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## Preface

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## Introduction

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### John Hatton Rolt Orlebar

(1907 - 1989)

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| 1926      | Served with the 2nd Royal Norfolk Regiment in Egypt, China and India |
| 1933-1943 | Served with the S.D.F. in Sudan, Eritrea and N. Africa               |
| 1943      | Rejoined his Norfolk Regiment  |
| 1945-1947 | Asst. Military Secretary, 21st Army Group, B.A.O.R.                  |
| 1947-1948 | Commanded 2nd Norfolk Regiment in India                              |
| 1948-1951 | Military Attaché, Bagdad   |
| 1951-1953 | Commdt. 1st Royal Norfolk Regiment in Korea and Hong Kong            |
| 1953-1956 | A.Q.M.G., War Office   |
| 1956-1958 | Commander Small Arms School  |
| 1958      | Retired  |

### Accession details

Presented by Orlebar, 1981-1987

### Arrangement

This collection is somewhat different from others held in the Sudan Archive. Rather than the papers of one individual, it comprises predominantly a series of papers acquired by J.H.R. Orlebar over a number of years from former Sudan Defence Force colleagues. It also includes personal material from J.H.R. Orlebar.

Orlebar was concerned that the history of the Sudan Defence Force (S.D.F.) should be recorded and while he was editor of the S.D.F. Dinner Club newsletter, he appealed through the newsletter for former colleagues to send him whatever material they had. From the documents, maps, photos, etc. submitted, two volumes of collected information about the S.D.F. were published in 1981 and 1986 (for details see Section 9 of this list). All the records sent to Orlebar by his former colleagues were donated to the Sudan Archive in 1987 along with Orlebar's own material, and are described in this list.

A slightly different format from other Sudan Archive lists has been adopted for this collection. Section 1, Papers concerning the Sudan Defence Force, consists mainly of originals or copies of official S.D.F. papers, reports, memoranda, etc., interspersed with related accounts and articles written in later years by retired S.D.F. officers. Other sections follow the usual pattern for Sudan Archive collections. Orlebar's own material is integrated with what he collected from others in sections 1 and 3-9.

1. Papers concerning the Sudan Defence Force
2. Personal papers of J. Orlebar
3. Memoirs
4. Historical Material
5. Miscellanea
6. Photographic Material

7. Maps
8. Newspaper Cuttings
9. Printed Material

#### Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

## 1. Papers concerning the Sudan Defence Force

(a) H.Q., S.D.F.

- SAD.739/11/1-19 1938  
Minutes of the Kaid's 4th conference with S.D.F. corps and unit commanders, held at head-quarters. 26 to 30 Nov 1938
- SAD.739/11/20-23 1939 Jun  
Monthly distribution list of British officers employed with the S.D.F. showing their stations during the month ending 30 Jun 1939
- SAD.739/11/24 1939 Aug 26  
Seniority roll of British warrant and non-commissioned officers seconded to the S.D.F.
- SAD.739/11/25 [1939-40]  
British officers special appointment list
- SAD.739/11/26 [1939-40]  
Distribution list of British officers employed in anti-aircraft units, Sudan Auxiliary Defence Force
- SAD.739/11/27-29 [1939-40]  
Distribution list of British officers employed in Province defence units, S.A.D.F.
- SAD.739/11/30-34 1940 Jul  
Distribution list of British officers employed with the S.D.F.
- SAD.739/11/35-40 1940 Jul 11  
Distribution list of native officers and cadets, S.D.F. units in the field
- SAD.739/11/41-42 1940 Jul 24  
Memorandum on the location of units
- SAD.739/11/43-50 1954 Jun 30  
Ministry of Defence instructions for the British handover and departure of all British officers

(b) Kufra Oasis

- SAD.739/12/1-4 Note by G. Palmer on Kufra Oasis, its occupation by the Free French and later the S.D.F. and the journey across the desert from Wadi Halfa  
Extract from v.2 of *Tales of the Sudan Defence Force* on the occupation of Kufra Oasis
- SAD.739/12/14-17 Notes by Edward Bardell on life in Kufra Oasis while occupied by the British Army/S.D.F. in 1942  
1984 Sep 11  
Notes by R.H. Guest, ex-Sudan Artillery Regiment on life at Kufra Oasis, 1941-42
- SAD.739/12/20-26 Copy article by E.H.G. Lonsdale on "Kufra convoy", from *The Royal Army Service Corps Review*  
1942 May 15 - 28  
Typescript copy of an extract from Count Almassy's diary recording his travels in the desert northeast of Kufra to deliver two agents to Assiut, with covering letter from E.H.G. Lonsdale to Orlebar dated 24 January 1987, explaining the origins of the diary

