

# MECA GUIDE BRITISH MANDATE PALESTINE POLICE

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## Guide to collections relating to the British Mandate Palestine Police

### Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that contain records of Palestine Policemen have been included. There are many other closely related collections such as the Kermack Collection that contains a memoir describing work in the Palestine Judicial Service, the Brebber Collection (military court material) and the Cunningham Collection that contains much material on the police due to the deteriorating security situation that Cunningham faced during his service as the last High Commissioner.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word 'Handlist'.

Please note TS means typescript. MS means manuscript i.e. handwritten.

#### **ADAMSON, Richard.**

GB165-0001

Accounts by a Palestine Police Officer of the Cairo conspiracy trial in 1919 and the riots in Jerusalem, Easter 1920. 7 sheets.

#### **BALL, Robert.** (1919-1987)

GB165-0534

Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to Robert Ball's service in the Palestine Police and the Bermuda Police, including his Palestine Police employment contract, passport, Christmas dinner menu, portraiture photographs, a photo album of purchased photos of Palestine with one photograph of Lebanon, view-master reels of Palestine, his Palestine Police service record and certificate of discharge. The material relating to his service in the Bermuda Police includes his employment contract, passports, correspondence, a police notebook, drunk driver questions, as well as artefacts including a pith helmet, epaulettes, service ribbons, police tie and whistle. There are also Palestine Police reunion photographs, Overseas Pensioners' Association papers and an obituary for Robert Ball. 3 boxes. Handlist.

#### **BENNETT, Jean Margaret.** (1928-2000)

GB165-0753

Correspondence and photographs from three serving Palestine Policemen (Ron Bridgett, Bill Cameron and Joe Wildman) to Jean Reid. Bill Cameron was Jean Reid's cousin and he introduced Ron Bridgett and Joe Wildman to Jean Reid. The letters give some descriptions of daily life and work in the Palestine Police, as well as the deteriorating security situation in 1947-1948. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection.

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### **BRADDICK, Bertie.**

GB165-0394

Oral history interview of Bertie Braddick, who served in the Palestine Police 1947-1948, interviewed by William Ward on 7 May 2006. Sound file 76 minute. Transcript 15 sheets. 2 items.

### **BRITISH PALESTINE POLICE ASSOCIATION.**

GB165-0591

Newsletters of the British Palestine Police Association (the successor organisation to the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association). Newsletter Number 1, Spring 2014 includes the minutes of the inaugural meeting, the constitution of the new association, as well as news of future association events. The newsletters, 2014-2025, contain articles relating to the history of the Palestine Police, reminiscences from veterans, news of BPPA events and obituaries. Also includes a lapel badge with the Palestine Police crest and the text 'Palestine Police 1920-1948 A Job Well Done' sent by the Committee of the British Palestine Police Association 'to all our members and supporters' in June 2018. 1 box. Handlist.

### **BRODIE, Donald Haig (1917-1981).**

GB165-0581

Two photograph albums containing photographs relating to Donald Brodie's service in the Palestine Police between 1937 and 1942. The first largely contains personal photos and includes scenes of police officers and soldiers at work and rest, accommodation, posts and checkpoints, police and military vehicles, landscapes, places of interest and daily life. Also includes images documenting attacks carried out by Irgun, such as the bombing of the Jerusalem General Post Office on 12 June 1939. The second photograph album mostly contains propaganda photographs relating to the Arab Revolt in 1936-1939, presumably collected by Donald Brodie. There is also a small collection of prints containing copies of photographs found in the first album and a single newspaper clipping from 1939 containing a pictorial history of Palestine. Handlist. Photographic collection.

### **CAFFERATA, Col. Raymond Oswald. (1897-1966).**

GB165-0044

Photocopies of press-cuttings and notes on the life of Col. R.O. Cafferata, Palestine Police 1922-48 (54 sheets) plus additional papers and photographs covering his childhood, service in the First World War, the Royal Irish Constabulary, the Palestine Police also including some post Palestine Police papers such as articles, correspondence and obituaries. Draft Catalogue. 5 boxes.

