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The correspondence and papers of Brigadier Bernard Edward Fergusson, DSO, OBE, GCMG, GCVO, K.T. (1911-80), Baron Ballantrae of Auchairne and the Bay of Islands (cr. 1972), soldier and author. Lord Ballantrae was Governor-General of New Zealand (1962-7), Chairman of the British Council (1972-6), Chancellor of St Andrews University (1973-80), and Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1974). Also included in the collection are papers of his wife Laura Margaret, née Grenfell (d. 1979). The collection has been arranged as listed below; for additional papers, see Acc.10985.

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1-27 Personal diaries of Bernard Fergusson (BEF), 1925, 1945-80 (*permission*)

- 1. 1925.
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28-62 Personal and appointment/engagement diaries of Laura Fergusson (LMF), 1936-67 (*permission*)

28-32a Narrative or travel diaries, 1936-67.

- 28. Notebook, 1936-7.
- 29. Journey to Rhodesia, 1947-8.
- 30. Visit to the Belgian Congo, 1948.
- 31. 1953.
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- 32a. Visit to Burma, [1967].

32-53. Appointment diaries, 1952-76.

- 33-43. 1952-62.
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- 53. 1976.

54-62. New Zealand engagement diaries, 1962-7.

- 54-55. 1962.
- 56-57. 1963.
- 58. 1964.
- 59-60. 1965.
- 61. 1966.
- 62. 1967.

63-66 Personal papers & notebooks (*permission*)

- 63. Passports, licenses, certificates, etc., various dates.
- 64. Two address books of BEF and LMF with entries dating mostly from 1962-68 and guest-lists, etc., tipped in; with an indexed volume of BEF containing quotations.
- 65. Two notebooks of BEF kept during military service in Egypt, 1956; notebook with a fragment of sailing journal, n.d and some brief notes for remarks in Maori, etc., ca. 1964.
- 66. BEF notebooks: (i) 'Africa', 1947-8; (ii) 'France and Yugoslavia', 1953; (iii) miscellaneous notes, including some relating to a mission to Nigeria, 1968, during the civil war; (iv) desk diary, 1969; (v) Auchairne gardens and policies notebook, 1968-9; (vi) A-Z notebook with lists of books and memorabilia at Auchairne; personal expenses, etc., 1962; (vii) part disbound notebook containing personal notes probably made during South Pacific and SE Asia tours as Governor-General of New Zealand, 1962-7; (viii) a small spiral pocket book of miscellaneous notes, n.d., but probably post-1967.

67-98 Family Correspondence

67-78 Ferguson Family Correspondence

- 67. Correspondence of BEF with his mother, 1921-36.
- 68. Correspondence with mother, 1939-45.
- 69. Correspondence with mother, 1946-9 (*permission*)
- 70. Correspondence with mother, 1950-7, n.d. (*permission*)
- 71. Letters of condolence on the death of Lady Fergusson, 1958.
- 72. Correspondence of BEF and his father, 1915-25.
- 73. Correspondence with father, 1926-8.
- 74. Correspondence with father, 1929-51, n.d.
- 75. Letters from Sir James Fergusson of Kilkerran (brother), 1926, 1952-73, n.d.
- 76. Letters from Revd. Simon Fergusson (brother), 1926-7, 1930, 1952-65, 1972-3, 1979, n.d.
- 77. Letters from Helen Haviland, née Fergusson (sister) , n.d.
- 78. Miscellaneous family correspondence.

79-85 Grenfell Family Correspondence, 1935-69

- 79. Letters of LMF to family, 1935-44. **Returned to depositor.**
- 80. Letters to family from Kongwa, Tanzania 1948 (*permission*).
- 81. Letters to family, 1960-9, n.d. **Returned to depositor.**
- 82. Letters from father and mother, 1935-64, n.d.
- 83. Letters from Harry Grenfell, 1939-44, n.d.
- 84. Letters from Mary, 1939-43, n.d.
- 85. Other Grenfell letters, 1937-53, n.d.

86-87 Correspondence between Bernard and Laura Fergusson (*permission*).

- 86. 1952-9.
- 87. 1960-61, 1968-9, 1972, 1975, 1978, n.d.

88-96 George Fergusson (*closed*).

- 88. Letters from father, 1958-72.
- 89. Letters from father, 1973 - May 1975.
- 90. Letters from father, June 1975-79 n.d.
- 91. Letters from mother, 1964-72.
- 92. Letters from mother, 1973-5.
- 93. Letters from mother, 1976-9, n.d.
- 94. Letters to mother and father, 1963-6.
- 95. Letters to mother and father, 1967-70.
- 96. Letters to mother and father, 1971-9, n.d.

97-98 Letters of Condolence on the death of Laura Fergusson

- 97-98. Letters, 1979-80.

99-116 Individual & VIP Correspondence

99-111 Individual Correspondence

- 99. Brigadier Shelford Birdwell, 1976-8, 80.

- 100. Alec Douglas Home, 1973, 1977, 1979, n.d.
- 101. Edward Heath, 1970, 1972-3.
- 102. Lyndon B Johnson, 1966, n.d.
- 103. Ronald Lewin, 1978-9.
- 104. Eric Linklater, 1948-74.
- 105. Compton MacKenzie, 1950?-2, n.d.
- 106. Harold MacMillan, 1976.
- 107. Alister McCrae, 1976-7.
- 108. Earl Mountbatten, 1965, 1972-3.
- 109. HM the Queen Mother, 1955-75 (*permission*)
- 110. Sir Michael Adeane, 1961-70 (*permission*).
- 111. George Younger [Baron Younger of Prestwick], 1979-80.

112-116 VIP Correspondence (*permission*)

- 112. Various letters, 1926, 1944-79.
- 113. Surnames A-C.
- 114. Surnames D-G.
- 115. Surnames H-R.
- 116. Surnames S-Z.

117-135 General Correspondence

117-121 Letters concerning Honours (*permission*)

- 117. Various 1963-5.
- 118. Congratulatory letters concerning life peerage 1972.
- 119. Congratulatory letters concerning KT 1974.
- 120. Letters concerning KT 1974-5.
- 121. Miscellaneous 1971-80, n.d.

122-128 Other Specific Correspondence

- 122. Letters concerning morals and standards, 1970-1.
- 123. Letters concerning freedom fighters and the churches, 1970-1.
- 124. Letters concerning St. Andrews, Jerusalem 1970-4, 1978-80.
- 125. Letters concerning the Committee on Defamation and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill 1974.
- 126. Society for the Blind letters, 1975.
- 127. St Giles Appeal letters 1978.
- 128. Sir Robert Menzies Appeal letters 1979.

129-135 General Correspondence

- 129. 1928-69.
- 130. 1970-6.
- 131. 1977-8
- 132. 1979 (Jan-June)
- 133. 1979 (July-Dec)
- 134. 1980-1
- 135. n.d.

136-170 *Military Papers*

- 136-145 Burma
136. A report of no.5 Coln, 77 Ind Inf Bde, operations in Burma, Feb-Apr 1943.
137. Notes and reports on the 16th Infantry Brigade's training and operations 1943-4.
138. Papers concerning long range penetration, column training of the 16th Infantry Brigade in Nov 1943.
139. Colonel FO Cave's war diary 1943-4.
140. Medical reports on the work of the special force, 1943-4.
141. Report on the operations of the 77th Ind Inf Bttn, Mar-Aug 1944.
142. A record of the operations of the 7th Bri the Nigeria regiment in Burma Apr-July 1944.
143. Various papers concerning Burma, 1941-67.
144. Maps of Burma and Asia.
145. Miscellaneous.
- 146-150 The Black Watch
- 146 The History of the Black Watch: handmade booklet containing maps.
147. Letters, cuttings & photographs 1953-67.
148. Letters, cuttings, etc 1963-7.
149. Letters, cuttings, etc 1968-73.
150. Letters, cuttings, etc 1976-8, n.d.
- 151 The trial of Capt Farran (1947) and Palestine police papers (***permission***).
151. Letters 1946-8, 78, n.d., reports, press cutting book and notebook.
- 152-170 Other Military Papers
152. Papers relating to the Syrian Campaign, 1941.
153. An account of the 153rd Inf Bde in Sicily, 1943.
154. Papers relating to the group system, 1949-51, n.d.
155. Letters and reports 1950-8, n.d., including BEF's medical reports, 1951-3.
156. Papers relating to the encouragement of officers.
157. The Imperial Defence College, papers, 1954.
158. Letters concerning an article on Wingate 1955.
159. Letters and articles concerning Wingate.
160. Notes on psychological warfare in Suez, 1956.
161. Notes and letters on the Victoria Cross, 1956.
162. Papers relating to retiral from the army, 1958.
163. Structure of infantry and miscellaneous letters, 1962-7.
164. Letters and cuttings concerning re-organisation of infantry, 1962, n.d.
165. Letters relating to reorganisation of infantry, 1966.
166. A report on the suggested formation of a Highland regiment, 1966.
167. Correspondence concerning Lord Breadalbane (***permission***).
 Supplements to The London Gazette 1946, 1951.
- 168-70. Miscellaneous papers.
- 171-182 Auchairne House**
171. Plans of Auchairne House.
172. Inventory of household items.

- 173. Financial papers, 1952-62.
- 174. Plans, details and alterations, 1953-9, 68, 70, n.d.
- 175. Accounts and receipts, 1961-2.
- 176. McCaffery's cash accounts, 1962-4.
- 177. Cookson correspondence, 1962-5.
- 178. Cookson correspondence, 1965-7.
- 179. Papers concerning property, 1966-70.
- 180. Various correspondence, 1967-72.
- 181. Maps of Ballantrae.
- 182. Miscellaneous items.
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184-206 Finance (closed)

- 184. Walter Smee & Co, correspondence, 1954-7.
- 185. Walter Smee & Co, correspondence, 1958-61.
- 186. Walter Smee & Co, correspondence, 1962-8.
- 187. Walter Smee & Co, correspondence, 1969-73.
- 188. Walter Smee & Co, correspondence, 1973-6.
- 189. Correspondence with Spiers and Jeffrey, 1956-67.
- 190. Correspondence with Spiers and Jeffrey, 1967-72.
- 191. Correspondence with Spiers and Jeffrey, 1972-7.
- 192. Correspondence with banks, 1955-62.
- 193. Correspondence with banks, 1962-7.
- 194. Correspondence with banks, 1968-74.
- 195. Royal Bank of Scotland, miscellaneous.
- 196. Miscellaneous receipts, 1951-9.
- 197. Correspondence with Commercial Union, 1954-68.
- 198. Correspondence with J and F Anderson, 1946-64.
- 199. Correspondence with J and F Anderson, 1970-9.
- 200. Correspondence concerning George Fergusson, 1955-66.
- 201. General correspondence, 1964-8.
- 202. Correspondence concerning the boat M V Marama, 1970-6.
- 203. McAlpine and Sons correspondence, 1970-4.
- 204. Papers concerning London flat, 1973-6.
- 205. Miscellaneous, 1975-8.
- 206. Miscellaneous papers.

207-233 Publications

- 207. Correspondence with Curtis Brown Ltd, 1954-62.
- 208. Correspondence with Curtis Brown Ltd, 1968-71.
- 209. Correspondence with Collins, 1954-62.
- 210. Correspondence with Collins, 1970-2.
- 211. Receipts of payment, 1958-9.
- 212. Correspondence with various publishers, 1962-7.
- 213. The Wild Green Earth (1946), press cuttings.
- 214. The Black Watch and the King's Enemies (1950) press cuttings.
- 215. Rupert of the Rhine (1952) press cuttings.
- 216. Wavell: Portrait of a Soldier (1961). Letters and press cuttings 1961.
- 217. 'Wavell: a hero to his valet', + t/s.
- 218. Exercise book containing notes for Return to Burma (1962).
- 219-221. The Trumpet in the Hall, + t/ss
- 222. The Trumpet in the Hall (1970): letters and press cuttings 1970-1.

- 223. Captain John Niven (1972) correspondence and press cuttings 1972.
- 224. Hubble Bubble (1978): + t/s.
- 225. Hubble Bubble: correspondence, press cuttings, proof 1977-8.
- 226-7. Travel Warrant (1979) + t/ss.
- 228. Travel Warrant (1979): proof.
- 229. Correspondence and press cuttings, 1978-9.
- 230. Various letters and press cuttings.
- 231. Untitled manuscripts.
- 232. Untitled novel.
- 233. Miscellaneous papers.

234-236 Writings

- 234. Articles.
- 235. Articles.
- 236. Speech and verse.

237-265 New Zealand

- 237. Letters on appointment to Governor-Generalship, 1962: Surnames A-F.
- 238. Letters on appointment to Governor-Generalship, 1962: Surnames G-K.
- 239. Letters on appointment to Governor-Generalship, 1962: Surnames L-Q.
- 240. Letters on appointment to Governor-Generalship, 1962: Surnames R-Z.
- 241. Programmes on arrival 9th Nov, 1962.
- 242. Staff and appointments correspondence 1961-2 (**closed**).
- 243. 'Her Excellency's Speeches', 1961-5.
- 244. 'Her Excellency's Speeches', 1965-9, n.d.
- 245. LMF family circulars, 1962-7 (**permission**).
- 246. Engagements 1962-7.
- 247. Visitors book.
- 248. Visits 1962-7.
- 249. Church correspondence 1962-7, n.d.
- 250. Letters from N.Z and South Australia, 1962-7
- 251. Correspondence with Maoris 1963-7
- 252. Letters regarding the Maori, 1963-7, 1977 (**permission**).
- 253. Maori speeches.
- 254. Correspondence concerning the Tutaneikai reunion 1963-7
- 255-7. General correspondence 1967
- 258. Notes for the Governor-General–Designate, 1967, & letters 1968 (**permission**)
- 259. Bank of New Zealand correspondence 1968-72.
- 260. Bank of New Zealand correspondence 1973-9.
- 261. Immigration Bill. Letters and cuttings 1969-73, n.d.
- 262. General letters, cuttings, booklets, etc 1968-71, n.d.
- 263. General letters, cuttings, booklets, etc 1976-8, n.d.
- 264-5. Miscellaneous papers, mostly 1962-7.

266 Nigeria

- 266. Correspondence, press cuttings and printed items, 1968-70.

267-294 British Council Visits

267-268 British Council correspondence

- 267. Correspondence, 1972-4.
- 268. Correspondence, 1975-76, n.d.

269-294 Papers concerning British Council visits

- 269. Australia, 1973.
- 270. Belgium, 1973.
- 271. Brazil, 1973.
- 272. Mexico, 1973.
- 273. Nigeria, 1973.
- 274. North and West Africa, 1973.
- 275. Bangkok, 1974.
- 276. Far East, 1974.
- 277. France, 1974.
- 278. India, 1974.
- 279. Iran, 1974.
- 280. Lebanon, 1974.
- 281. Malaysia, 1974.
- 282. Singapore, 1974.
- 283. Sri Lanka, 1974.
- 284. Vietnam, 1974.
- 285. Arabian Gulf, 1975.
- 286. Greece, 1975.
- 287. Austria, 1976.
- 288. Cyprus, 1976.
- 289. Germany, 1976.
- 290. Israel, 1976.
- 291. Italy, 1976.
- 292. Turkey, 1976.
- 293. Yugoslavia, 1976.
- 294. Miscellaneous papers.

295-299 Other visits

- 295. Tour of Pacific Islands papers, 1964.
- 296. Tour of Burma papers, 1967.
- 297. Tour of Israel papers, 1967.
- 298. Tour of Canada, 1969.
- 299. Tour of the Solomons, 1979.

300-306 Disabled Trust papers

- 300. Letters from Philip Harris, 1972.
- 301. Letters from Sandy Ross, James McIntyre and Margaret Blackwood, 1971-72.
- 302. General correspondence, 1966-71.
- 303. General correspondence, 1972-7.
- 304. General correspondence, 1978-80.
- 305. General correspondence, n.d.
- 306. General correspondence, n.d. and miscellaneous papers.

