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**Title:** Richard Meinertzhagen Collection

**Name of creator:** Meinertzhagen, Richard (1878-1967) Soldier

**Dates of creation of material:** 1919, 1964

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**Biographical history:** Meinertzhagen, Richard (1878-1967) Soldier

Born 3 March 1878, son of Daniel and Georgina Meinertzhagen. Educated Harrow. Joined Army (Royal Fusiliers), 1899; served in India 1899-1902; served with King's African Rifles 1902-1905; served on various expeditions in E. Africa; graduated Staff College; Served E. Africa, Palestine and French fronts during European War 1914-1918; DSO 1916; member of Paris Peace Delegation; Chief Political Officer in Palestine and Syria, 1919-1920; Military Adviser, Middle East Department, Colonial Office, 1921-1924; retired pay, 1925; Council of the Royal Geographical Society, 1927-1930; travelled, Asia, Africa and USA; War Office, 1939-1940; Home Guard, 1940-1945; CBE 1957. Married 1921, Annie Jackson (died 1928): 2 sons; 1 daughter. Died 17 June 1967.

**Scope and content:** Photocopy of a letter from Meinertzhagen to - Landman, 10 January 1964, published in *Ha'aretz* 3 November 1967, about the precise geographical area envisaged by Balfour and Lloyd George as the Jewish National Home; photocopy of a letter from Meinertzhagen to David Lloyd George, 25 March 1919, on the growth of Jewish and Arab nationalism, British support for the Jews, and the possibility of Britain annexing Turkish Sinai.

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**Language of material:** Language

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**Immediate source of acquisition:** Photocopy of letter from Meinertzhagen to Landman 1964 received from Dr Uriel Dann 1967; photocopy of a letter from Meinertzhagen to David Lloyd George 1919 received from A.J. Sherman Jan 1997.

**Location of originals:** Letter from Meinertzhagen to Landman 1964 in the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem; letter from Meinertzhagen to David Lloyd George 1919 in the personal archive of Sir Sigmund Warburg.

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

- GB165-0229 Philby Collection: 2/3/1/8 Richard Meinertzhagen – correspondence mainly relating to Philby's and Meinertzhagen's interest in ornithology, 1945-1952.

In other repositories

The main collection of Richard Meinertzhagen papers consisting of correspondence, notes and papers 1899-1965 is at Oxford University, Bodleian Library Special Collections.

Other papers relating to Richard Meinertzhagen's life and career include:

- King's College London: Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives: Correspondence with Sir BH Liddell Hart 1935-1963.
- National Library of Scotland Manuscript Collections: Kenya diary (typescript) 1902-1906.

Other papers relating to Richard Meinertzhagen's interest in ornithology include:

- National History Museum Library and Archives: c1893-1956 correspondence, notes and papers.
- Oxford University: Alexander Library of Ornithology: Correspondence with David Lack c1941-1966; Correspondence with Reginald Moreau 1951-1954.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Publication note:** Books by Richard Meinertzhagen include:

- Meinertzhagen, Richard *Birds of Arabia* (Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1954)
- Meinertzhagen, Richard *Middle East Diary 1917-1956* (London: Cresset Press, 1959)
- Meinertzhagen, Richard *Army Diary 1899-1926* (Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1960)

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