

Brig Sydney Thomas Divers (1896-1979)

1 Early Military Career, 1915-1939

- 1/1 1915 Feb -
 1938 Jul Correspondence and papers relating to Divers' service with the Territorial Force and Army Service Corps, 1915-19, and in the Territorial Army, 1920-38; chiefly letters of reference and completed application forms. Also, a typescript memoir, 1896-1918 containing brief recollections.
- 1/2 1934 May 4 Programme for the Reception by the Corporation of the City of London of the 56th (1st London) and the 47th (2nd London) Divisions of the TA and the 600th and 601st Bomber Squadrons.
- 1/3 1935 May 6 Order of Procession and of Troops Lining the Route for the Royal Procession to St Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of George V.

2 Service with RASC in Cyprus and North Africa, 1941-1943

- 2/1 1941 Jun 'Tropical Topics'. Troop Magazine produced on board ship 'Arandorra Star' during voyage to Egypt.
- 2/2 1941 Sep ID card, British Forces, Middle East.
- 2/3 [1941 Nov] Account of 50th Division in Cyprus, 1941 Apr-Nov, chiefly concerning the organisation of transport and supplies. Typescript.
- 2/4 1942 Aug 28 -
 Nov 7 Correspondence relating to the award of the DSO to Divers for his conduct during the retreat of the 50th Div from Gazala (1942 Jun) with cuttings concerning the action.
- 2/5 1948 Nov Account of the Battle of Mareth, chiefly concerning the flanking movement of 10 Corps and the final assault on Mareth (1943 Mar). Typescript.
- 2/6 1976 Oct 22 Programme for the Last Alamein Reunion.

- 2/7 ND Autographed menu for El Alamein Dinner.
- 2/8 ND 'War in North Africa'. Illustrated newspaper account of the North African campaign, 1942 Nov - 1943 May.
- 3 Service in Italy, 1943-1945
- 3/1 1943 Sep 6 'Ships Orders' by Col S T Divers, OC Troops HMS Hilary.
- 3/2 1943 Oct 27 RASC Report on 'Operation Avalanche'.
- 3/3/1 1944 Mar 16 Letter from Lt Gen R L McCreery, GOC 10 Corps, to Divers thanking him for his work and the conduct of the RASC with 10 Corps.
- 3/3/2 1944 Jun 23 Recommendation from Brig Gen J P Sullivan, Quartermaster, US 5th Army, to Lt Gen M W Clark, GOC 5th Army, that Divers be awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in organising supplies while attached to the British Increment, 5th Army.
- 3/3/3 1944 Aug 29 Letter from McCreery to Divers congratulating him on his CBE, awarded for his service with 10 Corps.
- 3/3/4 [1944] Letter of commendation from Clark to Divers thanking him for his work with the British Increment, 5th Army.
- 3/3/5 1945 Apr 20 Copy of telegram from McCreery to Lt Col D McQ Forbes congratulating him on the role of the RASC Regiment in the assault on the Argenta positions. With covering letter to Divers.
- 3/3/6 1945 May 9 Message from McCreery, GOC 8th Army, to Divers congratulating the RASC for their work in the War.
- 3/3/7 1945 Jul 20 Special Order from Divers to RASC, 8th Army, on his departure from 8th Army, thanking all ranks for their work.
- 3/3/8 1945 Oct Certificate commemorating Divers service with HQ 10 Corps, 1944 Feb - 1944 Mar.

4 Post-war and civilian career

- 4/1 1919 Jan 27-
 1952 Jul 9 Correspondence and papers relating to Divers' civilian posts. Chiefly letters of reference.
- 4/2 1945 Nov 18-
 1953 Dec 17 Correspondence from Gen R L McCreery.
- 4/2/1 1945 Nov 18 Vienna. Possible transfer of Major Rawlins to RASC.
- 4/2/2 1946 Mar 13 Vienna. Considers Divers could well find a job with UNO. Problems of food supply in Austria.
- 4/2/3 1946 Apr 4 Reference in support of Divers' appointment to the Assistance Board, summarizing his service in Italy.
- 4/2/4 1947 Jan 21 HQ BAOR. Thanks for Christmas telegram. Fears for Britain's future. Timber felling by Army for home building industry.
- 4/2/5 1949 Dec 28 Somerset. Personal, on retirement from Army.
- 4/2/6 1953 Dec 17 Somerset. Agrees to act as referee for Divers.
- 4/3 [1945] 'A Wanderer Returns'. Reflections on the lessons of the war and on the state of Britain. Typescript.
- 4/4 1948 Apr 21-
 1979 Dec 27 Miscellaneous personal correspondence. Includes letters from Gen J Harding, and from Gens M W Clark and A M Gruenther, US Army.
- 4/5 1954 Programme for visit of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to Newcastle upon Tyne.
- 4/6 1968 Feb 1-
 Jun 17 Summary of career and notes on 50th Division, RASC (TA) prepared for inclusion in 'The Story of the Reserve Army'. Includes related correspondence with Col E Marshall, Controller, RASC and RCT Association.

5 Photographs

- 5/1 1940 [Sep] Officers of 50th Division RASC (TA) after Dunkirk.
- 5/2 1940 Sep Officers of 50th Division reunion dinner.

- 5/3/1-3 1941 George VI reviewing the 50th Division before its departure to the Middle East.
- 5/4 1943 Sep 8 Divers on HMS Hilary off Salerno.
- 5/5 1943 [Sep] Brigadier S T Divers.
- 5/6 1944 Oct 15 Introduction of the Maharajah of Patiala to Alexander Kirk, US Political Advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ, by Lt Gen M W Clark.
- 5/7/1-2 1945 Jul Eighth Army Leave Scheme. Lorries crossing the Katzburg Pass.
- 5/8 1945 [Jul] Presentation of medals to Lt Gen R L McCreery and Divers by Clark.
- 5/9 ND 50th Division reunion dinner: Divers and Lt Gen Sir Giffard Martel.
- 6 Miscellaneous
- 6/1-36 1914 Aug 14-
 1915 Apr 21 'The Illustrated War News' Nos 1-24, 26-37.
- 6/2 [1917] 'Generals of the British Army. Portraits in colour by Francis Dodd with introduction and biographical notes'.
- 6/3 1945 [Jun] Cutting concerning the situation in the Far East after the Allied invasion of Borneo.
- 7 1919-1955 Commissions, citations and awards