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Born 26 October 1889, youngest son of Revd. Walter and Laura Edmonds. Educated at Bedford School; Christ's Hospital and Pembroke College, Cambridge. Joined Levant Consular Service as Student Interpreter, 1910; acting Vice-Consul, Bushire, 1913; Assistant Political Officer in Mesopotamia, 1915 (Temp. Captain), SW Persia, 1917; Political Officer, British Forces NW Persia, 1919 (Temp. Major, Special List); Special Duty in S. Kurdistan, 1922; Divisional Adviser and Administrative Inspector in the Kirkuk and Sulaimani provinces under Iraq Govt., 1922; Political Officer with military columns in Kurdistan in 1924; Liaison Officer with League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into frontier between Iraq and Turkey, 1925; Asst. Adviser, Min. of Interior, Iraq, 1926; Consul, 1928; British Assessor, League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into the frontier between Iraq and Syria, 1932; Member Of Demarcation Commission of Iraqi-Syrian Frontier, 1933; Adviser, Min. For Foreign Affairs, Iraq, 1933; Member of Iraqi Delegation to the League of Nations, annually, 1932-38; Adviser to the Ministry of the Interior, Iraq, 1935-45; Consul-General, 1937; CMG 1941; UK Permanent Delegate to International Refugee Organisation in 1947; Minister in HM Foreign Service, 1948; retired, 1950. Lecturer in Kurdish at SOAS, 1951-57. Married 1st, 1935, Alison Hooper - 1 son & 2 daughters; 2nd., 1947, Phyllis Stephenson - 1 son. Died 11 June 1979.

**Scope and content:** Papers, correspondence and maps relating to Edmonds' work in the consular service in North Persia, Iraq and Kurdistan. Papers relating to his service in Iraq, 1915-45, including: papers on his service as Administrative Inspector, 1922-24; Liaison Officer to the Mosul Commission, 1925-26; papers, correspondence, and maps relating to Edmond's work in the consular service in North Persia, Iraq and Kurdistan; official reports 1910-46; tour notes and draft reports 1914-40s; topographical notes; notes on the tribes of Kurdistan; personal correspondence 1913-77; lectures and articles; large collection of maps; diaries 1912-1975; typescript memoirs "East & West of Zagros". Photo collection.

**System of arrangement:**

Boxes 1 – 5 initial deposit.

Boxes 6 – 25 later deposit. This is divided into the following sections:

- A Official papers (divisional and military reports, copies of treaties etc Iraq, Iran, Turkey 1910-1946
- B Unofficial papers (tour notes, draft reports etc) 1914-1940s
- C Early topographical notes (Kurdistan)
- D Early notes on the tribes of Kurdistan and other papers
- E Personal correspondence
- F Papers relating to the Kurdish language (and material on other languages)
- G Papers relating to the study of place names – Kurdistan and other areas of the Middle East
- H Lectures, articles, notes by C J Edmonds on the modern history of the Middle East, Kurdistan etc
- I Pamphlets and articles on the Middle East by authors other than C J Edmonds
- J Press cuttings and reviews re: Kurdistan 1931-1970s
- K Maps

Boxes 26-28 Diaries and Memoirs

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In other repositories

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE CECIL JOHN EDMONDS  
COLLECTION**

Box 1

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| 1/1 | Memoranda on Kirkuk Liwa  | 1922-1924 |
| 1/2 | Mosul Commission. Reports from administrative inspectors at Kirkuk, Arbil, Sulaimani and papers drafted by the British Liaison Officer with the League of Nations frontier commission | 1925-1926 |

Box 2

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| 2/1 | Notes on the parliamentary elections in Iraq  | 1937           |
| 2/2 | Letters, memoranda and reports re: the Assyrian Question  | Jul – Oct 1933 |
| 2/3 | Correspondence – to H.B.M. Ambassadors – Newton and Cornwallis – re Iraqi opinion on the Second World War | 1939-1941      |
| 2/4 | Report of League of Nations Commission set up to demarcate Syria/Iraq frontier (includes maps)            | 1932           |
| 2/5 | Correspondence and copies of Official documents re: Iraq's relations with Palestine                       | 1937-1945      |

Box 3

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|-----|---|-----------|
| 3/1 | File entitled 'Administration Iraq' containing correspondence and memos re: the Kazimain riots July 1927; notes on the political situation in Iraq – summer 1927; report on the administration of the southern desert 1928; report on personnel and achievements of Ministry of Interior 1930; report of proceedings of committee formed to discuss the application of the Law Supplemental to the State Officials' Discipline Law June 1932; narrative of events re: the coup d'etat of 29 Oct 1936; notes on the political situation and the army June 1938; memo re: Nazi propaganda in Iraq, not dated; copy of a lecture entitled 'Iraq and the British Connection' 1945 | 1927-1945 |
| 3/2 | Notes, correspondence and memoranda on the Kurdish question   | 1923-1946 |
| 3/3 | Material on the boundaries of Iraq namely notes, official documents etc re: relations with Saudi Arabia 1922-1940; notes on the   | 1922-1940 |

administration of the land frontier with Nejd 1930; notes on the problems of administration on the frontier with Kuwait, 1930s; notes and copies of official documents re: the boundary between Iraq and Transjordan, notes on the boundary between Iraq and Syria (not dated); notes on the boundary between Iraq and Turkey (not dated)

