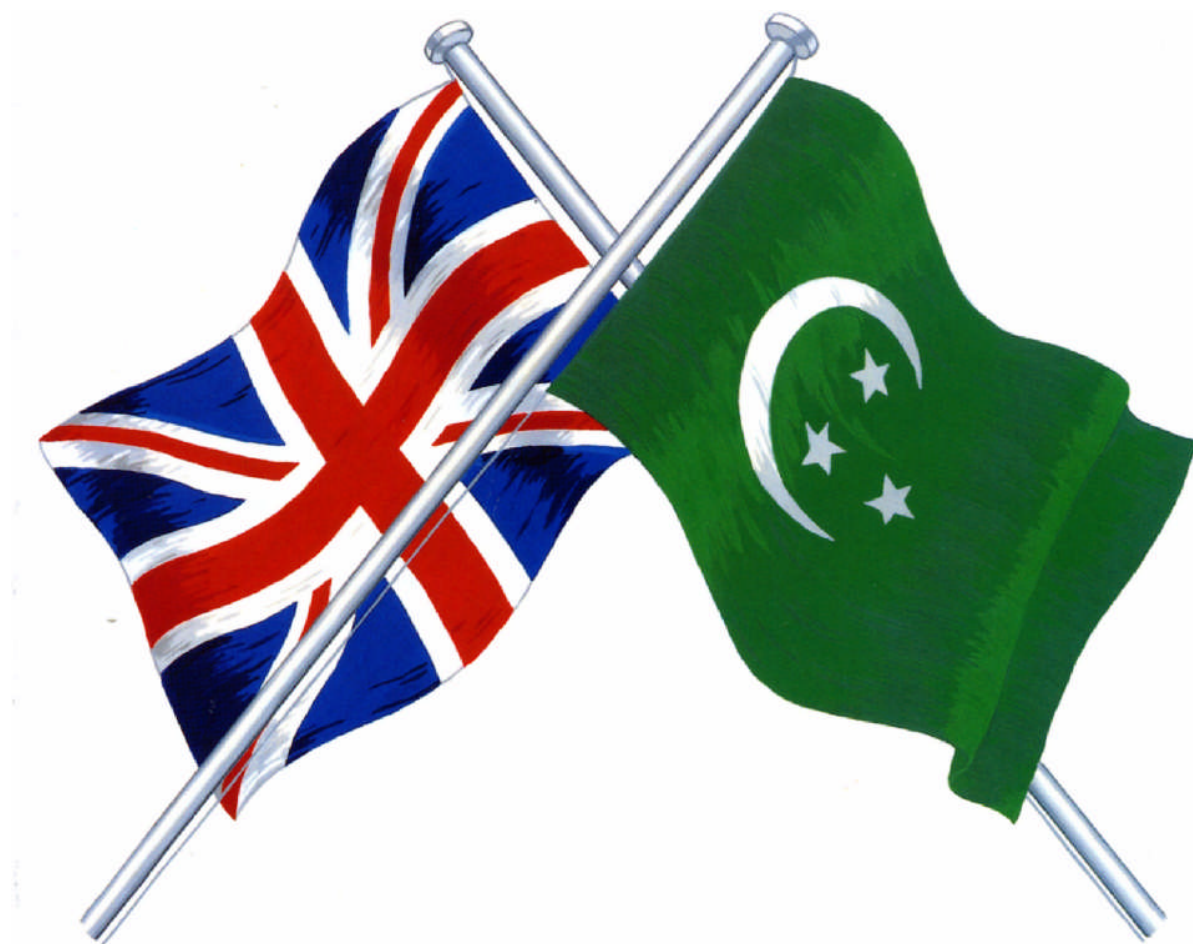


**COVERS¹ FROM JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH
FROM EGYPT WHILE COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN
CAVALRY**

23 SEPTEMBER 1894 to 16 FEBRUARY 1896



¹ Covers are reduced to 95% of original size.

Major-General Sir John Francis BURN-MURDOCH, K.C.V.O.; C.B.; C.M.G.; C.B.E.

KCVO Knight Commander, The Royal Victorian Order, 1925

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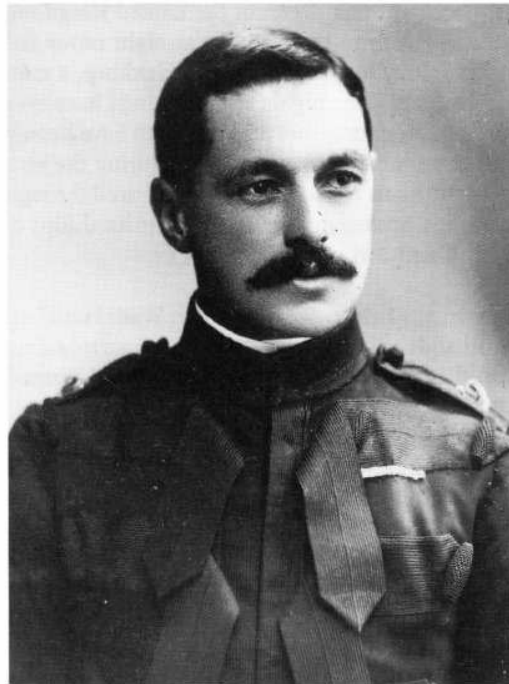
Colonel Royal Dragoons, 1919-1931; born, Cambridge, 26 March 1859; eldest son of late Rev. Canon Burn-Murdoch; married 1909, Alice, youngest daughter of late John Burn-Murdoch of Gartencaber, Perthshire. Education:

Eton.

Joined Royal Dragoons, 1878; served Nile Expedition, 1884-1885; action of Abu Klea; commanded detachment of Camel Corps at El Gubat (medal, two clasps, Khedive star); Adjutant, Royal Dragoons, 1886-1888; passed through Staff College, 1889; Brigade-Major of Cavalry Horse Guards, 1890-91; Brigade-Major Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, 1891-1894; commanded the Egyptian Cavalry, 1894-1895; 4th class Osmanieh; served in the Dongola Expedition under Sir Herbert Kitchener, 1896; commander the Egyptian Cavalry in the action at Akasheh, 1 May; commanded the Desert Column at battle of Firket, 7 June, and the mounted troops in the pursuit which followed; also at the capture of Suada; the engagement at Haffir and at the capture of Dongola (despatches, Brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel, Khedive medal with two clasps); commanded 1st Royal Dragoons, South Africa, 1899-1901, including battles of Colenso, Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz; Brigadier-General in command of 1st Cavalry Brigade, 1900-1901; present relief of Ladysmith, etc. (despatches six times, Queen's medal 5 clasps, King's medal 2 clasps, C.B.); Brevet-Colonel, 1902; Brigadier-General on Staff, commanded Newcastle (Natal) Sub-district South Africa, 1901-1902; Brigadier-General commanding Standerton District, and Inspector of Cavalry Regiments in Transvaal Colony; command of 1st Royal Dragoons, 1898-1902; commanding troops at Standardton, 1902-1904; at Potchefstroom, , 1904-1906; Brigade Commander Eastern Mounted Brigade, 1908-1912; retired 1912; employed recruiting, Sep. 1914; Commandant Remount Depot, December 1914; Commander Notts and Derby Mounted Brigade, 1915; a Mounted Division, 1915-1918; Temporary Major-General, 1916 (despatches); Staff Officer Volunteer Services, Northern Command, 1918-1919; D. L. Nottinghamshire. *Address:* The Manor House, Normanton-on-Soar, Loughborough.

(Died 21 January 1931)

Adapted from *Who Was Who, 1929-1940*, p. 192



Following the covers you will find some Burn-Murdoch family history information and a summary of the J. F. Burn-Murdoch archive held at the National Army Museum, London, England, Reference: 7708/44, 8605/26, NRA23377 Burn-Murdoch.

LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Demerdache, near Cairo, to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr).

1. 1894 September 23rd. Cover to Inverbraan, Dunkeld, North Britain.

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2. 1894 November 1st. Cover to Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks.

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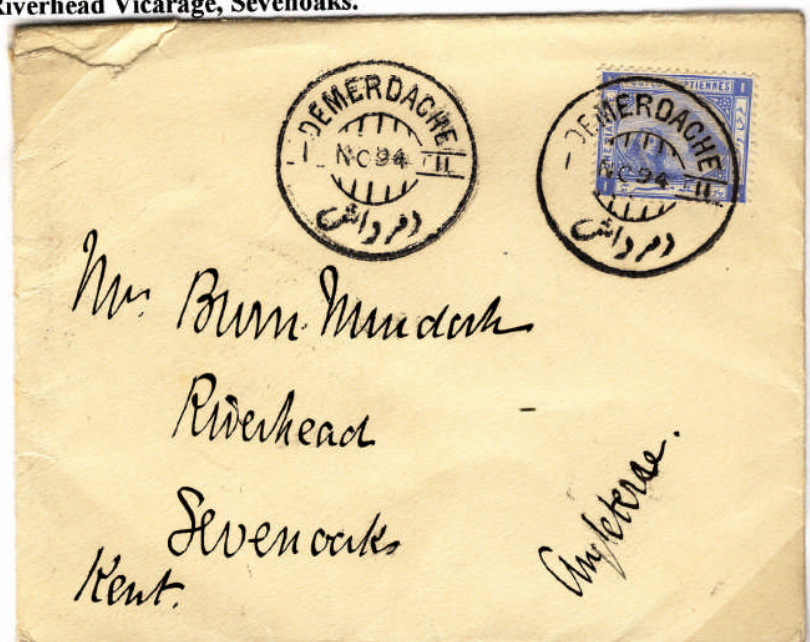
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LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Sent to his Father, the Rev. John M. Burn-Murdoch at Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks.

1894 September 30th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

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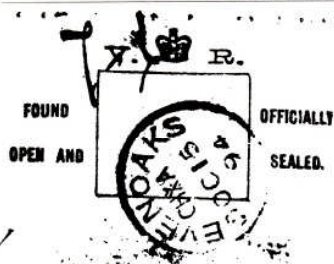
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2. 1895 March 3rd.

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COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Sent to his Father, the Rev. John M. Burn-Murdoch at Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks.

