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Additional correspondence and papers, c.1928-1980, of Brigadier Bernard Edward Fergusson DSO OBE GCMG GCVO KT (1911-80), Baron Ballantrae of Auchairne and the Bay of Islands, soldier and author. Lord Ballantrae was Governor-General of New Zealand (1962-7), Chairman of the British Council (1972-6), Chancellor of St. Andrews University (1973-80) and Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1974). Also present in the collection are papers of Laura Margaret, Baroness Ballantrae, née Grenfell; for the earlier deposit (1986) of Ballantrae Papers, see Acc.9259.

Deposited, 1994.

1-24	Personal correspondence of Bernard (BEF) and Laura (LMF) Fergusson.
25-30	New Zealand Papers.
31-38	Condolence letters and papers: deaths of Lady, Lord Ballantrae, 1979, 1980.
39-46	Photographs & press-cuttings files.
47-53	Notebooks & formal documents.

Certain files are subject to restriction until further notice, and are marked below as (permission). These files require prior permission of the depositor before consultation.

Unmarked files are not subject to these restrictions.

1-24 Personal Correspondence

1. Letters of BEF to his son, Geordie, 1967, 1974, 1978-80. **(permission)**
2. Correspondence of BEF and his brother, Sir James, Bart., of Kilkerran, Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 1963-6, during the former's period as Governor-General of New Zealand.
3. A similar file of correspondence of BEF with his brother, the Revd Simon Fergusson, Girvan, 1964-6.
4. General correspondence of BEF, 1928-32, 1950-80, but mostly 1979-80. **(permission)**
5. Some correspondence as Chairman of the London Board of the Bank of New Zealand, 1980.
6. Black Watch regimental correspondence, 1962-3, 1981-2, mostly of the latter period and relating to the erection and dedication of a memorial tablet to BEF in the Garrison Church, Albuhera Barracks.
7. A file of published articles by BEF in Blackwood's Magazine, 1932-8.
8. Book reviews and other contributions to newspapers and periodicals by BEF, with some related correspondence, mostly on military or New Zealand history.

9. Copy of a BBC script for a broadcast by BEF, n.d. but 1940s, on 'The Campaign in Burma'.
10. Miscellaneous scripts (prose), 1930s to c.1980.
11. BEF's poetry scripts, 1930s to 1980.
12. Letters of her mother, Mrs Arthur Grenfell to LMF, 1953, 1962-5; letter of LMF to her mother, 1970. **(permission)**
13. Letters of LMF to BEF, 1950-4. **(permission)**
14. Letters of her sister, Vera Grenfell, to LMF, 1961-5.
15. Letters of her sister, Mary, Lady Waldegrave, to LMF, 1963-73.
16. Letters of Virginia Lucas to LMF, c.1962-7.
17. Some letters and papers relating to LMF's WRVS service, 1946-62.
18. General correspondence from various relatives and friends, 1962-79. **(permission)**
19. Letters of Katherine (sister) and Partick Lort Phillips to LMF, 1963-7.
20. Letters of Harry Grenfell (brother of LMF) to LMF and BEF, 1961-5, & n.d.
21. Letters of Joyce Grenfell to LMF, 1962-7. **(permission)**
22. Letters of Yves and Marie de Jemtal (Paris) to LMF and BEF, 1962.
23. Miscellaneous papers of LMF: (i) copies of four letters, 1916, of or concerning Col. Arthur Grenfell, father of LMF; and (ii) cuttings or scripts of articles written by LMF, and other related letters and papers, 1937-49.
24. Letters, 1938-68 (box) of Dame Frances Campbell Preston to her sister, LMF. **File returned to depositor.**

25-30 New Zealand Papers

25. Government House diary of BEF's official engagements, 1967.
26. (i) HMY 'Britannia', cabin allocation list for visit to Fiji and New Zealand of HM the Queen Mother, April-May 1966.
(ii) Government House telephone list for visit of President Lyndon B. Johnston of the USA to New Zealand, Oct. 1966.
(iii) Menu for State Luncheon given to BEF by the NZ Parliament, 10 Oct. 1967.
27. Circular personal letters of BEF to members of his family giving detailed reports of his tours and other activities as Governor-General, 1963-5. **(permission)**
28. Letters and papers relating to Tonga, and to the illness and death of Queen Salote, 1965.

29. Letters and papers relating to Maori affairs and to Maori history and culture, 1963-7. **(permission)**
30. BEF's New Zealand press-cuttings file, 1965-80.

31-38 Condolence Letters and Papers, 1979-81

31. Letters and messages of condolence to BEF on the death (1979), of LMF, 1979-80.
32. Telegram and telex sympathy messages, many from New Zealand, 1979.
33. New Zealand press-cuttings on the death of LMF, with papers relating to memorial services there, 1979-80.
34. A further file of tributes, orders of services, memorial addresses, etc., in memory of LMF and BEF, 1979-80.
35. Correspondence of BEF, 1980, being largely letters of good wishes during his last illness.
36. Letters of condolence to George Fergusson on the death of his father, 1980.
37. Further letters and messages of sympathy, 1980-1.
38. Press-cuttings containing obituaries and other tributes from the British and New Zealand press, 1980.

39-46 Photographs & Press-cuttings

39. Four Chindit-period photographs of BEF, 1943-4; and eight photographs (some duplicates) taken during Army service, 1950s.
40. A framed photograph of the Nyasaland debate in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, May 1959, showing BEF speaking.
41. A large general file of photographs, public and personal, during term as Governor-General of New Zealand, 1962-7.
42. Photographs of official tour of NZ and United States bases in Antarctica, Nov. 1967.
43. Fergusson family and general photographs, various dates. **Returned to depositor August 2011.**
44. Photographs of BEF, c.1969-79, as Chairman of the British Council, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly and Chancellor of St. Andrews University.
45. Black and white negatives of the house, garden and policies at Auchairne, ?1960s.
46. Press-cuttings (general), 1973, 1986.

47-53 Volumes, formal documents & other items

47. A notebook of 'Prose Sketches 1924-1927 by Bernard Fergusson Vol 1': includes 'An Account of an Expedition in the New Zealand Sounds' [1927].
48. Flight log-book of BEF's private aircraft, an Auster V, registration G-AJAF, 1947-50.
49. Personal flying log-book, showing hours flown, 1948.
50. Final Army identity card of BEF prior to retirement, 1956.
51. New Zealand student pilot licence issued to LMF, 1948.
52. Two sets of medal ribbon bars of BEF.
53. Life membership certificate of the Women's Division, Federated Farmers of New Zealand issued to LMF, c.1963-7.