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Preface

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Introduction

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William Hicks, Pasha
(1830-1883)

1849-1880 Indian Army, including service with the Bombay Army and in the Anglo-Abyssinian war of 1867-1868
1883 Appointed fariq of the Egyptian Army. Killed at Shaykan on his ill-fated march into Kordofan.

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1. Indian Army service
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1. Indian Army service

SAD.600/11/1-12  1860

Diary notes by Hicks including an account of Abdool Russool, a Pathari soldier and of crossing the Ramgunga during the Indian Mutiny
2. Anglo-Abyssinian war

SAD.643/11/1-41 1868 Jan 2-May 28
Xerox copies of letters from Hicks to his wife Sophie and daughter Helen, written in diary form while on service in Abyssinia:

SAD.643/11/1-2 1868 Jan 2
Arrival at Camp Toola; difficulties of water supply

SAD.643/11/3 1868 Jan 3
Arrival of Sir Robert Napier; daily rations

SAD.643/11/4-5 1868 Jan 5
Difficulties in provisioning the troops advancing towards Senafe; removal to Kumayloo

SAD.643/11/6-7 1868 Jan 16
Postal arrangements; deaths of camels and mules; Hicks' scheme for reorganising the transport team

SAD.643/11/7-8 1868 Jan 19
Failure of supplies at Senafe; complaints about the "objectionable" behaviour of H.B.

SAD.643/11/9 1868 Jan 28
Lunch with Sir C. Staveley

SAD.643/11/10-12 1868 Feb 1
The commander-in-chief advances to Magdala; attacks by wild animals; the death of Col. Dunn who received a V.C. for the Light Cavalry charge at Balaclava; pressures on the commander-in-chief to advance; arrival of three observers, two Italian and one Austrian

SAD.643/11/13-14 1868 Feb 18
Hicks' prospects for promotion

SAD.643/11/15-16 1868 Feb 23
The prospect of a move to Addigerat [Adigrat?]; the problems involved in engaging Theodorus at Magdala in order to release his prisoners

SAD.643/11/17-19 1868 Feb 29
Journey from Senafe; encounter with a party of the chief of Tigré's cavalry; camp at Goongona; march to Focado

SAD.643/11/20-21 1868 Mar 8
Hicks put in charge of the treasure chest; brigade orders

SAD.643/11/22-23 1868 Mar 13
The march from Addigerat towards Ashangi

SAD.643/11/24 1868 Mar 18
Arrival at Antalo; another attack of fever; Theodorus retreats into Magdala

SAD.643/11/25 1868 Mar 24
The march past Ashangi Lake towards Magdala

SAD.643/11/26-27 60 miles from Magdala
SAD.643/11/28-29 Three marches from Magdala; encounter with enemy cavalry; enemy tactics

SAD.643/11/30-31 1868 Apr 8
Arrival outside Magdala; plan of attack; problems of medical relief; worsening weather
The taking of Magdala; death of Theodorus

At Mooja, 60 miles from Magdala; Hicks' illness

The march back towards Senafe; attacks from Galla tribesmen; description of the rescued captives; an eclipse of the sun during the storming of Magdala; the Abyssinian diet; the division of battle prize

At Agoola; Hicks' application for a Brigade Majority; the danger of fire on the magazine stores at Magdala

Hicks to return home on medical grounds

Letter from Margaret Gatty to Mrs Horatia Elder mentioning “Captain Hicks from Abyssinia”, with transcription
3. Egyptian Army service (Sudan)

SAD.600/1/4-94  1883 Jan 10-Oct 4
Letters from Hicks to his wife Sophie, written on his journey out to and in the Sudan, describing conditions and his problems, both practical and military.

SAD.866/5/1-46  1883 Feb 25-Jun 30
Register of telegrams sent from Hicks at Berber, Shendi, Khartoum and Aba Island to Baker Pasha, the Minister of War, Cairo, Sir Edward Malet, General Wood (Sirdar), Col. Stewart and others concerning his arrival in Khartoum, encounters between irregular troops under `Abd al-Qadir and rebel forces, the withdrawal of troops from Darfur, requests for officers, artillery and supplies, the movement of his force to Kawa, the suppression of Sennar and the failure to pay the troops

SAD.600/2/1-35  1883 Mar 10-19; Jul 4-Sep 6
Register of telegrams between Hicks in the Sudan and Baker Pasha, the Minister of War, Cairo, Sir Edward Malet, Slatin Bey, Sir E. Wood (Sirdar), H.H. the Khedive and others, chiefly concerning the provision of supplies, the movement of staff and the payment of officers.
Enclosures:
SAD.600/2/7   List of promotions
SAD.600/2/34   List of food and drink with prices

SAD.643/12/1-5  1883 Jun 12-Sep 1
Xerox copies of personal letters from Hicks to his daughter Ada in which he mentions his dissatisfaction at his treatment by the Khedive's government (SAD 643/12/1-2) and the difficulties he will face on his campaign (SAD 643/12/5)

SAD.643/12/6  1883 Dec 14
Xerox copy of letter from Julia Hicks to her grand-daughter Ada concerning the death of Hicks

SAD.643/12/7  [n.d. ca. 1880]
Xerox copy of a poem by Hicks entitled “Impromptu on Sophie”

SAD.695/5/1-31  1883
Album of press cuttings from British newspapers with reports and illustrations of the Hicks expedition to Kordofan

SAD.600/11/13-16  1979 May 18
Memorandum on Hicks Pasha by one of his descendants, Col. C. Mackenzie Smith
4. Printed Material

In Archive
SAD.643/17 1867 Jan 27
Copy of a sermon preached in Ecclesfield Parish Church

Related material (internal)
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Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into library
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