

Brig Gen John Charteris (1877-1946)5. Descriptive ListCHARTERIS 11 School, RMA Woolwich and Early Career 1889 - 1914

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| 1/1 | 1889-1892 | Certificates of Merit, Kelvinside Academy. Printed parchment pro formas, 4 pieces |
| 1/2 | 1891 Jun -
1892 Jun | Scottish Higher Examination question papers for French. Printed, 3 papers |
| 1/3 | 1891-1892 | Scottish Higher Education leaving certificates for Mathematics, English, Latin, French. Printed parchment pro formas, 4 pieces |
| 1/4 | 1892 Oct | List of successful candidates in the Preliminary Examinations for the Army, 14-15 Sep 1892. Printed, 1p |
| 1/5 | 1893 Sep | Memoranda setting out procedure for entering RMA Woolwich entrance examination
Printed, 2pp |
| 1/6 | 1893 Nov | Timetable for RMA entrance examinations to be held Nov-Dec 1893 |
| 1/7 | 1893 Nov | Essay on 'Strikes' by JC. MS, 10pp |
| 1/8 | nd | Exercise book containing notes on dynamics. MS |
| 1/9 | 1898 Feb 28 | Certificate of JC having passed a course of instruction in Military Topography and Military Engineering at the School of Military Engineering. Printed parchment pro forma, 1 piece |
| 1/10 | 1904 Sep -
1905 Feb | Certified results of JC's papers in examination for rank of Captain, and Special Certificate awarded to JC as a consequence. Printed pro forma, 3 pieces |

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- 1/11 1906 Mar 10 Memorandum from HQ 7th (Meerut) Division reproducing extracts from letters of 22 Jan 1906 and 7 Feb 1906 from Chief Engineer, Punjab and Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab. Extracts commend JC for work done by 1 Coy 1st Sappers and Miners under his command in repairing earthquake damage in Kulu, Jun-Aug 1905. Duplicated, 1p
- 1/12 1906 Apr 20 Charles Basil Hodgson (NC's brother) to his father. Has arrived in Vienna on way back from Middle East. Has been travelling since Egypt with 'a very good fellow called Captain Charteris, an Engineer from the Indian frontier, home on a years leave.' MS, 1p folded
- 1/13 1906 Sep 18 -
1913 Aug 9 Envelopes addressed to Noel Hodgson from JC. Letters presumed destroyed by Noel Charteris (see 6/14), but each envelope bears a very brief summary of the contents of the letter. Set includes 'My first letter from John (Sep 1906); and 'With the Bulgarian Army' (Oct 1912 - see also 1/18 and 5/4). 16 stamped envelopes
- 1/14 1909 Dec Loose-leaf notebook containing MS notes made by JC on various aspects of military transport matters in India (railway stock figures, logistics, etc.) arranged alphabetically. Inscription on ifc 'JC, from AHC [Prof AH Charteris?] Christmas 1909'.
- 1/15 1909 Dec 29 Certificate of appointment of JC as District Grand Standard Bearer, District Grand Lodge of Punjab Freemasons. Parchment, 1p
- 1/16 [1909?] Dec Quetta Staff College Christmas card from JC to Mr & Mrs Hodgson.
- 1/17 1911 Nov 27 Valedictory address, presented to JC by the servants of the United Service Club, Simla, in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf. Printed on embroidered silk, 1 piece 435mm x 361mm

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- 1/18 1912 Sep 20 Passport for JC travelling to Bulgaria. Printed, 1p
- 1/19 1913 Aug 13 **Notification of mobilization appointment. On first day of mobilization, JC to proceed to Southampton to take up post as ADC to Commander, 1st Army. Printed, 2pp**
- 1/20 1913-1916 Mementoes of the Charteris' marriage: a souvenir napkin printed to commemorate the wedding on Oct 21 1913; the text of the sermon preached at the service; an account of the ceremony from The Queen, The Ladies Newspaper of Oct 11 1913; marriage notice from The Royal Engineers Journal; sealed envelope containing a lock of Nigel Charteris' hair, aged 18 months; announcement of the birth of Douglas Charteris (?) from The Royal Engineer's Journal.
- 1/21 1913 Aug 26,
1914 Aug 25 Commissions as 2/Lt in Royal North Devon Yeomanry for Cyril Arthur Godwin Hodgson (NC's brother). Printed, 2 pieces in envelope
- 1/22 1914 Aug 1-7 **Mobilization memoranda and medical certificate issued to JC on outbreak of war. Printed, 3 pieces**

