

## **MB1/F Mountbatten Papers: First Cruiser Squadron, 1948-50**

Mountbatten took command of the First Cruiser Squadron, part of the Mediterranean Fleet based at Malta, in 1948. He was directly responsible to Rear Admiral C.E.Douglas-Pennant, and through him to Admiral Sir A.J.Power, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. In June 1949, Mountbatten was promoted to the rank of vice admiral and in April 1950 he became second-in-command of the Mediterranean Fleet. He left Malta in May 1950.

Many of the papers in this section are present here because they fit chronologically, rather than through a direct relationship to Lord Mountbatten's command in the Mediterranean. Papers relating to visits made by Mountbatten between 1948 and 1950 figure prominently among the files. During the period 1948-9 Mountbatten was also engaged in preparing his SEAC despatches for formal publication and correspondence relating to this appears in this section of the archive. Most of the papers take the form of correspondence, typically letters, memoranda, minutes, signals, telegrams, and the copies of replies by Mountbatten or his secretaries. The papers are now in files arranged alphabetically by file title and are arranged chronologically within each file.

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- MB1/F19 Supreme Allied Command South East Asia: despatches and report 1948-9
- MB1/F20 Supreme Allied Command South East Asia: despatches and report 1948-9
- MB1/F21 Supreme Allied Command South East Asia: despatches and report, Malta, first cruise squadron 1949-50
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- MB1/F25 Papers of special interest: visit of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip to Malta; Married Women's Bill; King Gustav of Sweden 1949-50
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- MB1/F34 India and Pakistan: including the strategic importance of Pakistan in the event of war with the USSR; European graves in India 1947-8
- MB1/F35 India: correspondence with Clement Richard Attlee, Prime Minister 1948
- MB1/F36 India: Hyderabad 1948
- MB1/F37 India: correspondence with V.K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India in the UK 1948
- MB1/F38 India: correspondence with Vapal Pangunni Menon 1948
- MB1/F39 India: correspondence with the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, concerning Hyderabad and Kashmir; Ghulam Muhammad's criticism of Lord Mountbatten 1948-9
- MB1/F40 India: correspondence with Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth relations 1948
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- MB1/F42 India: correspondence with Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, Governor General of India 1948
- MB1/F43 Naval inventions and inventors 1948-9

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MB1/F46 Spicer and Pegler, chartered accountants 1949

MB1/F47 Mabel Strickland, editor of THE TIMES OF MALTA: visits to Malta by Lord Mountbatten 1948

MB1/F48 Charles L.Strong, physiotherapist: controversy over treating a racehorse 1949

MB1/F49 Miscellaneous papers, including references to decorations, Canada, India, Eire, inventors, Eisenhower, Bahrain 1946-9