

Reference code: GB165-0253

Title: Alan Saunders Collection

Name of creator: Saunders, Alan (1886-1964) Colonial Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1935-1937; 1946-1951

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: SAUNDERS, Col. Alan (1886-1964)

Born 1886. Educated Christ's Hospital. Served Indian Police, 1908-14; war service, 1914-20, in France, Flanders and Palestine; District Commandant, Jerusalem, Palestine Police, 1920-26; Deputy Inspector-General, 1926-35; OBE 1932; Inspector-General, Nigeria Police, 1936-37; Inspector-General of Police and Prisons, Palestine, 1937; Member, Palestine Advisory Council, 1937-43; CMG 1941; retired from Colonial Service, 1944; Chief Police Adviser, Allied Military HQ (Greece), 1944; Director, Middle East Censorship, 1945-46; Commissioner Police, Tripolitania, 1946-52. Married, 1920, Eva Strickland (d.1952): 1 son. Died 26 March 1964.

Scope and content: Farewell autograph book from Palestine Police colleagues on his transfer to Nigeria, 1935; Nigerian Police Reports, 1936-37; Tripolitania Police Force and Prison Service Administrative Reports, 1946-51; maps of Kenya, 1947, and Tanganyika, 1957; *Soldier: The British Army Magazine*, vol. 6, no. 5, July 1950 containing an article on the Tripolitania Police, pp 18-21; printed ephemera; epaulettes, badges and buttons from Palestine and Nigeria Police uniforms. Photograph collection.

System of arrangement: Chronological

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Custodial history: In the possession of Col. Saunders and his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received from his daughter-in-law through the Oxford Development Records Project, June 1983

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

Papers of other British Mandate Palestine Policemen include:

GB165-0001 Adamson	GB165-0101 Faraday
GB165-0380 McArthur	GB165-0141 Hayward
GB165-0044 Cafferata	GB165-0379 Morris
GB165-0386 Cannings	GB165-0240 Rice
GB165-0358 Cleaver	GB165-0255 Scott
GB165-0082 De Lacy	GB165-0281 Tegart
GB165-0354 Edwards	GB165-0224 Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association

Please note that further accessions of papers relating to the Palestine Police may have been acquired after the compilation of this catalogue

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by C. Brown 19 Oct 1999 and revised by D. Usher 5 Nov 2003, 10 Sept 2009.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ALAN SAUNDERS
COLLECTION**

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| File 1 | Book containing “signatures of British and Palestinian Superior Police Officers of the Palestine Police...” presented to Saunders on his transfer to the Nigeria Police | c1935 |
| File 2 | Annual reports of the Nigeria Police Force 1936 and 1937
Press cutting from “Nigeria Daily Times” about the Nigeria Police Force 24.11.37 | 1936 – 1937 |
| File 3 | Administrative Reports of the Tripolitania Police Force and prisons service for the years 1946-1951 and cases reported by Libyan Provinces 1951 | 1946-1951 |
| File 4 | Copy of “Soldier”, the British Army magazine containing an article on the Tripolitania police by Peter Lawrence | July 1950 |
| File 5 | Map of Kenya Colony 1947
Map of Tananyika 1957 | 1947-1957 |
| File 6 | Miscellaneous ephemera – Palestine and Nigeria police buttons, epaulettes etc. | |