

Lt Gen Cyril Maton Periam (“Tirpitz”) Durnford (1891-1965)

Box List

File ref	Dates	Contents
F1	1914-1929	Correspondence regarding promotions, issues with pay, training, leave arrangements, mess arrangements, letters of thanks and congratulations; annual progress reports and testimonials.
F2	1930-1938	Administrative papers including file lists, transfer certificates for documents etc, sailing orders, official correspondence, training including course information, reading lists and timetable for Senior Officers War Course at Royal Naval War College, Greenwich, 1931; and report entitled “Summary of the Principal Military Reasons for the Urgent Construction of the Tauda China - Wana Road”, 1930.
F3	1938-1956	Correspondence including letters of thanks and congratulations from army colleagues, government officials and industry figures; progress reports and testimonials; official notices regarding promotion and transfers; official orders, minutes and memos including “Passage of troops via the Imphal Road”, 1942, “Despatching Stores along the Imphal Road”, 1942 and “Reorganisation of Command in Deccan District and Sind Area”; correspondence with the <i>Observer</i> newspaper regarding Durnford’s review of <i>Defeat into Victory</i> by FM Sir William Slim and correspondence with others regarding the review; copy of “Planning, Development and Operation of the Assam Lines of Communication, 1941-45”, by Maj Gen GN Russell and Brig R Gardiner, 1951, with annotations by Durnford and related memo from Quartermaster General’s Branch regarding maintenance of troops in Kalewa, 1942.
F4	1938-1945	Correspondence including letters of thanks and congratulations; official notices regarding promotion, transfers, awards and retirement; official orders, minutes and memos.
F5	1943-45, 1952	Correspondence including letters of thanks and congratulations, with poem ‘On Quitting India’ by ‘W.L.A.’; official notices regarding promotion and transfers; official orders, minutes and memos including “Report on Operations on Shatt Al Charraf by 34 th Brigade Column”, nd, minutes of extraordinary meeting of the War Projects

		<p>Coordination and Administrative Committee to consider Inter-Branch Subjects, 18th-20th May, 1943, file regarding coordination of administrative functions at GHQ India, 1943.</p> <p>Photograph labelled "Dick Merritt at Cheltenham Reunion, 11 Oct 1952" and photograph of group of people, all identified, including "Lt Gen CMP Durnford, CB, CIE, OMG in India".</p>
F6	1925-1949	<p>Papers relating to Durnford's publications, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes taken from various histories of India while at Staff College, Camberley, 1925. • Copies of <i>The Journal of the United Service Institute of India</i>, Vol LX, No 261, Oct 1930; including Council of the United Service Institution of India Gold Medal Prize Essay by Durnford, on the subject of assisting economic development of tribal territories and finding employment for tribesmen. • Copies of <i>The Journal of the United Service Institute of India</i>, Vol LXIX, No 294, Jan 1939; including Council of the United Service Institution of India Highly Commended Essay by Durnford on modern army strategy and tactics. • Correspondence with Edward Machie of <i>The Statesman</i> newspaper regarding a series of articles by Durnford on The Foundations of India's Security, with drafts of the articles entitled: "A Strong Man Armed Keepeth His House", "Threats to India's Security", "Can an Independent India Stand Alone?", "The Bases of Defence Planning" and "Internal Unity". • Draft of article, "Forgotten Men", Jan 1949, about the officers of the Indian Army. • Copy of article "Imperial Organisation in Relation to Imperial Defence", [1924-25]. • Copy of article "The Arab Insurrection of 1920-21", [1924-25].
loose	1943 July	Portrait photo of Durnford in uniform.