#### Box 4

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| 4/1     | File entitled 'Frontier's Syria, Turkey' (but also contains material on internal affairs of Iraq); letters, newspaper cuttings etc re: the Yazidi community 1926-1933; correspondence and copies of official documents re: the Iraq/Syria boundary 1930-1937; notes on the sentences awarded by the Iraqi military courts 1935-1936 | 1926-1937 |
| 4/Vol 1 | Bound volume containing the proceedings, reports, official documents etc. of the League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into the Iraq-Syria boundary   | 1931-1932 |
| 4/Vol 2 | Bound volume containing the minutes of the meetings of the Turco-Iraq frontier demarcation commission   | 1927      |

#### Box 5

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| 5/1 | C. J. Edmond's report on his work as British Assessor with the League of Nations Commission of Inquiry into the Iraq – Syria boundary | May 1932  |
| 5/2 | Documentation forwarded to the Commission set up to study the frontier between Syria and Iraq   | 1932-1933 |
| 5/3 | Report of the commission set up to study the frontier between Syria and Iraq (includes maps)  | Sept 1932 |
| 5/4 | Maps forming an appendix to the report of the commission set up to study the Syria – Iraq frontier                                    | 1927-1932 |
| 5/5 | 'Memoire Descriptif de la Frontière entre la Syrie et l'Iraq' Beirut 18 Feb 1932  | 1932      |

## **A Official Papers**

### Divisional and military reports, copies of treaties etc. Iraq, Iran, Turkey 1910-1946

#### Box 6

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| 6/1 | <p>E B Soane 'Report on the Sulaimania District of Kurdistan' 1910-1911<br/>(Government Press, Calcutta) 1910</p> <p>A T Wilson <i>Military Report on (S.W.) Persia Vol V Luristan</i><br/>(Government Press, Simla) 1911</p>   |  |
| 6/2 | <p>Baghdad – Civil Commissioner's Office. 'Review of the Civil<br/>administration of the Occupied territories of Al'Iraq' (Government<br/>Press, Baghdad) 1914-1918</p> <p>F S Greenhouse (political officer, Dizful) Administration report,<br/>Dizful. Aug 1917</p>   | 1914-1918  |
| 6/3 | <p>Mesopotamia Commission 'Report of the commission appointed to<br/>enquire into the operations of the war in Mesopotamia' (H.M.S.O.)</p> <p>Report on the Lynch caravan incident, author not stated</p> <p>Lt General W R Marshall. Report on the operations of the<br/>Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force</p> <p>Official handbook of the tribes and personalities of Western Persia<br/>(Government Press, Baghdad)</p> | <p>1917</p> <p>Oct 1917 –<br/>Jan 1918</p> <p>1 Oct 1917 –<br/>31 Mar 1918</p> <p>1918</p> |

#### Reports, correspondence etc re: Norperforce 1918-1920

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| 6/4 | <p>Copy of a peace treaty between British troops N. Persia and the<br/>Jangali Committee. Resht.</p> <p>(E.T.R. Wickham) Note on the Jangali situation</p> <p>C J Edmonds. Reports from Resht.</p> <p>Report on the situation in Resht and Enzeli [author not stated]</p> <p>C A Butlers (Acting Political Officer Resht) Situation reports – Resht<br/>Nos 1 – 9</p> <p>C J Edmonds Correspondence with C A Butlers re: Azeri's visit to<br/>Tehran</p> | <p>Aug 1918</p> <p>Feb 1919</p> <p>Oct 1919</p> <p>Dec 1919</p> <p>7 Jan 1920 – 28<br/>Apr 1920</p> <p>Jan 1920</p> |
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C A Butlers. Report on a visit to Kuchik Khan and related Mar 1920  
correspondence

C J Edmonds. Report on the Jangali situation Mar 1920

C J Edmonds et al. correspondence, reports etc. re: the military Jun – Dec 1920  
situation in the Gilan province

E Bristow, C J Edmonds. Telegrams, reports and correspondence re: Jul – Aug 1920  
the death of Capt R C Geard. Political Officer Norperforce

G S 36<sup>th</sup> Indian Brigade and G S British Forces N Persia. Jul – Oct 1920  
Communiqués, Norperforce orders etc

Reports, correspondence etc re: Norperforce, 1918-1921

6/5 List of the principal tribes between Kermanshah – Enzeli road and Aug 1918  
Tabriz – Ardebil [author not stated]

M S Hayem. Reports on the Shahsevan and Shaghaghi tribes and the 1919  
tribes of Azerbaijan

Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force ‘Administrative Report of the [1920]  
P.O. [Political Officer] Qazvin (including Hamadan and Resht) for  
the year 1919’

E T R Wickham (Political Officer Norperforce). Political summary Jan-Mar 1919  
Qazvin division.

E Bristow. Report on a visit to Tabriz by two aeroplanes of 63<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1919  
squadron. R.A.F.

