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**Papers of R Adm J S Raven, CB, BSc, FIEE (1910-1987)**

John Stanley Raven was born on 5 Oct 1910 and educated at Huddersfield College and Leeds University. He was commissioned into the RNVR in 1939, and transferred to the RN in 1946. He was promoted Rear Admiral on 7 July 1962, and retired in 1965.

The papers include official service documents and 'flimsies', 1941-1958, as well as correspondence, signals, photographs and a diary kept 1939-1940 relating to his service during WWII.

The papers of Capt William Thomas Williams-Green relate to his service in WWI in the 2nd Battalion, Manchester Regiment and his work in the ARP during WWII.

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1 Papers relating to Raven's service in the RNVR during WWII.

- 1/1 1939 Dec 12- Photocopy of diary kept by Raven,  
1940 Jun 27 'Rough jottings of happenings  
during my commission on board HMS  
GLOUCESTER', including descriptions  
of life on board, and visits to  
Durban and Seychelles, Dec 1939;  
search for the German battleship  
ADMIRAL SCHEER and bombing of  
Tobruk by the RAF, Jun 1940. 65pp
- 1/2 1939 Dec 12- Photocopy of typescript transcript  
1940 Jun 27 of the diary, entitled 'Rough  
Jottings, 1939-40', with  
illustrations. 58pp
- 1/3 1939-1940s Collection of photographs depicting  
Raven's life at sea during WWII,  
mostly annotated and largely taken  
while in HMS GLOUCESTER, including  
torpedo trials, 1939; bombardment  
of Tobruk, Jun 1940; and Italian  
prisoners at Alexandria and Tobruk.  
129 photographs
- 1/4 1939-1942 Photocopies of postcards,  
apparently used by Raven for notes  
on events during the WWII,  
including minesweeping, and planned  
attack on Taranto. 3pp

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- 1/5            1940-1943            Series of naval messages, including those from C-in-C and between ships in the Mediterranean Fleet, giving orders for manoeuvres, news of suspected enemy movements and details of fleet operations, with general message regarding the War effort from Sir Winston Churchill, 16 May 1940. 42pp
- 1/6            1941-1958            Official service documents and 'flimsies' relating to Raven, including reports on his service at sea in HMS GLOUCESTER, ORION, VERNON, and COLLINGWOOD, and during his time at the Naval Electrical Department, London. 9pp
- 1/7            1942 Aug 3            'Crossing the Line' certificate issued to Raven in HMS ORION, on the occasion of crossing the equator. 1p
- 1/8            1943-1944            Letters to Raven including those from personnel in HMS ELAND and ORION, and Combined Operations HQ (War Office) relating to developments in the campaign. 16pp
- 1/9            1943 Apr 4            Memorandum from the C-in-C, Mediterranean Fleet, discouraging the presence of women visitors on board men of war in the North African ports. 1p
- 1/10           1944 Jan 28           Papers relating to the disappearance from HMS ORION of Master at Arms Jeremiah Patrick Cronin on 26 Jan 1944, comprising letter from the Captain of HMS ORION detailing his last known movements and memo requesting the presence of Raven at the board of enquiry on 29 Jan 1944. 2pp
- 1/11           1944                   Text of speech entitled *The RNVR in War and Peace*, given by the First Sea Lord Andrew Browne, Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope at the RNVR (Auxiliary Patrol) Club Lunch on 10 Nov 1944. 1p

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- 2 Papers relating to Raven's naval career following the War.
- 2/1 c1949 Photographs of Princess Elizabeth's visit to Malta, some copyright of the *Times of Malta*, including naval personnel. 8 photographs
- 2/2 1950s Two group photographs of naval personnel, uncaptioned. 2 photographs
- 2/3 1960 Three poems by Raven, apparently relating to his work at the Admiralty. 5pp
- 2/4 1960s Collection of photographs relating to Raven's time as a flag rank officer. Uncaptioned, but some taken on visits to RN Air Station, Arbroath and HMS EXCELLENT, Portsmouth. 27 photographs
- 2/5 1964 Dec Raven's article, 'A Perspective View of Naval Engineering', discussing the work of the Electrical Branch of the RN and correspondence concerning it between him and Professor Sir Willis Jackson and Imperial College, London. 8pp