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Preface

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Introduction

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Kathleen Mabel Evelyn Wood

(1915-2007)

1946-1947	Mistress, Girls' Training College, Omdurman
1948	Headmistress, El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School
1949-1954	Headmistress, Omdurman Girls' Intermediate School
1954-1958	Headmistress, Girls' Secondary School, Khartoum

Accession details

Presented by David Castle in two gifts (2007 & 2009). These gifts also contained the papers of Kathleen's husband, George Wood, which are now catalogued separately.

Arrangement

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1. Official Papers

- SAD.80/3/1-75 1939 Jun 29-1956 Jan 23
Papers relating to Challis/Wood's employment, chiefly concerning her time in the Sudan, including applications for employment, employment references, notes on employment conditions, annual leave, salary notifications, payslips, and pension papers
- SAD.80/4/1-9 1948 Sep 26-Oct 10
Letters between Wood, C.W. Williams, Director of Education and G. Hawkesworth, Acting Governor of Kordofan on building improvements at El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School
- SAD.80/4/10 1948 Oct 30
Letter from G.C. Wood, El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School Agent in Khartoum (normally employed as Dean of the School of Science, University of Khartoum) on the budget estimates for 1949
- SAD.80/4/11-12 1948 Nov 17
Letter from Wood to I.M. Beasley, Controller of Girls' Education, on the problems of the education system in the Sudan
- SAD.80/4/13-14 1949 Feb 12-1950 Jan 17
Letters from C.W. Williams to Wood congratulating her on the progress of El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School and Omdurman Girls' Intermediate School
- SAD.80/4/15 1951 Nov 18
Letter from D.H. Hibbert, President of the Sudan Cultural Centre, to Wood, concerning Sir Robert Howe's (Governor-General) enjoyment of a play at the Cultural Centre opening
- SAD.80/4/16 1951 Dec 8
Draft note by K.S.L. Clark (for Wood) concerning the unruly behaviour of pupils at Omdurman School
- SAD.80/4/17 1954 Oct 14
Letter from Awad Satti, Director of Education, on the policy to refuse re-admittance of expelled pupils
- SAD.80/4/18 1956 Nov 22
Letter from Wood to Sayyid Ahmad Mirghani, Assistant Director of Girls' Education, on the need for the appointment of a Sudanese headteacher for the Omdurman Girls' Secondary School
- SAD.80/4/19-24 1957
Extract from the 1956/57 annual report on education, covering girls' education
- SAD.80/4/25-29 1957 Jun 22
Note produced in the Ministry of Education entitled "Education in the Sudan 1956/1957"

- SAD.80/4/30-34 1958 Apr 28
Employment references for Miss L.M. Passmore, Mrs J.M. Harcourt, Miss V.J. Loslic, and Miss J.M. Bell, probably candidates for the position of a headmistress of Omdurman Girls' Secondary School
- SAD.80/4/35 [1950s]
Draft letter by Bushra `Abd al-Rahman to the Editor of the *Nil* newspaper on the subject of the standard of dress in the girls' schools
- SAD.80/5/1-13 [1950s]
Research notes by Wood relating to the history of girls' education in the Sudan

2. Personal Papers

(a) Letters from George Wood (husband) to Kathleen Wood

- SAD.80/6/1-116 1947 Dec 25-1948 Jan 24
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly of a personal and private nature regarding his feelings for Kathleen and his daily routine, but also including his attendance at Sir James Robertson's Hogmanay party (SAD.80/6/13-16); and an inspection tour of educational institutions in Dueim and Hantub (SAD.80/6/64-111)
- SAD.80/7/1-142 1948 Jan 10-1955 Jan 19
Telegrams to Wood from her husband George, mostly of a personal and private nature regarding his feelings for Kathleen
- SAD.80/8/1-125 1948 Feb 9-29
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly containing personal news and details of his daily routine at Gordon Memorial College, but also including description of an increase in demand for places at the School of Science and its likely consequences (SAD.80/8/15-21); his opinion on the railway strike (SAD.80/8/41,79-80,103,114-115); a description of a Board of Studies meeting (SAD.80/8/97-101); his opinions of a staff theatre performance of *Clutterbuck* (SAD.80/8/106-108)
- SAD.80/9/1-165 1948 Mar 2-Sep 28
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly containing personal news and details of his daily routine at Gordon Memorial College, but also including his opinions on the railway strike (SAD.80/9/9-13); a description of a visit with Sir James Robertson to Omdurman (SAD.80/9/20-23); advising her on school budgetary matters (SAD.80/9/57-58); and a heated meeting relating to nominations for a Committee on Thomas Hodgkin's recommendations on adult education (SAD.80/9/77-93)
- SAD.80/10/1-131 1948 Oct 2-Dec 11
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly containing personal news and details of his daily routine at Gordon Memorial College, but also advising her on school budgetary matters (SAD.80/10/58-61); criticisms of the quality of education in the Sudan (SAD.80/10/62-70); his opinions on the deteriorating relationship between the Gordon College staff and their Sudanese students (SAD.80/10/80-87,114-124); student demonstrations and riots in Khartoum against the Legislative Assembly (SAD.80/10/89-91,98-100)
- SAD.80/11/1-161 1949 Jan 11-Nov 15
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly containing personal news and details of his daily routine at Gordon Memorial College, but also including a description of a Philosophical Society meeting (SAD.80/11/4); his attendance at a garden party (SAD.80/11/100-103); criticisms of new Sudanese recruits (SAD.80/11/131-134); an attempt by students to form a Students' Congress to mobilise strikes and demonstrations (SAD.80/11/153)
- SAD.81/1/1-153 1950 Mar 22-1951 Aug 3
Letters to Wood from her husband George, some written on leave in