C J Edmonds. Report on the political situation in Caucasion 24 Dec 1919  
Azerbaijan from the point of view of North West Persia

C J Edmonds (Political Officer Qazvin). Qazvin divisional reports Dec 1919-  
Mar 1921

G Crutchley (Captain) Intelligence Reports Nos 12 and 13 on the Jan 1920  
situation in the Enzeli – Resht area

R C Geard (Captain) Acting Political Officer Tabriz. Monthly reports Feb-Jun 1920  
on Tabriz area to Political Officer Qazvin

E Bristow (H.M. Consul Tabriz) Report on Azerbaijan 1920

C J Edmonds (Political Officer Qazvin) Report on an interview with Apr 1920  
Aga Said Zia ud-Din

- C J Edmonds. Account of an interview with Shaikh Muhammed Khiabani 1 May 1920
- C J Edmonds. Précis of the political situation in Persian Azerbaijan 12 May 1920
- Report on the death of the German consul in Tabriz [author not stated] Jun 1920

Box 7

- 7/1 Item 1: A T Wilson. Report compiled for the Secretary of State for India on Gazetted officers serving with the Civil Administration, Mesopotamia 1919
- Item 2: Civil Administration Mesopotamia. Land revenue note on Kirkuk. (Government Press, Baghdad) 1919
- Item 3: Major E W C Noel. 'Note on the Kurdish situation' (Government Press, Baghdad) 1919
- Item 4: Civil Administration Mesopotamia. Administrative reports of the Mosul Division (Government Press, Baghdad) 1919
- Item 5: Civil Administration Mesopotamia. Administrative reports of the Mosul Division (Government Press, Baghdad) 1920
- 7/2 C J Edmonds (Political Officer Qazvin) Draft and final copies of Qazvin divisional and situation reports, and Resht, Enzeli situation reports 1919-1920
- 7/3 General Headquarters Mesopotamia. Expeditionary Force 'Composition of the headquarters of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force' Jan 1920
- C J Edmonds (Political Officer Qazvin) Report on the Qazvin – Saveh Road. Apr 1920
- Copy of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied Powers and Turkey signed 10 April 1920 10 Apr 1920
- 7/4 I A Elkington (Capt. H M Vice Consul, Arabistan) Report on Dizful for week ending 26 Feb 1921 Feb 1921
- Air Vice Marshall Sir J M Salmond. Despatch on the operations in Kurdistan 15 Feb 1923 – 30 Apr 1923 Apr 1923

Copy of the Treaty between UK, Iraq and Turkey re: the settlement of the frontier between Turkey and Iraq 5 June 1926  
Commission de delimitaion de la frontiere Turco-Irakienne. 1927  
Protocole Final (Government Press, Baghdad)

Reports, notes etc re: Persian Frontier Questions 1927-1940s

7/5	C J Edmonds. Notes on the Jaf and Arbil nomads in relation to the Iraqi – Persian boundary	1927-1931
	C J Edmonds. Tour notes. Mandali – Tib	1927
	C J Edmonds. Notes on Iraqi – Persian relations	1927-1941
	C J Edmonds. Report on a visit to Amarah	1931
	C J Edmonds. Report on the progress of the demarcation of the Iraqi – Persian frontier	1938-1941
	Draft Protocol for the regulation of frontier relations between Iraq and Persia	not dated
	C J Edmonds. Report on a visit to the Shatt – al – Arab and Kuwait	not dated

Box 8

Official documents, reports etc re: the Iraqi – Persian boundary 1931-1945

8/1	C J Edmonds ‘Observations on the Persian proposal for a rectification of the Iraqi – Persian frontier on the Shatt – al – Arab	1931
	H E Faronghi. Copy of a communiqué issued in Tehran and Baghdad following the visit of King Feisal to Tehran	1932
	V Holt ‘Grounds on which the Persian Government have attempted to dispute the Turco – Persian frontier settlement of 1913-1914’	1932
	C J Edmonds. Correspondence with E G Hogg of the Ministry of Finance Baghdad re: water rights between Iraq and Persia	1934-1935
	League of Nations. Documents re: to the Iraqi – Persia frontier (includes copies of the Treaty of Erzerum and Subsequent Protocols)	1937-1937
	C J Edmonds. Narrative of events at Geneva Jan 1935; Rome Feb 1935; Geneva May 1935; Baghdad and Tehran July – Aug 1935; Geneva Sept 1935	1935



Nuri Pasha, Muzahim Beg, Baron Aloisi. Correspondence re: the 1935  
Iraqi – Persia boundary

**B Unofficial Papers (tour notes, draft report etc) 1914-1940s**

8/3	Small notebooks containing tour notes consisting of:	
	Amara War	1914-1915
	Shushtar, Dizful and Ahwaz	1916-1918
	Luristan	1917-1918
	Sulaimani and N Persia	1919
	Caspian tour	1919

**Box 9**

9/1	C J Edmonds. Note and log of a journey by a mashhuf through the marshes from the Wadiyah canal to Abu Aran	May 1916
9/2	C J Edmonds. Notes on Luristan and Pusht – i – Kuh	1917-1922
9/3	C J Edmonds. Notes for a report on an interview with Saiyid Zia ud-Din Qazvin	1920
	Draft precis of the political situation in Persian Azerbaijan	May 1920

**Tour Notebooks**

9/4	N Persia	c1920
	Koi – Taqtaq - Dukan	c1923
	Qara Dagħ	1923
	Shar Bazher and Balisan	
	Shar Bazher – Zebar	
	Halabja	
9/5	Panjwin, Berwari	early 1920s
	Bradost vols I and II	
	Bradost with Lionel Smith	1926
	Syrian Frontier	1930s

