

Brig Derek Mills-Roberts (1908-1980)**I** No 4 Commando Dieppe Raid.

Papers covering the raid in August 1942. The objective and execution of the task given to No 4 Commando is described in detail.

- I/I/I-6 1942 May-Jun Telegrams to Mills-Roberts from Lovat persuading Mills-Roberts to transfer to Lovat's Commandos. 6pp photocopied.
- I/2/I 1942 Jun 25-26 'Report on Commando Exercise on Isle of Arran' written by Mills-Roberts as 2 I/C No 4 Commando. lp typed.
- I/2/2 1942 Jul 8 'Exercise Rommel': orders signed by Adjutant of No 4 Commando. lp typed.
- I/3/I 1942 'Operation Cauldron': report on Orange Beach 1 landing by Mills-Roberts. Footnote in Mills-Roberts' handwriting. lp typed.
- I/3/2 [1942] 'Dieppe Raid': destruction of 6 inch battery at Varangeville. Narrative. lp typed.
- I/3/3 1942 'Orange Beach 2 Party. Narrative': description of raid on Orange Beach 2. lp typed.
- I/3/4 [1942] 'Capture of a Six Gun Battery': detailed description of No 4 Commando's role in the raid. Corrections by Mills-Roberts. 17pp typed.
- I/4/1-14 1942 Aug 20-
Dec 4 Congratulations correspondence on award of MC for the Dieppe Raid. 16pp typed, manuscript and manuscript photocopied.
- I/5 1942 'Lessons Learned on Combined Operations': detailed report drawing conclusions on Commando action in 1942. 46pp typed.

II No 6 Commando.

Papers covering period April-May 1943, North Africa.

- II/1 1943 Apr 3-4 'I Div March Table': showing movement orders for No 6 Commando. 2pp typed. Attached farewell note. lp manuscript.
- II/2/1 1943 Apr 15 Letter to Mills-Roberts from Eisenhower wishing 'Godspeed' from Africa. lp typed.
- II/2/2 1943 May 16 Letter from General Laycock to Mills-Roberts welcoming No 6 Commando home. lp manuscript photocopied.
- II/3/1-8 1943 Apr 2-
May 11 Congratulatory correspondence to Mills-Roberts on award of DSO. 9pp manuscript and typed.

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- II/4 [1943] French map of Medjez-el-Bab (Tunisia).
- III 1st Special Service (Commando Brigade.)
Papers and maps covering the period June 1944-May 1945, including Operation OVERLORD.
- III/1 1944 Apr Map: 'St Aubin': landing beaches indicated with date 6-7 Jun 1944. Scale 1:25,000 Photocopied.
- III/2 1944 May Map: 'Ouistreham Defences': detailed description and illustration of defences, legend on back. Scale 1:12,500.
- III/3 1944 'Report on attack on German field-gun position: map Ref 135747 by Troop Commander Captain Thomson': description of troop action of 7 Jun 1944. 1p typed.
- III/4 1944 Jun 8-
Aug 17 Map: 'Ouistreham': showing brigade HQ positions. Scale 1: 25,000. Photocopied.
- III/5/1-3 1944 Jun-Aug Telegram and letters to Mills-Roberts' mother concerning his wound. 3pp photocopied.
- III/6/1 [1944] 'Operation Overlord': an account of the part taken by No 1 Special Service Brigade, Jun 6-Aug 26. 22pp typed.
- III/6/2 [1944] 'Regiments Represented in No 1 Special Service Brigade'. 1p typed.
- III/7 1944 Jul 8 'Current Report from Overseas No 45': War Office pamphlet describing with the aid of maps the advance to Villers Bocage, capture of Cistol, armour in the Italian advance and notes on artillery support during the Liri Valley Offensive. 9pp printed.
- III/8/1 [1944] Narrative written on action from 16-21 Aug 1944, by Mills-Roberts for French author. 38pp manuscript.
- III/8/2 [1944] Map: 'Caen S.E.': accompanies narrative (III/8/I). Positions and movements of 1st Special Service Brigade from 1944 Aug 17-18, marked by Mills-Roberts.
- III/9 [1944] Map: 'Dozule': indicating Brigade HQ position from 17-23 August and route taken. Scale 1: 25,000. Photocopied.
- III/10/1 1944 'No 1 Special Service Brigade: Report on Operation 19-21 August': description of Brigade operations around Dozule and L'Epine area. 3pp typed.

