

Reference code: GB165-0772

Title: Danny Morrison Collection

Name of creator: Morrison, Daniel Kerr (1911-1994) Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1929-2023

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file

Biographical history: Morrison, Daniel Kerr (1911-1994) Policeman

Born in Dulmuir, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland on 10 January 1911. In 1925 started an apprenticeship as a shipwright at John Browns Shipyards. Worked as a shipwright until made unemployed in 1930. Joined Palestine Police in 1931. Served in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Petah Tiqvah, Nablus, Jenin, Haifa and in Lydda where he was attached to the Royal Engineers on the job of railway protection. He was a member of the police party which quelled the 1933 Jaffa riots and in 1938 he opened a police post within the al-Haram al-Sharif compound area. In 1940 he was transferred to the Nyasaland Police on promotion as an Assistant Inspector of Police. In 1962 retired from the post of Senior Superintendent in the Nyasaland Police and returned to the United Kingdom. In 1963 emigrated to South Australia. In 1942 married Gertrude Morrison (née Bishop), 2 daughters. Daniel Morrison died 3 December 1994 in Adelaide, South Australia.

Scope and content: Papers mainly relating to Danny Morrison's service in the Palestine Police (1931-1940) but also including a few items relating to his service in the Nyasaland Police (1940-1961), as well as one photograph of Danny Morrison in his Palestine Police uniform. The papers include a letter of recommendation for his application to join the Palestine Police, his Palestine Police contract and re-engagement declaration, as well as correspondence, including an obituary, from Palestine Police veterans remembering Danny Morrison's life and career and biographical information written by Mary Abela.

System of arrangement:

1. Palestine Police
2. Nyasaland Police
3. Memories of Danny Morrison's life and career

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 Daniel Morrison and then his family

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Mary Abela (daughter of Daniel Morrison) on the 9 Feb 2023

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 23 Feb 2023 and revised 3 Mar 2023. Biographical history based on biographical information provided by Mary Abela and information in 3/1 and 3/2.

SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE DANNY MORRISON
COLLECTION

<u>1</u>	<u>Palestine Police</u>	<u>1929-1940</u>	<u>6 sheets,</u> <u>1 photo</u>
	Papers relating to Danny Morrison's service in the Palestine Police consisting of papers relating to his employment such as a letter of recommendation, contracts and a re-engagement declaration and one photograph of Danny Morrison in his Palestine Police uniform.		
1/1	<u>Letter of recommendation</u>	22 Nov 1929	1 sheet
	Letter of recommendation by John Young for Daniel Morrison to support his application to join the Palestine Police.		
1/2	<u>Palestine Police Contract</u>	26 Aug 1931	2 sheets
	Palestine Police Contract for Daniel Kerr Morrison which includes conditions of service.		
1/3	<u>Palestine Police Re-engagement Declaration</u>	7 Aug 1933	1 sheet
	Palestine Police 'Declaration on re-engagement' certifying that D.K. Morrison, constable number 988 desired to 're-engage for further service' in the Palestine Police for 3 years upon the conditions contained in a contract of the 30 th September 1931		
1/4	<u>Palestine Police Contract</u>	4 Mar 1934-	2 sheets
	Palestine Police Contract for Daniel Kerr Morrison which includes conditions of service and 2 re-engagements.	29 Sept 1939	
1/5	<u>Morrison Photograph</u>	Not dated,	1 photo
	Printed copy of a photograph of Danny Morrison in his Palestine Police uniform.	1931-1940	

<u>2</u>	<u>Nyasaland Police</u>	<u>1940-1961</u>	<u>4 sheets</u>
	Papers relating to Danny Morrison's service in the Nyasaland Police consisting of his appointment letter, a forensic science course certificate and his leave and last pay certificate.		
2/1	<u>Nyasaland Police Appointment Letter</u>	10 May 1940	1 sheet
	Letter from the Chief Secretary informing D.K. Morrison that he had been appointed on probation to be 'Assistant Inspector of Police in Nyasaland'.		
2/2	<u>Forensic Science Course Certificate</u>	8 Aug 1947	1 sheet
	Letter certifying that 'D.K. Morrison of the Nyasaland Police' had attended a three week course 'of lectures, demonstrations, and practical work in the various aspects of Forensic Science at the Metropolitan Police Laboratory' in Hendon and was a 'keen and satisfactory student'.		
2/3	<u>Leave and Last Pay Certificate</u>	23 Dec 1961	2 sheets
	Leave and last pay certificate for D.K. Morrison, Senior Superintendent of Police upon his leaving the Nyasaland Police.		
<u>3</u>	<u>Memories of Danny Morrison's life and career</u>	<u>1993-2023</u>	<u>6 sheets</u>
	Correspondence, including an obituary, from Palestine Police veterans remembering Danny Morrison's life and career and biographical information written by Mary Abela (the daughter of Danny Morrison).		
3/1	<u>PPOCA South Australia Branch Newsletter update</u>	1 Oct 1993	1 sheet
	Printed copy of a letter from Jim Hartstone to E.P. Horne (editor of the PPOCA Newsletter) giving an update on the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association (PPOCA) South Australia branch spring meeting, which included a description of		

Danny Morrison and his career in the Palestine Police.

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| 3/2 | <u>Obituary for PPOCA newsletter</u> | 12 Dec 1994 | 1 sheet |
| | Copy of a letter from Jim Hartstone to E.P. Horne (editor of the PPOCA newsletter) reporting the death of Danny Morrison and giving an account of his career in the Palestine Police. | | |
| 3/3 | <u>Mick Thacker Correspondence</u> | 25 Nov 2013 | 2 sheets |
| | Printed email correspondence between Mick Thacker (a Palestine Police veteran) and Heather Dwyer (daughter of Danny Morrison) about Danny Morrison's life and service in the Palestine Police. The correspondence includes a description by Mick Thacker of Danny Morrison's role in a successful operation to catch the Irgun receiving a weapons shipment. | | |
| 3/4 | <u>Morrison Biographical Information</u> | 2023 | 2 sheets |
| | Biographical information describing the life and career of Daniel Kerr Morrison written by Mary Abela. | | |