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Title: Angus John McNeill Collection

Name of creator: McNeill, Angus John (1874-1950) Brigadier General

Dates of creation of material: 1922-1949

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: McNeill, Angus John (1874-1950) Brigadier General

Born 1874. Commandant of British Gendarmerie 1922-1926; Manager of Government Stud Farm and Stock Breeding Officer 1927-1931. Died 1950. Further details unknown.

Scope and content: Papers relating to service in Palestine as Commandant of British Gendarmerie, 1922-26, as Manager of Government Stud Farm and Stock Breeding Officer for Palestine, 1927-31 and as a resident of an Arab village north of Acre, 1932-49.

System of arrangement: Gendarmerie papers; Stud Farm; 1929 disturbances; end of the Mandate

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Custodial history: In the possession of Brig.-Gen. McNeill and his family

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**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ANGUS JOHN MCNEILL
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A Palestine Gendarmerie Papers

A1	<u>Diaries</u>	<u>Feb 1922 –</u>	<u>4 volumes</u>
	Diary (in 4 volumes) written whilst A J McNeill was commandant of the British Gendarmerie of Palestine	<u>July 1926</u>	
A1/1	Diary	17 Feb 1922 – 24 Mar 1923	91 pages
A1/2	Diary	25 Mar 1923 – 6 May 1924	73 pages
A1/3	Diary	7 May 1924 – 31 Dec 1925	96 pages
A1/4	Diary	1 Jan 1926 – 1 Jul 1926	33 pages
2	(F1) Suggested designs for the uniforms of members of the Palestine Gendarmerie	Mar 1922	
3	(F1) Notes by A J McNeill on the British Gendarmerie of Palestine	1923	
4	(F1) Copies of three letters from A J McNeill to Winston Churchill discussing the Gendarmerie	Nov 1924 – May 1926	
5	(F1) Letter from A J McNeill to Amery re: the work of the Gendarmerie	June 1925	
6	(F1) Letter from Winston Churchill expressing regret at the disbandment of the Gendarmerie	Apr 1926	
7	(F1) Note and memo – prepared by the Middle East Department of the Colonial Office on the revision of the public security forces in Palestine	June 1926	
8	(F1) Letter from Winston Churchill re: the alleged poor treatment given to ex members of the Gendarmerie by the Middle East Department of the Colonial Office	June 1926	

B Papers relating to the Government Stud Farm, Daboya, Acre

- 1 (F2) E R Sawyer 'Memorandum on the stock breeding service in Palestine' 1926
- 2 (F2) Copy of the farewell address of Mr B M Cameron, Manager of the Government farm Mar 1947
- 3 (F2) A J McNeill 'Notes on horsebreeding in Palestine' May 1947

C Papers relating to the 1929 disturbances in Palestine

- 1 (F3) Letters from Mrs Lillian McNeill to her husband describing the disturbances in Acre Aug 1929
- 2 (F3) Letter from J R Chancellor to Lillian McNeill thanking her for her influence in Acre during the disturbances Sept 1929
- 3 (F3) Letter from Mustafa el Kheiry to Lillian McNeill asking her to act as a channel of communication between H.M.G. and Palestine Dec 1929
- 4 (F3) Letter from acting Chief Secretary Jerusalem to Lillian McNeill conveying Lord Passfield's appreciation for her services during the disturbances Sept 1930

D Papers relating to the end of the British Mandate in Palestine

- 1 Diary of events at the termination of the Mandate May 1948 – May 1949
Includes a draft copy of a letter from McNeill to Winston [?Churchill] and a short telegram reply from Winston in Nov 1948
- 2 Press cuttings re: A J McNeill's decision to remain in Palestine after the termination of the Mandate