1894 October 19th.

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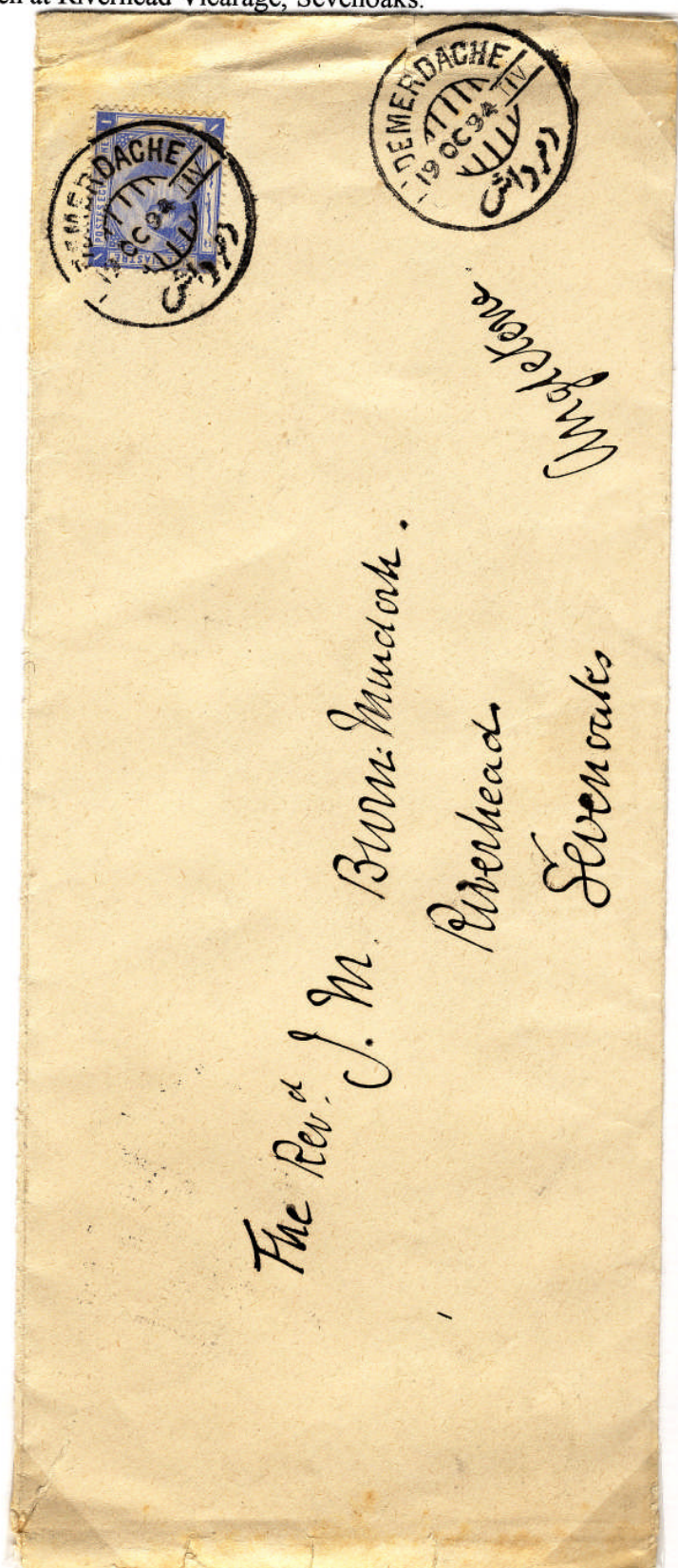


Cover encloses a copy of
Cairo District Orders, 17th October 1894.

G.G. Hunter, Deputy Asst. Adj. General,
reports:

"General Sir Frederick Walker, the
General Officer Commanding,
noticed especially the
'great improvement in the Cavalry'.

Burn-Murdoch had recently taken
command of the Egyptian Cavalry.



**LETTER FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.**

Sent from Port Said to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1894 November 3rd.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884,

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SEVENOAKS L*P NO 10 94.



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COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Demerdache, near Cairo, to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr),
at Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks.

1. 1894 December 10th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

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SEVENOAKS CH*A DE 17 94



2. 1895 May 10th.

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COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 April 1st.

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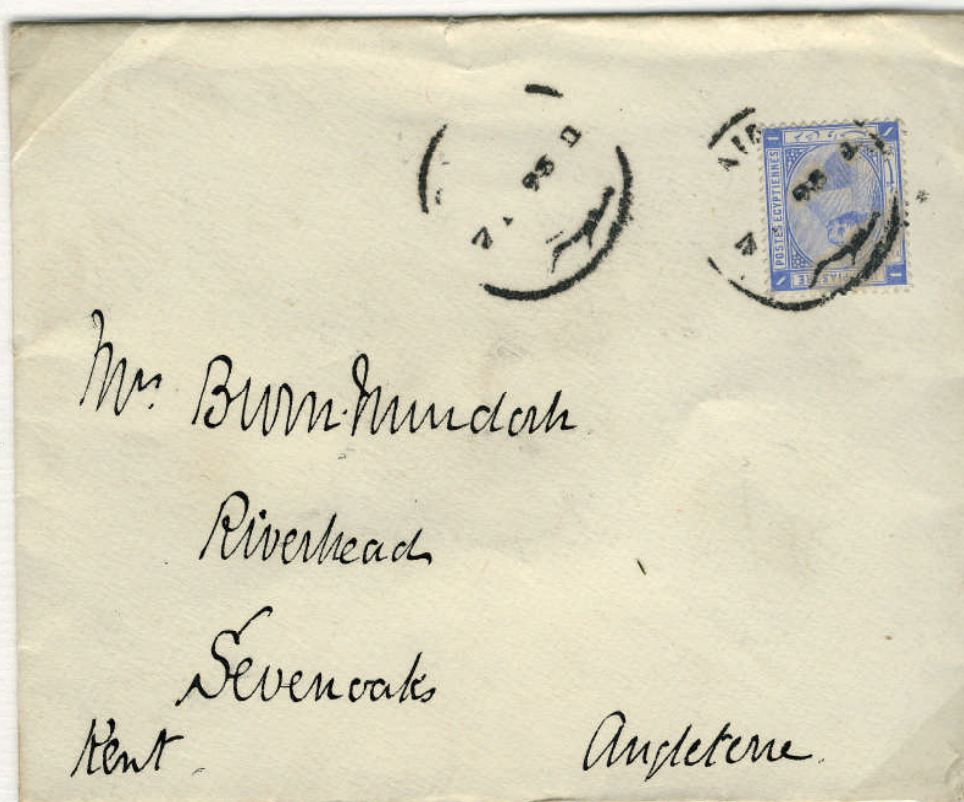
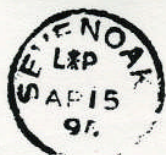
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SEVENOAKS L*P AP 15 95.



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COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 April 21st.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

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2. 1895 April 29th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

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CAIRE D 29 IV 95 VII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS CH MY 6 95.



LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo one to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), the other to his Father, the
Rev. John M. Burn-Murdoch at Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 May 5th.

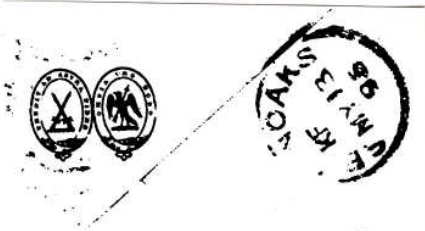
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SEVENOAKS KF MY 13 95.



2. 1895 June 2nd.

Two 1 Piastre blue stamps of 1884.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 2 VI 95 XIII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS 3.45A.M. JU 10



LETTER FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Sent from Assouan to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1895 May 16th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled: ASSOUAN 16 V 95 II.

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SEVENOAKS MY 27 95.



LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 June 9th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 9 VI 95 XII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS 3.45A.M. JU 17 95.



2. 1895 June 16th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 16 VI 95 VIII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS 3.45A.M. JU 24 95.



LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 June 23rd.

Two 5m rose stamps of 1888.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 23 VI 95 XIII.

Backstamped:

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2. 1895 December 6th.

Two 5m rose stamps of 1888.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 6 XII 95 XIII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS 10.30A.M. DE 13



LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1. 1895 June 29th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 29 VI 95 TXII.

Backstamped:

SEVENOAKS 10.30A.M. JY 6 95.



2. 1895 July 4th.

Franked: CAIRE D 4 VII 95 X,
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1d. lilac stamp of 1881.

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**LETTER FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.**

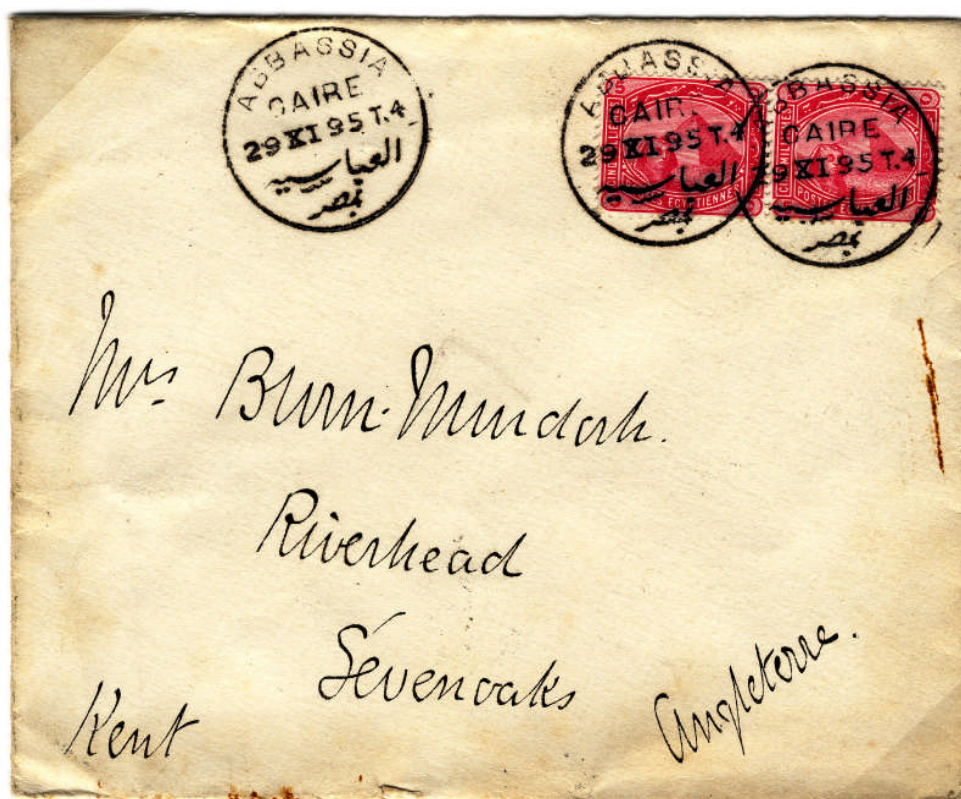
Sent from Abbassia to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1895 November 29th.

Two 5m rose-carmine stamps of 1888.

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Backstamped: CAIRE D 29 XI 95 ...
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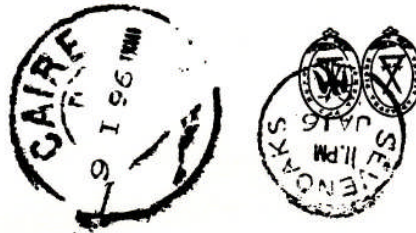
Sent from Abbassia to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at Riverhead Vicarage,
Sevenoaks.

