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Preface

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Introduction

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Sir Mervyn James Wheatley

(1880 - 1974)

1907	Seconded from the Egyptian Army to the Sudan Government
1907-1911	Dep. Asst. Civil Secretary
1911-1913	Kordofan
1913-1916	Asst. Civil Secretary
1916	Acting Civil Secretary
1917-1920	Private Secretary to the Governor-General
1921-1928	Governor, Bahr al-Ghazal
1928	Retired

Accession details

Presented by Wheatley, 1962 & Col. R.H. Wheatley, 1982

Arrangement

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Form of citation

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1. Official Papers

SAD.702/11/1-17 1907-1928

Orders and decorations:

- SAD.702/11/1 1907 Nov 14
Appointment as Major
- SAD.702/11/2-3 1913
Appointment as Junior Colonel (dated 23 Rabi I 1331)
- SAD.702/11/4-5 1917
Order of Nile, 3rd class (dated 7 Jumada I, 1335)
- SAD.702/11/6-7 1917 Aug 25
Confirmation of above
- SAD.702/11/8 1919 Jan 1
Grant of the dignity of an officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire
- SAD.702/11/9-10 1921
Promotion to Mir Alay (colonel) dated 23 Jumada II, 1331
- SAD.702/11/11-13 1922, 1924
Letters re the grant of the Order of the Nahda 3rd class
- SAD.702/11/14-15 1925 Jan 19
Appointment as Mir Alay in the Sudan Defence Force
- SAD.702/11/16-17 1928 May 24
Notification of appointment as Commander of the Order of the British Empire

SAD.702/11/18-25 1912 Jul 28 - 1921 Jan 30

Army Orders and War Office Gazettes including references to Wheatley's appointments, promotions and decorations

SAD.702/12/1-46 1924-1928

Correspondence received by Wheatley while Governor Bahr al-Ghazal, with some draft replies. Includes:

- SAD.702/12/1-6; 1924 May 14 - 1926 May 5
- SAD.702/12/9-31 Re Lee Stack's proposal to appoint Wheatley Commissioner General of the Southern Sudan, with comments by George Schuster, Financial Secretary, C.E. Lyall, Civil Secretary and Sir Geoffrey Archer, the new Governor-General
- SAD.702/12/7-8 1924 Oct 18
H.A. MacMichael, Asst. Civil Secretary re the White Flag mutiny
- SAD.702/12/32-33 1926 Jan 16 - Feb 23
George Schuster re southern development, with Wheatley's reply

SAD.702/12/24-29 1925 Mar

Memorandum outlining administrative changes proposed by the new Governor-General, Sir Geoffrey Archer

2. Personal Papers

- SAD.703/1/1-47 1929-1951
Correspondence received by Wheatley after his retirement from Sudan service, including:
- SAD.703/1/3-5 1945 May 1
Ahmad `Uthman al-Qadi re the birth of the Umma Party
 - SAD.703/1/13-15; 1949 Jan 4 - Jul 19
 - SAD.703/1/27 R.C. Mayall and J.W. Robertson re Sudanese students studying in Britain
 - SAD.703/1/29-44 1949 Jul 27 - 1950 Jun 21
Wheatley and W.N. Allan re the development of Equatoria Province
- SAD.703/2/1-10 1930 Sep 26 - Dec 24
Letters to Wheatley from Sir R. Wingate, J. Maffey and M.G. Richards re Odette Keun's *Story of Fergie Bey*
- SAD.703/2/11-13 1956-1961
Miscellaneous letters

3. Trek Journals

- SAD.703/3/1-65 1911 Oct 31 - 1912 Jun 13
Trek journal covering the period of service in Kordofan and consisting mainly of details of cases heard, numbers of cattle inspected and position and condition of wells. Also includes an account of a patrol against and the eventual death of a *faqih* who had been inciting the Nuba (SAD.703/3/42-49)
- SAD.703/4/1-44 1912 Aug 30 - 1913 Mar 12
Trek journal covering the period of service in Kordofan, content similar to journal above (SAD.703/3)

4. Articles

SAD.703/5/1-3 [n.d.]
Article on "Missionaries and education in Pagan Africa", author
unknown

5. Miscellanea

SAD.703/5/4

New year's card from Lord and Lady Lloyd

Lists (by district) of Sudanese in the United Kingdom for further education

6. Photographic Material

(a) Bahr al-Ghazal, c. 1921-28

SAD.701/11/1-35; 1920's

SAD.701/12/1-27; British personnel, houses and gardens, mostly unidentified but of

SAD.701/13/1-12 Wheatley and his wife and also the following:

SAD.701/11/6-10,20 A.J. Gillan and Mrs. Gillan

SAD.701/11/12 Wheatley and Mrs. Wheatley visiting Mboro, 1927

SAD.701/11/25-26 Harry Kidd in football team

SAD.701/11/28 Sir Robert Archibald

SAD.701/11/29-30 Lord Allenby, Sir Lee Stack and Wheatley outside Wau
mudiriyyah 31 Jan 1924