- England, and mostly containing personal news and details of his daily routine, but also including news of the effect of flooding in Khartoum on railway services (SAD.81/1/83-88); improvements to the Gordon College buildings (SAD.81/1/90-108)
- SAD.81/2/1-136 1952 Apr 12-1967 Apr 1
Letters to Wood from her husband George, mostly written on leave and after his retirement in England, and containing personal news and descriptions of his daily routine
- SAD.84/7/1-2 [1940s-1950s]
Incomplete and undated letter to Wood from her husband George concerning his return to Khartoum from leave
- (b) Letters from Kathleen Challis/Wood to Alice Davies
- SAD.81/3/1-144 1946 Nov 10-1947 Feb 28
Letters from Challis/Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the journey to the Sudan and first impressions of Wadi Halfa (SAD.81/3/46-51), and descriptions of the landscape of the Sudan from the Nile (SAD.81/3/57-63); arrival in Omdurman (SAD.81/3/69-70); her role at the Omdurman Girls' Training College (SAD.81/3/71); a description of her first working day and opinion of her Sudanese students (SAD.81/3/73); the lack of communication between Miss L.M. Witherspoon, Principal of the College, and Dr. I.M. Beasley, Controller of Girls' Education, and her appointment on a committee to investigate Arabic teaching methods (SAD.81/3/76); descriptions of the traffic and shops in Khartoum, her social life, and the streets of Omdurman (SAD.81/3/78-80); criticism of the Headmistress of Omdurman Girls' School, Miss K.S.L. Clark (SAD.81/3/81); observing the teaching of a class (SAD.81/3/82); the *Mawlid* celebrations in Omdurman (SAD.81/3/111); and her experiences sailing on the Nile (SAD.81/3/112-119)
- SAD.81/4/1-77 1947 Mar 1-May 30
Letters from Challis/Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her attendance at a party at the Governor-General's Palace (SAD.81/4/10); a description of a Sudanese procession near her home (SAD.81/4/10-11); the attitude of her Sudanese students (SAD.81/4/19); her opinions on bachelors in the service (SAD.81/4/24); the resignation of L.M. Witherspoon as Principal following an argument with I.M. Beasley (SAD.81/4/25); meeting her future husband, George Wood (SAD.81/4/34); an account of a visit to Wadi Halfa and Geteina to inspect the local schools (SAD.81/4/45-50,55-60); and her temporary role working in the Cypher Office (SAD.81/3/66-68)
- SAD.81/5/1-81 1947 Jun 1-Aug 29
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her opinions on the British clubs in the Sudan (SAD.81/5/11); and her attendance at the opening of the newly-restored Mahdi's tomb

