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## **Catalogue of the papers of W.A.H. Forbes**

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## Preface

Creation of catalogue

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Forbes, Walter Arthur Hastings

*Reference code:* GB-0033-SAD

*Dates of creation:* 1938-1979

*Extent:* 2 files

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

*Creator:* Forbes, Walter Arthur Hastings

*Language of material:* English

### Walter Arthur Hastings Forbes

(1905 - 1987)

1932-1936	Bimbashi, Equatorial Corps, Sudan Defence Force
1936-1938	Bimbashi, Western Arab Corps, Sudan Defence Force
1938	A.D.C., Malakal, Upper Nile Province
1939-1941	A.D.C., Bor, Upper Nile Province
1941-1945	Kaimakam and Miralai, Western Arab Corps, Sudan Defence Force
1945-1947?	Assistant Game Warden, Game Preservation Branch, Civil Secretary's Office
1948?-1953	Game Warden, Game Preservation Branch, Civil Secretary's Office
1954	Game Warden, Game Preservation Branch, Ministry of the Interior
1955	Director, Game and Fisheries Department, Ministry of Animal Resources
1955	Retired from the Sudan

### Accession details

Presented by Forbes, 1985

### Arrangement

1. Memoirs
2. Photographic Material
3. Maps
4. Newspaper Cuttings
5. 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. Memoirs

- SAD.863/3/1-45 1979  
 Transcript of interview with W.A.H. Forbes by Dr. D.H. Johnson for the Oxford Development Records Project concerning the British officers and the Sudanese soldiers of the Sudan Defence Force. The interview covers, not in strict chronological order, the phases of Forbes's career:
- SAD.863/3/3-5 1905-1932  
 Forbes's family background, education and early military career in China, Egypt and India
- SAD.863/3/5-7 1932  
 Joining the Sudan Defence Force and first impressions of the Sudan
- SAD.863/3/8-25 1932-1936  
 The Equatorial Corps: first impressions, recruitment, uniforms, equipment, duties, routine, local porters, languages, discipline, witchcraft and religion, medicine, recreation, rations, soldiers' families, promotion, veterans, leave arrangements, etc.
- SAD.863/3/25-35 1936-1938  
 The Western Arab Corps: differences from the "Equats", uniform, training, equipment, duties, routine, discipline, recruitment, literacy, recreation, religion, marriage, pay, promotion, type of horses used, etc.
- SAD.863/3/35-37 1941-1945  
 War service: Forbes's promotion and duties, and the equipment and recruitment of the soldiers under his command
- SAD.863/3/37-45 1938-1941  
 Forbes's period in the Sudan Political Service: joining the S.P.S., duties of the Sudanese clerks and police, taxes, tribal disputes, relations with local chiefs, medicine and health, the presence of Northerners in the south and the Southern Policy, and Forbes's predecessors in the region

## 2. Photographic Material

- SAD.856/1/1-29 [1938-1955]  
Photographs of wildlife and fishing
- SAD.856/1/1 The Nile at Nimule
  - SAD.856/1/2-5 Fishing scenes
  - SAD.856/1/6-11 Giraffes
  - SAD.856/1/12-14 Elephants
  - SAD.856/1/15-18 Rhinoceroses
  - SAD.856/1/19 Zebras
  - SAD.856/1/20 Gazelles fighting
  - SAD.856/1/21-25 Lions
  - SAD.856/1/26 Bushpig
  - SAD.856/1/27 Giant Eland
  - SAD.856/1/28-29 Antelope

### 3. Maps

SAD.863/3/47[MP] 1967

Map of the Sudan showing distribution of game

#### 4. Newspaper Cuttings

SAD.863/3/46

1948 Nov 5

"Game animals of the southern Sudan" by Forbes, from *Country Life*



## 5. Printed material

Separated printed material now in Durham University Library

Printed material deposited with collection; now integrated into the library's printed collections and catalogued on the Open Public Access Catalogue