

Notes on

Firm Earth My Comrade

Reminiscences of a Grounded Airman

by Harold (“Huck”) Hindle James [HHJ]

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Introduction

These reminiscences cover the period 1929-1952 and include discussion of HHJ’s travels with his parents while on extended sick leave before being invalided out of the RAF, his work with unemployed men’s clubs in London in 1933-34, his travels on merchant vessels in the Mediterranean and Black Sea in 1935, and his involvement, in various “liaison” roles, with many of the leading political figures in the Middle East, after he settled in Egypt in 1936.

The memoirs seem to have been initially compiled around 1948-50, and the first 19 “Episodes” were left in a more-or-less final state, though with a few additions and notes which can be interpolated among the existing typescript sheets. The 20th Episode (appropriately entitled “Random Thoughts”) revisits some earlier material and seems to have been still under active revision; a number of versions remain for some sections. The 21st Episode, covering HHJ’s visits to Australia in 1947/8 and England in 1949, seems to have been a later afterthought, and the Epilogue also appears to have been under revision and covers the significant events leading up to the Egyptian Revolution in 1952, many of which HHJ was a personal witness to. His failure to complete his revisions may have been due to the prolonged illness he suffered in late 1952 and 1953, during which many of his papers were taken to the British Embassy for safe keeping; it is possible they were later taken directly to his brother’s house in England where he would have had limited access to them. There was some evidence (in the form of a strips of paper from a 1967 newspaper inserted between some pages) that he was attempting further revision following his final expulsion from Egypt that year, but this was obviously not completed.

The typescript, as found among the papers I retrieved in 2010 from the attic of HHJ’s brother’s house, Challonsleigh, near Tavistock in Devon, consists of some 500 loose pages of typescript, many of them in multiple copies (with occasional differences between different copies). Though the bulk of the pages were in a single bundle (with two copies of each page together), many of the others were scattered and mixed up with his brother’s and father’s papers, and various letters and other documents. Some not entirely consistent numbering was applied to most of the pages, and it has been a considerable challenge to sort them into the correct order, and to eliminate duplication of material while avoiding omitting anything unique.

I have assembled “definitive” versions of each Episode, and scanned them into separate PDF files, applying optical character recognition using the PDFXchangeViewer software (version 2.5) though the poor quality of much of the typescript has meant that this has been of limited success. I have been unable to find a context for a few pages, which have been collected into an additional file of supplementary material.

These notes summarise the contents of each Episode, with particular attention to the names mentioned. An index at the end provides brief background information on some of the individuals concerned (shown in bold in the summary notes), based on some brief Internet searches. The ordering is basically alphabetical, but because of the complexity of ordering of some Arab names, ranks and titles (and British peerages!), the “index word” is underlined where appropriate).

HHJ's Will [HHJ/40] specifically bequeathed the manuscript to Christ Church College Oxford, though this was not complied with by his Executors, probably because of the scattered and incomplete nature of the material. It is my intention to donate the original, along with most of the rest of the material retrieved from Challonsleigh in 2010 (as his father and brother were also alumni of the college) to the Archivist at Christ Church College, once I have finished working on it myself.

In these notes references of the form **HHJ/nn** are to documents in my own archive of HHJ's material [www.johnbarnard.me.uk/docs/HHJ_Docs]; references beginning **TNA** are at The National Archives at Kew.

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Episode 1 (14pp)**On sick leave in France, England, Germany, Italy; Return to Iraq****Feb-July 1929**

- Travelled from Basrah via Marseilles; met parents at Hyères; adventure with pickpocket
- Returned to London; granted recuperative leave; met sister Molly and her husband **Donald Mackinnon**
- Visited Oxford to accept degree at Christ Church; met barrister **Richard Elwes**
- Awarded OBE
- Mention of student accommodation at Christ Church
- Rejoined parents at Arco on Lake Garda in Italy, travelling via Berlin and Munich
- Some easy mountain climbing with son of hotel owner; walks with father
- Developed cough; travelled via Trieste, Athens, Haifa (where became ill) and Damascus to Baghdad
- Met **Robert Jope-Slade** in hotel, who transferred him to hospital at Hinaidi
- Doctors said one lung badly affected and other threatened and he might only live a few months; this prognosis not passed to relatives and friends

Episode 2 (14pp)**Convalescent in England****Aug 1929 – Feb 1930**

- Improving, and doctors more optimistic; they consider condition due to long service in desert
- Lover of solitude and independent enterprise
- Promoted [to Squadron Leader] – owe this to **Air Commodore Bowhill** and possibly **Sir Edward Ellington**
- Returning home via Port Said on 31 Aug. Seeing **Jope-Slade** most days – had been expecting work to be linked for at least two years
- Letter from **Jope-Slade** (29 Sep 1929) after visit to Persia – companions were “but shadows of real [friend]”; problems with bearer; news of other SSOs and of Zionist disturbances in Palestine
- Letter to father (11 Oct 1929): “outside the family there is no-one now except **Bobby [Jope-]Slade**; between him and myself there does exist an essential friendship, as it was with the other Bobby, **Bobby Jenks**”; pain in chest is less; would like to see “young men” [Uncle Leo James’s sons] from Westminster School.
- Social life in London with “Colin-Felix” set [unidentified]; link via “Sidney C-O” [unidentified] to another set less interested in themselves; young Serbian friend
- Moved to Midhurst Convalescent Home – class structure (gentlefolk, middle and upper-middle distinguished); doctors express doubt if he has actual infection at all
- Letter to parents at Spotorno (6 Jan 1930) – at Chelsea Arts Club Ball on New Year’s Eve, then back to Midhurst. Visit from **Bobby Jenkins**’s mother
- Letter to parents (23 Feb 1930) – Medical Board – may be given special job in Jerusalem. Investiture at Buckingham Palace [presumably for OBE] on 4 March. Disability officially attributed to service with RAF.

Episode 3 (24pp)**Further Sick Leave in France, Spain, England, Portugal and Tangier****Mar – Dec 1930**

- Travel to join parents at Palma di Mallorca (arr. 18 Mar 1930) via Paris (with Hugo Townshend) and Barcelona (with **Norman Lamplugh** – bullfight)
- Recollection of hunting with **Norah Platt**
- Penitentes at Palma Cathedral
- Cottage at Soller Puerto with American artist “Dick” while parents remain at Palma
- Father’s internal cramps (early symptoms of stomach cancer)
- Recalled to London for medical examination
- Letter to parents about being an “isolated creature” and “different”; recollection of crying as a boy on discovering the meaning of “harlot”; no formalised religion, but reverence for “nameless power”
- Welcome from uncle Leo James and family, including faithful “Nanny”
- Discussion of changes in social attitudes and evil of communism
- Medical board gives more sick leave
- Joins parents at Hendaye on 14 May 1930
- Friendship with Norwegian Thorolf Haug
- Motor tour of Cornwall with **Robert Jope-Slade**; recollection of first meeting him in Egypt and of previous holiday with him in Levanto, Italy
- Visits to **Norman Lamplugh** at Old Court House, Hampton Court
- Medical decision postponed
- Joined parents in Pyrenees in August
- Father superior in energy (aged 67) – mountain walking with notebook and volume of poetry
- Moved to Madrid (visit to Royal palace); rumblings of impending Spanish revolution; visit to Saragossa on 21 Sep
- Meeting with Ramon Franco (brother of Generalissimo Francisco Franco)
- Mention of artist great-great-grandfather Templeton [actually great-grandfather John Samuel Templeton, RA (1806- 1857) whose daughter Edith (c.1835-1902) was HHJ’s maternal grandmother]
- On to Lisbon and Estoril (entertained by British Ambassador **Sir Francis Lindley**); meeting Duchess of Norfolk and daughters, and Major Keith Simmonds (attaché from Madrid embassy)
- On to Seville and Tangier (Dec 17th) with father, then back to Algeciras to rejoin mother for Christmas
- Returned to London aboard *Oronsay* from Gibraltar, with 15-year-old cousin **Trev James** joining at Plymouth; later letter from Trev

Episode 4 (10pp)**Invalided out of RAF; England, Tangier; Death of Father****Jan – Jun 1931**

- Invalided out of the RAF 27 Jan 1931 (effective 11 Feb); pension of under £300 pa; thinking of Tangier to settle
- Staying at Moyses with Uncle Leo: uncle Leo's generosities out of hand, lack of sense of proportion, Aunt Ethel has necessary tact, HHJ making nominal payment for lodging
- Aunt Edie to keep house at Tunbridge Wells – added to household staff
- Staying a night with Levinson-Gower [possibly Edwin Lewes Montague Leveson-Gower]; visited friend "B.A." [**Graham Baron Ash**]; letter from Baron Ash dated 26 Jan [probably 1931, immediately on hearing of HHJ's being invalided out of RAF; the letter mentions concert pianist Prince George Chavchavadze (1905-1962) who was of White Russian descent and gave a recital at Packwood on 29 Mar 1931, signing the spinet he played on, which remains at Packwood as National Trust object 557599; Chavchavadze was bisexual and his lovers included the composer Leonard Bernstein.]
- Joined parents at Tangier; revolution in Spain; father taken ill (stomach cancer) and returned to England. Father treated by "cousin" Reginald Vick [consultant at Bart's, married to Mary Neville, sister of Sir James Neville, Bt]; father visited by P.C. Lyon and brother Leo; died 2 Jun, buried at Mayfield

Episode 5 (11pp)**Friends and Relatives in England; Visit to Morocco****1931-32**

- Visit to “friend” at Packwood [**Graham Baron Ash**]; mother at Tunbridge Wells
- Returned to Tangier; socialised with mainly aristocratic friends (listed), artist Edward Wolfe and Australian authors Louis Golding and Eric Muspratt
- Visits around Morocco; friendship with Moroccan Menebb family
- Returned to England to see aunt Lilian and husband on visit from Australia; gave Tangier dinner at Demos restaurant in Soho
- Shared flat at Tunbridge Wells with mother; visits from brother Eric and sister Mollie; Aunt Edie developed same ailment as father; discussion of her character and those of Mollie and Eric

