

Maj Gen (Francis William) Edward Fursdon (1925-2007)

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Material relating to Fursdon's Military Career

9	Research on Army Equipment Inventions	1942-1960
32	Royal Engineers Reconnaissance Pocket Book belonging to Fursdon	1944
36	Orders, instructions, reports, states, staff lists, duties and returns for HQ 19 Inf Bde, Operation Musketeer, Port Said, 1956	1956
	AQ Logs, HQ 19 Inf Bde, Operation Musketeer, Port Said, Nov-Dec 1956	1956
26	<i>The Assault River Crossing in Nuclear War</i> , dramatic dialogue by Fursdon	1959
	Correspondence relating to Fursdon's <i>History of the 19 Infantry Brigade</i>	1958-1963
14	Research and copies of reports for War Office Working Party on Infantry Field Defences	1958-1960
24	<i>Report on an Explosives Course arranged by the Swedish Army at Gyttop from 30 May-3 Jun 60</i> , by Major Fursdon, MBE, RE under the authority of the Engineer-in-Chief, War Office.	1960
36	Papers and photographs relating to Operation Vantage, Kuwait	1961, Jul-Oct
12	Staff College research notes	1962-1968
26	Material relating to HQ 12 Infantry Brigade Battlefield Tour Official Exercise	1968
24	<i>Report on a Reconnaissance for Exercise Viking Way: The Randsfjord Road Project, Norway</i> , by Lt Col Fursdon, commanding officer, 25 Corps Engineer Regiment	1969
35	Photographs of various RE training exercises, trials, equipment etc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 Indep Fd Sqn – Kenya • Battle Shelters: design and manned • Swedish Demolitions Course, May-Jun 1960 • WO trials of digging machines and air photos, Sep 1958 • Explosive and drill excavation • Digging Machines: Cleveland Wheel and Trenches, French Matenin, US Garwood • Digging Machines: Atlas Copco, Cobra • Swedish Tour, Feb 1960 • Hand Tools • Battle Shelter Materials • Mobile roadblock, lightweight pick head 	c.1955-1965

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex Starlight, CP excavation and framework • Wick Quarry, Bristol • Stanford PTA Air Photos, 1957 • Misc background photos [engineering subjects] and minor projects <p>Photos of AR Harris, 19th Infantry Brigade, at HQ Staff BEF, 1914-1915</p>	
24	<i>Oberjoch Range: Standard Operating Procedures</i> , Army Ski Association.	1973

Material relating to Fursdon's Academic Work

Research for an MLitt thesis on the European Defence Community, Aberdeen University:

23	Thesis by M de Kerekheve on MP Mendes - France and the EDC (in French)	1972
24	File of research on the EDC and NATO. Includes French and German.	1970s
34	Interviews with senior participants	1974-1978
	Copy of F. de Kerckhove van der Varent's thesis on Pierre Mendes-France and the European Defence Community (in English)	1972
	File of correspondence relating to a review of the European Defence Community from Fursdon's interviewees	1989
42	EDC research on UK, Italy, Luxembourg, NATO and armaments	1974-1978
43	EDC research on Germany and USA	1974-1978
45	Research on the EDC, inc. copy of Fursdon's thesis "The European Defence Community Experience: Relevance and Failure"	1974-1978
	Official papers documenting the background to the EDC	1950-1951
59	EDC research on France and Documentation	1974-1978

Reports and notes from other courses:

13	Academic studies or reports by Fursdon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MBFR Talks: the Preliminaries and the First Half Year</i> • <i>Third World Institute Study First Interim Report</i> • <i>Confidential Report on the Seychelles</i>, co-authored with Evelyn de Chêne 	1974 1987 1986
34	Notes from Resettlement Course: House Maintenance, Aldershot	1979
49	Notes from a course on Behavioural Science	c.1970

Fursdon's Articles and other Journalism

Articles written for *Daily Telegraph* as Defence Correspondent, 1980-1986:

56	Original drafts. Topics include: army exhibitions, shows and museums; military youth schemes, community service, conscription; armed forces day; arms sales; BBC and other media; Belize	1980-1986
38	Original drafts. Topics include: book reviews and launches; British military assistance; Canada; Central America; China; Civil Defence; CND and anti-nuclear campaigns; Commons Defence Committee; Conservative Party; Cruise Missiles; EDC; Egypt and Libya; entomology; defence conferences and institutes	1980-1985
15	Original drafts. Topics include: India, Burma and the Far East; the Far East Pilgrimage, 1985; Defence Secretary's tour of the Far East, 1981; France; Germany; Gordon Boy's School; Greece; Grenada; Gulf Co-operation Council; historical anniversaries and war poems; IEPG; Imperial War Museum; Italy; MBFR; the Middle East; NATO including exercises and the Nuclear Planning Group; British Forces exercises; and Northern Ireland.	1980-1986
16	Original drafts. Topics include: Ministry of Defence; Oman; the Pacific; parachuting; peacekeeping and Poland.	1980-1986
54	Original drafts. Topics include: Royal Air Force; RCDS/RUSI; Royal navy and Royal Marines; Royal occasions; Royal Tournament and Tattoos; Service Strengths; Soviet Union; Spain; Space; Order of St John; Afghanistan; Africa; Airships; Anzus; arms control.	1980-1986
1	Original drafts. Topics include: Trident nuclear deterrent, interview with Turkish PM Bulend, UK reserve forces, terrorism, military exercises, USA military policy, Western European Assembly, Zimbabwe.	1980-1986
4	Cuttings of Fursdon's DT articles on the Falklands conflict.	1982
38	Cuttings of Fursdon's DT articles, Jan 1982 – Dec 1983	1982-1983
41	Cuttings of Fursdon's DT articles, Jan 1984-Jul 1985	1984-1985
4	Cuttings of Fursdon's DT articles.	1985-1986

Other Journalism:

1	<i>Army Quarterly</i> articles, correspondence and book reviews	1948, 1964-1998
57	<i>Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter</i> articles	1982-1995
1	<i>Navy International</i> articles and correspondence	1986-1994
57	<i>Salut: Journal of the South African National Defence Force</i> articles	1995-2000
46	Audio cassette tapes of recordings of various radio interviews and programmes in which Fursdon appeared.	1980-1994

Research Material

Research material relating to the Iran-Iraq War:

40	Press cuttings relating to the Iran-Iraq War. With bullet casings and metal fragments	1980-1985
55	Articles, research, press cuttings and correspondence relating to the Iran-Iraq war	1980-1983
60	3 albums of photographs taken during Iran-Iraq War. Subjects include: British, American and Soviet tanks, APCs and SP guns captured from Iran on display in Baghdad; an Iranian POW camp; Ramadi; Basra; desert battlefields north-east of Basra (including graphic photographs of dead soldiers); Iraqi armour casualties; captured Iranian mine clearing tanks, small arms, mines etc; Maj-Gen Maher Abed Al-Rashid, Commander 3 rd Iraqi Corps; Qasr-e-shirin; Arbil; Baghdad; battle for Khorramshahr docks, Shatt-al-Arab; Iraqi artillery deployed near border east of Basra; Karun river crossing; oil fires at Abadan; Khorramshahr City after capture; Iraqis in action against Iranian Army; first battle of the Howzeh Marshes at Al-Baydha; troops of the Presidential Guard Special Forces; Iranian attack craft and rubber assault boats; wounded cattle; village women waiting to be evacuated; Carol Jerome, Canadian journalist; Iraqi war memorial and military museum, Baghdad; aftermath of Battle of Azair, Iraqi armour deployment	1980-1985
13	Booklets and journal offprints relating to the Iran Iraq war	1980-1985

Research material relating to the Falklands War:

26	Press cuttings relating to the Falklands War	1982
33	Magazines and journals relating to the Falklands War	1982-1997
58	Articles, research, press cuttings and correspondence relating to the Falklands campaign	1982 May-Jul
13	Notes, press cuttings, correspondence, press releases, photographs, publicity material, brochures etc relating to research and a visit to the Falklands	1982
16	Articles, press releases, research and photographs relating to the Falklands Campaign	1982, April-May
2	Articles by Fursdon concerning the aftermath of the Falklands conflict, including briefing documents and press releases from the FCO and MOD	1982-1986
	“South Atlantic Aftermath – full despatches from the South Atlantic of Maj G EF Defence Corr. Daily T.” 37 despatches	1982