### **CANNINGS, Victor Henry Douglas (1919-2016)**

GB165-0386

Papers relating to service in the British Mandate Palestine Police including a Police identity card, Criminal Code Ordinance for 1936, Palestine Police Magazines 1939-1947, 3 photographs of the Palestine Police Cricket Team, Certificate of Discharge from the Police and an oral history interview carried out in 2006 covering Cannings' service in the Palestine Police. Also including a booklet on Jerusalem promoting the work of the Jewish Agency and press cuttings covering bombings and deteriorating security in Palestine 1944-1946 and an essay on Canning's later Cricket Career, 1958. 1 box. Handlist.

### **CARD, John Glenville. (b.1926)**

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Oral history interview of John Card, who served in the Palestine Police 1945-1948, interviewed by Jordan Toone on 31 Mar 2006. Sound file 68 minutes. Summary of interview 2 sheets and transcript 24 sheets. 3 items. Handlist.

**CLARK, Fred** (1911-1939)

GB165-0764

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. 1 box. Handlist.

**CLEAVER, Percy** (1915-1998)

GB165-0358

Recruitment film for the Palestine Police, not dated c1946. The commentary for the film was written by Rex Keating. Photocopies of letters from Percy Cleaver to his aunt and uncle Feb 1936-June 1938. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection. Please contact the Archivist in advance to arrange a viewing of the film.

**DE LACY, James Percival** (1906-87).

GB165-0082

MS notes on his service with the Northern Frontier Division, Palestine Police, 1937-39. 3 sheets.

**DUCHESNE, Martin.**

GB165-0390

Oral history interview of Martin Duchesne, who served in the Palestine Police 1946-1948, interviewed by Nick Kardahji on 23 Mar 2006 and a talk at the seminar on the Palestine Police with a question and answer session on 23 Nov 2006. Interview sound file 108 minutes and talk sound file 24 minutes. Summary of interview 2 sheets and transcript 20 sheets. 4 items.

**EDWARDS, Stephen** (1912-1997).

GB165-0354

Personal papers relating to Stephen Edwards' service in the Palestine Police 1936-1948 consisting of his service record booklet and papers mainly relating to pay, conditions of service and the end of the mandate. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**EWERS, Gordon Etrick.** (1924-2000).

GB165-0566

Army pass, diary, press cuttings scrap book, Red Cross certificate, photographs and certificate of discharge relating to Gordon Ewers service in the Palestine Police, including time at the training school in Palestine and his first posting to Haifa. The diary documents the new recruits' training and study regime, how their free time was spent and how life in Palestine differed from life at home in England. The press cuttings scrap book, created by Ewers holds cuttings of news stories and articles relating to the Palestine police, sabotage, assassinations, to plague outbreaks, snow in Jerusalem and escaped prisoners. The photographs depict the life of the new trainees, including their living quarters and practice exercises. 2 folders. Handlist.

**FARADAY, John Alexander Mulloy.** (1899-1986).

GB165-0101

Papers relating to the Safad disturbances of 1929 and the Jaffa riots of 1933. 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**FELGATE, Frederick Albert** (1915-1976).

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Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to the life of Frederick Felgate and his service in the Palestine Police Force from 1941-1948 including his enlistment, training and discharge, his police notebook, a map of Palestine from 1944 and a 'General Situation Samaria District' file containing detailed daily reports of incidents such as sabotage, skirmishes, looting, hijacking, robberies and attacks on convoys in Samaria 22 Jan 1948 – 30 Apr 1948. Also includes some papers and photographs relating to Felgate's life and career outside of Palestine including his later work for the R.S.P.C.A (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). 2 boxes. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

### **GIBBONS, William.**

GB165-0388

Oral history interview of William Gibbons, who served in the Palestine Police 1946-1948 interviewed by Hilary Kalmbach on 14 Mar 2006. Sound file 121 minutes. Summary of interview 2 sheets and transcript 34 sheets. 3 items.

