

Reference code: GB165-0354

Title: Stephen Edwards Collection

Name of creator: Edwards, Stephen Herbert St George (1912-1997) Palestine Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1932-1948

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: Edwards, Stephen Herbert St George (1912-1997)

Born 10 November 1912 in Long Bredy, Dorset the son of a clergyman, Reginald Dawson Edwards. Attended Normandale Preparatory School, Bexhill-On Sea and St Edwards School, Oxford 1926-1930. Joined Palestine Police 11 April 1936. Served as a Constable in the Foot branch (Force No.383) 25 April 1936, as a constable in mounted branch from 10 Oct 1936, 2nd sergeant in mounted branch from 20 Jan 1939, 1st sergeant in foot branch from 1 June 1942, A/ASP [Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police] in P.M.F [Police Mobile Force] from 1 Apr 1944 and B/Inspector in Inspectorate from 1 Oct 1945, (employed on recruiting duties in the United Kingdom from 18 June 1945 to 11 October 1945) confirmed as Assistant Superintendent Palestine Police Force from 1 April 1947. Stephen Edwards served in the Palestine Police until 31 March 1948. He then served in the North Borneo Police, 1949-1963. Worked as Commissioner of Road Transport in Sabah (Malaysia) from 1963 until his retirement in 1969. Married 14 July 1945, Isabel Mary Tullis (1913-1990). One daughter Dorothy Frances and one son Andrew Edwards. Died August 1997. For further biographical details see file 1/2 sheet 1 and 2.

Scope and content: Personal papers relating to Stephen Edwards service in the Palestine Police 1936-1948 consisting of his service record booklet, a file of papers mainly relating to pay, conditions of service and the end of the mandate and photographs.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Andrew Edwards in May 2003

Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

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Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds, file and item level description created by Debbie Usher Aug 2003 and revised 14 Mar 2011, 28 Apr 2022. Biographical history based on information provided by Andrew Edwards and information in Stephen Edwards files 1/1 and 1/2

FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION FOR THE STEPHEN EDWARDS COLLECTION

1 Personal papers

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| 1/1 | <u>Service Register</u> | 1936-1948 | 1 booklet |
| | <p>Palestine Police Force Service Register for Stephen Edwards including his photograph, details from his enlistment record, appointments held, division served within, language examinations, courses, certificates and special qualifications attained, small arms courses, leave register, medical history, family register, conduct register of commendations and rewards and particulars of education</p> | | |
| 1/2 | <u>Palestine Police Employment</u> | 1932-2003 | 192 sheets
plus file
cover |
| | <p>File entitled 'Papers relating to SH Edwards (1912-1997) Palestine Police 1936-1948. No 383' mainly containing administrative papers relating to the end of the mandate such as staff circulars on compensation payable, pensions, leave and last pay certificate as well as salary slips, income tax assessments, leave declaration form, copies of some reports, his last will and testament (see sheet 78), his application for appointment to the colonial service (see sheet 148-151) his contract of service in the Palestine Police (sheet 155-156). The first two sheets of this file consist of a biographical account of Stephen Edward's life and were written by his son, Andrew Edwards in May 2003.</p> | | |