1896 January 9th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled: **ABBASSIA CAIRE 9 I 96 T.4.**

Backstamped: **CAIRE D 9 I 96 IXIII.
SEVENOAKS 11.PM JA 16 96.**



LETTERS FROM KAIMAKAN JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH,
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Both sent from Cairo to his Mother Maria Hannah Burn-Murdoch (née Carr), at the Hôtel d'Albion, Hyères, Var, France.

1. 1896 February 16th.

1 Piastre blue stamp of 1884.

Cancelled:

CAIRE D 16 II 96 TX.

Franked in red:

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27 96.

Backstamped:

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DERVISH TROPHIES OF JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH

Burn-Murdoch brought home a number of Dervish trophies from the Dongola Campaign. His diary lists the following:

- 1 Egyptian flag
- 2 Dervish dresses captured at Firkeh & one taken before the campaign.
- 1 Copper bath & 1 camp stool – Hammuda's
- 2 Dervish saddles – captured in last fight/ Dongola
- 1 banner captured at Dongola
- 4 water bottles used in the campaign
- 1 pair red shoes found in house at Dongola
- 2 horsehead gears – captured in last fight at Dongola
- 2 spears captured at Firkeh & 4 long spears taken before campaign
- 2 guns – Dervish\
- 1 spear captured May 1st
- 3 bandoliers & 3 rows of beads
- 1 camel bit – Hammuda's
- 2 Egyptian trays & 2 dish covers (straw)
- 8 long spears taken in last fight (Dongola)
- 4 swords captured from Dervishes
- 2 guns captured from Dervishes
- 2 spears captured from Dervishes
- 1 pair saddle bags
- 1 Banner taken at Dongola
- Sundry shells, balls, etc.
- Saddlebags etc.
- 1 camel saddle.

MANUSCRIPT LETTERS WRITTEN BY JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH TO HIS PARENTS WHILE
COMMANDING THE EGYPTIAN CAVALRY, 1894 – 1896. NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, ACCESSION
NUMBER: 7708-44

1894 most letters are two pages long

- 20 March *SS Shannon* between Brindisi & Port Said, describing his journey thus far. “The train which brought the mails was rather late.”
- 23 March Turf Club, Cairo, first impressions of Kitchener and his new home. “I arrived here yesterday.
- 24 March Turf Club, Cairo, “Please send me a supply of writing paper.” Also comments upon the problems he had through being ignorant of the local language.
- 30 March Turf Club, Cairo, discussing recent horse purchases, and enclosing a drawing of his new house.
- 6 April Abbassieh, Cairo, “We (the Egyptian Army) have a big review at the disgusting hour of 4:30 am.”
- 8 April Turf Club, Cairo, “The big parade came off all right. I was n the Sirdar’s staff and not in command of my . . . so had not to give any words of command in the new language.”
- 14 April Turf Club, Cairo, “I have got into my new home.” Also mentions being presented to the Khedive.
- 22 April Abbassieh, Cairo, “The last mail made a most extraordinary quick passage from England the letters which left London on Friday 13th arrived here on the afternoon of Wednesday the 18th, so you see it does not take long.” Also, it discusses his advances in learning Arabic and details of the week’s activities.
- 27 April Abbassieh, Cairo, “Next week I shall have a very busy time as I have to command one of the sides during the maneuvers.”
- 6 May Abbassieh, Cairo, written while on manoeuvres.
- 10 May Abbassieh, Cairo, about to leave for the frontier.
- 15 May Assuam, describing the voyage up the Nile.
- 20 May Halfa, comparing the place with what it was like in 1884.
- 8 June Cairo, finding conditions in Cairo preferable to those on the frontier.
- 10 June Cairo, written prior to leaving for Alexandria.
- 23 June Cairo, having been appointed to set exam papers for Egyptian Army officers.
- 24 June Cairo, various minor subjects mentioned.
- 1 July Abbassieh, Cairo, describing his sailing trip in Kitchener’s boat.
- 24 July Abbassieh, Cairo, nothing of substance, going to Alexandria for a few days.
- 30 July Hotel San Stefano, Alexandria, describing life in Alexandria, there is absolutely nothing to do.
- 6 Aug Cairo, having recovered from a touch of fever.

12 Aug Cairo, describing a ceremonial parade he had commanded. I had to command the escort to the Holy Casket from Albania when it arrives here from Suez by train to Mahamed Ali Square.

19 Aug Cairo, account of a recent field day.

23 Sep Cairo, about to leave for Ismailia to meet the 4 Dragoon Guards. Thanks very much but I have plenty of paper left.

15 Oct Cairo, shooting and sailing reports.

31 Oct Cairo, a brief note after his return from the frontier.

? A diary of his trip to the frontier with Kitchener, 19-31 Oct 1894.

2 Nov SS 'Rhamineh', on a voyage to Syria.

10 Nov Turf Club, Cairo, describing his horse-buying expedition to Syria, I was able to buy 35 horses.

19 Nov Suakin, describing the capture of pirates on the Nile, and a field day.

29 Nov Cairo, chiefly about his financial business.

2 Dec Cairo, a full diary account of his visit to Suakin with Kitchener.

9 Dec Cairo, expecting his Syrian horses to arrive at Alexandria that week.

16 Dec Letterhead of Grand Hotel Abbat, Alexandria, reporting upon his horse inspection.

24 Dec Turf Club, Cairo, saying that he was to dine with Kitchener on Christmas day.

1895

20 Jan Cairo, describing recent shooting expeditions.

17 Feb Turf Club, Cairo, describing his practical exam for the rank of Lt Colonel.

18 Feb Cairo, discussing possible leave arrangements.

24 Feb Cairo, reporting his luck in the recent horse show.

3 Mar Cairo, failure at polo, and the death of Ismael Pasha.

Not dated, describing Ismael Pasha's funeral.

17 Mar Cairo, the escape of Slatin Bey, and other matters briefly mentioned to his father.

24 Mar Abbassieh, Cairo, discussing forthcoming military events.

26 Mar Cairo, discussing his garden, polo, and parade.

30 Mar Cairo, enclosing a letter from Prince Esterhazy regarding a pony.

1 Apr Cairo, very busy with the forthcoming manoeuvres.

13 Apr Abbassieh, Cairo, detailing a recent quail shoot.

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| 21 Apr | Furah Camp, near Cairo, an account of the first day of manoeuvres. |
| 29 Apr | Cairo?, a post mortem on the manoeuvres. |
| 5 May | Cairo, announcing that he had passed his Lt Colonelcy exams. |
| 6 May | Turf Club, Cairo, writing during an exercise. |
| 12 May | Luxor, en route up the Nile. |
| 21 May | Halfa, a diary of his tour on the frontier. |
| ? | Port Boat Halfa-Cairo, on diary for the period 22 May-2 June, with May's temperature statistics. |
| 9 Jun | Turf Club, Cairo, final details before his departure on leave. |
| 17 Jun | Cairo, discussing his polo matches for the Egyptian officers. |
| 6 Dec | Abbassieh, Caaio, requesting the amount of dining out he had to do. |
| 29 Dec | Abbassieh, Cairo, reporting on his Christmas. |

1896

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| 9 Jan | Cairo, I have had a desperate week of full dress functions and they are not all over yet. |
| 14 Jan | Turf Club, Cairo, off on another horse-buying expedition. |
| 19 Jan | Hotel Barreul, Beyrouth, Syria, describing the horse-buying. |
| 28 Jan | Abbassieh, Cairo, recovering from the journey to Syria. |
| 16 Feb | Cairo, once more in the season of Ramadan. |
| 21 Feb | Cairo, shortly off to the frontier (Halfa) again. |
| 23 Feb tonight. | Between Girgeh and Arman(?), describing a crowded voyage up the Nile. We get to Luxor late |
| 9 Apr | Sarras, acting as staff officer to Col. Hunter and very busy. |

MAJ.-GEN. BURN-MURDOCH.

New York Times (1857-Current file); Jan 22, 1931; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times (1851 - 2001)
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MAJ.-GEN. BURN-MURDOCH.

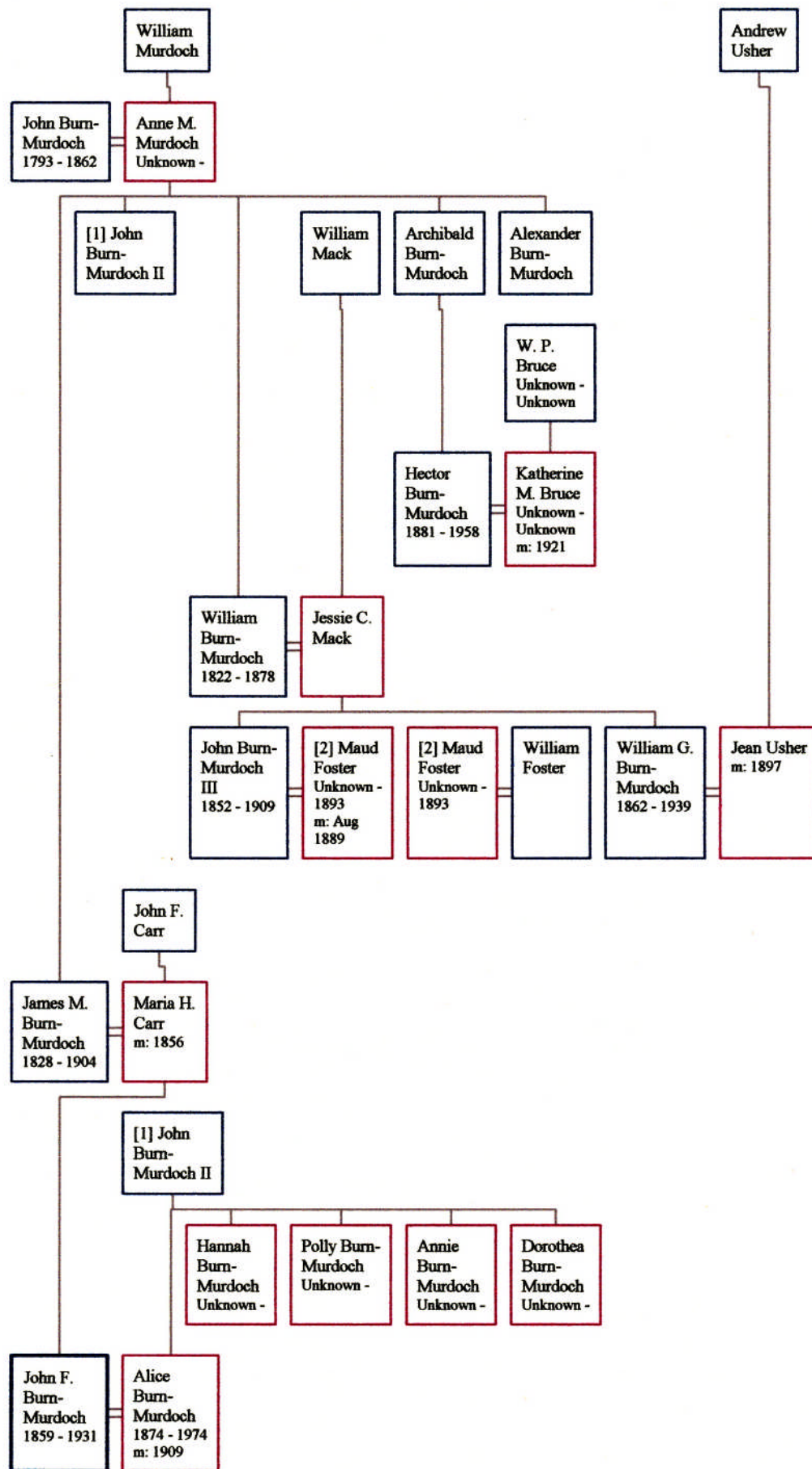
**British Army Leader Who Served in
Many Campaigns Dies at 71.**

LONDON, Jan. 21 (Canadian Press cable).—Major. Gen. Sir John Francis Burn-Murdoch, who had a long military career in Egypt, South Africa and in the great war, died today at the age of 71.