- and criticisms of Islamic practice (SAD.81/5/14-19)
- SAD.81/6/1-106 1947 Sep 6-Dec 31
 Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the request from Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman to tutor his son in French (SAD.81/6/1-2); her attendance at Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman's tea party (SAD.81/6/15); criticisms of the Gordon Cabaret (SAD.81/6/19); the possibility of becoming Headmistress of El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School (SAD.81/6/23); the difficulties of containing a cholera epidemic in Egypt, and the effect of the political situation on Sudanese students (SAD.81/6/31-32); her impressions of Wadi Seidna Boys' School (SAD.81/6/33-37); the controversy surrounding the dismissal of the previous El Obeid Headmistress, Miss M. Beevers, due to her handling of a case involving the conduct of two Sudanese staff members (SAD.81/6/50-55,57-60,62-63,66-68,74,85); declining George Wood's offer of marriage (SAD.81/6/78); her attendance at a Philosophical Society meeting (SAD.81/6/79); and her attendance at a St. Andrew's Day dinner (SAD.81/6/83)
- SAD.81/7/1-171 1948 Jan 1-May 31
 Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her new home in El Obeid (SAD.81/7/1-2); impressions of her new school (SAD.81/7/5, 27-9); descriptions of El Obeid and its environment (SAD.81/7/31-41); her dislike of El Obeid (SAD.81/7/46-49); a description of the Fallata people (SAD.81/7/50-51); and the visit of Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General, to El Obeid (SAD.81/7/84-89)
- SAD.81/8/1-201 1948 Aug 2-Oct 31
 Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the effect of heavy rain on the landscape of El Obeid (SAD.81/8/21-27); the difficulties of her role as Headmistress (SAD.81/8/39-44,74-81,87-93,119); and criticisms of Sudanese cleaners (SAD.81/8/47-53)
- SAD.81/9/1-95 1948 Nov 2-Dec 28
 Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the expectation of rioting at the Sudanese elections (SAD.81/9/25); the need for Sudanese girls to study vocational subjects, and building improvements for El Obeid School (SAD.81/9/44)
- SAD.81/10/1-154 1949 Jan 3-Mar 30
 Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the offer of the Headship of Omdurman Intermediate School (SAD.81/10/45-51); the rising cost of living in the Sudan (SAD.81/10/52-56); her attendance at the Governor's tea party (SAD.81/10/70-71); comparisons of teaching needlework in the Sudan

- and England (SAD.81/10/116-120)
- SAD.82/1/1-142 1949 Apr 5-Sep 30
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her sadness at leaving El Obeid (SAD.82/1/1-3); her criticism of Ramadam (SAD.82/1/21,57); her feeling of regret at accepting the Headship of Omdurman Girls' Intermediate School (SAD.82/1/39); her criticisms of the recruitment policy of the Education Department (SAD.82/1/84-88); her opinions on the other members of staff at her new school (SAD.82/1/100-106); her impressions of the problems of her new school (SAD.82/2/108-114); her attendance at a dinner organised by Sayyid `Abd al-Rahman (SAD.82/1/115-122); and compiling the school budget (SAD.82/1/128-129)
- SAD.82/2/1-166 1949 Oct 4-Dec 30
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, particularly a visit to Port Sudan, including encountering Hadanduwah tribespeople, the environment of the Red Sea Hills and descriptions of Port Sudan and Suakin (SAD.82/2/1-14); a dispute with the Training School over exam papers (SAD.82/2/25-31); her attendance at a debate to introduce a 10-Year Plan for the Education Department (SAD.82/2/86-89); an inspection tour of El Obeid Girls' Intermediate School (SAD.82/2/92-96); her attendance at the Palace garden party(SAD.82/2/126-130)
- SAD.82/3/1-174 1950 Jan 3-May 10
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including a favourable report on the progress of Omdurman School from C.W. Williams, the Director of Education (SAD.82/3/24); a meeting with Dr Geary, the Controller of Girls' Education in Nigeria (SAD.82/3/29-31); the incompetence of Sylvia Clarke, the Controller, and her treatment of Dr Geary (SAD.82/3/42-43,47-49,53-56); her impression of the American Mission School in Khartoum North (SAD.82/3/52); attempts to improve the nutrition of the students (SAD.82/3/57-59,65-68); her decision to abolish afternoon teaching (SAD.82/3/86-87); the effects of strikes in Khartoum (SAD.82/3/100,157-159); a description of the degree ceremony at the school (SAD.82/3/120-121); and her election on to the council of the Sudan Cultural Centre (SAD.82/3/173)
- SAD.82/4/1-225 1950 Aug 17-Dec 31
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her attendance at Shaykh Babiker Badri's tea party (SAD.82/4/50); a riot by the students at a boys' school (with a Sudanese headmaster) near El Obeid over the quality of food (SAD.82/4/134-137,153-159); the effects of this riot and strike action in other schools, including Omdurman School (SAD.82/4/161-162,164-166); and her attendance at the Palace garden