CHARTERIS 22 Letters from John Charteris to Noel Charteris 1914-19182/1 'Summary War Letters Vols I - IV'

These MS summaries of JC's letters to Noel Charteris were probably made by her after the end of the war. Not every communication from JC is included, and those that are are often quite heavily edited from the original. These summaries provided the raw material for JC's book 'At GHQ'. The dates below are those of the letters summarised in each volume.

2/1/1	1914 Aug - 1915 Mar
2/1/2	1915 Apr - 1916 Dec
2/1/3	1917 Jan - 1918 Mar
2/1/4	1918 Apr - Sep

2/2 John Charteris's wartime letters to Noel Charteris

The letters, telegrams and postcards summarised in 2/1/1-4. There are 1255 separate communications, sometimes several a day, written almost every day that JC was not on home leave.

The original letters have been sorted into chronological order and placed in separate folders for each of the months from Aug 1914 to Sep 1918. For microfilming purposes the letters were numbered consecutively from Jan to Dec of each year. A table giving the blocks of numbers allocated to each month appears overleaf.

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	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918
Jan	-	1-19	1-35	1-28	1-9
Feb	-	20-41	36-60	29-43	10-36
Mar	-	42-69	61-84	44-73	37-56
Apr	-	70-95	85-102	74-100	57-89
May	-	96-125	103-130	101-124	90-113
Jun	-	126-163	131-152	125-150	114-142
Jul	-	164-183	153-174	151-176	143-157
Aug	1-44	184-214	175-202	177-206	158-176
Sep	45-67	215-242	203-230	207-233	177-184
Oct	68-85	243-274	231-257	234-260	-
Nov	86-103	275-295	258-277	261-287	-
Dec	104-130	296-329	278-293	288-319	-

CHARTERIS 33 Other official and family papers from the outbreak of war until retirement from the Army 1914-19253/1-11 Personal letters and papers

- 3/1 [1914 Aug-Sep ?] Letters from Cyril Hodgson to his parents. Written whilst with his regiment (Royal North Devon Hussars) at Tendring, Essex. MS, 8 letters
- 3/2 1915 Aug 25-1918 Feb 18 Letters from Cyril Hodgson to NC and JC. Letter of 25 Aug 1915 written from Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Remainder from Alexandria, Egypt. MS, 8 letters
- 3/3 1915 May 15-16 Letters from Charles Basil Hodgson to NC and JC. Written from General HQ, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli Peninsula. Encloses copy of 'Peninsula Press' (MEF Official War News for the troops) for 17 Jun 1915. MS, 2 letters
- 3/4 nd Cyril and Charles Hodgson memorabilia. Includes a poem, a short essay on a stag hunt on Dartmoor (both TS and unattributed); some rough notes on political economy in Cyril Hodgson's handwriting, and a set of photographs, including some of Charles Hodgson's grave. 3pp and 8 photographs
- 3/5 1917 'White Horse Whisky' pocket diary for 1917, property of Charles Hodgson.
- 3/6 1917-1918 Press cuttings announcing deaths of Cyril and Charles Hodgson in March 1918, together with photographs of brothers, and NC and children 1917. One photograph inscribed 'With love to Uncle Cyril from Douglas and Nigel'. Photographs and cuttings found together in (Cyril's) leather wallet. 6 cuttings, 10 photographs
- 3/7 1917 Jan Kelvinside Academy: Academicals serving with HM Forces (includes JC). Printed pamphlet
- 3/8 1917 Nov 19 PT Young, Hon Secretary and Treasurer Kelvinside Academical Club, to JC. Covering letter for 3/7. MS, 1p

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- 3/9 [1918 ?] Sep 30 Anne Caines (?) to JC and NC. Apparently thanking them for the use of their house during the war and settling accounts. MS, 3pp
- 3/10 1918 Dec FM Douglas Haig to JC. Christmas greetings. MS, 1p
- 3/11 1919 May 7 - Sep 8 JC letters to NC. MS, 14 letters
- 3/12-18 Official and semi-official papers
- 3/12 [1917 ?] Telephone message form, Hotel Westminster, Paris. JC to go to the English Commandant's Office in Paris and telephone Col Douveler [Doweler ?] at Montrieuil. MS, 1p
- 3/13 1917 Nov 14 - Dec 21 Viscount Esher to JC, from Paris. Private letters re intrigues at the War Office. MS, 3 letters
- 3/14 1917 Dec BEF GHQ, Intelligence Section Christmas card. Printed, 1p
- 3/15 1918 Jan 4 Dinner menu, 'I' mess. Signed on rear by dinner guests (including Gen Lawrence and JC). TS, 1 piece
- 3/16 1918 Jan 5 [letter says 1917] Lt Col Nolan[?], Chief of Intelligence Section, American Expeditionary Forces HQ to JC. JC and Gen Lawrence welcome to visit anytime. Sincere regrets re JC leaving his present appointment. TS, 1p
- 3/17 1918 Mar 'Diagram shewing German Concentration Problem as formulated by the Supreme War Council' and 'Diagram shewing actual German Concentrations on March 21st'. Maps of the Western Front. Printed, 2 maps
- 3/18 1922 Nov 22 - 1925 Dec 7 India Office and War Office to JC concerning payment of his pension. TS, 3 letters

CHARTERIS 33/19-24 Orders and Decorations

3/19	1915 Jun 29	Certificate of award of Legion d'Honneur of France. Printed parchment, 1p
3/20	1918 Feb 15	Certificate of award of Croix de Guerre of Belgium. Printed, 1p
3/21	1919 Mar 1	Certificates of Mentions in Despatches.
3/22	1919 Apr 8	Citation for award of US Distinguished Service Medal from Gen Pershing, American Expeditionary Forces. Also carbon copy of citation. TS, 2pp
3/23	1922 Sep 20	Warrant under Royal Sign Manual conferring CMG, with covering letter from Register of the Chancery of the Order of St Michael and St George. Printed warrant, TS letter, 2 pieces
3/24	?	Certificate of award of Order of the Rising Sun of Japan. Printed, 1p

CHARTERIS 44 Dumfresshire elections and service as an MP 1923-1929

- 4/1 1923 Dec 7 Copy return of JC's election expenses for the 1923 General Election. MS, 7pp
- 4/2 1923 Dec 10 - 1924 Jan 14 Letters to JC concerning his campaign in Dumfresshire in the 1923 election. MS and TS, 3 letters
- 4/3 1924 Oct 18 Arthur Balfour to JC. Regrets he will not be able to speak at one of JC's election meetings. TS, 1p
- 4/4 1924 Nov 5 (Viscount) Young of Leckie (Conservative and Unionist Party Treasurer) to JC, commenting on the election results. TS, 1p
- 4/5 1924 Nov 13-27 Receipts for and rough accounts of JC's election expenses. MS and TS, 5 pieces
- 4/6 1926 May 5 JC to NC from the House of Commons commenting on the General Strike. MS, 2 letters
- 4/7 1927 Jan 18-27 Letters from JC to NC whilst taking part in the visit of the UK branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association to Malta. MS, 8 letters
- 4/8 1927 Jan Press cuttings re 4/7. 2 pieces
- 4/9 1928 Aug Letters from JC to NC whilst attending Interparliamentary Union 25th Conference in Berlin. MS, 3 letters
- 4/10 [1929 May] Election poster 'Vote For Charteris'.
- 4/11 1929 May JC's election leaflets. Printed, 3pp
- 4/12 1929 May 3-30 Diary of JC's election meetings. MS notebook
- 4/13 1929 May 27 William Dalziel to JC, and carbon copy of JC's reply. Letters of approbation for JC's service as an MP from a political opponent. TS, 2pp

CHARTERIS 55 Lectures and writings 1897-1946

NB All articles, lectures, speeches and letters are written by JC, unless otherwise noted.