During most of his time in the army he was in the cavalry. He served in the Nile expedition of forty-five years ago; commanded the First Royal Dragoons in South Africa through the battles of Colenso, Spion Kop and Vaal Krantz; was Brigadier General in command of the First Cavalry Brigade in 1900-01 and was present at the relief of Ladysmith.

Major Gen. Burn Murdoch retired in 1912, but on the outbreak of the great war rejoined and did recruiting work. He took command of a mounted division in England in 1915 and held it for the remaining three years of the war.

All-in-One Tree of John Francis Burn-Murdoch



Descendants of William Murdoch

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ MURDOCH

Notes for WILLIAM MURDOCH:

William Murdoch was from Garlincaber county, Perthshire.

Child of WILLIAM MURDOCH is:

2. i. ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH, b. Unknown.

Generation No. 2

2. ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH (*WILLIAM¹*) was born Unknown. She married JOHN BURN-MURDOCH. He was born 1793, and died 1862.

Notes for JOHN BURN-MURDOCH:

John Burn-Murdoch was from Garlincaber County, Perth (Scotland).

Children of ANNE MURDOCH and JOHN BURN-MURDOCH are:

3. i. JOHN³ BURN-MURDOCH II.
4. ii. DR. WILLIAM BURN-MURDOCH, b. 1822; d. 1878.
5. iii. ARCHIBALD BURN-MURDOCH.
6. iv. JAMES MCGIBBON BURN-MURDOCH, b. November 28, 1828, Edinburgh, Scotland; d. March 23, 1904.
- v. ALEXANDER BURN-MURDOCH.

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN³ BURN-MURDOCH II (*ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH, WILLIAM¹*)

Children of JOHN BURN-MURDOCH II are:

- i. ALICE⁴ BURN-MURDOCH, b. 1874; d. September 2, 1974; m. JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH, 1909; b. March 26, 1859, Cambridge; d. January 21, 1931, Normanton on Soar.

More About ALICE BURN-MURDOCH:

Burial: St. James Parish Church, Normanton on Soar

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH:

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CBE Commander, The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 1919

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The Burn-Murdoch Family

Egyptian Cavalry in the action at Akasheh, 1 May; commanded the Desert Column at battle of Firket, 7 June, and the mounted troops in the pursuit which followed; also at the capture of Suada; the engagement at Haffir and at the capture of Dongola (despatches, Brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel, Khedive medal with two clasps); commanded 1st Royal Dragoons, South Africa, 1899-1901, including battles of Colenso, Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz; Brigadier-General in command of 1st Cavalry Brigade, 1900-1901; present relief of Ladysmith, etc. (despatches six times, Queen's medal 5 clasps, King's medal 2 clasps, C.B.); Brevet-Colonel, 1902; Brigadier-General on Staff, commanded Newcastle (Natal) Sub-district South Africa, 1901-1902; Brigadier-General commanding Standerton District, and Inspector of Cavalry Regiments in Transvaal Colony; command of 1st Royal Dragoons, 1898-1902; commanding troops at Standardton, 1902-1904; at Potchefstroom, , 1904-1906; Brigade Commander Eastern Mounted Brigade, 1908-1912; retired 1912; employed recruiting, Sep. 1914; Commandant Remount Depot, December 1914; Commander Notts and Derby Mounted Brigade, 1915; a Mounted Division, 1915-1918; Temporary Major-General, 1916 (despatches); Staff Officer Volunteer Services, Northern Command, 1918-1919; D. L. Nottinghamshire. Address: The Manor House, Normanton-on-Soar, Loughborough. (Died 21 January 1931)

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More About JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH:
Burial: St. James Parish Church, Normanton on Soar
Occupation: Soldier

- ii. HANNAH BURN-MURDOCH, b. Unknown.
- iii. POLLY BURN-MURDOCH, b. Unknown.
- iv. ANNIE BURN-MURDOCH, b. Unknown.
- v. DOROTHEA BURN-MURDOCH, b. Unknown.

4. DR. WILLIAM³ BURN-MURDOCH (*ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH, WILLIAM¹*) was born 1822, and died 1878. He married JESSIE CECILIA MACK, daughter of WILLIAM MACK.

More About DR. WILLIAM BURN-MURDOCH:
Degree: M. D.

Children of WILLIAM BURN-MURDOCH and JESSIE MACK are:

- i. JOHN⁴ BURN-MURDOCH III, b. June 17, 1852, Edinburgh, Scotland; d. January 30, 1909, Bridge of Leith Cottage, Doune, Perthshire; m. MAUD FOSTER, August 1889; b. Unknown; d. 1893.

Notes for JOHN BURN-MURDOCH III:

Educated at Edinburgh Academy, at Nice for a year, and afterwards in London, B-M entered the royal engineers at Woolwich on May 2, 1872. He served in the Afghan war of 1878-1880, and was present in the engagement of Charasiab on 6 Oct. 1879 and in the operations around Kabul in December 1879, including the storming of the Asmai Heights, when he was severely wounded while employed in blowing up one of the Afghan forts. He was mentioned in dispatches, 4 May 1880, and received the medal with two clasps.

B-M took part in the Egyptian War of 1882 with the contingent from India. He was present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, and then pushed on to Zagazig, and took a foremost part in seizing the railway there. He was mentioned in dispatches and received the medal with clasp, fifth class of the Medjidieh, and Khedive's star.

He was promoted to captain on 2 May 1884, to major on 6 August 1891, and Lieutenant-Colonel on 1 March 1900. He served in various capacities in India on the state railways. He retired on an Indian pension on May 28, 1900.

More About JOHN BURN-MURDOCH III:
Burial: Old Kilmadoch burial ground.

Notes for MAUD FOSTER:

Maud Foster (maiden name unknown) had three sons and a daughter by her first husband, William Foster

- ii. WILLIAM G. BURN-MURDOCH, b. 1862; d. July 19, 1939, ?; m. JEAN USHER, 1897.

Notes for WILLIAM G. BURN-MURDOCH:

William G. Burn-Murdoch, J.P. Berwickshire; K.B.G.S.; R.C.A.; artist; writer; b. 1862; 2nd son of Wm. Burn-Murdoch and Jessie Cecilia Mack; m. 1897, Jean, eldest daughter of Andrew Usher of Johnstowburn; no children. Educations: Oliphants, Collegiate School and University, Edinburgh; Antwerp Art College; Paris, Artist, painter, sculptor, writer; exhibited London Academy. Publications: From Edinburgh to the Antarctic (1892-1893); From Edinburgh to India and Burmah; Modern Whaling and Polar Bear Hunting; A Decorative Procession of Scottish History; Arms and Costumes and Descriptive Booklet; various serial articles on pisciculture, etc. Recreations: fishing, shooting, whaling, fencing, and piping. Address: Arthur Lodge, 60 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh. T.: 41426; Coldingham 10. Clubs: Caledonian United Service, New Edinburgh.

(Died 19 July 1939)

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5. ARCHIBALD³ BURN-MURDOCH (*ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH, WILLIAM¹*)

Child of ARCHIBALD BURN-MURDOCH is:

- i. HECTOR⁴ BURN-MURDOCH, b. March 30, 1881, ?; d. April 20, 1958, ?; m. KATHERINE MARY BRUCE, 1921; b. Unknown, ?; d. Unknown, ?.

Notes for HECTOR BURN-MURDOCH:

Hector Burn-Murdoch, LL.D.; Major, late Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; son of late Archibald Burn-Murdoch, W.S., and grandson of late John Burn-Murdoch, D.L., of Gartincaber, Perthshire; born 30 March 1881; married 1921, daughter of late W. P. Bruce, Braeburn, Currie, Midlothian and Dungallan, Oban; one son and four daughters. Educated: Trinity College, Cambridge. B.A., LL.B., 1903; LL.D. Cantab., 1934; LL.B. Edinburgh, 1905; Advocate at Scottish Bar, 1905; Barrister-at-law, Inner Temple, 1907 (Special Prizeman and certificate of honour); Lecturer in English Law at University of Edinburgh, 1912-1914 and 1919-1922; served European War, 1914-1918; Advocate-Depute in Sheriff Court, 1923; Extra Advocate-Depute, 1924; Advocate-depute 1926; Sheriff-Substitute of Berwickshire, 1927; Sheriff-Substitute of Stirling, Dumbarton and Clackmannan at Stirling 1940-1947; retired 1947. Lay Reader, Edinburgh Diocese, 1931; Chancellor, diocese of Brechin, 1938. Publications: Notes on English Law as differing from Scots Law, 1924; Interdict in the Law of Scotland, 1933; Presbytery and Apostolic Succession, 1939; Church, Continuity and Unity, 1945; The Development of the Papacy, 1954. Recreations: formerly golf, fishing; now reading and writing. Address: 17 Barnshot Road, Colinton, Edinburgh 13. Telephone: Colinton 88305. (Died 20 April 1958)

Adapted from WHO WAS WHO, 1951-1960, p. 159.

6. JAMES MCGIBBON³ BURN-MURDOCH (*ANNE MAULE² MURDOCH, WILLIAM¹*) was born November 28, 1828 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and died March 23, 1904. He married MARIA HANNAH CARR 1856, daughter of JOHN F. CARR.

Notes for JAMES MCGIBBON BURN-MURDOCH:

Rev. Canon James McGibbon Burn-Murdoch, M.A.: of Greenyards, Stirlingshire, and New Lodge, Barnsley, Yorkshire; Vicar of Riverhead and Dunton Green, near Sevenoaks, Kent; Rural Dean of Shoreham; Surrogate; Hon. Canon of Canterbury from 1898; born Edinburgh, 28 November 1828; 4th son of the late John Burn-Murdoch, Gartincaber, Perthshire, JP, DL, and Anne Maule, o c of William Murdoch, Gartincaber, Perthshire; married 1856, Maria Hannah, daughter and co-heiress of John F. Carr, Carr Lodge, Yorkshire, JP, DL. Education: Edinburgh Academy; University; Downing College, Cambridge, MA. Entered Army as Cornet 3rd Hussars; transferred to 10th Hussars, in which served in India and Crimea (medal and Sebastopol clasp, Turkish medal); transferred to 6th Dragoon Guards; retired, 1856; ordained Deacon, 1861; Priest, 1862; became incumbent of Riverhead, 1863; also by dispensation, Vicar of Dunton Green, 1890. Address:

The Burn-Murdoch Family

Riverhead Vicarage, Sevenoaks; Inverbraan, Dunkeld. Clubs: Junior United Service; New, Edinburgh.

