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Title: George Milner Collection

Name of creator: Milner, George Wilfred (1924-1996) Palestine Policeman

Dates of creation of material: 1945-1949

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 files

Biographical history: Milner, George Wilfred (1924-1996) Palestine Policeman

Born 14 Feb 1924 in Leicester. Educated Moat Road School 1929-1931, Bridge Road School 1931-1935 and Greenhouse School 1935-1938. Enlisted in the Territorial Army on 15 Nov 1945. Enlisted as a British Constable in the Palestine Police on the 29 July 1946. Served in A & T Company Jenin 5 Sept 1946 – 21 Oct 1946, then Jenin Division 21 Oct 1946 – 6 Jul 1947, then Mounted Beisan 6 Jul 1947 – 17 Jul 1947, then Jenin 17 Jul 1947 – 6 Aug 1947 and then Jerusalem Urban from 6 Aug 1947. Left the Palestine Police on 6 May 1948. Died at Leicester on 13 Oct 1996.

Scope and content: Papers and photographs mainly relating to George Milner's service in the Palestine Police 1946-1948, but also including his Soldier's service and pay book 1945. The Palestine Police papers consist of his Palestine Police contract, a driving licence, a duplicated photo of a letter from the A.M.O. [Arab Military Organisation] to the British police and army and his certificate of discharge from the Palestine Police. The photographs are mainly of George Milner and his friends and work colleagues but also include photographs of damaged buildings, Jenin and some tourist sites.

System of arrangement:

1. Army Service
2. Palestine Police Service

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

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Custodial history: In the possession of George Milner and then his family.

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Jason Loomes (grandson of George Milner) on 9 Feb 2024

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

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**SERIES, FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE GEORGE MILNER
COLECTION**

1	<u>Army Service</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1 item</u>
	Papers relating to George Milner's army service consisting of his Soldier's service and pay book.		
1/1	<u>Soldier's Service and Pay Book</u>	15 Nov 1945	1 item
	Service book including information about George Milner's enlistment, training, leave granted, medical information and information about next of kin.		
2	<u>Palestine Police Service</u>	<u>1946-1948</u>	<u>4 items,</u> <u>1 file</u>
	Papers and photographs relating to George Milner's service in the Palestine Police consisting of his Palestine Police Contract, a driving licence, a letter from the Arab Military Organisation to the British police and army urging them to remain neutral, a certificate of discharge from the Palestine Police and photographs.		
	System of arrangement:		
2/1	Palestine Police Contract		
2/2	Driving Licence		
2/3	Arab Military Organisation Letter		
2/4	Certificate of Discharge		
2/5	Photographs		
2/1	<u>Palestine Police Contract</u>	29 Jul 1946	1 item
	Three year Palestine Police contract for George Wilfred Milner.		
2/2	<u>Driving Licence</u>	10 Feb 1948	1 item
	Government of Palestine road driving licence for George Wilfred Milner, covering the period 10 Feb 1948 to 9 Feb 1949. The licence includes a photograph of George Milner.		

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| 2/3 | <u>Arab Military Organisation Letter</u> | Not dated, 1 item | |
| | <p>Duplicated photo of a letter from the A.M.O. [Arab Military Organisation], associated with the Arab Higher Committee, to British Members of the Palestine Police Force and to the British Armed Forces in Palestine, addressing the imminent withdrawal of the British Administration and the Arab response that 'blood and fire only will settle this problem' and urging the British to remain neutral and not to 'make of yourselves the target'.</p> <p>Admin Hist: The AMO was the Arab Military Organization, which was an adjunct of the Mufti's Arab Higher Committee. The duplicated photo was presumably a way of the AMO making large numbers of the letters to distribute to serving police officers and soldiers.</p> | | |
| 2/4 | <u>Certificate of Discharge</u> | 4 Jul 1949 | 1 item |
| | <p>Certificate of discharge for George Wilfred Milner giving his period of service as 26 Aug 1946 to 6 May 1948 and noting the reason for discharge as 'disbandment of the Force' and that he 'carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner'.</p> | | |
| 2/5 | <u>Photographs</u> | <u>1940s</u> | <u>48 items</u> |
| | <p>Photographs from George Milner's service in the Palestine Police including photographs of George Milner and his friends and colleagues, some photographs of damaged buildings, photographs of Jenin and some photographs of tourist sites.</p> <p>System of arrangement:</p> <p>2/5/1/1 People</p> <p>2/5/1/2 Damaged buildings</p> <p>2/5/1/3 Jenin</p> <p>2/5/1/4 Tourist photos</p> | | |