- SAD.739/12/47-51 Extract from v.2 of *Tales of the Sudan Defence Force* on the exploits of Count Almassy, an Austrian who carried out reconnaissances in the Siwa and Jaghbub areas. Much of the information in this extract comes from Count Almassy's diary (see above SAD.739/12/27-46)  
1983 Jan 5  
Account by Walter Brown of a patrol of No.5 M.M.G. Company, Eastern Arab Corps to search for Almassy
- (c) Darfur
- SAD.739/13/1-6 1926 Dec 5  
Report by A.J. Arkell, Assistant Resident Dar Masalit, on Mahdism in the western Sudan
- SAD.739/13/7-48 [c. 1927-30]  
Report on the rising at Nyala in 1921 led by `Abd Allah al-Sihaini, during which the Inspector at Nyala, Tennent McNeill was killed. The report is based on official papers including McNeill's letters and despatches to El Fasher, copies of which are provided. It traces the background to the rising and gives a detailed account of the battle. Author unknown and report incomplete
- SAD.739/13/49-50 Account by Gen. Scoones of a patrol to the oasis of Bir Natrun in 1931 to counter Goraan raids into the Sudan  
[n.d.]  
Note on the Darfur wadis. Author unknown
- SAD.740/1/1-54 Statement of policy of the Company Commander of 6 M.I. Company, Western Arab Corps, stationed at Nyala  
1940 Oct 19  
Report by Bimb. A.C.M. Urwick on movements and duties carried out by No. 6 M.I. Company, Western Arab Corps from leaving Nyala on 8 Sep 1939 until 19 Oct 1940, including a description of the action at Kassala on 4 Jul 1940 (Ms. and ts. copies)
- SAD.740/2/19-28 1940  
Copies of despatches concerning the handover of command of No. 6 M.I. Company, Western Arab Corps from Bimb. A.C.M. Urwick to Bimb. J.D. Goring-Johnston:
- SAD.740/2/19-21 1940 Oct 16  
Goring-Johnston to C.O. Western Arab Corps, El Fasher re the difficulties preventing him taking over command and the urgent need for leave for the men of the Company
- SAD.740/2/22 1940 Oct 19  
Urwick to O.C. Troops, Gedaref recommending promotion for a native officer
- SAD.740/2/23-25 1940 Oct 23  
Urwick to Goring-Johnston re criticisms of his command of the Company
- SAD.740/2/26-28 1940 Oct 23  
Goring-Johnston to Gifford, O.C. Troops, Gedaref re the urgent need to grant leave to troops of No. 6 M.I. Company



- SAD.740/3/1-80 1940-1949  
 Official papers of No. 6 M.I. Company, Western Arab Company,  
 consisting of confidential circulars and memoranda, including:
- SAD.740/3/2-5 1940 Apr 17  
 A few notes for the guidance of *sarrafs* on counterfeit and illegally  
 dealt with coinage in the Sudan
- SAD.740/3/6-7 1940 Dec 7  
 Notes for the guidance of officers on courts martial
- SAD.740/3/8 1941 Feb 18  
 Memorandum on looting after the battle at Barentu
- SAD.740/3/9-11 1941 Dec 13  
 Note on relations between British and Sudanese ranks of the  
 S.D.F.
- SAD.740/3/12-13 1942 Feb 21  
 Instructions for the reorganisation of the S.D.F. under Operation  
 Instruction No. 31 and Reorganisation S.D.F. 1942 Instruction  
 No. 1
- SAD.740/3/15 1942 Jul 21  
 Memorandum concerning the failure of S.D.F. officers to comply  
 with orders of the Military Police
- SAD.740/3/16-18 1942 Jul 25  
 Memorandum on the relationship between British officers and  
 native officers
- SAD.740/3/19-21 1943 Feb 17  
 Memorandum on discipline and morale in the S.D.F.
- SAD.740/3/22 1943 Apr 1  
 Note by P. Ingleson, Governor Darfur for the Resident Geneina  
 and O.C. No. 1 Company Geneina on the use of troops in lieu  
 of police, duties of O.C. No. 1 Coy when acting for the Resident,  
 relations with the Sultan, etc.
- SAD.740/3/35-36 1944 Jul 10  
 Note on administrative inspections
- SAD.740/3/37 1944 Jul 22  
 Circular letter on the role of the S.D.F.
- SAD.740/3/42-43 1945 Feb 24  
 Circular letter on discipline
- SAD.740/3/44-49 1945 Apr 9-11  
 Note of points raised and decisions reached at the Area  
 Commands Conference in Khartoum
- SAD.740/3/51-63 1945 Nov - 1946 Jul  
 No. 6 M.I. Company morale reports
- SAD.740/3/64 1946 Sep 16  
 Memorandum from Commander Western Arab Corps to the  
 Governor Darfur concerning rations
- SAD.740/3/65-71 1946 Oct 20  
 Kaid's tour notes for Kordofan and Darfur, 5-15 Oct 1946
- SAD.740/3/72 1947 Feb 3  
 Company morale report

