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Biographical history: Cassels, Gervase de la Poer (1915-1991)

Born 5 November 1915, Gonda, India. Educated Marlborough College and St. John's College, Oxford. Served Colonial Administrative Service, Nigeria, 1938-1939; army service 1939-1947 in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somaliland and North Africa; seconded to Foreign Office Administration of African Territories in Cyrenaica, 1947-1952; served in British Administration, Cyprus, 1953-1960; with United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) working for Palestinian refugees, 1960-1971. Retired 1971. Died 1991.

Scope and content: Memoir, as Deputy Director of United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) in Jordan, of the Six Day War, 1967; personal account of his involvement in the Libyan federal elections, 1951-1952.

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