

**Reference code:** GB165-0667

**Title:** Dick Holdsworth Collection

**Name of creator:** Holdsworth, Leslie Leonard David (1913-1988)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1940-1945, 1971-1996

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 file

**Biographical history:** Holdsworth, Leslie Leonard David (1913-1988)

Leslie Holdsworth (known as Dick) was born 26 Feb 1913. He served in the Palestine Police from 19 Apr 1940 to 21 May 1945. Appointed as a Private in the military force constituted under Section 51 of the Police Ordinance 2 Sept 1943. Joined the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association in 1966 and paid subscriptions until 1996. Following his military service he worked in accountancy. Married Norah in the 1950s and Lena in 1983. Died in Dec 1988.

**Scope and content:** Papers relating to Dick (Leslie) Holdsworth's service in the Palestine Police 1940-1945 consisting of his certificate of appointment to the Palestine Police, a certificate noting his appointment as a 'Private in the military force constituted under Section 51 of the Police Ordinance', certificate of discharge and leave and last pay certificate. Also includes Holdsworth's National Registration Identity Card 1945 and two membership cards for the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association 1971-1996 and one Palestine Police Old Comrades Benevolent Association booklet listing donations 1982-1995.

**System of arrangement:**

- 1 Palestine Police Service
- 2 National Registration Identity Card
- 3 Palestine Police Old Comrades Association

**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 Leslie Holdsworth and his family and then Martin Higgins

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Jean Livingstone, via Martin Higgins, on 5 Feb 2018

**Related Units of Description:**

**In MEC Archive**

For other Palestine Police papers and photographs please see the Guide to collections relating to the Palestine Police

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds, series and item level description created by Debbie Usher 19 Feb 2018 and revised 15 Mar 2018. Biographical information from the papers in the collection and from information provided by Jean Livingstone.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE DICK HOLDSWORTH  
COLLECTION**

<u>1</u>	<u>Palestine Police Service</u>	<u>1940-1945</u>	<u>4 items</u>
	Papers relating to his appointment and discharge from the Palestine Police.		
1/1	<u>Certificate of Appointment</u>	7 May 1940	1 item
	Booklet that includes a photograph of Holdsworth and certifies his appointment to the Palestine Police.		
1/2	<u>Certificate of military appointment</u>	2 Sept 1943	1 item
	Certificate that 'Constable Holdsworth L.L.D is serving as a Private in the military force constituted under Section 51 of the Police Ordinance'.		
1/3	<u>Certificate of Discharge</u>	18 Jul 1945	1 item
	Certificate of Discharge for Leslie Leonard David Holdsworth noting his period of service, the reason for his discharge as resignation and providing an assessment of his conduct, efficiency and general remarks about his service.		
1/4	<u>Leave and Last Pay Certificate</u>	1 Apr 1945	1 item
	Leave and Last Pay Certificate for Holdsworth noting the vacation leave with full pay he was entitled to, as well as instructions for booking his passage home.		
<u>2</u>	<u>National Registration Identity Card</u>	<u>3 Nov 1945</u>	<u>1 item</u>
	National registration identity card for Holdsworth noting his address.		

<u>3</u>	<u>Palestine Police Old Comrades Association</u>	<u>1971-1996</u>	<u>3 items</u>
	Two membership booklets (one which notes that Holdsworth joined on the 6 Mar 1966) as well as a booklet for the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Benevolent Association.		
3/1	<u>PPOCA Membership Booklet</u>	1971-1991	1 item
	Includes details of subscriptions.		
3/2	<u>PPOCA Membership Booklet</u>	1989-1996	1 item
	Includes details of subscriptions.		
3/3	<u>Benevolent Association Booklet</u>	1982-1995	1 item
	The booklet includes details as to the purpose and constitution of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Benevolent Association as well as details of donations made by Holdsworth.		