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A1033 Peninsular War papers of S.G.P.Ward, 1940s-1990s

Peninsular War papers of Stephen George Peregrine Ward, military historian. Mr Ward served in Western Command during the Second World War, during which time he was introduced to the administrative problems of running a general staff and to the Murray papers in the National Library of Scotland. This, together with the acquisition of many of the Peninsular War items from the library of Sir Charles Oman, c.1946, was the genesis of Ward's work on the Peninsula, leading to his Oxford B.Litt. thesis, published as *Wellington's headquarters: a study of the administrative problems in the Peninsula, 1809-1814* (Oxford, 1957), and *Wellington* (London, 1963).

S.G.P.Ward's Peninsular War library, including the volumes from Sir Charles Oman's collection, was given to the Library at the same time as his working papers. Mr Ward's collections also included MSS 213, 271, 272/4 and 296.

- 1/1-10 General notes (typescript), arranged in 10 volumes, on European military history, with an especial focus on British forces, covering the period from the seventeenth century to the 1870s, but predominantly c.1750 to c.1850. The notes have been taken from both printed and manuscript sources.
- 2/1-9 Notes (typescript), arranged in 9 volumes, on European military campaigns, in the period from the seventeenth century through to the Second World War, taken from both printed and manuscript sources
- 3/1-11 Biographical notes (typescript), arranged in 11 volumes, on officers and others connected with military campaigns, especially for the Napoleonic Wars generally and the Peninsular War specifically, but ranging overall from the seventeenth to the late nineteenth century. The notes are complemented by a further series of notebooks with biographies of officers in the Adjutant General's Department, Brigade Majors and aides-de-camp (4/1-3).
- 3/1 Abercromby-Boetzlaer
 3/2 Bond-Chatham
 3/3 Chelmsford-Decken
 3/4 De Lancey-Franciosi
 3/5 Franck-Guydickens
 3/6 Hadden-Jarry
 3/7 J-McLeroth
 3/8 McMurdo-Northey
 3/9 Oakes-Schlick
 3/10 Schmidt-Vyse
 3/11 Wade-Zach
- 4/1-4 Notes, arranged in 3 volumes, with biographies of officers in the Adjutant General's Department, brigade majors and aides-de-camp, for the period of the Peninsular War; card index of Commissariat officials (4/4)
- 4/1 Allix-Elley
 4/2 Fane-Munster
 4/3 Napier-Zeissen
- 5/1-5 Notes on the Murray papers and other sources relating to the Peninsular War:
- 5/1 Murray papers, National Library of Scotland, volumes 1-2, maps volumes 1-2, volumes 5-6, 7-12, 13-14, 15-19, 21, 36, 37,

38-88 (relating to Gordon), 39

5/2 Murray papers, National Library of Scotland, volumes 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50

5/3 Murray papers, National Library of Scotland, volumes, 59-61, 63-4, 65-6, 76-7, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93-7, 98-108 and 111, 110

5/4 Murray papers, National Library of Scotland, volumes 118, 120-1, 122-8, 129-33, 134-40, 141-6, 147-55, 156A-B and 157, 166, 167-9, 171, 173-80, 181-8, 189-98, 199, 200-7

5/5 Notes relating to Sir George Murray from the Balcaskie papers, from Lambeth Palace Library, from the Luffness manuscripts, the Linlithgow manuscripts, the Le Marchant manuscripts, the British Library manuscript collections and the collections of the Royal United Services Institution

6/1-7 Notes (typescript), arranged in 7 volumes (volume 5 is missing from the series), from the Murray papers in the National Library of Scotland

7/1 Transcript (typescript) of Scovell's Peninsula diary (PRO WO 37/4, 6, 7A and 7B); extracts from the journals of Sir William Henry Clinton, 1786-1834, in the John Rylands University Library of Manchester; transcript of an autobiographical memoir of Sir Robert Hugh Kennedy

8/1-7 Notes (typescript), arranged in 6 volumes, for a biography of Sir George Murray, with a group of photographs of buildings used by Wellington and Murray in the Peninsula (8/7)