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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Baillie Strong, William
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Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections
Creator: Baillie Strong, William
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William Baillie Strong

(1906 - 1985)

1934	1934 Date of first appointment to the Public Works Department
1936-1942	Assistant Controller, Civil Mechanical Transport Section, Public Works Department
1942-1947	Controller, Civil Mechanical Transport Section, Public Works Department
1947-1952	Assistant Director, Mechanical Transport Department
1952-1954	Director and Financial Controller, Sudan Defence Force (Pay and Records), Mechanical Transport Department

Accession details

Presented by Mr. A. W. B. Strong, 2003

Arrangement

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2. Personal Papers
3. Photographic Material

Form of citation

Material in the Sudan Archive is given a reference number, which is unique across the collections of papers. Usually it is not necessary to give the name of the person or organisation within which collection the item is found, although it may be convenient to do so.
The short form of citation should be GB-0033-SAD.*reference number*
Most printed references take the form: SAD.*reference number*.
To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

1. Official Papers

SAD.895/1/1-3 1954 Mar 11
Letter from W. Baillie Strong to the *Qaid* of the Sudan Defence Force [R.L. Scoones] describing in some detail the riots which took place in Khartoum on 1 Mar which he viewed from the roof of the SDF headquarters building. A number of policemen were killed during the riot.

2. Personal Papers

SAD.895/1/4-6 1947-1954
Photocopies of W.B-S's arms licence (7 Dec 1947), driving licence, with photograph (18 Jan 1954) and identity certificate (17 Mar 1954)

3. Photographic Material

SAD.887/9/1-16 1936 and n.d.
Black and white photographs of staff and equipment of the Civil Mechanical Transport Section of the Public Works Department:

- SAD.887/9/1 Line of trucks of the Bahr al-Ghazal fleet being warmed up before tuning the carburettors, 1936
- SAD.887/9/2 Department staff removing the engine from a truck for inspection and repairs. “Nearly all the repairs are done under the shade of a tree outside the workshop which is too small to take more than one lorry at a time”
- SAD.887/9/3-4 Repair work on a truck which had been turned over in an accident
- SAD.887/9/5-6 Sudanese staff digging out a car which had become stuck in soft mud
- SAD.887/9/7-10 Model “T” Ford cars and trucks outside the Public Works Department workshop in Khartoum (scanned copies)
- SAD.887/9/11 W. Baillie Strong at the controls of a Cletrac tractor, used for towing a road grader
- SAD.887/9/12 W. Baillie Strong and colleague examining an Austin Western No 11 road grader, Nov 1936
- SAD.887/9/13 Department staff standing by Clectrac tractor with Austin Western road grader hitched to the back
- SAD.887/9/14 Sudanese staff operating a pressure hose while a third man washes a car; bridge over *khawr* in the background
- SAD.887/9/15 Three Sudanese staff in a *khawr* with a pressure hose
- SAD.887/9/16 Staff sitting on an overturned truck

SAD.871/11/1 [c. 1939-1945]
Large black and white photograph (scanned copy) of the officers and men of No.1 Artillery Troop, Sudan Auxiliary Defence Force, with W. Baillie Strong seated third from left in front row. For other names see copy on the photographs database

SAD.887/9/17-22 1938-1953
Black and white photographs of public occasions:

- SAD.887/9/17 Sir Stewart Symes, Governor General, greeting Sudanese tribal leaders at a garden party at the Palace in Khartoum, Jan 1938 (Photographer: A. Kazandjian)
- SAD.887/9/18 Sir Stewart Symes and other officials walking down steps in the Palace gardens during a garden party, Jan 1938 (Photographer: A. Kazandjian)
- SAD.887/9/19 Celebrations for the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement, 14 Feb 1953: crowds outside and on top of the Secretariat building in Khartoum with officials seated on a dais in front of Kitchener's statue (Public Relations Office)
- SAD.887/9/20 Crowds around Kitchener's statue in Khartoum during celebrations to mark the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement, 14 Feb 1953 (Public Relations Office)

SAD.887/9/21	Firing of the salute during celebrations for the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement, 14 Feb 1953 (Public Relations Office)
SAD.887/9/22	SDF parade at the war memorial on Keren Day, 27 Mar 1953