- party (SAD.82/4/207-208)
- SAD.82/5/1-91 1951 Jan 5-May 16
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including a visit to the Bakht er Ruda Institute (SAD.82/5/13-18); and her opinions on a workers' strike in Khartoum (SAD.82/5/77)
- SAD.82/6/1-143 1951 Aug 6-Dec 26
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her opinions on a workers' strike in Khartoum (SAD.82/6/29-30); a description of a heavy storm (SAD.82/6/39-44); an inspection of the Girls' School in Wadi Halfa (SAD.82/6/59-63); the inevitability of Sudanese self-government (SAD.82/6/73-74); a demonstration by student members of the Muslim Brotherhood and the Communist Party, and the biased reporting of the British press (SAD.82/6/75-85); a strike by the pupils at the Omdurman School related to the running of the school (SAD.82/6/86-91); anti-British demonstrations by pupils at a number of boys' schools (SAD.82/6/92-99)
- SAD.82/7/1-91 1952 Jan 1-May 6
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the death of King Faruk and its effect on the Sudan (SAD.82/7/46); her attendance at a memorial service at the Palace in honour of King Faruk (SAD.82/7/50-52); a description of a total eclipse of the sun (SAD.82/7/56); the rising political tension amongst Sudanese students over the rights of women in the Sudan (SAD.82/7/62-63)
- SAD.82/8/1-172 1952 Aug 3-1953 Aug 28
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the celebrations in Khartoum for the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on self-determination for the Sudan (SAD.82/8/103-105)
- SAD.82/9/1-128 1953 Sep 4-1954 Dec 28
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her appointment as joint headmistress of the Intermediate and Secondary Schools (SAD.82/9/25); an eyewitness account of anti-British rioting in Khartoum and an attack on the Governor-General's Palace (SAD.82/9/51-53); criticism of Sylvia Clark's arrangements for the staffing of the Secondary School (SAD.82/9/94); the rumours of her appointment as Controller and her criticism of a possible Sudanese appointment (SAD.82/9/102-103,105-107); and the impact of Sudanisation (SAD.82/9/114)
- SAD.82/10/1-180 1955 Jan 4-1956 Dec 28
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life,

including the increasing numbers of British officials leaving the Sudan (SAD.82/10/1-4); Sylvia Clark's impending departure (SAD.82/10/11-13); her opinions on Ahmad Mirghani's appointment as Assistant Director of Education (SAD.82/10/14-17); political unrest in Southern Sudan and the tension between the North and the South (SAD.82/10/64-67); the increase in popularity of mixed marriages between English women and Sudanese men (SAD.82/10/69); demonstrations and strikes at the University of Khartoum over the appointment of the new Principal (SAD.82/10/85-88,91-94); the resignation of the Governor-General, Sir Alexander Knox-Helm (SAD.82/10/91-93); the increase in anti-British feeling at Khartoum Secondary School (SAD.82/10/94-98); the Suez Canal dispute between Britain and Egypt and its effect in Khartoum (SAD.82/10/142,162-164,172); the decline in celebrating Christmas in Khartoum (SAD.82/10/177)

SAD.83/1/134 1957 Jan 2-1958 May 3
Letters from Wood to her friend Alice Davies, mostly containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including the threat of strikes and demonstrations in Khartoum over the political situation in the Middle East (SAD.83/1/14); the effect of strike action at Khartoum Secondary School (SAD.83/1/15-17); and a visit to Juba and descriptions of the town, environment, and the school (SAD.83/1/88-92)

(c) Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood

SAD.83/2/1-49 1945 Aug 7-1947 Feb 27
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

SAD.83/3/62 1947 Mar 1-Jun 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

SAD.83/4/1-71 1947 Jul 1-Oct 30
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

SAD.83/5/1-53 1947 Nov 2-1948 Jan 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

SAD.83/6/1-54 1948 Feb 1-Aug 28
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Challis/Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

SAD.83/7/124 1948 Sep 1-Dec 30
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

- SAD.83/8/1-74 1949 Jan 2-Apr 5
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/9/1-70 1949 Jul-Sep 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/10/1-55 1949 Oct 2-Dec 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/11/1-78 1950 Jan 2-Apr 30
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/12/1-141 1950 Aug 20-Dec 31
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/13/1-68 1951 Jan 2-Apr 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.83/14/1-71 1951 May 6-Oct 31
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/1/1-54 1951 Nov 4-1952 Mar 30
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/2/1-66 1952 Apr 2-Dec 28
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/3/1-92 1953 Jan 4-Dec 27
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/4/1-71 1954 Jan 3-Dec 29
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/5/1-60 1955 Jan 27-Dec 27
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England
- SAD.84/6/1-73 1956 Jan 17-1957 Dec 30
Letters from Alice Davies to Kathleen Wood, containing personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life in England