5/1-22 Miscellaneous

- 5/1 1897 'Modern Fortresses And Their Defence' Precis of a lecture delivered before the Military Society at Berlin on 6 Nov 1895 by Capt Schroeter of the German Engineers. Precis made by JC, and published in Professional Papers of the Corps of Royal Engineers vol.1 Paper V. Printed booklet
- 5/2 1909 Oct 'Lectures delivered at Simla on Railway Concentration' by JC and Maj Cameron (Special Duty, Mobilisation, Railway Board). Printed booklet
- 5/3 nd 'A Frontier Incident'. Draft article/speech concerning service in India. MS, 8pp
- 5/4 c 1912-1913 'The Bulgar At War'. Article from the Glasgow University Magazine describing a lecture by JC on his experiences in Bulgaria in 1912. Printed, 1p
- 5/5 [1917 Sep?] 'At Sunset' and 'With All Thy Getting'. Two poems, unattributed [JC?]. TS, 2pp
- 5/6 1920 Jan 'The Spirit that Never Knew Defeat'. Review article on Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches (ed Lt Col JH Boraston) in The Nineteenth Century And After.
- 5/7 nd 'To Chat at Toronto from JC at Wawonaissa'. Poem. TS, 1p
- 5/8 1926 Jan 12 'Oliver Cromwell'. Text of a lecture given at Moffat. TS, 45pp
- 5/9 1929 Jan 25 Two copies of a speech delivered in proposing the Burn's Night toast to 'The Immortal Memory' at the Carlisle Club. TS, 20pp and 10pp

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- 5/10 1929 Jan 28 W Cuthbertson (co-publisher of local newspapers in Annan, Lockerbie and Moffat) to JC. Returning text of Burns Night speech, comments on reception accorded it in Carlisle newspapers and by those present at the dinner. MS, 1p
- 5/11 1929 Jan,
1931 Mar Letters from Gen JE Edmonds to JC commenting on proofs of At GHQ. MS, 7 letters
- 5/12 1931 Oct 14 Pro-forma letters from the Imperial War Museum to JC, acknowledging his gift of a copy of At GHQ. Printed, 1p
- 5/13 c 1933 'Passchendaele and Mr Lloyd George'. Letter to The Times concerning Lloyd George's reflections [in his memoirs] on the Intelligence Branch at GHQ during the First World War. MS note on letter 'Copy sent to General Edmonds 1946 NC'. TS carbon, 4pp
- 5/14 c 1933 'Swivel-Chair Strategy'. Comments on views expressed by Lloyd George in his memoirs on possibilities for a Salonika campaign in 1915. Unattributed [JC?]. TS, 3pp
- 5/15 1940 Sep 2 Letter to The Times. Gen Petain's actions and "the bloodbath of Passchendaele". Letter written to help in the process of defining 'our attitude to the Vichy government'. MS note on letter '14-6-49 original letter sent to Lord Haig NC'. TS carbon, 2pp
- 5/16 1944 Feb 26 British Information Office, British Embassy, Istanbul to JC. JC's war commentaries well received in Turkey. TS, 1p
- 5/17 1944 Nov 23 Gen JE Edmonds to JC. Asks JC to read and comment on the draft Official History of the Battle of Broodseinde. Letter from author of draft (GC Wynne) requesting JC's comments attached, together with MS and TS copies of JC's comments. 4pp

