| 1/33    | Black Rocks               |
| 1/34    | Querra                    |

- 1/35 Road to Babylon (Hillah)
- 1/36 Baqubah (Meso)
- 1/37 Querra
- 1/38 Black Rocks
- 1/39 Bombay
- 1/40 G.P.O. [?General Post Office] Bombay
- 1/41 Baqubah (Iraq)
- 1/42 Bombay
- 1/43 Marble Rocks
- 1/44 Marble Rocks
- 1/45 Muscat (Persian Gulf)
- 1/46 (Zoo) Karachi
- 1/47 Karachi
- 1/48 Persian Gulf

Album 2: North West Frontier 1920-1921

The captions are the original captions from the album

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|------|---|----------|
| 2/1  | Native Well, Dera-Ismail-Khan                   | 1920     |
| 2/2  | Pat Lister, Paddy Douglas & Musty, D.I.K.       | 1920     |
| 2/3  | “Sin” Desert near Darya Khan                    | 1920     |
| 2/4  | Pat Warburton, R. Pindi                         | 1920     |
| 2/5  | Native Bridge of Boats across the Indus         |          |
| 2/6  | Sand-Storm at Tank [Image Not Extant]           | 1920     |
| 2/7  | High Tide near Ladha                            | 1920     |
| 2/8  | Sand-Storm at Sararoqha [Image Not Extant]      | 1921     |
| 2/9  | Near Sararoqha                                  | 1921     |
| 2/10 | Convoy Entering Sararoqha                       | 1921     |
| 2/11 | Outpost Picquet. Sararoqha Camp in the distance | 1921     |
| 2/12 | Looking towards Chikoti village from Ladha Camp | 1921     |
| 2/13 | Crossing river in flood. Waziristan             | 1920     |
| 2/14 | Mahsuds Road making, Waziristan                 | Feb 1921 |
| 2/15 | Punjabi’s “War Dance”, Waziristan               | Mar 1920 |
| 2/16 | “War Dance”                                     |          |

2/17	Ladha, Waziristan	Jun 1920
2/18	Sararogha, Waziristan	Feb 1921
2/19	Ladha	Jun 1920
2/20	Near Ladha	Jun 1920
2/21	The "DAM" near Ladha	Jun 1920
2/22	Wounded Convoy near Sararogha	Apr 1921
2/23	River in Flood near Ladha	1920
2/24	River in flood Ladha	Jul 1921
2/25	Entrance Ladha Camp	1921
2/26	New Years Day, Sararogha	1921
2/27	Armoured Car, Jandola	1920
2/28	Heavy Guns firing on Mahsuds, Ladha	Jul 1921
2/29	Mahsud Prisoners Ladha	1921
2/30	River in flood Ladha	1921
2/31	F. DIV: Signals Jandola	1920
2/32	Ladha	1921
2/33	[No caption, photograph of muzzled bear standing upright]	
2/34	Topi Park, R Pindi	1921
2/35	Native Temple, Jubb	
2/36	Wireless. R. Pindi	1920
2/37	Dhobies, washing clothes, Sararogha	1921
2/38	Dhobies washing clothes, Sararogha	1920
2/39	Pat & Morgan Tank	1920
2/40	River Scene near Jubb	
2/41	Jubbulepore (scenes): Scene near. Taken from Native temple	1920
2/42	Jubbulepore (scenes): Native temples near	1920
2/43	Jubbulepore (scenes): Lake scene near	1920
2/44	Jubbulepore (scenes): Scene near. Native temples on hill	1920
2/45	Irrigation Ladha	
2/46	'Foord' Sararogha	
2/47	W/T. 'SRA'	
2/48	W/T. SRA	
2/49	Tank Native City	1920

2/50	Mahsud Village near Ladha	1921
2/51	Near Ladha, showing Snipers Hill	1920
2/52	Native Village near Ladha	1921
2/53	Ladha Camp	Jul 1921
2/54	Ladha Camp	Jul 1921
2/55	6 inch Guns in action, Ladha	Jul 1921
2/56	Ladha	Jul 1921
2/57	Graveyard Tank	
2/58	Graves Native troops, Sararogha	
2/59	Graveyard Tank	
2/60	Mahsud Graveyard near Sararogha	
2/61	Camel Convoy from Ladha, Entering Sararogha	1921
2/62	Camel Convoy Entering Sararogha camp	1921
2/63	View of riverbed from Sararogha looking towards Ladha	1920
2/64	Riverbed near Sararogha, Mahsud Cave dwellings on Hillside	1920
2/65	River in flood, Ladha	
2/66	“Kings Cross”, Sararogha	
2/67	River in flood, Ladha	
2/68	“DUB” Hales, Jandola	
2/69	Entrance Ladha Camp	1921
2/70	Pumping Station Ladha	1921
2/71	Pathan Village on River Indus (Kalabagh)	1921
2/72	View of River Indus from Mari-Indus	1920
2/73	“Intelligence Staff” Ladha	
2/74	Buying Eggs, Sararogha	
2/75	Day Picquer, Sararogha	
2/76	Sararogha	
2/77	Ford across river near Piazza	
2/78	Watchtower near Piazza Raqzha	
2/79	[No caption and image not extant]	
2/80	Watchtower near Piazza	
2/81	Wireless Quarters, Tank	
2/82	Tank Fort	

2/83	Wireless Station, Tank	
2/84	Tank Fort	
2/85	View from Ladha looking towards Kaniquram	1921
2/86	Road to Ladha from Sararogha	1921
2/87	Sararogha from Day Picquer	1920
2/88	Riverbed from Camp Sararogha	1920
2/89	Sararogha	1920
2/90	Distant View of Ladha Camp	1921
2/91	Near Sararogha Xmas Morning	1920
2/92	Road to Ladha	
2/93	Jock Giles, Sararogha	
2/94	[No caption and image not extant]	
2/95	“Bill” Sararogha	
2/96	Bill Hinds, Sararogha.	

Album 3: North West Frontier, c1920

Album 3 has no captions. Some of the images are similar to Album 2. For example Album 2/53 Ladha Camp and Album 3/19.