

Reference code: GB165-0005

Title: Sir Edmund Allenby Collection

Name of creator: Allenby, Edmund Henry Hynman (1861-1936) 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, Field Marshal

Dates of creation of material: 1918-1925

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: ALLENBY, Edmund Henry Hynman (1861-1936) 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, Field Marshal.

Born 23 April 1861, son of Hynman Allenby. Educated Haileybury; Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Served in South Africa with Inniskilling Dragoons, 1884-1902; CB, 1902; commanded 5th Royal Irish Lancers, 1902-05; 4th Cavalry Brigade, 1905-10; Inspector of Cavalry, 1910-14; in Command of Cavalry, 1914; in Command of Fifth Army Corps, 1915; KCB, 1915; in Command of Third Army, 1915-17; KCB; Lt-General; GCB, 1918; GCMG, 1918; Commander in Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 1917-19; captured Jerusalem Dec. 1917, Damascus Oct. 1918, Aleppo Oct. 1918 & armistice signed with Turks 30th Oct. 1918; Field Marshal and Viscount, 1919; High Commissioner for Egypt, 1919-25; obtained recognition of Egypt as a sovereign state 1922; GCVO, 1934. Married, 1896, Adelaide Chapman: 1 son (d.1917). Died 14 May 1936.

Scope and content: Photocopies of papers relating to the Palestine campaign and to Egypt, including letters from Gerald Delany on Wavell's *Allenby in Egypt*.

System of arrangement: Allenby letters; reminiscences of Allenby; research material on *Allenby in Egypt*.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of Allenby, and then his nephew the 2nd Viscount

Immediate source of acquisition: Photocopies obtained c.1965 from 2nd Viscount Allenby

Location of originals: Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College, London.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist; Archives Hub; Adlib

Publication note: *Allenby in Egypt*, vol. 2 of *Allenby, a study in greatness: the biography of Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Felixstowe, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.* by Archibald, Earl Wavell, London, Harrap, 1940-43.

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FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR EDMUND ALLENBY COLLECTION

- 1/1 Palestine Campaign
Photocopies of telegrams about the Palestine Campaign and letters by Allenby to his wife, mother and Sir Herbert Samuel, with a copy of the Proclamation on the entry into Jerusalem.
28 folios 1917-1925
- 1/2 Correspondence
Photocopies of letters from L.S. Amery, Guy Dawnay, Harry Chauvel, C. Falls, H.A. Jones, Pierce Joyce and A.W. Money to Lord Wavell, with copies of extracts from writings by F.M. Sir Henry Wilson and Sir Hubert Young, giving biographical details and reminiscences of Allenby .
66 folios 1929-1940
- 1/3 Allenby in Egypt Correspondence
Photocopies of letters from Owen Tweedy, Cecil Howard and Sir Walford Selby to Lord Wavell giving background information for *Allenby in Egypt*.
43 folios 1936-1940
- 1/4 Allenby in Egypt Correspondence
Photocopies of letters from Gerald Delany to Lord Wavell on *Allenby in Egypt*.
17 folios 1942