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- 5/18 1945 May The British Army Today. Popular book [for boys?] describing how the Army works.
- 5/19 1945 Dec 14 Bernard Hogben, Features Editor, Ministry of Information to JC. JC's war commentaries for Cephe magazine to stop from next article. TS, 1p
- 5/20 1945 Dec Obituary of Maj Gen Sidney Powell CB from The Royal Engineers Journal. 2pp
- 5/21 1945 Dec Memoir of Gen Sir Hugh Jameson Elles KCB. Reprinted from The Royal Engineers Journal. Pamphlet
- 5/22-27 American Lecture tour, and the 'Corpse Factory' Controversy, 1925. (see also 6/8-9)
- 5/22 1925 Oct-Nov 'American lecture'. Text of lecture to be given by JC in USA. On reverse is written a draft statement (to the British press?) repudiating the comments attributed to him in America concerning the alleged wartime existence of a German factory for converting corpses into fats. TS and MS, 20pp
- 5/23 1925 Oct 26 Issue of The Springfield Union (Massachusetts newspaper) containing article on controversy surrounding JC's lecture tour.
- 5/24 1925 Oct 29 Wallace E Dibble, of Springfield Massachusetts, to JC. Covering letter for 5/8, mentions his statement to the newspaper supporting JC. TS, 2pp
- 5/25 1936 Aug 18 Cutting from The Daily Worker. Reg Bishop, writing about fake atrocity stories from the Spanish Civil War, mentions 'corpse factory' story and JC's alleged part in it. 1p
- 5/26 1946 Press cuttings concerning Nazi experiments in making soap and fertilisers from corpses. 3pp

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- 5/27 nd Notes by NC on origins of 'corpse factory' story. MS, 2pp
- 5/28-36 Writings on FM Earl Haig
- 5/28 1928 Mar British Legion (the official organ of the British Legion) Earl Haig memorial number. Includes contributions from JC, Edmonds, Geddes, Gough, Kiggell, Maurice, Trenchard and others. Printed
- 5/29 1928 Apr 12 Memorandum of Agreement between JC and Cassell and Company Ltd for writing of work provisionally titled The Life of Lord Haig. TS, 3pp
- 5/30 1928 Mar - 1931 May File of correspondence received in connection with writing of Field Marshal Earl Haig. Includes information supplied on Haig, criticism and congratulations on the book, and some correspondence concerning Lady Haig's reaction to its publication. MS and TS, 64 letters
- 5/31 1929 Sunday Times poster advertising serialisation of FM Earl Haig. Printed
- 5/32 1929 Field-Marshal Earl Haig. Copy of US edition, pub. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York
- 5/33 1929 Apr 28 Review of FM Earl Haig by William MacDonald from the New York Herald Tribune.
- 5/34 1929 May 5 Review of FM Earl Haig by PW Wilson from the New York Times
- 5/35 1929 Sep Issue of The Australian Quarterly containing review of FM Earl Haig by CEW Bean.
- 5/36 1935 Jul 21 'Why Haig kept silent'. Introductory article from the Sunday Pictorial to introduce serialisation of the Official Biography of Earl Haig.

CHARTERIS 66 Personal and Family papers 1924-1946

- 6/1 c 1923 - 1941 Douglas Charteris' letters to his parents and memorabilia. Letters and postcards from school, RMA Woolwich, Christs College Cambridge, whilst travelling and whilst serving with the Royal Engineers. 67 letters, postcards, press cuttings and pamphlets
- 6/2 1924 Nov 15 'The Lads of Wamphray'. Poem about a 16th Century Scottish feud. Unattributed, but with a dedication 'To Mrs Charteris With Mr Kennedy's compliments'. TS carbon, 3pp
- 6/3 1926 Jul 9 FM Earl Haig to JC. Letter of introduction for RC Irwin, President of the Manchester St Andrew's Society. TS, 1p
- 6/4 1927 May 21 Receipted bill for £9.19.0 for work done by Charles Smith on Tinwald Church Yard. Paid by JC. MS, 1p
- 6/5 1928 May 14 - 1931 Nov 20 Lloyds Bank passbook (Cox and King's Branch, Pall Mall) for JC and NC's joint account.
- 6/6 1930 Jan 25 Letter, JC to NC. MS, 1p
- 6/7 1934 Nov 9 Letter, Brig Gen JE Edmonds to NC declining an invitation to visit. MS, 1p
- 6/8 1934 Nov 8-23 Letters from W Alan Gillet (solicitor) to JC concerning an alleged libel against JC in the New Statesman and Nation. TS, 4 letters
- 6/9 1934 Dec 1 New Statesman and Nation. Copy of the edition containing the apology to JC (p.789). Also contains a note in 'A London Diary' on the Passchendael controversy (p.782).
- 6/10 1939 Mar 30 Statement of Evidence by Sydney Tatchell FRIBA, an expert witness in the case of GL Morgan vs Brig Gen Charteris (High Court of Justice, Kings Bench Division). Statement describes inspection of building work done to JC's house in Virginia Water. TS carbon, 6pp

