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## Preface

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## Introduction

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### Sir John Wilson Edington Miller

(1894 - 1957)

1920-1926	Assistant District Commissioner, Port Sudan, Red Sea Province
1926-1927	Assistant District Commissioner, Central District, White Nile Province
1927-1933	Inspector in the Financial Department, Khartoum
1933-1934	Assistant Financial Secretary
1934-1945	Deputy Financial Secretary
1945-1949	Financial Secretary
1949	Retired from Sudan Government
1949-1950	Controller, Financial Division of the British Council
1950-1954	Secretary General and Executive Member of the Iraq Government Development Board

### Accession details

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### Arrangement

1. Personal Correspondence
2. Trek Diaries
3. Speeches
4. Newspaper cuttings
5. Photographic Material
6. Miscellanea

### Form of citation

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## 1. Personal Correspondence

- SAD.966/5/1-63    1920 Jun 15-Dec 29  
 Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Khartoum and Miller's studies in preparation for his job as a Government Inspector. Other topics include: Miller's experience of the selection process for gaining a place with the Sudan Civil Service (SAD.966/5/1-2); his journey from France to Cairo (SAD.966/5/3-19); his first impressions of the Sudan and his arrival in Khartoum, with a sketch map of his room (SAD.966/5/20-30); government propositions to improve cotton farming at Geili (SAD.966/5/31-34); trips to Omdurman (SAD.966/5/35-38,43-46); the crops grown around Khartoum and the system of taxation on crops (SAD.966/5/53-57); the system of traders' tax (SAD.966/5/60-63)
- SAD.966/6/1-97    1921 Jan 2-Feb 26  
 Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Khartoum, Miller's studies in preparation for his job as a Government Inspector and his first placement at Port Sudan. Other topics include: the difference between the Mahdists and the "true Islamists" (SAD.966/6/8-13); the character of General Gordon (SAD.966/6/8-13); the pay of civil servants at various grades in the Sudan Government (SAD.966/6/8-13); the difficulty of ending slavery in the Sudan (SAD.966/6/23-26); the history of the Arab tribes in the Sudan (SAD.966/6/27-31); land tax on various types of crop growing lands (SAD.966/6/32-36); a visit to Khartoum by Field Marshall E. Allenby, High Commissioner of Egypt and the Sudan (SAD.966/6/52-57); Miller's journey from Khartoum to Port Sudan (SAD.966/6/75-85); his first impressions of Port Sudan (SAD.966/6/84-89); the geography of Port Sudan and descriptions of the local Sudanese population (SAD.966/6/90-94)
- SAD.968/1/1-76    1921 Mar 1-Apr 24  
 Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as a Government Inspector mainly dealing with disputes amongst the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: the lack of government knowledge of the tribes around Port Sudan and the difficulties of dealing with the tribes (SAD.968/1/6-9); a dispute regarding the contractor supplying water to the area (SAD.968/1/15-19); Miller's ideas on the tax system in place at Port Sudan (SAD.968/1/30-33); a case of plague onboard a ship from Suakin (SAD.968/1/34-37); a case of a Somali stowaway (SAD.968/1/53-55); the departure of the Egyptian Battalion from the Sudan and Miller's views on the conduct of the Egyptian nationalist Sa'd Zaghlul (SAD.968/1/58-60); Miller's views on the "Labour 'habbubble'" of April 1921 when the British rail and transport unions made their decision not to support the miners in strike action (SAD.968/1/61-64)

