

**Gen Sir Frank Walter Messervy (1893-1974)**

## [3] BRIEF LIST

1/1-14	1941-46	Miscellaneous correspondence.
2-4	1947, 1951	Reports, lessons and accounts: campaigns: Eritrea and SE Asia.
5-16	1943-47	Reports, lessons and accounts: units: 7 Indian Division, 25 Indian Division, IV Corps, XV Indian Corps, XXXIII Indian Corps, Twelfth Army, Fourteenth Army.
17	1954	Warfare in undeveloped countries.
18-21	1942-44	Official and propaganda publications: general: merchant navy, anti-aircraft, combined operations, civil defence.
22-27	1941-[45]	Official and propaganda publications: campaigns: Eastern Mediterranean, Libya, Italian East Africa, Burma.
28-41	1944-46	Official and propaganda publications: units: Eighth Army, 4, 8, 10, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26 Indian Divisions, 43 Gurkha Lorried Bde, 42 Royal Tank Regiment.
42-43	undated	Official and propaganda publications: humour: Two types, by Jon, Laugh with SEAC.

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## [4] DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Miscellaneous correspondence

- 1/1 1941 Apr 10 Maj-Gen L.M. Heath, comd 5 Indian Div. Order of the day, on relinquishing comd. With complimentary message attached. Typed. 4 pp + typed carbon and printed copies.
- 1/2 n.d. Lt-Gen L.M. Heath. Broadcast on all India Radio. Tribute to Indian troops in conquest of Eritrea. Reproduced from cutting from an Indian newspaper. Duplicated. 4 pp
- 1/3 1942 Jun 28 [Messervy to Mrs Messervy]. Account of his capture and subsequent dismissal by Ritchie from comd [of 7 Armoured] Div. Copy. MS. 10 pp
- 1/4 1942 Aug 24 [Lt-Gen Sir] Willoughby Norrie to Mrs Messervy. Explaining course of events above. Signed. Typed. 2 pp
- 1/5 1944 Mar 3 Mountbatten, SEAC HQ, to Messervy, comd 7 Indian Div. Congratulatory and forwarding similar telegram from Prime Minister. Signed. Typed. 3 pp
- 1/6 1944 Apr 20 Same to same. Thanking for account of a battle of his 'Administrative Box', which he hopes H. St G. Saunders will write up. Signed. Typed. 1 p
- 1/7 1944 Aug 31 Lt-Gen W.J. Slim, C-in-C Fourteenth Army. Special order of the day addressed to 7 Indian Div. Printed. 1 p
- 1/8 1944 Dec 12 Mountbatten to Messervy. Congratulatory on promotion to command IV Corps. Signed. Typed. 1 p
- 1/9 1945 Apr 26 Same to same. Congratulatory on punctual landing at Toungoo airfield and asking for rapid pushing on. Signed. Typed 1 p
- 1/10 1945 Jun 19 Brig Gen F.W. Evans, HQ Combat Cargo, to Messervy. Thanking for letter and for co-operation of IV Corps. Signed. Typed. 3 pp
- 1/11 [1945] Sep 21 Copy of notes for Secretary of State on IV Corps, 17 and 19 Divs. Typed carbon. 3 pp
- 1/12 1945 Oct 5 Mountbatten to Messervy. On closing down of IV Corps HQ. Signed. Typed. 1 p
- 1/13 1945 Dec 1 Messervy, GOC-in-C Malaya Command. Address to officers and men of anti-Japanese army, Force 136. Large sheet. Printed. 1 p
- 1/14 1946 Jul 5 Mountbatten to Messervy. Thanking for congratulatory letters. Signed. Typed. 1 p

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Reports, lessons and accounts: campaigns

