

MB1/A Mountbatten Papers: Private papers, 1900-48

The files are arranged in alphabetical order by file title, with the contents of the files arranged chronologically.

Mountbatten was born in 1900, the fourth and youngest child of Prince Louis of Battenberg and Princess Victoria of Hesse, one of Queen Victoria's granddaughters. He began his naval career at the Royal Naval College, Osborne, at the age of thirteen; he continued his education, first, at the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, and then at the Royal Naval College at Keyham. In 1916 Mountbatten joined the battle cruiser HMS LION as a midshipman. He also served on HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH and HM Submarine K6. In October 1918 he joined HMS P31, taking part in escort and anti-submarine work. In 1919 Mountbatten interrupted his naval career to study at the University of Cambridge. He toured Australia and New Zealand, and India, with the Prince of Wales in 1920 and 1921. Following his marriage to Edwina Ashley in 1922, Mountbatten joined HMS REVENGE as a signals officer. He later served as captain of the destroyers HMS DARING and HMS WISHART. In July 1936 he joined the Naval Air Division, where he remained until he took command of HMS KELLY in 1939.

Speeches made by Lord Mountbatten during this period can be found in MB1/M; further material relating to his early naval career is in section MB1/O.

MB1/A1 Birth, christening, movements up to 1910, etc., containing copies of letters about the christening and some later correspondence confirming events 1970s

MB1/A2 Miss Nona Kerr, (later Mrs Richard Crichton), lady-in-waiting to Victoria, Princess Louis of Battenberg 1906-26

MB1/A3 Sophie Becht and Ellen Hughes (family nurses) 1909-21

MB1/A4 Mr Gladstone's preparatory school; Lockers Park school, including correspondence from 1973-9 1909-13, 1973-9

MB1/A5 Royal Naval College, Osborne, including certificates, etc., and papers from 1983 1913-14, 1983

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MB1/A7 Royal Naval College Dartmouth, and Royal Naval College, Keyham: general correspondence 1913-15

MB1/A8 Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and Royal Naval College, Keyham: general correspondence 1915-16, 1975

MB1/A9 World War I: HMS LION and HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH: correspondence, papers and programmes 1916-18, 1972-9

MB1/A10 HM Submarine P31 and HM Drifter HORIZON (1919-21); Fourth Royal Fleet Reserve Portsmouth Battalion, Tidworth (1921): correspondence, papers, accounts, receipted bills and dance cards c.1918-21

MB1/A11 Visit to Switzerland: papers Jan 1919, 1969

MB1/A12 Christ's College, Cambridge 1919-20

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- MB1/A16A Tour of Edward, Prince of Wales, to India and the Far East, 1921-2: programmes, train timetables 1921-2
- MB1/A17 Lord Louis Mountbatten's engagement to Edwina Ashley: letters of congratulation (family) 1922
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- MB1/A20 Aberdeen University and Edinburgh University: rectorships (Mountbatten was a candidate, but withdrew in both instances) 1942
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- MB1/A24 L.B.Baker: application on his behalf for a service nomination 1942
- MB1/A25 Banco de Bilbao: correspondence and bank statements 1922-31
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- MB1/A27 BRADSHAW'S ENGLISH/FRENCH NAVAL DICTIONARY: supplement edited by Lord Louis Mountbatten 1935-6
- MB1/A29 Broadlands: general 1940-2
- MB1/A34 Household accounts and correspondence about Broadlands 1939-41
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- MB1/A37 Brook House: architects 1936
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- MB1/A39 Brook House: bomb damage, etc. 1941
- MB1/A42 Commander F.Champness 1924-34
- MB1/A43 Field Marshal Sir Philip W.Chetwode, chairman of the war organisation of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St John of Jerusalem 1944
- MB1/A44 Congratulatory letters sent to Lord Louis Mountbatten on his promotion to the rank of captain 1937
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- MB1/A62 Liberty Music Shops: proposal for the installation of a Capehart Remote Control System radio and phonograph at Lord Louis Mountbatten's residence in London 1938
- MB1/A63 Lloyds Bank, Paris: bank statements and correspondence 1940-5
- MB1/A65 Correspondence with secretaries 1939-40
- MB1/A66 Paymaster Lieutenant Commander P.J.A.Moore: loan guarantee 1927-32
- MB1/A67 'The march of time': scenario by Lord Louis Mountbatten for a film on the Royal Navy 1939
- MB1/A68 Lord Louis Mountbatten's passage on a BOAC clipper, travelling under the alias of Mr L.Mountain 1941
- MB1/A70 Mutual Loan Fund Association Limited: as surety for a loan to Lieutenant Commander C.E.Stoneham 1938-9
- MB1/A74 English, French and German naval vocabulary, 1939: correspondence with Lieutenant Commander T.F.N.Donald, whose father collaborated with Lord Mountbatten in this project, together with one volume of Donald's notes 1975-6
- MB1/A75 Lieutenant Commander W.F.G.North, Broadlands estate office 1942-8
- MB1/A76 Police 1928-36
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- MB1/A78 Rehder and Higgs, solicitors 1931-4
- MB1/A79 Rehder and Higgs, solicitors 1924-6
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- MB1/A81 Rehder and Higgs, solicitors 1928-31
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- MB1/A83 Rehder and Higgs, solicitors 1939
- MB1/A84 Rehder and Higgs, solicitors 1940-2
- MB1/A85 Romsey, Hampshire: general correspondence 1942-3
- MB1/A86 Valentin Schmitt of Darmstadt: pension paid by Lord Louis Mountbatten 1920-37
- MB1/A87 Sir Frederick Geoffrey Shedden, Defence Department, Australian government: paper comparing the British organisation for defence with that of Australia 1946
- MB1/A88/1 Signals: Lord Louis Mountbatten's notes and log book, 1921; signal cards; correspondence about a ship licence for radio telegraphy for MY SHRIMP; HM Signal School, Portsmouth (Lord Mountbatten was responsible for instruction and examination in radio signals, 1929); Fleet Wireless Officer, Mediterranean, HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, 1931-8; correspondence and papers, 1969, 1977-9 1929, 1931-8, 1969, 1977-9
- MB1/A88/2 Signals: signal and telegraphist committee minutes, 1932; notes and blueprints for receiver outfits, 1932-5; papers from Horace A. Brooks concerning a wireless signalling demonstration, 1933 1932-5
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- MB1/A93 Spicer and Pegler, accountants: correspondence 1933-9
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- MB1/A100 Treasure Recovery Limited 1934-5
- MB1/A100A Reminiscences of Miss Stella Underhill about Sir Ernest Cassel and Brook House c.1940s

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MB1/A113 Papers of special interest: official souvenir programmes for the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, 12 May 1937, and for lunch at the Guildhall, 19 May 1937

MB1/A114 Papers of special interest: two bound copies of the official souvenir programme for the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth 1937

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MB1/A116 Papers of special interest 1941

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