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Date(s):
Created 1892-1933

Level of description:
collection level

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
15 boxes or 0.15 cubic metres

Context

Name of creator(s):
Aston, Sir, George (Grey), 1861-1938, Knight, Major General

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born in 1861; educated at Westminster School and Royal Naval College, Greenwich; joined Royal Marine Artillery, 1879; served in Sudan, 1884; member of the Foreign Intelligence Committee, Admiralty, 1886; service in the Naval Intelligence Department, Admiralty, 1887-1890; Staff College, 1891; Intelligence Officer, Mediterranean Fleet, 1892-1895; Professor of Fortification, Royal Naval College, Greenwich, 1896-1899; served in Boer War, South Africa, 1899-1900; Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Royal Marines, 1901; Secretary to Naval Reserves Committee, 1902; Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Staff College, 1904-1907; Brig Gen, General Staff, South Africa, 1908-1912; publication of Defence of United South Africa as a part of the British Empire (Cape Times, Cape Town, 1910); publication of Letters on Amphibious Wars (John Murray, London, 1911, 1920); ADC to the King, 1911-1917; attached to Headquarters Staff, South African Forces, 1912; Special Service, Admiralty War Staff, 1913-1914; publication of Staff Duties and other Subjects (Hugh Rees, London, 1913); Chairman of the Committee on Defence of Admiralty Oil Reserves, 1914; commanded expeditions to Ostend and Dunkirk, 1914; publication of Sea, Land and Air Strategy (John Murray, London, 1914); Commandant, 1914-1917; Maj Gen and retired, 1917; publication of The Triangle of Terror in Belgium (John Murray, London, 1918); employed in secretariat of the War Cabinet, 1918-1919; publication of War Lessons New and Old (John Murray, London, 1919); Memories of a Marine: an amphibiography (John Murray, London, 1919); Mostly about Trout (G Allen and Unwin, London, 1921); The Problem of Defence (P Allan and Co, London, 1925); Letters to young flyfishers (P Allan and Co, London, 1926); The Navy Today (Methuen and Co, London, 1927); The Study of War for Statesmen and Citizens (Longmans and Co, London, 1927, 1973); The Life of Nelson (London, 1928); The Biography of the late Marshal Foch (Hutchinson and Co, London, 1929); His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (G G Harrap and Co, London, 1929); The Great War of 1914-1918 (Thornton Butterworth, London, 1930); Secret Service (Faber and Faber, London, 1930); editor of Hamley's Operations of War and of the Study of War (1927).

Archival history:
The papers were placed in the Centre by the family in 1974. They were removed by the family in 1982 and transferred to the Royal Marines Museum, Eastney. The collection now at LHCMA consists of photocopies of the most significant material.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Aston family.
Content & structure
Scope and content:
Photocopies of diaries, 1899-1926; newspaper cuttings relating to Army Training Reports, 1925-1932; articles including those on World War One, Marshal Ferdinand Foch and sea diplomacy and law, 1929-1930; correspondence, 1892-1933, including Dardanelles campaign, 1917.

System of arrangement:
Arranged in sections as above.

Conditions of access & use
Conditions governing access:
Open, subject to signature of Reader's undertaking form, and appropriate provision of two forms of identification, to include one photographic ID.

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Language/scripts of material:
English

Finding aids:
Detailed catalogue available online at http://www.kcl.ac.uk/iss/archives/, and in hard copy in the Centre's reading room.

Allied materials
Existence and location of originals:
The originals are held at the Royal Marines Museum, Eastney. The balance of the collection at Eastney consists of further newspaper cuttings relating to army training reports by Aston, 1921-1925 and 1933, and reviews of his books; further writings, 'Four

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Description control
Rules or conventions: