Papers of General Sir Richard Loudon McCreery (1898-1967)

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File 1

Staff College notes and related papers, c 1928-1929, including: manuscript notes on subjects including army organisation and administration, Dominion Forces, troop movements, air defence and training; account of battle of Le Cateau, 26 Aug 1914, reprinted from official history; final edition of *The Cologne Post and Wiesbaden Times*, 3 Nov 1929, relating to the final evacuation of British Forces from the Rhine; map of Aisne battlefield, 1914

File 2

2/1 Notes on 'The new (1938) Infantry Battalion'

2/2 Notes on the deployment of warrant officers in cavalry regiments, 1938

2/3 Notes on duties of General Staff Officers, including training exercises, and on issuing orders nd, but [probably] c 1938

2/4 Notes on 'The Reserve Army, 1946-1949', by Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, 1949

File 3

3/1 12 Royal Lancers training exercises, chiefly on Salisbury Plain, 1937-1938

3/2 2 Cavalry Brigade training exercise instructions, Mar 1938

3/3 Memoranda and notes relating to the proposed substitution of warrant officers for officers, Feb 1938

3/4 Detailed narrative of 2 Armoured Brigade operations, France, May-Jun 1940, with brief diary of events, and official photograph with original caption, 'A conference at HQ during operations on the Somme Front', McCreery centre, kneeling over map

3/5 Map for 5 Corps training exercise, Salisbury Plain, Dec 1940

3/6 Copy notes on the Allied campaign in Italy, 1945, including notes on operations of 8 Army under McCreery, nd, author unknown

3/7 Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, to McCreery, 16 Dec 1947, relating a recent conversation with Emmanuel Shinwell, Minister of Defence, concerning the role of Christian teaching in Army education, particularly with regard to National Servicemen in Germany

3/8 Notes on the Tunisian campaign, possibly compiled as lecture notes, nd

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File 4

4/1 Official correspondence as Commander, 8 Armoured Div, Home Forces, Dec 1940 – Oct 1941: topics include unit inspections, accommodation, recruitment and appointments

4/2 Report on 'The supply of mobile forces by air', nd, but c 1942, re supplying mobile forces, Western Desert

File 5

5/1 'Gerald', 56 Div HQ, CMF [probably Maj Gen Gerald Templer, Cdr 56 Div, Italy], toMcCreery, 18 Mar 1944, commenting on recent operations

5/2 Messages to all ranks as Commander, 8 Army, Italy, 12 October 1944 – 26 April 1945

5/3 Staff Officer's note book containing brief notes made [probably] as C-in-C, 8 Army, Italy, c 1944

5/4 Notebook containing brief notes on operations 1944-1946 in Italy and Austria, possibly compiled retrospectively as lecture notes

6/1 *A collection of General Montgomery's personal messages to the Eighth Army, El Alamein – Ortona, 23 October 1942 – 31 December 1943* (21 Army Group, 1944), bound volume

6/2 *A collection of Field Marshal Montgomery's personal messages to 21 Army Group, Normandy to the Baltic, 6 June 1944 – 8 May 1945* (21 Army Group, 1945), bound volume

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File 7

7/1 Supplement to *The London Gazette*, 10 October 1941, comprising Gen Viscount Gort's despatches as C-in-C, BEF, France, 3 Sep 1939 – 3 Jun 1940

7/2 Pamphlet, 'Royal Canadian Armoured Corps', 1945, relating to the development of the Corps, 1940-1945

7/3 Detailed itinerary for British Troops in Austria battlefield tour of Italy, 5-11 May 1946

7/4 Booklet sent as Christmas card, Germany?, 1946, with illustrations of Russian Army personnel

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7/5 Brief notes relating to British Army of the Rhine organisation and administration, c 1947

7/6 Memorandum from Montgomery as CIGS, 29 May 1948, relating to deployment of tanks by Royal Armoured Corps

7/7 Mountbatten, SEAC HQ, to McCreery, 8 Aug 1946, asking for any available polo ponies to be sold to the Malta Polo Club

8/1 *British Army of the Rhine battlefield tour: first day. 8 Corps operations east of Caen, 18-21 July 1944 (Operation GOODWOOD)* (BAOR, Jun 1947), bound volume

8/2 *British Army of the Rhine battlefield tour: fourth day. 43 (W) Division assault crossing of the River Seine, 25-28 August 1944* (BAOR, Jun 1947), bound volume

File 9

9/1 Lynch Maydon (Conservative MP for Wells), to McCreery, 7 Nov 1956, responding to the latter's criticism of the invasion of the Suez Canal Zone

9/2 Correspondence, May-June 1957, relating to proposed mergers of army regiments

File 10

10/1 Papers, chiefly training notes, relating to the Royal Armoured Corps, 1960

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