Box 10

10/1	Diwaniya – Amara	1931
	Rowanduz	1931
	Qandil	1931
	Bradost	1931
	Rayat – Sinjar	1936
	Panjwin	1936
	Ranya	1936
	Ubaid	
	Nerwa	
10/2	Amadiya and Rowanduz	1939
	Kelar, Diwaniya and Barsai	
	With Glubb in the Southern desert	
	Sulaimani – tour with ministers	
	Hawar	1942
	Dulam	
	Shaikahn	
	Palestine	1944
	Muzri	1946

**C Early Topographical Notes (Kurdistan)**

10/3	Qara Dagħ and Sangaw – village lists, Qala Seoka and Zab village lists; notes on Rowanduz, Pizħder, Halabja nahiya, Khurmal, Panjwin, Warmawa and Chamchemal	c1920s
10/4	Notes on Mariwan; Serchinar; Sulaimani, Surdash; Tanjero nahiya; Shar Bazher and Sarochick; Shar Bazher and the basin of the Qualachuwalār.	

Box 11

- 11/1 Notes on Shuwan and Altun Kopru; Qara Hasan and Kirkuk; Tuz Khurmatu and Bayat; Dauda and Tauq nahiya; Bradost; Pirsani and Rowanduz; Aqra

#### **D Early notes on the Tribes of Kurdistan and other papers**

- 11/2 Notes on the Talabani; Jabbari and Zangana; Hewrani; the tribes of the Arbil region; the tribes of the Krikuk liwa; the Babans, Jaf; Bajilan; Kakai and Sali
- 11/3 C J Edmonds. Two books of early notes covering many aspects of the history, culture and topography of Kurdistan derived from earlier travellers reports.
- 11/4 C J Edmonds. Game book – Iraq 1931-1945

#### **E Personal Correspondence**

##### **Box 12**

- 12/1 C J Edmonds. Letters to this mother from: 1913-1920
- Bushire 1913-1914
- Basra and Kut 1915-1916
- Dizful 1917
- Qazvin 1919-1920
- 12/2 C J Edmonds. Letters to Chick from:
- Bushire, Basra and Kut 1915
- Amara 1916
- Shushtar and Dizful 1917
- Sulaimani 1919
- Qazvin 1919-1921
- Eastbourne 1921
- Baghdad 1925-1928
- 12/3 File of correspondence entitled ‘Zagrology’ containing 1915-1978  
correspondence between C J Edmonds and A T Wilson re: their work  
in Iraq 1915-1925; C J Edmonds – papers entitled ‘Memories of a  
consular tour in Luristan from Dizful to Mungarreh’ 1917 and ‘Iraq

the first thirty years'; correspondence with Dr V Gehrke and A R Walmsley of the Foreign Office re: the Iraq/Kuwait border dispute; correspondence with Mrs M F Smith and Mrs Reader Bullard re: the death of A L F Smith 1972; correspondence with E Guest and others re: Soane's Manuscript Kurdish dictionary 1977-1978

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| 12/4 | Letter from E Herzfeld to Gertrude Bell re: the monument of Paikuli   | 1923      |
| 12/5 | Letters from A T Wilson to C J Edmonds telling him of early descriptions of Sulaimani by European travellers  |           |
| 12/6 | Correspondence including with A T Wilson re: his book on Mesopotamia 1924-1929; with G R Crone of the Royal Geographical Society re: a recent paper on Kurdistan by Rajkowski; with the Foreign Office re: the Kurdish problem 1945-1946; with G E Wheeler re: Riza Shah and the coup of 1921, 1949; with R G Dundas re: Yadullah Khan Alavi 1949; letters from Said Qazzaz 1956; notes on the tribes of Beisan, Kurdish – Assyrian settlement, the Kurdish religion, steam navigation in the Middle East | 1924-1956 |

### Box 13

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| 13/1 | Correspondence consisting of:   | 1925-1971 |
|      | C J Edmonds correspondence with Sir Reader Bullard  | 1925-1971 |
|      | Sir Archibald Cresswell and Sidney Smith re: the Ismainiyat   | 1925-1930 |
|      | With Bertram Thomas re: the centre for Arab Studies, Jerusalem  | 1929-1944 |
|      | With Henry Field and Dr James MacFarlane re: the tribes of Iraq   | 1936-1938 |
|      | With Sir John Glubb re: his book on the Middle East   | 1943-1958 |
|      | With H Rabino re: his book on diplomatic and consular officers who served in the Empire                                 |           |
|      | With G Kirk and M Khadduri re: Kirk's writings on Iraq under Raschid Ali and Edmond's book re: 'Kurds, Turks and Arabs' | 1948-1957 |
|      | With Dr Naji Al –Asil re: the archaeology of N. Iraq  | 1949-1953 |
|      | With James Parkes re: his article 'Israel – Intrusion of Fulfilment'  | 1950-1951 |
|      | With S Longrigg re: his history of Iraq   |           |
|      | With G C Cameron re: Edmond's published works on Kurdistan  |           |
| 13/2 | File of correspondence entitled 'Zagrology' consisting of:  | 1928-1970 |