Died 23 March 1904

Adapted from WHO WAS WHO, 1897-1915, page 75

Child of JAMES BURN-MURDOCH and MARIA CARR is:

- i. JOHN FRANCIS⁴ BURN-MURDOCH, b. March 26, 1859, Cambridge; d. January 21, 1931, Normanton on Soar; m. ALICE BURN-MURDOCH, 1909; b. 1874; d. September 2, 1974.

Notes for JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH:

Major-General Sir John Francis BURN-MURDOCH, K.C.V.O.; C.B.; C.M.G.; C.B.E.

KCVO Knight Commander, The Royal Victorian Order, 1925

CB Companion, The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, 1900

CMG Companion, The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, 1918

CBE Commander, The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 1919

Colonel Royal Dragoons, 1919-1931; born, Cambridge, 26 March 1859; eldest son of late Rev. Canon Burn-Murdoch; married 1909, Alice, youngest daughter of late John Burn-Murdoch of Gartencaber, Perthshire. Education: Eton. Joined Royal Dragoons, 1878; served Nile Expedition, 1884-1885; action of Abu Klea; commanded detachment of Camel Corps at El Gubat (medal, two clasps, Khedive star); Adjutant, Royal Dragoons, 1886-1888; passed through Staff College, 1889; Brigade-Major of Cavalry Horse Guards, 1890-91; Brigade-Major Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, 1891-1894; commanded the Egyptian Cavalry, 1894-1895; 4th class Osmanieh; served in the Dongola Expedition under Sir Herbert Kitchener, 1896; commander the Egyptian Cavalry in the action at Akasheh, 1 May; commanded the Desert Column at battle of Firket, 7 June, and the mounted troops in the pursuit which followed; also at the capture of Suada; the engagement at Haffir and at the capture of Dongola (despatches, Brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel, Khedive medal with two clasps); commanded 1st Royal Dragoons, South Africa, 1899-1901, including battles of Colenso, Spion Kop, Vaal Krantz; Brigadier-General in command of 1st Cavalry Brigade, 1900-1901; present relief of Ladysmith, etc. (despatches six times, Queen's medal 5 clasps, King's medal 2 clasps, C.B.); Brevet-Colonel, 1902; Brigadier-General on Staff, commanded Newcastle (Natal) Sub-district South Africa, 1901-1902; Brigadier-General commanding Standerton District, and Inspector of Cavalry Regiments in Transvaal Colony; command of 1st Royal Dragoons, 1898-1902; commanding troops at Standardton, 1902-1904; at Potchefstroom, , 1904-1906; Brigade Commander Eastern Mounted Brigade, 1908-1912; retired 1912; employed recruiting, Sep. 1914; Commandant Remount Depot, December 1914; Commander Notts and Derby Mounted Brigade, 1915; a Mounted Division, 1915-1918; Temporary Major-General, 1916 (despatches); Staff Officer Volunteer Services, Northern Command, 1918-1919; D. L. Nottinghamshire. Address: The Manor House, Normanton-on-Soar, Loughborough. (Died 21 January 1931)

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More About JOHN FRANCIS BURN-MURDOCH:

Burial: St. James Parish Church, Normanton on Soar

Occupation: Soldier

More About ALICE BURN-MURDOCH:

Burial: St. James Parish Church, Normanton on Soar

John Francis Burn-Murdoch

K.C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E.

Born: March 26, 1859

Died: January 21, 1931

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* Archive is located at the National Army Museum, Reference: 7708/44, 8605/26, NRA23377 Burn-Murdoch.

File 1. The Nile Expedition to relieve General Gordon at Khartoum, 1884-5.

a. Postal History. (RSW = 1, 2 and 3)

1. **15 Oct 1884** Caire. Alexandrie 15 Oct. Arr. Sevenoaks 21 Oct. From Sheldon Amos, Judicial Advisor to Egypt, to Mrs Burn-Murdoch. Had visited J.F.B-M. at Pyramids.
2. **24 Oct 1884** Esneh. Assouan 25 Oct, Alexandrie 28 Oct. Arr. Sevenoaks 3 Nov. From J.F.B-M. to his Mother. Writing on S.S. Masr a rough diary of events from Keneh to Esneh.
3. **24 Feb 1885** Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 2 Mar. From Sheldon Amos to Mrs Burn-Murdoch. In favour of occupying strongly & indefinitely all the country between Suakim & Khartoum, the Nile & the Red Sea..

b. Transcript made by Mrs. Burn-Murdoch (Mother) of J.F.B-M's. rough diary notes.

This is a leather bound book of some 150 pages, dearly written and with a number of loose sketches all drawn during the Expedition by J.F.B-M.

C Description of Campaign by J.F.B-M. for the Royal Dragoons.

1. 16 Mar 1910 Muttra Cantonment, U.P., India. From Col. Makins, requesting an article for the magazine Eagle.
2. Typescript of article in 28 pages.

File 2. The Dongda Expedition, 1894-6.

a. Unenclosed letters.

i) Re: the appointment of John Francis Burn-Murdoch to command the Egyptian Cavalry.

1. 6 Nov 1893. Kitchener to J.F.B-M. offering him the position at £720 a year, and rather nice quarters.
2. 14 Nov 1893. J.F.B-M. to Sir Redvers Buller, Cavalry Brigade, Aldershot, asking: 'Should I accept?'
3. 15 Nov 1893. Sir Evelyn Wood, War Office to J.F.B-M. advising acceptance: Better for your career.
4. 16 Nov 1893. Fraser, Adj. General to J.F.B-M. glad to hear of the offer.
5. 16 Nov 1893. N.T.?, Dublin: 'My mind is quite clear on the propriety of your accepting. Wish you success.'

6. 20 Nov 1893. His Mother: 'We would not wish to keep you here. May God watch over you.
7. Nov 1893. J.F.B-M. to Kitchener: a conditional acceptance (copy.)
8. 24 Nov 1893. N.T., Royal Dragoons Barracks, Dublin: 'You have done right in saying 'yes' to Kitchener.
9. 30 Nov 1893. Kitchener to J.F.B-M. 'Very glad you can come.'
10. 10 Dec 1893. J.F.B-M. (to Kitchener.) 'My dear General, let me know when your camp commences.

11. 21 Dec 1893. Broadwood, War Office, Cairo welcoming J.F.B-M. & providing some information.
12. 26 Dec 1893. Rundie, Adj. Gen., Cairo to J.F.B-M. letter enclosing Terms of Contract. (missing)
13. 14 Jan 1894. Broadwood, Cairo providing more information on the Command & what to bring.
14. 18 Jan 1894. As 14 Jan.
15. 22 Jan 1894. As 14 Jan.

16. 28 Jan 1894. As 14 Jan.

ii) Letters sent to one or other Parent by J.F.B-M. from the Dongda Expedition.

1. 17 Apr, Sarras. I now command 5 Squadrons & 3 more are coming.
2. 22 Apr, Sarras. To go to Akasha (sic) with the Sirdar.
3. 28 Apr, Sarras. Sirdar has just arrived to inspect communications.
4. 3 May, Fangur. On way back to Sarras with the Sirdar. Describes Akasheh incident
5. 6 May, Sarras. Sirdar delays promoting him until he has met the enemy.

6. 16 May, Ambigele. The Akasheh action has kept the Dervishes quiet for two weeks.
7. 21 May, Ambikol. Railway getting on well. There are 10 reporters at (Wady) Halfa, writing about heat.
8. 28 May, Melik-en-Auer?. Temperature never 100° in my tent.
9. 17 Jun, Suada. Refer to Sir E.W. (Evelyn Wood) letter. Sirdar has most kindly promoted me.
10. 1 Jul, Suada. Temperature at Akasheh rose up to 119° in my tent.

11. 2 Jul, Suada. Name my new foal "Baggara."
12. 24 Jul, Sarras. Ambigele became unhealthy. Thanks for cake from Buzzards.
13. 26 Jul, Sarras. 2nd cake arrived, but the chocolate is useless: it melts.
14. 18 Aug, Sarras. Start off today to Sakamatta. Steamers not up yet. No more cholera, no enteric.

File 2. The Dongola Expedition, 1894-6. (RSW = bold numbers)

b. Postal history items from the Expedition.

- 1 30 Mar 1894 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 7 Apr. **Stamp cut off**. No letter.
- 2 23 Sep 1894 Demerdache. Caire 23 Sep. Arr Dunkeld 2 Oct. To Inverbraan. No letter.
- 3 30 Sep 1894 Caire. Arr Sevenoaks 8 Oct. No letter.
- 4 8 Oct 1894 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 15 Oct. VR **Officially Sealed Label**. No letter.
- 5 15 Oct 1894 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 22 Oct. **Stamp cut off**. No letter.
- 6 19 Oct 1894 Demerdache. Caire 19 Oct. Arr. Sevenoaks 27 Oct JJ:B-M to the Rev. J.M.B-M. End copy of Cairo District Orders. [not included with covers].
- 7 1 Nov 1894 Demerdache. Caire 1 Nov. Arr Sevenoaks 10 Nov. No letter.
- 8 3 Nov 1894 Port Said. Alexandrie 3 Nov. Arr Sevenoaks 10 Nov. No letter.
- 9 10 Dec 1894 Demerdache. Caire 10 Dec. Arr. Sevenoaks 17 Dec. No letter.
- 10 24 Feb 1895 Demerdache. Caire 24 Feb. Arr. Sevenoaks 4 Mar. **Stamp removed**. No letter.
- 11 3 Mar 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 11 Mar. No letter.
- 12 11 Mar 1895 Demerdache. Caire 11 Mar. Arr. Sevenoaks 18 Mar. **Stamp cut off**. No letter.
- 13 16 Mar 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 25 Mar. **Stamp cut off**. No letter.
- 14 24 Mar 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 1 Apr. No letter.
- 15 30 Mar 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 8 Apr. No letter.
- 16 1 Apr 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 8 Apr. Envelope monogrammed 'TC' (Cairo Turf Club.) No letter.
- 17 7 Apr 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 15 Apr. No letter.
- 18 14 Apr 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 22 Apr. **Stamp cut off**. No letter.
- 19 21 Apr 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 29 Apr. No letter.
- 20 29 Apr 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 6 May. No letter.
- 21 5 May 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 13 May. No letter.
- 22 10 May 1895 Demerdache. Caire 10 May. Arr. Sevenoaks 18 May. No letter.
- 23 16 May 1895 Assouan. Alexandrie 19 May. Arr. Sevenoaks 27 May. No letter.
- 24 2 Jun 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 10 Jun. No letter.
- 25 9 Jun 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 17 Jun. Envelope monogrammed 'TC' (Cairo Turf Club). No letter.
- 26 16 Jun 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 24 Jun. No letter.
- 27 23 Jun 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 1 Jul. No letter.
- 28 29 Jun 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 6 Jul. No letter.
- 29 4 Jul 1895 Cairo, **no stamp affixed at dep. 1d Lilac w. London 11 Jul, T, FB, 4d**. No letter.
- 30 20 Jul 1895 Demerdache. Caire 20 Jul. Arr. Sevenoaks 29 Jul. No letter.
31. 29 Nov 1895 Abassia, Caire 29 Nov Arr. Sevenoaks 5 Dec. No Letter
32. 6 Dec 1895 Caire. Arr. Sevenoaks 13 Dec. No letter.
33. 9 Jan 1896 Abbassia, Caire. Caire 9 Jan. Arr. Sevenoaks 16 Jan. No letter.
34. 16 Feb 1896 Caire. Paris 27 Feb. (Red). Arr. Hyeres, Var 28 Feb. No letter.
35. 21 Feb 1896 Caire. Paris 27 Feb. (Blue). Arr. Hyeres, Var 28 Feb. No letter.
- 36 16 Mar 1896 Cuerga. Caire 17 Mar. Arr. Sevenoaks 25 Mar. No letter.
- 37 18 Mar 1896 Esneh. J.F.B-M. No letter.
- 38 19 Mar 1896 Assouan. To Hyeres, Franc. No letter.
- 39 25 Mar 1896 Challal Wadi Halfa. To Hyères, France. No letter.
- 40 10 Apr 1896 Wadi Halfa. Alexandrie 17 Apr. Arr. Sevenoaks 23 Apr. With Letter.