Episode 6 (17pp)**Unemployment Club****1933-34**

- Slept on street with unemployed to hear their stories
- Decided to start support club for them at church crypt in Kennington ("Crypt Club") - now bequeathed to Christ Church Oxford
- Many people helped, including college dons and cousin **Trev James**, schoolboy at Westminster who organised fencing match; also **Lady Lilian Grenfell**, and her daughters and sister, **John Hanbury-Tracy**, **Lord Burghley**, Russell Stephenson; and Prince of Wales; and John-Paul Ross as co-organiser.
- Report on club activities (17 Apr 1933)
- Extracts from The Times (23 Dec 1933, 10 Feb 1934, 19 Mar 1934, 4 Jul 1934)
- Letters from various supporters including Bishop of Southwark, Dean of Christ Church, and Margaret Bondfield [first female Cabinet Minister in Labour Government 1929-31]
- Recollection of visit of **Queen Mary** to Club; attack by local Communists, and informal bodyguard

Episode 7 (3pp)**Living in London****1934**

- Death of Aunt Lill
- Became unwell and handed over responsibility for unemployed clubs
- Stayed with old lady supporter of clubs [unidentified], with nearby model farm, but her son (a former Hussars captain) was a fascist; also stayed with **Alex S [Scrimgeour]** where he met fascist leaders Oswald Mosley and William Joyce [see also HHJ's letter to his aunt Ethel in HHJ/1 (29 Jun 1950)]
- Stayed with **Grenfells** and with Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim
- Lived in Chelsea, with mother in Knightsbridge; describes his mother as "dearest person in my world", but recognised tensions which made it preferable for them to live apart
- Planned tour abroad by sea to study life of sailors on cargo vessels

Episode 8 (47pp)**Cargo ships in Mediterranean and Black Sea****1935**

- Travelled to Liverpool 12 Apr 1935, where he met friend **Marco Pallis** before boarding SS Algerian, where he met crew including Captain Flynn and cabin boy David Rigby
- At Swansea, met Tom (cargo lading superintendent) who spoke of poor housing conditions of colliery workers
- Sailed into storm for 3 days; discussion of crew's pay and lack of pension; conversations with crew members; poor-quality crew quarters and food
- Moored at Katakalo (Greece) 26 Apr (Orthodox Good Friday); processions ashore; lunch ashore (octopus) and local Communist attracted by HHJ's red shirt; discussion and bathing with "Sandy"; continued to Calamata, where took party ashore and met Greek flying officer (Lt Mauromichos)
- To Canea (Crete) where senior police official Andreas Skandemon became firm friend; aftermath of "Venizelos revolt" [attempts by former republican prime minister Venizelos to regain power in 1933 and 1935 – monarchy was restored by coup in Oct 1935]
- Athens, Salonica, Istanbul; Turkish dictator Ataturk's policy of westernisation and emancipation of women
- In hospital again – nurse is Russian from Tolstoy's family; stayed in Istanbul two months, much changed since previous visit in 1919; met diplomats and long-established British residents, though not "old Lady Whittall" [Edith Anna, widow of Sir James Whittall] who was away [she actually died on 23 Jul 1935]
- On Italian cargo ship "Iseo" to Black Sea ports; evening sing-songs; stops at Varna (men only beach "au naturel") and Constanta (Roumania – bathed at Mamia beach with Romanian lad Pavel)
- Next to Odessa, where Russian officials refused to allow him ashore, though he had a brief walk disguised as a deck-hand
- Then to Batum (Georgia) where Russian soldiers guarded him on board with fixed bayonets
- Finally to Trabazon (Turkey) and back to Istanbul, where he protested to Soviet Embassy about his "arrest"
- Returned to England on the Rumelian, calling at Patros (2 nights), Messina (taking car to Taormina), Valencia and Liverpool; total trip about 4 months
- Wrote report (transcribed) to government on unsatisfactory conditions, compared to Italian vessel and received reply from **Walter Runciman** (then President of the Board of Trade), and further meetings and correspondence with Mr T. G. Jenkins of the Marine Department, suggesting that his report was taken seriously, and limited improvements made.
- Letter from Captain Bill Flynn, 10 Feb 1938 [found separately from original, but fits well as postscript to this Episode]

Episode 9 (9pp)**Back to the Middle East****1935/36**

- Contact with Mrs Williamson, mother of fellow tutee and student **HHC Williamson** at Oxford killed in the war
- Contact with **Norman Lamplugh** and his sister **Ethel** and brother Hamilton
- Contact with **Lady Lilian Grenfell** (“a gentlewoman”)
- Acquaintanceship with actors Anthony Quale, Eric Anderson and Geoffrey Wincott
- Further illness treated at RAF hospital, Halton and convalescence at Osborne House, Isle of Wight (where he had been in 1922); mother also stayed there briefly
- Major Claude B[remner], political agent in Persian Gulf invited him to complete his convalescence with him in Egypt [Bremner had been political agent in Muscat, though considered “lazy, arrogant and unhelpful” with a “tendency to express immoderate views on insufficient data” (see Christian Tripodi, *Edge of Empire*, Routledge 2016, and TNA IOR/R/1/4/1203 Personal File CEU Bremner, cited therein as ref 89)]
- Job offer from Sultan of Muscat declined on advice from **Jope-Slade** [perhaps HHJ had been recommended for this by Bremner “on insufficient data”, and Jope realised it would be a disaster]
- Sailed to Egypt on small cargo ship *Star of Cairo* on 1 Jan 1936; en route to embarkation lunched at Oxford with cousin Ida Hindle and stayed with John Dukes
- On amicable terms with Egyptian crew, especially “young Salah”; storm in Bay of Biscay – hove to for 14 hours
- Letter to Jenkins (Board of Trade) re loading of cargo ships

Episode 10 (32pp)
Civilian Liaison Officer (Middle East) with RAF
1936-37

- Personal thoughts on Egyptian independence [achieved 1936]
- Host Claude Bremner returned to duty; joined Air HQ as civilian volunteer “liaison officer” listed in official directory of British Forces in Egypt; head of department **Charles Spackman** who had been HHJ’s subordinate in Iraq but was now a Wing Commander
- Letter to mother referring to personal telegram from new King Edward VIII [see HHJ/1 (12 Feb 1936)]
- Posted to Solum [El Sallem] in Western desert near Libyan (Italian) border, late March 1936
- Scarlet fever Apr 1936; in hospital with Alex Gregory Hood [later owner of the Rowan Gallery in London] with whom he went to convalesce in Cyprus (May 12-23) meeting the Governor and lunching with Rupert Gunnis [Dictionary of British Sculptors] whose house was full of antiquities; also lost photo of Prince of Wales [correspondence in HHJ/1]
- Back to Alexandria for liaison with Navy (Lt-Comdr Oliphant); met up with John Ford, Alex Gregory-Hood, Pat Hanbury
- In Cairo with David Hanbury-Tracy (who painted in studio in the Arab quarter, and was killed in the war; brother of old friend **John Hanbury-Tracy**, the explorer); links with **Heber-Percy** and Digby Hamilton at the Embassy, and sat opposite Ahmad [mistype for **Aly**] **Maher Pasha** (later Prime Minister) at a dinner; very old pal **George Paul** of the 11th Hussars there with his regiment
- Letters from **John Hanbury-Tracy** in Tibet (1935 and 1936) and from **John Glubb Pasha** (1936 and 1948)
- Visit to Palestine; bombing incidents in Jerusalem; demolition of Arab houses in Gaza as punishment for attacks on Jewish settlers left 8th Hussars patrol depressed; collection for Arabs thus made homeless; British harshness towards Arabs
- Travel Jerusalem to Amman with armed escort, where tried to contact **John Glubb** but he was away
- Dinner at Jerusalem with Prince Ferdinand of Lichtenstein (15 Sep 1936); returned to Egypt by train
- Medical Board confirmed 90% disability, but did not interfere with voluntary work
- Met cousin Malcolm en route for Burma
- Coup in Iraq; friend **Nuri Pasha** (former PM) exiled to Egypt and visited HHJ’s flat frequently; arranged meeting at British Embassy for him; wrote to tell him of assassination of **Jaafar Pasha al Askari**
- Christmas 1936 at Air HQ, with officers and sergeants serving lunch in airmen’s mess; then his own lunch with Bowman and **Spackman** at the latter’s flat
- Discussion of abdication of Edward VIII, criticising attitude of some high churchmen
- Hoping to see **Hafez Wahbah** (Saudi Ambassador in London) on his visit to Cairo
- Visit from **Grenfells**, Feb 1937 with **Nicky Rathbone** “my pleasant young friend of the Scots Guards”; mentions photo of the party crossing the Western Desert; **Grenfells** guests at Embassy with [**Thomas**] **Russell** Pasha and his wife “who may one venture to suggest have a partiality for the nobility” [an interesting comment, not only given HHJ’s own partiality, but also because Russell was a grandson of the 6th Duke of Bedford].

- Letter to S/L **R M Foster** (addressed as “Pussy”) 19 Jan 1937 re possible job in Iraq
- Letter to Group Captain **K. C. Buss** (his commander) 10 Feb 1937
- Letter to **Sir A.W. Keown-Boyd** saying appointment in Egypt extended by Air Ministry
- Plan to visit Hedjaz

Episode 11 (26pp)**Saudi Arabia****1937**

- Left for Saudi Arabia 15 Mar 1937, via Port Sudan (3 days) across Red Sea
- Met by Sheikh **Hafez Wahba**; visited **Sir Reader Bullard** (British minister in Saudi Arabia)
- Reception to meet **King Ibn Saud**; spoke to **Prince Faisal**; invited to dinner by **St John Philby**, but left early for audience with King
- Discussion of **Ibn Saud** and his mode of ruling; description of Jeddah; **Ibn Saud's** improvement of security and conditions for Hajj pilgrims; tomb of universal ancestress Eve in Jeddah
- Use of mediaeval punishments; slavery accepted, with slave markets, but slaves well treated and achieve positions of authority
- Returned home on SS Zan Zam (with 1600 pilgrims) and Kowsar
- Visited Jeddah again in June 1937 in official capacity as liaison officer; **King Saud** asked for HHJ to accompany **Princess Alice** and the Earl of Athlone when they visited [in winter 1938], but blocked by diplomats, to disappointment of Air HQ
- Dined with **Reggie Bone**, who had been station commander when HHJ was at Calshot [in 1923], and was now Director of Civil Aviation in Egypt

Episode 12 (14pp)
Liaison Officer, Middle East
Jun-Dec 1937

- Visit to Sollum on the Libyan frontier (June 1937)
- Lunch with **George Paul** (11th Hussars)
- Wedding present sent to Duke of Windsor
- Train from Jerusalem to Ismailia with **Sir Reader Bullard** (Aug 1937)
- Meeting with **Nuri Pasha el Said**; news of assassination of **Bakr Sidki**
- Extension of appointment 9 Aug 1937 (AOC keen to keep him)
- 12 Aug 1937 Dinner with General [Sir John] Dill [General Officer Commanding British Forces in Palestine 1936-7]
- Letter of recommendation (28 Aug 1937) for HHJ from **Nuri Pasha el Said** to **Jameel al Madfaai** [PM of Iraq 17 Aug 1937 – 26 Dec 1938 – a staunch monarchist]
- Dinner in Alexandria with **Nuri Pasha el Said** (“likely to be the new Iraqi PM”), then cabaret with **Hafez Wahbah** [Saudi Minister in London]
- Brother Bob-Eric on leave in England with their mother (4 Sep 1937)
- Letters from **Robert Jope-Slade** 15 Feb 1939 [mistyping for 1938?] (“thank you for being just YOU” and 23 Mar 1938; latter saying HHJ’s report on interview with HW [presumably **Hafez Wahba**] sent to “Montgomery at Air Ministry” suggesting he “take it to the Foreign Office to show Rendel [Sir George Rendel, head of Eastern Dept at FO 1930-1938] in person
- Audience with **King Ghazi** of Iraq, Sep 1937; “his greatest wish is for guidance of some friendly person”
- Letter to **Nuri Pasha el Said**, 27 Sep 1937 – “friends in Iraq await you with a welcome”
- Letter from **Jameel al Madfaai** 11 Oct 1937 to HHJ, thanking him for visit
- Letter to mother 14 Oct 1937 recommending her to select a flat in England and then visit Cairo
- Letters between Foreign Office and Air Ministry (8 and 18 Nov 1937) referring to excellent work by Hindle James and agreeing to his liaising more closely with FO reps in the Middle East; HHJ, though flattered, found the letters “indefinite” and exposed him to “distasteful misinterpretation”; he accepted suggestion with misgiving and requested a more exact briefing
- Letter from **Edward Ellington** 20 May 1938; note from senior staff officer Air HQ Cairo; letter from AOC RAF Middle East to Under-Secretary of State, Air Ministry; all offering support to HHJ’s work
- Plans for mother to come to Egypt Nov/Dec 1937
- Letters of appreciation from drivers Philip Burgess (Dec 1936) and “D.M.” 24 Aug [no year]

Episode 13 (14pp)**Living in Egypt with Mother****1938-39**

- Mother arrived 2 Jan 1938; Eric passed through 3 days later [Wed 4 Jun is presumably mistyped, as 4 Jun 1938 was a Saturday]; “young friend Whitehead” motored us to Ismailia
- Senior servant Awad and subordinate Ibrahim
- 2 years congenial life with mother; friends included Ida Flower (cousin of **Grenfells**, whose son was an ADC at the Embassy), **Dick Graves**, Ann Quinnell, Joan Bennett
- Entertained **Nuri Pasha el Said**, **Hafez Wahbah**, **Raghib al-Nashashibi**, entourages of **King Farouk** and **Prince Mohammed Ali [Tewfik]**
- Crossing of Western Desert May 1938 with **Air Commodore Peter Drummond** and party, acting as liaison officer and desert expert. At the end of the trip, Drummond and his 2i/c went on ahead but broke down, finishing their journey on foot
- Sep 1937 Helped **Nuri el Said** draft a letter to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden
- Exchange of letters with **Jameel al Madfaai** [Iraqi PM] July 1938; letter to **Nuri el Said**, 8 Sep 1938; letter to Emir (later King) **Abdullah of Jordan** concerning recent discussions with him (Sep 1938)
- Telegram to Mrs James from **Nuri el Said** 28 Dec 1938 (immediately after taking office as PM)
- Letter from **Nuri el Said**, 4 Jan 1939; letter from **Jameel al Madfaai**, “(Premier)” 24 Jan 1939 [this is confusing as Jameel had been replaced as PM by Nuri in Dec 1938]
- Letters from **Hafez Wahbah** and **Raghib Nashashibi** at Arab conference in London, Feb 1939
- Letter to **Mustapha el Nahas**, 24 Jun 1939
- Acknowledgement of congratulation to **King Abdullah of Jordan** on Coronation [25 May 1946]
- Letter from **Anthony Muirhead** 1 Feb 1939

Episode 14 (20pp)**Cyprus leave, transfer to Army HQ, suspension and resignation****1939-1940**

- Comments about **Sir Miles Lampson** (Lord Killearn) [British Ambassador in Egypt] and his relations with King **Farouk**
- “Attempt made” (1939) to arrange meeting between HHJ and **Farouk** to help smooth over difficult relations with Embassy, but Embassy squashed the idea
- Leave in Cyprus with mother (June/July 1939); met Judge **Murray-Graham**, a contact from WW1 in Italy; also **Mar Shimum**; discussion of treatment of Assyrians [see also HHJ’s 1933 statement on the Assyrians, in HHJ/1]
- **Spackman** transferred but asked HHJ to stay on
- Mother returned to Egypt from Cyprus late August 1939, due to potential hostilities
- Relationship with **Spackman**’s replacement [unnamed] difficult; transferred to Army HQ under Col. **Walter Cawthorn** – though Cawthorn was antagonistic to the Ambassador [**Lampson**], he used HHJ as a whipping-boy
- Work with Cairo press including American journalists Margaret Bourge-White and Walter Graebner
- Memory of Napier Sturt, 3rd Baron Alington, who died shortly afterwards of pneumonia
- Invited to tea with PM **Aly Maher Pasha**; lunch with **Emir Idris es Senoussi** (later king of Libya); afternoon with Saleh Sadek Bey of **Prince Mohammed Ali**’s entourage, and Prince himself; Ambassador took exception to these meetings and HHJ was called to **Cawthorn**’s office and suspended [This account is consistent with that given by **R.J. Maunsell** in a letter to **Walter Smart** on 9 Jun 1944 in TNA FO 371/41414]
- Air Marshall **Sir William Mitchell** insisted on his reinstatement but he resigned and consulted lawyers (Perrot, Fanner and Sims-Marshall)
- Letter 7 Nov 1945 from W/C CTTR Bouchet (Senior Legal Advisor at Air HQ) to **Sir Charles Medhurst** discussing HHJ’s position wrt the Embassy
- Letter 29 mar 1940 HHJ to **Cawthorn** saying he cannot understand why suspended, and noting that as a civilian he cannot be ordered to return to England
- Letter 26 Aug 1940 HHJ to Private Secretary, British Embassy regretting that Ambassador cannot grant informal interview. Says he has taken every step to offer services up to April 1940
- Letter 31 Oct 1940 From “G/C Leslie B Forbes” (HQ, Middle East Forces) confirming HHJ’s valuable work done over a long period. [This seems to be Leslie Frederick Forbes MC who is mentioned as “awaiting a posting in the middle east” circa 1938 on page 80 of Peter Cornwell, *To Scale the Skies* (History Press, 2011)]

Episode 15 (4 pp)

Car Accident in Cairo

Sep-Dec 1940

- Air raid on Cairo
- Car accident 3 Sep 1940, badly injured, in hospital for four months

Episode 16 (23pp)**Working for BOAC and Meeting Arab Royalty and Politicians****1941**

- Medical board declares HHJ unacceptable for active service
- **Robert Maxwell** offers HHJ a job as his PA, starting 29 Jan 1941; later he is made Admin and Security Officer, involving a lot of touring
- In May 1941 at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem **Nuri Pasha** introduced him to Prince '**Abd al-Ilah** (Prince Regent of Iraq); **Jameel al Madfaai**, **Ali Jawdat** and **Dawood Al-Haidari** were also there [**Nuri** had been replaced as Iraqi PM by the "Golden Square" coup on 31 March led by **Rashid Ali al-Gaylani**, who took an overtly pro-Nazi position in the war]; the party cheered up considerably on 20 May with the news of the British capture of Falouja; also discussed attempted flight from Cairo of **Aziz Ali al Misri**; lunch with **Ragheb Bey el Nashashibi**
- Arrived Baghdad July 1941; talked to PM **Jameel Madfaai**; audience with Prince Regent [**Abd al-Ilah**]; discussed recent Jewish massacres [the so-called Farhud of 1-2 June – see wikipedia] and desecration of British War Cemetery; several local newspapers were expressing anger at the Mufti [of Jerusalem, the pro-Nazi Ali al Hussein, who allegedly inspired the Farhud], describing him as the Rasputin of Islam.
- In Basra called on **Sheikh Salah Bashayan**; talked to **Sir John Ward** about Iraqi leaders, and to the GOC Basra
- Met **George Antonius** in Jerusalem, and Prince **Mohammed Ali**, whom HHJ introduced to **Steven Runciman**
- Eritrea, Sep 1941 – discussion of British-Italian situation there
- Palestine, Nov 1941 – **Ragheb Nashashibi** "much agitated" when told of the assassination of his nephew Fakhry Bey Nashashibi; conversations with Jewish migrants
- Syria, Sep 1941. Discussions on various reorganisations of Middle East in different combinations under different Royal houses
- Teheran, Dec 1941 – visit to Egyptian embassy; meeting with **Ali Dashti**; received by Shah's Master of State; discussion of state of development of Teheran
- Letters from **James McCargar** in Russia June/July 1942
- Stopping off in Habbaniyah picked up package of portraits of Iraqi royalty
- Oct 1941 - Escorted mother to stay with brother Eric in Uganda
- Various letters to mother, mainly concerned with his meetings with senior politicians and Royalty
- Story of Eden's comment that the war would be won only with materials (provided by US), men (Russia) and patience (UK)
- Letter from Private Secretary to **Walter Monckton** thanking for notes on visit to Teheran
- Letter from soldier HHJ befriended (Oct 1942)

Episode 17 (26pp)**British humiliation of Farouk, visits to Kenya, Sudan, Eritrea, Persia, Turkey;
Farouk's meeting with Churchill****Jan – Aug 1942**

- Ill in Anglo-American hospital 22 Jan 1942; messages from Royal family
- Letters to **Sir Walter Monckton** and King's Private Secretary 24-28 Jan 1942 suggesting King desires to see Monckton, and that King has no ill-will towards Britain; Embassy vetoes meeting
- "Abdeen Incident" on 4 Feb 1942 [in which British tanks surrounded the Royal Palace and forced King **Farouk** to appoint **Mustafa el Nahas** as Prime Minister; the plan was originated by **Lampson** (British Ambassador), who persuaded **Oliver Lyttleton** (British Minister in Cairo) to implement it, with assistance from **Monckton**. This humiliation ultimately increased resentment of the British and of the monarchy by the Egyptian military, and contributed to the 1952 military coup. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdeen_Palace_incident_of_1942]
- Diary entry 9 Feb 1942 recognises potential problem of Egyptian humiliation; new PM **Mustafa el Nahas** receives HHJ for interesting talk
- Visited brother Eric in Kampala, Feb 1942; he and mother went on to Kenya (stayed with Dr Barlow at Eldoret in Nandi Tribal area; leopard hunt with tribesmen and "young Norwegian friend"; attended tribal gathering with Philip Foster (DC at Kapsabet) – given ornament for King of Egypt
- Visited **Prince Paul of Yugoslavia** by Lake Naivasha
- Return to Khartoum 13 Apr 1942
- Visited Eritrea, stayed with Col. Miller (Senior Political Officer) at Massawa, then back to Khartoum when he had heat stroke and was advised to return to Cairo at once; guest of **Douglas Newbold**, Civil Secretary of Sudan
- Unsure how long he will remain with BOAC [see also his letter of 18 June 1942 [HHJ/1] concerning an unspecified role with rank of Major]
- Discussion of the situation in Eritrea [which was captured from the Italians by the British in March 1941]
- Teheran, 17 Jun 1942. Lunch with US General Greely and long talk with US Minister [Louis Goethe] Dreyfus [1889-1973]; visited Egyptian Embassy; welfare of 300 orphaned Polish refugee children in Persia
- Adana, Turkey, 29 Jun 1942. Encountered German diplomats [Turkey was neutral] and German agent Paula Koch. Returned to Egypt via Aleppo, Tripoli, Beirut (by car), Damascus (where met Dr Yassir Mouayed Azm [possibly a relative of Khalid al-Azm, who was PM and Acting President of Syria in 1941] with whom he visited tomb of "our mutual friend" Dr **Shahbandar**), Haifa and Jerusalem
- Cairo 5 Aug 1942. Met Shazly Pasha, Leader of the Opposition [possibly Abdelsalam Pasha el Shazly] at Shepherd's Hotel, who mentioned rumour that Churchill was in Cairo. The same evening HHJ was invited to meet King **Farouk** who confirmed the rumour, and said he was about to meet Churchill, though HHJ only discusses King's proposed gift of cigars. HHJ left at 10.30pm, with Churchill arriving 30 minutes later; HHJ received note next morning that "everything went well".

- Met King **Farouk** at Alexandria 19 Aug 1942, and had further discussion and exchange of letters, and reported on meetings and discussions to British Minister of State.

Episode 18 (29pp)**Resignation from BOAC; Welfare Club at Benha****Aug 1942 – Sep 1943**

- Expansion of discussions with **King Farouk**
- Embassy tells **Robert Maxwell** at BOAC that HHJ's links to **King Farouk** are unacceptable; he refuses to end them and resigns from BOAC (31 Aug 1942)
- Story of non-award of DSO at end of WW1
- Moved to estate at Benha Sep 1942
- Visited nearby estate of **Merrit Boutros Ghali**
- Dec 1942. Granted audience with **Prince Mohammed Ali**, despite Prince having been asked by **Lampson** no longer to receive him; arranged to ensure that **Walter Smart** would see him; Prince suggested HHJ should ask **Richard Casey** [British minister] about unspecified "distasteful rumours". Letter to **Lord Moyne** [British Deputy Minister] concerning "allegations" 16 Jan 1943
- Mar 1943, set up welfare club for troops passing through Benha; letters of thanks from Brigadier Foster, Commander Kenneth Childs, Private Secretary to **Queen Mary**, and a Sgt-Major of troops back from fighting near Tunis, who compares HHJ to the village squire
- Contracted diphtheria Jun 1943. On return from hospital found servant Ibrahim taken ill, but removed him from deplorable conditions in Benha hospital; correspondence with **King Farouk's** private secretary and health officials re hospital conditions, and with Bishop Llewellyn Gwynne (of Egypt and Sudan), who was interested in public health; this led to **King Farouk** donating bronze grille for Cairo Cathedral
- Mother returned from Uganda Sep 1943, and HHJ returned to Cairo

Episode 19 (42pp)**Cairo: Disputes with Embassy****1944-1947**

- Returned to Cairo 3 Nov 1943 and took flat in suburbs; mother arrived 21 Dec 1943; stayed there 6 months, and celebrated mother's 80th birthday on 12 May 1944, with **King Farouk** putting a car at her disposal for the day
- Neighbour Judge Amin Shabed (related to Queen Narriman); often his guest along with Australian Minister **Claude Massey**.
- Received invitation to visit Sheikh Abdel Wafa el Charkawi at Nag Hamadi to discuss politics, and did so after taking legal advice; reported on visit to Headquarters and, after seeing a senior officer, gave a statement to a shorthand typist [This appears to have been the statement discussed in correspondence with Brigadier **Maunsell** in TNA FO/371/41414 April/May 1944]
- Servant Ibrahim became ill and died
- Received offensive official letter about Nag Hamadi visit and replied brusquely [this may be **Maunsell's** letter to him of 4 May 1944 (TNA FO/371/41414)]; on 15 Jun 1944 told that visa would not be extended; requested assistance from British Consul General [N.B. On 16 June Lord **Killearn** wrote to Anthony Eden asking that HHJ be expelled from Egypt (TNA FO/371/41414)]
- Letter to Lord **Killearn** 3 Aug 1944 complaining that his mother had been disturbed by police enquiries on 14 Jun 1944, and that he still had no visa
- 1 Sep 1944 HR Bird (Consul) says Egyptians requested to extend visa
- Letter to Air Marshall **Medhurst** regarding Embassy obstruction of offer from Lt Col Mason (Ministry of Information) of official appointment to position in Aleppo or Baghdad
- Memo to Mr **Audsley** 15 Oct 1946 asking for invitation to lunch at Embassy as indication of his normal status; letter to **Medhurst** 7 Jan 1947 confirming that he had had his lunch
- Broadcasts for Egyptian State Broadcasting on travel and on King **Farouk**
- Lunch at Abdeen Palace 26 Oct 1944 in honour of **Terrence Shone** who was acting as Chargé d'Affaires during the absence of **Lord Killearn**; felt that some embassy staff would have preferred his absence, but Shone was very pleasant
- Discussion of original contacts with **King Farouk**; letters to and from **Louis Greig** about him
- Letters from General Haidar Pasha (Egyptian CinC) 14 Nov 1944 and Azzam Pasha (Sec. General of Arab League) 12 Nov 1944
- End of war [extracts mentioned from Egyptian Mail dated 8 May and 12 Aug 1945 are missing]
- Reception in garden of **Prince Mohammed Ali**, and discussion of him
- Death of **Ahmed Hassanein Pasha** Feb 1946; description of formal presentation to King Farouk, followed by informal coffee afterwards with **Hassanein Pasha**, where they are joined by the King
- Invitation from sister Molly early 1947 to join her and her husband in Australia; arranged passage on S.S. Misr; farewell audiences with **Prince Mohammed Ali** and **King Farouk**
- Discussion of **Mohamed Ali** and his entourage, especially Ahmed Mokhtar Bey, Said Bey Lutfi, Youssef Bey Taha, and Prince's French wife

- Hospitality of **R.G. Gayer-Anderson Pasha** at Bait al-Kretliya and memory of ["Bimbashi"] **McPherson** riding on a white donkey
- Farewells to **Vittorio G[ianotti]** (Alexandria), Lorno Borton, Robin Cornell (Australia), Omar Ragheb, Shazli Pasha, his servant Mohi, **Sir William Havers**, **Brigadier Hackett**, Fouad Cherine Pasha