SAD.740/3/73-78 1947 Feb 26  
Kaid's tour notes for Kordofan and Darfur, 13 Jan - 3 Feb 1947  
SAD.740/3/79-80 1949 Feb 22  
Finance Department circular on the loss of Egyptian Government  
pay orders

- SAD.740/2/29-42 1946  
 Handing-over notes on No. 6 M.I. Company, Western Arab Corps, from Bimb. Luxmore to Bimb. Gutch, covering Company accounts, trekking, rank and file, supplies of grass for horses. Company administration and buildings
- (d) Kordofan  
 SAD.740/4/1-6 Account by G. Bredin of the Tuleshi Patrol in 1926 with postscript and covering letter from Dr. A. Cruikshank who accompanied the patrol as M.O.  
 1943-1946  
 "Nuba news sheet" no.2 and "Nuba notes" nos. 24, 25 and 32, compiled by G. Campbell while commander 2/7 (Nuba) Battalion, S.D.F.
- SAD.740/4/19-21 Short account by Pat Lindsay of the formation of D company, 7th Nuba Battalion with diary of events for Sep and Oct 1943  
 1937  
 Papers concerning the rescue of the civilian crew of a German aircraft which crash landed near Malakal, including account of the rescue by [J. Winder] who accompanied Orlebar and official telegrams between Juba, Torit and Malakal (photocopies)
- (f) Kassala and Abyssinia  
 SAD.740/5/1-9 1939 Oct 31  
 Note on the first two months of the war and in particular civilian preparations in Kassala, by B. Kennedy-Cooke, Governor Kassala
- SAD.740/5/10-35 1940  
 Andrew Blaikie's diary covering the days shortly before the fall of Kassala, 10 Jun - 4 Jul 1940 (xerox copy)
- SAD.740/5/36-41 1940 Aug 1  
 Extract from a letter from Paul Daniell, No. 6 M.I. Company, W.A.C., to Philip Ingleson, Governor Darfur, describing the action at Kassala, 4 Jul 1940
- SAD.740/5/42-44 1940 Aug 29  
 Letter from A.C.M. Urwick, No. 6 M.I. Company, to W. Rankin, O.C. Western Arab Corps describing the Battle of Kassala on 4 Jul 1940  
 1940 Dec 14  
 Report by M.T. Muhammad Nasr of the part played by No. 6 M.I. Company, W.A.C. in the Battle of Kassala, 4 Jul 1940, with sketch showing the positions of troops
- SAD.740/6/1-9 Article on "Meadowforce" by C.A.E. Lea who in 1940 was chosen to raise this irregular force for scouting and minor guerilla warfare in the hills south of Tokar  
 Extracts from Jack de Manio's *Life begins too early* (pub. by Hutchinson and Co. 1970) concerning his involvement in the Imperial Red Sea Column, with comments by C.A.E. Lea
- SAD.740/6/15-18 1941

