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**World War I
and
King-Crane Commission Photo Album, 1918-1919**

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Scope and Content

This album contains photographs that depict people and focal events that happened in the Middle East at the end of World War I, what was then known as the Great War, between September 1918 and July 1919.

Included are photographs of the British and Arab troops, Turkish prisoners, Australian Light Horse entering Nablus, General Allenby's yacht, arrival of Arab Sharifian troops, entrance of Shareef Ali Haidar to Medina and others. The album also holds photos/portraits of political leaders and military officials who played major roles during the First World War in the Middle East like Shareef Ali Haidar, Emir Faisal, Colonel Jimmy Watson, Captain William Yale, Captain Hodgkinson and some Jewish leaders at Rishon el-Zion, Palestine in May 1918.

About 20 photographs document the mission of the King-Crane Commission sent in June 1919, delegated by President Woodrow to survey the populations of Turkey, Greater Syria (modern-day Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine), and Iraq opinion regarding the future of their territories after the fall of the Ottoman Empire.

The collection also contains landscape, and historical sites such as Jordan Valley, Damascus Palace, Jaffa Gate, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Mosque of Omar all in Jerusalem etc... (*Some captions in the album where edited when necessary.*)

Subject Headings

World War, 1914-1918 -- Pictorial works.

World War, 1914-1918 -- Campaigns -- Middle East.

Inter-allied Commission on Mandates in Turkey. American Section.

Military officers -- 1910-1920.

Prisoners of war -- 1910-1920.
Government officials -- 1910-1920.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Lebanon.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Syria.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Turkey.
World War, 1914-1918 -- Palestine.

Formats

Photograph Albums -- 1910-1920.
Gelatin silver prints -- 1910-1920.

Arrangement

The photographs were listed as arranged in the album.

Container List

- 1- Where the valley of Barada broadens out of the west, British cavalry advancing. [British Cavalry in the Barada Valley], October 2, 1918.
- 2- Emir Faisal leaving Serail, Damascus, June 25, 1919.
- 3- Entrance of the Emir to Medina: Emir Ali Haidar ¹, Emir Fakhreddin Pasha, Turkish Commander of Medina, Shareef Ali Jafar (brother), Shareef Abdul Majid (1st son), Shareef Muheddin (second son), Shareef Mohammad Emin (3rd son).
- 4- Regular Arab Cavalry [Lawrence's Forces], Captain Hodgkinson in a Ford Model T. [Captain Hodgkinson with Lawrence of Arabia Forces], October 1, 1918.
- 5- Jebel Usdum - Hats' wife Pillar of Salt. [Salt pillar at Mount Sodom], Palestine.
- 6- British troops.
- 7- British [troops] passing through Damascus, October 1918.
- 8- Irregular Arab troops in Damascus, October 1918.
- 9- Arrival of Arab Sharifian troops.
- 10- British troopers surrounding up Turks, October 3, 1918.
- 11- Emir Ali Haidar leaves the fortress of Medina for a promenade, [1916].
- 12- Courtyard of a Damascus Palace (Assad Pasha). [Courtyard of Assad Pasha Palace, Damascus, Syria].
- 13- British troops.
- 14- Chief of Police at Hums [Homs, Syria].
- 15- The inhabitants of Aleppo dancing with delight, upon arrival of Emir Faisal, [Aleppo residents welcoming Emir Faisal] November 1918.
- 16- Shrine in the Holy Sepulchre Jerusalem - Captured German photographer.
- 17- Beyrouth - Damascus Road in Wadi Nahr Barada along the R. R. [Rail Road] line. 126 Australians caught 7000 Turks retreating through this valley and machine-gunned them all the

¹All the three are the sons of H.H. Amir 'Ali Haidar Pasha, Grand Sharif and Amir of Mecca