- SAD.968/2/1-34 1921 May 3-Jun 29  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as a Government Inspector mainly dealing with disputes amongst the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: a meeting with the Sharifa Alawaya (SAD.968/2/3); a meeting with Lady Flora Stack, wife of the Sirdar, Sir Lee Stack (SAD.968/2/10-11); the reaction of Europe to the Third Silesian Uprising (SAD.968/2/10-11); trips to Erkowit to stay with the Governor of the Red Sea Province, Colonel C.E. Wilson, with extensive descriptions of the surrounding country (SAD.968/2/14-17,21-23); a meeting with Sayyid `Ali al-Mirghani (SAD.968/2/21-23); a description of the workings of a cotton spinning factory in Port Sudan (SAD.968/2/31-32). Enclosures:
- SAD.968/2/23 1921 Jun 6  
Sketch drawing of a view of Erkowit
- SAD.968/2/28 1921 Jun 16  
A sketch plan of the house Miller shared shortly after his arrival in Port Sudan
- SAD.968/3/1-40 1921 Jul 3-Aug 31  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as a Government Inspector mainly dealing with disputes amongst the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: the end of the coal strike in Britain (SAD.968/3/1-2); disruption to the railways caused by storms and heavy rain (SAD.968/3/20-30); a trip to Suakin, with an extensive description of a *diluka* (SAD.968/3/27-34)
- SAD.968/4/1-47 1921 Sep 2-Oct 30  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as a Government Inspector mainly dealing with disputes amongst the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: a work trip to Musmar (SAD.968/4/1-14); a hunt for some local Sudanese men suspected of murder (SAD.968/4/1-5); the arrival in Port Sudan of a French Congo boundary commission (SAD.968/4/24-27); an inspection by the acting Governor of the Red Sea Province, T.A. Leach (SAD.968/4/28-29); the imposition of boundaries on agricultural land at Khor Egaiet (SAD.968/4/30-34); the murder of T. McNeill, a Government Inspector based at Nyala in the Darfur province, by a Sudanese man (SAD.968/4/38-39)
- SAD.968/5/1-43 1921 Nov 3-Dec 31  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as a Government Inspector mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: the regular influx of West Africans into the Sudan (SAD.968/5/2-6); Miller's experience serving as stand-in Governor at the Maulid al-Nabi, with descriptions of the various performances and meetings with representatives of the local tribes and communities (SAD.968/5/8-12); the break off of

negotiations in Egypt between the British and the Egyptian Nationalists led by Sa'd Zaghlul and Miller's thoughts on the rightfulness of the British claim to rule over foreign countries (SAD.968/5/13-16); the performances of a Greek theatrical company in Port Sudan (SAD.968/5/17-19); the change of Miller's department to the Political Service and the change of his role from Inspector to Assistant District Commissioner (SAD.968/5/20-21); meetings with local *shaykhs* (SAD.968/5/31-36); the difficulties of taxing the local population (SAD.968/5/31-33)

SAD.968/6/1-62 1922 Jan 3-Mar 28

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his parents and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: disruption and vandalism by a group of British soldiers on shore leave in Port Sudan (SAD.968/6/1-5); an inspection tour around the South East of the Red Sea Province with comments on particular places and events including a journey by sea from Port Sudan North to Halaib and South to Mohammad Qol, the physical geography and history of Halaib, a camel trek from Mohammad Qol on the North East coast of the province to Musmar in the South, a gathering of Sudanese tribes at Khor [Shabatib] and various festivities, and a shooting trip near Khor Ariab (SAD.968/6/9-41); opium smuggling (SAD.968/6/48-53); a murder case between two disputing local tribes (SAD.968/6/48-53); the death of Miller's father (SAD.968/6/54-57); Miller's opinions on the new Governor of the Red Sea Province, S.A. Tippetts and his plans for another inspection tour (SAD.968/6/59-62)

With regards to the inspection tour see also SAD.969/7/1-46

SAD.968/7/1-45 1922 Apr 16-Jun 15

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his mother and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: Miller's final exams required for his role in the Sudan Government (SAD.968/7/1-4); an inspection tour around the East of the Red Sea Province with comments on specific issues including illness on the trip, the difficulties of enforcing herd tax, the difficulties of translating place names, the geography around Dimreio, a midday halt at Lonigret, the gold mines at Gebeit, mysterious stones and old structures near Gebeit, and the attempted murder of Muhammad Ali Hamid ('Shaykh of all the Kurbab') and Miller's attempt to capture the culprit (SAD.968/7/5-29); the conditions of the local Sudanese population in the North of the Red Sea Province and questions as to what they get from the Government in return for their taxes (SAD.968/7/30-34); Miller's opinion of the new Governor of the Red Sea Province, S.A. Tippetts (SAD.968/7/35-37); the arrest of a group of opium smugglers (SAD.968/7/40-41); the arrival of the new District Judge, H. Owen (SAD.968/7/42-45)

