

National Library of Scotland

Manuscripts relating to the Second World War

In order of accession:

MSS.3816-22: Records of the Home Guard in Scotland, 1940-1945.

MS.8805-8824: Papers of Arthur C Murray, later Viscount Elibank, Liberal MP for Kincardineshire 1908-1918, Kincardineshire and West Aberdeenshire 1918-1923; correspondence, photographs, diaries, notes and other papers, 1909-1962.

MS.13597, f.104: Letter, 1941, of Admiral Sir Roger Keyes to Captain (later Admiral) R K Dickson

MSS.20247-59: Papers, 1875-1949, of General Sir J Almyer L Haldane

MSS.20566-73: Notes and papers, 1942-1944, concerning experiments of the physiology of diving conducted by the Underwater Physiology sub-committee on which J B S Haldane served with members of the Royal Navy.

Acc.1669: Major General Granville G A Egerton, 1872-1945.

Acc. 3721: Papers of the Scottish Secretariat and Roland Eugene Muirhead. Contains some material concerning the SNP and its attitude towards Scotland and its involvement in the Second World War.

Acc.4303: Three minute books of Barnton sector fire-fighting leaders, July 1942 to September 1944.

Acc.4549 (part): Letters concerning, and copies of, the news-sheet of the 51st (Highland) Division, 1944-1945.

Acc.4627: Papers of W A L Marr chiefly concerning his imprisonment as a prisoner of war in the Far East, 1941-1950.

Acc.4714: Correspondence and papers, 1917-1942, of the Duchess of Atholl relating to the Scottish National War Memorial.

Acc.4971/17: National Union of Public Employees, Records of the Scottish Region. Correspondence and papers concerning prisoner of war labour, 1940-1946.

Acc.4971/135: National Union of Public Employees, Miscellaneous papers. Conscription, A R P and Civil Defence, 1939-1943.

Acc.4971/138: National Union of Public Employees, Miscellaneous papers. Refugee Nurses' Section, Glasgow, 1941-1942.

Dep.176: James Keir Hardie and Emrys Hughes Papers.

Acc.5385: Diaries of Miss M Mackenzie Scott, 1940-1946, covering her residence in Budapest during the Second World War and afterwards at home.

Acc.5705: Includes photocopy of accounts of voyage to Murmansk, 1941 (Admiral Sir Angus Cunningham Grahame, RN).

Acc.5862: Thomas Johnston Papers. Surviving letters and papers, circa 1904-1957, of Thomas Johnston, Secretary of State for Scotland (1941-1945).

Acc.5932: War diary of the Rev David Cairns, 1944-1945, with associated military maps.

Acc.6119: 'Scottish soldier', the typed autobiography of Major General Douglas Wimberley, 1890-1945, circa 1970 (5 volumes).

Acc.6174: Collection containing papers relating to the 7th Workshop Company of the Polish Army in Great Britain, 1940-1947.

Acc.6188/15: Scottish Office letter, August 1938, containing secret emergency instructions and coded telegrams to be used in the event of war, part of the papers of Lord Cooper of Culross.

Dep.233: Correspondence and papers, circa 1911-1970, of Major General David M. Murray-Lyon including material relating to his service career in France and India and his command, 1941-1942, of the 11th Indian Division in Malaya.

Acc.6721: Papers of Walter Elliot, Conservative MP for Lanark 1918-1923, Kelvingrove, Glasgow 1924-1945 and 1950-1958, Scottish Universities, 1946-1950, Under-Secretary for Health for Scotland, Secretary of State for Scotland 1936-1938, and Minister of Health 1938-1940. See also Accs.12198, 12267, 12338.

Acc.7276: Typescript copy of volume VI of 'Scottish soldier', the autobiography of Major-General Douglas Wimberley, 1890-1945.

Acc.7380: Correspondence and papers of Major General Douglas Wimberley used in his autobiography, 'Scottish soldier', consisting chiefly of orders and reports, maps, lectures, war diaries with appendices and other papers, 1944-1945, relating to the operations of the 51st (Highland) Division in North Africa and Sicily.

Acc.7427: Diary of the Rev Ronnie Selby Wright, 1942, as Radio Padre and Chaplain to the Forces, with a typed transcription and commentary.

Acc.7548/G46A: Small selection of papers relating to Jane Haining, missionary to Budapest who died in Auschwitz, including a photograph of her in 1932 and a letter (probably only surviving one) she wrote from Auschwitz.

