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Preface

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Introduction

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Charles Edward Wilson

(1925 - 2018)

1939-1942	Transport business office boy, Grimsby Docks; Railway Clerk
1942-1950	Royal Air Force then British Army, final rank Warrant Officer
1948	Deployed to Kenya
1950-1955	Finance Administrator, Health Authority
1956-1971	Finance Officer then Company Secretary / Accountant, Eccleshawes Building Company, Lincoln
1971-1976	Finance Director, Pelham Construction
1977-1988	Chief Executive, African Committee for the Rehabilitation of South Sudan (ACROSS)
1988-1994	Chief Executive, Mission Aviation Fellowship

Accession details

Presented by Clive Wilson, 22 November 2021.

Arrangement

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Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.

The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*

Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number* .

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1. Official Papers

- SAD.1051/17/1-56 1983 Jun 28-Jul 18
1983 Boma hostage crisis: ACROSS minutes, memoranda and transcripts of negotiations, with other papers. See also under Section 2. Audio Material.
Eleven western hostages were taken by soldiers of the Liberation Front of Southern Sudan on 23 June; all were freed after a military operation by the Sudanese Army on 8 July. The hostages were: John Haspels (missionary, ACROSS), Gwen Haspels (missionary, ACROSS), their children Desta Haspels, Charles Haspels, John Haspels, Willem Noort (nurse, ACROSS), Conrad Aveling (zoologist, Frankfurt Zoological Society), Alois Psheidt (mechanic, Frankfurt Zoological Society), Martin Overduin (pilot, Sight by Wings), Bruce Riggins (pilot, Africa Inland Mission AIR), Ron Pontier (pilot, AIM AIR)
- SAD.1051/17/57-67 1983
ACROSS 1983 AGM minute of agenda item concerning the Boma hostage crisis and response, including a copy of an Arabic note from the hostage takers
- SAD.1051/17/68-71 1983 Aug
ACROSS newsletter, with account of the Boma incident by hostage John Haspels

2. Audio Material

SAD.1051/18/1-5; 1983 Jun 28-Jul 18

SAD.D63/1-5 Audio tapes of radio negotiations between ACROSS staff at Juba and the Boma group:

1. Jun 29
 2. Jun 30 08:00
 3. Jul 2 a.m.
 4. Jul 6
 5. Message from Paul Hopkins to Charles Wilson, Juba
- Digitised copies at SAD.D63/1-5

SAD.1051/18/6 [1984] Oct 20

Test transmission of Radio SPLA, recorded in Juba, then broadcast on 9.610 MHz every day 13:00-14:00 GMT; with covering note from Tony [Land] (ACROSS) to Charles [Wilson]

3. Personal Papers

SAD.1051/17/72 2018 Dec 20

Order of service for the funeral of Charles Wilson at Moorland Park
Methodist Church

SAD.1051/17/73-84 [2021]

Summary of the Boma incident by Clive Wilson, son of Charles Wilson,
providing information on the participants, clandestine American
involvement in the rescue operation, and contemporary news cuttings

4. Photographic Material

SAD.1051/17/85 [1988]
Charles Wilson, seated at desk on the phone at Mission Aviation
Fellowship office, Ingles Manor, Folkestone

SAD.1051/17/86 [1990s]
Charles Wilson, head and shoulders portrait

5. Maps and Plans

- SAD.PF 24/8/1 1976
Sudan, sheet 3. Sudan Survey Department. Topo no. S 741 - 46. Southern Sudan, showing provincial and international boundaries, major areas developed for irrigation, mechanised crop production schemes
- SAD.PF 24/8/2 1976
Sudan, sheet 3. Sudan Survey Department. Topo no. S 741 - 46. Southern Sudan, showing provincial and international boundaries, major areas developed for irrigation, mechanised crop production schemes.
Annotated to indicate 3 areas of ACROSS operations and local [?population] numbers: Dinka, Moru, lowland and highland Murle, Anuak.
- SAD.PF 24/8/3 1978
Sudan. Sudan Survey Department. Topo no. S 625 - 40
- SAD.PF 24/8/4 1978
Sudan. Sudan Survey Department. Topo no. S 625 - 40
Annotated relevant to ACROSS operational areas
- SAD.1051/17/87-92 1978 Dec
2 keymaps of Sudan and Southern Sudan, and 4 maps of ACROSS programme areas, showing main and seasonal roads, major footpaths, rivers, provincial and district boundaries, villages, road camps, and towns

6. Newspaper Cuttings

SAD.1051/17/93-95 1983 Jun-Jul

Photocopied cuttings from British press covering the hostage crisis

7. Printed Material

SAD.1051/17/96 1983 Oct
"The hostage story" by Ed Arensen of Africa Inland Mission, *Today*,
Oct 1983 issue, with photographs of John and Gwen Haspels, view
from Boma, and Conrad Aveling, Bruce Riggins, Ron Pontier and
Marty Overduin.