- SAD.968/8/1-34 1922 Nov 9-Dec 28  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his mother and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, Miller's journey back to Port Sudan after three months leave in Scotland, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: the train journey through France and Italy (SAD.968/8/1-6); the voyage to Cairo (SAD.968/8/4-12); Miller's opinion of the new District Judge, H. Owen (SAD.968/8/13-15); the future of Port Sudan (SAD.968/8/16-17); reference to events in Greece (SAD.968/8/16-17).  
Enclosures:
- SAD.968/8/30-32 1922 Dec 28  
Sketch plans of Miller's house
- SAD.968/8/33 1922 Dec  
Vocabulary list of various words translated from Arabic into English
- SAD.968/8/34 1922 Dec  
Instruction list of things to do for Miller's mother
- SAD.968/9/1-41 1923 Jan 17-Jun 17  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his mother and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: an inspection tour around the East of Port Sudan (SAD.968/9/5-7); Miller's continued attempt to capture the murderer of Muhammad `Ali Hamid (SAD.968/9/5-7); Miller's attempt to forge a route for motor vehicles between Port Sudan and Mohammad Qol (SAD.968/9/10-17,24-33); the publication of Miller's 'notes on Amara' in the *Sudan Notes and Records* (SAD.968/9/13-17,24-26); reference to a riot amongst the local Sudanese population (SAD.968/9/18-19); the establishment of the Port Sudan Municipal Council (SAD.968/9/24-26); the age and fate of 'Uthman Dignah, former Mahdist leader (SAD.968/9/34-36); an incident amongst the Greek population of Port Sudan and Miller's views on them (SAD.968/9/37-39)
- SAD.968/10/1-27 1923 Jul 3-Nov 7  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his mother and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: an inspection tour ending at Musmar with comments on specific issues including the surrender of two Sudanese men suspected of killing another man and the story behind their crime, and the movements of nomadic tribes (SAD.968/10/1-13); an inspection tour that includes Halaib (SAD.968/10/20-23)
- SAD.968/11/1-17 1924 May 15-Dec 12  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his mother and his aunts mostly concerning personal subjects, life at Port Sudan, and Miller's work as an Assistant District Commissioner mainly dealing with disputes



between the local Sudanese population. Other topics include: a meeting with 'Uthman Dignah as he arrived in Port Sudan on his way to Mecca (SAD.968/11/3-5); the transfer of the other Assistant District Commissioner, E.O. Springfield, to another province (SAD.968/11/3-5); a journey to Britain on leave (SAD.968/11/7); the journey back to Port Sudan after two months leave (SAD.968/11/8-9); the arrival of the first passenger aeroplane at Port Sudan (SAD.968/11/8-9); the aftermath of the assassination of Sir L. Stack, Sirdar and Governor-General (SAD.968/11/14-15); Miller's dismissal of ['Duff'] (SAD.968/11/16-17); a visit to Port Sudan by the Duke of York (SAD.968/11/16-17)

SAD.968/12/1-7 1925 Jan 21-Feb 28

Two letters from J.W.E. Miller whilst on trek around the Red Sea Province to Miss J. Reid, future Mrs J.K. Miller, in Port Sudan discussing personal subjects and life on trek

SAD.968/13/1-45 1938 Sep 27-Dec 11

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: a trip by J.K. Miller to Khartoum (SAD.968/13/3-7); the outbreak of war (SAD.968/13/8-12); the sinking of the passenger ship the *Athenia* (SAD.968/13/11-12); a voyage as part of a convoy from Glasgow to Khartoum (SAD.968/13/11-18); the advance of German air raids over Britain and the threat of an air raid on the Midlands (SAD.968/13/30-32); comparisons between different radio and printed news services (SAD.968/13/33-35); the decision that J.K. Miller and the couple's children should move back to Wolverhampton from [Warlech] (SAD.968/13/39-42); government rules on the evacuation of wives of Sudan Government officials from Britain to the Sudan (SAD.968/13/43-45)

