

**Reference code:** GB165-0577

**Title:** Robert Melville Collection

**Name of creator:** Melville, Robert Kenneth (1918-2017) Colonel

**Dates of creation of material:** 1947-1957, 2013

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 13 boxes

**Biographical history:** Melville, Robert Kenneth (b. 1918).

Born on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1918 and was educated at Colchester Royal Grammar School. Col. Melville joined the Territorial Army, 23<sup>rd</sup> London Armoured Car Company in 1938 and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> County of London Yeomanry in 1939. In 1942, he was commissioned and appointed to the 47<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment where he served in Egypt until the regiment was disbanded in December 1942. Col. Melville was then posted to India as part of a training team, tasked with the conversion of an Indian Cavalry Regiment to Armour in 1943. He returned to Egypt in 1944 and was seconded to the Arab Legion as an armour training officer and in 1945 was transferred to the Sudan Defence Force to command the Equatorial Corps Company stationed in Wau. A year later, Col. Melville returned to the Arab Legion where he was involved in command and staff duties; including command of a Mechanised Regiment, security in Palestine and Jordan and skirmishes with the Israeli Army until 1949. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1949, and appointed Staff Liaison Officer in London for the Arab Legion and worked as Glubb Pasha's personal representative until the Jordanian Government terminated British services in 1956. Col. Melville was privileged to read the lesson at Glubb Pasha's funeral at Westminster Abbey in 1986; he was also Godfather to Glubb Pasha's adopted daughter Mary. Died 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to Col. Robert Melville's role as Staff Liaison Officer for the Arab Legion from 1949-1956. The papers, consisting of reports, correspondence, scrapbooks and notes, thoroughly document the Arab Legion's development while under the command of Lt.-Gen Glubb. The papers consist of information on Arab Legion reorganisation, expansion and finances; also included is material on political and military incidents in Jordan and concerns witnessed by Glubb. There are files containing material on the Arab Legion and the media, scrapbooks and loose press cuttings relating to the Arab Legion and Glubb's dismissal and personal correspondence between Melville and Glubb

containing information on domestic affairs. An oral history interview with Col. Melville in 2013 is available to listen to and consists of information on his military career.

**System of arrangement:**

1. Arab Legion Reorganisation
2. Current Assets
3. Finance
4. Ciphers and Codes
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6. Media and Public Relations
7. Scrapbooks and Press cuttings
8. Glubb's Domestic Affairs
9. Wages and Pensions
10. Col. Melville's Personal Papers
11. Oral History Interview

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English with a small amount of Arabic

**Physical Condition:** A computer will be needed to listen to the oral history interview, please ask the archivist for more details.

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

**Custodial history:** In the possession of Colonel Melville

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Colonel Melville in April 2013

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

For other papers relating to the Arab Legion and Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb please see:  
GB165-0118 Glubb Collection      Papers mainly relating to Sir John Bagot Glubb's life and career including memoranda, reports, telegrams, correspondence and photographs relating to Iraq and his

service in the Arab Legion in Transjordan 1930-1956, as well as some material relating to his First World War service in France and papers relating to his work as an author, 1901-1985. 147 boxes. Uncatalogued (box list available).

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| GB165-0074 Dann Collection   | Photocopy of TS article "The background to the beginnings of the Arab Legion" with comments by F.G. Peake, c.1969. 24 sheets.   |
| GB165-0119 Goldie Collection | Photocopied TS paper on the history of the Arab Legion, possibly by Glubb c.1944. 10 sheets.  |
| GB165-0163 Jordan Collection | Photocopies of papers relating to the history of Palestine and Jordan 1919-30, including administrative documents from the Ajlun and Salt districts, 1919-1926; papers relating to the Palestinian Nationalist Rising, 1936-1939; papers relating to the Arab Legion. 1 folder. |
| GB165-0189 Lunt Collection   | Photocopied TS of Address given at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lt.-Gen. Sir John Bagot Glubb held in Westminster Abbey, 17 April 1986. 4 sheets.  |

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds and file level description created by Kate Rose, March 2015. Biographical history provided by Colonel Melville and revised with death date 26 Jan 2017. Many of the files contain the original file references used by Melville and where possible original order has been maintained.