b. Postal History from the Expedition. (Concluded.)

- 41 10 May 1896 Assouan. Arr. Sevenoaks 21 May. Letter headed: H.Q. Dongola Exp. Force, Halfa 8 May.
42 May 1896. Endorsed by J.F.B-M. On Active Service No Stamps Available. Cairo 15 May. Arr. Sevenoaks
22 May. 2 1/2 d, FB, T. No letter.
43. May 1896 (Sarras). Endorsed by J.F.B-M. O.A.Service &c Cairo 24 May. Arr. Sevenoaks Jun 1. No letter.
44 3 Jun 1896 Akasheh. Endorsed by J.F.B-M. O.A.Service &c. 5d, FBB, T. Wadi Halfa Camp 7 Jun. Caire 14 Jun.
Arr. Sevenoaks 22 Jun. Endorsed by J.F.B-M. No letter.
- 45 11 Jun 1896 Hamadas Suada. Endorsed by J.F.B-M. O.A.Service &c. Wadi Halfa Camp 16 Jun. Arr. Sevenoaks
1 Jul. 2 1/2d. FB, T. Entire. To the Rev. J.M.B-M.
- 46 11 Jun 1896 Suada. Wady Halfa Camp 21 Jun. Caire 30 Jun. Arr. Sevenoaks 7 Jul. Endorsed by J.F.B-M
O.A.Service no stamps &c. 5d., FBA, T. No letter.
- 47 14 June 1896 Suada. Wady Halfa Camp 20 Jun. Assouan 22 Jun. Alexandrie 26 Jun. Arr. Sevenoaks 2 Jul.
Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2~d FB, T. Entire. To the Rev. J.M.B-M.
- 48 29 Jun 1896 Suada. Wady Halfa 4 Jul. Caire 12 Jul. Arr. Sevenoaks 20 Jul. Army Form Env. C.398. Endorsed
O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2~d, T. To Rev. J.M.B-M.
- 49 8 Jul 1896 Suada. Wady Halfa Camp 11 Jul. Arr. Sevenoaks 28 Jul. Id, FBC, T. Endorsed O.A.Service no
stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 1d. FB C-Letter included.
- 50 13 Jul 1896 Ambigole. Wady Halfa 15 Jul. Arr. Sevenoaks 28 Jul. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-
M. 2 1/2d, FBD, T. Letter included.
- 51 16 Jul 1896 Ambigole. Wady Halfa Camp 18 Jul, Caire 24 Jul. Arr. Sevenoaks 31 Jul. Endorsed O.A.Service no
stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2 1/2d. FB, T. Copy of letter included.
- 52 30 Jul 1896 Sarras. Wady Halfa Camp 1 Aug, Challal Wady Halfa. 1 Aug, Assouan 3 Aug, Alexandrie 7 Aug.
Arr. Sevenoaks 14 Aug. Endorsed O.A~Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2 1/2d, FBB, T. Letter included. 53 6
Aug 1896 Sarras. Wady Halfa 10 Aug. Arr. Dunkel B 27 Aug. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M.
5d, FB, T. Letter included.
- 54 11 Aug 1896 Sarras. Wady Halfa Camp 12 Aug. Arr. Dunkeld 27 Aug. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by
J.F..B-M. 2 1/2d, FB, T. Letter included.
- 55 13 Aug 1896 Sarras. Wady Halfa Camp 14 Aug, Caire 21 Aug Sevenoaks 27 Aug, redirected, London 27
Aug. Arr. Dunkeld 29 Aug. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 5d, FBC, T. Letter included.
- 56 26 Aug 1896 Sakamatto. Wady Halfa Camp 30 Aug, Caire 4 Sep, London 10 Sep. Sevenoaks 10 Sep,
Riverhead 11 Sep, Sevenoaks 11 Sep. Arr. Dunkeld 13 Sep. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 5d,
FB, T. Boxed 'Charge not paid'. Letter included. To Inverbraan, N.B.
- 57 3 Sep 1896 Okhmeh. Wady Halfa Camp 8 Sep. Arr. Dunkeld 22 Sep. Endorsed O.A.Service no stamps &c
by JPB-M. IB 5d, T. Letter included. To Inverbraan, N.B.
- 58 9 Sep 1896 Kosheh. Wady Halfa Camp 12 Sep, Caire 18 Sep. Arr. Dunkeld 25 Sep. Endorsed O.A.Service no
stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2 1/2d, FB, T. Letter included. To Inverbraan, N.B.
- 59 16 Sep 1896 Fereig. Wady Halfa Camp 21 Sep, Dunkeld 5 Oct, redirected to arr. Sevenoaks 6 Oct. Endorsed
O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2 1/2d, FB, T. Letter included.
- 60 25 Sep 1896 Dongola. Wady Halfa Camp 8 Oct, Caire 13 Oct. Arr. Sevenoaks 21 Oct. Endorsed
O.A.Service no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 5d, FB, T. Letter included.
- 61 30 Sep 1896 Dongola. Wady Halfa Camp 8 Oct, Caire 13 Oct. Arr. Sevenoaks 21 Oct. Endorsed
O.A.Service, no stamps &c by J.F.B-M. 2 1/2d, FB, T. Letter included.
- 62 21 Oct 1896 Cairo. 4 x 5m stamps. Letter included.
Undated Post Office Cover. "Letter rec'd open at Sevenoaks."

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b. Postal history items from the Expedition.

Description of letter contents.

1-5 No letters.

6. Cairo District Orders. 17th Oct 1894.

The Review by the G.O.C Sir Fred. Walker was satisfactory. He especially noted the great improvement in the Cavalry. The Sirdar hopes these remarks will make all strive with renewed energy for greater efficiency. (Not included with cover).

7-39 No letters

40. Sarras. This will be dry & uninteresting. Shall be here for at least 8 Days as Hunter will not be back till then. I have a comfortable tent here. On the march we sleep out, not much hardship in this climate, but one wants shade in the daytime. The Tennants might like to see my diary when it becomes more interesting. Have written to Beatrice, wish I could be at the Wedding. (Not included with cover).

41. Halfa. (On official H.Q., Dongola Expeditionary Force paper.) I was sent up here from Sarras & came in here yesterday. I found there was so much to do that I could not get away by the morning train so shall remain till tomorrow. 69 young horses have just arrived here for me. They are a nice lot on the whole, much better than I ever expected to get. Benson has turned up here, to be attached to the Intelligence Dept, & be finally with the gun-boats being built- I hear the reporters who are kept here & not allowed to go up to the front have sent home some wonderful pictures & accounts of my fight the other day. You may put them down as all lies. None of them were there & we were a little too busy to make pictures. Young Fincastle, my galloper, is the Son of Ld. Dunmore. Nice young fellow & did most excellently the other day. The post boat has just arrived. I shall get my letters early tomorrow morning when I get back to Sarras. None of my diary of course must be published in any paper, but I do not mind friends seeing it. (Not included with cover).

45. Hammada's House, Suada. (On a Webster's Express Tablet.) My dear Papa, I sent off my diary yesterday. I do not know what view may be taken of our work here at home. They made me a Miralai on the Field but that does me no good though it was a great compliment & kind of the Sirdar. Could you see Sir Evelyn Wood privately. A Brevet now would help me a lot in view of further operations. My men did splendidly and I have the greatest confidence in them. They will charge home and are only too keen to go. I have written today to Charlie Tennant to ask him to interest Sir W. Marriott in my favour, his Father in Law's interest with Lord Huntingdon would help, I am sure and I know Lord Wolseley & Sir Redvers Butler would help me if they could. This is the best place I have been in for some time. I have now made it safe and I am most comfortable. I am at present in command of 2 Squadrons, 2 Batteries 2 Battalions and only wish they would come on to attack me but I fear the nearest sound Dervish is 40 miles off.

47. Suada 14.6.96 My dear Papa Just a line to say the [that] Mr. Gwynne, Reuters Agent, has been good enough to say that he will arrange to have all the Reuters telegrams sent to you free. All well here. Am very fit. Yr. Affec. Son, Frank

48. Suada. (Army form C398). Just a line to tell you that all goes well here. It is now somewhat dull. We are bound to wait now till the Nile rises and very slowly it seems to be coming up. I got your letter yesterday, written in London after you had seen the Times of Tuesday the 9th. I should like my allowance put into the Bank of Scotland. There is some money which must be paid to the Humber Cycle Company before the 1st of October to make up some allotment when the shares were redistributed. Would you pay this for me? I think you had the

File 2. The Dongda Expedition, 1894-6.

b. Postal history items from the Expedition. Letter contents (continued).

papers about it, at any rate I have nothing here. Thanks for taking up for me the share in the Orient Co. I received 6 numbers of Pearsons Magazine full of teaching. Thanks, I want books badly. I have never yet heard if Bourne has got a foal or not. I fear now it cannot be the case. No news here of an autumn British Campaign. I got the Globe you sent. It is probable that Greatrex has been sent back but not as 2nd in Command.