SAD.968/14/1-101 1940 May 12-Aug 28

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum (including black-outs and Italian air raids), and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: anti-British propaganda material from Italy and Germany (SAD.968/14/16-19); reference to the imprisonment of local Italians during a broadcast speech by Mussolini (SAD.968/14/31-33); the fall of France to the Germans (SAD.968/14/34-43,64-67); questions on the fate of the port city of Djibouti in French Somaliland and Abyssinia (SAD.968/14/41-43); the founding of the Sudanese War Relief Fund (SAD.968/14/60-63); a group of officials hit by a train on the Atbara Bridge (SAD.968/14/64-67); Italian air and land attacks around the Sudan (SAD.968/14/68-72); reference to an air raid on Atbara (SAD.968/14/80-82); reference to Italian activity around the Sudan and the Italian occupation of Kassala (SAD.968/14/83-87); Miller's mother suffering a stroke (SAD.968/14/88-91); the Italian invasion of British Somaliland (SAD.968/14/88-91); a despatch concerning the Sudan Defence Force (SAD.968/14/88-91); the possibility of J.K. Miller

and the children evacuating to Canada (SAD.968/14/92-95); a typhoon in Khartoum (SAD.968/14/92-95); the death of Miller's mother (SAD.968/14/92-98); an Italian air raid on [Omdurman] (SAD.968/14/96-98); a visit to Port Sudan (SAD.968/14/99-101)

SAD.968/15/1-92 1940 Sep 2-Dec 27

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum (including black-outs and Italian air raids), and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: a reference to the Italian bombing of the US Doro Mission Station (SAD.968/14/5-9); reference to Italian offensives including the bombing of Tel Aviv and attacks on US missions in East Africa (SAD.968/14/14-18); misleading Italian broadcasts regarding the success of bombing raids in the Sudan (SAD.968/14/14-18,26-30); reference to Rodolfo Graziani's invasion of Egypt (SAD.968/14/26-30); money raised for various war related funds (SAD.968/14/26-30); the distribution of Miller's mother's estate after her death (SAD.968/14/35-39); the diminishing threat of invasion in the Sudan (SAD.968/14/35-39); a Unity Service at Khartoum Cathedral (SAD.968/14/40-43); the departure of the Governor General, Lieutenant Colonel Sir G.S. Symes from the Sudan (SAD.968/14/50-54); the announcement and arrival of the new Governor General, Major General Sir H. Huddleston (SAD.968/14/55-58); the success of the Sudan Defence Force (SAD.968/14/68-71,80-83); reference to the local Sudanese at Port Sudan refusing to get into trenches during air raids (SAD.968/14/76-79); the success of the British in repelling the Italian invasion of Egypt (SAD.968/14/80-83); the state of Eritrea and Abyssinia (SAD.968/14/84-88)

SAD.968/16/1-52 1941 Jan 1-Mar 22

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, news of the East African and North African Campaigns (in particular the Allied assault on Keren, Eritrea), life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: Italian losses in Africa (SAD.968/16/5-7,12-14); a trip to Port Said stopping off at Cairo with comments on both places (SAD.968/16/18-37); the sight of numerous Italian prisoners on the journey to Port Said (SAD.968/16/21-23); the demands placed on the Political Service by the new Occupied Enemy Territory Administration (SAD.968/16/45-48); reference to a meeting with D. Newbold wishing to see Miller's maps and photos of the Salonica front from the First World War (SAD.968/16/45-48); those of the original 'twelve apostles' still remaining in the Sudan (SAD.968/16/45-48)

SAD.968/17/1-47 1941 Mar 25-Jun 11

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, news of the East African and North African Campaigns (in particular the Allied

assault on Keren, Eritrea), life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: the success of the Sudan Defence Force against the Italians (SAD.968/17/1-3); the Yugoslavian anti-Axis coup d'état and the fall of Keren to the allies (SAD.968/17/4-7); the Italian retreat from Asmara, Eritrea (SAD.968/17/8-10); the overall lack of activity by the Italians in the Sudan (SAD.968/17/8-10); news of the surrender of the Duke of Aosta at Amba Alagi, Ethiopia (SAD.968/17/35-36); Miller's thoughts on the situation in Crete (SAD.968/17/37-40); amounts raised by various Sudan based war charities (SAD.968/17/41-44)