(d) Other Correspondence

- SAD.84/7/3-28 1947 Nov 11-1949 Feb 22
Letters to Kathleen Wood from G. Andrew, Government Geologist, mostly with personal news and some reference to work-related matters
- SAD.84/7/29-36 1951 Feb 2-1952 Nov 14
Letters from Kathleen Wood to her parents-in-law, mostly containing

personal news and describing her daily routine, work and social life, including her visit to Bakht er Ruda (SAD.84/7/29); the strike at Wad Seidna Boys' School (SAD.84/7/30); and the formation of a Girl Guide group in her school (SAD.84/7/31)

- SAD.84/8/1-107 1952 Apr 2-1958 Mar 11
Letters to Kathleen Wood from her father, H.C. Challis, mostly containing personal and family news
- SAD.84/9/1-16 1947 Feb 3-1951 Dec 17
Letters from P. Appleyard in London, probably a former teaching colleague, to Kathleen Challis/Wood, mostly containing personal news
- SAD.84/10/1-105 1946 Dec 8-1993 Jan 22
Letters from various correspondents to Kathleen Challis/Wood, mostly containing personal news. but also including Miss V. Barrett, Mistress Intermediate for Southern Education, describing a trek from Juba to Maridi, including stops at Yambio, Mupoi, Bussere, Wau, Tonj and Rumbek, to collect pupils for classes at the Maridi Girls' Secondary School, and the difficulties of teaching girls from different tribal groupings (SAD.84/10/29-39); A.A. Tadros on the escalating tension in Sudan (SAD.84/10/76); letters relating to the publication of I. Beasley, *Before the wind changed: people, places and education in the Sudan* (SAD.84/10/85-90), including the editor, J.C.M. Starkey to Wood, with reply, concerning comments on a list of girls' education staff to be provided as an appendix; and Robin Hodgkin to Wood, with reply, concerning Wood's review of the book (SAD.84/10/91-93)

3. Diaries

- SAD.84/11/1-67 1947 Apr 14-1948 Dec 9
 Personal diary kept by Wood in Omdurman from her arrival there in 1947 and later in El Obeid and covering first impressions of the Sudan, social life, general daily routines and grief for her brother Michael, killed in the war, with specific references to a school inspection at Wadi Halfa (SAD.84/11/24); description of the houses and attire of women at Wadi Halfa (SAD.84/11/25); school inspections at Eilafun and Geteina (SAD.84/11/29-30); amateur dramatics (SAD.84/11/32,44); criticism of Unity High School (SAD.84/11/34-35); meeting with George Wood who would become her husband (SAD.84/11/47v-48); decision to marry George Wood (SAD.84/11/52-54); move to El Obeid and first impressions of the school there (SAD.84/11/56-57)
- SAD.84/12/1-21 1949 Sep 11-1950 May 3; 1952 May 10-Jul 18
 Personal diary kept by Wood in Khartoum, describing her daily routine, social life, reading matter, her dissatisfaction with life in the Sudan and with her marriage, and specific references to a drinks party for Lord and Lady Cromer (SAD.84/12/2); memories of the Jubilee of 1935 and of the early days of the war (SAD.84/12/7v-8); memories of school (SAD.84/12/9v); return to England on leave, including a holiday in Scotland (SAD.84/12/12v-21)
- SAD.85/1/1-76 1951 Jul 20-1952 May 7
 Personal diary kept by Wood while on leave in England when she contemplates her future (SAD.85/1/7v-18); the journey back to the Sudan (SAD.85/1/18v-19) and back in Khartoum (SAD.85/1/19f), describing social life, her reading habits, etc., with specific references to the return to Omdurman Girls' Intermediate School (SAD.85/1/20); start of term (SAD.85/1/25); visit to Wadi Halfa (SAD.85/1/28-33); assessment of Sudanese teachers and of the Controller of Girls' Education (SAD.85/1/30v-32); inspection of the Girls' Intermediate School, Wadi Halfa (SAD.85/1/32-33); visit to Atbara (SAD.85/1/38v-40); reception for scientists visiting the Sudan to view a total eclipse of the sun (SAD.85/1/45v); the debate about girls' education in the Sudan (SAD.85/1/47); unity service at the church (SAD.85/1/48-49); party at Salih Shingeiti's house to mark Gaitskell's departure (SAD.85/1/56v-58); attempts to prevent a railway strike in Atbara (SAD.85/1/68)
- SAD.85/2/1-12 1952 Apr 26 - 1958 Apr 21
 Personal notebook recording Wood's love affairs
- SAD.85/3/1-50 1957 Feb 2- Oct 10
 Personal diary kept by Wood in Khartoum, recording her personal and private life, contemplating her future, views on colleagues, amateur dramatics, and including references to a visit to Ahfad School (SAD.85/3/1v); girls at the Secondary School, Khartoum on strike over quality of food, culminating in the closure of the school (SAD.85/3/5-7);

leaving the school for the last time (SAD.85/3/42); first visit to the South (SAD.85/3/43-44); the Sudanisation of George Wood's post and his attitude to the Sudanese (SAD.85/3/45v-47). The diary also contains some annotations by Wood written in later life.

