

Reference code: GB165-0581

Title: Donald Brodie Collection

Name of creator: Brodie, Donald Haig (1917-1981) Palestine Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1937-1941

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Brodie, Donald Haig (1917-1981) Palestine Policeman

Born 28 June 1917 in Lee, South East London, son of Ivor de Haga Brodie and Winifred Kathryn (née Fidgeon). Educated at Upton House (Devon) and Glenalmond School (Perthshire). Employed as an insurance clerk upon leaving school, before volunteering for the Palestine Police in summer 1937. Arrived in Jerusalem on 20 September 1937 and was stationed in the suburb of Rehavia. Remained in Palestine following the outbreak of the Second World War, but was dispatched on a mission to Baghdad in 1941, where he found himself trapped following the Golden Square coup in April of that year. Returned to England via South Africa in late summer 1943. Subsequently enlisted in Military Police, serving until 1947 (based at Redhill). Married, 1944, Joan Margaret Odell Beale. Donald Brodie died on 22 December 1981.

Scope and content: Two photograph albums containing photographs relating to Donald Brodie's service in the Palestine Police between 1937 and 1942. The first largely contains personal photos and includes scenes of police officers and soldiers at work and rest, accommodation, posts and checkpoints, police and military vehicles, landscapes, places of interest and daily life. Also includes images documenting attacks carried out by Irgun, such as the bombing of the Jerusalem General Post Office on 12 June 1939. The second photograph album mostly contains propaganda photographs relating to the Arab Revolt in 1936-1939, presumably collected by Donald Brodie. There is also a small collection of prints containing copies of photographs found in the first album and a single newspaper clipping from 1939 containing a pictorial history of Palestine.

System of arrangement:

1. Newspaper Article
2. Photograph Albums
3. Loose Prints

Access conditions: Open

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

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

Custodial history: In the possession of Donald Brodie until 1981, then Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie)

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie) in July 2014

Location of copies: Copies of photographs in the possession of Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie)

Related Units of Description:

In the MEC Archive

For other material relating to the Palestine Police see the MECA Guide. See in particular:

- GB165-0224 Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association: This includes records of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association, such as newsletters and membership certificates, 1946-2000; personal papers of Palestine Policemen 1920s-1990s; mandate period material such as police training manuals, official publications and newspapers 1920-1948; and material compiled by Edward Horne as official historian of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association. Draft Catalogue. c50 boxes

For other photographs relating to the British military and police presence in Palestine before the end of Mandate see:

- GB165-0596 Patrick Wilson Collection: This includes photographs relating to Patrick Wilson's service in the Royal Military Police in Palestine, 1944-1947. Contains scenes of policemen at work, armoured vehicles, places of interest and daily life. 1 box, 1 oversize file. Handlist

For other material relating to the Arab Revolt 1936-1939 see the MECA Guide. See in particular:

- GB165-0193 Sir Donald MacGillivray Collection: This includes engagement books covering service in Palestine, 1938-45; a few papers on the Arab rebellion, 1938, and the British withdrawal, 1947-48; printed ephemera from services and social

occasions in Palestine, 1944-47; Palestine passes, identity cards and permits, 1946-47. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

- GB165-0281 Sir Charles Tegart Collection: This includes 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. 5 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.
- GB165-0354 Stephen Edwards Collection: This includes personal papers relating to Stephen Edwards' service in the Palestine Police 1936-1948 consisting of his service record booklet and papers mainly relating to pay, conditions of service and the end of the mandate. 1 box. Photographic collection.
- GB165-0431 John Poole Collection: This includes papers, photographs and artefacts relating to John Poole's service as a British Constable and Wireless Telegraph Officer in the Palestine Police from 1938 to 1943. Papers relating to his police work include daily crime reports, summaries of Arabic and Hebrew press items, a propaganda leaflet and curfew order poster, as well as a Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association newsletter from 1955. The photographs cover both his police service and general life in Palestine. There is also a small collection of artefacts dating from his service in Palestine including badges, buttons, coins, police whistle and a General Service medal. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds and file item level description created by Richard Allen, October 2014. Biographical History based on information supplied by Catherine Wickenden (née Brodie) in August 2014.

