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Preface

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Introduction

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Frank Lester Harwood

(1899 - 1975)

1923-1925	District Engineer, Kassala Railhead, Sudan Railways and Steamers
1925-1928	District Engineer, Khartoum
1928-1929	District Engineer, Gedaref
1929-1932	District Engineer, Atbara
1932-1933	District Engineer, Kosti
1933-1934	District Engineer, Atbara
1935-1936	Maintenance Engineer (Projects), Atbara
1937-1940	New Works Engineer, Atbara
1940-1941	Assistant Chief Engineer, Atbara
1941-1948	Acting Chief Engineer/Chief Engineer
1948	Retired

Accession details

Presented by Lady Jane Reid, 1994

Arrangement

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3. Miscellanea
4. Photographic 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*

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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. Official Papers

SAD.779/4/1-10 1945 Dec 15

'An account of some civil engineering work carried out by the Sudan Railways during the war', a paper written by F.L. Harwood at Atbara

2. Memoirs

SAD.779/4/11-59 [1960s]

'My years in the Sudan' - memoirs by F.L. Harwood of his life and work in the Sudan

SAD.779/4/12 Chapter 1

Introduction - assessment of Sudan Railways at the time of F.L. Harwood's appointment, 1923

SAD.779/4/13-21 Chapter 2: The Kassala Railway (1923-25)

Interview; appointment; journey to Sudan; purchasing supplies in Khartoum; travel to railhead camp from Haiya Junction; meeting with G.R. Storrar; description of work constructing the line from Abu Tigr to Derudeb; list of staff; repair of washouts; appointed District Engineer, Kassala line; departure of the Railway Battalion, 1924

SAD.779/4/22-26 Chapter 3: District Engineer, Khartoum (1925-28)

Table showing the organisation of the Engineering Department; reorganisation of the work of the section gangs; replacement of sleepers; marriage in 1927; trip from Khartoum to Atbara by motor trolley with the Kaid, General Huddleston; problems caused by the rainy season; low levels of salaries

SAD.779/4/26-28 Chapter 4: District Engineer, Gedaref (1928-29)

Description of duties; contacts with Eastern Arab Corps, including Orde Wingate; outbreak of typhoid; construction of the Gedaref/Sennar line

SAD.779/4/29-31 Chapter 5: Town Engineer, Atbara (1929-31)

Responsible for new works; effects of the world slump; reduction in staffing

SAD.779/4/31-32 Chapter 6: District Engineer, Kosti (1932-33)

Other British staff at Kosti; work consisted mainly of maintenance

SAD.779/4/33-34 Chapter 7: District Engineer "North" and maintenance Engineer "Projects" (1934-36)

Tour of antiquities near Halfa with Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Hunter; excursion to Meroitic pyramids at Kareima; lack of work

SAD.779/4/34-40 Chapter 8: New Works Engineer (1936-40)

Main project was Kosti Transshipment Station; introduction of the 'standard railway brick'; preparation of a 'washout' scale of dry rations; outbreak of war

SAD.779/4/40-42 Chapter 9: Interlude, Sudan Auxiliary Defence Force (1940-43)
No. 2 Anti-Aircraft Company; Italian raids on Atbara

SAD.779/4/42-48 Chapter 10: Assistant Chief Engineer (1940-41)

Enlargement of Wadi Halfa station; Italian capture of Kassala; work on surveys for a light railway from Qala`en Nahl to Gallabat, from Gedaref to Rashid and from Melawiya to Tessenei in Eritrea; construction of line to Tessenei and station there

SAD.779/4/48-59 Chapter 11: Acting Chief Engineer and Chief Engineer (1941-48)

Choice of Asst. Chief Engineer; reorganisation of department; projects undertaken; introduction of scheme for training Sudanese staff and of promotion committees; leave in Kenya; rise in cost of living; coping with highest Nile on record in 1946

SAD.779/4/60-64 1962

'Good news is no news', an article by F.L. Harwood giving his impressions of the Sudan during a return visit in Feb-Mar 1962

3. Miscellanea

SAD.779/4/65-73 Verses by F.L. Harwood: 'There is another rapture'; 'Sudan afternoon'; 'The old Arab:' 'To ...'; 'The English sky'; 'Sonnet on Phyllis's birthday August 1940'; 'Spring and Summer'; and 'Sudan dances'

4. Photographic Material

- SAD.778/6/1 1923 Dec
 F.L. Harwood on camel back at Derudeb
- SAD.778/6/2-3 F.L. Harwood's house at Atbara
 Erkowitz:
 - SAD.778/6/4 New cottages at Erkowitz
 - SAD.778/6/5-6 Mr. Deakin in front of the new dairy at Erkowitz
- SAD.778/6/7-9 Group photographs of S.A.D.F. including F.L. Harwood