- SAD.85/4/1-45 1957
Appointments diary of Wood, containing very brief entries
- SAD.85/5/1-69 1958 Mar 10-May 15
Personal diary of Wood covering her last days in Khartoum and describing her daily routine, social engagements, her complicated personal relations, prospects for her future career and the journey home via Beirut
- SAD.85/6/1-32 1987
Notebook with jottings and some diary entries

4. Lectures, Articles

- SAD.85/11/1-5 [1940s-1950s]
Script for one-act play, probably by Wood
- SAD.85/11/6-8 [1950s]
Short story by Wood entitled "Visitors at the school"
- SAD.85/7/1-6 [1950s]
Draft transcript of a lecture by George Wood on the development of the University of Khartoum, delivered to a seminar on "Relations between Governments and Universities"
- SAD.85/7/7-17 [1964?]
Typescript transcript of a lecture by George Wood on the University of Khartoum, entitled "An African University", delivered at a luncheon meeting of the Deptford Rotary Club

5. Photographic Material

(a) Photograph Albums

- SAD.79/3/1-36 [1947-1958]
Album of portrait photographs of Kathleen Wood, mostly taken in the Sudan and including numerous views of Wood taken in gardens, with pet parrots, in her office and with a bicycle

(b) Loose Photographs

- SAD.79/4/1-8 [1947-1958]
Colour tinted postcards of the Sudan by Karakashian Bros:
- SAD.79/4/1 [1947-1958]
Steamers on the Blue Nile at Khartoum North (no. 7)
- SAD.79/4/2 [1947-1958]
Khartoum University (no. 10)
- SAD.79/4/3 [1947-1958]
Sunset at the Blue Nile bridge, Khartoum (no. 20)
- SAD.79/4/4 [1947-1958]
Khartoum Mosque (no. 25)
- SAD.79/4/5 [1947-1958]
General view of Khartoum (no. 207)
- SAD.79/4/6 [1947-1958]
Kasr Avenue, Khartoum (no. 209)
- SAD.79/4/7 [1947-1958]
Gamhoria Avenue, Khartoum (no. 222)
- SAD.79/4/8 [1947-1958]
Felucca on the Blue Nile, Khartoum at sunset (no. 255)
- SAD.79/5/1-45 [1947-1958]
Photographs of Kathleen Challis/Wood and George Wood:
- SAD.79/5/1 1948
Challis/Wood's office in El Obeid
- SAD.79/5/2-3 1948
Challis/Wood's sitting room at her home in El Obeid
- SAD.79/5/4 1948
The swimming pool at El Obeid
- SAD.79/5/5 1947-1948
Wood's home at Omdurman, shared with Mary
- SAD.79/5/6-28 [1947-1958]
Kathleen Wood, many taken in the garden
- SAD.79/5/29-39 [1947-1958]
George Wood
- SAD.79/5/40-43 [1947-1958]
Kathleen and George Wood
- SAD.79/5/44-45 [1947-1958]
Kathleen and George Wood's motor car

- SAD.79/6/1-32 [1947-1958]
Photographs of Kathleen Wood's friends and colleagues (some with Kathleen):
- SAD.79/6/1 [1947-1958]
Unidentified British couple sitting on a verandah
 - SAD.79/6/2 1947
Wood's friend and colleague Mary at Eilafun rest house
 - SAD.79/6/3 [1947-1958]
Unidentified British woman on camel back
 - SAD.79/6/4-8 [1947-1958]
Wood with her lifelong friend Alice Davies
 - SAD.79/6/9-12 [1947-1958]
Alice Davies and friends
 - SAD.79/6/13-16 [1947-1958]
Alice Davies
 - SAD.79/6/17 [1947-1958]
British official standing next to a train
 - SAD.79/6/18 [1947-1958]
Group of British officials (and child), standing next to a motor car
 - SAD.79/6/19-20 [1947-1958]
British woman and baby in a garden
 - SAD.79/6/21-22 [1947-1958]
Unidentified British couple sitting in a garden
 - SAD.79/6/23 [1947-1958]
British child sitting on steps of a ladder
 - SAD.79/6/24 [1947-1958]
British woman dressed in an *tobe*
 - SAD.79/6/25 [1947-1958]
British group including George Wood
 - SAD.79/6/26 [1947-1958]
British couple on horseback
 - SAD.79/6/27-30 [1947-1958]
Unidentified British women
 - SAD.79/6/31-32 [1947-1958]
British man and woman standing next to a car
- SAD.79/7/1-37 [1947-1958]
Photographs of social gatherings in the Sudan:
- SAD.79/7/1 1947
Sudanese women attending an open-air party at Eilafun
 - SAD.79/7/2-4 Spectators, including British officials and Sudanese, watching an event, possibly a Girls' School Speech Day. Kathleen Wood can be seen seated at the front, third from left.
 - SAD.79/7/5 [1947-1958]
Guests at a tea party, with Kathleen Wood far right
 - SAD.79/7/6-11 [1947-1958]
Crowds with banners and flags, possibly King's Day celebrations
 - SAD.79/7/12-13 [1947-1958]
Sudanese crowd watching a horse race