- Report by Bimb. G.T.H. Campbell of action by No. 5 Patrol Company (Nuba) at Shoghali, Jan 1941
- SAD.740/6/19-60 1941 Jan 1 - 1942 Mar 15  
War diary of No. 4 Bukr Company, Eastern Arab Corps, with covering letter from P. Cousins to Orlebar.
- SAD.740/7/1-7 Notes by Bimb. R. Jepson on No. 4 Bukr Company, E.A.C., used by Bimb. Cousins in compiling the official Company diary  
1941 Jan 30  
Summary of information obtained by J.A.A. Blaikie from two Italian O.R.'s and one Abyssinian N.C.O. who deserted 29 Jan 1941. The information which was obtained two days before the fall of Barentu concerned the disposition of Italian troops
- SAD.740/7/11-15 1941 Feb 8  
Report by J.A.A. Blaikie of the looting of Barentu between 1 and 3 Feb 1941
- SAD.740/7/16-17 Account by J.A.A. Blaikie of the capture of Barentu from the Italians, 2 Feb 1941  
Paper by Peter Upcher on "The advance from Kassala to Keren with Gazelle Force"
- SAD.740/7/30-32 Paper by Peter Upcher on the battle for Keren, Mar 1941  
Account by Peter Upcher of the advance from Keren to Amba Alagi via Asmara in Mar 1941
- SAD.740/7/38-43 1941 Jul 5 - 1942 Mar 18  
Personal letters from Capt. Aldo Tait and G. Verin, Italian prisoners of war, to J.A.A. Blaikie
- SAD.740/7/44-47 1943 Dec  
Copy of R. Jepson's article, "War comes to the Kassala Railway", from *The Railway bulletin Sudan Railways* No. 62
- SAD.740/8/1-31 1943  
A narrative of the war record of No. 2 M.M.G. Group, later No. 2 Motor Battalion during the period Sep 1939 to May 1943, by H. Deane, O.C. No. 2 M.M.G. Group
- SAD.740/8/32-34 1974 Aug 19 - Sep 8  
Copies of letters exchanged between Amadeo Guillet, Italian Ambassador to India, and Sir William Platt concerning their involvement in the Abyssinian campaign
- SAD.740/8/35-38 1974 Oct 17 - Nov 4  
Letters from Lt. Col. H.G.N. Leakey re the despatch of the 5th Indian Division to the aid of the S.D.F. in Kassala in 1940
- SAD.740/8/39-46 1977 May  
Copy article from *The Military Historical Society journal* on "Gazelle force and il gruppo bande amhara a cavallo"
- SAD.740/8/47-49 1979, 1983  
Two articles on Orde Wingate:  
1979 Nov "Wingate: a diagnostic problem" by Brig. Shelford Bidwell,

- from *History of Medicine* v.223  
 1983 Jul 9 "G.A.H. Buttle", from the *British Medical Journal*
- SAD.740/8/50-53 "As different as chalk from cheese", a paper by Peter Upcher on the role of the Motor Machine Gun Companies of the S.D.F. in the Eritrean/Abyssinian campaign and in Kassala  
 Note by P. Upcher on changes in the organisation and training of the Camel Corps, 1936-1939
- SAD.740/9/1-3 1981 Jan 23  
 Note by John Holcombe, ex-Frontier Battalion on the lack of foresight and planning in equipping the 101 Mission which was responsible for taking Haile Selassie back to Abyssinia
- SAD.740/9/4-5 1981 Nov 27  
 Note by [H.M. Woodman?] on the 101 Mission which returned Haile Selassie to Abyssinia
- SAD.740/9/6-7 1981 Aug 27  
 Anecdote by K.D.D. Henderson from the Italian evacuation of Kassala
- SAD.740/9/8-9 1984 Mar 6  
 Short account by Dr. W.G.R.M. Laurie of the first action of the war in Ethiopia and the occupation of Gallabat fort
- SAD.740/9/10 1985 May 19  
 Letter from Andrew Blaikie to Orlebar concerning his acquaintance with the Duke of Aosta (former Governor-General of Italian East Africa), during the Second World War
- (g) General histories, S.D.F.  
 SAD.740/9/11-36 1982  
 Paper by Orlebar on "The story of the Sudan Defence Force 1925 - 1955", presented to the Durham Sudan Historical Records Conference
- SAD.740/9/37-48 [n.d.]  
 Accounts by Peter Upcher of the history of the S.D.F. during the early months of the war (SAD.740/9/37-39), the recruitment of S.D.F. personnel (SAD.740/9/40-44) and conditions of service, accommodation, dress, leave and pay in peacetime of British officers in the S.D.F. (SAD.740/9/45-48)
- SAD.740/9/49-72 A note on the Sudan Artillery Regiment, S.D.F., 1939 to 1944, by L.E. Humphreys. Includes a map of E. Africa and pencil sketches  
 1981  
 A note on C troop, Sudan Artillery Regiment, 1940 to 1941, by L.E. Humphreys. Includes maps and pencil sketches
- SAD.740/10/23-45 1981  
 A note on the 11th Battalion Eastern Arab Corps, formerly the Guard Group, S.D.F., from 1942 to 1943, by L.E. Humphreys. Includes map of Eritrea and Abyssinia and pencil sketches
- SAD.740/10/46-81 1984  
 "Tales of the S.D.F." - some notes by L.E. Humphreys, covering the years from the 1924 mutiny until the 1940's