### **GILES, Peter (1929-2014).**

GB165-0632

Papers, leaflets, photographs and artefacts collected during Peter Giles' time in the Transjordanian Frontier Force and the Palestine Police Force, mainly relating to his work as a police officer, including large numbers of Police and Legal Forms, both used and unused, and a number of Jewish and Arab propaganda leaflets and notices. There are also a small number of memoranda regarding the withdrawal of the British Administration and the future of its employees; two sections of editions of the Palestine Post, and an internal News Bulletin with updates on the situation in Palestine and various materials from Peter Giles' social and personal life, including prayer books, race programmes and telegrams. 1 box. Handlist.

### **GREEN, Gerald John (b.1928)**

GB165-0404

Oral history interview of Gerald Green in Oct 2006, by Eugene Rogan, covering Mr Green's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 145 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

### **HAINGE, James.**

GB165-0402

Oral history interview of James Hainge, who served in the Palestine Police 1945-1948 interviewed by Eugene Rogan on 5 Jun 2006. Sound file 114 minutes. Summary of interview 1 sheet and transcript 28 sheets. 3 items.

### **HAMILTON, Robert Ernest (1925-2006).**

GB165-0392

Oral history interview of Robert Hamilton in April 2006, by Sharif Ismail, covering Mr Hamilton's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 56 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. Police Boundaries map showing civil district, sub district boundaries and Police Station Boundary, June 1947. 4 items. Handlist.

### **HAYWARD, S. F. (b. 1908)**

GB165-0141

*For the Record*: Arab A.M.O. pamphlet giving details of terrorist incidents carried out by Jewish organisations in Palestine involving British victims, 1944-47. 14 sheets.

### **HOLDSWORTH, Leslie Leonard David. (1913-1988).**

GB165-0667

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

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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. 1 file. Handlist.

**JONES, Frank William.** (b.1928)

GB165-0389

Oral history interview of Frank Jones on 16 March 2006, by Nick Kardahji, covering Mr Jones' service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 79 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

**KIRBY, Trevor Roland.** (1923-2015).

GB165-0585

Papers relating to Trevor Kirby's service in the Palestine Police, consisting of a scrapbook with newspaper cuttings from his time in Palestine 1944-1948; an Arabic Language Textbook produced by the Palestine Police Force; four travel guidebooks covering Jerusalem, Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan; a printed Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association leaflet covering the history of the Palestine Police Force; a printed speech made by H.M. George VI thanking the Palestine Police; remembrance items including a roll of honour and latter printed editions, correspondence regarding the roll of honour and a remembrance cross; Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association Newsletters from 1950-2012, produced Quarterly (tri-annually from 2007), giving information on association news, regional meetings, annual dinners, obituaries, and purchasable association clothing. 7 boxes. Handlist.

**LEADBEATER, Roy.**

GB165-0412

Oral history interview of Roy Leadbeater, who served in the Palestine Police, interviewed by Eugene Rogan on 22 May 2007. Sound file 163 minutes. Transcript 37 sheets. 2 items.

**McARTHUR, Arthur** (b.1913)

GB165-0380

Photographs of the Palestine Police Rugby Team, official group photographs of Palestine Policemen, a few photographs of armoured cars, one photograph of a derailed train and a wooden Palestine Police Shield, 1942-1948. 1 item and 23 photographs. Handlist. Photographic Collection

**McNEILL, Brig. Gen. Angus John.** (1874-1950).

GB165-0197

Papers relating to service in Palestine as Commandant of the British Gendarmerie, 1922-26; as manager of the Government Stud Farm, Acre, and Stock Breeding Officer for Palestine, 1927-31; as a resident in an Arab village north of Acre, 1932-49. 2 boxes. Handlist.

**MILNER, George Wilfred.** (1924-1996).

GB165-0786

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. 2 files. Handlist.