Acc.7548/G88-94: Papers of the Rev Dr Donald C Caskie, minister of the Scots Kirk, Paris, including correspondence, cables and letters to the relatives of servicemen he helped in occupied France during the Second World War.

Acc. 7656: Papers of Arthur Woodburn, Labour MP for Clackmannan and East Stirling 1939-1970, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply 1945-1947, Secretary of State for Scotland 1947-1950: correspondence and papers, 1907-1978.

Acc.7948: Volume VII of 'Scottish soldier' by Major General Douglas Wimberley, 1981.

Acc.8181, Box 1 no. 3: Letters of Mrs R D D Scott and children to R (later Sir Robert) H Scott during his imprisonment in Singapore, 1943-1945; with a report on his medical condition, August 1945.

Acc.8528: Diary of Colonel G R Simpson, May-July 1944, during the advance of the British army from Aquino to the Arno.

Acc.8542/7: 7 photographs of the men and women at the 'Forth' G O R and G C I, 1945.

Acc.8542/59: 2 posters 'The enemy watches. Do you?', 1939 and 1945.

Acc.8636: Papers of William Mactaggart and Fanny Aavatsmark Mactaggart, circa 1931-1980, including handbook of the Norwegian government in exile, and wartime correspondence between Fanny and William.

Dep.370: Papers, circa 1940-1980, of Lord Ritchie-Calder, CBE, including lectures, addresses, articles, correspondence, diaries and autobiography. Includes material relating to the period during which Lord Ritchie-Calder worked at the Political Warfare Executive, 1941-1945.

Acc.8802/115-8: Papers of R J B Sellar whilst in Local Defence Volunteers and Home Guard.

Acc.8846: Papers, 1930-1980, of the Rev Dr Donald C Caskie, minister of the Scots Kirk, Paris, including correspondence, lectures and photographs.

Dep.379: Correspondence and papers, 1968-1983, relating to the research for and publication of 'Motive for a mission, the story behind Rudolph Hess's flight to Britain' (1971, 1979-1980); and 'The air battle for Malta' (1981) by Lord James A. Douglas Hamilton, MP.

Acc.8970: 'The sailor's way', 1944 (1 vol.) and 'Mediterranean way', 1945 (2 vols.), being the war diary of Commander Alexander Avon Barnet.

Acc.9088: War correspondence, 1940-1947, between Lawrence R Burness and his parents and photographs of places in Burma, 1942.

Acc.9165: Letters, 1942-1944, to Mrs Sarah and Mrs Elizabeth Binney in Edinburgh from their family and friends on war service.

Acc.9259: Correspondence and papers of Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson (cr. Baron Ballantrae, 1972) containing papers, 1941-1944, relating to the war in Burma (no. 136-45); papers, 1941, relating to the Syrian campaign (no. 152); an account, 1943, of the 153rd Infantry Brigade in Sicily (no. 153) and post-war correspondence.

Acc.9343: Correspondence and papers, 1936-1971, n.d. of Sir Robert W Watson Watt, containing material relating to RADAR during the Second World War.

Acc.9406/CI: Correspondence concerning military service and court-martial of Hon. William Douglas Home, 1940-1944.

Acc.9675: Four log books containing notes mostly concerning flying, 1936-1941, 1947-1948 compiled by Wing-Commander N J Capper, RAF.

Acc.9724: Photocopy of Wing-Commander J L Jack, 'A record of the service and achievements of 603 City of Edinburgh squadron ...', circa 1957.

Acc. 9845: National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants. A minute book, March 1941 to August 1944, of the chapel at A G Fleming and Co Ltd, Granton. The record deals with conditions at the works, problems arising with members, wartime conditions, etc.

Acc.10155/62: Statement, 1940, pm the 5th Gordons by 2nd Lieutenant C Fullerton, 9th Gordons.

Acc.10317: Microfilm of the war diary, 1940-1945, of the Inns of Court Regiment.

Acc.10379: Photocopy of 'Cassino to the River Po, May 1944-May 1945', by Lieutenant G W Martin, 2nd Lothian and Border Horse.

Acc.10445: Major J Stewart Reakes, 'Law and order relating to defascism and epuration', issued by the Allied Military Government, British United Free Zone, Free Territory of Trieste, 1945-1948.

Acc.11046: Volume 1 nos. 2 and 4 of 'Within', a typescript prisoner of war periodical for Hut no. 10 in Hong Kong, 1942.