	C J Edmonds correspondence with Prof V Minorsky re: Kurdistan	1928-1960
	A Stein re: his work on the ancient 'limes' of the Roman Empire	1929-1941
	With E A Speiser on the ethnic problems of Ancient Mesopotamia	1929-1952
	With Dr Frankfurt re: rainmaking in Kurdistan	1933
13/3	C J Edmonds et al. Correspondence re: the publication of 'Kurds, Turks and Arabs'	1954-1959
13/4	Letters to C J Edmonds from Sir Reader Bullard and Professor V Minorsky	1957-1964
13/5	C J Edmonds et al. Correspondence re: articles on Kurdistan written for various Encyclopaedias	1957-1964

#### Box 14

14/1	C J Edmonds et al. Correspondence, press cuttings and notes re: the Zimmerman telegram	1958-1970
14/2	C J Edmonds correspondence on Kurdistan – new publications, students of Kurdistan	1959-1977
14/3	C J Edmonds correspondence with E C Hodkin of <i>The Times</i> re: the troubles in N. Iraq	1961-1962
14/4	C J Edmonds correspondence (includes material on Edmond's award of the Burton memorial medal)	1961-1963
14/5	C J Edmonds correspondence with Col Marshall re: the N Persian forces Memorial medal (file also includes index to CJ Edmond's photographs)	1962-1963
14/6	C J Edmonds correspondence with Oxford University Press re: General Arfa's book 'The Kurds an Historical and political study'	1964-1966
14/7	C J Edmonds correspondence with various museums re: Kurdish national costume	1966-1976

#### Box 15

15/1	C J Edmonds correspondence with various members of Chatham house	1966-1969
15/2	C J Edmonds. Correspondence with Phebe Ann Marr re: her work on social elites in Iraqi politics 1920-1958	1967

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| 15/3 | C J Edmonds correspondence re: the RAF's treatment of Kurdish rebels in 1945                         | 1969-1970 |
| 15/4 | C J Edmonds correspondence with A von Sternberg, Philip Noel-Baker and the Kurdish Students' Society | 1973-1976 |
| 15/5 | C J Edmonds correspondence:  |           |
|      | With R W Ferrier re: C J Edmond's travels in Luristan  | 1975      |
|      | With Colin Gray of the Institute of Strategic Studies  | 1975      |
|      | With Evan Guest of Kew re: the flora of Iraq   | 1975      |

**F Papers relating to the Kurdish Language and material on other languages**

- 15/6 Notes on Kurdish grammar, syntax, vocabulary etc

**Box 16**

- 16/1 Notes on Kurdish grammar, syntax, vocabulary etc
- 16/2 Notes on Kurdish grammar, syntax, vocabulary etc
- 16/3 Notes taken from T Wahby's Kurdish grammar
- 16/4 Notes on Pusht – i – Kuh Kurdish
- 16/5 Notes on Kurdish botanical names
- 16/6 Collection of traditional Kurdish poetry, letters and other texts
- 16/7 Collection of traditional Kurdish poetry, letters and other texts

**Box 17**

- 17/1 T Wahby, Kurdish translation (from Turkish) of the Tazkari
- 17/2 Turkish Mss of the Tazkara on Ahl-i-Haqq by Sayyid Sulayman; transliteration of the Hawar Mss of the Haftad – u – Du Pir
- 17/3 Two Turkish texts given to C J Edmonds by S Khalil Agha of Tel Afar
- 17/4 C J Edmonds. Correspondence and notes on the Kurdish press
- 17/5 C J Edmonds et al. Correspondence re: C J Edmond's Kurdish/English dictionary 1960-1974
- 17/6 C J Edmonds. Paper entitled 'The distribution of Kurdish dialects'

I M Diaknoff. Paper entitled 'A comparative survey of the Hurrian and Urartean languages'

D N Mackenzie 'The origins of Kurdish' and 'Some Kurdish Proverbs'

W B Henning 'The ancient language of Azerbaijan'

War Office G.C.G.S. Short glossaries of Turkish, Persian and Arabic

**G Papers relating to the study of place names – Kurdistan and other areas of the Middle East**

**Box 18**

- 18/1 C J Edmonds. Lists of Kurdish topographical terms and place names 1957-1958  
– the latter compiled from the larger maps to be included in 'Kurds, Turks and Arabs'  
Rough lists of place names in Iraqi Kurdistan by nahiyas, compiled c1960  
c1960  
Typescript entitled 'The spelling of place names in the Kurdish districts of Iraq' compiled for the P.C.G.N c1960
- 18/2 C J Edmonds. Lists of Kurdish place names latitudes 34° 30' - 36° - 1960s  
40'
- 18/3 C J Edmonds. Lists of Kurdish place names latitudes 36° 40' - 37° - 25'
- 18/4 P.C.G.N. Glossary 9 – Arabic main section (pp 1 – 89) 'A glossary of Arabic terms appearing in names on maps and charts'
- 18/5 P.C.G.N. Lists of place names for Bahrain, Persia, Arabia (NW and SW/NE and SE), Iraq, Sudan, Egypt (upper), Palestine – revised list  
M Aourousseau. Pamphlet entitled 'The transcription of foreign names'  
U.N. Economic and Social Council 'Report of the Group of experts on geographical names'