2/1/5	Mediterranean, Gibraltar in distance	[Sep 1937]
2/1/6	Passing under Stromboli	[Sep 1937]
2/1/7	Stromboli	[Sep 1937]
2/1/8	Entering straits of Messina	[Sep 1937]
2/1/9	Passing through straits [of Messina]	[Sep 1937]
2/1/10	Leaving straits [of Messina]	[Sep 1937]
2/1/11	Nearing Jerusalem	[Sep 1937]
2/1/12	Field of Shepherds, Bethlehem	1937-1941
2/1/13	Garden of Gethsemene, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/14	River Jordan taken from Allenby Ridge	1937-1941
2/1/15	Myself after bathing in Dead Sea	1937-1941
2/1/16	Myself (peak cap)	1937-1941
2/1/17	Some of our squad	1937-1941
2/1/18	Palestine police machine gun	1937-1941
2/1/19	Our squad. Arrived Jerusalem Sept 20 th 1937 [two 'Xs' above the photograph relate to the additional caption: 'M. Harrison, A.J. Malia, killed in ambush Oct 15 th 1937']	20 Sep 1937
2/1/20	Police searching passers-by in Allenby Square, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/21	Our squad Dec 1937 (two front ranks) Inspection for machine gun (self, front rank, 4 th from left of sergeant)	Dec 1937
2/1/22	Views of the Mosque of Omar	1937-1941
2/1/23	Views of the Mosque of Omar	1937-1941
2/1/24	Mosque area	1937-1941
2/1/25	Mosque area	1937-1941
2/1/26	Mosque (two of our party)	1937-1941
2/1/27	Mosque area	1937-1941
2/1/28	Four British policemen	1937-1941
2/1/29	Arabs at well in mosque area	1937-1941
2/1/30	Via Dolorosa	1937-1941
2/1/31	Via Dolorosa	1937-1941

2/1/32	The Tower of David	1937-1941
2/1/33	David Street	1937-1941
2/1/34	Jerusalem Youda St	1937-1941
2/1/35	Golgotha, inside Church of the Holy Sepulchre	1937-1941
2/1/36	Jerusalem [skyline view]	1937-1941
2/1/37	Jerusalem, the Holy Rock inside the Mosque of Omar	1937-1941
2/1/38	The walls of Jerusalem and Golden Gate	1937-1941
2/1/39	The Garden of Gethsamene	1937-1941
2/1/40	The Church of the Holy Sepulchre	1937-1941
2/1/41	The Jordan plain	1937-1941
2/1/42	Rehavia police post	1937-1941
2/1/43	D.H.B [Portrait picture taken of Donald Brodie in police uniform]	1937-1941
2/1/44	Carmel sanatorium, Haifa	1937-1941
2/1/45	Closer view of sanatorium	1937-1941
2/1/46	Distant view of sanatorium	1937-1941
2/1/47	Taken from bedroom window [in the Carmel sanatorium, Haifa]	1937-1941
2/1/48	Another view [taken from bedroom window in the Carmel sanatorium, Haifa]	1937-1941
2/1/49	Arab “sook” market place, Haifa	1937-1941
2/1/50	Kingsway (Jewish Quarter), Haifa	1937-1941
2/1/51	French customs, Syrian border	1937-1941
2/1/52	Taken from “New Royal” Hotel, Beirut	1937-1941
2/1/53	Ditto [Taken from “New Royal” Hotel, Beirut]	1937-1941
2/1/54	Moslem women in Arab Quarter, Haifa	1937-1941
2/1/55	Rehavia police post	1937-1941
2/1/56	View from Rehavia	1937-1941
2/1/57	B/C Gardner sunbathing	1937-1941
2/1/58	Goods train on Jerusalem-Lyddda line	1937-1941
2/1/59	Keith-Roach, present High Commissioner for Jerusalem	1937-1941