## 2. Personal Papers of J.H.R. Orlebar

- SAD.741/1/1-33 1962-1977  
Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club annual notices, lists of guests and members attending and seating plans
- SAD.741/1/34-56 1967-1975  
Correspondence concerning the Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club annual dinners, including letters of thanks, telegrams from absent members and letters re guest speaker for the 50th anniversary dinner in 1975
- SAD.741/2/1-10 1983  
Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club report and newsletter 1982-83 compiled by Orlebar and including an account of the 1982 Sudan Historical Records Conference at Durham University and a description of various memoirs and records of the S.D.F. sent to Orlebar after the Conference
- SAD.741/2/11-41 1981-1982  
Papers concerning the 1982 Durham Sudan Historical Records Conference including letters from the organisers, D. Lavin and L. Forbes, lists of participants and correspondence re Orlebar's paper on the S.D.F.
- SAD.741/2/42-58 1985 Oct 1 - 3  
Papers concerning the war in Ethiopia Conference organised by the British Universities Film and Video Council, including programme, list of participants and reading list

### 3. Memoirs

- SAD.741/3/1-15 1975  
Memoirs of the 1924 Egyptian Army mutiny
- SAD.741/3/1-4 Account of events at the time of the mutiny by ex-Miralai D.S. Adair Bey, with covering letter from P. Cousens
- SAD.741/3/5-9 Precis of Sir Duncan Cummings address at the 50th Anniversary S.D.F. dinner
- SAD.741/3/10-11 Account of the part played by the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in quelling the mutiny, extracted from *The Green Tiger*, the regimental magazine of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment
- SAD.741/3/12-15 Letters from L.E. Humphreys describing events at Wad Medani and the aftermath at Khartoum
- SAD.741/3/16-34 [n.d.]  
Memoirs of Dr. T.W. Davidson's life as a Senior medical officer, S.D.F., 1925-31. Includes an account of his life in Darfur and the Bahr el Ghazal and descriptions of types of medical cases encountered, recreation and sport, methods of transport and hospitals
- SAD.741/3/35 [n.d.]  
"Random memories of the Sudan" by Gen. L. Thomas (S.D.F. 1927-29) included in *Tales of the Sudan Defence Force v. 2*
- SAD.741/3/36-45 [n.d.]  
Brief note by Willie Newall of incidents from his career in the S.D.F., 1930's and Second World War, with covering letter
- SAD.741/3/46 Account by G. Palmer of the embezzlement of soldiers' savings in the No. 3 Squadron Sudan Horse at Shendi, Dec 1939  
"Kujurs and other characters", an account by Duncan Campbell of his experiences in the 6th Nuba Company, Camel Corps including descriptions of the powers of the Kujur
- SAD.741/3/53-64 Note on the "Birth of a battalion" by Godfrey Harding, concerning his role in the formation of a second S.D.F. brigade. Harding served with the 12th Battalion  
Memoirs of Pat Cousens' service with the S.D.F. in the Eastern Sudan during the Second World War, commanding No. 5 M.M.G. Company, Eastern Arab Corps and No. 4 Bukr Company and post-war service with the Camel Corps, 1949-53
- SAD.741/4/19-52 1976-1984  
Series of short stories and anecdotes by L.E. Humphreys from the S.D.F. offered for *Tales of the Sudan Defence Force*
- SAD.741/5/1-57 1977-1986  
Assorted letters and notes from L.E. Humphreys to Orlebar and D. Johnson, recalling experiences and colleagues from the S.D.F. and from his civilian service in the Sudan

