

**Reference code:** GB165-0668

**Title:** Peter Barrington Collection

**Name of creator:** Barrington, Peter Roland Austin (1928-2017)

**Dates of creation of material:** c1945-1948

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box

**Biographical history:** Barrington, Peter Roland Austin (1928-2017)

Born 19 Nov 1928. Served as a Post Observer in the Royal Observer Corps in Herne Bay, Kent from the 1 Nov 1944 to the 12 May 1945. Worked as a shorthand typist and was then posted as part of the Royal Army Service Corps with the rank of a Private to Palestine where he was a driver and guard to a General. In Feb 1948 he was in Jerusalem and from the 20 Apr to Jun 1948 he was in Haifa. He then travelled to back to the United Kingdom through Egypt and Malta before being posted to Germany. Re-joined the Royal Observer Corps as a full time officer until his retirement in Jan 1980. Died 24 Dec 2017.

**Scope and content:** Photograph album with some loose prints and one negative from Peter Barrington's army service during the Second World War including photographs of Southampton docks, Malta, Palestine including Jerusalem and Haifa and Egypt including Fayid, Port Said and Germany including Düsseldorf.

**System of arrangement:**

1. Photograph album
2. Loose Prints
3. Negative

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Conditions governing reproduction:** No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns. The copyright in photographs taken by Peter Barrington has been assigned to the Archive.

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Peter Barrington and his family

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Jan Barrington (widow of Peter Barrington) on the 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018.

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

For other collections relating to Army service in Palestine during the Second World War please see:

- GB165-0451 Royston Ball
- GB165-0524 Laurence Billingsley
- GB165-0461 David Brown
- GB165-0460 John Burt
- GB165-0452 Victor Emery
- GB165-0428 Eric Lowe
- GB165-0578 Noel Rowley
- GB165-0490 Les Sims

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds, file and item level description created by Debbie Usher 9 Mar 2018. Biographical history compiled from information provided by Jan Barrington and from the photograph album.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE PETER BARRINGTON  
COLLECTION**

- 1      Photograph Album      c1945-1948      136 items
- Photograph album from Peter Barrington's Army service including photographs of Southampton docks, Malta (Valetta harbour), Palestine including Jerusalem, Haifa and Egypt including Fayid, Port Said and Germany including Düsseldorf. Many of the photographs of Jerusalem are professional photographs that would have been purchased as tourist photographs. The photographs of Haifa include a view of the city from nearby hills, ships in Haifa Harbour and a 4 photographs labelled 'The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948' with a photograph labelled 'Firefly's from HMS Ocean fly over HMS Phoebe in salute as the British rule in Palestine ends at 13.00 hrs.'
- 1/1      [No original caption. Man in boat selling rugs.]  
Related material: Duplicate of 1/121
- 1/2      [Postcard of ship] 'Union-Castle Line. R.M.S. Arundel Castle. 19,118 tons'.  
1/3      Southampton Docks. The Liner is the "S.S. Washington".  
1/4      Malta G.C. Grand harbour at dawn.  
1/5      Malta G.C. [men in small boats].  
1/6      Malta G.C. H.M.S Mauritius leaving grand harbour.  
1/7      Malta G.C. Leaving grand harbour. Valetta in background.  
1/8      Suez main street.  
1/9      Suez "Obelisk" Cinema.  
1/10     Jerusalem The King David Hotel.  
1/11     Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Building.  
1/12     Jerusalem The 'KD' [King David] H.Q. Palestine'.  
1/13     Jerusalem Y.M.C.A and 'KD' [King David] hotel and old city in background.  
1/14     Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. building and APO.

