

LIDDELL HART CENTRE FOR MILITARY ARCHIVES

Items received from Colonel S.C. Aston, 10 September 1991, and subsequently.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COMPLETED CATALOGUE

BOX 1

1. File marked 'Intelligence Reports. Most Secret'. Contains notes re human and physical geography of Madagascar. Includes photographs of harbours and bridges. March 1942.
2. Guide Annuaire des Iles de L'Ocean Indien (pub. Tananarive 1939). Source (according to S.C.A.) for much of the information in no. 1. above.
3. File marked 'Ironclad: Security Instructions and Correspondence. Most Secret'. March-April 1942.
4. File marked 'F.S. Orders Ironclad. Most Secret'. Contains orders and instructions, landing tables and lists of military and civilian personnel in Diego Suarez. April 1942.
5. 'Personal File'. Contains lists of officers and their allowances, lists of appointments, situation report, June 1942, and correspondence. April-July 1942.
6. Instruction re move of HQ from Tananarive to Tamatave. Marked Secret. 15 Oct 1942.
7. Envelope addressed to S.C.A., containing report on interrogation of Germans captured on Madagascar, and report on interview with Italian internees at Koffiefontein internment camp. June 1942.
8. Single-sheet newspaper dated 20 May 1942; on one side The Pioneer - 'first British newspaper in Madagascar', on the other L'Eclaireur, in French.
9. Spoof race meeting programme, Madagascar, 1942, and spoof dinner guest list for R.M. Div. officers.

BOX 2

1. 42 loose photographs. Mostly captioned. Subjects include beach landings, entry into Diego Suarez, surrender of French troops, parade of British troops. May and September 1942.
2. Box of 146 small photographs, mostly uncaptioned. Subjects include locals and landscapes, chiefly the road from Diego Suarez to Ambilobe, 60 miles to the south-west and the southernmost point under British military control. The photographs record targets to be destroyed in the event of a Japanese and/or French attack, and defensive positions. (Additional information from S.C.A.).

3. Box containing negatives of no. 2 above.
4. Into Madagascar, by K.C. Gandar Dower (Penguin, 1943).
5. Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field (War Office, 1938-9). Pamphlets no.s 1 (2 copies), 2, 3 and 4.
6. The German Forces in the Field (War Office, 1940). Also contains additional MS notes on the text.
7. Order of Battle of the German Army (War Office, 1942).
8. Combined Operations, 1940-2 (Ministry of Information, 1943).
9. The Royal Marines: The Admiralty Account of their Achievement, 1939-43 (Ministry of Information, 1944).
10. East of Malta, West of Suez: The Admiralty Account of the Naval War in the Eastern Mediterranean, September 1939-March 1941. (Ministry of Information, 1943).
11. Issues no.s 1, 2, and 3 of Battle Dress magazine, produced by members of the 168th Officer Cadet Training Unit. December 1939-April 1940.
12. 4 issues of La France Libre: Vol. 3 no.s 16 and 18, Vol. 4 no.s 19 and 20. February-June 1942.
13. The German Fifth Column in Poland (Hutchinson, c 1940).
14. S.C.A.'s Service and Pay Book.
15. German Pay Book ('Soldbuch').

BOX 3

1. Map of Madagascar. Scale 1:2,000,000. 1942.
2. Map of Majunga, Madagascar. Scale 1:5,000. 1942.
3. 100 stereoscope photographs, with captions, of World War I, chiefly depicting trenches. Published by Realistic Travels. Also hand held viewer.

SECOND ACCESSION

4. U.S. Army Engineer Field Manual, 1917.
5. Field Service Regulations Part 2: Organisation and Administration (War Office, 1916).
6. Cavalry Training (War Office, 1916).
7. Map of 'Belgium and part of France'. Scale 1:20,000. O.S. 1918.
8. Trench map of Neuville Vitasse. Scale 1:10,000. O.S. 1918.
9. Receipts for uniform and equipment purchased by Lieut. Kidman, 2nd London Div. R.E., 1917.