**H Lectures, Articles, notes on the Modern History of the Middle East, Kurdistan etc**

Box 19

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| 19/1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 'An autumn in Daylan'</li> <li>ii) Draft of a chapter for 'Kurds, Turks and Arabs' on the Iraqi-Persian frontier' 1637-1937</li> <li>iii) Correspondence with the Royal Geographical Society re: 'A Pilgrimage to Lalish'</li> </ul>  |  |
| 19/2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Precis of a lecture entitled 'Iraq 1914-1944' given at the Middle East Studies Centre, Beirut</li> <li>ii) Typescript of a lecture entitled 'Iraq – the first thirty years' given at School of Oriental and African Studies'</li> <li>iii) MSS of a lecture entitled 'Iraq Today' given at Battle of Britain House</li> <li>iv) Notes on the Baghdad Pact – opening observations for the discussion at Battle of Britain House</li> <li>v) Correspondence and press cuttings re: the possible appearance of Alexei Romanov in Iraq</li> </ul>   | <p>1944</p> <p>1956</p> <p>1957</p> <p>1957</p> <p>1965-1972</p> |
| 19/3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Paper entitled 'The Ahl – i – Haqq of Iraq' read at the International Congress of Orientalists, Cambridge</li> <li>ii) Paper entitled 'Shar Bazher and the basin of the Qalachuwala'</li> <li>iii) Article entitled 'The Kurds' written for Everyman's Encyclopaedia</li> <li>iv) Article entitled 'Kurdistan' written for Collier's Encyclopaedia</li> <li>v) Article on Mosul written for Encyclopaedia Britannica</li> <li>vi) Paper entitled 'Some thoughts on the Revolution in Iraq'</li> <li>vii) Article entitled 'Middle East focus on the Kurds'</li> <li>viii) First and final drafts of article entitled 'The Kurds of Iraq'</li> </ul> | <p>1954</p> <p>1956</p> <p>1957</p> <p>1958</p> <p>1958</p>      |
| 19/4 | Draft of a lecture on Kurdistan delivered to British NCO's RIAF (2 <sup>nd</sup> World War)   |  |
| 19/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Notes for and draft of a talk on Kurdish nationalism given to the Conservative Commonwealth Group and the L.S.E.</li> <li>ii) Notes on the Yazidis</li> <li>iii) Lecture entitled 'The God of the Yazidis. Malah Taus and his origins'</li> </ul>   | <p>1959</p>  |



- iv) Correspondence with the Royal Asiatic Society re: the 1965-1971 publication of 'A Pilgrimage to Lalish'

Box 20

- 20/1 Census material; estimates of the Kurdish population of Iraq based on the census returns 1944-1958; printed census figures for (a) Kurds in the USSR 1959 (b) the population of Iraq 1965
- 20/2 i) Notes on the Zuhab and Bajilan tribes  
ii) Notes on the history of the Bahdinan  
iii) Correspondence re: an article on Mosul written for the Encyclopaedia Britannica
- 20/3 i) Brief notes on the Ardelan family  
ii) Typescript of an article entitled 'A third note on the rock monuments of S Kurdistan'  
iii) Typescript entitled 'Some ancient monuments on the Iraqi-Persian boundary'  
iv) Notes on Bradost
- 20/4 i) Notes on Sayid Khalil  
ii) Notes on the Kakais and Sailis made in preparation for an article
- 20/5 i) Collection of pamphlets and notes on the Assyrian question  
ii) Notes on Rania and Pizhder

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- 21/1 Notes for an article on Bradost nahiya
- 21/2 Drafts of a paper on the Ahl-i-Haqq of Iraq and related correspondence
- 21/3 Notes collected in connection with 'Kurds, Turks and Arabs'
- 21/4 Copies of documents, press cuttings and notes used in connection 1966 with a lecture to the RCAS on the 1960's civil war in Iraq entitled 'A Plans for Peace'
- 21/5 Draft of a lecture entitled 'The place of the Kurds in the changing Middle Eastern Scene'

**I Collection of Pamphlets and articles on the Middle East by Authors Other than CJ Edmonds**

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| 21/6 | i) Admiralty naval staff Intelligence Department ‘The Geology of Mesopotamia and its border lands’                       | May 1918 |
|      | ii) Evan Guest ‘Notes on plants and plant products in Iraq with their colloquial names’ (Department of Agriculture Iraq) | 1933     |
|      | iii) V Minorsky ‘The Givan’ (Reprinted from Bulletin of SOAS 1943)   | 1943     |
| 21/7 | iv) British School of Archaeology in Iraq. ‘The Ancient systems of irrigation in Iraq’                                   | 1949     |