2/5/1	<u>People</u>	<u>1940s</u>	<u>33 items</u>
	Photographs of George Milner and his Palestine Police friends and colleagues.		
	System of arrangement:		
2/5/1/1	George Milner Portraits		
2/5/1/2	Acre Beach		
2/5/1/3	Patrol Car		
2/5/1/4	General		
2/5/1/1	<u>George Milner Portraits</u>	1948 and	<u>3 items</u>
	Portrait photographs of George Milner.	not dated	
2/5/1/1/1	B/C. [British Constable] Milner, No 1808. Palestine Police 10.2.48, Jerusalem.	10 Feb 1948	
2/5/1/1/2	To my darling Betty. All my love forever. Wilf.	Not dated [1946-1948]	
2/5/1/1/3	Your loving son Wilf.	Not dated [1946-1948]	
2/5/1/2	<u>Acre Beach</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>4 items</u>
	Photographs of George Milner and his friends at Acre beach.	[1946-1948]	
2/5/1/2/1	Acer [Acre] Beach Palestine.	Not dated [1946-1948]	
2/5/1/2/2	Acer [Acre] Beach Palestine.	Not dated [1946-1948]	
2/5/1/2/3	Acer [Acre] Beach Palestine In the back ground of this photo is Acer [Acre] Prison where the big escape was.	Not dated [1946-1948]	
2/5/1/2/4	Acer [Acre] Beach Palestine, can you see the palm trees in back ground.	Not dated [1946-1948]	

2/5/1/3	<u>Patrol Car</u>	1947 and 9 items
	Photographs of George Milner and his Palestine Police friends and colleagues with their patrol car.	<u>not dated</u>
2/5/1/3/1	Me with Len's car in winter Blues. I look a proper copper Ah! Ah!	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/2	My Driver with Len's car.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/3	Len in inspections! His car is the M/G 7gpc.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/4	Inside of our car. Me passing message over air.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/5	This is our car. c/o a ?mambor M33IN.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/6	No original caption [3 Palestine Policemen in front of the patrol car].	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/7	No original caption [Palestine Policeman by car].	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/8	In summer kit and patrol car 331 which is our car.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/3/9	The driver and one of the crew of the crew of our car. Driver at the back.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4	<u>General</u>	1947 and 17 items
	Photographs of Palestine Police friends and colleagues, including a few images of George Milner.	<u>not dated</u>
2/5/1/4/1	Some of the lad[s] and myself in M.T. yard	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/2	The garage lad.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/3	Some of the boys.	Not dated [1946-1948]

2/5/1/4/4	Some of the boys.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/5	On the roof of the Taggat [Tegart]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/6	Wilf after he'd had a drink.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/7	No original caption [George Milner standing by a horse]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/8	One of the mounted Palestinians	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/9	No original caption [Palestine Policeman and a dog standing by a horse]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/10	No original caption [Palestine Policeman on a horse]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/11	Bait ?Olfee springs	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/12	No original caption [2 men standing by a doorway]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/13	No original caption [Palestine Policeman]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/14	No original caption [Palestine Policeman standing by a jump for horses]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/15	No original caption [George Milner standing by a jump for horses]	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/16	One of my mates Jock.	Not dated [1946-1948]
2/5/1/4/17	July 14 th 1947. Tommy Blood and ?Chivis, German Colony, Jerusalem, Palestine.	14 Jul 1947

2/5/2	<u>Damaged buildings</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>6 items</u>
	Photographs of damaged buildings in Jerusalem including the Rex Cinema but mainly showing unidentified buildings near to the Old City.	[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/1	The Rex Cinema Jerusalem.	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/2	The arrow is pointing at the wall of the Old City.	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/3	No original caption [damaged buildings near old city wall, Jerusalem].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/4	No original caption [damaged buildings near old city wall, Jerusalem].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/5	No original caption [damaged buildings near old city wall, Jerusalem].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/2/6	No original caption [damaged buildings].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/3	<u>Jenin</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>4 items</u>
	Photographs of Jenin including the Tegart Fort police station and a street scene in Jenin.	[1946-1948]	
2/5/3/1	Jenin Police Station.	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/3/2	Jenin Taggat [Tegart fort, which was also the Police station].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/3/3	Jenin town from the roof of the Taggat [Tegart].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/3/4	Jenin Town [street scene of people next to buildings].	Not dated	
		[1946-1948]	
2/5/4	<u>Tourist sites</u>	<u>Not dated</u>	<u>5 items</u>
	Photographs of tourist sites including mount Tabor, the tomb of Joseph near Nablus and in Nazareth the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and the Virgin's fountain.	1940s	

- 2/5/4/1 Panorama with Mt Tabor. Appr Milit Photogr. No 1940s
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- 2/5/4/2 The tomb of St Joseph. [near Nablus] Appr Milit 1940s
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- 2/5/4/3 Orthodox Church outside. [Orthodox Church of 1940s
the Annunciation in Nazareth] Appr Milit
Photogr. No 128 Copyright by Palphot (Reg.).
- 2/5/4/4 Grotto of Virgin's fountain. [Nazareth] Appr 1940s
Milit Photogr. No 128 Copyright by Palphot
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- 2/5/4/5 Virgin's fountain. [Nazareth] Appr Milit Photogr. 1940s
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