

Lt Aubrey Trevor Oswald Lees (1899-1969)Detailed List**1 Correspondence between Lees and his parents and aunts**

(Note to Readers: please specify date brackets when ordering from section 1 as the correspondence is extensive and has been broken down by year).

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| 1/1 | 1907 - 1941 | Letters from Lees to his parents and aunts. |
| 1/2 | 1905 - 1941 | Letters to Lees from his parents. |
| 1/3 | 1917 - 1938 | Letters to Lees from his aunts. |

2 Early Career, 1917 - 1922

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| 2/1 | 1917 May 1 -
Sep 1 | Correspondence relating to Lees' entrance to Woolwich Royal Military Academy. Chiefly letters of congratulations. |
| 2/2 | 1920 Aug 15 -
1921 Mar 23 | Correspondence from Lees' former orderlies, F Damant, CC Ebel, F Ede and William Gallagher, giving news of the 35th Brigade, RFA at Bulford, Wilts, and of the 2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers, Limerick. |
| 2/3 | 1920 Sep 17 | Letter from Hugh L Pednam advising Lees not to press further for a personal orderly. |

3 Service in Iraq, 1922 - 1925

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| 3/1 | 1922 May 26 | Programme and incomplete script for 'Happy Days', a concert performed on board SS Massilia sailing from Liverpool to Bombay. |
| 3/2 | 1923 Aug 20-
Dec 5 | Transcript of proceedings of the trial of Lees for assaulting and insulting a police officer of the Iraq railways at Khanniquin, with related papers and correspondence. |
| 3/3 | 1924 Mar | Illustrated account of Lees' journey through the Shamiyah country of Iraq, 1924 Feb - Mar, and his encounters with Bedouin tribes. |

- 3/4 1924 Aug 13-
1925 Aug 14 Assorted memoranda and correspondence chiefly relating to personnel and leave arrangements.
- 3/5 1925 Sep 3-
1926 Dec 22 Correspondence, chiefly with the Secretary, Air Ministry, relating to Lees' dismissal as Special Service Officer (Intelligence) with the RAF in Iraq, and his appointment to the Colonial Service in Zanzibar as a Cadet, administrative service.
- 3/6/1 ND Transcript of Richard Burton's preface to his translation of the 'Book of a Thousand Nights and a Night' criticizing ignorance of the Arabic language and of Moslem customs in the British Colonial service.
- 3/6/2 ND Notes on the Muharram, the 10 days penance observed by Shia Moslems.
- 4 Service in Zanzibar and the Colonial Office, London, 1926 - 1928
- 4/1/1 1927 Jan 24 Letter from the Chief Secretary, Zanzibar, informing Lees of his success in an examination in Swahili.
- 4/1/2 1927 Nov 16 Letter from Lees to Mr Doctor apologizing for unintentionally slighting the unofficial members of the Council in a letter to the 'Local News'.
- 4/1/3 1928 Mar 3 Letter from Lees to 'RB' providing a detailed outline of his career to 1928.
- 4/1/4 ND Reference by Sir Claud Hollis, British Resident in Zanzibar.
- 4/2/1 1927 Mar 16 Minutes of a Council meeting concerning the harbour works.
- 4/2/2 1928 Mar 9 Memorandum submitted to the Hilton-Young Commission by the Arab Association Zanzibar, opposing the federation of Zanzibar with adjoining states.
- 4/2/3 ND Notes on the establishment of a British Protectorate over Zanzibar with extracts from contemporary documents and statements, 1891 - 97.
- 4/3 1928 May 1-31 Letters from Lees to Sir Claud Hollis, British Resident in Zanzibar, describing his journey by dhow to Aden via Mokalla.

- 4/4 1928 Jul 2- Correspondence relating to Lees' departure from Zanzibar, secondment to the Colonial Office, West Indian Dept, resignation from the army and transfer to the post of Administrative Officer. Palestine.
 1929 Mar 30
- 5 Service in Palestine and retirement from the Colonial Service, 1929-40
- 5/1 1929 [Jun]- Correspondence relating to Lees' early service in Palestine.
 1931 Aug 25
- 5/1/1 1929 [Jun] Lees to ? Mills complaining that his talents and experience are not being utilized. Draft.
- 5/1/2 1929 Sep 13 Lees to Chief Secretary, requesting a copy of complaints made against him by Keith Roach, Deputy District Commissioner, Northern District.
- 5/1/3 1929 Sep 21 Lees to Chief Secretary, thanking him for a copy of the above and refuting the charges of fostering Arab grievances and failing to act to suppress a disturbance.
- 5/1/4 1929 Nov 19 Chief Secretary to Lees, informing him that he may stand as a witness for the Arab Executive.
- 5/1/5 1931 Mar 7 District Commissioner, Northern District to Lees, enclosing a letter from the Chief Secretary rejecting Lees' application for the post of Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
- 5/1/6 1931 Mar 31 Lees to Sir Samuel O'Donnell, enclosing a copy of his letter to the District Commissioner, Northern District, detailing abuses in the Town Planning Ordinances and his criticisms of the administrative system in the District.
- 5/1/7 1931 Apr 25 Transcript of extract from Al-Carmel newspaper no. 1575, regretting Lees' transfer to the Secretariat and praising his qualities.
- 5/2/1 1934 Oct 3 Record of judgement by Lees as Land Settlement Officer, Jaffa area, on the legal status of a section of coastline claimed by the Government of Palestine.