49. Suarda. Just a line to catch the Mail to tell you that I am all right & fit & well. I leave this early tomorrow morning. Benson is better but not yet fit enough to move. It is only a simple go of fever. I shall go through to Kosheh where the Hd. Quarters are in one day and next day probably on to Okhmeh. I enclose ten pages diary.

50. Ambigol. Just a line to say that I arrived here all right yesterday after a very nice journey though it was a little lonely. I had a nice quiet day at the Hd. Quarter Camp on the way. I found 5 squadrons here all well also Horse Artillery & Camel Corps. They however are not staying here but are going on to Sarras. I have had more of this place than any other. The things you sent by McMahon arrived all right. The cake from Buzzards has not yet come. Post is the only way to send things.

51. Copy letter to his Mother. Ambigol. I hope the above diary will reach you all right. I am very fit and well as are all the British Officers here. I had a letter from Beatrice yesterday, also one from Maggie Parker asking me to be Godfather to her boy which of course I shall be glad to do. Would you ask the Governor to put £10 of my money in the Post Office Savings Bank in his name, which will accumulate for him. I have just written to Minnie to wish her many happy returns of the day. It ought to arrive on or about her birthday. I remain, Yr. Affec. Son, Frank

52. Sarras. Here I am still at Sarras and very much tired of it but fit & well. I sha'nt send you the diary this week as there is absolutely nothing in it. Each day is the same as the last and no chance of a move. For some weeks none of the Steamers have passed this. Yet for some time we must sit still. I have a good double fly tent in a nice airy position as they go in this country. The thermometer rarely goes up in it above 110° which is less than we had in May. McMahon is with me all well as are also Broadwood, Legge Peyton, Persse & a Vety. Surgeon named Smith.

We have lost some men by Cholera but I hope have got to the end of it now. We have several cases recovering and the last cases have been light, which is a very good sign. As the Nile rises we hope that it will disappear.

Please tell the Governor that I think that there is nothing to be done re promotion; unless recommended from here nothing can be done - and I fancy no despatch has as yet been sent in by the Sirdar. All will come right in the end. The filly should be called 'Baggarieh' which is the feminine of Baggara. I hope that she is growing and that she has plenty of bone, which means that I hope that her legs are not too pretty & thin.

I am so glad to hear that Uncle Archie is to go to Browsholme for the 12th. I do hope that they will have good sport-

53. Sarras. The writing paper has arrived just when wanted. Please send me six 6 thin under vests not more. They only block up my kit and I can't carry them and indeed shall have to send a lot of things to Halfa when we move. The weather is a bit cooler again now but not quite what one would select. I am however perfectly well as we all are now.

The 3rd cake arrived all right. I REMAIN, Yr affec. Son, Frank

54. Sarras. I am particularly glad that you did not write to the "Times". Nothing is further from my views. They probably have my official report at the W. Office. There is no use mincing matters. One squadron did not behave as it should have done but the situation was saved by the other two.

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b. Postal history items from the Expedition. Letter contents (continued).

The military rank of "Miralai" does not carry with it the civilian title of Pasha. What difference it makes either way I do not see. The weather is still nasty here but we have had no more cholera.

We have never had a fight with the Dervishes yet which has not been reported to the Khalifa as a victory for them. Wingate's history of the Squadron shows this very dearly. For this reason the Khalifa always employs his own postmen who give him the true news whatever the letters he carries may say. I don't expect to move on for some little time yet. We are all very well here.

55. Sarras. 13.8.96 Though you will probably be in Scotland when this letter arrives yet I think I had better write to Riverhead as it is safer. We have had no cholera now for nearly two weeks so may be said to be clear of it. On the whole we have got through it very well. Beatrice's photograph arrived yesterday. It is very good. On looking at it I find I must cut off the cardboard edges as I have only two camels to carry my kit- I am sending you two very dull sheets of diary. With much love, yr. affec. son, Frank
Two books "The Chaplain of the Fleet" & "By Order of the Czar" arrived, for which many thanks ..

56. Sakamatto. 26.8.96 Here we are blocked again because they can't get forage up. But this time it is more trying because other troops have gone on. I do hope we shall get a chance. Last night we had a desperate gale which made us most uncomfortable for the time but did no real harm.

My servants did excellently well & none of the horses broke away, but everything is damp & horrid today. We are all of us very fit and well in spite of it all.

Would you ask the Governor to pay Gasking's bill which has blown away in the gale & also an allotment due to Humber Co. before October. I enclose some diary. With much love, I remain, yr. affec. son, Frank

57. Okhmeh. After many troubles & much delay things look a little better. The weather has improved and the wind is in the right direction. Our spirits are up accordingly. I enclose some more very dull diary. I hope that you are all having a good time at Inverbraan. With much love, Yr affec son, FRANK Okhmeh 3/9/96

58. Kosheh. I am off tomorrow for the South, so I am sending you what there is of the diary before I start.

The Railway is now working all right again and there is no reason why the general advance should not begin in a day or two. The new steamer is nearly finished. A couple or three days ought to put it to rights.

The weather now for the last four days has been perfect with nice cool nights, so we have been able to do better in the sleeping way and in consequence we are all very well. I fear that I shall miss the next mail.

59. Fereig. (Written on back of Telegraph Form.) Just a line to keep you going as I may not be able to write for some time. We have an enormous army here and more in a few days. I yesterday did a long patrol across the bend of the River to a place called Shetab-el-Meyer, South of Sadek. I met a few Dervishes. One of my patrols met nine & accounted for six. I was never better in my life.
Your letter of 27th Augt. received.

60. Dongola. I am sending you my diary which contains a very hurried and inadequate account of the last few days. They have been full of incidents and most interesting.

We are now in a nice camp & my tent has just arrived so we are all right. I suppose that before very long I shall be on my way home, but I have much to do & to arrange before I can get away. I am very fit and well.

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b. Postal history items from the Expedition. Letter contents (continued).

61. Dongola. I fear that my account of the latter part of the Campaign has been very vague indeed, but I can't help it. We have had a desperately dull time in the last week. I hope that things will be arranged before long and that I shall be able to start for Cairo. Am very well. Please send the cheque to Cox.

62. Cairo. As you will have heard from the wire which I sent yesterday I arrived here very fit and well yesterday morning.

It seems now that I am back in my home here as if I have only been away a week. Martin has looked after everything in a most excellent manner. I am going down to the War Office this morning to find out what my orders are. I expect to have to go home soon but I do not want to start for some little time. There is much to be done and arranged here and I do not wish to leave things in anything but good working order. I have also to sell my household goods and my horses which have not as yet arrived from Dongola. I hope they will be in tomorrow or the next day at the latest.

I fear that I have missed many letters as they have been sent up to Dongola and missed me on the way. With very much love I remain your affec- Son,

Frank.

Diary closed.

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c. Original Diary Notes

1. 14 Mar 1896 at Cairo, to 2 Jun at Akasheh. Pages 1-86.
2. 1 Jul 1896 at Suarda, to 16 Jul at Ambikol. Pages 125-136.
3. 16 Jul 1896 at Ambikol, to 6 Aug at Sarfas. Sheets 1-5.
4. 13 Aug 1896 at Sarfas, to 20 Oct at Cairo. Pages 1-30.

d. Diary manuscript transcribed by J.F.B-M.

1. 14 Mar 1896 at Cairo, to 1 May at Akasheh. Pages 1-22.
2. 7 May 1896 at Wady Halfa, to 30 Jun at Suada. Pages 2-3-52.
3. 1 Jul 1896 at Suada, to 9 Sep at Kosheh. Pages 53-74.
4. 9 Sep 1896 at Kosheh, to 30 Sep at Dongola. Pages 75-93.

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f. The action at Akasheh.

1. Orders & Congratulations.

- a. 1 May 1896. Order from H. A. Macdonald, Commanding Akasheh. Hand written in pen.
"About 60 or 70 Camel men are reported seen in Firkeh Khor. The Sirdar directs you take all Cavalry. Proceed in their direction for no more than 7 miles. Felton will accompany you."
- b) 1 May 1896. (Later.) Note from H. A. Macdonald, in pencil.
"Message rec'd from Felton saying 200 Cavalry, 100 footmen and some Camel men are advancing
.- Try and fall back on the infantry if feasible."
- c) 2 May 1896. Wired congratulations to J. F. B-M.
 - i. 5.40 p.m. From Rundie: "Cochrane wires you his congratulations."
 - ii. 9.30 p.m. From Legge. "Well done."
 - iii. 9.30 p.m. From Lane, Blunt, Henry, Legge, Hickman & Lewis . "We have all drunk your health tonight & wish you many another good ride."
 - iv. 9.30 p.m. From Sowari, Sarras. "I on behalf of all the Officers, N.C.Os. & men of the Cavalry congratulate you as well as Cavalry troops at Akasha."
 - v. 10.20 p.m. From Joe Macmuralo, Halfa. "Well done Egyptian Cavalry. Spit the buggers."
 - vi. 10.25 p.m.. From Sowari & Garrison. "Congratulations."

2. Diary Report by J. F. B-M. On three foolscap pages, these notes are a fair manuscript taken from his rough diary covering the period 1 & 2 May.
3. Cutting from the Daily Chronicle. 23 May 1896. 30 column inches sent from Wady Halfa on 5 May 1896. Describes this first fight of the Dongola Expeditionary Force as a brilliant success.

g. The Suada refugee problem.

1. 25 Jun 1896. From W.Wingate, Director of Intelligence, Firket, to J.F.B-M.
"Rundle showed me your letter about the refugees & the necessity of establishing some form of government for them. I entirely concur with your views .. His, the Sirdar's view is that no grain should be issued to the refugees until Dongola is in our hands."
2. 26 Jun 1896. From H.Rundle, Chief of Staff, Firket, to J.F.B-M.
"I am directed by the Sirdar to say he cannot possibly [approve of] your issuing such a large amount of dhura (35,235 rotties, about 34,900 lb) without his authority."
3. 27 Jun 1896. From J.F.B-M., Suada, to Rundie. Pencil copy only.
"Though I do not wish to make excuses officially, I would like to put a few facts before you privately re the Refugees..- It seemed to me that as these people had played up well for us, I was bound to treat them in the same manner."
4. 27 Jun 1896. From JJ.:B-M. The original of Letter No. 3, bearing the following annotations.
 - i. by the Sirdar, H.H.Kitchener, to the Chief of Staff.
"This is not a question of treating the natives fairly or otherwise. The mistake has arisen by Burn-Murdoch Bey not understanding that except in cases of emergency he has as Cornman-dant no authority to make unauthorized issues of Government stores or money. A Dongoola Force Order was published about this."

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ii. by Rundie, Chief of Staff, to J.F.B-M.

"I take the blame to myself - for not having warned you about this when first you became a Commandant as of course it did not affect you personally when the original orders were issued."

h. Magazine Cuttings.

1. 4 Jul 1896. St- Paul's.

"Burn-Murdoch's First Brush with the Natives." Double page drawing by Frank Feller.

2. 11 Jul 1896. The Graphic.