SAD.968/18/1-44 1941 Jun 12-Aug 9

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: reference to the Duke of Aosta arriving in Khartoum on his way to imprisonment in Nairobi (SAD.968/18/1-4); the progress of the Allied forces in Abyssinia (SAD.968/18/1-4); reference to the departure of F.S. Lees-Spalding, General Manager of the Railways Department, and the death of D.P. Calder, Controller of Stores in the Public Works Department (SAD.968/18/5-8); the German invasion of the USSR (SAD.968/18/13-15); Miller's temporary role as acting chairman of the War Supply Board (SAD.968/18/13-15); Miller's thoughts as to why Mussolini chose not to bomb Port Sudan more (SAD.968/18/16-18); J.K. Miller's close encounter with a bomb during an air raid (SAD.968/18/23-26); the reduction in imports to the Sudan (SAD.968/18/27-30); Miller's opinion of "Louis" [A.L. Chick] (SAD.968/18/27-30); conditions in the Belgian Congo (SAD.968/18/31-33); the high cost of imported goods in the Sudan (SAD.968/18/31-33); various Sudan Government staff commissioned to the Army in occupied enemy territory (SAD.968/18/34-36); the difficulty of managing the country's finances since fighting had moved further away (SAD.968/18/37-39); trouble with the grain crops caused by locusts (SAD.968/18/40-42); the difficulty of convincing people to cut down on their consumption (SAD.968/18/40-42); the difficulty of recruiting new personnel to the Political Service during the war (SAD.968/18/42-44); Miller's ambitions for the future and his chances of becoming Financial Secretary (SAD.968/18/42-44)

SAD.969/1/1-93 1941 Aug 7-Dec 19

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: whether Miller should stay on in the Sudan if offered the post of Financial Secretary (SAD.969/1/1-3); criticism of the army's attitude towards civilian government officials (SAD.969/1/7-8); Miller's thoughts as to why the Italians were so quick to give up on their offensive around the Sudan (SAD.969/1/7-8); reference to the Anglo-Soviet invasion of Iran (SAD.969/1/14-16); the

remaining Italians in Eritrea and Abyssinia (SAD.969/1/14-16); news of the departure of the Qaid of the Sudan Defence Force, Major General W. Platt (SAD.969/1/17-19); the strategic destruction by the USSR of the dam on the Dneiper river (SAD.969/1/17-19); difficulties recruiting new staff to Government service (SAD.969/1/17-19); Miller's temporary role as acting Financial Secretary due to F.D. Rugman's leave (SAD.969/1/23-25); the death and funeral of G.G. King, head accountant in the Sudan Medical Service (SAD.969/1/45-48); reference to a party to welcome the new Qaid of the Sudan Defence Force, Lieutenant-General N. Beresford-Peirse (SAD.969/1/45-48); the difficulty of price control and the situation in Egypt (SAD.969/1/53-55); the progress of the Western Desert Campaign (SAD.969/1/74-77)

SAD.969/2/1-27 1942 May 6-Dec 23

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: reference to the failed Dieppe raid by the Allies (SAD.969/2/7-8); a play put on in Khartoum in aid of the Malta Relief Fund (SAD.969/2/17-18); the progress of the campaign in North Africa (SAD.969/2/17-18)

SAD.969/3/1-23 1943 Jan 10-Mar 3

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: a play performed by local members of the Political Service (SAD.969/3/1-3); Miller's opinion on the role of the Church in shaping society after the war (SAD.969/3/1-3); a piano concert at the Palace (SAD.969/3/7-8); the difficulties of price control on food and other goods and Miller's personal account of the effects of high prices (SAD.969/3/15-17); an [azooma] ("dance cum cabaret") held in aid of the War Planes Fund (SAD.969/3/18-20); a church performance by a Welsh choir from a Welsh regiment (SAD.969/3/21-23)

