

MECA GUIDE Arab Revolt Palestine 1936-1939

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Guide to collections relating to the Arab Revolt Palestine 1936-1939

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and focuses on collections covering the period of the Arab Revolt Palestine 1936-1939. Collections with especially good material on the Arab Revolt include the Sir Charles Tegart Collection, the Jerusalem and East Mission Collection (boxes 61, 63-67) and the H.M. Wilson Collection.

Please note that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

BLYTH, Miss Estelle. (1881-1983).

GB165-0031

Papers relating to her father the Rt. Revd. G.F. Popham Blyth, Bishop in Jerusalem; copy of *The All Highest goes to Jerusalem, being the diary of the German Emperor's journey to the Holy Land*, London, 1918; House of Lords Debates, notes, policy statements, etc. on Palestine 1920-39, with a few press cuttings. 1 box. Photographic collection.

BOWMAN, Humphrey Ernest. (1879-1965).

GB165-0034

Diaries 1903-49, including Egypt 1903-11, Sudan 1911-14, Iraq 1918-20, Palestine 1921-37; personal letters, mostly from Sir Hugh Bell and Sir Ronald Storrs, 1910-54; appointment as Director of Education, Mesopotamia, 1917-20; offers of service in Egyptian Ministry of Education, 1919-20; secondment to Government of Palestine, 1920; correspondence 1922-25 with the Egyptian Government re. pension; Palestine Royal Commission on Education - miscellaneous papers; personal letters to parents; lectures and miscellanea about General Gordon; lectures and book reviews; testimonials, etc.; correspondence with High Commissioner, Palestine, 1934-36; correspondence re. retirement, 1937. 8 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

BREBBER, Alexander. (1896-1991)

GB165-0387

Papers relating to Brebber's work as President of a Military Court at the end of the Palestine Mandate including Defence Emergency Regulations, Military Court Procedures and papers relating to the 'Jerusalem Railway Station Trial' in 1947, in which four men were accused of planting bombs at the station on 30 Oct 1946. Also includes a 'Short Handbook of Palestine' published by 'G.S.I., H.Q., Palestine' and the book 'The Palestine Mandate Invalid and Impracticable' by W.F. Boustany, 1936 and 6 newspaper clippings mainly relating to Israel's borders and the Arab-Israeli conflict, 1956-1972. 1 box. Handlist.

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- BRODIE, Donald Haig** (1917-1981). GB165-0581
 Two photograph albums containing photographs relating to Donald Brodie's service in the Palestine Police between 1937 and 1942. The first largely contains personal photos and includes scenes of police officers and soldiers at work and rest, accommodation, posts and checkpoints, police and military vehicles, landscapes, places of interest and daily life. Also includes images documenting attacks carried out by Irgun, such as the bombing of the Jerusalem General Post Office on 12 June 1939. The second photograph album mostly contains propaganda photographs relating to the Arab Revolt in 1936-1939, presumably collected by Donald Brodie. There is also a small collection of prints containing copies of photographs found in the first album and a single newspaper clipping from 1939 containing a pictorial history of Palestine. Handlist. Photographic collection.
- CLEAVER, Percy** (1915-1998) GB165-0358
 Recruitment film for the Palestine Police, not dated c1946. The commentary for the film was written by Rex Keating. Photocopies of letters from Percy Cleaver to his aunt and uncle Feb 1936-June 1938. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection. Please contact the Archivist in advance to arrange a viewing of the film.
- DE LACY, James Percival** (1906-87). GB165-0082
 MS notes on his service with the Northern Frontier Division, Palestine Police, 1937-39. 3 sheets.
- EDWARDS, Stephen** (1912-1997). GB165-0354
 Personal papers relating to Stephen Edwards' service in the Palestine Police 1936-1948 consisting of his service record booklet and papers mainly relating to pay, conditions of service and the end of the mandate. 1 box. Photographic collection.
- FORSTER, Dr. Elliot David.** (b. 1905). GB165-0109
 Photocopies of diary and some copies of official reports relating to his work as a doctor in St. Luke's Hospital, Hebron, 1936-40. 145 sheets.
- GIBBS, Brian Conaway.** (1912-46). GB165-0117
 Extracts of MS letters written from Palestine, February-August 1938, from Brian Gibbs to his fiancée Joan; copy of arrangements for policing the Easter ceremonies of the Eastern and Western rite churches at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Nebi Musa celebrations in Jerusalem, 1947. 2 folders. Handlist.
- HODGKIN, Thomas Lionel.** (1910-82). GB165-0146
 Letters from George Antonius to Thomas Hodgkin discussing the situation in Palestine, 1936; text of Hodgkin's 1981 Antonius Lecture given at St. Antony's. 7 sheets; 50 sheets.
- LE RAY, Hugh Granville.** (b.1895). GB165-0181
 Annual reports of the Director of Surveys, Palestine, 1920-39; some material on land laws, land tax, cadastral surveys, and the distribution of land in Palestine during the Mandate period; report on "Operation Elephant", 1947. 1 box.
- LOXTON, John Willoughby.** (b.1913). GB165-0187

“The Survey of Palestine 1937-38: A Personal Memoir”: photocopied TS covering his recruitment to the Colonial Service and description of his work and the work of the Survey.. 39 sheets.