Acc.11258/48-50: Papers, circa 1941 and 1943, of Dr William R D Fairbairn on the effects of the war on psychiatric patients.

Acc.11296: Papers of the Rev Ronnie Selby Wright, Minister of the Canongate, Edinburgh, circa 1930-1994, comprising correspondence, sermons, photographs, diaries and cuttings.

Acc.11307: TS transcripts of interviews for the Scottish television series, 'Scotland's War', 1995.

Acc.11356: Four diaries, 1941-1946, of Muriel Thomson, née Kerr, Head Mistress of Niddrie Mains infants and nursery school, Edinburgh.

Acc.11365: Papers of Norman Douglas, 1917-1951.

Acc.11424: Papers, 20th Century, of Sir Montague (Monty) Finiston.

Acc.11433: 'Menu book' Cranley School, Edinburgh, 1945-1947.

Acc.11440: Papers of Ian MacBeth Robertson, CB, LVO, DLitt, HRSA, 1936-1947, including military papers.

Acc.11457: Papers, 1873-1974, Leith Dockers and the Port of Leith.

Acc. 11479: Various drafts of an unpublished biography, circa 1990, of John Gollan (1911-1977), socialist and communist activist in Edinburgh. Part 3 refers to the World War period.

Acc.11494: Papers, circa 1936-89, of Charles MacCall, ROI, NEAC.

Acc.11499: Papers of Major General James Scott Elliot, CB, CBE, DSO.

Acc. 11504/2 (i): Vincent and Ann Flynn papers, trade unionists. Letters, 1943-1944, of Sgt Willie Marshall, a friend from the Worker's Theatre, while on wartime service with the Royal Artillery, possibly in Italy, to Vincent and Ann Flynn.

Acc. 11504/10 (ii): Wartime pass of Vincent Flynn as trade union official, 1941.

Acc.11512: Papers, 1925-1996, of Cecile Victor.

Acc.11523: Papers of Sir Frank Fraser Darling, 1937-1958.

Acc.11553: Minutes and other records, 1921-1993, of the Edinburgh branches, Union of Communication Workers.

Acc.11555: Copies of Registration books and related documents of three merchant Navy Seamen, chiefly at Leith, 1937-1981.

Acc.11559: Letter, 1939, of Joyce Cary to Ruari McLean, on the morality of fighting evil.

Acc.11583: Seven letters, 1942-1943, of John Charles Walsham Reith, Baron Reith, to John Andersson (Lord Waverley), on Reith's wish for a war job.

Acc.11627: Correspondence and papers of John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, 1905-1945.

Acc.11628: Correspondence and papers, 1924-1995, of John N S Buchan, 2nd Baron Tweedsmuir.

Acc.11758: Membership card, 1942, of Les Francasis de Grande-Bretagne.

Acc.11765: Minutes, correspondence and other papers, 1874-1987, Edinburgh Headquarters of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Acc.11812: Miscellaneous papers of 'The Scotsman', 1750-1950.

Acc.11856: Records, war diaries and other papers, 1939-1946, relating to the Lothians and Border Horse in the Second World War.

Acc.11860: Audio cassette, n.d., of two radio broadcasts featuring Dr Donald Caskie, 'The tartan pimperl'.

Acc.11862: Further papers, 1940-2000, of Nigel Tranter.

Acc.11894: Papers of P H Scott relating to his service in the Military Government of Berlin, 1945-1949.

Acc.11897: Correspondence, journals broadcast scripts, circa 1918-1975, of Sir Alexander Gray, poet and economist, and of his son, John Gray, broadcaster.

Acc.11904: Manuscript and typescript of an autobiography, 'The buzzing fly', by Fanny Susan Copeland (1872-1970), academic, translator and journalist, relating to her life in Slovenia and wartime internment in Italy.

Acc.11906: Correspondence and papers, circa 1910-90, of the YWCA in Scotland.

Acc.11908: Correspondence and papers, 1930-1983, of Arthur W Donaldson, later chairman of the Scottish National Party.

Acc.11950: Description, by Miss J G M Allan, MBE, of her time as a nurse at the King George V Seamen's Memorial Hospital in Malta, 1938-1942.

Acc.12028: Field diary, memoirs, photographs and other papers of Robert di Falco, St Andrews, 1918-1947, relating mostly to his service in the Italian army, 1918-1921.