- SAD.79/7/14-15 [1947-1958]
Kathleen and George Wood entertaining guests on a boat
- SAD.79/7/16 [1947-1958]
British officials at a tea party, with Kathleen Wood (left), probably Khartoum
- SAD.79/7/17-24 [1947-1958]
Sudanese girls [probably pupils and mistresses from a girls' school], at a tea party, probably Khartoum
- SAD.79/7/25-33 [1947-1958]
British and Sudanese guests at a tea party, probably Khartoum
- SAD.79/7/34-36 [1947-1958]
Guests at a wedding reception, probably Khartoum
- SAD.79/7/37 [1947-1958]
Group of British officials (including Kathleen Wood) with children at a railway station
- SAD.79/8/1-43 [1947-1958]
Photographs of schools and pupils in Northern Sudan:
- SAD.79/8/1-2 1948
Sudanese girls at a physical education class outside El Obeid Intermediate Girls' School
- SAD.79/8/3-7 [1947-1958]
Group photographs of Sudanese pupils at a girls' school, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/8-9 [1947-1958]
3 Sudanese pupils from a girls' school, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/10 [1947-1958]
British teacher with Sudanese pupils from a girls' school, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/11-13 [1947-1958]
Sudanese pupils from a girls' school in Northern Sudan on a boat trip
- SAD.79/8/14 [1947-1958]
Sudanese pupils from a girls' school in Northern Sudan on a boat trip, with Kathleen Wood (seated on edge of boat)
- SAD.79/8/15-16 [1947-1958]
Sudanese teachers from a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/17-18 [1947-1958]
Sudanese teacher from a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/19-25 [1947-1958]
Sudanese pupil outside a Girls' School in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/26-29 [1947-1958]
Elementary school class, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/30-31 [1947-1958]
Sudanese pupils working in classroom at a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/32 [1947-1958]
Sudanese pupils [performing a play?] at a girls' school in Northern Sudan

- SAD.79/8/33 [1947-1958]
Desk in an office, probably a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/34 [1947-1958]
Sudanese woman in front of a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/35-41 [1947-1958]
School building and grounds, girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/8/42-43 [1947-1958]
Grounds of a girls' school in Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/1-27 [1947-1958]
Photographs of Sudanese life in Northern Sudan:
- SAD.79/9/1 1947 May
Sudanese man delivering water from water bags attached to his donkey to the rest house at Geteina, with Kathleen Wood in the background
- SAD.79/9/2-3 1947
Nomad family on the move on camel back, near Geteina
- SAD.79/9/4 1947
Sudanese women and children attending a vaccination clinic at Eilafun
- SAD.79/9/5 1948
Sudanese woman in *tobe*, El Obeid
- SAD.79/9/6 1948
Prison workers, El Obeid
- SAD.79/9/7 [1947-1958]
Sudanese woman and girls wearing western dresses, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/8-9 Sudanese family, including women wearing *tobes* and man wearing *jallabiyah*
- SAD.79/9/10 [1947-1958]
Sudanese man on donkey, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/11 [1947-1958]
Sa'is with horse
- SAD.79/9/12 [1947-1958]
Sudanese man with bicycle
- SAD.79/9/12 [1947-1958]
Sudanese man wearing *jallabiyah*, Northern Sudan (x5)
- SAD.79/9/13 [1947-1958]
Sudanese gardener
- SAD.79/9/14 [1947-1958]
Sudanese man at *shaduf*
- SAD.79/9/15-16 [1947-1958]
Sudanese men in garden, one wearing western clothes
- SAD.79/9/17 [1947-1958]
Camels loaded with firewood
- SAD.79/9/18 [1947-1958]
Street scene, including street seller and Sudanese men wearing *jallabiyahs* and turbans
- SAD.79/9/19 [1947-1958]
Sudanese women dressed in *tobes*, Northern Sudan