Episode 20 (45pp)**Random Thoughts**

- Childhood and delicate health
- Known 4 generations of Hashemite Kings in the Middle East
- Iraqi friends Mahrat el Hadhdhal, Abdul Wahid, **Nuri Pasha**, **Jamil Madfaai**, Rashid Ali [not clear if this is **Rashid Ali al Gaylani**]; and Assyrians including **Mar Shimum**
- Italy on route to UK [in 1949] – Sicily at Barlow villa [This is probably the rich American homosexual Bobby Pratt-Barlow (1885-1958), who spent a lot of time at *Villa Rosa*, Taormina, Sicily, and was a close friend of Robert Hawthorn Kitson (also gay) at the nearby *Casa Cuseni* – see Wikipedia entry for Kitson and DM Boswell *The Kitsons and the arts: a Leeding family in Sicily and the West Riding*. PhD thesis, York University 1994] and evening at villa of Daphne P[helps – Kitson’s niece, who inherited *Casa Cuseni* after the war. It is probably coincidence that Daphne’s parents were neighbours of HHJ’s uncle Leo in Sussex in the 1930s, and she and her siblings were close friends of Leo James’s children]; friends in Rome including Baron Torella and Duchess of Sermoneta
- Visit to England 1949: criticism of Hewlett Johnson, controversial left-wing Dean of Canterbury [see also letter from HHJ to his aunt Ethel in HHJ/1 (29 Jun 1950), which suggests that he had a major argument with her and her more radical children concerning Johnson]
- Hindle cousins including Dick, Sir Reginald [Neville (1863-1950)], and new baronet Sir Jim [Neville]; **Ethel** and **Norman Lamplugh**, Helena E; Ethel [Lamplugh] with lifelong friend Edie Miller; Duke and Duchess of Grafton; Editha Scott; at Odell Manor with Lord and Lady Luke (Ian and Barbara)
- Back in Cairo unnamed elegant little lady in villa in centre
- **Norman Smith**, former ADC to **Lord Killearn**, about to marry Lady Alexander B – “hopes aroused for a similar outcome to my similar aspirations”
- Commander of squadron of Boys Wing at Cranwell – involved in boxing team – letter from impetuous lad W.G. Mann who later achieved commissioned rank [Unidentified: too old to be P/O W.G. Mann who crashed in N Sea in 1944 aged 19; too young to be Air Commodore WEG Mann (1899-1966) who served in WW1 [wikipedia]]
- Canal zone in WW1 with flight commander **Auberon Herbert**, Lord Lucas. Friendship with **Pat Minchin** [letter from him at Peshawar 3 Aug 1919 in HHJ/1]
- Living with mother in Cairo, who faced danger there from bombs and rioting mobs; she stood by him during his dispute with Lord **Killearn** “who used all means for his destruction”
- Memories of **John Hamilton**, AVM **Sir William Havers** and Brigadier and Mrs **Hackett**
- Egyptian friends Husni Pasha, Private Secretary to **King Farouk**, and Iwwedin Atif, King’s Naval ADC
- Egyptian servants Awad and Mohi – Arab servants not considered lesser status than those they serve
- Disappointed in friendship with Abdel Kader el Gaylani, Iraq’s Chargé d’Affaires in Cairo, who linked himself with his cousin **Rashid Ali** in the Army revolt in Iraq
- Memories of T.E. Lawrence, Gertrude Bell and Freya Stark
- Memories in Palestine of Awni Bey Abdel Hedi and his rival **Raghib Bey Nashashibi**; did not meet the Mufti of Jerusalem

- Memories of **George Antonius** and of **Dr Shahbandar** and his son Faisal [I think there is a letter to him somewhere in HHJ/1]; also Prince Mahmut Shevket Seifeddin of Turkey
- Memories of **Nahas Pasha** (often visited his Heliopolis home), **Prince Mohammed Ali**, **Ali Maher Pasha**, Abdel Rahmman Azzam Pasha, Sheikh al Sharkawi [Charkawi] and the notorious Ahmed Hussein, still active as a socialist leader
- Memories of **Hassanein Pasha** at the Royal Palace, and of King **Farouk**
- Assessment of **Lord Killearn**; discussion of **Arthur Bentinck**
- Enjoyed visits to Sudan – toured with friend Guy Moore, entertained by Sultan of Dar Masalet; formality and social rigidity of British administration; other Sudanese official friends **Douglas Newbold** and **John Hanbury-Tracy**. Toured westward as far as Al Fashir [capital of North Dafur] and Geneina [Al-Junaynah] and motored 500 miles from Juba [South Sudan] to Kampala
- **Prince Paul of Yugoslavia** had rooms above HHJ's at Christ Church. Also remembered Prince Serge Obolensky of Russia and Baron von Bieberstein, the German Ambassador's son. **Prince Paul** passed through Egypt during the war and HHJ called on him, but did not discuss politics until later, when he saw him in Kenya – **Prince Paul** had bitter feelings toward both Hitler and the British.
- Informal connection with Duke of Windsor (then Prince of Wales) who was up at Magdalen when HHJ was at Christ Church – they collided in punts on the Cherwell. The Prince was later involved with HHJ's work with the unemployed, as was his mother, **Queen Mary**.
- Discussion of the rumours of the Burgess/McLean [Cambridge Spy Ring] defections in 1951 [not made fully public until 1956] and suggestions of homosexuality and potential blackmail. HHJ suggests that this could be avoided if homosexuality were treated as a medical condition and not a crime. References to knighthoods for Englishmen implicated in Cairo sex scandals; discussion of the deficiencies of British diplomacy
- Recollection of "old-time" diplomats such as **Sir Francis Lindley**, and of the **Gurney** family at Tangier, with HHJ's **Grenfell** friends, cousins of Churchill's; stayed at Blenheim Palace at the time of the 9th Duke of Marlborough [d. 1934]; nostalgia for the aristocracy of the past
- Pleasant contacts with **Richard Casey**; contacts via brother-in-law **Donald Mackinnon**.
- Discussions with **Sir Ronald Campbell** in Egypt
- Visits to Teheran; visit to Shah's palace at invitation of Minister of Court; stayed at unexpectedly expensive mountain hotel at Darband; deputed to take gift of caviare from Empress of Iran to Queen Nazli [her own and **King Farouk's** mother]
- Visits to brother Eric in Uganda – happy natives well-disposed to British Protectorate. Eric's big-game shooting and watercolours, but misses his horses. HHJ had hunted with Belvoir and Blankney hunts, and owned a horse, but sold it to his brother
- Sombre memories of Australia, where his mother died and he suffered his own serious [mental] illness; other visits in Australia
- Good comradeship of shipmates on tramp steamers; arrest by Russian soldiers; sad recollection of Austrian lady in Istanbul whose family had been wiped out by the Nazis
- Kuwait before the oil – knew its ruler **Ahmed Sabah** well
- Touring to neutral Turkey during WW2 and meeting German officers there
- Retirement for 1½ years to an estate on the banks of the Nile, and establishment of a rest centre for Allied troops at a nearby railway junction
- Gratitude to Prince Michel Lutfallah who proposed HHJ for Mohammed Ali Club's exclusive membership; Prince Habib, his elder brother, was King Hussein's ambassador in Russia; the family now own the Ghezireh Palace [now the Cairo Marriott Hotel]

- Gratitude to **Commendatore Vittorio Giannotti** for courtesy to mother and donation to CMS [Church Missionary Society] hospital. HHJ intervened with the Minister of State on his behalf when he was ill and interned [presumably as an enemy alien] during the war
- New interest in Arab refugees in South Palestine – personal interest from **Hon. Monty Woodhouse**, Sir Anthony Eden, **Richard Casey**, **Queen Mary**, Col. Ismael Cherine (brother-in-law of **King Farouk**)
- Comments on “This Cairo of ours”; hospitality of Major Wise Bey and Mrs Wise; work with CMS Hospital, defence from threatening crowd by former patient HHJ had sent there
- Women’s Health Improvement Association
- **Claude Massey**, Australian Minister in Egyptian
- British influence in Egypt
- Memories of friends killed on active service (**HHC Williamson**, **Robert Jenkins**, **Robert Jope-Slade**)

Episode 21 (29pp)

Australia, England

1947-1949

- Embarked SS Misr at Port Said 10 Mar 1947; multinational passengers; called at Mombassa, Durban and Freemantle (phoned Molly); arrived Melbourne after 6 weeks
- Description of **Mackinnons'** estate at Marida Yallock; abundance of food, little poverty; few domestic staff; social equality but big landowners remain surprisingly exclusive circle; staying in Melbourne at Melbourne Club, where members include **Richard Casey**; Mackinnon town house used to be US Consulate General; stayed at Langi Willi estate of Donald Mackinnon's brother, where Henry Kingsley (brother of writer Charles Kingsley) was once a farm worker; story of 1939 bush fire
- Lots of strikes despite Labor government; railways uncomfortable and inefficient; callousness towards animals; near extermination of koalas; dehorning of bullocks; love of flowers; early evening meals; discomfort of bars
- Tribute to mother; Hindle family history; mother's travels and death [5 Sep 1947] at Marida Yallock
- Own grave [mental] illness [see Molly Mackinnon, *For all that Time has Held*, p. 65]; on recovery toured to Sydney and lived at Union Club and Hotel Australia; then at small hotel in Terang; flying practice in Tiger Moth; lived at Menzies hotel in Melbourne, Melbourne and Australia Clubs and Landsdowne Hotel; met many literary and artistic people
- Helped Egyptian youths imprisoned as illegal immigrants to return to Egypt
- Farewell visit to Marida Yallock; embarked on SS Strathaird 29 Jun 1948, with single berth through **Donald Mackinnon's** intervention; stopped at Columbo and Bombay (where there was communal disorder and murder of Moslems in the streets); arrived Port Said during Egypt/Israeli war; reached Cairo; air raids and car bombs in Jewish quarter; started writing memoirs
- Flew to Sicily 15 May 1949, then travelled through Italy to England, hoping to find Egypt more peaceful on return
- Many changes in England after 14 years' absence; bomb damage; met cousins Richard Hindle, **Trev James**, Bob James, Pascha James (not yet Hilary and Mog); Ethel James at Esher, not very strong now; memories of cousin Peggy Scott
- Met ambassadors of Middle East countries including Egypt; also Prince Regent of Iraq [**Prince 'Abd al Ilah**] and **Prince Mohammed Ali**; "received" at Marlborough House with "gracious Royal messages" but doesn't appear to have actually seen **Queen Mary**
- Stayed weekend with **Lord and Lady Luke** whose sister Mary "was married to a family link via Mary and George McCorquodale" [HHJ is slightly confused here. Charlotte Enid, the sister of Ian Johnston (2nd Baron Luke) was married to George McCorquodale (b. 1904), whose uncle George Frederick McCorquodale (1853-1936) was married to Mary Henderson (1858-1935) whose mother Maria Hindle (c.1833-1896) was HHJ's mother's aunt. i.e. Lord Luke was HHJ's mother's first cousin's husband's nephew's brother-in-law. I hope that's now clear!]
- Recollection of visit to Italy where hosted by Duchess of Sermonita and Baron Cesare Torella di Romagnano
- Comparison of social situations of happy Italian peasants with Bank Holiday crowds in a London park