307 Church of Scotland

307. Correspondence, 1973-4, press cuttings, photographs and printed items.

308 Devolution

308. Letters, 1975-8, n.d. and printed reports 1948-75.

309-313 St Andrews University

- 309. Correspondence and press cuttings, 1973-75.
- 310. Correspondence and press cuttings, 1976.
- 311. Correspondence and press cuttings, 1977-80.
- 312. Robert Jones Memorial Trust correspondence, 1974-9.
- 313. Photographs.

314-316 Wavell Appeal Fund

- 314. Correspondence with Wavell, 1939, 1944-50.
- 315. Letters and press cuttings concerning Wavell, 1950, 1957, 1961-2.
- 316. Letters concerning the Wavell Appeal Fund, 1962-6, n.d.

317-319 Reports and Bills

- 317. Gardiners Bill: letters and reports, 1971-3, n.d.
- 318. Scarman committee letters, 1975-7, n.d.
- 319. Berill report: letters, cuttings and report, 1976-7.

320 George Fergusson: Academic Papers

- 320. Economics at Oxford, 1974-7.

321-324 Photographs

- 321-324. Unsorted.

325 Press cuttings

- 325. Miscellaneous.

326-327 Miscellaneous items

- 326-7. Printed material, loose papers, etc.

328 Remembrance books

- 328. In memory of Lady and Lord Ballantrae, 1979-80.

329-350 Additional Papers

- 329-331 Additional Papers: Military

- 329. Printed papers, 1931-60, mostly concerning the Black Watch; with regimental correspondence, 1975.
- 330. Black Watch and other military photographs, various dates.
- 331. Correspondence and papers, 1970-3, concerning the Black Watch regimental history.

- 332-334 Additional Papers: Church of Scotland.

- 332. Correspondence and papers, 1973-4, concerning BEF's Lord High

- Commissionership to the General Assembly.
333. Letters and papers concerning the Holyrood Palace arrangements, 1974.
334. A copy of the Lord High Commissioner's programme, May, 1974.
- 335-338 Additional Papers: British Council.
335. Briefs for the Chairman's tour of Australasia, Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil, March 1973.
336. Itineraries and briefs for the Chairman's tour of Israel, Cyprus, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany and Turkey, Feb.-Mar. 1976.
337. BEF's travel diary/notes, Beirut – Amman – Tehran, Nov.-Dec. 1974.
338. Travel diary/notes, Hong Kong – Saigon – Thailand – Malaysia – India, India, 1974.
- 339-340 Additional Papers: Scottish Trust for the Physically Disabled.
339. S.T.P.D. correspondence and papers, 1979.
340. Papers concerning the Trust's Margaret Blackwood Housing Association, 1979.
- 341-345 Additional Papers: Personal Correspondence.
341. Correspondence, 1980, including letters (2) of Frank Muir.
342. Family and personal photographs, c.1915-45, previously loose in file 150, below.
343. BEF's postcard collection, various dates.
344. Miscellaneous papers, c.1919-72.
345. Various printed items: Order of service at dedication of the Orde Wingate memorial tablet, Charterhouse, 1951.
Memorial address for Edmund Blunden by Rupert Hart-Davis, 1974, with an accompanying letter.
A copy of Duncan Waterston, *An Ayrshire Family, 1526-1900, the McIlwraiths of Auchinflower, Ayr and Australia*, 1978, with notes by BEF.
A copy of the Edinburgh Sir Walter Scott Club *Annual Report*, 1979.
- 346 Additional Papers: Peerage.
346. Correspondence on BEF's life peerage, mainly concerning the Ballantrae title, 1972-3.
- 347-349 Additional Papers: Writing and Broadcasting.
347. Correspondence on BEF's *Watery Maze*, 1960.
348. Publicity and press reviews for *Watery Maze*, 1961.
349. Letters following on BEF's appearance on the TV programme, 'Chance To Meet', 1971.
- 350 Additional Papers: Scrapbook.
350. A scrapbook compiled by BEF containing photographs, letters, papers and press cuttings. Photographs relate mainly to BEF's military career. Correspondents include Montague Rhodes James, Provost of Eton; Geoffrey Dawson (1); and Chaim Weizman (1).