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- III/10/2 1944 Aug 20 Letter to Mills-Roberts from Major General Gale giving orders for moving. Congratulations expressed. 1p manuscript photocopied.
- III/11 N.D. Translation of article written for France Soir: describes the landing of 1st Commando Brigade and its fight to join with the 6th Airborne Division at the Caël Canal. 8pp typed.
- III/12/1 N.D. 'Operation Overlord order of Beaching and Commanding Officers of Craft in the 1st LCI (S) Squadron'. Memo in Rupert Curtis' handwriting (flotilla officer of the 100th flotilla). Detailed list of landing craft, officers and units involved. 5pp typed.
- III/12/2 1976 'Normandy Remembrance D Day plus years 32 years'. Written by Rupert Curtis. Description of a visit to Normandy by members of the LCI (S) Squadron. Detailed description of Squadron in action on 6 June. 8pp typed.
- III/13/1-5 1944 Aug 1-Sep 3 Congratulatory correspondence to Mills-Roberts on Overlord and as CO of 1st Special Service Brigade. 6pp typed, manuscript and manuscript photocopied.
- III/14 [1945] 'First Commando Brigade 7th Armoured Division Holland 1945': story of series of operations by 1st Commando Brigade east of River Mass. 1945 Jan 19-Feb 1. Map. 15pp typed.
- III/15 [1945] 'Five Rivers'. Story of 1st Commando Brigade in Germany 1945. Story of advance from Meuse to Baltic, crossing of Meuse, Rhine, Weser, Aller and Elbe. Maps. Additional notes by Mills-Roberts. 29pp typed.
- III/16 [1945] 'XVIII Corps Airborne U.S. Army. Operation Varsity'. March 23-30 1945. Mills-Roberts personal copy. 1st Commando Brigade attached to XVIII Corps. Detailed description with maps. 18pp typed.
- III/17/1/ 1945 Mar 26-27
1-5 Newspaper cuttings of the Wesel Campaign. Description of 1st Commando Brigade in Wesel. 5pp.
- III/17/2/ 1945 Mar 25-
1-16 May 31 Congratulatory correspondence on Wesel and the Battle of the Rhine. Letters, telegrams and messages. 18pp manuscript, typed and typed photocopied.
- III/17/3 1945 May 4 'Extract from 5pm Bulletin': description of Mills-Roberts and commandos. 1p typed.
- III/18 1944-1945 'United We Conquered'. Diary of a commando soldier by Lance Corporal Morris No 3 troop, 6 Commando. Detailed personal account of action from 6 June 1944 to 7 May 1945. 454pp manuscripts.

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- IV Milch Incident (May 1945)
- Statements and correspondence 1946-69.
- IV/1 1946 Oct 28 Letter to Brigadier Shapshott CBE MC from Mills-Roberts describing the Incident with Milch. 4pp manuscript photocopied.
- IV/2/1 1969 Jun 12 Statement by E.W. Ruston MC RA retd, witnessing the surrender of Milch at Neustadt. Refers to David Irving. 5pp manuscript.
- IV/2/2 1969 Aug 16 Letter from Mills-Roberts to Napley, leading libel lawyer in London. Statement by Mills-Roberts and Major E.W. Ruston. 5pp manuscript carbon copy.
- IV/2/3 1969 Aug 16 Statement by Mills-Roberts on Milch Incident. 8pp manuscript photocopied.
- IV/2/4 [1969] General description of the whole incident by Mills-Roberts and subsequent dealings with Irving. 8pp manuscript photocopied.
- V Commando Papers
- Training documents on Commandos 1942-50.
- V/1/1 1942 'Opening remarks before demonstration of infantry action against armour by Major Derek Mills-Roberts'. 2pp typed.
- V/1/2 1942 Feb 19 'Rifle: moving targets': diagram in Mills-Roberts handwriting. Signed.
- V/2 [1943/1944] Description of No 6 Commando training covering physical and psychological aspects; description of fighting against Herman Goering Division 26 Feb 1943. Written by Mills-Roberts. 10pp typed.
- V/3 1944 Jul 16 'Dedication of Commando Memorial': church service sheet. 1p typed.
- V/4 1945 'Royal Marine Training Pamphlet No. 2': Commando battle drill booklet. 25pp printed.
- V/5/1-2 1945 Aug 27 '9 Commando': History of 9 Commando Overseas, 11 Sept 43 - 8 May 45. 14pp typed. Accompanying letter from Major Ralph Cameron MC to Mills-Roberts. 1p manuscript.
- V/6 1950 Dec 'Combined Operations Pamphlet No. 10A': the organization, task and training of commandos described in great detail. 83pp typed.
- V/7 N.D. 'Exercise Consul: Problem II DS Solution' starting at page 68. Information on field defences and obstacles. Diagrams. 14pp typed.

