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## Preface

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## Introduction

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### Walter Scott-Hill

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1. Personal Papers relating to Sudan Service
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## Personal Papers relating to Sudan Service

- SAD.511/1/1-2 1904 Aug 27  
Letter to Scott-Hill from Commander E.E. Bond offering him a temporary position in the Sudan on *sudd* cutting work
- SAD.511/1/3-6 1904  
*Firman* appointing Scott-Hill Bimbashi, with envelope and annotated copy
- SAD.511/1/7-8 1907  
*Firman* to Scott-Hill Bey, with annotated copy
- SAD.466/5/1 1914 Jan 12  
Printed copy of the address to E.E. Bond Pasha by Miralai Mahmud Bey Azmi at a reception at the Khartoum Dockyard Gardens on the occasion of Bond Pasha's retirement as Director of Steamers
- SAD.466/5/2 [1914]  
Note recording farewell to a number of staff of the Steamers Department, including the Director, E.E. Bond and Scott-Hill, Assistant Director
- SAD.466/5/3-4 1914 Nov 8-11  
Letter to Scott-Hill from R. Rees Mogg, Military Secretary, forwarding a copy of the *War Office Gazette* in which is recorded the award of the Order of the Mejidiya (3rd class) to Scott-Hill
- SAD.511/1/11 1947 Jun 28  
Letter from Sir Reginald Wingate to Scott-Hill thanking him for a copy of his note on "River Transport in the Sudan"

## 2. Articles, Memoirs

- SAD.466/2/1-40 [ca. 1950s]  
 “Some Sudan memories: a Naval Officer's ten-year service 1904-1914”, an account by Scott-Hill of his service in the Sudan, covering Egypt's part in the early administration of the Sudan (SAD.466/2/2), Kitchener's visit to the Sudan in 1913 (SAD.466/2/3-6), Scott-Hill's arrival in Cairo in 1904 (SAD.466/2/6-7), early days of the Steamers Department under Commander Bond (SAD.466/2/8-13), first *sudd* clearing expedition of 1904/05 (SAD.466/2/14-18), clearing the Bahr al-Ghazal in 1909 (SAD.466/2/18-20), the early years of Condominium rule (SAD.466/2/20-21); Rudolf von Slatin Pasha (SAD.466/2/22), life in Khartoum and in outlying districts (SAD.466/2/23-24), social life in Khartoum (SAD.466/2/25), work of the Steamers Department in the flood season (SAD.466/2/26-30), British regiments in Khartoum (SAD.466/2/30-31), Egyptian Army ranks (SAD.466/2/31), establishment of the Sudan Civil Service in 1906 (SAD.466/2/31-33), financial crash in Egypt (SAD.466/2/34), VIP visitors to the Sudan (SAD.466/2/34-36), cotton growing plantations (SAD.466/2/39), recall to naval service (SAD.466/2/40). The articles at SAD.466/4 are all based on this memoir
- SAD.466/3/1-40 [ca. 1950s]  
 Second copy of account above. The articles at SAD.466/4 are all based on this memoir
- SAD.466/4/31-39 1953  
 Draft article by Scott-Hill entitled “A Naval Officer in khaki, or, Ten years in khaki, or, Ten years in the Sudan by a Naval Officer, or, Some notes by an hermaphrodite - soldier and sailor too”, covering Scott-Hill's service with the Steamers and Boats Department, including *sudd* clearing (SAD.466/4/32-36); the British community in the Sudan (SAD.466/4/36-37); Rudolf von Slatin Pasha (SAD.466/4/37-38); and the Sudanese climate (SAD.466/4/38-39)
- SAD.466/4/1-29 1953-1954  
 Draft article by Scott-Hill entitled “Making do in the early days of the occupation of the Sudan by an Engineer Officer who helped”, Scott-Hill's personal corrected copy, covering the early years of the Steamers Department under Engineer Commander Bond, including the establishment of a new dockyard at Khartoum North (SAD.466/4/1-19); building of local sailing boats (SAD.466/4/3-4); boats of the steam fleet (SAD.466/4/4-6); dockyard personnel (SAD.466/4/6,15); wood stations (SAD.466/4/7-8,17-18); *sudd* clearing (SAD.466/4/9); the use of barges (SAD.466/4/10); officer staff, including dress uniform (SAD.466/4/12); travel south of Khartoum (SAD.466/4/12); work during the flood season (SAD.466/4/12-13); Khartoum North dockyard (SAD.466/4/13); Sir Samuel Baker's steamers the *Bordein* and *Safia* (SAD.466/4/16-17); visit by Lord Kitchener in 1913 (SAD.466/4/19-21); British regiments stationed at Khartoum and British officers seconded to the Egyptian Army