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| 22/1 | i) V Minorsky ‘The tribes of Western Iran’ (Reprinted from Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 1949) | 1949      |
|      | ii) D N Mackenzie ‘Gender in Kurdish’ (Reprinted from Bulletin of SOAS 1954)                                    | 1954      |
|      | iii) J B Segal ‘Neo-Aramaic proverbs of the Jews of Zakho’ (Reprinted from Journal of Near East Studies 1955)   | 1955      |
| 22/2 | Central Office of Information papers on Middle Eastern Affairs  | 1956-1959 |
| 22/3 | i) O Caroe ‘Persia-a key-stone’   | 1958      |
|      | ii) Kurdoyen ‘Report on the Transcaucasian Kurds’   | 1957      |
|      | iii) Granada TV Ltd. Transcript of a programme on ‘The Troubled Middle East’ Broadcast July 1958                | 1958      |
|      | iv) D N Mackenzie ‘The language of the Medians’ Reprinted from Bulletin of SOAS                                 | 1959      |
|      | v) Joyce Blau. ‘Kurdish, Kurmandiji, Modern texts – Introduction, selection and glossary                        |           |
|      | vi) T Wahby. Collection of articles entitled ‘Kurdish Studies – Part 1’   | Apr 1968  |
|      | vii) Gavin Young ‘The Folk that live in the marsh’ (Observer Colour Supplement May 1977)                        | 1977      |

viii) E C Hodgkin 'The man who turned down Eton' article on A.L.F. 1977  
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**J Press cuttings and reviews re: Kurdistan**

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| 22/4 | Press cuttings and reviews re: Kurdistan   | 1931 – 1970s |
| 22/5 | Correspondence between Fuad Hama Khorshid and Edmonds 1971-1975, newspaper and printed booklet 'Nuseri Kurd. The Kurdish Writer. Magazine of the Kurdish Union of Writers. No 2, 1971' | 1971-1975    |

**K Maps**

Box 23

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| 23/1 | a) Persia. Sheet 10L – Gulf Ports. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2445 D'10 S.1. 300  | 1910 |
|      | b) Persia. Sheet 10K – Provinces of Fars and Arabistan. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 3080D D 10 S.1.1. Proof copy                   | 1911 |
|      | c) Persia. Sheet 10 0 – Province of Fars. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2746. D10 S.1 500  | 1911 |
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|      | g) India and adjacent countries. Sheet 10 – Persia Arabia and Turkey in Asia. Scale 1" = 16 miles. Reg No 1534 D14 S.1. 1-900     | 1915 |
|      | h) Persia – sheet 10A – Arabistan. Scale 1" = 4 miles Reg No D15 (D.O. 6) 2,200. Rough provisional issue. 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition | 1915 |
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15 miles. Reg No 3104 D16 S.1.
- b) Turkey in Asia and Persia. Sheet 2I. Mosul, Kurdistan and 1917  
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- c) Turkey and Persia. Sheet 3M – Parts of Iraq and Arabistan. Scale 1917  
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- d) Mesopotamia. Sheet 1. Basrah – Zubair. Scale 1" = 2 miles Reg 1917  
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- e) Mesopotamia. Sheet 3. Fao – Muhammarah. Scale 1" = 2 miles. 1917  
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- f) Persia. Sheet 9B. Luristan, Hamadan and Kirmanshah provinces. 1918  
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- g) Persia. Sheet 1L. – Sakis. Scale 1" = 4 miles Reg No 1937 D21 1922  
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- h) Iraq and Persia. Sheet 1H – Sauj Bulagh. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg 1922  
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- i) Iraq Sheet 2A – Kirkuk. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 1727.D21 1922  
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- 23/3 a) Iraq. Sheet 2H Kut al Amarah. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 1439 1922  
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- b) Iraq and Persia. Sheet 2L. Hai. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 1729 1922  
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- d) Iraq. Sheet 3E. Samawah. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 1212. D21 1922  
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- e) Iraq. Sheet 3I. Nasariyah. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 1900 D21 1922  
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- 23/4 a) Iraq, Persia and Turkey in Asia. Sheet 1C. Diza Gawar. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 1484 D21 (D.O.6) 750 1923
- b) Iraq, Persia and Turkey in Asia. Sheet 1D Rowanduz. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 1485 D21 (D.O.6) 500 1923
- c) Iraq. Sheet 2B, Kifri. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2548 D22 (D.O.6) 750 1923
- d) Iraq. Sheet 1D. Karbala. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2011 D22 (D.O.6) 750-500'25 1923
- e) Iraq and Persia. Sheet 2E. Sulaimani. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2552 D22 (D.O.6) 750 1923
- f) Iraq. Sheet 1/38B. Qalat ash Sharqat. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 3332 D23 (D.O.6) 500 1923
- g) Iraq and Persia. Sheet 7G. Mandali. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2876 D23 (D.O.6) 520 1923
- 23/5 a) Iraq and Persia. Sheet 2K. Zurbatiyah. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 2261 D22 (D.O.6) 500-500'26 1923
- b) Persia. Sheet 2N. Kermanshah. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 2256 D22 (D.O.6) 500 1923
- c) Persia. Sheet 20. Pul – i – Madian – Rud. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 2567 D22 (D.O.6) 250 (hill features compiled from 2-0 1" – 4m 1914) 1923
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- e) Persia. Sheet 9D. Shushtar. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 3003 D23 (D.O.6) 300 1923
- 23/6 a) Iraq and Syria. Sheet 1-37K. Albu Kamal. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 2938 D23 (D.O.6) 250 1924
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- c) Iraq. Sheet 1-38M. Hit. Scale 1" = 4 miles. Reg No 3306 D24 (D.O.6) 500 1924
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- e) Continuation sheets 46° O' – 47° O' and 47° O' - 48° O' 1943