- SAD.741/6/1-4 1981  
Correspondence from Maj. D.V. Henderson to Orlebar concerning the George Medal awarded to Onbashi Husain Abakar Fadl Allah in 1945
- SAD.741/6/5-25 1981 Jul  
Memoir by L.E. Humphreys of his life as Inspector of Agriculture, Mongalla from 1925-29, Berber Province 1929-32, Kassala 1932-39, Wad Medani 1939-40 and with the S.D.F. during the Second World War
- SAD.741/6/26-39 [c. 1982]  
[c Stories by John Upcher of life in the Camel Corps in wartime and peace and with the Gazelle Force in Kassala, with covering letter to Orlebar
- SAD.741/6/40 1980 Jun 12  
Letter from Amin al-Sawi, Sudanese Ambassador to Britain, to Mr. Cummins thanking him for sending a poem on the role of the S.D.F. in the Second World War
- SAD.741/6/41 1981 Mar 8  
Letter from Errol Lonsdale to Jimmy Good containing some recollection of his life in the S.D.F.
- SAD.741/6/42-54 1981 Apr 28 - 1982 Apr 30  
Letters from G. Campbell to Orlebar containing news of former S.D.F. colleagues, progress on various articles and books and reminiscences
- SAD.741/7/1-7 [c. 1981]  
Brief anecdotes of life in the S.D.F. by G. Campbell and K.D.D. Henderson
- SAD.741/7/8-51 1981-1982  
Notes on the history of the S.D.F. by Guy Campbell and on his career in the S.D.F. during the Second World War, compiled for the 1982 Durham Sudan Historical Records Conference
- SAD.741/7/52-59 1982  
"Some reminiscences and personal views concerning the sudanisation of the Equatorial Corps, Sudan Defence Force in 1954" - a paper written by Lt. Col. W.B.E. Brown after the 1982 Durham Sudan Historical Records Conference, with covering letters
- SAD.741/8/1-4 1982  
Letters from Mrs. Florence Judge, widow of Capt. J. Judge, R.A.V.C., to Orlebar, describing her life in the Sudan where her husband served with the S.D.F.
- SAD.741/8/5 1982 Apr 9  
Letter from Edward Aglen to Orlebar concerning the defence of Kurmuk under Mervyn Bell



- SAD.741/8/6-19 1983 Apr 12  
Amusing anecdotes by John Simpson (former S.D.F.) included in  
*Tales of the Sudan Defence Force v. 2*
- SAD.741/8/20-23 1984 Mar 7 - 9  
Letters to Orlebar from Sir Conan Aske, Brig. J.M. Cubiss and Walter  
Brown concerning Bimbashi Banger King (Equatorial Corps) who was  
killed in 1945
- SAD.741/8/24-25 1984 Nov 12  
Letter from John Bromhead re operations with the Ethiopian Army  
against the 'Shifita'
- SAD.741/8/26-30 1977  
An account by David Beales (Sudan Ministry of Education) of a journey  
to Jabal Marra, travelling by train from Babanusa to Nyala and on foot  
from Nierteti to Jabal Marra

#### 4. Historical Material

- SAD.741/8/31-38 1882-1884  
Ts. copies of letters from Charles Davidson, 74th Highlanders and Egyptian Army written from the Sudan and Egypt
- SAD.741/8/31-33 1882 Sep 19  
From the Citadel, Cairo, to his grandmother describing the march to and action at Tel el Kebir and his arrival soon afterwards in Cairo
- SAD.741/8/34 1883 Jan 6  
From Cairo, to his aunt describing the terms under which he has joined the Egyptian Army
- SAD.741/8/35-36 1884 Mar 11  
From Suakin to his aunt describing the action at El Teb, criticising Gladstone's interference in battle arrangements and questioning Britain's role in the Sudan
- SAD.741/8/37-38 1884 Dec 10  
From Wadi Halfa to his aunt re his work during the relief expedition, moving animals to the front
- SAD.741/8/39-45 [c. 1982]  
Notes by Orlebar on the above letters, extracts of which appeared in the S.D.F. Dinner Club newsletter and covering letters from L.M. Buchanan and B. Brown
- SAD.741/8/46-47 1898 Nov 19  
Menu, band programme and list of guests present at a dinner to celebrate the 41st birthday of Lt. Col. F.J. Pink at Omdurman

## 5. Miscellanea

- SAD.741/8/48-49 Copies of pencil sketches by L.E. Humphreys of the Temple of Abu Simbel and Jabal Kassala  
1984  
Brief synopsis of the history of the Mahdist family from 1884 until independence by A.D. Dodds-Parker, with note of pro-British feeling in present-day Sudan and the role of Australian troops during the Nile campaign