- 1/15 [Jerusalem] St Julien's way.
- 1/16 [Jerusalem] Barclays Bank, Allenby Square.
- 1/17 [Jerusalem] King George VI Avenue.
- 1/18 [Jerusalem] The Jewish Agency.
- 1/19 Jericho Road Arab road block.
- 1/20 Jericho Road Storks by the roadside.
- 1/21 Jericho Road hairpin bend near Jerusalem.
- 1/22 [Jerusalem] The Old City Damascus Gate, inside.
- 1/23 [Jerusalem] The Old City Damascus Gate.
- 1/24 [Jerusalem] The Old City Jaffa Gate.
- 1/25 [Jerusalem] The Old City from the 'KD' [King David].
- 1/26 [Jerusalem] The Golden Gate.
- 1/27 [Jerusalem] The Dung Gate.
- 1/28 [Jerusalem] Herod's Gate.
- 1/29 [Jerusalem. Lions' Gate.]
- 1/30 [Jerusalem].
- 1/31 [Jerusalem].
- 1/32 [Jerusalem] Zion Gate.
- 1/33 Convoy on the road near Latrun.
- 1/34 Convoy near Nablus.
- 1/35 Our Escort in 'A' camp, Mt Carmel. This is Hut [the] I lived in.
- 1/36 G.O.C.'s [General Officer Commanding] Humber Pullman staff car.
- 1/37 Haifa [view over city from nearby hills].
- 1/38 Haifa [view over city from nearby hills].
- 1/39 Mountain road Haifa [stone arch].
- 1/40 Mountain road Haifa.
- 1/41 Mountain road Haifa.
- 1/42 Mountain road Haifa.
- 1/43 The Carmelite Monastery [Monastery] used as H.Q. Palestine.
- 1/44 The Carmelite Monastery [Monastery] used as H.Q. Palestine.
- 1/45 Mt Carmel from the west side.
- 1/46 'The Lighthouse Inn' NAAFI [Navy, Army, Air Force Institutes].
- 1/47 Carmel Avenue.

- 1/48 Carmel Avenue.
- 1/49 Carmel Avenue.
- 1/50 Vine Street.
- 1/51 Kingsway, Haifa.
- 1/52 Kingsway, Haifa. Arab refugees at the dock gates.
- 1/53 Kingsway, Haifa. Building flying flag is Barclays Bank.
- 1/54 Kingsway, Haifa. APO and Guards H.Q. Kingsway.
- 1/55 Looking down on Hadar Hacarmel.
- 1/56 Greek church on Mount Carmel.
- 1/57 Sunset over med [Mediterranean].
- 1/58 Beach and hills near Haifa.
- 1/59 Hadar Hacarmel. Herzl Street.
- 1/60 Hadar Hacarmel. Nordau Street.
- 1/61 Hadar Hacarmel. Herzl Street.
- 1/62 Hadar Hacarmel. Herzl Street.
- 1/63 Haifa Docks.
- 1/64 Haifa Docks. HMS Messina.
- 1/65 Haifa Docks. SS Pacific Ranger. Loading at Haifa.
- 1/66 Haifa Docks. SS Zamos.
- 1/67 Empress of Australia.
- 1/68 [Empress of Australia].
- 1/69 HS Oxfordshire. HT Orduna and Empire Test.
- 1/70 A Turkish Coaster.
- 1/71 HMS Ocean in Acre Bay.
- 1/72 HMS Ocean.
- 1/73 HMS Phoebe.
- 1/74 HS Oxfordshire.
- 1/75 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. 'Seafire' patrolling the harbour.
- 1/76 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. HMS Ocean.
- 1/77 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. View of the docks.
- 1/78 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. 'Firefly's from HMS Ocean' fly over HMS Phoebe in salute as the British rule in Palestine ends at 13.00 hrs.
- 1/79 Lake Timsah leave camp, Ismailia (Egypt). The entrance.

- 1/80 [Lake Timsah leave camp, Ismailia (Egypt)] The Lido.
- 1/81 [Lake Timsah leave camp, Ismailia (Egypt)] Tents among the trees.
- 1/82 [Lake Timsah leave camp, Ismailia (Egypt)] Tree fringed bay.
- 1/83 [Lake Timsah leave camp, Ismailia (Egypt)] The Lido.
- 1/84 Sweetwater canal, Egypt.
- 1/85 Sweetwater canal, Egypt.
- 1/86 Sweetwater canal, Egypt.
- 1/87 Camels in the desert near Fayid.
- 1/88 Mountains near Fayid.
- 1/89 Mountains near Fayid.
- 1/90 Ornamental 'roundabout' Fayid shopping centre.
- 1/91 NAAFI [Navy, Army, Air Force Institutes] Lido, Fayid.
- 1/92 Camels.
- 1/93 Camels.
- 1/94 Camels.
- 1/95 Native Policemen outside the camp (P.W.I.B.)
- 1/96 The native village.
- 1/97 The native village.
- 1/98 The native village.
- 1/99 Native bus on the canal road.
- 1/100 "St Elizebeths" G/E canteen.
- 1/101 Cameronia Cinema and shops.
- 1/102 M.M.G. Homely club.
- 1/103 Fayid speedway.
- 1/104 View of bitter lake. Fayid and Fanara – from the top of Jebel Shabrawit [Shubrawit].
- 1/105 Gateway to 'Old' 380 P.W. [Prisoner of War] Camp Fayid.
- 1/106 Jebel Shabrawit [Shubrawit] 'The big flea'.
- 1/107 Inter-services Yacht Club. [Moored Yacht].
- 1/108 Inter-services Yacht Club. 12 ft Snipe.
- 1/109 A date palm.
- 1/110 Inter-services Yacht Club. [Moored Yachts].
- 1/111 Fayid Station [train station].
- 1/112 Port Said Lighthouse.

- 1/113 Canal CO's offices.  
1/114 De Lessup's [Lessep's] statue at the entrance to the Suez Canal.  
1/115 [No original caption. Looking down on a boat]  
1/116 SS 'Arabistan' of Tobruk.  
1/117 Tobruk.  
1/118 Sunken cruiser – Tobruk.  
1/119 Malta. Valetta harbour.  
1/120 Malta. HMS Sussex.  
1/121 Malta. [Man in boat selling rugs.]  
Related material: Duplicate of 1/1  
1/122 Malta. Greek Tramp Steamer.  
1/123 [Malta. Valetta harbour.]  
1/124 [Malta. Valetta harbour.]  
1/125 [Malta. Valetta harbour.]  
1/126 [Malta] Leaving Valetta.  
1/127 "Battle of Britain" class engine at Victoria station.  
1/128 S.S. Invicta at Dover.  
1/129 Doorway to Köln Cathedral.  
1/130 [No original caption. Boat on river].  
1/131 Rhein [Rheine] Bridge – Düsseldorf.  
1/132 [No original caption. View of river docks].  
1/133 Fountain at Düsseldorf.  
1/134 Volkswagen.  
1/135 View over Düsseldorf.  
1/136 Church at Breyll ?Rhld

2      Loose prints      [1948]      6 items

Duplicate prints from the photograph album of ships in Haifa harbour, probably printed from a digital scan.

- 2/1      HMS Phoebe.  
Related material: duplicate of 1/73  
2/2      HMS Ocean.

- Related material: duplicate of 1/72
- 2/3 HS Oxfordshire. HT Orduna and Empire Test.  
Related material: duplicate of 1/69
- 2/4 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. 'Firefly's from HMS Ocean' fly over HMS Phoebe in salute as the British rule in Palestine ends at 13.00 hrs.  
Related material: duplicate of 1/78
- 2/5 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. 'Firefly's from HMS Ocean' fly over HMS Phoebe in salute as the British rule in Palestine ends at 13.00 hrs.  
Related material: duplicate of 1/78
- 2/6 The Last Day June 30<sup>th</sup> 1948. 'Firefly's from HMS Ocean' fly over HMS Phoebe in salute as the British rule in Palestine ends at 13.00 hrs.  
Related material: duplicate of 1/78

- 3      Negative      Not dated      1 item  
Negative labelled on envelope as 'VQ-Par (ex-NR 718;  
c/n/ 6806) ex RAF DH 89B Dominie. Aviron (on rudder).  
Negative by Peter R. Barrington, Haifa June 1948'  
showing an airplane next to a hanger.