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| 2 | 1947 Apr 1 | [Maj-Gen Sir] Nigel Tapp, HQ Eritrea District, MELF. Visit of C-in-C MELF, Mar 1947, tour of Keren battlefield. Inscribed and with covering letter from Tapp to Messervy. With Trace Map No.2 (No.1 missing), and map. Duplicated. 29 pp             |
| 3 | 1951       | Mountbatten. Report to Combined Chiefs of Staff by Supreme Allied Commander SE Asia 1943-45. With maps. Autographed. HMSO. Printed. 260 pp   |
| 4 | 1947 Dec 1 | Mountbatten. Supplement to report to Combined Chiefs of Staff, 1943-46. Appendices and annexures. Relating to original edition of report, 30 Jul 1947. [see ISMAY VI/19.] (A further, secret, supplement was to be issued.) Including maps. Printed. |

Reports, lessons and accounts: units

## Indian Division, Arakan and Imphal

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| 5/1-13 | 1943 Sep 22-     | Messervy. 7 Indian Div. Operational notes Nos.1-13. SECRET. Duplicated. 31 pp For No.14 see 5/18 below |
| 5/14   | [1944] Sep 22-23 | Appendices A-J. Individual training, infantry bn. Typed carbon. 22 pp                                  |
| 5/15   | 1944 Sep 10      | Lessons from operations. Duplicated. 6 pp  |
| 5/16   | n.d.             | Precis lecture on Jap armour. Duplicated. 4 pp   |
| 5/17   | 1944 Dec 19      | 9 Indian Inf Bde. Training instruction No.6. Infantry field defences for jungle areas. Printed. 9 pp   |
| 5/18   | 1945 Jan 20      | 7 Indian Div comd's operational notes No.14. Air threat. SECRET. Duplicated. 2 pp                      |
| 5/19   | 1945 Jun 4       | 7 Indian Div training instruction No.1. SECRET. Duplicated. 3 pp                                       |
| 6      | n.d.             | Crossing of the Irrawadi at Nyaungu on 14 Feb 1945 by 7 Indian Div. With 4 maps. Duplicated. 59 pp     |

Other units

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| 7  | 1946        | Maj Maitland Emmet. Arakan campaign of 25 Indian Div, Mar 1944-Mar 1945. With 8 maps and 10 illustrations. Printed. 131 pp        |
| 8  | 1945 Oct 11 | Lt-Gen Sir Frank Messervy. IV Corps narrative of operations Oc 1944-May 1945. With 6 maps and 3 folding tables. Duplicated. 91 pp |
| 9  | 1945 Oct 13 | Same. Account of operations by IV Corps, 6 May-15 Aug 1945. With 3 maps. Duplicated. 57 pp  |
| 10 | 1947 Jan    | Lt-Gen Sir Philip Christison, XV Indian Corps. Official report on third Arakan campaign 1944-45. With 4 maps. Duplicated. 116 pp  |

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- 11 n.d. XXXIII Indian Corps in its advance from Manipur to Mandalay, March 1944 to March 1945, maps, photographs and narrative. Printed. 61 pp  
Inserted a photograph/cartoon by Low entitled Loss of face in the Irrawaddy, with signatures of officers.
- 12 n.d. HQ Twelfth Army. Japanese account of their operations in Burma Dec 1941-Aug 1945. Edited from documents submitted by HQ Japanese Burma Area Army. With 9 maps. Printed. 39 pp
- 13 n.d. History of Twelfth Army from formation to end of operations, May-Sep 1945. With 14 maps. Printed. 89 pp
- 14 n.d. Lt-Gen [Sir] W.J. Slim. Campaign of Fourteenth Army, 1943-44. With 1 map. SECRET. Printed. 14 pp
- 15 n.d. [Same.] Campaign of Fourteenth Army 1944-45. With 2 maps. SECRET. Printed. 42 pp
- 16 n.d. Same. A short account of the Burma campaign covering breakout from Imphal plain to investment of Meiktila. Extracted from Slim's Campaign of Fourteenth Army 1944-45. With 1 map. Duplicated. 20 pp