- Visited **Lady Lilian Grenfell**'s house at Sunningdale; met other aristocrats; Duchess of Grafton HHJ's guest at Oxford and Cambridge Club
- Visited Christ Church Oxford and stayed in College; met cousin Kit Hindle [Christopher Joseph Hindle, assistant librarian at Bodleian 1924-1963]
- Discussion of social change in England and avoidance of communism
- Returned to Egypt 23 Nov 1949; charitable work in Gaza for refugees

Epilogue (54pp)**Egyptian Revolution****1951-52**

- Increasing political tension in Egypt;
- Letter from **Richard Casey** 10 Oct 1951 wanting to meet **King Farouk** (though meeting never took place)
- Met **Ali Maher Pasha** at his home 27 Nov 1951, and reported on meeting to the Embassy; received visit from Hosny Pasha (King Farouk's private secretary) who encouraged him to accept an invitation visit **General Aziz al Misri Pasha**, which he did in the company of a member of the Moslem Brotherhood; this meeting was followed by one between **Aziz al Misri** and a British Embassy representative; HHJ continued with informal liaison between the King, the Australian legation and the British Embassy.
- On 14 Jan 1952 there was a demonstration in Cairo, and HHJ went to **Audsley's** flat
- Statement on the 26 Jan 1952 "Black Saturday" riots and attack on Turf Club [reproduced from original reports in HHJ/18/1]
- Visited Abdin Palace 28 Jan and new PM **Ali Maher Pasha**
- Discussions on 2 Feb with Capt Youssef Rashad (ADC to king) and Murtada el Maraghy Bey (Minister of Interior)
- Recuperated at **Robert Maxwell's** flat at Zamalek
- Continued visits and discussions at Abdin Palace; wanted to have meeting with King
- Letters from **Queen Mary's** Private Secretary, expressing concern
- Contacts with journalists Ralph Izzard (Daily Mail [best known for reporting on the 1953 Everest expedition in breach of The Times's exclusivity]), Arthur Cook (Daily Telegraph), Patrick Smith (BBC); also Arthur K [unidentified] from British Embassy
- Interference with servant Mohi who witnessed attack on Turf Club on 26 Jan
- Report on personal impressions, 9 Jun 1952, with criticism of British policy in Egypt
- Further comments on Cairo riots and their aftermath
- Meetings with new PM **Aly Maher Pasha** Jan 1952
- Egyptian revolution (military coup) 23 July 1952
- Reminiscences about **King Farouk**, who left the country on 26 Jul with no British representative present
- Personal reflections on Egypt – friendship both with orphan boys and with King; contemplating leaving Egypt; resentment against "diplomat in charge" [presumably a reference to **Lord Killearn**]; letter to **Thomas Ravensdale** 1949

Supplementary Material without Context (6pp)

These pages were found with the material from Challonsleigh, but I have been unable to find a context for them in the “definitive” Episodes of *Firm Earth My Comrade*.

- Sharing a flat at Giza with Ken Bodden; mother at Gresham House; memories of **Lord Kinross** and of **Gerald de Gaury** (p. 1)
- Notes on contacts with Abdin Palace, concerning attack on Anglican Cathedral in Cairo (p. 2)
- Note on “newly wed Ambassador” [possibly second wife of **Miles Lampton**, who he married in 1934] (p. 3)
- Discussion (beginning in middle of sentence) on Christian leadership, and intolerant attitudes in some religious interpretations; guarded discussion of sexuality, HHJ’s personal attitude to marriage, and oppressive sex legislation (pp. 4-6)

Index of People Mentioned

Prince 'Abd al Ilah of Iraq (1913-1958) First cousin and brother-in-law of **King Ghazi**, he acted as Regent for the infant **King Faisal II** (1935-1958) following the death of **King Ghazi** in 1939. Both 'Abd al-Ilah and Faisal, along with PM **Nuri al Said** were murdered in the 1958 Iraqi revolution [wikipedia]

King Abdullah I of Jordan (1882-1951) 2nd son of Hussein bin Ali (who had led the Arab revolt against the Ottoman empire during WW1); Emir of Trans-Jordan during British Mandate; King of independent Jordan from 1946; assassinated 1951

Jaafar Pasha Al-Askari (1885-1936). Prime Minister of Iraq 1923-24 and 1926-27. Brother-in-law of **Nuri al Said**. Assassinated during the 1936 military coup led by **Bakr Sidqi**

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone (1883-1981); grand-daughter of Queen Victoria (daughter of her youngest son Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg); married Prince Alexander of Teck, Earl of Athlone (brother of **Queen Mary**) [wikipedia]

George Antonius – Cambridge-educated Lebanese-Egyptian historian of Arab nationalism, who worked for British administration in Palestine [wikipedia]

Graham Baron Ash (1889-1980) Served in the RFC in WW1, restored Packwood House, Warwickshire 1921-38, giving it to the National Trust in 1941, and later restored Wingfield Castle, Suffolk where he “lived a bachelor existence”; his war diaries remain at Packwood [<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house/features/graham-baron-ashes-war-diaries-->]

M.T. Audsley. British Embassy official in Egypt (Labour Attaché in late 1940s). Author of report on riots of 26 Jan 1952 [TNA LAB 13/740]

Sheikh Salah Bashayan: prominent Muslim leader, President of the Iraqi Senate circa 1944 [wikipedia], who attempted to protect Jews at the time of the Farhud massacre in June 1941 [G. Hann et al., *Iraq: The Ancient Sites*, Bradt Travel Guides 2015, p. 122]

Lt.-Col. Arthur William Douglas Bentinck DSO (1887-1962), son of 5th Graf Bentinck and a descendant of Hans William Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland. He was educated at Eton and Trinity Cambridge, fought in various campaigns in Africa and the East between 1913 and 1941, and was with the British Administration of Somalia 1946-48, and with the Kenyan Police during the Mau-Mau rebellion of 1952-54 [www.ThePeerage.com]

Group-Captain Reginald John Bone CB CBE DSO (b. 1888) Station Commander (as Wing Commander), RAF Calshot (Seaplane training station, Southampton), 1923-25 [www.rafweb.org]; Director General of Civil Aviation in Egypt (1936-1939). Private papers at Imperial War Museum. See also P Tomaselli, *Tracing your Air Force Ancestors*, Pen & Sword 2007, pp. 1-3.

Merrit Boutros Ghali. Son or grandson of a former PM of Egypt who was assassinated in 1910, cousin of later UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali

Air Chief Marshall Sir Frederick Bowhill GCB KCB CMG DSO* (1880-1960)– Senior Air Staff Officer RAF Iraq Command 1928-29 [wikipedia]

Sir Reader Bullard (1885-1976) British minister in Saudi Arabia 1936-39 and Minister (later Ambassador) in Teheran 1939-46. Author of autobiography and book on Britain and the Middle East.

Lord Burghley – David Cecil (1905-1981), Olympic athlete, MP, and later 6th Marquess of Exeter

Air Commodore Kenneth Caron Buss OBE (1887-1971) Air Staff (Intelligence) RAF HQ Iraq in 1920s; Director of Intelligence, RAF Middle East 1938-1940; Fluent Arabic speaker; Deputy Director of Foreign Office Research Department after the war. [www.rafweb.org]

Sir Ronald Campbell (1890-1983). British Ambassador to Egypt 1946-50

Sir Richard Casey (later Lord Casey) (1890-1976). Australian statesman and diplomat. Served as British Minister of State Resident in the Middle East in Churchill's War Cabinet Mar 1942-Jan 1944; Governor-General of Australia 1965-69. Close friend of **Donald Mackinnon**.

Major-General Sir Walter Cawthorn (1896-1970). Head of Middle East Intelligence Centre at start of WW2; from 1941 Director of Military Intelligence in India; after the war Australian High Commissioner in Pakistan and in Canada and Director of Australian Secret Intelligence Service

Ali Dashti (1897-1982) Iranian politician and journalist; alleged spy for the British [wikipedia]

Air Marshal Sir Peter Roy Maxwell Drummond, KCB, DSO*, OBE, MC (1894-1945) Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) RAF Middle East 1937-1939 [Wikipedia]

Sir Edward Ellington – Air Officer Commanding RAF Iraq 1927-29; Chief of Air Staff 1933-37; Inspector-General of RAF 1937-39

Sir Richard Elwes (1901-1968) Barrister and high Court Judge [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Elwes], brother of artist Simon Elwes (sons of tenor Gervase Elwes and by coincidence, very distant cousins of mine on the Barnard side)

King Faisal I of Syria and Iraq (1883-1933). Younger brother of **King Abdullah of Jordan**; King of Syria March-July 1920 (deposed by the French), and of Iraq 1921-33. Father of **King Ghazi** of Iraq

King Faisal II of Iraq (1935-1958). Succeeded as King aged 3 in 1939, when his father **King Ghazi** was killed in a mysterious car crash; took the throne in 1953, aged 18, and was murdered in the coup in 1958.

