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Title:
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Date(s):
1942-1981

Level of description:
collection level

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
3 boxes or 0.03 cubic metres

Context

Name of creator(s):
Myers, Edmund Charles Wolf, 1906-1997, Brigadier

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1906; educated at Haileybury, the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and Caius College and Gonville College, Cambridge University; commissioned into the Corps of Royal Engineers, 1926; Secretary, Royal Engineers Flying Club, 1934-1935; service in Palestine, 1936; served in World War Two, 1939-1945; service in the Middle East, Italy, the Balkans and the Far East, 1941-1944; served with 7 Armoured Div, Western Desert [1939-1942]; service with Special Operations Executive (SOE), Greece, 1942-1943; commanded British Military Mission to Greek partisans in German occupied Greece, Jul 1942-Sep 1943; commanded operation to demolish the Gorgopotamos viaduct, Greece, Nov 1942; awarded DSO, 1943; commanded Operation WASHING, the destruction of the Asopos viaduct, Greece, Jun 1943; temporary Brig, 1943; awarded CBE, 1944; served in North West Europe, 1944-1945; service in the Far East, 1945; Lt Col, 1946; Col, 1949; served in 1 Commonwealth Div, Korean War, 1951-1952; Brig, 1955; Chief Engineer, British Troops in Egypt, 1955-1956; Deputy Director, Personnel Administration, War Office, 1956-1959; retired, 1959; Chief Civil Engineer, Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company Limited, 1959-1964; Construction Manager, Power Gas Corporation Limited, Davy-Ashmore Group, 1964-1968; Regional Secretary, British Field Sports Society, 1968-1971; died 1997.


Descriptions of Greek resistance groups (Greek: andartes) related to this collection:

ÅÄî: The National Liberation Front (Greek: Ethniko Apeleutherotiko Metopo) led by Georges Siados was a Communist group affiliated with the KKE - the Communist Party of Greece (Greek: Kommounistiko Komma Elladas).

The military arm of EAM was ELAS, The National People's Liberation Army, (Greek:Ethnikos Laikos Apeleutherotikos Stratos), led by Ares Velouchiotis (real name Athanasios (Thanasis) Klaras).

EDES: The National Republican Greek League (Greek: Ethnikos Demokratikos Ellenikos Syndesmos), was an anti-Communist, Republican group, led by political leader Nikolaos Plasteras and military leader Gen Napoleon Zervas.

EKKA: National and Social Liberation (Greek: Ethnike kai Koinonike Apeleutherosis) led by Demetrios Psarros was a liberal, anti-Communist, Republican group.
Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:


**Content & structure**

**Scope and content:**

Papers of Edmund Myers, 1942-1981, relating to his service as Commander, of the British Military Mission to the Greek partisans in German occupied Greece, 1942-1943, Special Operations Executive (SOE). Notably on Operation HARLING and the destruction of the Gorgopotamos Viaduct, Greece, Nov 1942 and Operation WASHING, the destruction of the Asopos Viaduct, Greece, Jun 1943. Also including reports, lectures and radio broadcasts on Greece and the British Military Mission; papers relating to the National Band of Rebels formed under Allied command; papers relating to a delegation of six Greek partisans (andartes) sent to Cairo to consult with the Greek government in attempt to avoid political crisis and civil war, Aug 1943; papers on British support of Greek monarch, King George II; correspondence on Myers’ attempts to return to Greece; maps related to British Military Mission; photographs of the British Military Mission including individuals, landscapes and the British Military cemetery in Athens, 1971; post-war papers on Greece including correspondence with Myers, draft copy of Greek Entanglement by Myers with scrapbook of reviews and papers relating to the funeral of Gen Napoleon Zervas.

**System of arrangement:**

Arranged in sections as follows: papers on the British Military Mission to Greek partisans (andartes) in German occupied Greece; maps; photographs; post-war papers.

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**Finding aids:**

Summary guide entry available online and detailed catalogue online and in hard copy in the Centre's reading room.

**Allied materials**

**Existence and location of originals:**

King's College London College Archives

**Related units of description:**

The papers of Col Hon (Christopher) Montague Woodhouse contain material relating to Myers, including correspondence between British (later Allied) Military Mission to Greece and Middle East Command in Cairo chiefly to and from Myers for period Jul 1942-Sep 1943 [see Woodhouse 1/1-14]; article by Myers, 'The crisis in Greece’, [Feb] 1945 [see Woodhouse 2/4]; speech by Myers at the unveiling of plaques in Stromi cave to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the destruction of the Gorgopotamos Viaduct, 1992 [see Woodhouse 6/1] and papers relating to death of Myers [see Woodhouse 6/4]. The papers of FM Alan Francis Brooke, 1st Viscount Alanbrooke of Brookeborough, contain a letter from Roundell Cecil Palmer, 3rd Earl of Selbourne, Minister of...
Economic Warfare, to Rt Hon Sir (Percy) James Grigg, Secretary of State for War, concerning Myers' work with the Special Operations Executive (SOE) in Greece, 26 Nov 1943 (Ref: Alanbrooke 6/2/47). Papers relating to Special Operations Executive (SOE) operations in Greece and the Balkans, 1942-1945, and to Myers' service with the British Military Mission to the Greek partisans in German occupied Greece, 1942-1943, can be found in the papers of Brig Godfrey Pennington Hobbs (Ref: Hobbs); Lt Col Count Julian A Dobrski (Ref: Dobrski); Maj Ronald R Prentice and Capt H Arthur Wickstead (Ref: Prentice/Wickstead); Maj Philip Frederick Nind (Ref: Nind); Capt Patrick Hutchinson Evans (Ref: Evans) Sir Derek Sherborne Lindsell Dodson (Ref: Dodson) and Capt Albert Henry Lingen.

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