Acc.12029: Correspondence and papers relating to the wartime detentions of members of the Janetta family, St Andrews.

Acc.12032: Additional correspondence, papers and research material of Lord James Douglas Hamilton, relating to his historical publications on Rudolph Hess, the Air Battle for Malta etc.

Acc.12038: Minutes and other records, 1924-1971, of the South Edinburgh Liberal Association.

Acc.12068: Papers of the TGWU Automotive section, 1911-1980.

Acc.12076: TGWU Slaters' section, 1858-1977.

Acc.12087: Papers, 1937-1999, of John Dunlop regarding his membership of the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

Acc.12096: Papers, 1920-1946, of Lieutenant Colonel Peter R Oliver.

Acc.12114: Photocopy of typescript, 2000, of 'Donald Crabbie, DSC: wartime memories', covering his Naval service during Second World War.

Acc. 12155/2: Pamphlets of the Socialist Labor Party of USA, published by the New York Labor News Company, USA 1922-1955. Includes 'Down with war: Declaration on the outbreak of war by the Socialist Labor Party of America', 1939.

Acc. 12155/17: Pamphlets by or edited by Guy Aldred, 1942-1967. Includes 'Peace now and forever', The Strickland Press, Glasgow, 1945.

Acc.12181: Two volumes of a war diary, 1943-1946, of Lieutenant D.B. Barclay, R.A. in North Africa and Italy, together with a sketchbook, 1943-1944.

Acc.12197: Papers of Hugh P Crosbie, 'John Carrick', including correspondence, diaries, photographs and press cuttings relating to his service during 1939-1945.

Acc.12198: Papers of Walter Elliot, Conservative MP for Lanark 1918-1923, Kelvingrove, Glasgow 1924-1945 and 1950-1958, Scottish Universities, 1946-1950, Under-Secretary for Health for Scotland, Secretary of State for Scotland 1936-1938, and Minister of Health 1938-1940.

Acc.12235: Records of George Waterson and Sons Ltd, 1752-2002, printers, stationers and sealing wax manufacturers.

Acc.12236: Papers, 1931-1981, of Alexander Scott.

Acc.12267: Additional personal and political correspondence of Walter E Elliot, CH, and of Katherine, Baroness Elliot of Harewood, 1912-1957, n.d.

Acc.12271: Records and papers of Craigmount School for girls, 1936-1966.

Acc.12289: Correspondence, papers and photographs relating to the 603 (City of Edinburgh) RAF Squadron, 1928-1989.

Acc.12314: Photocopies of special orders of the day, April 1945, and 2 May 1945, issued by Field-Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis as Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean.

Acc.12316: Papers of and relating to Ronald Turnbull, 1940-2004, relating to Special Operations Executive operations in Scandinavia.

Acc.12137: Annotated Women's Land Army Corps publication, 'Meet the members', circa 1944 (Glenkindie Camp).

Acc.12321: Additional papers, 1898-1940, of John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir.

Acc.12334: Further papers of Sir Frank Fraser Darling, 1938-1965.

Acc.12368: Scrapbook illustrating the service of the 2nd Lothians and Border Horse Yeomanry in the Second World War.

Acc.12475: Family correspondence, official documents and family photographs of Rainer Wolff, 1924-1976. His father being of a Jewish family, Rainer (Ray) Wolff was sent out of Germany to Scotland on a 'Kindertransport' in 1939.

Acc.12568: Diary and two letters, 1945, and typed reminiscences of Lance Sergeant Harry Hawthorne, Sergeant, 5th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and prisoner of war February-May 1945.

Acc.12791: Harry Hawthorne, inc. POW diary.

Acc.12870: Transcripts of correspondence between Private David Mackenzie and his wife, Margaret, during his service as an army clerk in North Africa, 1939-1943.

Acc.12886: Papers, 1938-1960, of Peter White including an illustrated diary, 1938-1944 and the typescript of his memoir of wartime service.

Acc.12939: 24 video cassette recordings and 1 DVD of reminiscences of life and work in North-East Scotland and of World War II of Jim Taylor, circa 1980-1994.

Acc.13078: Letter, 1991, of Helmut Pohle, German pilot shot down during a bombing raid on the Firth of Forth, 1939, with a translation and newspaper cutting of the incident.

Acc.13081: Letters, 1943-1944 of Duncan Black to his parents in Edinburgh written while a POW in Stalagluft III, Germany.