**SERIES AND FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ROBERT MELVILLE  
COLLECTION**

<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>Arab Legion Reorganisation</u></b>	<b><u>1947-1957</u></b>	<b><u>3 boxes</u></b>
	<p>Papers relating to the reorganisation and continual expansion of the Arab Legion. Included is material consisting of the Arab Legion proposal and agreement and creation of the National Guard, Navy and Air Force. Also included is correspondence between Glubb, Melville and the war and foreign offices regarding subsidies and reports for the defence of the Middle East. Many documents in this series contain the original file reference G/3.</p> <p>Related material: Further related material on the Arab Legion finances can be found in series 3 'finances'.</p>		
1/1	<p><u>Reorganisation Proposal and Agreements</u></p> <p>Reports and correspondence relating to reorganisation of Arab Legion proposal and agreement. Also included are documents on capital requirements, draft budget estimates and notes on expansion.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference RWP G/3.</p>	1947-1951	1 file (110 sheets)
1/2	<p><u>Hashemite Navy</u></p> <p>Correspondence and ship specifications relating to the provision of vessels for patrolling the Dead Sea.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference G.7</p>	1949-1951	1 file (176 sheets)
1/3	<p><u>Arab Legion Air Force</u></p> <p>Papers relating to draft plans for the Arab Legion Air Force, including details on headquarters, training, production of pilots, building requirements and airfields. Also included is a letter from Major Hutton to Col. Melville, asking to distribute copies of a paper on Sharafal and Falama atrocities.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference 'C.G.S 'A', 'Q' Air force.</p>	1950-1957	1 file (16 sheets)

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| 1/4 | <u>Reorganisation and Expansion</u>  | 1951             | 1 file<br>(38 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to the reorganisation and build-up of the Arab Legion, including reports on size of force, provisions for new equipment, training and tables on vehicle requirements.  |                  |                        |
| 1/5 | <u>Officer Career Developments</u>   | Feb-Apr<br>1951  | (8 sheets)             |
|     | Correspondence and reports written by Glubb relating to requests for officer secondments, replacements and promotions within the Arab Legion.  |                  |                        |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference G/3.  |                  |                        |
| 1/6 | <u>Arab Legion Plan</u>  | Sept-Nov<br>1951 | 1 file<br>(128 sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to the development of the Arab Legion, including an expansion plan consisting of costings, provisions needed for equipment, clothing, ammunition, maintenance needs and a note on the possibility of raising troops in Kuwait. Also included are Glubb's proposals to the War Office for the defence of the Middle East and reports on the Arab Legion's three year plan documenting requirements for a reconnaissance squadron, infantry troops recovery units and equipment allowance for regiments. |                  |                        |
| 1/7 | <u>Development of the Arab Legion</u>  | 1951             | 1 file<br>(73 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to development and expansion of Arab Legion including adjustments to Glubb's three year plan. Also included are reports on the expansion of the Arab Legion through the creation of a Desert Reconnaissance unit, second armoured car regiment, lorried infantry battalion and an independent field ambulance.   |                  |                        |
| 1/8 | <u>War Office Subsidy</u>  | 1951-1952        | 1 file<br>(225 Sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to budgets and subsidy including   |                  |                        |

correspondence between Glubb and Melville regarding problems convincing the War Office of the Arab Legion budget difficulty of dealing with both the Foreign and War Office over finance and the possible political change that may occur if the Americans offer a subsidy to the Arab Legion.

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| 1/9  | <u>Arab Legion Budgets</u>  | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br>(34 Sheets) |
|      | Papers relating to the Arab Legion Defence Vote, budget estimates for year 1954/55 and Foreign Office and War Office budgets. Contents list inside provided by Col. Melville. |           |                       |
|      | Old Ref: Original file reference Encl: 1 to G/3 (54/55).  |           |                       |
| 1/10 | <u>Reserves Scheme</u>  | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br>(9 sheets)  |
|      | Handwritten draft and typed copy of report for the War Office on the Arab Legion Reserves scheme.   |           |                       |
|      | Old ref: Original file reference Encl: 2 to G/3   |           |                       |
| 1/11 | <u>Foreign Office Subsidy</u>   | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br>(64 sheets) |
|      | A Note on the Foreign Office Subsidy to the Arab Legion, later revised.   |           |                       |
|      | Old Ref: Original reference Encl: 3 G/3.  |           |                       |
| 1/12 | <u>Draft Budgets</u>  | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br>(28 sheets) |
|      | A handwritten note on the Foreign Office Subsidy and budget estimates for the Arab Legion.  |           |                       |
|      | Old ref: Original file reference, Enclosure 4 to G/3.   |           |                       |
| 1/13 | <u>Army council meeting on Arab Legion</u>  | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br>(17 sheets) |
|      | Two copies of discussion subjects for Army council meeting on the organisation of the Arab Legion and three copies of the subjects needing revision.                          |           |                       |
|      | Old ref: Original file reference, Enclosure 5 to G/3 (54/55).   |           |                       |
| 1/14 | <u>Fragment of original file title</u>  | Aug 1952  | 1 item                |
|      | A fragment of an original file cover including title 'Encl: I to G/3 (53/54) contains 1) Budget 1953/54 2) Questions to be raised by Pasha at War office                      |           |                       |

