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MacBRIEN, James Howden (1878-1938). Military Officer.

Originals, n.d., 1907-1938, 1946. 50 cm. Photocopies, 1919-1938. 5 cm.

Major-General Sir James H. MacBrien was appointed Chief of General Staff Overseas Military Forces of Canada and in 1920 Chief of General Staff, Canadian Militia. He became Chief of Staff, Department of National Defence, in 1923, and held this position until 1928. He was appointed Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1931. In 1935 he was created a K.C.B.

Volumes 1-3 were acquired in 1943 by the Army Historical Section and were later transferred to the Public Archives; volumes 4-7 were presented in 1974, 1978 and 1979 by Mrs. Lyn MacBrien Keller of Ladysmith, Quebec; vol. 8 was presented in 1981 by Mrs. Louise Grey of Ottawa, Ontario.

Correspondence, 1918-1938. Originals, 2.5 cm. Photocopies, 4 cm (volumes 1, 5).

Letters received and copies of letters sent dealing primarily with the Overseas Military Forces of Canada; letters received concerning General MacBrien's retirement from the Armed Forces and his death. Arranged chronologically within these two series.

Subject Files, 1914-1920, 1946. Originals, 20 cm (volumes 1-3).

Correspondence, reports, memoranda, statistical tables and maps. A major portion of this material concerns the Battles Committee and was intended for use in the preparation of the official war diary of the War Cabinet.

Memoranda, n.d., 1919-1928. Originals, 15.5 cm (volumes 3, 7-8).

First Series, n.d., 1919-1927. Originals, 7.5 cm (volumes 3, 7).

Memoranda relating to the organization of the Department of National Defence, to the Overseas Military Forces Council and to general defence policy of the 1920's. Arranged alphabetically.

Second Series, n.d., 1921-1928. Originals, 8 cm (volume 8).

Correspondence and memoranda relating to the Imperial Conference, 1926. Includes reference files on Canadian military preparedness. Arranged alphabetically.

Speeches, n.d. Originals, 1 cm (volume 7).

Speeches expressing MacBrien's views of defence policy in the 1920's. Arranged alphabetically.

Clippings, 1907-1938. Originals, 10 cm (volumes 4, 6).

Certificates, 1918, 1925. Originals, 2 pages (volume 5).

Certificates marking MacBrien's induction as Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 1918 and as Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, 1925.

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Diary, 1925. Photocopies, 1 cm (volume 5).  
Lady Haig's diary of her visit to Canada.

Memorabilia and Publications, 1925-1938. Originals, 1 cm (volume 1).  
Invitations, notes, a history of the Hawley, Madden and MacBrien families and issues of Canadian Aviation, 1931, 1938.

A pamphlet has been transferred to the Public Archives Library.

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<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
CORRESPONDENCE		
1	Correspondence - correspondence primarily relating to the Overseas Military Forces of Canada. 2 files.	1919-1920
5	Correspondence - correspondence primarily relating to General MacBrien's retirement from the Armed Forces and his death.	1918-1938

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
SUBJECT FILES		
1	British War Cabinet, history of - correspondence	1919
	Awards and honours accorded to Canadians - correspondence	1919
	Canadian Expeditionary Force - diary of events, statistical tables and maps	1919
2	Western Front - despatches and maps, for use of Battles Committee	1914-1919
	Egypt - despatches, for use of Battles Committee	1916-1919
	Mesopotamia and Persian Gulf - despatches and maps, for use of Battles Committee	1915-1919
	McAvity, Colonel Malcolm - correspondence concerning the Battles Committee	1920
	Canadian Expeditionary Force - memoranda and statistical tables for use in the official war diary of the War Committee	1919-1920
	Canadian Expeditionary Force - reports on Canadian Corps Battle Fronts for use in the official war diary of the War Committee	1918
3	German South West Africa - narratives and maps, for use of Battles Committee	1919
	Battles Committee - minutes of meetings	1919
	Currie, Sir Arthur - correspondence concerning sword of honour. Includes article relating to General Eisenhower's sword of honour.	1929-1946
	Overseas Military Council of Canada - correspondence	1919
	Department of the Director of Contracts-Overseas Military Forces of Canada, reports.	1920
	Royal Military College of Canada - correspondence and reports	1920

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7	Memorandum - aviation, "Memorandum of Air Communication"	n.d.
	Memorandum - aviation, secondment to the Royal Canadian Air Force	1927
	Memorandum - "Canadian Coast Defence", memorandum derived from Lord Jellicoe's Report, 1919.	n.d.
	Memorandum - "The Chinese Situation"	n.d.
	Memorandum - defence, "Brief Summary of the Naval Military and Air Effort of Canada during the War"	n.d.
	Memorandum - defence, "Memorandum on the Defence Forces of Canada"	1927
	Memorandum - defence, "Military Considerations on the Defence of Canada in the event of an attack upon it by the U.S.A."	n.d.
	Memoranda - defence, organization of the Department of National Defence	1921-1927
	Memorandum - Defence, "Recommendation for the formation of the Departmental Defence Committee and the duties of the Chief of Staff therewith"	1923
3	Memoranda - Overseas Military Forces Council	1919-1920
7	Memoranda - salary and pension	1925-1927

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7	Speech - "Diplomacy and Strategy in relation to War"	n.d.
	Speech - "Prevention of War"	n.d.
	Speech - "Resolved that in the opinion of this House Expenditure on National Defence cannot be justified"	n.d.
	Speech - "The Value of Character"	n.d.



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REMAINING ITEMS		
4,6	Clippings - newspaper clippings	1907-1938
5	Certificates - certificates marking MacBrien's induction as Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, 1918 and as Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, 1925.	1918,1925
	Diary - Lady Haig's diary of her visit to Canada	1925
6	Memorabilia and Publications - invitations, notes, a history of the Hawley, Madden and MacBrien families and <u>Canadian Aviation</u> , 1931, 1938	1925-1938
MEMORANDA, n.d., 1919-1928 Second Series, n.d., 1921-1928 (vol. 8)		
8	Armistice Day 1925 - radio address given by MacBrien in 1925	1925
	British Army Manoeuvres September 1925 - report by MacBrien	1926
	12th Canadian Infantry Brigade, C.E.F.	n.d.
	Imperial Conference, 1926 - air defence, MacBrien's reference file and notes of discussion	1926
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	Imperial Conferences - summary of proceedings	1926
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