SAD.969/4/1-52 1943 Mar 4-Apr 30

Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: an inspection tour around parts of the Blue Nile Province and the Kassala Province - mainly around Wad Medani - with notes on the production and transportation of various commodities (SAD.969/4/1-7); the growing of crops at `Abd el Magid and the increase in agriculture to make up for reduction in imports (SAD.969/4/1-2); Miller's thoughts on his future prospects in the Sudan Government (SAD.969/4/3-4); the difficulties of managing the Sudanese economy including production and distribution (SAD.969/4/10-12); news of the Allied success in Tunisia (SAD.969/4/19-20); reference to a meeting with P. Cunliffe-Lister, Lord Swinton (SAD.969/4/19-20); a trip on leave to Jerusalem, with

description of the journey there and extensive descriptions of activities, the city and the surrounding country and various religious sites (SAD.969/4/23-38); subsequent trip to Ain Zhalta, Lebanon, with Miller's impression of the place and the surroundings and details of various activities (SAD.969/4/39-45); a stay in Cairo before returning to Khartoum (SAD.969/4/46-52); Miller's reaction to being appointed CMG (SAD.969/4/49-50); the death of Hector Watt, Deputy Assistant Civil Secretary (SAD.969/4/51-52). Enclosure:

- SAD.969/4/48      1943 Jun 2  
Cutting from the *Sudan Star* listing those in the Sudan included in the year's Birthday Honours list, with notification of Miller's CMG
- SAD.969/5/1-54    1943 Jun 16-Oct 3  
Letters from J.W.E. Miller to his wife, J.K. Miller mostly concerning highly personal subjects, but also concerning the War, life at Khartoum, and Miller's work as Deputy Financial Secretary in the Sudan Government. Other topics include: news of the Allied invasion of Sicily and the downfall of Mussolini (SAD.969/5/11-18); a concert by various American stars including Wini Shaw and Larry Adler (SAD.969/5/22-23); reference to the death of Boris III, Tsar of Bulgaria (SAD.969/5/31-32); news of the armistice between Italy and the Allies (SAD.969/5/36-38); the possibility of future leave to England (SAD.969/5/39-40); living arrangements for when F.S. Rugman departs and Miller becomes Financial Secretary (SAD.969/5/43-44); the management of the economy and the staple food sources of the Sudan during the war (SAD.969/5/43-44); a trip to Omdurman to see a football match (SAD.969/5/53-54). Enclosure:
- SAD.969/5/19-20   1943 July 30  
Letter from Miller to his daughter Helen Miller wishing her a happy birthday
- SAD.969/6/1-58    1922 Feb 16-1948 Nov 30  
Various correspondence received by J.W.E. Miller during his time in the Sudan, including:
- SAD.969/6/1      1922 Feb 16  
Memorandum from El Lewa C.E. Wilson Pasha, Governor of the Red Sea Province, informing Miller that a report on his work and service has been presented to the Governor General
- SAD.969/6/2      1926 Jul 6  
Letter from Lieutenant Colonel F.C.C. Balfour, Deputy Governor of the Red Sea Province, conveying a cheque
- SAD.969/6/3      1927 Jan 3  
Telegram from J.W. Robertson, Assistant District Commissioner of the Geteina District, White Nile Province, congratulating Miller on his wedding
- SAD.969/6/4      1927 Jan 3  
Letter from D.M. Bennett, Director of the Customs Department, conveying a cheque as a wedding gift to Miller

- SAD.969/6/5 1927 Jan 4  
Letter from [H.V. Hawkins, Port Manager, Port Sudan] conveying a cheque as a wedding gift to Miller
- SAD.969/6/6 1937 May 12  
Notification from the Governor-General's office informing Miller that he has been awarded a King George the Sixth coronation medal
- SAD.969/6/7-24 1946 Jun 9-Jul 13  
Letters of congratulations following Miller's appointment as KBE, from various correspondents including: David Hunt, Sudan Defence Force (SAD.969/6/9); Sir H.A. MacMichael (SAD.969/6/10); Dr. E.S. Horgan, Assistant Director of Research at the Stack Medical Research Laboratories (SAD.969/6/12); Muhammed Ali Shawki, Assistant Registrar General (SAD.969/6/13); Abd al-Karim Effendi Muhammed, Advisory Council for the Northern Sudan (SAD.969/6/14); H. Huddleston, Governor General (SAD.969/6/20); R.J. Hillard, Assistant Director Department of Economics and Trade (SAD.969/6/21); J.A. Gillan (SAD.969/6/23); R.C. Mayall, Sudan Agent in London (SAD.969/6/24)
- SAD.969/6/25-58 1948 Jan 13-Nov 30  
Letters and telegrams received by Miller concerning his retirement from the Sudan Government, from various correspondents including: R.C. Mayall, Sudan Agent in London (SAD.969/6/25-27); Harold Wooding (SAD.969/6/28); John Gaitskell (SAD.969/6/29); "Bill" [W.B.G. Swayne, Chief Inspecting Engineer at the London Sudan Agency?] (SAD.969/6/30-33); M.F.A. Keen, on behalf of the Governor General's Council (SAD.969/6/34); Izzeldin Mukhtar (SAD.969/6/35); C.W. Williams, Director of Education and President of the Archaeological and Museums Board (SAD.969/6/36); A. Morris Gelsthorpe, Bishop of Khartoum (SAD.969/6/37-38); A.J. Harper, Clergy in Khartoum (SAD.969/6/39); Sir J.W. Robertson, Civil Secretary (SAD.969/6/42-43,46); G.E.R. Sanders, Governor of Blue Nile Province (SAD.969/6/44-45); G.D. Lampen, Governor of Darfur (SAD.969/6/47); Ray Shohet, Editor of the *Sudan Daily Herald* (SAD.969/6/48); D.M.H. Evans, District Commissioner of the Central District, Kordofan (SAD.969/6/49); A.L. Chick, Financial Secretary following Miller's retirement (SAD.969/6/52-54); F.L. Engleston, School of Agriculture, University of Cambridge (SAD.969/6/56)

## 2. Trek Diaries

- SAD.969/7/1-46    1922 Jan 5-Feb 6  
 Diary of an inspection tour around Eastern parts of the Red Sea Province with comments on particular places and events including: a journey by sea from Port Sudan to Halaib with descriptions of the physical geography and characteristics of various coastal points on the way (SAD.969/7/2-3); the placing and cementing by Miller and others, at Halaib, of the tombstone of Lieutenant W.G. Stuart, Royal Navy (SAD.969/7/2-4); inspection notes on Halaib (SAD.969/7/3-4); journey by sea from Halaib to Mohammed Qol and Miller's arrival there (SAD.969/7/4-8); a camel trek from Mohammad Qol on the North East coast of the province to Musmar at the South, with inspection notes detailing such things as agriculture and livestock, notes on the physical geography of the various places stopped at, and notes on meetings with local leaders, tribute collection and the various dispute cases presented to Miller by the local Sudanese population (SAD.969/7/6-8); a gathering of Sudanese tribes at Khor [Shabatib] (SAD.969/7/21-24); a gathering and festivities at [Malaliwafa] (SAD.969/7/29-32). Also includes sketch maps of the routes taken in each day's trek along with sketch drawings of various points of interest  
 See also Miller's letters to parents SAD.968/6/1-62
- SAD.969/8/1-47    1922 Apr 21-May 22  
 Diary of an inspection tour around Eastern parts of the Red Sea Province with description of the circular trek, by camel, from Port Sudan and back, travelling via various places including Khor Gabideib, Khor Doanit, Salala, Tiloief, and Khor Toskai (which is where the diary ends). Includes inspection notes covering topics such as agriculture and livestock, notes on the physical geography of the various places stopped at, meetings with local leaders, tribute collection and the various dispute cases presented to Miller by the local Sudanese population, and an account of Miller's attempt to capture the culprit of a murder

### 3. Speeches

- SAD.969/9/1-8      1948 Nov  
Speeches and presentations made by Miller and others in connection with his retirement from the Sudan Government:
- SAD.969/9/1-3      1948 Nov  
A humorous poem by Mahmoud El Faki delivered on the occasion of a tea party given in honour of Sir Edington Miller - on his retirement
- SAD.969/9/4-5      1948 Nov  
A speech on behalf of the Finance Department [possibly by A.L. Chick?] given in honour of Miller on his retirement, outlining Miller's career and achievements
- SAD.969/9/6-8      1948 Nov  
A speech by Miller to the Finance Department on his retirement