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### **MORRIS, Philip**

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Palestine Police training materials, 1945-1946, giving information on the history and organisation of the Palestine Police, Jewish Military Organisations, Jewish and Arab military forces in Palestine, the Arab Legion, instructions with regard to curfew passes for troops manning road blocks and Guidance in the use of search lights. Also includes two TS accounts probably by the same unknown author entitled 'La Regence' giving an account of the bombing of the King David Hotel in 1946 and 'Jerusalem' giving an account of a short stay in Jerusalem commenting on accommodation and terrorism c1946. Handlist. 1 file.

### **MORRISON, Daniel Kerr.** (1911-1994) Policeman

GB165-0772

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. 1 file. Handlist.

### **MORTON, Desmond** (1927-2005)

GB165-0405

Papers and photographs relating to Desmond Morton's service as a British Constable in the Palestine Police between 1946-1948 including papers relating to his recruitment, training and police work such as his role as liaison with Spinney's for police food rations. Also includes a small amount of material relating to Morton's social life as well as Jewish and Arab propaganda and newspaper clippings relating to attacks on British Policemen. Correspondence from Desmond Morton to his parents describing his journey out to Palestine and his life as a policeman with descriptions of the deteriorating security situation and the shock at the decision to withdraw. Includes a small amount of administrative material relating to the end of Desmond Morton's service (such as information on plans to help Palestine Policeman find new jobs after withdrawal) and papers relating to the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association. Also includes a small number of artefacts consisting of a police badge, a police whistle and Desmond Morton's General Service Medal with clasp 'Palestine 1945-8'. 2 boxes. Handlist.

### **OWEN, Geoffrey.**

GB165-0403

Oral history interview of Geoffrey Owen, who served in the Palestine Police 1937-1938, interviewed by John Knight on 13 Jun 2006. Sound file 92 minutes. Summary of interview 2 sheets and transcript 24 sheets. 3 items.

### **PALESTINE POLICE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

GB165-0224

Records of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association, such as newsletters and membership certificates, 1946-2000; personal papers of Palestine Policemen 1920s-1990s; mandate period material such as police training manuals, official publications and newspapers 1920-1948; and material compiled by Edward Horne as official historian of the Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association. Draft Catalogue. c50 boxes.

### **PALESTINE POLICE SERVICE RECORDS COLLECTION**

GB165-0365

Palestine Police service record cards for British and Palestinian policeman 1930s-1948, as well as some service records of Palestinians who were employed in the prison service 1920-1948, as

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for example, messengers, typists, clerks, engineers, teachers and translators. The majority of the records (63 boxes) are for British Palestine policemen and a smaller set of the records (12 boxes) are for Palestinian Palestine policemen and there is 1 box of records for Palestinians who were employed in the prison service. The Palestine Police service record cards have a standard format and include information such as force number (service number), full name, father's name, nationality, date and place of birth, previous occupation or trade, marital status, information on next of kin, the date of enlistment and appointment, a photograph and signature of the holder, education, appointments and promotions, divisions at which the holder served with dates of transfers, leave register, medical history, family register (such as date of marriage), commendations and rewards, punishments and particulars of discharge. Not all of the service record cards have photographs and the quantity of information filled out in the cards varies. 76 boxes. Handlist. Please note that access to the Palestine Police Service Records Collection is subject to the provisions of data protection legislation. Please ask the archivist for further details.

### **POOLE, John**

GB165-0431

Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to John Poole's service as a British Constable and Wireless Telegraph Officer in the Palestine Police from 1938 to 1943. Papers relating to his police work include daily crime reports, summaries of Arabic and Hebrew press items, a propaganda leaflet and curfew order poster, as well as a Palestine Police Old Comrades' Association newsletter from 1955. The collection also contains a number of pages from the Palestine Post from the early and later stages of World War Two and a number of broadcasting service agreements from the Palestine Broadcasting Service. The photographs cover both his police service and general life in Palestine, as well as his subsequent work in Qatar, as well as some slides of Iran in 1956. There is also a small collection of artefacts dating from his service in Palestine including badges, buttons, coins, police whistle and a General Service medal. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic Collection.

