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## **Catalogue of the papers of J.G. Fair**

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## Preface

Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Fair, James George

*Reference code:* GB-0033-SAD

*Dates of creation:* 1898

*Extent:* 1 box

*Repository:* Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections: Sudan Archive

*Creator:* Fair, James George

*Language of material:* English

### James George Fair

(1864 - 1946)

1885	21st Hussars
1898	Staff Officer to General Gatacre during the Atbara campaign
1898	With 21st Lancers at the Battle of Omdurman
1901-1902	South African war
1901-1904	Commanded Division S.A.C.E. Transvaal
1904-1908	Division S.A.C. Orange River Colony
1906	Inter-Colonial Council of Transvaal and Orange River Colony
1908-1911	Resident Commissioner and Commandant-General, S. Rhodesia
1911-1915	Deputy Assistant Director of Remounts
1915-1916	Deputy Director Remounts, Egypt
1916-1929	Deputy Assistant Director Remounts, Southern Command

### Arrangement

1. Museum Objects

### Accession details

Presented by Col. D. Whitelaw, 1958

### Form of citation

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

Printed references should 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. Museum Objects

- SAD.3/1 [1881 x 1898]  
 Mahdist flag or banner with appliqué Arabic inscription from the army of the *amir* Mahmud wad Ahmad, taken at the Battle of the Atbara, 8 Apr 1898 by Captain (later Lt. Col.) J.G. Fair, C.M.G., D.S.O., 21st Lancers. Blue and [faded red] appliqué on multi-coloured field with the following inscription:  
 “Ya Allah ya rahman ya rahim  
 Ya hayy ya qiyyum ya dhi'l-jalal wa'l-akram  
 La ilah illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah  
 Muhammad al-Mahdi khalifa rasul Allah”  
 English translation: “O God, O Merciful One, O Compassionate One  
 O Living One,  
 O Subsisting One, O Lord of Majesty and Honour  
 There is no god but God. Muhammad is his messenger  
 Muhammad al-Mahdi is the Successor to the messenger of God”
- SAD.3/2 [1881 x 1898]  
 Mahdist flag or banner with appliqué Arabic inscription from the army of the *amir* Mahmud wad Ahmad, taken at the Battle of the Atbara, 8 April 1898 by Captain (later Lt. Col.) J.G. Fair, C.M.G., D.S.O., 21st Lancers. Blue appliqué on white field with the following inscription:  
 “Ya Allah ya rahman ya rahim  
 Ya hayy ya qiyyum ya dhi'l-jalal wa'l-akram  
 La ilah illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah  
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