#### 4. Newspaper Cuttings

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| SAD.969/10/1 | 1927 Jan 26<br>Cutting from <i>The Scotsman</i> giving notice of J.W.E. Miller's wedding to J.K. Reed. Also includes handwritten note of congratulations received from British Officials in White Nile Province |
| SAD.969/10/2 | 1927<br>Handwritten draft of notice to be displayed in a newspaper notifying the postponement of the wedding of J.W.E. Miller and J.K. Reed   |
| SAD.969/10/3 | 1948 Nov 6<br>Article from <i>The Sudan Herald</i> giving a brief biography of Miller and an account of his service in the Sudan Government   |
| SAD.969/10/4 | 1948 Nov 8<br>Cutting from <i>The Times</i> giving notice of Miller's retirement from the Sudan Government  |

## 5. Photographs

(i) Photographs from Red Sea Province

- SAD.960/5/1 [ca. 1920s]  
Miller's house [in Port Sudan] from the tennis court, with *zir* house in front and the mosquito proof room on the roof
- SAD.960/5/2 [ca. 1920s]  
Interior of Miller's dining room [at his house in Port Sudan]
- SAD.960/5/3 [ca. 1920s]  
View of Erkowit with camel and euphorbia bushes, taken from Colonel C.E. Wilson's house
- SAD.960/5/4 [ca. 1920s]  
Lorry belonging to a mining company in [Gebeit]
- SAD.960/5/5-6 [ca. 1920s]  
British living quarters in Gebeit
- SAD.960/5/7 [ca. 1920s]  
Shafthead of the goldmine in Gebeit
- SAD.960/5/8-10 [ca. 1920s]  
Ruins of the ancient tomb at Deraheib
- SAD.960/5/11 [ca. 1920s]  
The *khör* bed at Kamob Sanha
- SAD.960/5/12 [ca. 1920s]  
*Ma`mur's* house in Salala

(ii) Photographs from Kassala Province

- SAD.960/5/13 [ca. 1920s]  
Bridge on the Kassala road
- SAD.960/5/14 [ca. 1920s]  
The River Gash
- SAD.960/5/15 [ca. 1920s]  
A car fording the River Gash

(iii) Photographs from Asmara, Eritrea

- SAD.960/5/16 [ca. 1920s]  
View of Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/17 [ca. 1920s]  
Native quarters in Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/18 [ca. 1920s]  
Fort at Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/19-21 [ca. 1920s]  
Coptic Church at Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/22 [ca. 1920s]  
The Palace in Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/23 [ca. 1920s]  
The garden of the Palace at Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/24 [ca. 1920s]

- Roman Catholic Cathedral in Asmara, Eritrea
- SAD.960/5/25 [ca. 1920s]  
Local market at Asmara, Eritrea
- (iv) Photographs from Abyssinia
- SAD.960/5/26 [ca. 1920s]  
Bridge on the road to Abyssinia
- SAD.960/5/27 [ca. 1920s]  
The motor road at Adi Ugri, Abyssinia
- (v) Photographs of individuals
- SAD.960/5/28 [ca. 1920s]  
J.W.E. Miller
- SAD.960/5/29 [ca. 1920s]  
Miller in front of cotton plants
- SAD.960/5/30 [ca. 1920s]  
J. F. Madden [possibly during his time as Assistant District  
Commissioner of the Red Sea Province?] in front of cotton plants
- SAD.960/5/31 [ca. 1920s]  
Dr N.E. Waterfield [possibly during his time as Senior Medical Inspector  
for Port Sudan?] with his wife
- SAD.960/5/32 [ca. 1950s]  
The arrival of the Governor-General, Sir R. Howe, in [Khartoum]
- (vi) Miscellaneous photographs
- SAD.960/5/33 [ca. 1920s]  
Workers digging the channel from a river to the head of a canal

## 6. Miscellanea

SAD.969/11/1-17 1942 Jul

Inventory of the contents of Miller's house in Khartoum