

COLLECTION TITLE	Papers of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein
COLLECTION IDENTIFIER	MSS 385
INCLUSIVE DATE(S)	1887 to 1948
EXTENT	2 AV boxes (20 microfilm reels)
CREATOR	Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 1887-1976
RELATED ENTITIES	Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 1887-1976 Chief of the Imperial General Staff Eighth Army (United Kingdom) 21st Army Group (United Kingdom) British Army (UK) Allied Forces
RELATED COLLECTIONS	Papers of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein
ACCESS POINTS	Allied operations -- Europe Allied operations -- North Africa Field marshals Field marshals -- United Kingdom -- Archives Field marshals -- United Kingdom -- Diaries

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard_Montgomery

Bernard Law Montgomery was born on the 17th November 1887 in Surrey, England. In 1889 his father became the Bishop of Tasmania and Montgomery and his eight siblings lived in Australia until returning to England in 1897. After overseas service in India, Montgomery became a senior British Army officer in First World War and Second World War. Commanding the British Eighth Army and the 21st Army Group in significant campaigns in France, North Africa, Italy and the Western Front, earned him a Distinguished Service Order, the Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath and the Knight of the Order of the Garter. Post war he became Chief of the Imperial General Staff and served as NATO'S Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe before his death in 1976 at the age of 88.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection comprises a microfilm copy of the private papers of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, PC, DL. The original papers are held by the [Imperial War Museum](#), London at PP/MCR/C30. A highlight of the archive is the extensive sequence of Montgomery's war diaries, including notes made during the Dunkirk campaign (1940) and more detailed entries covering his command of the Eighth Army in North Africa. The many hundreds of pages from June 1944 to the end of his period as Chief of the Imperial General Staff in October 1948 were the work of his successive Military Assistants.

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SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

The original Montgomery Papers were sold by the Field Marshal to Thomson Newspapers in 1962, and subsequently presented to the Imperial War Museum by Sir Denis Hamilton on behalf of the International Thomson Organisation in 1982. The collection was catalogued (PP/MCR/C30) and a detailed listing created by Stephen Brooks (IWM) in 1986. In 1993, a microfilm copy of the papers was created and purchased by the School of HASS, UNSW Canberra for the purposes of research by its staff and students.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

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AV 1 (MSS 385.AV1)

10 reels of 35mm microfilm negative (Imperial War Museum PP/MCR/C30)

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Notes in relation to papers (16p)

Folder 2 (MSS 385.AV1.2)

Collection Level Summary, detailed listing prepared by the Imperial War Museum (251p)

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AV 2 (MSS 385.AV2)

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