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- 24/1 a) Indian Expeditionary Force 'D' Basrah Survey Party. No. 82. 1916-1917  
Shushtar Diz ful – Shush Scale 1" = 2 miles. Compiled from surveys  
previously carried out by Mr G B Scott for the Anglo-Persian Oil  
Company
- b) Survey Party Middle East Forces. Persia. Sheet 2 N/SE. Haisin. 1918  
Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 308
- c) Survey Part M.E.F. – Norperforce detachment. Persia. Sheet 2N 1918  
(SW) Kermanshah province. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 354
- d) Survey Part M.E.F. – Norperforce detachment. Persia. Sheet 9A 1918  
(SE) and 9E (SW) Hamadan. Qazvin and Qum provinces. Scale 1" =  
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- e) Survey Party M.E.F. Baghdad. Persia. Sheet 8 H/SE Qazvin. Scale 1919  
1" = 2 miles. No 420
- f) Survey party ME.F. Baghdad. Persia Sheet 9 E/NW. Sultan Bulaq 1919  
pass. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No 380

- g) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Qazvin town. Scale 12" = 1 mile. 1919  
Compiled from aerial photographs taken by No. 72 Squadron RAF.  
November 1918 – April 1919
- 24/2 a) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Persia. Sheet 9 B/NW. Asadabad. 1919  
Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 362
- b) Survey party M.E.F. Armenian and Kurdish area map produced to 1919  
illustrate a note by Major E Noel on the situation in Kurdistan. Scale  
1" = 24.68 miles. No. 473
- c) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Sheet 9 E/NE. Persia – Danisfahan. 1920  
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- d) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Persia. Sheet 8H/SE. Qazvin. Scale 1920  
1" = 2 miles. No 420
- e) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Geological map to accompany 1920  
geological report 'Mesopotamia No. 8' – 'The Sulaimaniyah district'.  
Scale 1" = 4 miles. No. 593
- f) Survey party M.E.F. Baghdad. Iraq. Sheet 2 F/NE. Qasr-i-Shimri. 1921  
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- 24/3 a) Eastern Turkey in Asia. Sheet 33 – Rowanduz. Scale 1" = 4 miles.  
I.D.W.O. No. 1522. Compiled at W.O. Intelligence Division by  
Major F R Maunsell from reconnaissances made 1883-1914
- b) Asia-North. Sheet J-38. Tabriz. Scale 1" = 15 miles. No. 2555. 1916  
Provisional edition
- c) Asia-North Sheet I – 38. Baghdad. Scale 1" = 15 miles. No. 2555. 1924  
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- d) Asia-Iraq. Sheet J-38/S. Tall Afar. Scale 1" = 4 miles. GSCS No. 1924  
3723
- e) Iran. Sheet 10K and 10L. Bushire. Scale 1" = 4 miles GSGS No. 1941  
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- f) Iran. Sheet H – 39V & G 39D. Khurmiy. Scale 1" = 4 miles. GSGS 1942  
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#### Survey Directorate Baghdad Maps 1920-1932

24/4	a) Tribal map of the Arbil division. Scale 1" = 4 miles. No 675	1920	
	b) Iraq. Sheet 1 C/SE. Musluk. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2014	1926	
	c) Iraq. Sheet 137 K/SW & SE. Zakho. Scale 1" = 2 miles No. 2026	1926	
	d) Iraq. Sheet 137 P/NE. Aqra. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2164	1927	
	e) Iraq. Sheet 1 D/NW. Zibar. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2138. 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	1927	
	f) Iraq. Sheet 1 D/NE. Rowanduz. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2175. 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1927	
	g) Iraq. Sheet 1. C/SW. Kani Rash. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2061	1927	
	h) Iraq. Sheet 137 H/SW. Tall Afar. Scale 1" = 2 miles. No. 2213	1927	
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24/7	a) Government of Iraq. Vol of maps of Iraq with notes for visitors	1928	
	b) Department of land surveys. Transjordan. Transjordan-Amman. Scale 1:250,000.	1937	
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25/1	a) Sketch map of Sinjar Qadha showing religious distribution	Not dated	
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	c) Sketch map of the Sinjar area	Not dated	
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- 25/2 a) C J Edmonds sketch map of the country north of Rowanduz. Scale 1926  
1" = 4 miles. Reg No. 2003  
b) Sketch map showing the number of families of Ottoman Assyrian refugees (by village) settled in the Mosul and Arbil liwas up to June 1932  
c) Diagram of the admin units of N. Iraq from the Kifri level to the Turkish frontier 1944
- 25/3 Frontier Maps  
a) Rabino's map of the Gilan Provinces 1918  
b) Frontiere Turco-Peisane. Cartes Supplémentaire. Scale 1:84,000 Not dated  
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- 25/4 Bartholemew's World Survey Series. The Middle East

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- 26/1-4 Diaries. 4 vols 18 Sept 1912- 30 Aug 1930

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- 27/1-3 Diaries: 3 vols 25 Sept 1930-11 May 1945

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- 28/1 Diary. 1 vol 1 Jan 1946- 31 Dec 1975
- 28/2 Memoirs: 'East and West of Zagros: Travel, War and Politics in Persia and Iraq, 1913-1921'  
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