(SAD.466/4/22-23); financial crash in Egypt (SAD.466/4/23-24); visitors to the Sudan (SAD.466/4/24-26); the Blue and White Niles (SAD.466/4/26); experiment with iron *saqiyahs* (SAD.466/4/27); Sudan cotton plantations (SAD.466/4/28); the rise of nationalism in Egypt (SAD.466/4/28). Filed with the article is a letter from the Editor of the *Journal of Naval Engineering* suggesting that Scott-Hill revise and shorten his article to make it more suitable for publication (SAD.466/4/30)

SAD.466/4/40-49 1955

Draft article by Scott-Hill entitled "Kitchener and the early years of the Anglo-Egyptian Condominium: memories of an old naval officer", describing Kitchener's return visit to the Sudan in 1913 (SAD.466/4/40-41); Scott-Hill's journey to Khartoum in 1904 to take up his new role (SAD.466/4/41); early days of the Steamers Department (SAD.466/4/42-43); *sudd* clearing in 1904/05 (SAD.466/4/43-45); work of the department (SAD.466/4/45-47); arrival of the first civilian staff (SAD.466/4/47-48)

SAD.466/4/50-64 [ca. 1950s]

Draft article by Scott-Hill entitled "10 years in Sudan", covering Kitchener's visit to the Sudan in 1913 (SAD.466/4/50); Scott-Hill's journey to Khartoum to take up his new role (SAD.466/4/52-53); early days of the Steamers Department (SAD.466/4/53-55); *sudd* clearing (SAD.466/4/56-60); building of local sailing craft (SAD.466/4/61); wood stations (SAD.466/4/61-62); implications of the outbreak of World War I (SAD.466/4/63-64)

### 3. Photographic Material

- SAD.511/1/9-10 [1904-1914]  
Typescript list by Scott-Hill of photographs taken in the Sudan, in an album which is not part of the collection
- SAD.474/1/1-31 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Photographs taken during Scott-Hill's service in the Sudan:
- SAD.474/1/1-2 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Small steamer or launch, the *Leopard*, probably Khartoum North dockyard
- SAD.474/1/3 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Young woman operating a *shaduf* on the bank of the Nile, probably near Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/4 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Young man operating a *shaduf* on the bank of the Nile, probably near Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/5 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Two men operating a *shaduf* on the bank of the Nile, probably near Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/6 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Two women operating a *shaduf* on the bank of the Nile, probably near Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/7 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Three British men playing bowls, probably Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/8 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Sudanese man in garden in front of government building, probably Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/9 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Man on camelback, possibly Scott-Hill
- SAD.474/1/10 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Elderly Sudanese man, probably Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/11 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Flooded land, probably Khartoum
- SAD.474/1/12-12a [ca. 1904-1914]  
Steamer during construction, probably Khartoum North dockyard
- SAD.474/1/13 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of people standing on a riverbank, possibly Khartoum North dockyard
- SAD.474/1/14 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Two men, possibly including Scott-Hill, surveying the battlefield at Karari, site of the battle of Omdurman
- SAD.474/1/15 [ca. 1904-1914]  
View of Khartoum North dockyard with the Palace on the opposite bank of the river
- SAD.474/1/16 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of government officials watching a *diluka*
- SAD.474/1/17 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Young girl standing in front of a group of women wearing *tobes*



- SAD.474/1/18 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men in front of *tukls*
- SAD.474/1/19 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Village on a riverbank, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/20 [ca. 1904-1914]  
River scene, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/21 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of women, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/22 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men performing a war dance, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/23 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men performing a war dance with spears and shields, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/24 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men performing a war dance with clubs, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/25 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men performing a war dance with spears and shields, possibly Equatoria
- SAD.474/1/26-27 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of men probably Shilluk, performing a war dance with spears and shields
- SAD.474/1/28 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Group of Belgian officers standing on a riverbank, Lado Enclave
- SAD.474/1/29 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Steamer, possibly the *Margaret*, run aground in the *sudd*, possibly Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/30 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Steamer, the *Beatrice*, in the *sudd*, possibly Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/31 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Steamer, possibly the *Hannek* or *Kaibar*, run aground, probably in Upper Nile Province
- SAD.511/3/1-9 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Photographs taken during Scott-Hill's service in the Sudan:
- SAD.511/3/1-2 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Scott-Hill on camelback
- SAD.511/3/3 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Scott-Hill on horseback
- SAD.511/3/4 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Two women on donkeyback. One is possible Scott-Hill's wife
- SAD.511/3/5 [ca. 1904-1914]  
View of Khartoum North dockyard with the steamer *Bordein* on the right and Scott-Hill's house in the background
- SAD.511/3/6 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Spectators using steamers as grandstands at a regatta near the Khartoum North dockyard

