

**Reference code:** GB165-0764

**Title:** Fred Clark Collection

**Name of creator:** Palestine Police Authority (1920-1948)

**Dates of creation of material:** 12 Jun 1939

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box

**Biographical history:** Clark, Fred (1911-1939) Palestine Policeman

Served from c1936-1939 as a British Constable (no 1045) in the Palestine Police and was part of the Armoury Section, Police Headquarters, Jerusalem. Died on the 11 June 1939, when a bomb exploded, which he had been trying to defuse. The bomb had been placed in the General Post Office, Jaffa Road, Jerusalem. Fred Clark was buried in Mount Zion cemetery, Jerusalem, Plot D, Grave 16. The Palestine Post newspaper article on the 12 June 1939 notes that ‘Constable Fred (“Nobby”) Clarke was a well-known and popular officer and fully deserved the description of “a thoroughly good fellow” (states a fellow-constable). He has been in the Palestine about three years, and was one of the honorary representatives of the Royal Life-Saving Association of England. He took a great interest in swimming and was able to qualify 150 British policemen in the various tests of the Association’s awards.’

**Scope and content:** Photograph album of the funeral of Fred Clark, Palestine Policeman, labelled ‘To Mr and Mrs Clark in memory of a valued friend from Police Headquarters 12.6.1939, Jerusalem’. The album contains 2 photographs of Fred Clark and 27 photographs showing the funeral procession, the service at the graveside, a rifle salute, the laying of wreaths and the completed grave with a headstone. The headstone inscription is ‘In memory of Fred Clark no 1045 British Constable The Palestine Police Killed 11–6-1939 Aged 28 years. “Memories are treasures no one can steal. Love’s last gift – remembrance” His loving mother. Rest in peace Josie.’

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** Presumably in the possession of Mr and Mrs Clark (parents of Fred Clark) and then later given to Oxfam Nantwich charity shop.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Purchased from Oxfam Nantwich charity shop, who contacted and offered the album to the Archive, as having historic value. Received on the 11 Apr 2022.

**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 level description created by Debbie Usher 11 Apr 2022. Biographical information based on information in the photograph album, the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association roll of honour and the Palestine Post newspaper article 'Armourer killed by third bomb in G.P.O' 12 June 1939. The Palestine Post and the roll of honour list the name as Fred Clarke. However, the photograph album and tombstone spell the name as Fred Clark. It is not clear which spelling is correct.