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Preface

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1927	Halfa
1928-1930	A.D.C. Port Sudan and Suakin
1930-1931	A.D.C. Yei, Mongalla
1931	A.D.C. Opari, Mongalla
1932-1933	A.D.C. Kajo-Kaji, Mongalla
1933-1936	A.D.C. Khartoum
1936-1938	A.D.C./D.C. Akobo, Upper Nile Province
1939-1942	D.C. Fangak, Upper Nile Province
1942-1946	D.C. Shendi, Northern Province
1946-1948	D.C. Malakal, Upper Nile Province
1948-1951	Deputy Governor, Upper Nile Province
1951-1953	Assistant Civil Secretary, Khartoum (Departmental)
1953-1955	Deputy Governor/Governor Upper Nile Province
1955	Retired

Arrangement

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This collection also contains material by Mrs. I.M. Winder

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1. Official Papers

(i) Gambia

- SAD.104/15/38-45 1936 Jun 15 and Oct 8
Letters from J.Winder to P.B. Broadbent and R.C. Mayall concerning the situation in Gambia and Gore and in particular the evacuation of refugees
- SAD.104/14/1-98 1936 Jun 29-Oct 9
Copies of correspondence between Winder at Gambia (during leave of absence by the resident D.C., J.K. Maurice) and Captain Esme Erskine, H.B.M. Consul Gore, Western Abyssinia. The letters record routine administrative matters such as movement of personnel, payment of customs and droit d'excise, the salt monopoly, clearing of Gambia landing ground, the operation of the Ethiopian Bank in Gambia and the movement of steamers and shipment of goods, as well the deteriorating political situation in Abyssinia, the Italian advance from Addis Ababa and the evacuation of foreign nationals
- SAD.541/12/1-3 1936 Aug 13
Letter from Winder to W.H. Haslam describing in some detail the complicated political situation in Abyssinia and the difficulties of his role in Gambia
- SAD.104/17/1-106 1937, 1947
Report by Winder on Gambia, covering the period from May to Nov 1936, from the fall of Addis Ababa to the arrival of the Italians at the post. 1937 version with part draft and revised copy of 1947
- SAD.104/13/7-10 1947 May 3-Jun 10
Correspondence between Winder, J.K. Maurice and the Civil Secretary concerning permission to publish Winder's note on Gambia (see 104/17/1-106 above)

(ii) Upper Nile Province

- SAD.104/16/1-45 1936-1938
Tribal notes on the Murle of Pibor District, Upper Nile Province by Winder and B.A. Lewis:
- SAD.104/16/1-3 Introduction
 - SAD.104/16/4-7 Social organisation
 - SAD.104/16/8-12 Age sets and age grades
 - SAD.104/16/13-29 Note on the Plains Murle
 - SAD.104/16/30-37 Note on chieftainship among the Plains Murle tribe
 - SAD.104/16/38 Note on the age-system among the Plains Murle
 - SAD.104/16/39-41 Related correspondence
 - SAD.104/16/42 English/Didings/Beir vocabulary
 - SAD.104/16/43 Additions and corrections to Winder's note on chiefs
 - SAD.104/16/44-45 Genealogical trees of the Gnarothe and Tongojong chiefs