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- V/8/1 1950 May 19 Diagram of Platoon defences by Mills-Roberts. lp manuscript.
- V/8/2 1950 Nov 22 Diagram of Platoon defences by Mills-Roberts. lp manuscript.
- VI 'Clash by Night'
A Commando chronicle, and notes on a book being written by Brigadier (later Lord) Lovat, 1956-81.
- VI/1/1/1- [1956] 'Clash by Night': extracts from copy, with
23 amendments. 26pp manuscript and typescript.
- VI/1/2 1956 'Clash by Night', with further amendments by Mills-Roberts. 1 vol printed. Accompanying letter. lp typed.
- VI/2/1-10 1977 Mar 31- Letters and notes from Mills-Roberts to Lord Lovat
1981 Feb 8 concerning Lovat's book March Past: a Memoir by Lord Lovat. 10pp typed. lp manuscript.
- VII General Correspondence and Written Material 1943-62
- VII/1/1/ 1943 Oct 14- Various correspondence to and from Mills-Roberts
1-18 1945 May 1 during the war. 29pp manuscript, typed and typed photocopied.
- VII/1/2/ 1945 May 17 Various correspondence to and from Mills-Roberts
1-11 1962 May 4 after the war. 13pp manuscript, typed and typed photocopied.
- VII/1/3 1945 July 27 Letter to Mills-Roberts from Major Kieffer concerning the award of Croix de Guerre avec Palme. 2pp handwritten. Citation lp typed.
- VII/2/1-8 N.D. Series of letters to Mills-Roberts with no evidence of year written, mostly congratulatory. 10pp manuscript and manuscript photocopied.
- VII/3 N.D. Synopsis of Mills-Roberts war time career. lp typed.
- VII/4 [1945] Translation of propaganda leaflet. 2pp typed.
- VII/5 [1945] Map: Westerkappeln and Rulle region of Germany. Markings drawn in around Osnabruck. Map Ref: SQ 2008. Scale 1:25,000.
- VII/6 [1947] 'Presentation of Battle of the Rail': film shown at end of 1947 about the Resistance Movement. 4pp typed
- VIII Photographs
- VIII/1 Dieppe
- VIII/1/1/ 1942 German propaganda photographs of Dieppe Raid.
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VIII/1/2	N.D.	Varangeville barn. Used by sniper in taking 6 gun battery.
VIII/2	<u>D. Day</u>	
VIII/2/1/1-2	1944	Landing site of 6th Airlanding Brigade.
VIII/2/2	1944	Abandoned tank landing craft on Red Beach.
VIII/2/3	1944	Ranville, first village liberated on 6 June 1944.
VIII/2/4	N.D.	Plaque commemorating the rendezvous of 1st Special Service Brigade and 6th Airborne Div (colour).
VIII/2/5	N.D.	Illustrated map of 1st Commando Brigade positions and glider landings.
VIII/3	<u>LE PLEIN AND BOIS DE BAVENT.</u>	
VIII/3/1/1	1944	Consecration of commando memorial before unveiling by Mills-Roberts.
VIII/3/1/2	1944	Men of 6 Commando around memorial.
VIII/3/2	1944	Church at Le Plein.
VIII/3/3/1-6	1944	1st Special Service Brigade Memorial.
VIII/3/4	1944	Commando Squad in Le Plein.
VIII/3/5	1944	1st Special Service Brigade in Le Plein showing a dugout.
VIII/3/6/1	1944	Graves at Le Plein.
VIII/3/6/2	1944	Graves at Orne Bridge.
VIII/3/6/3-4	1944	Graves of No 6 Commando.
VIII/3/7/1	1944	Commandos outside buildings, Bois de Bavent.
VIII/3/7/2-3	1944	Brigade HQ Cocktail Party, Bois de Bavent.
VIII/3/7/4	1944	Mills-Roberts meeting French Officials, Bois de Bavent.
VIII/3/7/5-7	1944	Beer in the orchard. Commandos drinking.
VIII/4	<u>WESEL</u>	
VIII/4/1	1945	Commandos in ruins of Wesel.

