

Captain John ('Jack') ARCHER (1871-1954)

Box list

Box One

- Financial papers and will of Mrs Eliza Archer, Capt John Archer's mother, 1910-1919.
- Papers relating to time as POW, 1914-1918.
- Correspondence between Jack Archer and his mother, 1893-1908.
- Correspondence between Archer and friends and colleagues, 1897-1913.

Box Two

- Diaries, 1889-1896, 1901, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1925, 1938.
- Company accounts, 1899.
- Service record, including record of career, exams passed, certificates gained, accounts and amount paid etc, 1889-1894.
- Press cuttings, correspondence, reports relating to Archer's job as Superintendent of Prisons, Nyasaland, 1920-1936.
- National Rifle Association: Programme of the 73rd Annual Meeting, Bisley, Jul 6th – 18th, 1936.

Box Three

- Maps:
 - printed map of Mashonaland, 1896
 - hand drawn map (ink) of Lydenburg and Surrounding Country (by R Verney, 2 Lt, RB), nd (2nd Boer War?)
 - map of Cairo, lithograph on silk, War Office, 1901.
- Rifle Brigade:
 - Rifle Brigade Calendars, 1893, 1905, 1906;
 - 'The Regiment', Illustrated Military Journal for Aldershot, May 1896
- Parades and Services:
 - Order of Service for Military Thanksgiving Service for the Restoration of Peace, Pretoria, Jun 8 1902
 - Order of Service for Coronation Day, 26 Jun 1902
 - Parade Service for Visit of the Amir of Afghanistan to Agra, Jan 1907, with map showing locations of troop billets and plan of organisation of troop review.
- Programmes and menus:
 - programme for the 'Hillside Dramatic Company at the Palace of Varieties, Chaubattia', 1906
 - programme for 'G Company, 2 Battn, Rifle Brigade Amateur variety entertainment', 1906
 - passenger list and menus for the steamer 'Prinzessin', German East Africa Line, 1908-1909

- list of passengers, SS 'Carisbrook Castle', The Union-Castle Line, 1911.
- Rifle and athletic meeting programmes, 1898-1914
- Material relating to career:
 - List of Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers at School of Musketry, Hythe, Oct 1895
 - General Instructions for N-C Officers, 1897
 - timetable for movement of 4 Party from Omdurman, 1898
 - Sudan Almanac, 1898
 - poem 'The Night Attack on Surprise Hill', by Pte J Gibbons, 2 RB
 - Special Orders announcing proclamation of peace, June 1902
 - Summary of Intelligence, Eastern District, Jan and April 1902
 - Farewell Order by Col J R Gough, Commanding Troops, Somaliland, June 1909.
- Issues of The Rhodesia Herald, 1896, concerning the Mashonaland Uprising; and cutting from The Rhodesia Herald, Aug 1943 detailing Archer's service history.
- Issues of The Nyasaland Times, Aug 1910 and Aug 1912.
- Press cuttings relating to Archer's athletics/shooting competition successes.

Box Four

- Photograph album showing:
 - manoeuvres, Malta, 1897
 - Crete, 1898
 - punitive raids on farms, Traansvaal, including taking Boer women into concentration camps, 1901
 - Middleburg and Groot Oliphant Camps, 1901-1902
 - views of Egypt including parades, inspections, sports and camps, 1902-1905
 - photographs of groups of POWs, Merseburg Camp and examples of paper money used in the Merseburg Camp, 1914-1919.
- Family photographs including several portrait photographs of Archer.
- Uniform buttons and pins.
- Biographical information including Archer's reminiscences, birth-1896; obituaries; and career outlines.
- Book 'A Fine Chest of Medals' by Colin Baker