Aug 1952.

1/15 G/3 file listings Not dated 1 item  
Original envelope containing file listings with 1950s  
reference G/3.

## **2 Current Assets**

**1950-1953    3 files**

Papers relating to current Arab Legion numbers of military and civilian personnel and current holdings; including equipment and arms.

- 2/1 Regiment and Personnel Numbers Nov 1950 1 file  
Reports on military and civilian personal numbers (100 sheets)  
divided into regiments and platoons. Original file title 'Lower Establishments'.
- 2/2 Current size and shape of the Arab Legion 1950-1951 1 file  
Reports and correspondence relating to Arab Legion, (350 sheets)  
including; size and shape of the Arab Legion by the War Office and observations on budgets and equipment tables.  
Old ref: Original file reference G/3.
- 2/3 Battle Requirements Oct-Nov 1 file  
Report documenting locations, regiments and 1951 (18 sheets)  
numbers of troops needed in battle.
- 2/4 Arms and Equipment Holdings 1952-1953 1 file  
Reports for the War Office relating to equipment and (21 sheets)  
arms held by the Arab Legion.

## **3 Finance**

**1951-1955    4 files**

Papers relating to current and future Arab Legion budgets including correspondence between Glubb and the War and Foreign Offices regarding the need for increased finances. Also included are subsidy documents, draft budgets, expenditure tables and finance policies. Many documents in

this series contain original file reference G/3.

Related material: Other finance related material in series 1  
'Reorganisation'.

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| 3/1 | <u>Future Budgets</u>   | 1951-1952 | 1 file<br><br>(19 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to future budgets for the Arab Legion, minutes of meeting held at War Office regarding Arab Legion budget. A note on the conference between General Robertson, Glubb Pasha at the War Office. |           |                            |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference AL/521/3/1/G.  |           |                            |
| 3/2 | <u>Yearly Budgets, Provisions and Costs</u>   | 1951-1953 | 1 file<br><br>(316 sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to Arab Legion finances, yearly budget provisions, subsidies and costs. Reports include build-up of reserves and future organisation of Arab Legion.  |           |                            |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference G/3.   |           |                            |
| 3/3 | <u>Future Budgets</u>   | 1952-1954 | 1 file<br><br>(63 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to future budgets for the Arab Legion and Order of Battle reports including finance for new regiments and brigades and mobilisation of battle figures.  |           |                            |
| 3/4 | <u>Finance Policy and Schedule of Payment</u>   | 1952-1956 | 1 file<br><br>(114 sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to Foreign Office schedule of payments, budgets and capital subsidies including equipment accounts, cost for supplies and maintenance demands.  |           |                            |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference; Q1/F.1.   |           |                            |
| 3/5 | <u>Budget Meetings</u>  | 1953-1955 | 1 file<br><br>(75 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to draft budgets, expenditure tables, subsidies and briefs for meeting with Col. Saville regarding Arab Legion finances.  |           |                            |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference; AL/28/1328/G.   |           |                            |
| 3/6 | <u>Financing the National Guard</u>   | 1954      | 1 file<br><br>(30 sheets)  |
|     | Correspondence and reports relating to the National   |           |                            |



Guard; including cost of expansion of national guard, financial assistance and a National Guard boundary Map.

Old ref: Original file reference G/3/NG.