Faisal bin Abdulaziz al Saud (1906-1975). 3rd son of **King Abdulaziz al Saud** of Saudi Arabia; Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs 1930-1960; Prime Minister 1954-1960; King of Saudi Arabia 1964-1975; assassinated by his nephew

King Farouk I (1920-1965), King of Egypt 1936-1952

Air Chief Marshall Sir Robert Mordaunt Foster, (1898-1973) on staff of RAF HQ in Iraq 1935-38

Gerald de Gaury MC (1897-1984) RAF Special Service officer in Iraq in the 1920s (mentioned in some of Robert **Jope-Slade**'s letters to HHJ in HHJ/1); historian of the Arab world [wikipedia]

Robert Grenville "John" Gayer-Anderson Pasha (1881-1945) Orientalist and long-term resident of Egypt; sometime Oriental Secretary to the British High Commissioner. On leaving Egypt in 1942 he returned his 16th century Arab home, Bait al-Kretliya (now a museum), to the Egyptian nation. [<https://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/collections/egypt/collectionhistory/gayeranderson>]

Rashid Ali al-Gaylani (1892-1965) PM of Iraq 1933, 1940-41 and Apr-May 1941 when he was removed by the British because of his support for the Axis. He later led an Iraqi Government-in-exile from Nazi Germany. After the war he lived in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon [Wikipedia]

King Ghazi of Iraq (1912-1939). Son of King **Faisal I** of Iraq; decorated those involved in the Simele massacre of the Assyrians in 1933; supporter of **Bakr Sidqi**'s coup in 1936; rumoured Nazi sympathiser; suspected of homosexual affair with servant; killed in a car "accident" in 1939, possibly on the orders of **Nuri Pasha el Said**

Commendatore Vittorio Giannotti: described as "an elite Italian insurance broker" in JJ Viscomi PhD Thesis Univ. Michigan 2016

Lieutenant-General Sir John Glubb KCB, CMG, DSO, OBE, MC, KstJ, KPM ("Glubb Pasha") (1897-1986) Commanded the Arab Legion (later the Jordanian army) 1939-1956

Richard Massie Graves (1880-1960), Chairman of the Municipal Commission, Jerusalem and half-brother of poet Robert Graves

Group-Captain Sir Louis Greig (1880-1953) Friend of King George VI; joined stockbroking company of John Scrimgeour (brother of **Alexander Scrimgeour**), who married Greig's elder sister Constance (Greig himself married John Scrimgeour's cousin Phyllis); member of January Club, a ginger group for the British Union of Fascists (which also included Lord Russell of Liverpool)

Lady Lillian Maud Grenfell (née Spencer-Churchill) (1873-1951), sister of 9th Duke of Marlborough, 1st cousin of Sir Winston Churchill and mother of Iris (1900-1988) and Daphne (1901-1969) Grenfell. Her husband Cecil Alfred Grenfell was the uncle of Reginald Pascoe Grenfell, husband of the actress and singer Joyce Grenfell (née Phipps) [www.ThePeerage.com]

Sir Hugh Gurney (1878-1968) Consul General, Tangier, 1926-33

General Sir John Hackett (1910-1997). Served in Palestine in the 1930s and in the Middle East campaign in WW2; he married Margaret Fena, an Austrian widow of a German in 1942; he commanded the Trans-Jordanian Frontier Force in the late 1940s and was Deputy Chief of General Staff in the 1960s. In retirement he was Principal of Kings College London.

Dawood Al-Haidari (1886-1965). Iraqi politician [wikipedia]

John Almeric de Courcy Hamilton (1896-1973). Sudan Civil Service and later Oriental Secretary at British Embassy in Cairo. Archives at Durham University [GB-0033-SAD] apparently include anecdotes and amusing experiences, so might include references to HHJ.

Ninian John Frederick Hanbury-Tracy (1910-1971). Explorer and natural history collector, grandson of 4th Baron Studely. British official in the Sudan, climbed in the Alps, canoed the Danube, mapped sources of River Salween in Tibet, collected plants in central America, served in SOE in WW2, etc. Twice married. [<https://www.ornaverum.org/family/explorers/john-hanbury-tracy.html>]

Ahmed Hassanein Pasha (1889-1946) Oxford-educated Egyptian diplomat, desert explorer, Olympic fencer, tutor and later Chamberlain to King Farouk [wikipedia]

Air Vice Marshall Sir William Havers (1887-1979). Officer commanding stores depot, Iraq, 1923 [www.RAFweb.org]

Group-Captain John Heber-Percy (1910-1975). ADC to the High Commissioner in Egypt. Cousin of Robert Vernon "Mad Boy" Heber-Percy (1911-1987), who was lover of composer Lord Berners. [<http://www.thepeerage.com/p1817.htm#i18165>]

Auberon Thomas Herbert, 9th Baron Lucas (1876-1916) Liberal politician, cabinet minister 1914-15; Captain in RFC in WW1, shot down and killed over France 3 Nov 1916 [wikipedia]

Emir Idris es Senoussi (1889-1983) Leader of Senoussi religious order, exiled from Libya to Egypt 1922-1951, King of Libya 1951-1969

Wing Commander A. G. Trevenen James, OBE (1915-2004) 2nd son of HHJ's uncle Leo James; inspired by HHJ to join the RAF, serving in India, Burma and Bomber Command in WW2, and later at NATO HQ; Executor to HHJ's will and father of his god-daughter Astrid.

Ali Jawdat Al-Ayyubi (1886-1969) Prime Minister of Iraq 1934-1935, 1949-50, 1957

Flight-Lt Robert Jenkins MBE MC (1896-1922) Served with HHJ in Iraq in 1919/1920, and was killed in a plane crash in 1922, while working as a flying instructor. There are several letters referencing him in HHJ/1 and he was almost certainly HHJ's lover. Papers at Charterhouse School archive.

Wing Commander Robert Jope-Slade: Special Service Officer with HHJ in Iraq in the later 1920s, killed in 1941 when his plane came down in the sea. Several letters in HHJ/1 and probably HHJ's most significant friendship; almost certainly his lover.

Sir Alexander Keown-Boyd (1884-1954) Director General, European Department, Ministry of the Interior, Egyptian Government [see San-eki Nakaoka, "A. W. Keown-Boyd and the British Policy Towards Egypt", *Orient* 1976 12, 89-102. <https://doi.org/10.5356/orient1960.12.89>]

Lord Killearn – see Miles Lampson

Patrick Balfour, 3rd Baron Kinross (1904-1976) Historian of Islamic world and biographer of Kemal Ataturk; First Secretary at British Embassy in Cairo 1944-47; homosexual, despite brief marriage [wikipedia]

Paula Koch German intelligence officer dubbed “the Mata Hari of the Levant” – see H.O. Dovey “Security in Syria 1941-45”, *Intelligence and National Security* 6 (2) 418-446 (1991), pp. 422-3

Norman Edward Lamplugh (1872-1954) distinguished collector, lived at the The Old Court House, Hampton Court, from 1908 to 1938 (see 1 October 1938 issue of *Country Life*). The house was designed by and lived in by Sir Christopher Wren. Towards the end of World War I until 1921 the Old Court House was the temporary site of the Hampton Court Auxiliary Hospital which had been started by the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John to nurse wounded soldiers (see "The Story of Molesey Hospital" by Rowland G. M. Baker, published 1981). [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Old_Court_House]. Later lived at 15 Queens Gate Gardens, London SW7; died 2 Jul 1954, probate London 28 Aug 1954, effects £99,163, Executors include John Birkman Simmons, Private Secretary. [Probate Registry]. Recorded (age 39) in 1911 census at Hampton Court along with mother Elizabeth (age 73), sisters Beatrice (44) and Ethel (40) and manservant John Berkman Simmons (22)

Ethel Blanche Lamplugh (1871-1967) born Q1 1871 Islington 1b 331 [GRO birth index, spelled Lamplough]; recorded in 1891 census at Braddons Street, Tormoham, Devon, age 20, with parents Charles E. (age 52) and Elizabeth A. (53), sister Beatrice M (24) and servants; later lived at 29 Watton Lane, Water Orton, Birmingham; died 29 Jan 1967, probate London 30 May 1967.

Sir Miles Lampson (created Lord Killearn 1943) (1880-1964). British Ambassador to Egypt 1936-1946

Sir Francis Lindley (1872-1950) British Ambassador to Portugal 1929-31. Also at various times Ambassador to Austria, Greece and Japan. Described by a biographer as “a rather tough old character in some respects and very outspoken in his likes and dislikes” [wikipedia]

Ian St John Lawson Johnston, 2nd Baron Luke (1905-1996). Married to Barbara, they were friends of HHJ's. Lord Luke's sister Enid was married to George McCorquodale (b.1904) a nephew by marriage of Mary McCorquodale (née Henderson, d. 1935), who was a first cousin of HHJ's mother [wikipedia, ThePeerage.com]

Oliver Lyttleton (Later Viscount Chandos) (1893-1972). British Minister Resident in the Middle East 1941-2. Later Chairman of the National Theatre – the Lyttleton Theatre is named after him.

James Goodrich McCargar (1920-2007) US Vice-Consul in Vladivostock 1942-3 [German wikipedia] with later diplomatic/espionage career. Author (as Christopher Felix) of *A Short Course in the Secret War* (4th ed, Madison Books, 2001)

Donald Mackinnon (1892-1965). Australian husband of HHJ's sister Mollie. Businessman and landowner. Australian Ambassador to Brazil 1959-60

Joseph “Bimbashi” McPherson (c. 1866-1946): Long term British resident of Cairo; head of Egyptian Secret Police 1918-20; generally recognised model for character of Scobie in Lawrence Durrell’s *Alexandria Quartet* novels

Jameel al Madfaai (1890-1958). PM of Iraq 1933-34, 1935, 1937-38, 1941, 1953 [wikipedia]

Aly Maher Pasha, Prime Minister of Egypt 1936, 1939-40, 1952

Queen Mary (1867-1953) Born Princess Mary of Teck, wife of King George V (1865-1936), mother of Kings Edward VIII (1894-1972, abdicated 1936) and George VI (1895-1952)

Claude Massey (1889-1968), Australian minister in Egypt 1950-53; later Australian Commissioner in Malaya

Brigadier R J Maunsell was Head of Security Intelligence Middle East (SIME) from its foundation in Dec 1939 until July 1944. His papers are at the Imperial War Museum. See also H O Dovey, "Maunsell and Mure", *Intelligence and National Security* 8 (1) 60-77 (1993)
DOI:10.1080/02684529308432191

Sir Robert Maxwell – Regional Director of BOAC (formed by the merger of British Airways and Imperial Airways in 1939, and run directly by the Secretary of State for Air) in Middle East. HHJ had known him since 1935, and remained friends with him until his death, staying with Maxwell and his family in Athens after his 1967 expulsion from Egypt. Not to be confused with the better-known publisher, politician and fraudster. [D. Watson, British Overseas Airways Corporation 1940-1950 and its Legacy, *Journal of Aeronautical History* Paper No. 2013/03.