- SAD.79/9/20 [1947-1958]
Sudanese policemen, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/21 [1947-1958]
Group in front of motor car including Kathleen Wood (far right)
- SAD.79/9/22-23 [1947-1958]
Sudanese men carrying water containers on a neck yoke,
Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/24 [1947-1958]
Sudanese women carrying containers on their heads, Northern
Sudan
- SAD.79/9/25 [1947-1958]
Sudanese domestic worker carrying bucket, Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/26 [1947-1958]
Sudanese man dressed in turban and *jallabiyah* with three boys,
Northern Sudan
- SAD.79/9/27 [1947-1958]
Tukl on the edge of [El Obeid] where *merissa* was reported to
be brewed
- SAD.79/10/1-11 [1947-1958]
Photographs of the landscape and environment in the Sudan:
- SAD.79/10/1-2 1947
Sabaloka Gorge, one view including a camel
- SAD.79/10/3 1948
Large beetle on paving, El Obeid
- SAD.79/10/4 [1947-1958]
Ornately carved wooden shuttered windows (*roshans*) of a street
house, probably Suakin
- SAD.79/10/5-6 [1947-1958]
Nile scenes
- SAD.79/10/7 [1947-1958]
Steam ship off the coast
- SAD.79/10/8-9 [1947-1958]
Parrots
- SAD.79/10/10 [1947-1958]
Pile of water melons
- SAD.79/10/11 [1947-1958]
Giraffe

(c) Negatives

- SAD.79/11 [1947-1958]
File of photographic negatives, mostly of loose photographs described
in previous section

6. Newspaper Cuttings

SAD.85/8/1-15 1944 Apr 14-1994 May 11
Press cuttings from various newspapers, mostly notifications of death and obituaries, including notification from *The Daily Telegraph* on the death of Michael Challis, Wood's brother, on active service (SAD.85/8/1); press notices from *The Sudan Herald* concerning the closure of railway lines due to flooding (SAD.85/8/4-5); notification and obituary from *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times*, and *The Scotsman* for G.C. Wood, Kathleen's husband (SAD.85/8/6-10); obituaries for Colonel Sir Guy Campbell (SAD.85/8/14) and P.P. Howell (SAD.85/8/15). Also includes *The Lady* concerning the centenary of the siege of Khartoum (SAD.85/8/11-12); *The Daily Telegraph* on slavery in the Sudan (SAD.85/8/13)

7. Miscellanea

- SAD.85/9/1-42; [1940s-1950s]
85/10/1-29 Two notebooks containing Arabic exercises and vocabulary lists
- SAD.85/11/10 1940 Jun 30
Pencil sketch of *feluccas* on the Nile
- SAD.85/11/9 1944 Mar
Sudan Government Arabic examination paper
- SAD.85/13/1-3 1946-1958
Passports for Kathleen Challis / Wood
- SAD.85/11/11-14 1947 Feb 26-1953 Feb 4
Dinner invitation from Sir H.J. Huddleston, Governor-General, party invitation from the Principal of Ahfad Schools, and menus for a St. Andrew's dinner and a Caledonian dinner
- SAD.85/11/15-22 1947 Sep-1958 Feb
Programmes for performances by the Khartoum Repertory Company at the Mitchell Cotts' Staff Theatre for *Goodness How Sad*, and *Ladies in Retirement*
- SAD.85/11/17-18 1948 & 1962
Driving licences for Kathleen Challis / Wood (the first from Khartoum)
- SAD.18/11/23-27 1952 Nov 30-1953 Mar
Programmes for music concerts at the Clergy House Supper Club (featuring Wood), and the Cathedral Hall, Khartoum
- SAD.85/11/28-36 1957
Printed letter
- SAD.85/13/6 1962 May 19
Catholic Young Women's Society swimming pool card for Suad Ibrahim Ahmad (with photograph)
- SAD.85/12/1-36 1987 Sep 26-1998 Apr 18
Papers relating to the Sudan Studies Society of the UK, including notes, correspondence, conference programmes, as well as a paper by Muhammad Omer Beshir, entitled "Omdurman Ahlia University: A new venture in Higher Education in the Sudan", presented to the Conference on Sudanese Studies, Durham, 6-12 Apr 1991
- SAD.85/11/37-41 1995 Nov 6
Order of service for service of thanksgiving for the life of A.B. Theobald (1906-1995), with copy of the eulogy by Theobald's son