"Dervishes at Bay. A Charge of Egyptian Lancers at the Battle of Firket." Full page sketch by H.H.S.Pearse. Description of the advance from Firket. H.Q. now at Kosheh. 20,000 Dervishes waiting at Dongola. Capt. Fenwick directs fire of picked shots on house held by Dervish riflemen! 1/2 page sketch by H.H.S.P. Slatin Pasha identifying an old enemy slain after the Battle of Firket. 1/2 page sketch by H.H.S.P. "The Battle of Firket" Two drawings and three column inches on full page by C.J.Staniland, R.I. "The main attack at Firket." Double page drawing by Frank Dadd, R.I., from a sketch by H.H.S.Pearse.

3. Jul 1896. Illustrated London News.

"The advance towards Dongola. The Egyptian Cavalry, under Burn-Murdoch pursuing the Dervishes after Firket. " Facsimile of Sketch by H.C.Seppings Wright. Annotated.
Charge of Dervish Cavalry at Firket.
The artillery of Burn-Murdoch's column galloping to the heights above Firket.

4. 25 Jul 1896. The Graphic.

Bringing in Dervish wounded & prisoners after Firket." Drawn by J.Nash from sketch by H.H.S.P.

5. 1 Aug 1896. Black & White.

"Major Burn-Murdoch's Quarters (at Suada)." Drawn by C.M.Sheldon.
"A Cavalry Reconnaissance." Drawn by E.Ward from a sketch by C.M.Sheldon. The late Lt. Hugh H J: Farmar. Photograph & obituary.
The new campaign of the Cataracts, a description in four column inches.

6. 1 Aug 1896. Illustrated London News.

Description of B-M's. new quarters, the house of Dervish Commander Emir Hammuda, slain at Firket. Page of six sketches of Suada by H. Seppings Wright.

7. 1 Aug 1896. The Graphic.

"Refugees at Suada, railway near Firket & Mahon's pursuit of Osman Azrak." Drawn by Staniland. Obituaries of Surgeon-Major Trask and Lt. H.H.F.Farmar.

8. 15 Aug 1896. Black & White.

Two illustrations re: cholera at Kosheh.

"Our war artist's adventure in the Soudan." Mistaken identity of C. H. Sheldon during an excursion.

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h. Magazine Cuttings. (Concluded.)

9. 22 Aug 1896. The Graphic.

Fighting the cholera epidemic." Full page with two drawings by J. Nash from sketches by Lt. Farley.

10. 29 Aug 1896. Illustrated London News.

"Taking the wounded & prisoners down to Wady Halfa, with the women & children."

"Going round with the reliefs."

"Soudanese advancing in skirmishing order, with inset of officers messing."

"Hauling the gun boat 'El Teb' up the Second Cataract." A double page drawing. Officers named. "Waiting for the Nile to rise." All sketched by Seppings Wright.

11. 29 Aug 1896. Black & White.

Description by Charles M. Sheldon of a ride into Dervish country with his servant Mohamed Ali. A page of eight photographs by F. Hughes of Soudan.

12. 5 Sep 1896. Illustrated London News.

"Bringing in a prisoner." Sketch by Seppings Wright.

13. 5 Sep 1896. The Graphic.

"Hauling a gun boat up the cataract above Wady Halfa." Sketch by H.H.S.P. showing Ld. Athulmney in the water.

14. 12 Sep 1896. Black & White.

"Slatin Pasha questioning a Dervish refugee." Full front page by C. M. Sheldon. Portraits of three members of the Soudanese Army & scenes of Egypt, photographed by Henry Wallack.

15. 12 Sep 1896. Illustrated London News.

"Convoy passing to the front" "Kabbabesh guide & correspondents." "Cap. Adams winning steeplechase." "The camel race." Four half page sketches by Seppings Wright.

16. 12 Sep 1896. The Graphic.

"Towing the first gun boat through the Bab-el-Kebir." Double page illustration of the passage of the 'Metemneh', with text.

17. 24 Oct 1896. The Graphic.

"The fall of Dongda." Five dramatic illustrations.

File 3.**Non-Sudan Letters.****NB. There are no envelopes with these letters.**

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| 1 | 28 Jan 1870 | East India Rly Co. to F.W..B-M re Capt. Urmiston estate. |
| 2 | 1 Apr 1870 | Davidson, London SW to A.B-M re payment. |
| 3 | 4 Apr 1870 | Ditto. |
| 4 | 27 Apr 1870 | Arch.B-M, Edinburgh to James re Capt. Urmiston estate. |
| 5 | 9 May 1870 | John Jo Bridges to Mrs. B-M re Capt. Urmiston estate. |
| 6 | 16 May 1870 | W.Clore to Mrs. B-M re shares. |
| 7 | 27 May 1870 | Arch.B-M to James B-M re Australian shares & fishing. |
| 8 | 8 Jun 1870 | Arch.B-M to James B -M re Capt. Stephens & family affairs. |
| 9 | 9 13 Jun 1870 | Davidson, London SW to J.B-M re Urmiston estate. |
| 10 | 16 Jun 1870 | Arch.B-M to J.B-M re Urmiston estate. |
| 10 | 17 Jun 1870 | Receipt from C.Henderson for £6- to JB-M re Memorial Cross. |
| 11 | 12 20 Jun 1870 | Davidson, London SW to J.B-M re Inland Revenue. |
| 13 | 1 Jul 1870 | Arch. B-M to J.B-M re cheque rec'd for £2500- |
| 14 | 23 Jul 1870 | Receipt from C.Henderson for £5- re marble cross |
| 15 | 9 Aug 1870 | Nat Prov Bank of England to J.B-M re Urmiston estate. |
| 16 | 25 Aug 1870 | Arch. B-M to J.B-M re Capt. Stephens difficulty. |
| 17 | 13 Sep 1870 | East Ind Rly Co to J.B-M re share conversion. |
| 18 | 23 Sep 1870 | Arch.B-M to J.B-M re Capt Stephens. |
| 19 | 1 Oct 1870 | Arch.B-M at Gartincaber to J.B-M. Capt Stephens surrenders furniture. |
| 20 | 20 4 Oct 1870 | Arch. B-M to J.B-M re shares £5000+ at par & game. |
| 21 | 12 Nov 1870 | ArchB-M to J.B-M re Australian shares. |
| 22 | 12 Nov 1875 | Alex B-M, Scottish Church, Nice to J.B-M requesting books for teaching. |
| 23. | 16 Nov 187(6?) | Sarah Beatrice, Greenhill House, Edinburgh to Maria (Mrs JB-M, her Sister) re Alex & Eliz setting up at Nice. |
| 24 | 20 Nov 1876 | Alex B-M, Scottish Church, Nice to J.B-M inviting J.FB-M |
| 25 | 22 Dec 1876 | S.B's. Husband, Greenhill House, Edinburgh to J.B-M. re family support. |
| 26 | 3 Jan 1877 | Alex B-M. at Nice to J.B-M re Frank (J.F.B-M) & Eddie who were at Nice. |
| 27 | 4 Jan 1877 | Eliz B-M at Nice to J.B-M. She asks if J.FB-M may stay longer to improve his French. |
| 28 | 5 Jan 1877 | Arch B-M to J.B-M re rigars &c |
| 29 | 20 Jan 1877 | Alex B-M at Nice to J.B-M. J.FB-M's cough improved. Very good at drawing. |
| 30 | 17 Feb 1877 | Biz B-M & Alex at Nice to Mrs B-M. Missing J. F. B-M, he was always bright & cheery. |
| 31 | 21 Feb 1877 | Eliz B-M & Alex at Nice to Mrs B-M & James |
| 32 | 9 Mar 1877 | Arch B-M at Edinburgh to J.B-M re Urmiston estate, &c. |
| 33 | 22 Mar 1877 | Arch B-M at Edinburgh to J.B-M re cigars, also rent & stone at Gartclush. |
| 34 | 4Jun 1877 | Arch B-M at Edinburgh to J.B-M re renting shooting &c at Kirkbuddo. |
| 35 | 9 Jun 1877 | As above. More about Kirkbuddo. |
| 36 | 19 Jul 1880 | I.J.Stewart Pernail?, Deanery, Peterborough, regretting J.B-M's loss of property by lawsuit |
| 37 | 2 Mar 1894 | A.B-M at Edinburgh to J.B-M re share transfer. |
| 38 | 15 Jun 1896 | A.B-M at Edinburgh to J.B-M as trustee of Urmiston estate. |
| 39 | 16 Oct 1903 | Bank of Scotland to J.B-M re maturing of debentures. |
| 40 | 11 Feb 1908 | Maria B-M (Widow of J.B-M) at Normanton on Soar to Arch B-M re allowance. |
| 41 | 31 Aug 1910 | B.Browne, Egmere, Cromer to J.F.B-M re aims for children &c. |
| 42 | 13 Feb 1930 | J.Rous, Aix-les-Bains to Lady A.B-M (Wife of J.F.B-M) re their booking to stay at his Hotels. |

File 4. Autobiographical and Related Documents.

- a. Extracts from D.N.B. &c. for:-
 - 1. John Francis Burn-Murdoch, 1859-1931
 - 2. Canon James McGibbon Burn-Murdoch, 1828-1904, Father
 - 3. John Burn-Murdoch, 1852-1909, 1st. Cousin.
 - 4. W.G Burn-Murdoch, 1862-1939 1st. Cousin.
 - 5. Hector Burn-Murdoch, 1881-1958, 1st. Cousin.
- b. Obituary of J.F.B-M. in The Echo, 23 Jan 1931.
- c. Record of Service, written by J.F.B-M. in 1897.
- d. Extract from Sevenoaks Chronicle, March 1885 noting actions by and promotion for J.F.B-M.
- e. War Office Gazette, (Egyptian) for 26 Mar 1894, noting arrival from England of J.F.B-M. and his appointment to the command of the Cavalry.
- e. Telegraph copy of message from J.F.B-M. in England to the Sirdar (Kitchener) in Cairo. 'Hope to come posting particulars.'
- g. Letters from Sir Evelyn Wood, War Office, London, to J.F.B-M's. Father.
 - 1. 9 May 1896. He knows Kitchener is very pleased with J.F.B-M., but does not think that the successful skirmish (Akasheh) is enough for promotion.
 - 2. 10 Jun 1896. Congratulations on Son's success (Firkeh) and his promotion.
- h. Telegraph received at Riverhead 13 Ju(n) 1896 from J.F.B-M. at Suada, handed in at Halfa. "All well."
- j. Various hand-written copy letters and hand-written press extracts by or of J.F.B-M.

File 5. Photographs of Burn-Murdochs from 1876.

- a. John Francis Burn-Murdoch & Alice.
 - 1. J.FB-M.. aged 17, taken at Tunbridge Wells in 1876.
 - 2. J.F.B-M. taken in Cairo, wearing uniform of Egyptian Cavalry, c. 1894.
 - 3. Lady Alice, nee Burn-Murdoch, whom he married in 1909.