<https://www.aerosociety.com/media/4844/british-overseas-airways-corporation-1940-1950-and-its-legacy.pdf>

Air Chief Marshall Sir Charles Medhurst (1896-1954) was O/C No. 4 Squadron in Palestine in 1917 and Air Officer in Command RAF Middle East from Feb 1945 [wikipedia]

Frederick Frank Reilly Minchin CBE DSO MC (1890-1927) (“Pat”). Flew in Egypt and Palestine with RFC in 1916; served with RAF in India 1918; disappeared on attempted east-west Atlantic crossing 1927 [wikipedia]

Aziz Ali al Misri (1879-1965) Egyptian soldier and politician. Appointed Chief-of-Staff in 1939, but dismissed in 1940 at the insistence of the British, after which he defected and attempted to reach the Axis forces in Libya, but was caught. Prior to this HHJ had been rather promoting his qualities to British officials [see letter from HHJ to **Maunsell** 29 Jun 1940 in TNA FO371/41414]. Al Misri advised the “Free Officers” in preparation of the 1952 coup, becoming Ambassador to Moscow, and was considered for the post of President in 1954. [wikipedia]

Air Marshall Sir William Mitchell (1888-1944) was Air Officer Commanding British Forces in Iraq 1934-37 and Air Officer C-in-C RAF Middle East from March 1939 until his retirement in 1941, when he served as “Black Rod” [wikipedia]

Prince Mohammed Ali Tewfik (1875-1955). First cousin and Heir Presumptive to **King Farouk** of Egypt until the birth of the latter's son in 1952 [Wikipedia].

Walter Monckton (1891-1965) Older Balliol contemporary of HHJ's at Oxford, and President of the Union. Lawyer and advisor to Edward VIII during abdication crisis; Director-General of British Propaganda and Information Services in Egypt under **Oliver Lyttelton**, Minister of State Resident in Cairo; MP and cabinet minister after the war [<https://spartacus-educational.com/PRmonckton.htm>]

Walter Guinness, 1st Baron Moyne (1880-1944) Deputy Minister of State in Cairo Aug 1942 – Jan 1944, then succeeding **Richard Casey** as Minister of State. Assassinated by Zionist group Lehi 6 Nov 1944 [wikipedia]

Anthony John Muirhead MC* TD MP (1890-1939) Under-Secretary of State for Air 1937-38; committed suicide 29 Oct 1939

William Murray-Graham: Judge in Egyptian Mixed Court of Appeal (see Jasper Y. Brinton "The Closing of the Mixed Courts of Egypt", *American Journal of International Law*, **44** (2) 303-312 (1950) <https://doi.org/10.2307/2193758>); Legal Counsellor to the British Embassy, Cairo

Mostafa el Nahas (1879-1965), Leader of Wafd party and PM of Egypt 1928, 1930, 1936-7, 1942-44, 1950-52

Raghib al-Nashashibi (1881-1951) Palestinian/Jordanian leader. Mayor of Jerusalem in 1920s, minister in Jordanian Government in 1950s. [Wikipedia]. Pro-British attitude, along with his nephew Fakhry Bey Nashashibi, in opposition to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Ali al Husseini [*Labour Monthly* January 1939, No. 1. pp.53-58 – archived by Marxists Internet Archive]

Sir Douglas Newbold (1894-1945), Civil Secretary in Sudan. Author of *The Making of Modern Sudan* (Faber & Faber, 1953) His mother was next-door neighbour of HHJ's grandmother in Tunbridge Wells, and he had known him since childhood; they were also contemporaries at Oxford

Nuri Pasha el Said (1888-1958) [Various spellings] Iraqi politician. Prime minister 1930-32, 1938-40, 1941-44, 1946-47, 1949, 1950-52, 1954-57, 1958. Implicated in death of **King Ghazi** 1939. The British had dismissed him as a "back number" in September 1938, but he returned to power in a coup in December that year. He fled when the Iraqi monarchy was overthrown in 1958, but was captured and shot.

Marco Pallis (1895-1989) Greek-British mountaineer, composer and Tibetologist [wikipedia]

George Paul: Friend of HHJ's in the 11th Hussars

Prince Paul of Yugoslavia (1893-1976). Contemporary of HHJ's at Christ Church; Prince Regent of Yugoslavia 1934-41 during the minority of his cousin King Peter II. Married Prince Olga of Denmark, sister of Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. Attempted unsuccessfully to maintain relations with both Britain and Germany, but was deposed by the British after Yugoslavia acceded (with reservations) to the German/Italian/ Japanese Tripartite Pact in March 1941; Paul was exiled to Kenya for the duration by the British, and the Germans invaded Yugoslavia the following month. His younger son Prince Nikola was linked romantically with Princess Margaret before being killed in a car accident in 1954.

St John Philby (1885-1960). Arabist, advisor to **King Ibn Saud**; exiled to Lebanon in 1955; father of Soviet double-agent Kim Philby [wikipedia]

Nora(h) Alice Platt (b. 25 Nov 1904) of Barnby Manor, Newark – Daughter of Algernon John Frederick Platt (1875-1912) and Norah (née Cunningham, d. 26 Oct 1946). Brother Charles John Frederick Platt (1907-1943); sister Margaret Florence Platt (8 Mar 1901 – 15 Feb 1934) who married Miles Beevor (1900-1994) 17 Sep 1924 [Wikipedia]. Executor (as spinster) to her mother's will 27 Feb 1947 [Probate registry]. Some genealogical info at <http://www.stanwardine.com/cgi-bin/tree.pl?report=detail&indi=stanwardine@I3996@&db=stanwardine>

Henry Stephen Nicholas Rathbone, served as a Captain in the Scots Guards and fell at Monte Cassino on 9 November 1943; he was younger brother of Conservative MP John Rankin Rathbone (1910-1940) and uncle of left-wing Conservative MP Tim Rathbone (1933-2002) [wikipedia]. He was married to Diana Vaughan Rathbone [<https://www.cwgc.org>]

Thomas Corney Ravensdale (1905-1990) Oriental Counsellor at British Embassy in Cairo 1942-51; later British Ambassador to Dominican Republic and various West African countries [Obituary in St Catherine's College Cambridge Society Magazine 1991]

Steven Runciman (1903-2000) Historian, Press Attaché at the British Embassy in Cairo in 1941. Homosexual. Son of **Walter Runciman** [wikipedia]

Walter Runciman (1870-1949) Liberal politician who served in various ministerial posts (primarily as President of the Board of Trade) between 1914 and 1937. His controversial report on a mission to Czechoslovakia in 1938 paved the way for the Munich Agreement later that year [wikipedia].

Thomas Wentworth Russell (1879-1954), director of Egypt's central narcotics intelligence bureau [<https://www.britishempire.co.uk/maproom/thomasrussell.htm>]

Ahmed Al-Jabah Al-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait 1921-1950

King Abdulaziz Ibn Saud (1875-1953) Founder and first King of Saudi Arabia. Father of all subsequent Kings of Saudi Arabia at least up to 2020. [wikipedia]

Alexander Caron Scrimgeour (1867-1938) University friend of HHJ's father, and seems to have been family stockbroker; he was attracted by fascism and was the financial backer of the National Socialist League in 1937, but his death deprived the league of funding [see wikipedia on NSL and HHJ/1 letter to Ethel James 29 Jun 1950]

Dr Abd al-Rahman Shahbandar (1879-1940), Syrian Nationalist leader assassinated in 1940, who had been exiled to Cairo during much of the 1920s and 1930s [Wikipedia]

Mar Shimum XXI Eshai (1908-1975) was the Patriarch of the Assyrian (Christian) Church. He was educated in Britain Following the Simele massacre (see Wikipedia) of Assyrians in Iraq in 1933 he was exiled to Cyprus, and later settled in the USA, where he was assassinated in 1975. [Wikipedia]

Sir Terrence Shone (1894-1965) British Minister to Syria and Lebanon 1944-46; later High Commissioner to India, and Permanent Representative at UN [wikipedia]

Bakr Sidqi (1890-1937) Kurdish general in Iraqi army during British mandate; responsible for the 1933 Simele massacre of Assyrians, and harsh repression of Shia rebellions in 1935; staged a military coup in Iraq in 1936 during which **Jaafar Pasha Al-Askari** was assassinated on Sidqi's orders and **Nuri al Said** was exiled to Egypt. Sidqi remained head of the armed forces, rather than taking a cabinet role (though effectively he ruled the country), but was himself assassinated by unknown plotters in August 1937 after which **Jameel al Madfaai** returned as PM.

Sir Walter Alexander Smart (1883-1962) Oriental Counsellor at British Embassy in Cairo

Norman Hutchison Smith (1911-1984 [GRO Death register]) ADC to **Lord Killearn**. Married Lady Alexandra Buchanan (née Cadogan), dau. of 6th Earl of Cadogan and divorced wife of Major Robert Buchanan, 25 July 1951 [www.ThePeerage.com]

Air-Vice Marshall Charles Basil Slater Spackman CB, CBE, DFC* (1895-1971). Served (as Pilot Officer) under HHJ as part of Q Force in 55 Squadron in early 1920s, but as his commander (promoted W/C 1 Jan 1937) in Intelligence Branch at Air HQ Middle East in late 1930s. He became a noted artist after retirement. His papers are at Imperial War Museum Cat no. Documents 20693. There is a substantial biography at <http://diarmuidlynch.weebly.com/charles-basil-slater-spackman-1895-1971.html>. Not to be confused with Sgt. Charles Edward Spackman VC MM (1891-1969) [Wikipedia]

Hafiz Wahbah (1889-1967) Egyptian-born Saudi Arabian Ambassador in London 1932-56 and 1962-66

Sir John Ward: Director-General of Iraq State Railways, and previously of the Port of Basra – obituary in *Journal of the Royal Central Asian Society* **30** (1) 127-8 (1943)

Hugh Henshall Clifford Williamson (28 Nov 1894 - 16 Sep 1916) Shared a tutor with HHJ to prepare for Oxford entrance, and went up to Christ Church with him in 1912; killed in the battle of the Somme (<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/fallen-alumni/lieutenant-hugh-henshall-clifford-williamson>).

Christopher Montague Woodhouse, 5th Baron Terrington, DSO, OBE (1917-2001) Served with SOE behind enemy lines in Greece in WW2, in various diplomatic, industrial and academic roles after the war, and as an MI6 agent in Teheran 1951-53, when he was involved in the overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mossadeq; served as a Conservative MP 1959-66 and 1970-74 before inheriting his peerage in 1998 [wikipedia]