- SAD.541/3/1-25 [c. 1936-1938]
Duplicate sections of the tribal notes above on Plains Murle and chieftainship among the Plains Murle, with different annotations
- SAD.541/1/1-186 1939 Nov 12-1942 Aug 30
Correspondence between Winder and successive governors of Upper Nile Province, C.L. Armstrong, G.N.I. Morrison and C.G. Davies, consisting of letters from Winder and more detailed monthly letters from the governor to D.C.s covering province and district matters, movement of personnel, finances, supplies of grain, tribal inspections and news of the war. A list by Winder at the front of the file provides the names of those mentioned in the letters. Of note are letters from Armstrong re his inspection tour of Bor district and Juba (541/1/5-10); Winder to Armstrong re the purchase of grain and progress with the Fangak/Malakal road (541/1/11-12); Armstrong re district finances (541/1/17-19), discussions with R.V.H. Roseveare on southern education (541/1/24-28), the visit of the P.M. of Egypt (541/1/40-46); Winder to Armstrong re vaccination programmes against smallpox and cerebro-spinal meningitis (541/1/48); Armstrong re tribal disturbances involving the Nuer on the Abyssinian border (541/1/52-60); Winder to Armstrong re his Jonglei Scheme report (541/1/62-63); Armstrong re prospects for Italian hostilities and steps to be taken during the general precautionary period (541/1/64-65, 70-72), Italian incursions into Kassala and Upper Nile Province (541/1/81-82), the expulsion of J.K. Maurice from Gambeila and Italian attacks on posts in Upper Nile Province (541/1/84-85); Winder to Armstrong re rumours of plots to take over the government cattle at Jwaibor Post (541/1/87-88), setting out his proposals for bringing the activities of government into greater prominence and broadening contact bases between the D.C. and the chiefs (541/1/96-98), with Armstrong's reaction (541/1/101-104); Winder to Armstrong re his proposal to run Lau and Zeraf as one district (541/1/112-113); Winder to Morrison re the loss of the provincial allowance for the police (541/1/120) and reporting on the state of the Wau/Malakal road (541/1/121-123); P. Pratt to Winder re the delivery of vaccination supplies (541/1/138-140), with Winder's reply (541/1/142); Winder to Davies, setting out his proposals for the amalgamation of Zeraf, Bor and Lau districts under his control (541/1/154-157), with Davies' replies (541/1/170-171, 183-184); Winder to Davies re local reaction to the attack on Winder by a man of the Nuer tribe and to the court case to try the assailant (541/1/160-161, 168), with Davies' replies (541/1/163-165, 170-171); Winder to Davies re the latter's plans for a Central Nuer District (541/1/175). Enclosures:
- SAD.541/1/67-68 1940 May 18
Note by C.L. Armstrong on the emergency period - general precautionary stage
- SAD.541/1/73-75 Secret and personal rough diary on defence measures taken during the crisis

- SAD.541/1/77-80 1940 Jun 12
Memorandum by C.L. Armstrong on Upper Nile Province internal security and defence problems
- SAD.541/1/107-110 1940 Aug 18
Note by C.L. Armstrong on proposals for Upper Nile Province manpower
- SAD.541/1/176-180 Notes by Winder on plans for the future administration of Central Nuer District, with sketch map
- SAD.541/4/9-11 1939-1954
List of D.C.'s bull names and nicknames, Upper Nile Province. Original list by Winder with later additions
- SAD.541/2/1-23; 1940-1948
541/9/1-91 Papers relating to the work of the Jonglei Investigation Team:
- SAD.541/2/1-15 1940 May 13
Copy note by Winder on the proposed Jonglei Canal scheme
- SAD.541/2/16-17 1940
Xerox copies of maps by Winder illustrating the water system, living areas and cattle migrations in Zeraf District, and where water levels in a canal are designed to be above or below land levels
Scale: 1 to 1,000,000
Size: 20 x 32 cms
- SAD.541/9/1-72 1946 Mar-1947 Mar
Jonglei Investigation trek notes, including route reports and remarks on treks in the course of enquiries into grazing, cattle movement, water conditions, fishing, etc. (xerox copy)
- SAD.541/2/18-23 1947 Apr 14-22
Route report by Winder on a trek from Mopair to Khor Bilnyang to investigate what happened to the spill of waters of a number of rivers in the sudd region of Upper Nile Province, with sketch map showing the drainage system concentrating into Khor Bilnyang and the reported route taken by Bahr el Jebel flood water which joins it
Scale: 1 to 250,000
Size: 41 x 33 cms
- SAD.541/9/73-76 1947 Dec 13-16
Notes on trek in Kostu District, Blue Nile Province (xerox copy)
- SAD.541/9/77-79 1948 Jan 13
Notes on 1947/1948 flooding of Zeraf Island and notes taken from v.5 of *Nile Basin* (xerox copies)
- SAD.541/9/80-82 1948 Jan
Note on a visit to Shambe experimental pump site (xerox copy)
- SAD.541/9/83-91 [c. 1948]
Jonglei Investigation Team notes: analysis of the contents of *Nile Basin* v.3 so far as they relate to the Jonglei Scheme survey; note on inter-relation between Bahr el Jebel spill waters and the waters of the rivers Lau, Naam, Gel and Tonj (xerox copies)