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| 3/7  | <u>Subsidies and Grants</u>   | 1955      | 15 sheets                |
|      | Correspondence regarding supplementary subsidy and grants payment queries from War and Foreign Offices and report of methods of payment of the Arab Legion subsidy. |           |                          |
| 3/8  | <u>Payment Claims</u>   | 1954-1955 | 1 file<br>(17 sheets)    |
|      | Papers relating to payment claims for equipment, vehicles and queries to War Office regarding finance.  |           |                          |
|      | Old ref: Original file reference G/3.   |           |                          |
| 3/9  | <u>Additional Costs</u>   | 1955      | 1 file<br>(22 sheets)    |
|      | Reports on suggested increases and additional forces costs for the Arab Legion and the need to increase Arab Legion as a result of Russian penetration into Egypt.  |           |                          |
|      | Old ref: Original file reference Ent. G/3.  |           |                          |
| 3/10 | <u>Ammunition Scale Template booklet</u>  | Not dated | 1 booklet<br>(17 sheets) |
|      | Template ammunition scales provided by the War Office, to be used for calculating the official ammunition entitlement of any unit on higher establishment.          |           |                          |

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| <b><u>4</u></b> | <b><u>Ciphers and Codes</u></b>  | <b><u>1948-1949</u></b> | <b><u>1 file</u></b><br>(84 sheets) |
|                 | Correspondence relating to cables in code, Arab Legion ciphers being intercepted and a copy of the Arab Legion military code list. |                         |                                     |

Old ref: Original file reference P/1B.

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| <b><u>5</u></b> | <b><u>Political and Military Incidents and Concerns</u></b>  | <b><u>1950-1956</u></b> | <b><u>3 boxes</u></b> |
|                 | Papers relating to political and military incidents including reports on growing concerns over Anglo-Jewish relations, |                         |                       |

the provision of arms and presence of Russia. Also included are territory violations, armistice breaches and border incidents. Majority of material in this series contains the original file reference G/11.

Related material: For further papers relating to the publishing of the incidents and concerns please see series 6 'Media and Public relations'.

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| 5/1 | <u>Jordanian Incidents</u>  | 1950      | 1 file<br>(239 sheets) |
|     | <p>Papers relating to territory violations by Jewish aircraft, an incident in Wadi Araba and a Hebrew press report on Gharandal incident. Also included are reports and correspondence by Glubb on the spread of communism, armistice breaches, reports of child deaths in the Jordanian region and his belief that the incidents need to be published.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference G/11.</p> |           |                        |
| 5/2 | <u>Jordan's Political Difficulties</u>  | 1951-1953 | 1 file<br>(292 sheets) |
|     | <p>Reports and correspondence by Glubb highlighting the political difficulties in Jordan, pro-Israeli bias in the press and refusal by UK government to further contribute towards Arab Legion Air Force. Also included are photos of Jordanian territory and ammunition.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference G/11.</p>   |           |                        |
| 5/3 | <u>Incidents and Armistice Breach</u>   | 1953      | 1 file<br>(219 sheets) |
|     | <p>Correspondence and memos relating to Israeli attacks on Jordanian villages, breach of armistice and Glubb's concern over Jewish propaganda and the development of special treaty with United States which could denounce the British.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference G/11.</p>  |           |                        |
| 5/4 | <u>Frontier Incidents and Military Operations</u>   | 1953-1954 | 1 file<br>(344 sheets) |
|     | <p>Papers relating to the military operation Jebel Druze, the political background of Syria and the meeting minutes of the Arab Chiefs of staff. Also included is</p>   |           |                        |

an analysis of frontier incidents, Glubb's responses to press propaganda, the appointment of Arab Legion Officers on the Arab Defence League and a note on the murder of an Arab Legion Doctor. Newspaper bookmarks left in place.

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| 5/5 | <u>Glubb Concerns and Frontier Incidents</u>  | 1954-1956 | 1 file<br>(348 sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to Damascus infiltration, supply of British jets to Israel, frontier incidents and Glubb's concern for Anglo-Jewish relations and provision of arms to Israel. Also included are memos on the Jordan and Bagdad pact and Egyptian Policy. Paper bookmarks left in place to document original use. |           |                        |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference G/11.  |           |                        |
| 5/6 | <u>Glubb Dismissal and Presence of Russia</u>   | 1955-1956 | 1 file<br>(83 sheets)  |
|     | Papers relating to Glubb's dismissal, the Arab Legion and the presence of Russia and petroleum in Jordan. Also included is a booklet on the export of surplus war material.   |           |                        |
|     | Old ref: Original file reference G/11.  |           |                        |
| 5/7 | <u>Attacks on Transjordan</u>   | Not dated | 2 sheets               |
|     | A handwritten Appendix note on a conversation between General Spears and Glubb Pasha regarding Jews attacking Transjordan.  |           |                        |
| 5/8 | <u>Glubb Report - A Year in Palestine</u>   | Not dated | 25 sheets              |
|     | A handwritten draft report by Glubb on the events in Palestine over the last year.  |           |                        |