- 5/2/2 1935 [Sep] Draft report by Lees to the Commission of Lands and Surveys, on the case of an alleged irregularity by an Assistant Settlement Officer in the settlement of the village of Tireh.
- 5/3 1934 Oct 21-
1938 Oct List of 'Quasi - official' letters received and sent by Lees, with summaries of contents.
- 5/4 1936 May 27-
1937 Mar 19 'Private correspondence' relating to personnel matters, the placing of a wreath on behalf of the Cheshire Regiment, and the future of the Scouts Movement in Palestine.
- 5/5/1 1936 May 27-
Nov 6 Detailed diary relating actions taken by Lees as Assistant District Commissioner, Southern District, Gaza during Arab-Jewish disturbances.
- 5/5/2 1936 Jul 1-
Oct 23 Manuscript of above
- 5/6 1936 Jun 7-
Sep 29 Correspondence and papers relating to Lees' service as Assistant District Commissioner, Gaza.
- 5/6/1 1936 Jun 7 Report by Lees to District Commissioner, Southern District, Jaffa, concerning action taken against Majdal Town for disturbances and an incident of looting by British troops. -
- 5/6/2 1936 Jun 22 Lees to District Commissioner, Jaffa, outlining his criticisms of the new Emergency Regulations and advising conciliation of the Arabs.
- 5/6/3 1936 [Jul] Report of the judgements in a High Court case involving the demolition of a house in Jaffa under an Order-in-Council and an accusation of Government deception. Press cutting.
- 5/6/4 1936 Sep 28 Lees to Lt Col F Thornton, 8th K R I Hussars enclosing a letter from Mr C F Reading criticizing the behaviour of Thornton's troops and Lees' reply to Reading.
- 5/6/5 1936 Sep 30 Thornton to HQ, 2nd Infantry Bde, Jaffa, denying above charges and criticizing Lees' attitude towards the British troops.

- 5/6/6 1936 Sep 29 Lees to District Commissioner, Jaffa, complaining about the conduct of British troops in the demolition of a house in Hamama.
- 5/7 1938 Sep 8 Transcript of speech made at the Hebron Municipality on behalf of the assembled notables on the occasion of the departure of Mr ATO Lees, Temporary ADC in Hebron.
- 5/8 1938 Oct 31-
1940 Dec 10 Correspondence and papers relating to Lees' suspension from duties in Palestine for criticizing the Palestinian Government's attitude towards alleged Jewish atrocities; his proposed transfer to the Gold Coast; his arrest and detention for alleged involvement with the British Union of Fascists; his enforced retirement from the Colonial Service.
- 5/9 1939 Jan 20-
Jul 29 Letters from S O Richardson, solicitor in Jaffa, informing Lees of assaults on Arabs and the conduct of the Palestinian Government.
- 5/10 1939 Feb 12-
Aug 2 Letters to Lees from Arab friends regretting his departure and informing him of events in Palestine.
- 5/11 1939 [Jun] 'Comments on Colonel Bethell's letter of the 14th Jun 1939 written to my father' comparing German policies and alleged atrocities with the actions of the Palestinian Government.
- 5/12/1 1940 Dec 'The Case of Mr Thomas Wilson'. Account of the arrest and subsequent treatment of Wilson for possession of information of use to the Germans.
- 5/12/2 1942 Dec 14 Copy letter from Admiral Sir Barry Domville to MPs from Brixton Prison attacking Defence Regulation 18b which permitted the detention of persons connected to organizations deemed to be a threat to public safety by the Home Secretary.
- 5/12/3 1943 May 'It Might Have Happened to You! Investigation of Regulation 18b' by J. Wynn, detailing the origins of the regulation and case histories.
- 5/13 [1941] 'Unbeaten Track. Some Vicissitudes in Two Years of a Public Servant's Life'. Lees' account of his career, 1938 Summer-1941 Dec.

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| 8/6 | 1881-1932 | Assorted personal letters to Ethel Lees. |
| 8/7 | 1915-1920 | Letters to Ethel Lees from her brother Brig-Gen Rivers Worgan from the Western Front and India. |
| 8/8 | 1921 | Account by Ethel Lees of the Lees' journey to Palestine. |
| 8/9 | 1921-1929 | Miscellaneous cuttings, postcards and personal photographs. |

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