## 6. Photographic Material

- SAD.729/28/1-24 Photographs of T.W. Davidson, Medical Officer with the Western Arab Corps, Darfur:
- SAD.729/28/2 Officers of the Western Arab Corps  
Officers of the Western Arab Corps in El Fasher, including Moseley and Scoones
  - SAD.729/28/3 Officers of the Western Arab Corps including Davidson, veterinary officers, Scoones and Moseley
  - SAD.729/28/4 Davidson standing in front of native canoe
  - SAD.729/28/5 Syrian Medical Officer who accompanied Davidson on a punitive patrol near Malakal
  - SAD.729/28/6 Davidson's truck stuck in mud on trek, being pulled out by natives
  - SAD.729/28/7 Women from the Nuba Mountains
  - SAD.729/28/8 *'Umdah* of an Arab tribe
  - SAD.729/28/9 On trek in the Bahr el Ghazal loading up
  - SAD.729/28/10 Davidson on polo pony in Darfur
  - SAD.729/28/11 Godfrey Maurice's niece on bull at a horse show
  - SAD.729/28/12 Chiefs' gathering with the Governor at a horse show in southern Darfur
  - SAD.729/28/13-15 Camels at horse show
  - SAD.729/28/16 Prize bull at show in Darfur
  - SAD.729/28/17 One of Davidson's polo ponies, Darfur
  - SAD.729/28/18 *Suq*
  - SAD.729/28/19 The Nile at Khartoum in front of the private residences
  - SAD.729/28/20 Nile steamer
  - SAD.729/28/21 R.A.F. plane, 1926, used to transport patients from outstations
  - SAD.729/28/22 Two amputees wearing artificial legs made by the P.W.D.
  - SAD.729/28/23 Treating a seriously ill child
  - SAD.729/28/24 Case of elephantiasis successfully operated on by Davidson at a horse show
- SAD.742/1/1-2 1934  
King's Day parade, Khartoum
- SAD.742/1/3 1934 Apr  
Latuka recruits
- SAD.742/1/4-10 [c.1936-1940]  
Group photographs of British and native officers of the S.D.F. (contact prints). Identification of some officers provided by Orlebar in 1938:
- SAD.742/1/5 [1938]  
S.D.F. H.Q. staff with corps and unit commanders, possibly at a Corps Commanders Conference. Back row-unidentified; Middle row, left to right: ?; Lt. Col. Johnny Walker, O.C. Engineer Troops; Brig. P.D. Fabin, W.A.C. and Intelligence H.Q., S.D.F.; Lt. Col. A.B. Brown, Camel Corps; ? ; Col. H.A.R. Tilney, Sudan Horse; Brig. A.D.G. Orr, W.A.C., Northern Training Depot and E.A.C.; Maj. E.H.T. Boilean, Camel Corps and H.Q. S.D.F.; ? ; J.H.R. Orlebar, Equatorial Corps, Northern Training Depot, A.A.G. H.Q. S.D.F. and Frontier Battalion; Col. Salter, Sudan Signals; Brig.

- A.J. Knott, Engineer Troops and A.A.G. H.Q., S.D.F.; Maj. J.B. Reade, Camel Corps and D.A.A.G. H.Q. S.D.F.; ? . Front row, left to right - Brig. F.O. Cave, Equatorial Corps; ? , E.A.C.; Col. G. Renouf, Sudan Horse, Brig. R.G.W.H. Stone, Second-in-Command S.D.F.; Maj. Gen. H. Franklyn, Kaid; ? , an Egyptian officer commanding the Egyptian troops in the Sudan; Air Vice-Marshal S.D. Macdonald, Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. in the Sudan; Brig. Penruddock, H.Q. S.D.F.; Col. F.O. Henfrey, commanding Sudan Service corps [1939-1940?]
- SAD.742/1/7 Officers attending training course at the Northern Training Depot, Omdurman for British personnel from the Political Service and the Cotton Syndicate
- SAD.742/1/8 Similar to SAD.742/1/5 above, with officers wearing hats  
SAD.742/1/9 [1939?]
- SAD.742/1/10 Native officers' course, Orlebar and Lt. Col. W.T.P. Tilly seated centre [1937-1938?]
- SAD.742/1/11-17 1938 Native officers' course, Orlebar and Brig. A.M. Finlaison seated centre
- SAD.742/1/11-17 1938 Peter Upcher being carried across the wadi at Nyala during the rains to attend a court martial in Cockburn's house
- SAD.742/1/18-19 1938 John Ready and Gerald Palmer on horseback
- SAD.742/1/20 1938 Helping Gerald Palmer and his car across the wadi at Nyala
- SAD.742/1/21 1941 David Fyffe at Wau
- SAD.742/1/22 1942 Bimb. C.K. King at Juba
- SAD.742/1/23 1945 Bimb. `Abd al-Razzaq at Keren
- SAD.724/5/1-2 [n.d.] A Nuba gathering at Ghulfan
- SAD.742/2/1-8 1940-1941 Photographs of Kassala in Italian occupation, 3 Jul 1940 to 17 Jan 1941:
- SAD.742/2/1 Georgio Filippini who took over the administration of Kassala after the Italian occupation
- SAD.742/2/2-3 View of Jabal Kassala
- SAD.742/2/4 Jabal Kassala from Sayyid Muhammad `Uthman's house
- SAD.742/2/5 The Governor's house as Commando Piazza
- SAD.742/2/6-8 Repairing and rebuilding the Khatmia mosque (3)