Lessons derived from above

- 17 1954 Apr 1 [Messervy]. Warfare in undeveloped countries. Part I. Desert warfare. War Office publication annotated as to authorship. Printed. 37 pp

Official and propaganda publications: general

- 18 1944 Ministry of War Transport/Ministry of Information. Merchantmen at war. The official story of the Merchant Navy 1939-44. HMSO. Printed. 143 pp
- 19 1943 War Office/Air Ministry/Ministry of Information. Roof over Britain. The official story of Britain's anti-aircraft defences 1939-42. HMSO. Printed. 88 pp
- 20 1943 Combined Operations Command/Ministry of Information. Combined Operations 1940-42. HMSO. Printed. 144 pp
- 21 1942 Ministry of Home Security/Ministry of Information. Front line 1940-41. The official story of the civil defence of Britain. HMSO. Printed. 160 pp

Official and propaganda publications: campaigns

- 22 1943 Admiralty/Ministry of Information. East of Malta, west of Suez. The Admiralty account of the naval war in the Eastern Mediterranean, Sep 1939-Mar 1941. HMSO. Printed. 63 pp
- 23 1941 War Office/Ministry of Information. Destruction of an army. The first campaign in Libya, Sep 1940-Feb 1941. HMSO. 63 pp

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- 24 1942 War Office/Ministry of Information. The Abyssinian campaigns. The official story of the conquest of Italian East Africa. HMSO. Printed. 143 pp
- 25 n.d. Director of Public Relations, War Department, Government of India. Into Burma. Magazine format. Printed. 48 pp
- 26 n.d. As above. On to Rangoon. 62 pp
- 27 n.d. Frank Owen/SAC SEA. Burma, a miracle in military achievement. Printed. 26 pp
- Official and propaganda publications: units
- 28 1944 War Office/Ministry of Information. The Eighth Army, Sep 1941-Jan 1943. HMSO. Printed. 103 pp
- 29 1944 Lt-Col W.G. Hingston and Lt-Col G.R. Stevens. The tiger kills. The story of the Indian Divisions with Eighth Army in North African campaign. Foreword by FM Sir Claude Auchinleck, C-in-C India. Government of India/HMSO. Printed. 195 pp
- 30 1946 The tiger triumphs. The story of three great divisions (4, 8, 10 Indian Divs) in Italy. Government of India/HMSO. Printed. 212 pp
- 31 n.d. Director of Public Relations, War Department, Government of India. Red eagles. The 4 Indian Div in Italy. Printed. 49 pp
- 32 As above. One more river. The story of 8 Indian Div. Printed. 45 pp
- 33 As above. Teheran to Trieste. The story of 10 Indian Div. Printed. 48 pp
- 34 As above. Black cat div. 17 Indian Div. Printed. 44 pp
- 35 As above. Dagger div. Story of 19 Indian Div. Printed. 44 pp
- 36 As above. A happy family, Apr 1942-Aug 1945. The story of 20 Indian Div. Printed. 52 pp
- 37 As above. The 23 Indian Div. Printed. 56 pp
- 38 As above. The story of 25 Indian Div. The Arakan campaign. Printed. 39 pp
- 39 As above. Tiger ahead. The story of 26 Indian Div, Arakan, Rangoon. Printed. 40 pp
- 40 As above. A Gurkha bde in Italy. Story of 43 Gurkha Lorried Bde. Printed. 32 pp
- 41 42 Royal Tank Regiment, 1938-44. Compiled from contributions made by former members of the Regiment. Printed. 37 pp

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Official and propaganda publications: humour

- 42 Cyril James. The two types, by Jon. Being the saga of the two jaunty heroes who have given us the best laugh since the campaign began British Army Newspaper Unit, C.M.F./ Directorate of Army Welfare Services AFHQ. Printed. 48 pp
- 43 Frank Owen/SAC SEA. Laugh with SEAC. Published by SEAC Newspaper Printed. 122 pp

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