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Drawings, 1941-1942, and original Christmas cards, c.1959-1992, by Jacques Laudy (1907-1993).

The Belgian comic artist Jacques Laudy was one of the artists who worked on the early *Tintin* series with Hergé and others. Laudy was never as well-known as his *Tintin* contemporaries Hergé and Jacobs, but he worked as a painter and illustrator throughout a long and productive life.

The National Library of Scotland acquired these drawings at auction because they were evidently intended as illustrations for an edition, presumably unpublished, of *Kidnapped*. Laudy did draw a comic-book version of the novel, published as *David Balfour* (Den Haag, 1980), but the drawings are quite different. A copy of *David Balfour* was bought as part of this lot, and has been transferred to the printed collection.

Bought, 2011.

1. One pencil and watercolour drawing, 1941, and 14 pencil drawings, 1942, all of scenes from *Kidnapped*. Probably intended for publication, but apparently unpublished. A comic book version of *Kidnapped*, drawn by Jacques Laudy, was published in Belgium in 1980; a copy acquired at auction with these drawings was transferred to the Library's general collection (shelfmark: HB6.211.12.42).
2. Twenty-three original Christmas cards, 1959-1992, drawn and signed by Laudy. Many have a Scottish theme and reflect Laudy's interest in bagpipes and music.
3. Colour proofs of three illustrations for *Les Rues d'Edimbourg* by Jacques Laudy. NLS does not own a copy of the work (which may never have been published) at the time of compiling this inventory.