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Date(s):
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Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
1 file and 2 microfilms

Context

Name of creator(s):
Bethune, Sir, Edward Cecil, 1855-1930, Knight, Lieutenant General

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1855; commissioned into the 92 Highlanders, 1875; served in Second Afghan War, 1878-1880; service in First Boer War, South Africa, 1880-1881; transferred to 6 Dragoon Guards, 1886; Maj, 16 Lancers, 1895; served in Second Boer War, South Africa, 1899-1902; raised and commanded Bethune's Horse, South Africa, 1899-1900; relief of Ladysmith, 1900; Assistant Adjutant General, Field Force, South Africa, 1900; Commanding Officer, 16 Lancers, 1900-1904; Brevet Col, 1900; Col on Staff, 1901; commanded Cavalry Bde, South Africa, 1901; appointed to General Staff and promoted to Brig Gen, 1905; awarded CB, 1905; commanded Eastern Sub-District, Cape Colony, south Africa; Maj Gen, 1908; Col, 4 (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, 1908-1920; awarded CVO, 1909; General Officer Commanding West Lancashire Div, Territorial Force, Western Command, 1909-1912; Director General, Territorial Force, 1912-1917; Lt Gen, 1913; served in World War One, 1914-1918; created KCB, 1915; retired 1920; Chairman, Metropolitan Area, Royal British Legion, 1925-1930; died 1930.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Copies made by the Centre from originals loaned by the family in 1998.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Copies of 95 photographs and negatives relating to the Second Boer War, South Africa, 1899-1902, including two photograph albums, 'Snap shots by Capt E A Williams Esq' and 'Snap shots in Natal and Transvaal taken by Capt E A Williams, KDG', and photographs of the Boer President of the Transvaal Stephanus Johannes Paulus (Paul) Kruger and of Col Edward Cecil Bethune. Microfilm copies of two bound order books 'Regimental Orders, 1899-1900' and 'Brigade Orders', and microfilm copies of three scrapbooks of cuttings relating to Bethune's Mounted Infantry in South Africa, 1899-1900, including detailed accounts of specific actions.

System of arrangement:
1 file and 2 microfilms

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**Language/scripts of material:**
English

**Finding aids:**
This Summary Guide, 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 Gen Sir Ian Standish Monteith Hamilton contain correspondence between Hamilton, Commander-in-Chief Central Force, Home Defence, and Bethune, Director General, Territorial Force, on Territorial volunteers for overseas service, Nov 1914 (Ref: Hamilton 6), and correspondence relating to Bethune's Chairmanship of Metropolitan Area, Royal British Legion, 1927-1929 (Ref: Hamilton 11/2).

Decorations: KCB, CVO, CB

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