JERUSALEM AND THE EAST MISSION.

GB165-0161

Records, 1841-1970s, including material on Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Iran, Gulf, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and N. Africa; with correspondence on the political situation in Palestine, 1916-67; presscutting volumes. 256 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

JOHNS, Cedric Norman. (1904-92).

GB165-0162

Letters from Nagib G. Nassar, Jerusalem, about the Jaffa riots 1933, the work of the Department of Antiquities, 1935 and about finding work outside Jordan, 1952; copy of “Background notes: military and economic elements in the Israeli beach-head”, 1970; four maps showing the proposed boundaries for the partition of Palestine, 1938; press-cuttings on Palestine, 1923-47. 1 box. Handlist.

MacGILLIVRAY, Sir Donald Charles. (1906-1966).

GB165-0193

Engagement books covering service in Palestine, 1938-45; a few papers on the Arab rebellion, 1938, and the British withdrawal, 1947-48; printed ephemera from services and social occasions in Palestine, 1944-47; Palestine passes, identity cards and permits, 1946-47. 1 box. Photographic collection.

MacMICHAEL, Sir Harold Alfred. (1882-1969).

GB165-0196

Correspondence with prominent officials including Lord Lloyd, Sir Kinahan Cornwallis, Sir Reginald Wingate and Ormsby Gore, 1922-1941; Correspondence relating to Palestine, Syria and Sudan including letters from Chaim Weizmann, Judah Magnes, Sir H. Maitland Wilson, Sir Huddleston and Edgar Bonham Carter; Papers relating to MacMichael’s Palestine Commissionership and also the Peel Commission recommendations of 1938; correspondence and papers relating to Palestine charities; texts of speeches and broadcasts by MacMichael 1938-1944; Anglo-Arab Association correspondence and papers 1945-1961; four volumes of press-cuttings, 1934-1967. 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

NORMAN, Miss Dorothy Aston. (1907-c.1993).

GB165-0219

Letters written to her family during the course of her career as a mathematics teacher at Jerusalem Girls' College and the English High School, Haifa, 1934-48; letters to her sister, Evelyn, while in charge of St. George’s Hostel, Jerusalem in the absence of the Warden, September-December 1955. 1 box.

PALESTINE.

GB165-0223

Bound TS proceedings of “Conferences on Palestine: United Kingdom-Arab Meetings, 7 February-17 March 1939”; *Maps relating to the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry regarding the problems of European Jewry and Palestine*, HMSO, 1946, supplement to Cmd. 6808. 1 vol.; 5 items.

POOLE, John

GB165-0431

Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to John Poole’s service as a British Constable and Wireless Telegraph Officer in the Palestine Police from 1938 to 1943. Papers relating to his

police work include daily crime reports, summaries of Arabic and Hebrew press items, a propaganda leaflet and curfew order poster, as well as a Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association newsletter from 1955. The collection also contains a number of pages from the Palestine Post from the early and later stages of World War Two and a number of broadcasting service agreements from the Palestine Broadcasting Service. The photographs cover both his police service and general life in Palestine, as well as his subsequent work in Qatar, as well as some slides of Iran in 1956. There is also a small collection of artefacts dating from his service in Palestine including badges, buttons, coins, police whistle and a General Service medal. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

RICE, Col. Harry Patrick (1886-1973). GB165-0240
Memos on the protection of Palestine Government officials during the Arab Rebellion, written by Rice as Acting Inspector-General of Police, November 1937. 8 sheets. Handlist.

SCRIVENER, Rupert Frederick. (1890-1951). GB165-0257
Papers relating to Scrivener's service as Chief Engineer of Palestine Railways and Ports, 1923-48, including reports on sabotage; historical development of railways in Turkey, Palestine and Syria; 1882-1946. 4 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

TEGART, Sir Charles Augustus. (1881-1946). GB165-0281
Papers relating to British policy in Palestine, internal security, the reorganisation of the Palestine Police, construction of border defences, and police work in general, 1937-39; personal papers relating to the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938; press-cuttings. 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

THAMES TELEVISION. GB165-0282
Photocopied transcripts of research interviews with British officials, Jews and Arabs, used in the three-part series *Palestine*, produced by Richard Broad and transmitted by Thames Television, 27 June-11 July 1978. Handlist. 2 boxes.

WILSON, Hilda Mary (1904-1990). GB165-0302
"School year in Palestine, 1938-39": TS account of a teacher's life at the Arab High School, Bir Zeit, during the Arab rebellion; curfew pass; notice in Arabic. 79 sheets; 2 items; 13 photographs. Handlist.

UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

Access to uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. In some cases draft handlists are available.

PALESTINE POLICE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION GB165-0224
Records of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association, such as newsletters and membership certificates, 1946-2000; personal papers of Palestine Policemen 1920s-1990s; mandate period material such as police training manuals, official publications and newspapers 1920-1948; and material compiled by Edward Horne as official historian of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association. Draft Catalogue. c50 boxes.