- afternoon and evening of September 30, 1918. [Australian troops capturing Turkish soldiers in Barada Valley, September 30, 1918].
- 18- Camel transport in Jordan Valley.
 - 19- General Allenby's private yacht, "the Maid of Honor" loaned to King-Crane commission for the trip along coast of Lebanon and Syria.
 - 20- Colonel Jimmy Watson and Captain William Yale en route from Beirut to Alexandretta, summer of 1918.
 - 21- French troops at the ancient fortress of Anebta, Judean Mountains, on their way to Nabulus - September 21, 1918.
 - 22- Indian Cavalry gathering firewood.
 - 23- Troops on the road to Tripoli - North of Beirut. October 1918.
 - 24- Turkish prisoners captured in Nabulus. September 21st, 1918.
 - 25- [Man distributing copies of the "Palestine News" to the citizens of Damascus.], October 1, 1918.
 - 26- Australian Light Horse led by French troopers entering Nablus. September 21, 1918.
 - 27- Turkish prisoners marching along the plain of Shoran [Sharon] at September 1918. Crusader Fortress of Ras-el-Ain in the background, September 19, 1918.
 - 28- [Ayyubid] Mosque d'Omar at Jerusalem.
 - 29- Armenian Church at Jerusalem.
 - 30- From left to right: Terzian alias Mugaditch, Armenian nationalist, Mr. J.C. Hill, Ismail Hakki Bey el-Husseini, and William Yale.
 - 31- From left to right: Terzian alias Mugaditch, Armenian nationalist, Mr. J.C. Hill, Ismail Hakki Bey el-Husseini of Jerusalem, and Mr. R.A. MacGorern, Christmas 1913.
 - 32- Jaffa Gate at Jerusalem.
 - 33- Turkish lawyer in Jerusalem, seeking a concession for tramway to Mount of Olives.
 - 34- Near Beilan Pass [Turkey], in mountains from Alexandretta to Aleppo, [1919].
 - 35- Jordan Valley - Wady [lower course of the Jordan River].
 - 36- [Chaim] Weizman, President of the Zionist Commission, and some Jewish leaders at a banquet at Richon el-Zion, Palestine, May 1918.
 - 37- Turkish refugee from Caucasus at Camp in Adana.
 - 38- View from a housetop in the early morning at Adana.
 - 39- Arab gendarmes accompanying the Commission at Aleppo [1919].
 - 40- Children in the streets of Kuneitra, a Circassian [Circassian] town on the Hauran Plain)²
 - 41- Italian Lt. & Sister; Italian Major and wife & Italian military attaché on Egyptian Western Front, Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 1917. [Italian military majors with family members in Cairo Egypt, Dec. 1917].
 - 42- Captain James and officers on the "Maid of Honor" of General Allenby.
 - 43- Watermill at Hama, Syria.
 - 44- Refugees from the Caucasus at Adana, Turkey.
 - 45- (Syrie) - Grande Rue Nazem Pacha - Quartier El- Mouhagerine.

²(these Circassian towns were established along the Hedjaz R. R. by Abdul Hamid for the Caucasus refugees after the Turku-Russian War)

- 46- Washing of a camel by Egyptians on the Haifa-Acre beach.
- 47- Panoramic view of Latakia from "the Maid of Honor".
- 48- Mr. Crane with Dr. Bonjie, Emir Faisal's political agent, and Notables at Aleppo, Syria, July 1919.
- 49- Reception of the commission at Tripoli, Lebanon.
- 50- Dervish Mosque at Tripoli, Lebanon.
- 51- Charles R. Crane with daughters of the Arab Martyrs.
- 52- Military reception for Emir Faisal at Damascus, Syria.
- 53- Red Cross Hospital. Left to right: George Montgomery, William Yale, Laurence Moore, Albert Lybyer, Henry Churchill King, and Sami Ibrahim Haddad³ with Nurses and Doctors.
- 54- American Red Cross Hospital: Dr. Opkan [Alkan] and Miss Jarrod with patients at Adana Hospital, Turkey 1919.
- 55- Damas (Syria) - El-Shaghour - Fin du Quartier Sannaniet.
- 56- At Ammon [Amman] Station along the Hedjaz R.R. Commission ready to proceed to Ammon village.
- 57- Crowds at the City Hall at Tripoli, Lebanon, at the reception of the [King Crane] Commission.
- 58- Serail at Tripoli, Lebanon, where the Commission held its meetings and received delegations.
- 59- Mufti, Qadi and other notables - Aleppo, Syria.
- 60- Roadside from Aley to Beirut, Lebanon.
- 61- Street Scene, Damascus, Syria.
- 62- One of the King Crane's Cars at a village north of Homs, Syria.
- 63- Destroyed Turkish transport at Barada Valley bombed by aeroplanes.
- 64- Leaders of the Ismailiyah Shia sect, numbering estimated 30,000. Aga Khan of India, Head of Ismailiyah, 1919.
- 65- French Base Commander and wife, niece of Georges Clemenceau, at Latakia, Syria.
- 66- Ammon [Amman] east of Dead Sea, another Circassian village, famous old Roman Theater to be seen there.
- 67- Reception of the Commission at the quay at Latakia (Syria).
- 68- Olive trees on the road from Jerusalem to Nabulus, Palestine.
- 69- Entrance of the Ancient Arab Fortress at Aleppo Syria.
- 70- Bedawis [Bedouins] at Deraa Station, Syria, awaiting arrival of Commission, around the Government Konak [house]
- 71- Alexandretta [probably taken from the "Maid of Honor," General Allenby's private yacht, July 1919].
- 72- Governor's Konak [house] at Nablus, Palestine.