<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>Media and Public Relations</u></b>	<b><u>1949-1956</u></b>	<b><u>1 box</u></b>
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Papers relating to press promotion of the Arab Legion and propelling Jordan back into the thoughts of the British public. Included are film scripts, articles written by Glubb on Holy Week, Easter and Christmas, the organisation of a

press office and the funeral of King Abdullah. Material contains some original file references A/6 or G/11.

Related material: Other material with reference G/11 can also be found in series 5 'Political and Military Incidents and Concerns'.

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| 6/1 | <u>Arab Legion Propaganda</u>  | 1949-1950           | 1 file<br>(193 sheets) |
|     | <p>Papers relating to publishing articles and promoting the Arab Legion; including arranging for an MP (Member of Parliament) to visit Jordan, propaganda for the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) and articles written by Glubb on Holy week and Easter. Also included are reports on the patrician scheme, Jordan as the possible base for British in war against Russia and Arab refugees and an envelope of 7 press cuttings within the folder.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference A/6.</p> |                     |                        |
| 6/2 | <u>Christmas In Bethlehem</u>  | 1949                | 6 sheets               |
|     | <p>Three copies of a report on Christmas in Bethlehem describing mass services.</p>  |                     |                        |
| 6/3 | <u>Midnight Mass Photographs</u>   | Not dated<br>c.1949 | 2 items                |
|     | <p>'Two photographs of Bishop Gellat, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem, entering the Nativity Grotto reported to be the site where our Lord was born, at the midnight Mass services in Bethlehem. The helmeted Arab Legion soldier is an interested onlooker'. Description provided by Col. Melville.</p>   |                     |                        |
| 6/4 | <u>Funeral of King Abdullah</u>  | 1951                | 1 file<br>(87 sheets)  |
|     | <p>Papers relating to the funeral of King Abdullah, consisting of a memorial service programme, copies of speeches given at the funeral and list of attendees. Also includes a photo of King Abdullah and correspondence regarding development of a film from the funeral.</p> <p>Old ref: Original file reference A/6A.</p>   |                     |                        |

6/5	<u>Press Arrangements Letter</u>	1953	1 sheet
	Correspondence between Glubb and Melville, regarding arrangements for press and cinema representation for the Arab Legion parade to celebrate King Husain coming of age.		
6/6	<u>British Public and Jordan Letter</u>	1953	1 sheet
	Correspondence between Glubb and Melville regarding failing friendship between the British public and Jordanians; blaming Jewish propaganda. Glubb's aim was to get Jordan 'back in the news' and asks for Melville to find a journalist to write articles on Jordan.		
6/7	<u>Journalist Letter</u>	1953	1 sheet
	Correspondence between Melville and journalist Cyril Falls, regarding his recent visit to Jordan.		
6/8	<u>Britain and the Jordan Press</u>	1955	1 file (17 sheets)
	A note written by Glubb on 'Britain and the Jordan Press' and a note on press and propaganda. Old ref: Original file reference G/11.		
6/9	<u>Creation of a Press Office</u>	1955-1956	1 file (38 sheets)
	Correspondence relating to setting up an information office for the press and providing Keystone Press with regular photos of Arab Legion activities. Old ref: Original file reference A/6 (K).		
6/10	<u>Film Script</u>	Not dated c. 1949	34 sheets
	Copy of film script 'The Stones Cry Out'. The screen play is set in a lesson with a professor teaching students about the history of Jerusalem based on 'God's prophecies from the bible'.		
6/11	<u>Film Script</u>	Not dated c.1957	20 sheets
	Copy of film script 'Time' produced by Moody Institute Of Science, California. The screen play is		

set is a science laboratory lesson with a professor asking students to weigh 'time and space' as 'God weighs up decisions'.

<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>Scrapbooks and Press cuttings</u></b>	<b><u>1953-1956</u></b>	<b><u>1 box</u></b>
	Four scrapbooks of press cuttings relating to the Arab Legion, Britain in Jordan, propaganda articles and Glubb's dismissal. Also loose press cuttings of articles relating to the future of Israel, Glubb and the Arab Legion.		
7/1	<u>Jordanian Royal Family</u>  Scrapbook predominantly containing press cuttings relating to the Jordanian Royal Family including articles on the coronation of King Hussein, the wedding of King Hussein and Queen Dina, the Jordanian Royal visit to London and the birth of King Hussein's daughter. Also included are articles relating to an Arab Legion parade, and travel promotion material including 'spend your holidays in Jerusalem' booklet.	1953-1955	1 book (15 sheets)
7/2	<u>Glubb and the Arab Legion</u>  Scrapbook containing press cuttings of articles relating to Glubb and the Arab legion take over, revolt against Glubb and attacks on British offices.	1955-1956	1 book (15 sheets)
7/3	<u>Future of Jerusalem and Glubb's dismissal</u>  Scrapbook containing press cuttings of articles relating to Glubb's dismissal by King Hussein, Glubb's return to London and the future for Glubb. Also included are articles on the future of Jerusalem, failure of Egypt – Jordan talks.	1956	1 book (16 sheets)
7/4	<u>Glubb Dismissal and Life after Glubb</u>  Scrapbook containing press cuttings of articles relating to the Glubb dismissal, including articles on	1956	1 book (26 sheets)

Glubb's rule in Jordan, the Queen to Knight Glubb, a Commons debate on Glubb and a BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) broadcast transmission by Bickham Sweet – Escott regarding the Arab Legion, Glubb and future of Jordan. There are also 10 loose press cuttings in the back of the scrapbook relating to the Arab Legion.

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| 7/5 | <u>Changing Israel Press Cutting</u>   | 1953 | 1 sheet  |
|     | Press Cutting titled 'Changing Israel – Work as a foundation for the future'. A propaganda piece on Israel's plans for the future, government ideas for the economy and its growing population.                  |      |          |
| 7/6 | <u>Changing Israel Press Cutting</u>   | 1953 | 1 sheet  |
|     | Press Cutting titled 'Changing Israel – The Divided City of Jerusalem'. A propaganda piece on how Israel is unrecognisable from a decade ago and the differences between Israel and the rest of the Middle East. |      |          |
| 7/7 | <u>Jerusalem Post Press Cutting</u>  | 1955 | 1 sheet  |
|     | A press cutting from The Jerusalem Post, highlighted section entitled 'Birth of a Problem' documenting Israeli breaches of United Nations Armistice.   |      |          |
| 7/8 | <u>Glubb's Dismissal and Legacy Press Cutting</u>  | 1956 | 6 sheets |
|     | A press cuttings from Blackwood's magazine on Glubb's dismissal and continual legacy in Jordan.  |      |          |
| 7/9 | <u>Glubb's Dismissal and the Arab Legion</u>   | 1956 | 3 sheets |
|     | A press cuttings from Blackwood's magazine on Glubb's dismissal and the Arab legion as an effective force for the Jordanian State.   |      |          |

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| 7/10 | <u>Glubb's Future</u>  | 1956 | 1 sheet   |
|      | A press cutting from the Daily Express reporting on Glubb looking for a new job.   |      |           |
| 7/11 | <u>Arab Legion after Glubb</u>   | 1956 | 54 sheets |
|      | A file containing press cuttings and articles on the Arab Legion, restlessness in Jordan and the Arab Legion after Glubb. Also included are articles on the appointment of a new Chief of Arab Legion and the renaming of the Arab Legion. Press cuttings originally in the back of scrapbook from file 7/1. |      |           |

<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>Glubb Domestic Affairs</u></b>	<b><u>1953-1956</u></b>	<b><u>1 box</u></b>
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Papers consisting of correspondence between Glubb and Melville relating to Glubb's personal affairs, including requests for Melville to organise and arrange travel, accommodation, gifts and items needed to be sent to Jordan. Also included is an article written by Glubb on the Suez Canal and a Jewish report on Glubb's concerns for the National Guard. These files contain the original file reference A/23.