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VIII/4/2	1945	Patrol of Commandos in Wesel area.	<i>MM 42177</i>
VIII/4/3	1945	Squad of Commandos in position.	<i>MM 42173</i>
VIII/4/4	1945	Ruins of Wesel.	
VIII/4/5	1945	Commandos filing through ruins.	<i>MM 42175</i>
VIII/4/6	1945	Patrol of No 3 Commando. Bridge in distance.	<i>MM 42172</i>
VIII/4/7	1945	Ruins.	
VIII/4/8/1-2	1945	Officers inspecting amphibious vehicle.	<i>-Luffalo</i>
VIII/4/9	1945	Church and ruins of Wesel.	
VIII/4/10	1945	Ruins.	
VIII/4/11	1945	Sunken vessel in the Rhine.	
VIII/4/12/1-3	1945	Rhine and destroyed Bridge.	
VIII/4/13	1945	Wesel ruins.	
VIII/5		<u>ALLER BRIDGEHEAD</u>	
VIII/5/1	1945	Brigade HQ crossing Aller.	
VIII/5/2	1945	Flak Gun. Aller Bridgehead.	
VIII/5/3	1947	Aller Road Bridge.	
VIII/5/4	1947	Aller Bridgehead, ground behind Brigade HQ.	
VIII/5/5	1947	Aller Bridgehead, edge of forest from road bridge	
VIII/5/6	1947	Area of brigade HQ.	
VIII/5/7	1947	Road to Essel taken from Road Bridge.	
VIII/6		<u>NEUSTADT</u>	
VIII/6/1	1945	German prisoners.	
VIII/6/2	1945	Officers and men at Neustadt. Mills-Roberts on right.	
VIII/6/3	1945	German Prisoners parading.	
VIII/6/4	1945	Italian Prisoners parading.	
VIII/6/5	1945	Prisoners.	
VIII/6/6	1945	Troops on the road.	
VIII/6/7	1945	Town of Neustadt.	

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VIII/6/8/1-2	1945	Mills-Roberts at end of war. Neustadt or Oldenburg.
VIII/6/9/1-3	1945	Prisoners on parade.
VIII/6/10	1945	Soldiers standing on quay.
VIII/7		<u>1st COMMANDO BRIGADE (GENERAL)</u>
VIII/7/1	[1944/45]	Briefing in the field.
VIII/7/2	N.D.	Memorial to 1st Commando Brigade.
VIII/7/3	[1944/45]	Commandos with German prisoner.
VIII/7/4	[1944/45]	Church and operational Road signs.
VIII/7/5	[1944/45]	Graves.
VIII/7/6	[1944]	Three women outside café.
VIII/7/7	[1944/45]	Commandos outside dugout.
VIII/7/8	[1944/45]	Commandos 'brewing up'.
VIII/7/9	[1944/45]	Barracks.
VIII/7/10	[1944/45]	Commandos resting on roadside.
VIII/7/11	[1944/45]	Group in the field.
VIII/7/12	[1944]	Commando troop marching on road.
VIII/7/13	[1944]	Two commandos inspecting Russian Machine gun.
VIII/7/14	N.D.	Memorial to 1st Special Service Brigade.
VIII/7/15	[1944/45]	Graves of 1st Special Service Brigade.
VIII/7/16	[1944/45]	Two commandos in slit trench.
VIII/7/17	[1944/45]	Commandos and camouflage.
VIII/7/18	1944	Commandos Brigade HQ outside church.
VIII/7/19	N.D.	Commandos at a ceremony.
VIII/7/20	[1944]	Commandos and locals drinking.
VIII/7/21	N.D.	Ruined church.
VIII/7/22	[1944]	Mills-Roberts outside café on advance on the Seine.
VIII/7/23	N.D.	Three commando Officers.
VIII/7/24	[1944/45]	Commando playing guitar.

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VIII/7/25	[1944]	Commandos inspecting wrecked aircraft.
VIII/7/26	1945	Commandos being briefed by Montgomery.
VIII/7/27	[1944/45]	Two commando officers.
VIII/7/28	[1945]	Two commando officers.
VIII/7/29	1945 Jun 1	1st Commando Brigade at Kiel.
VIII/8	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
VIII/8/1	[1944/45]	Barracks.
VIII/8/2	N.D.	Mine washed up on beach.
VIII/8/3	[1942/44/45]	No 4 Commando training. <i>12/44 1/25510</i>
IX	<u>POSTCARDS</u>	
IX/1	[1944/45]	Brigade commanders personal protection troop.
IX/2	[1944/45]	Officers mess servants, Brigade HQ.
IX/3	1945	14 SS Officers saluting Union Jack at Oldenburg.
IX/4	1945	Montgomery talking to Mills-Roberts.
IX/5	1945	In French written by Mills-Roberts to Madam Graindore thanking her for her generosity to the 1st Commando Brigade.
IX/6/1	1945	Cocktails on the patio.
IX/6/2	1945	Cocktail party invitation to Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay from 1st Commando Brigade.