2/1/60	Orthodox Jews at Wailing Wall	1937-1941
2/1/61	View taken on Jerusalem-Jericho road	1937-1941
	Related material: Larger print: 3/5	
2/1/62	Taken from armoured car on Jerusalem-Jericho road, near Dead Sea	1937-1941
2/1/63	Jerusalem-Jaffa road	1937-1941
2/1/64	Armoured police car	1937-1941
	Related material: Larger print: 3/3 and 3/4	
2/1/65	Taken from armoured car on police patrol, Jerusalem-Jericho road	1937-1941
2/1/66	Police baton charge	1937-1941
2/1/67	Jerusalem-Jericho road [an 'X' on the photograph refers to the additional caption 'Favourite ambushing spot']	1937-1941
2/1/68	British warships in Haifa harbour	1937-1941
2/1/69	Armoured police car with search-light and machine gun mounted	1937-1941
	Related material: Larger print: 3/1 and 3/2	
2/1/70	Marines in Haifa	1937-1941
2/1/71	View on Mount Carmel	1937-1941
2/1/72	Solider and two police guard ammunition dump	1937-1941
2/1/73	In the "waddi" hills	1937-1941
2/1/74	Two Arab girls	1937-1941
2/1/75	Engine blown off track by landmine, Jerusalem-Lydd	1937-1941
2/1/76	Zion Square, Jerusalem (Ben-Yehuda Street on left)	1937-1941
2/1/77	Barclays Bank, Allenby Square	1937-1941
2/1/78	Jerusalem-Jericho road	1937-1941
2/1/79	Typical police outpost	1937-1941
2/1/80	Armoured cars of the R.A.F. [Royal Air Force]	1937-1941
2/1/81	Army armoured cars now in Palestine	1937-1941
2/1/82	Typical Arab bandit chief	1937-1941

2/1/83	An Arab bandit “casualty”	1937-1941
2/1/84	A propaganda postage stamp from the Arab Revolt, inscribed ‘Palestine For The Arabs’ and depicting the Dome of the Rock and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in front of a map of Palestine, with the caption ‘Stamp issued ready in anticipation of the Mufti’s success’	[1938]
2/1/85	Houses being blown up by the R.E.s [Royal Engineers] for punishment for an act of terrorism, after evacuation	1937-1941
2/1/86	Some of the “boys”	1937-1941
2/1/87	Palestine railway stn [station]: after being gutted by armed band	1937-1941
2/1/88	Unexploded bomb guarded by police	1937-1941
2/1/89	Curfew is lifted after occupation of the “Old City” of Jerusalem by troops and police from terrorists	1937-1941
2/1/90	Wreckage of plane brought down near Hebron, Sept 1938. Observer landed by parachute, pilot missing	Sep 1938
2/1/91	Another view of same plane	Sep 1938
2/1/92	Air-Force and police armoured cars in Palestine	1937-1941
2/1/93	“Wailing Wall” police post	1937-1941
2/1/94	Air Force armoured car	1937-1941
2/1/95	Troops entering a deserted house suspected as amunition [ammunition] dump, informer in foreground	1937-1941
2/1/96	Inspector Pringle – dogmaster, with mounted Arab constable and dog	1937-1941
2/1/97	B/C Edwards (Damascus Gate in background)	1937-1941
2/1/98	Police recruits parading prior to entering “Old	Oct 1938

	City” with troops to eject terrorists Oct 1938	
2/1/99	B/C Edwards	1937-1941
2/1/100	Army machine gun post in Old City	1937-1941
2/1/101	Troops and police moving up to occupy new sector during re-occupation	1937-1941
2/1/102	B/C Jowett, B/C Halett, taken in Old City, Oct 1938	Oct 1938
2/1/103	B/C Seidel	1937-1941
2/1/104	Moslem Quarter of Old City. Troops were fired on by Arab in minaret shown above	1937-1941
2/1/105	B/C Seidel, Damascus Gate behind	1937-1941
2/1/106	Water carriers	1937-1941
2/1/107	Army truck or “bug”	1937-1941
2/1/108	Destroyer in Haifa harbour during 1938	1938
2/1/109	On the way to the Wailing Wall	1937-1941
2/1/110	Left to right, Rehavia, 1938 Back row: Brodie, Young, Williams Front Row: Halett, Melville, Laing	1938
2/1/111	Orthodox Jews “doing their stuff”	1937-1941
2/1/112	Rehavia, 1938	1938
2/1/113	Damascus Gate and Old City	1937-1941
2/1/114	Police post at Wailing Wall, since wrecked and burned by terrorists	1937-1941
2/1/115	1 st B/Sgt Craig	1937-1941
2/1/116	“Abid” our Arab cook at Rehavia	1937-1941
2/1/117	B/C Forrester, our mess caterer	1937-1941
2/1/118	View from Rehavia police post, Greek monastery in foreground	1937-1941
2/1/119	Greek monastery built by Crusaders	1937-1941
2/1/120	Hallet, in Old City	1937-1941
2/1/121	B/C Young with three native police on check traffic duty. Note “pill box” for retreat in case of sudden attack	1937-1941