- SAD.742/2/9-12 1941  
 Photographs of Kassala in wartime, taken by B. Kennedy-Cooke, Governor Kassala:
- SAD.742/2/9 The railway bridge over the R. Atbara at Khashm el Girba with detonating charges in position
- SAD.742/2/10 A 9th Indian Infantry Brigade M.G. position
- SAD.742/2/11 Nobby Clarke
- SAD.742/2/12 Headquarters staff, 9th Indian Infantry Brigade at Khashm el Girba, Oct 1941, including B. Kennedy-Cooke, Brig. Mayne, Woods and Tibbles
- SAD.742/2/13-32 1941  
 Photographs of the Italian forces in Abyssinia, sent by the Duke of Aosta to J.A.A. Blaikie:
- SAD.742/2/13 Duke of Aosta
- SAD.742/2/14 Duke of Aosta with his officers, including Daniele, Honorati, Aldo Tait and Verin
- SAD.742/2/15-28 The last stand of the Italian Army at its defensive positions at Amba Alagi, Apr to to May 1941
- SAD.742/2/29-32 The Duke of Aosta leading the march past of the Italian troops
- SAD.724/6-724/11 The following photographs are all of the S.D.F. during the Second World War, mostly in Kassala, Abyssinia and Tripoli. All are approximately 36 x 28 cms
- Credon with the Frontier Battalion
- SAD.724/6/2 The Frontier Battalion setting off on camel
- SAD.724/6/3 Frontier Battalion at the surrender of Italian troops at Debra Markos in Abyssinia
- SAD.724/6/4 Frontier Battalion at Gojjam
- SAD.724/7/1 Frontier Battalion
- SAD.724/7/2-3 Hugh Boustead with the Frontier Battalion
- SAD.724/7/4 Leahay in camp
- SAD.724/8/1 Parker and Guyatt in camp
- SAD.724/8/2 Parker and Campbell with No. 5 Patrol Company at Shoghali on the Blue Nile in Abyssinia
- SAD.724/8/3 Guyatt and Campbell in camp at Shoghali, 1941
- SAD.724/9/1 7 Nuba Battalion en route to Egypt, 1942
- SAD.724/9/2 7 Nuba Battalion in Tripolitania, 1942
- SAD.724/9/3 7 Nuba Battalion parade in Tripoli, 1945. Ferguson commanding No. 5 Company
- SAD.724/9/4 Men of the 7 Nuba Battalion
- SAD.724/10/1 Group photograph - men of the 7 Nuba Battalion
- SAD.724/10/2 Soldier of the 7 Nuba Battalion on motorbike
- SAD.724/10/3 7 Nuba Battalion in camp at Bani Yusif(?)
- SAD.724/10/4 Servicing army vehicles
- SAD.724/11/1-3 Unidentified troops on the move - possibly Abyssinia
- SAD.724/11/4 Unidentified officers
- SAD.724/11/5 Troops setting off on foot, possibly Kassala
- SAD.724/11/6 Army vehicles

## 7. Maps

- SAD.741/9/1 [n.d.]  
Copy map of Eritrea and Northern Abyssinia
- SAD.741/9/2 [n.d.]  
Copy map of N.E. Africa

## 8. Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.741/9/3-10 1942 Apr 21-23, 28  
Copies of *The Sudan Daily Herald* containing a series of articles on  
"Incidents in the war in the Fung 1940-1941" from a talk by J.W.  
Robertson at the Cultural Centre
- SAD.741/9/11-13 1977  
Cutting from *The Times* concerning General Lunt's request for  
reminiscences from former colonial soldiers for inclusion in a book,  
with related correspondence
- SAD.741/9/14-21 1979-1981  
Obituaries:
- SAD.741/9/14 1979 Nov 16  
Maj. Gen. James (Johnny) Gifford, from the *Western Gazette*
- SAD.741/9/15-18 1979 Nov 23  
Air Vice Marshall Somerled Douglas MacDonald, from *The  
Telegraph* with covering letter from Bobby Popham to Orlebar  
describing his memorial service
- SAD.741/9/19 1979 Dec 10  
Sir Duncan Cumming, from *The Telegraph*
- SAD.741/9/20 1980 Apr 5  
Col. Sir Hugh Boustead, from *The Daily Telegraph*
- SAD.741/9/21 1981 Apr 28  
Sir Angus Gillan, from *The Times*



## 9. Printed Material

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