**REID, Jean** – please Bennett, Jean Margaret (1928-2000)

### **RODRICK, Roy.**

GB165-0395

Oral history interview of Roy Rodrick, who served in the Palestine Police 1945-1948, interviewed by Katja Zvan on 10 May 2006. Sound file 72 minutes. Summary of interview 1 sheet and transcript 13 sheets. 3 items.

### **RICE, Col. Harry Patrick** (1886-1973).

GB165-0240

Memos on the protection of Palestine Government officials during the Arab Rebellion, written by Rice as Acting Inspector-General of Police, November 1937. 8 sheets. Handlist.

### **RUSSELL, Francis Mark.** (1927-2007).

GB165-0396

Oral history interview of Francis Mark Russell in May 2006, by Eugene Rogan, covering Mr Russell's service in the British Mandate Palestine Police during 1946-1948. The interview is 119 minutes in length. Summary and transcript of the interview. 3 items. Handlist.

### **SAUNDERS, Col. Alan.** (1886-1964).

GB165-0253

Farewell autograph book from Palestine Police colleagues on his transfer to Nigeria, 1935; Nigerian Police Reports, 1936-37; Tripolitania Police Force and Prison Service Administration Reports, 1946-51; maps of Kenya, 1947, and Tanganyika, 1957; article on the Tripolitania

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Police in *Soldier: The British Army Magazine*, vol. 6, no. 5, July 1950, pp.18-21; printed ephemera; epaulettes, badges and buttons from Palestine and Nigeria Police uniforms. 1 box. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**SCOTT, Frank Montgomery.** (1892-1974). GB165-0255  
Official letters of thanks and appreciation, 1928-1948, for his work in the Palestine Police and Prisons Service, and the Control Commission for Germany; medical reports for injuries sustained by Scott in the discharge of his duties in Jaffa, 1930; press-cuttings; Palestine Prisons Service Administration report, 1946. 21 sheets; 1 item. Handlist.

**STEWART, William David.** (b. 1928). GB165-0634  
Papers and audio-visual material relating to William Stewart's service in the Palestine Police including a policeman's notebook, a 1947 Christmas dinner menu and his 1949 certificate of discharge. The majority of documents relate to Stewart's membership and involvement with the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association, and material relating to reminiscing about his time in Palestine. These include a constitution pamphlet, certificates of membership and details of dinners in 1998 and 2005. Material relating to reminiscing about his service in Palestine include a list of some colleagues compiled in 1991 and two VHS cassettes of a Palestine Police recruitment film and the BBC documentary 'A Dream so Fair: The Palestine Police.' 2 boxes. Handlist.

**TEGART, Sir Charles Augustus.** (1881-1946). GB165-0281  
Papers relating to British policy in Palestine, internal security, the reorganisation of the Palestine Police, construction of border defences, and police work in general, 1937-39; personal papers relating to the attempt on his life, 31 December 1938; press-cuttings. 4 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**TYRRELL, John.** GB165-0413  
Oral history interview of John Tyrrell, who served in the Palestine Police 1945-1948, interviewed by Anziska Seth on 8 Jun 2007. Sound file 49 minutes. Summary of interview 1 sheet and transcript 17 sheets. 3 items.

**WHITE, Harold 'Chalky'.** (1922-2012) GB165-0600  
Two printed pamphlets relating to Chalky White's service in the Palestine Police consisting of the Criminal Code Ordinance Consolidated Edition (as in Force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1945) published by P. Kadi, Jerusalem and the Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry regarding the problems of European Jewry and Palestine, Lausanne, 20<sup>th</sup> April 1946 Miscellaneous No 8 (1946) His Majesty's Stationery Office Cmd. 6808. 1 file (2 items). Handlist.

**WELLS, Edward H.** (b.1924) GB165-0393  
Oral history interview of Edward Wells, who served in the Palestine Police 1944-1948, interviewed by Josephine Delap on 27 Apr 2006. Sound file 44 minutes. Summary of interview 1 sheet and transcript 13 sheets. Also includes a photocopy of letter from B.N. Hinga (Commissioner of Police, Kenya) to Mr Wells summarising his career and giving thanks for his devoted service, 23 Aug 1965. 4 items. Handlist.