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**Title:** Sir Charles Tegart Collection

**Name of creator:** Tegart, Sir Charles Augustus (1881-1946) Knight, Indian Police Officer

**Dates of creation of material:** 1920; 1925-1926; 1931; 1936-1942

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 5 boxes

**Biographical history:** TEGART, Sir Charles Augustus (1881-1946)

Born 1881, son of Revd. J.P. Tegart. Educated Portora Royal School, Enniskillen; Trinity College, Dublin. Joined Indian Police, 1901; King's Police Medal 1911; MVO 1912; CIE 1917; served France, Royal Flying Corps, 1918-19; Kt 1926; retired from Indian Police 1931; CSI 1931; Member of Council of India, 1932-36; KCIE 1937; advised Palestine Government on police organisation, 1937-38; Ministry of Food, 1942-46. Married Kathleen Herbert. Died 6 April 1946.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to British policy in Palestine, internal security, the reorganisation of the Palestine Police, construction of border defences and police work in general, 1937-39; personal papers relating to the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938; press-cuttings. Photographic collection.

**System of arrangement:** Official; personal; press-cuttings.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Sir Charles and Lady Tegart.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received in 1973

**Related Units of Description:**

In MEC Archive

For other papers relating to the Arab Revolt please see the Jerusalem and East Mission Collection boxes 61, 63-67 and the H.M. Wilson Collection. Please see the Guide to

collections relating to the Arab Revolt Palestine 1936-1939 for an overview of other collections with material relating to the Arab Revolt.

The MEC Archive has extensive holdings of papers and photographs relating to the Palestine Police. For other Palestine Police papers and photographs please see the Guide to collections relating to the Palestine Police

In Other Repositories

Tegart Papers at Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge; MS biography by Lady Tegart at India Office Library (MSS Eur. C. 235)

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 1 Feb 2000 and revised by Debbie Usher 22 Mar 2004 and 27 Jan 2014. File and item level description created by Clare Brown 17 January 2000.

**FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE SIR CHARLES TEGART  
COLLECTION**

Box 1

1/1	Daily C.I.D. news bulletins nos. 228/37-254/37 and 1/38-135/38 giving details of terrorist and other incidents	1 Dec 1937 – 10 June 1938	202 sheets
1/2	Weekly C.I.D. situation reports giving details and statistical analysis of terrorist incidents and casualty figures	9 Aug 1938- 25 April 1939	214 sheets
1/3a	Reports on Haj Amin Husseini (the Mufti) and members of the Husseini family	1938-1939	5 sheets
1/3b	Information on societies and prominent individuals (mainly Arab) and their links, if any, with Haj Amin Husseini	not dated	34 sheets
1/3c	Statement of suspects; reports on terrorist gangs	1937-1939	113 sheets
1/4	Papers relating to the first course of instruction on bombs and bomb disposal, given by Assistant Superintendent E.T. Cosgrove, C.I.D. Jerusalem, 25-28 July 1938, including diagrams and 14 photographs	July 1938	22 sheets; 14 prints
1/5	Duplicated copies of telegrams between High Commissioner and the Secretary of State for the Colonies	June-Sept 1938	35 sheets

Box 2

2/1	Papers relating to internal security in Palestine with a memorandum on the formation of a gendarmerie or semi-military force for Palestine and its relationship with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force; 2 annotated maps of the Hebron and Haifa areas	Jan-Mar 1939	82 sheets
2/2	Papers relating to police reorganisation including a memorandum on the future structure and establishment of the Palestine Police by Tegart and Sir David Petrie, with earlier drafts and correspondence	Jan 1938-Feb 1939	198 sheets
2/3	Papers relating to internal security including terrorist attacks, especially the murder of Mr. Andrews and Constable McEwan; information on suspects; sketch maps	Dec 1937- May 1938	168 sheets

- of areas under terrorist gang control; police posts and establishment; Force HQ warning orders
- 2/4 Papers relating to internal security including the July 1938- 81 sheets  
construction of the border fence; information on suspects; Mar 1939; not  
terrorist activities; police establishment dated
- Box 3
- 3/1 Indexed TS copy of the Palestine (Defence) Order-in- 1931; 1936- 261 sheets  
Council, 1931, brought into force in 1936 and *The* 1937  
*Palestine Gazette*, no. 674, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1937  
supplement no.2 containing the Palestine (Defence) Order-  
in-Council, 1937, with other notices and orders relating to  
curfews, meetings, censorship etc.; TS copy of the  
Palestine Martial Law (Defence) Order-in-Council, 1936;  
carbon copy TS of the Emergency Regulations, 1936, with  
a covering letter from the Chief Secretary, W.D. Battershill
- 3/2 Papers relating to frontier defences in the Jordan Valley Jan-Oct 1938 128 sheets  
notably the erection of a barbed-wire fence, patrolled by  
armoured cars and protected by searchlights, including  
correspondence with the contractor, D. Hacohen of Solel  
Boneh
- 3/3 Papers relating to police accommodation, including 1938- 146 sheets  
correspondence with D. Hacohen of Solel Boneh and the 1939;1941-  
Public Works Department; the construction of police posts 1942; not  
and stations; police housing; increased prison dated  
accommodation
- 3/4 Papers relating to Palestine Police establishment and 1938-1939 121 sheets  
organisation, and the recruitment, grading and promotion  
of police personnel
- 3/5 Correspondence with Syrian and Transjordan authorities Jan-Oct 1938 44 sheets  
on border control and security to counteract arms  
smuggling and terrorist infiltration, with a report by Gilbert  
Mackereth, British Consul in Damascus, on the activities  
of the Palestine Defence Committee.

Box 4

4/1	Carbon copy TS of a talk on the Arab Legion by Ez Zaim E.W. Northfield Bey broadcast by the Palestine Broadcasting Station, Jerusalem	13 Feb 1938	5 sheets
4/2a	Papers relating to Tegart's appointment to Palestine and contract of service	1937-1938	18 sheets
4/2b	Letters from well-wishers following the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938, and the death of his companion G.D. Sanderson	1939-1940	47 sheets
4/2c	Personal letters to Tegart	1920; 1937-1938	5 sheets
4/3	Papers relating to British policy on Palestine including the Secretary of State's despatch of 23 December 1937; carbon-copy TS letter, 10 July 1938 [possibly Tegart to Malcolm MacDonald] dealing with the findings of the Palestine Partition (Woodhead) Commission; carbon copy TS of a note on Dr Weizmann's final appearance before the Palestine Partition Commission, 30 August 1938; duplicated TS copy of a statement made by Mr. M. Shertok at the Palestine Conference, 13 February 1939	1937-1939	41 sheets
4/4	Correspondence between Tegart and General Haining on British policy in Palestine, with letters on the same subject from Sir Arthur Wauchope, James Pollock, Col. Alan Saunders, L.E. Dennys, Sir Harold MacMichael, W.D. Battershill, Sydney Moody, Kingsley Heath, and Sir Findlater Stewart	1937-1939	79 sheets
4/5	Carbon copy TS translation from <i>Munich Latest News</i> of an article entitled 'Jewish dictatorship at the London Colonial Office'	22 Mar 1939	5 sheets
4/6	MS and TS diary giving details of Tegart's meetings, visits and conversations related to police work in Palestine: 17 December 1937 – 14 January 1938	1937-1938	1 vol.

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| 4/7 | TS diary giving details of Tegart's meetings, visits and conversations related to police work in Palestine: 22 January – 9 February 1938 | 1938 | 1 vol. |
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Box 5 Press cuttings

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| 5/1 | Press cuttings of New Year's Honours lists giving details of the Indian list  | 1925-1926;1937             | 4 sheets             |
| 5/2 | Press cuttings on Tegart's appointment and mission, and the situation in Palestine; seating plan and programme of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Calcutta Dinner held at the Connaught Rooms, 23 May 1939 at which Tegart was guest of honour | 22 Oct 1937 – 21 July 1939 | 46 sheets;<br>1 item |
| 5/3 | Press cuttings, C.I.D. Daily Intelligence Summaries and duplicated extracts from newspapers relating to security, terrorist attacks and the work of the Palestine Police, including a police map of Palestine, 1937             | 19 Dec 1937 – 9 June 1938  | 104 sheets           |