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Title: James Renton Collection

Name of creator: Renton, James Malcolm Leslie (1898-1972) Solider, Major-General

Dates of creation of material: 1929-1954

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Renton, James Malcolm Leslie (1898-1972) Solider, Major-General
Born 18 March 1898, son of Major A. L. Renton. Educated Eton College; Royal Military College, Sandhurst. 2nd Lt. Rifle Brigade, 1916; DAAG Iraq Levies, 1922-1927; MBE 1925; OBE 1927; commanded 2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade, 1940-1941; DSO 1941; 7th Motor Brigade Group, 1942; DSO Bar 1942; 7th Armoured Division, 1942; Senior officers' School, 1943-1944; Head of the British Military Mission to the Iraq Army and Inspector-General, 1944-48; CB 1948; retired 1948. Unmarried. Died 11 January 1972.

Scope and content: Papers relating to the Assyrians, Iraq Levies and the Iraq army, including correspondence with members of Parliament, Save the Children Fund, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England Council on Foreign Relations about the plight of Assyrian refugees, including Eshai Mar Shimun XXI, the Assyrian Patriarch, and his family.

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Custodial history: In the possession of James Renton

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from James Renton in 1965

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 6 Oct 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 6 Jan 2022. File level description created by Debbie Usher 12 Jan 2022

FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE JAMES RENTON COLLECTION

File 1	<u>Assyrians</u> Correspondence and papers relating to the protection and future of the Assyrian people.	1929-1947
File 2	<u>Assyrians</u> Correspondence and papers including material relating to the Assyrian Patriarchal family.	1950-1954
File 3	<u>Iraq Levies Notes</u> Two copies of a TS report entitled 'The Iraq Levies Notes'.	1929
File 4	<u>Iraqi Army</u> Letter, reports and two lectures relating to Iraq and the Iraqi army consisting of: TS letter written on the 3 rd July 1944 from Captain V. Holt to 'His Excellency' giving his assessment of the current character and training of various parts of the Iraqi Army; TS report 'B. Conditions of Service relating to the Officers of the British Advisory Military Mission employed under the Ministry of Defence of the Iraqi Government'; TS entitled 'C. Army Council Instructions to the Head of the Military Mission to Iraq, 25 May 1944'; Report 'D. The Inspector-General's half-yearly report for the period ending 31 st March 1948 written by J.M.L. Renton; TS entitled 'E. Memorandum on the military considerations which may arise from the ensuing treaty talks from the point of view of the Iraqi Army officers, 1947'; TS copy of a lecture to ?Ahmid Circle 'Modern Iraq' by Major General J.M.L. Renton	1944-1948

	TS copy of a lecture to Chatham House entitle 'The Iraqi Army Background to the repudiation of the treaty of Portsmouth from the summer of 1944, 20 Jul 1948.	
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