- 2/1/122 King David Hotel [an arrow drawn on the photograph presumably indicates location of a room stayed in] 1937-1941
- 2/1/123 Disguise! 1937-1941
- 2/1/124 Convoy of potash lorries passing military road patrol between Jerusalem and Dead Sea 1937-1941
- 2/1/125 B/C Edwards, Old City in background 1937-1941
- 2/1/126 Praying to Mecca in the Sinai Desert (camel looks somewhat supercilious) 1937-1941
- 2/1/127 Potash lorries convoyed by police armoured car 1937-1941
- 2/1/128 B/C Seidel 1937-1941
- 2/1/129 A military convoy halting in Jaffa Rd, Jerusalem 1937-1941
- 2/1/130 All that was left of the N.A.F.F.I [Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes] lorry after striking a land-mine 1937-1941
- 2/1/131 Wailing Wall police post in Old City since wrecked, burned by terrorists 1937-1941
- 2/1/132 View from Romema water tower, Jack Leaman in foreground 1937-1941
- 2/1/133 Arab prisoners arrested in the "Old City" during disturbances, Oct 1938 Oct 1938
- 2/1/134 1st B/Sergt Craig outside Rehavia 1937-1941
- 2/1/135 Identification parade 1937-1941
- 2/1/136 Coldstream Guards occupying the Old City of Jerusalem during the disturbances of October 38 Oct 1938
- 2/1/137 Troops and police at Damascus Gate during the occupation of the Old City, October 38. Sergt Craig in foreground Oct 1938
- 2/1/138 Troops at Damascus Gate, Oct 38. Police "pick-up" in background Oct 1938

2/1/139	Vickers machine gun post on Old City walls during terrorist occupation, Oct 38	Oct 1938
2/1/140	Bren-gun and crew try to locate a sniper, Old City, Oct 38	Oct 1938
2/1/141	Troops of the machine-gun section guarding the boundary between the Old and New (Jewish) section of Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/142	Guarding a street junction inside the Old City, Oct 38	Oct 1938
2/1/143	Terrorism in Jerusalem's Old City and subsequent re-occupation by troops and police. Roped suspects being brought out	1937-1941
2/1/144	Damascus Gate, Old City Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/145	The Army stands by, Old City Oct 38	Oct 1938
2/1/146	Army machine-gun post, Oct 38	Oct 1938
2/1/147	R.A.F. [Royal Air Force] armoured car	1937-1941
2/1/148	St Julian's Way, Jerusalem	Oct 1938
2/1/149	Distributing bread during army occupation of Old City. Note telephone wires cut by terrorists previously	1937-1941
2/1/150	"Freddie" Potter	1937-1941
2/1/151	Main building police depot, Mt Scopus	1937-1941
2/1/152	Acre	1937-1941
2/1/153	Armoured car and lorry crash, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/154	"Abdul" the billet dog – in disguise!	1937-1941
2/1/155	My crib – note libelous [libellous] row of "dead" men	1937-1941
2/1/156	Railton of the "pantomime" police	1937-1941
2/1/157	By the sea	1937-1941
2/1/158	Refreshment afterwards	1937-1941
2/1/159	Some of our party	1937-1941
2/1/160	"Wet day", Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/161	"Baron" Searle	1937-1941