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| 8/1 | <u>Appointments, Travel and Holidays</u>  | 1953      | 1 file<br>(147 sheets) |
|     | Correspondence regarding Glubb's domestic affairs including travel arrangements, arranging a house for the summer, motor insurance and hospital appointments.<br>Old ref: Original file reference A/23(a).  |           |                        |
| 8/2 | <u>Suez Canal and Holiday Accommodation</u>   | 1954-1955 | 1 file<br>(272 sheets) |
|     | Papers relating to professional and personal affairs including draft of Glubb's Arab Legion Script, draft of Glubb's article 'Britain and the Suez Canal', a bulletin by Jewish Telegraphic agency regarding Glubb's fears of National Guard Attacks on Israel. |           |                        |



Domestic correspondence relates to accommodation for the summer in the UK and requests for items to be sent to Jordan.

Old ref: Original file reference A/23.

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| 8/3 | <u><b>Birthdays and Musical Instruments</b></u> | 1955 | 1 file<br>(216 sheets) |
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Personal correspondence relating to Glubb's domestic affairs including purchase of musical instruments, birthday gifts for his children, and accommodation for holidays in the United Kingdom.

Old ref: Original file reference A/23.

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| 8/4 | <u><b>Glubb Dismissal</b></u> | 1956 | 1 file<br>(89 sheets) |
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Personal correspondence between Melville and Glubb after dismissal including information on possessions being shipped back to England after dismissal and the rescuing of Glubb's files by Melville before they are 'taken away'.

Old ref: Original file reference A/23.

<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>Wages and pensions</u></b>	<b><u>1951-1956</u></b>	<b><u>1 box</u></b>
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Papers relating to officer payments, pensions, insurances and bank loans. Also included are two copies of the Hashemite Constitution and an Arab Legion military review programme and the National Assembly Address.

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| 9/1 | <u><b>Officer Payments and Military Review</b></u> | 1951-1956 | 9 sheets<br>&<br>2 booklets |
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Papers relating to officer payments, a copy of the National Assembly ordinary sessions address, an Arab Legion Day Military Review booklet and two copies of the Constitution of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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| 9/2 | <u><b>Pensions and Insurance Scheme</b></u> | 1953-1956 | 1 file<br>(326 sheets) |
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Papers relating to the establishment of Arab Legion pension and insurance scheme. Included in the file

are the Trust Deeds, drafts and regulation of the scheme and officer payments.

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| 9/3 | <u>Pension Contracts</u>  | Not dated<br>c. 1950s | 77 sheets |
|     | Seven copies of The Arab Legion Contract Officers Pension Scheme. |                       |           |

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| 9/4 | <u>Officers Bank Loan</u>   | 1956 | 1 item |
|     | Document containing the Terms of Settlement for the Officers bank loan. |      |        |

<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>Melville Personal Papers</u></b>	<b><u>1949-1956</u></b>	<b><u>1 box</u></b>
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Papers relating to Col. Melville's personal affairs, consisting of pay allowances, bills and salaries. Also included are business cards, two copies of the manual of staff duties, an invitation and a postcard.

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| 10/1 | <u>Salary, Bills and Bank Statements</u>   | 1950-1956 | 112 sheets                |
|      | Papers documenting Melville's monthly salary, typed and hand written, bank correspondence and statements and mess bills.         |           |                           |
| 10/2 | <u>Duty Card</u>   | 1956      | 1 item                    |
|      | Military duty pass card.   |           |                           |
| 10/3 | <u>Staff Duties Manual</u>   | 1949      | 1 booklet<br>(665 sheets) |
|      | A manual of staff duties in the field, documenting basic duties used by officers of all arms and services.                       |           |                           |
| 10/4 | <u>Staff Duties Manual</u>   | 1949      | 1 booklet<br>(665 sheets) |
|      | A manual of staff duties in the field, documenting basic duties used by officers of all arms and services. [A duplicate of 10/2] |           |                           |

10/5	<u>Business Cards</u>	1950-1956	67 items
	A selection of business cards collected by Col. Melville.		
10/6	<u>Membership Card</u>	1955	1 item
	Membership card for Pembroke Lodge Club		
10/7	<u>Postcard from Italy</u>	1949	1 item
	A postcard sent to Melville from Italy.		
10/8	<u>Banquet Invitation</u>	1951	2 sheets
	An invite addressed to Col. Melville, for a banquet at the Imperial Hotel for the Secretary of the Good Fellows Club.		
<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>Col. Melville Oral History Interview</u></b>	<b><u>13 Mar</u></b>	<b><u>103 minutes</u></b>
	Oral history interview conducted by Graham Jevon.		
	Discussing Col. Melville's military service and duties from enlistment to the conclusion of British involvement in the Arab Legion.		