- SAD.541/11/1-11 1942 Jun 17
 "Note on the evolution of policy in regard to chiefs, sub-chiefs and headmen", by Winder, D.C. Zeraf District
- SAD.541/8/1-7;
 541/10/11-16 1942, 1947
 Memoranda by Winder on Nuer policy: political development along federal lines, amalgamation of the districts of Zeraf, Lau, Nuer and Bor, and the future of Nuer Government servants, with comments by G.N.I. Morrison, Deputy Governor, Upper Nile Province
- SAD.541/12/6-9 1946 Oct 30-1947 Feb 19
 Letters from Winder to W.H. Haslam setting out his views on the future of the southern Sudan, difficulties of motor transport in the south and a detailed account of Sudan/Egypt treaty negotiations, the outcome of the Sudan Administration Conference and his work on the Jonglei Investigation Team
- SAD.541/8/8-12 1946 Nov 4-Dec 24
 Note by Winder on suggestions made by the Sudan Administration Conference, committee 'A' on the method of including the southern provinces with those of the north in a first step towards the independence of the Sudan, with covering letters to J.W. Robertson, Civil Secretary
- SAD.104/13/1-4 1946 Nov 4
 Letter from Winder to J.W. Robertson, Civil Secretary, putting forward his views on the reports of the two committees of the Sudan Administration Conference and in particular on the "introduction of the south to complete union in a northern Sudanese government"
- SAD.104/13/5-6 1946 Dec 23
 Memorandum by Winder on "Nilotic economics" - the movement towards a money as opposed to a cattle medium of exchange
- SAD.541/11/12-36 1948-1949
 "Jonglei without tears", a memorandum by Winder for the Civil Secretary on the politico-economic effects of the Jonglei Scheme, with covering letters to the Governor Upper Nile Province, F.D. Corfield and the Civil Secretary, Sir James Robertson
- (iii) Northern Province
- SAD.541/12/4-5 1942 Dec 4-1944 Nov 27
 Letters from Winder to W.H. Haslam concerning his move to Shendi, the challenges facing him in his new district and negotiations with Nomad Arabs
- SAD.541/10/17-22 1946
 Handing-over notes by Winder on Shendi District, Northern Province, covering local politics

2. Personal Papers

- SAD.541/13/1-57 1936 Jul 3-1954 Nov 16
Typescript copies of extracts from letters from Winder to Isabel M. Dale (later Mrs. Winder), describing his life in the Sudan:
- SAD.541/13/1 1936
From Gambeila, describing the life there and the political situation in Western Abyssinia
- SAD.541/13/2-27 1937-1939
From Upper Nile Province concerning dealings with the Nuer and the Murle (541/13/2); the change to Zeraf District and the imposition of a system of tribal courts (541/13/3-5); from Jwaibor re his plans to turn Jwaibor into a Nuer centre run by Tutyang Kolang, and a trip from Ayod surveying the route for a road (541/13/5-6); the effects of the annual flood and dissatisfaction with the P.W.D. (541/13/7-8); difficulties persuading the Lieng Longaic to cut wood for the quarry (541/13/9-11); describing a trek during the flood season (541/13/11-13); re the Zeraf Cut Scheme (541/13/17-18,20-21); the importance of Nile waters (541/13/22-23)
- SAD.541/13/27-42 1946-1948
Secondment to the Jonglei Investigation Team, visiting Malakal, Juba, Nagishot, Khor Fullus, Khor Atar, Bentiu, Tombe west channel, Yorka, Gaweir toich, Kapoeta, Bor, Yirrol, Rumbek and Ler
- SAD.541/13/43-49 1948-1950
Deputy Governor, Upper Nile Province, writing from Malakal, concerning problems with the *reth* of the Shilluk and a tour of Renk sub-district (541/13/43); the outcome of a meeting of the Jonglei Committee in Khartoum (541/13/44); a trek to Western Nuer District (541/13/45-47)
- SAD.541/13/50-52 1954
Governor, Upper Nile Province, writing from Malakal concerning difficulties of the transitional period prior to sudanisation (541/13/50); a visit to the province by Azhari (541/13/50-51,53); the hand-over to Ahmad Hasan al-Daw (541/13/51); the final farewell from Upper Nile Province (541/13/52)
- SAD.541/13/54 Sketch map of Upper Nile Province showing the position of rivers and drainage channels
- SAD.541/13/55-57 Glossary of names mentioned in the letters
- SAD.541/10/6-7 1951 Jun 14
Letter from Winder in Khartoum to his mother, Mrs. W.H. Winder, concerning the police strike (xerox copy)
- SAD.541/10/8-10 1952 Aug 27-Sep 12
Copy extracts from letters from Winder to his mother concerning the crash of the Airwork *Hermes* aircraft carrying members of the Sudan Government home on leave

- SAD.541/10/1-5 1966 Jan 15
Draft letter from Winder to Bashir Muhammad Said, author of *The Sudan*, putting forward his views on the southern question
- SAD.541/6/1-3 1966 Jun 7
Letter from Winder to R.L. Hill concerning Nile steamers in Upper Nile Province (xerox copy)

3. Trek Notes

SAD.541/6/13-15 1939 Nov-Dec

Trek notes by Mrs. I.M. Winder covering a journey in Fangak District

4. Diaries and Memoirs

- SAD.104/15/1-37 [c. 1930s]
 "The beginning of things", an autobiographical account of Winder's time in Wadi Halfa and Port Sudan
- SAD.541/13/58-68 1946 Mar 14-May 16
 Copy extracts from a diary describing Winder's work for the Jonglei Investigation Team, conducting investigations into the level and flow of water in rivers and *khawrs*, and grazing lands. More specifically he describes the journey up the Nile to Malakal on the *Kassala* ; discussions with P. Broadbent at Kosti on the effects of the Jabal Aulia Dam on Baqqarah grazing (541/13/59); a visit to Lel mission station (541/13/61); and note of sections of the Yirrol people together with their approximate tax-paying populations and total cattle (541/13/64)
- SAD.541/6/10-12 [c. 1950]
 An account by Mrs. I.M. Winder of life in Malakal (xerox copy)
- SAD.541/7/1-32 1979 Nov
 "Fifty years on", an account by Winder of his service in Opari-Kajo-Kaji District of Mongalla Province
- SAD.541/10/29-33 1980 Nov 28
 Account by Winder of his experiences in 'The loss of the Nile steamer *Hafir*' (1941)
- SAD.541/10/34-37 1980 Dec
 Account by Winder of the loss of the Nile steamer *Kerreri* at Malakal on 12 May 1950
- SAD.541/10/23-28 1981
 "Rationing and control of crop production in Shendi District, Northern Province of the Sudan, 1942-46" an account of experiences in Shendi District by Winder with assistance from T.F.G. Carless and K.G. Haselden, formerly of the War Supply Department and from ex-sub-*ma`mur* Da`ud `Abd al-Latif
- SAD.541/14/1-34 [n.d. c. 1980s]
 Autobiographical account of Winder's service in the Sudan, with the exception of those experiences recorded in the four accounts above. Arranged chronologically, his memoirs cover family background and education (541/14/1-3); selection for the Sudan Political Service and arrival in the Sudan (541/14/3-4); service as A.D.C. Halfa (541/14/4-5); service as A.D.C. Port Sudan including locust control work and an investigation into a theft of gold at Gebeit (541/14/5-8); service as A.D.C. Khartoum including work as police magistrate and the social life (541/14/8-10); service as A.D.C. Akobo, Upper Nile Province including work with the Lau Nuer and the Dinka and the settling of tribal disputes (541/14/10-13); service as D.C. Zeraf District including description of Fangak and the system of chiefs' courts (541/14/13-15); background to his Jonglei report (541/14/15); war-time administration

(541/14/15-20); sinking of the S.W. *Hafir* (541/14/19-20); service as D.C. Shendi including responsibility for pump schemes and crop production (541/14/20-22); service with the Jonglei Investigation Team (541/14/22-24); service as Deputy Governor, Upper Nile Province including the sinking of the *Kerreri* (541/14/24-26); service as Assistant Civil Secretary including the police mutiny (541/14/26-27); service as Governor, Upper Nile Province including the hand-over of power (541/14/27-29); pre-war policy towards the south (541/14/29-31); assessment of British rule in the Sudan (541/14/32-34)

SAD.541/14/35-51 1984

Biographical account by Mrs. I.M. Winder of Winder's life in the Upper Nile Province, from "Footsteps down the sands of time, left in the clay of the Upper Nile Province" (see below), with covering letter to K.D.D. Henderson

SAD.864/6-864/10 [1980s]

"Footsteps down the sands of time, left in the clay of the Upper Nile Province", a series of articles by I.M. Winder and others, intended as a picture of life in the Upper Nile Province. The articles have no linking text, although that was Mrs. Winder's ultimate aim, and are interspersed by photocopies of photographs, illustrations and maps. Unless otherwise stated, the articles are presumed to be by Mrs. Winder.