SAD.701/12/4-5 Missionary father

SAD.701/12/13-15 Playing polo

SAD.701/12/17-18 Funeral at the Catholic mission, Mboro

SAD.701/12/19-27 Patrol 101, 1925, including field hospital

SAD.701/13/2-3 Mess building, Wau

SAD.701/13/4-9 Governor's house, Wau

SAD.701/14/1-34; Sudanese, including the following:

SAD.701/15/1-32 Shilluk man

SAD.701/14/2 Equatorial Corps (?) bandsman

SAD.701/14/3 Ndogo tribe at Mboro

SAD.701/14/10 Chief Ting at Adok

SAD.701/14/11 Chief Twil of the Nuer

SAD.701/14/12-19 Nuer men and women

SAD.701/14/20 Group of headmen and chiefs at Jorr

SAD.701/14/28,31 Dinka girls and boys at Kajok

SAD.701/15/20-22 Road building at Adok, Nov 1926

SAD.701/15/23-31 Dinka gathering

SAD.701/16/1-4; Schools and missions, including the following:

SAD.701/17/1-29 Mons. Antonio Stoppani

SAD.701/16/2-3 Distribution of prizes at the end of the school year, Wau

SAD.701/16/4-5 Stack Memorial School, Wau, 1927

SAD.701/16/6 Father Ribero at Bandere, 1927

SAD.701/16/7-10 Missionary Fathers, neophytes and catechumens, Wau

SAD.701/16/11-16 Missionary Sisters and their pupils, Wau

SAD.701/16/17 Father Bartolo Fabris, Wau, 1927

SAD.701/16/18-41 External and internal views of school, possibly Stack Memorial
School, Wau

SAD.701/17/1-7 Unidentified

SAD.701/17/8-10 Mopoi Mission, 1927, including N.B. Hunter, Inspector of
Education

SAD.701/17/12-13 The new church, at Mbaridi, 1926-27

SAD.701/17/14 Interior of St. John's Church, Yambio, 4 Apr 1920

SAD.701/17/15-16 Artisan Mission school

SAD.701/17/17-20 Dinka Mission, Kajok, 1924

SAD.701/17/21-22 Cleveland Mission Station, 1924

SAD.701/17/23-25 Kayango new church, 1927

SAD.701/17/26 Mboro Catholic Mission

- SAD.701/17/27 Missionaries on motor cycle outside Beka rest house, south of Mopoi Mission, 1927
- SAD.701/17/28 Outside Wau Workshops, 1925
- SAD.701/17/29 Catechumens at Deim Zubeir
- SAD.701/18/1-25; River views, including barges, steamers and canoes, also the following:
- SAD.701/19/1-18 The new causeway at Jorr
- SAD.701/18/10-11 The sudd
- SAD.701/19/2 Adok
- SAD.701/19/5 View of the river from the Governor's house, Wau
- SAD.701/19/8 Khor Ward, 12 miles inland from Adok
- SAD.701/19/13-14 The *Lady Baker* hospital ship
- SAD.701/19/16 The *Pio XI*, 1926
- SAD.701/20/1-9 Transport - motor, air and rail
- Village life including:
- SAD.701/21/2 Shop at Adok
- SAD.701/21/4 New merchant's shop at Jorr
- SAD.701/22/1-11 Rural scenes, including grass fires (SAD.701/22/1-2)
- Animals and birds
- (b) Khartoum
- SAD.701/24/1 Gordon College
- The Palace
- (c) Port Sudan
- SAD.701/24/3 Quay and harbour, Port Sudan
- 1927
- Rudolf Slatin
- SAD.8/53/2-3 [c.1927]
- Anna Marie Slatin
- SAD.8/53/4 1919
- S. Skirmunt, Sudan Government Forest Service
- SAD.8/53/5 1909 May
- P.R. Phipps with his horse, Nyam-Nyam
- SAD.8/53/6 Wheatley (in retirement)
- Maj. Gen. Sir Lee Stack

7. Newspaper Cuttings

- SAD.703/5/18 1912 Apr 2
"Camel Corps in action. Religious fanatic and followers killed in the Sudan", from *The Daily Graphic*
- SAD.703/5/19 1912 Apr 12
"Burdens of administration in the Sudan. Details of recent fighting", an account of the suppression of a *faqih* and his followers in Kordofan, by Wheatley from *The Morning Post*
- SAD.703/5/20 1914 Jan 31
"The taxation of trading profits in the Sudan", including comments on the 'premature introduction of civilian officialdom', from *The Sudan Herald*
- SAD.703/5/21 1919 Mar 28
Announcement of Wheatley's retirement from the *London Gazette*
- SAD.703/5/22-25 1928 Jan 7
The Sudan Herald. Includes articles on the opening of the Stack Memorial School, Wau, by Wheatley and the progress of the patrol against the Lau Nuer
- SAD.703/5/26 [n.d.]
Extract from the *Journal of the African Society* on a conference on "The Christian Mission in Africa"
- SAD.703/5/27-28 [n.d.]
Criticism of English missionary education

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