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- 6/11 1939 May 4 Letter from W Alan Gillet to NC enclosing a copy of the transcript of the Judgement and Argument as to costs (not here) in Morgan vs Charteris. TS, 1p
- 6/12 1946 Obituary of JC reprinted from The Royal Engineers Journal. Written by 'JREC'. 2 copies
- 6/13 1946 Feb Newspaper obituaries for JC.
- 6/14 1946 Feb 20,
Jun 7 Letters to NC from Brig Gen JE Edmonds re disposal of JC's papers. TS and MS, 2pp

CHARTERIS 77 Miscellanea (including FM Earl Haig memorabilia) 1891-19547/1-7 Haig memorabilia

- 7/1 1891 Demolitions By Cavalry Pioneers.
Note on explosives and demolitions,
produced for the use of the Pioneers of
his regiment by Lt D Haig, Adjutant 7th
Hussars. Printed pamphlet
- 7/2 1927 Dec British Empire Service League Souvenir
Diary for 1928. Holograph dedication
to JC from Haig ifc.
- 7/3 1928 Feb The Cliftonian (the school magazine
of Clifton College). Haig memorial
edition.
- 7/4 1928 Feb 3 Service sheet for Haig memorial service
at St Columba's Church, Pont Street,
London. Printed
- 7/5 1936 Feb 16 'Passchendaele'. Third instalment of
extracts from Haig's War Diaries
published in the Sunday Pictorial.
Newspaper cuttings, 3pp
- 7/6 1954 Dec 'Into Proper Perspective' by Lord Reith
of Stonehaven. Reprint article from
Blackwoods Magazine concerning Haig's
relationship with Rev George Duncan,
Church of Scotland chaplain at GHQ. Printed
pamphlet
- 7/7 1954 Dec 22 Covering letter for 7/6 to NC from Rev
George Duncan. MS, 1p

7/8-16 Charteris ephemera and miscellanea

- 7/8 nd Envelope containing verse eulogy printed
on card 'ARS 1825-1908', and five prints
of Chartres Cathedral windows.
- 7/9 nd [c 1914-
1915 Dessins d'un Neutre. Dutch anti-German
progaganda postcards by Louis Raemaekers
sold in aid of the French wounded. 1
booklet

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- 7/10 1916 Mar-Apr Kelvinside Academy Magazine vol V
no 15. Contains short article on JC and
photograph.
- 7/11 nd [post 1916] Notes on ancestry of some members of the
Charteris family. Unsigned. TS, 1p
- 7/12 1918 Mar 9 Kelvinside Academy: Academicals Serving
with His Majesty's Forces (6th edn)
Printed pamphlet
- 7/13 1918 Dec XV Corps Christmas card.
- 7/14 1919 Mar 31 Service sheet, St Margaret's Westminster.
Memorial service for war dead of Surveyor's
Institute. Printed
- 7/15 1919 Jul 19 Menu for Peace Day dinner at Whitehall
Court. Printed
- 7/16 1919 Jul 22 Service sheet, Rochester Cathedral.
Memorial Service for war dead of the
Royal Engineers. Printed

CHARTERIS 88 Photographs

These are copies; depositor retains originals. Any captions have been copied. Negatives are held by AVSU Kensington, reference Archives AV/5536

8/1	1910	Railway bridge over the River Beas at Rohi, India, under construction by No 1 Company 1st Prince of Wales Own Sappers and Miners. I item
8/2	c1895 - c1920	Assorted group photographs. II items
8/3	nd	Assorted family photographs. 9 items