SAD.864/6/1-4 Contents and bibliography (not all the contents listed are present)

SAD.864/6/6 Preface

SAD.864/6/7-8 History of the Sudan, with map

SAD.864/6/9-10 How Britain became involved

SAD.864/6/11-15 General Charles George Gordon

SAD.864/6/16-17 Field Marshall Lord Kitchener

SAD.864/6/18-22 Arrival in Khartoum as a bride in 1939

SAD.864/6/23-27 Upper Nile and the sudd region

SAD.864/6/28-37 Province steamers

SAD.864/6/38-46 The River Nile - Khartoum to Malakal by province steamer, 1953

SAD.864/6/47-105 Marriage customs and age set systems of the people of the province:

SAD.864/6/48-51 Mabaan women and children

SAD.864/6/52-57 The Annuak

SAD.864/6/58-75 The Murle

SAD.864/6/76-80 The Komo

SAD.864/6/81-90 The Uduk

SAD.864/6/92-99 The Shilluk

SAD.864/6/100-103 The Jum-Jum

SAD.864/6/104-105 The Ganza

SAD.864/6/106-114 Province personnel and bull names

SAD.864/7/1-56 Governors - C.H. Stigand, K.C.P. Struvé, C.A. Willis, A.G. Pawson, M.W. Parr, E.G. Coryton, C.L. Armstrong, C.G. Davies, F.D. Kingdon, F.D. Corfield, J. Longe, J. Winder

SAD.864/7/57-92 Malakal

SAD.864/7/93-108 Account of daughter Jane's life in Upper Nile Province

- SAD.864/8/1-22 Christian missions - education and medicine as in 1953, and missionary aviation fellowship
- SAD.864/8/23-35 The Medical Service
- SAD.864/8/36-49 The Veterinary Service, including "Antrycide, 1949" by J.S.R. Duncan
- SAD.864/8/50 Province Police, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/51-52 The Egyptian Irrigation Service, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/53-55 Arab merchants in the Upper Nile Province, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/56-57 Plotting the position of the 30th meridian of longitude, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/58-59 A game trap in the Upper Nile Province, by N.L. Corkill
- SAD.864/8/60 Notes on a Dinka game trap, by J.F.E. Bloss
- SAD.864/8/61-62 A Dinka sacrifice, by N. Nunn, Sudan Interior Mission
- SAD.864/8/63-65 The Upper Nile and the Nuer, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/66 Taxation in Nuerland
- SAD.864/8/67 Wood cutting and charcoal burning, by Winder
- SAD.864/8/68-107 Nuer women and children - age set systems and fishing expeditions
- SAD.864/9/1-6 The sinking of the province steamer *Hafir* on the Zeraf river
- SAD.864/9/10-26 Continually on trek as the wife of a District Commissioner - Fangak
- SAD.864/9/27-31 Journey to Lam near the Khor Atar
- SAD.864/9/32-33 Malaria
- SAD.864/9/34-37 Pony trek down the Zeraf Island from Jwaibor
- SAD.864/9/38-44 Berboi rest house
- SAD.864/9/45-49 River trip on the *Queen*
- SAD.864/9/50-52 Jwaibor rest house
- SAD.864/9/53-57 Journey to Nyalok, by Mrs. Brenda Bowcock
- SAD.864/9/59-69 Buth Diu Thung and Buth Diu, his son, by Winder
- SAD.864/9/70-79 The Jonglei Scheme, by Winder and others
- SAD.864/9/80-91 Aviation in the Upper Nile Province
- SAD.864/10/1-76 Additional illustrations

5. Articles

- SAD.541/4/1-4 1976
Biographical note by Winder on Buth Diu Thung (c. 1917-1975), who began his career as clerk and general helper to the D.C. Zeraf District and eventually became Minister for Animal Production under the premiership of al-Azhari
- SAD.541/4/5-8 1976
Biographical note by Winder on John Wicjaal Buom (c. 1928-) whom Winder first met at Akobo, Upper Nile Province and who served in the administration both before and after independence
- SAD.541/4/12-15 1978 Jul 2
Biographical note by D.H. Johnson on "The later life of John Wicjaal Buom"
- SAD.541/5/1-17 1978 Mar
"Some aspects of the administration of the Nuer tribes in the Zeraf District of the Upper Nile Province...1938-42 (with some description of the land the Nuer live in and of the Nuer themselves)" (xerox copy). Includes appendices on Nuer cattle and names and province police, and sketch maps of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Zeraf District showing Nuer tribal boundaries

6. Printed Material

SAD.541/6/16-19 Winder, I.M., *An unfortunate African elephant*
Tunbridge Wells