Research material relating to the First Gulf War:

39	Press cuttings, press releases, magazines and notes relating to the Gulf Crisis and Operation Desert Storm	1990
58	Articles, research, press cuttings and correspondence relating to the Operation Grandy and Desert Storm	
13	Booklets and journal offprints relating to the Gulf War	1990
29	Background Information on the Gulf Area	1969

Research material relating to the Bosnian and Kosovan Wars:

20	Press cuttings relating to the Bosnian conflict	1992-1994
19	Research notes on Bosnia	1993-2001
22	Press cuttings relating to Bosnia	1994-1996
19	Press pack from IFOR briefing – Dayton and former Rep of Yugoslavia	1996 Feb
21	Press pack from IFOR briefing – Bosnia	1996 Aug-Sept
18	Press cuttings, press releases and briefings and research notes on Kosovo	1999 March
19	Press cuttings, press releases and briefings and research notes on Kosovo	1999 April
17	Press cuttings, press releases and briefings and research notes on Kosovo	1999 May
21	Press cuttings, press releases and briefings and research notes on Kosovo	1999 Jun-Jul
20	Research notes, maps, press cuttings and articles relating to the aftermath of the Kosovan conflict including landmine clearance	1999-2000

Field notebooks and press cuttings on various topics:

51	Set of field notebooks covering visits, tours etc; including Iran-Iraq War	1961-2000
56	Press cuttings relating to royal occasions	1910-1953
29	Programmes, souvenir brochures and press-cuttings relating to various services, coronations, tattoos, parades and trooping the colour	1937-1996
29	Press cuttings relating to Malaya	1948
12	Canadian Army's Service Battalion Concept	1965
29	Research material and press cuttings relating to post-war Europe, including the fall of the Iron Curtain, peacekeeping and arms control	1979-1998
29	Material relating to the 15 th and 20 th National Day of Oman	1985, 1990
49	Papers relating to the 50 th anniversary of NATO	1999
35	VHS entitled "Army Ethnic Minorities and Equal Opportunity Launch"	n/d

Notes, press cuttings, correspondence, press releases, photographs, publicity material, brochures etc relating to research or visits for articles on:

5	Northern Ireland	1981
5	The Far East Pilgrimage Remembrance Trip to Burma, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand	1985
12	European Defence Community	1990
5	20 th National Day of Oman	1990
5	British Military Advisory and Training Team, Namibia	1991
5	Swedish Naval Forces	1992
26	Army Cadet Force Association Publicity Material	1992
5	RAF Red Arrows	1995
5	Reserve Forces Act and Territorial Army	1996
8	RAF Innsworth	1996
8	Royal Navy and Marine Reserves	1996
8	University Air Squadrons	1997
8	University RN Units (URNUS)	1997
8	RAF Cadets (ATC)	1997
8	University OTCs	1997
8	Army Cadet Force	1997
32	Royal Navy Sea Cadets	1997
47	Royal Navy and Royal Marines Combined Cadet Force	1997
49	Boer War Centenary	1997
49	1 st Bn Devon and Dorsets	1998
6	RMA Sandhurst	1998
9	Royal Marines	1998
9	Women in the Armed Forces	1998
9	Joint Service Diving	1998
9	RAF St Mawgan and Exercise Brilliant Foil	1998
9	Simulation of Battle inc. Direct Fire Weapons Effects Simulation (DFWES) and TES equipment	1998
6	21 st Century Warfare	1999
6	Royal Tournament	1999
6	The King's Troop	1999
6	Joint Force 2000	1999
49	Defence Systems and Equipment	1999
49	RAF Kinloss	1999
49	Royal Engineers Combat Engineer School	1999
49	HMS Ocean and CDO Bde (Hurricane Mitch)	1999
49	47 AD Sqn RLC	1999
49	The Regular Commissions Board	1999
49	Army Air Corps	1999
6	Army School of Logistics, Deepcut, and School of Army Catering, Aldershot	2000
6	Defence Animal Centre	2000
6	British Army Training Unit, Canada	2000
47	Royal Military Police Training School, Chichester	2000
47	'Soaring and Sailing into the Next Millennium', RN and RAF future ships and aircraft	2000

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