- SAD.511/3/7 [ca. 1904-1914]  
People dressed as suffragettes in a rowing boat with the words  
Votes for women on the side, at a regatta near Khartoum North  
dockyard
- SAD.511/3/8 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Scott-Hill's servant and Peter, his dog
- SAD.511/3/9 [ca. 1904-1914]  
Half-length portrait of Capt E.E. Bond, R.N. and Director, Sudan  
Government Steamers Department, wearing Egyptian Army  
uniform
- SAD.474/1/32-43 1904-1905  
Large mounted photographs taken during *sudd* clearance work  
undertaken by Scott-Hill 1904-1905:
- SAD.474/1/32 1905  
Steamer towing freshly cut *sudd* during *sudd* clearance work,  
possibly Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/33 1905  
Men loading fuel on to a steamer at a wood station on the Blue  
Nile
- SAD.474/1/34 1905  
Men clearing *sudd* on Block XV by cutting it away while standing  
on a wire attached to the bow of a steamer, probably Upper Nile  
Province
- SAD.474/1/35 1905 Jan  
Cut *sudd* floating downstream around the gunboat *Tamai* during  
*sudd* clearance work, probably Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/36 1905  
Wire attached to the bow of a steamer pulling cut *sudd* away  
during *sudd* clearance work on Block XV, probably Upper Nile  
Province
- SAD.474/1/37 1905 Feb  
Dead hippopotamus shot by Scott-Hill on the Bahr al-Jabal river  
during *sudd* clearance work
- SAD.474/1/38 1905  
Group of local people at a wood station, probably Upper Nile  
Province
- SAD.474/1/39 1905 Mar 6  
Man standing on a dead elephant shot by Scott-Hill in the  
company of G. Middleton, an engineer
- SAD.474/1/40 1905  
*Tukl* under construction, possibly Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/41 1905  
Men clearing *sudd* by cutting it away whilst standing on a wire  
attached to the bow of a steamer, probably Upper Nile Province
- SAD.474/1/42 1905  
Landing party loading a steamer with fuel from a wood station  
on a section of floating *sudd* at Block XV

- SAD.474/1/43 1905 Jan  
Group of *sudd* clearance workers standing in the *sudd* after cutting up a hippopotamus shot on the Bahr al-Jabal river
- SAD.511/2/1-15 1909-1914  
Picture postcards of the Sudan, sent by Scott-Hill and his wife, mainly to their daughter Monica Scott-Hill:
- SAD.511/2/1 1909 Feb 7  
*Habub* over buildings under construction at Khartoum. Postcard by Angelo H. Capato, sent by Scott-Hill to Miss Ardron, his future wife
- SAD.511/2/2 1912 Oct 7  
Golden crested crane, probably Khartoum zoo. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 408, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/3 1909 Nov 9  
Full length profile of young Shilluk man with distinctive hairstyle, holding spears and standing in front of a *tukl*. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 309, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/4 1913 May 14  
Young girl at Omdurman wearing a *kitab* suspended around her neck. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 143, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/5 1913 Oct 13  
Group of young boys at Omdurman. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 368, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/6 1913 Oct 19  
Cartoon entitled Two ships of the desert (colour tinted). Postcard by B.K.W. I 951-15, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/7 1913 Nov 21  
Gazelle, probably Khartoum zoo. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 407, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/8 1913 Dec 14  
Shilluk men standing in a canoe, hunting hippopotami with spears and bows and arrows. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 253, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/9 1914 Jan 10  
Oxen pulling military equipment loaded onto wagons. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 217, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/10 1914 Jan 22  
Steamer, the S.G.S. *Omdurman* and two barges moored on the Nile, possibly at Khartoum North dockyard. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 249, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/11 1914 Jan 26  
Tame giraffe at Singa. Postcard by Sudan Times, sent by Scott-Hill and his wife to their daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/12 1914 Jan 29  
Ostrich watering by the river at Dueim after being plucked. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 144, sent by Mrs Scott-Hill to her daughter Monica

- SAD.511/2/13 1914 Mar 5  
First British Camel Corps in the Sudan on parade at Khartoum. Postcard by G.N. Morhig, no. 38, sent by Scott-Hill and his wife to their daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/14 1914 Jul 2  
*Feluccas* sailing on the Nile (colour tinted). Postcard by F. Diemer, Finck & Baylaender, Cairo, sent by Scott-Hill to his daughter Monica
- SAD.511/2/15 1914 Jul 13  
Embossed portrait of a young Egyptian syce wearing a waistcoat and fez, Cairo. Postcard by Plentl Mary Mill Cairo, no. 28

## 4. Printed Material

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