2/1/162	It rains in Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/163	R.A.F. [Royal Air Force] armoured car	1937-1941
2/1/164	View from Romema	1937-1941
2/1/165	Romema, British police billet	1937-1941
2/1/166	Romema, British police billet	1937-1941
2/1/167	Sunset over Romema	1937-1941
2/1/168	View from balcony, Romema police billet	1937-1941
2/1/169	War memorial, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/170	Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion	1937-1941
2/1/171	Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion	1937-1941
2/1/172	Views of Jerusalem Post Office after bomb explosion	1937-1941
2/1/173	Close up view of counter in Jerusalem G. PO [General Post Office] after 3 rd and last bomb exploded and which killed the armourer "Nobby" Clarke	[12 Jun 1939]
2/1/174	Close up view of counter in Jerusalem G. PO [General Post Office] after 3 rd and last bomb exploded and which killed the armourer "Nobby" Clarke	[12 Jun 1939]
2/1/175	Close up view of counter in Jerusalem G. PO [General Post Office] after 3 rd and last bomb exploded and which killed the armourer "Nobby" Clarke	[12 Jun 1939]
2/1/176	War cemetery, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/177	War cemetery, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/178	War cemetery, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/179	Sunset over Romema, Jerusalem	1937-1941
2/1/180	View from my window	1937-1941
2/1/181	At a conference	1937-1941
2/1/182	Bomb discovered just before zero hour	1937-1941

2/1/183	Partaking of feast afterwards	1937-1941
2/1/184	Armoured car escort	1937-1941
2/1/185	Refugee ship captured by Navy	1937-1941
2/1/186	Dead Arabs: Jewish counter terrorism starts after many years	1937-1941
2/1/187	Dead Arabs: Jewish counter terrorism starts after many years	1937-1941
2/1/188	Dead Arabs: Jewish counter terrorism starts after many years	1937-1941
2/1/189	Bottom right shows Mr Starkey, British archaeologist, who was brutally murdered by Arabs	[10 Jan 1938]

2/2 Album 2: The Arab Revolt, 1936-1939

1 vol

Photograph album containing 11 black and white propaganda photographs, mainly relating to the Arab Revolt of 1936-1939 and showing Arab rebels in action, in particular Fawzi al-Qawuqji, leader of the Revolt. Presumably collected by Donald Brodie during his service in the Palestine Police Force. Original captions are noted at item level

2/2/1	Fauzi, leader of Arab Revolt, Palestine 1936	1936
2/2/2	Fauzi	1936-1939
2/2/3	Fauzi	1936-1939
2/2/4	Rebels in the hills	1936-1939
2/2/5	Armed Arab fighters with a caption in Arabic that reads: 'The organised guns of the enemy in the place called Bal'a'	1936-1939
2/2/6	Fauzi reviews his "troops"	1936-1939
2/2/7	Rebels in action	1936-1939
2/2/8	Rebels in action	1936-1939
2/2/9	Rebels in action [a caption on the photograph in Arabic reads: 'The right flank in the firing	1936-1939

line, showing two machine guns, one is
English the other French’]

2/2/10 Rebel leaders confer 1936-1939
2/2/11 Bob Hamilton and myself 1937-1941

<u>3</u>	<u>Loose Prints</u>	<u>1937-1941</u>	<u>6 prints</u>
	Six black and white photographs relating to Donald Brodie’s service in the Palestine Police. Includes larger format versions of images at 2/1 and one photo relating to military coup in Iraq in 1941. Original labels are noted at item level		
3/1	Armoured car – Palestine Police Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/69	1937-1941	
3/2	Armoured car – Palestine Police Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/69	1937-1941	
3/3	Armoured car and two members of crew – Palestine Police Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/64	1937-1941	
3/4	Armoured car and two members of crew – Palestine Police Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/64	1937-1941	
3/5	View taken in hills between Jerusalem and Dead Sea Related material: Smaller print: 2/1/61	1937-1941	
3/6	British Embassy – Baghdad. H.E. [His Excellency] Sir Kinahan Cornwallis with H.E. [His Excellency] Mr Paul Knabenshue, American Minister in Baghdad. Photo taken in Embassy courtyard on day siege was lifted after May 1941 trouble. Iraq Army officer behind	May 1941	
3/7	A SELO roll film and print wallet marked ‘D. Brodie’ with the address ‘Paramount Photo, Jack Solomon & Co., Hotel Fast Building, P. O. B. 1037, Jerusalem’, in which the prints were presumably originally received and later stored	Not dated	1 item