³*Sami Ibrahim Haddad (1890-1957) Surgeon; Jaffa, Palestine. M.D. 1913; F.A.C.S. (Fellow of the American College of Surgeons), 1934; married, 1922; children: Farid, Fuad, Ibrahim. Samia, Labib; Saad; wrote various books and articles on Medical subjects; prof. Emeritus of Surgery at the School of Medicine. A.U.B.; Surgeon, founder of the Orient Hospital in Beirut and maintained for low-income patients, 1947-1976, (Directory of Alumni, 1870-1952-p: 93). He acted as physician and interpreter for the King-Crane Commission in 1919. <http://cme.saint.roch.free.fr/>*

- 73- A spring near Jenin, Palestine.
- 74- Four women of Palestine carrying firewood.
- 75- A corner in Jenin, Palestine.
- 76- Street scene at Kuneitra, Syria.
- 77- Colonel Jimmy Watson with the Sheikh of the Dervishes and a notable of Tripoli at the Dervish Monastery, Tripoli, Lebanon.
- 78- Entrance to Medina of Ali Haidar and family, Saudi Arabia.
- 79- The Serial, the Head Quarters of the Shareef's northern army Damascus, Syria.
- 80- Portrait of Yousseff Selebaddin, Turkish Officer and former lawyer, Jerusalem, Palestine.
- 81- U.S. Destroyer Hazelwood, which carried the Commission from Messina, Italy, to Constantinople, Turkey.
- 82- Mohammed Faisal, fourth son of Shareef Ali Haidar in the garden of his home, Constantinople, Turkey 1918.
- 83- From left to right: Mr. A. G. Dona, Mrs. Dona, the Turkish Mutassarif of Jerusalem, Dorothy Dana, and an English Driller.
- 84- Police Force of Socony, Chief Mustafa Khaputli (Kharputli).
- 85- [Arab] Scouts, Damascus, Syria 1919.
- 86- Indian guard of honor saluting the Commission's special train upon its arrival to Tarsus, Cilicia, Turkey, 1919.
- 87- Shareef Mohiddeen with the Turkish Commander Fakreddeen Pasha, and the Emir's 3rd son, Shareef Mohammad, addressing the soldiers in the name of his father the Emir Shareef Ali Haidar
- 88- Emir Faisal's guards.
- 89- Shareef Ali Haidar and his son Abdul Majid leaving the mosque.
- 90- Dr. King and Dr. Montgomery leaving R. R. station, Amman, Jordan.
- 91- Bedouin delegation arrives. [Bedouins around Governor's Konah (house) at Dar'ā]
- 92- Arab Delegation waiting to meet the King-Crane commission.
- 93- Abraham's tomb [in Al Khalil], within a Moslem Mosque, Palestine.
- 94- Base commander and staff at Jenin, Palestine. Left to right: Dr. King, Mr. [Charles] Crane, Dr. [Albert H.] Lybyer, Dr. [George] Montgomery, Captain William Yale, Captain [Donald] Brody [Brodie], and Dr. Sami Ibrahim Haddad.
- 95- Delegation of a Palestinian village discussing the peace conference and mandates with King-Crane Commission.
- 96- Arab woman and child in southern Palestine, a picture taken by a German officer.
- 97- A roadside scene outside of Damascus, Syria.
- 98- Bedawi [Bedouin] awaiting the arrival of the Commission at the station of Deraa, Syria, on the Hedjaz R. R. [Rail Road]
- 99- Jaffa Gate at Jerusalem, Palestine.
- 100- The Port of Latakia (Syria).
- 101- (International Commission on Mandates in Turkey - American Section, King-Crane Commission). Standing: Albert Howe Lybyer, Henry Churchill King, George R. Montgomery, Sami Ibrahim Haddad, and Charles R. Crane. Seated: William Yale, Donald M. Brodie. In near. Dr. Chamber, Canadian Missionary.

- 102- Reception of Delegation, Aleppo, Syria.
- 103- Muslim Delegation at Aleppo, Syria.
- 104- [Kuneitra delegation meet members of the King-Crane Commission, Dr. Montgomery and Mr. Laurence Moore, June 25, 1919], Mayer [Mayor] of Kuneitra and delegation, Dr. Montgomery and Mr. Laurence Moore of King Crane Commission, June 25, 1919.
- 105- Damascus delegation with [King Crane Commission] Charles R. Crane, Henry Churchill King, George R. Montgomery, Sami Ibrahim Haddad (in white) and Albert Howe Lybyer seated.
- 106- Arrival of the King Crane Commission to Alexandretta: Charles R. Crane, Albert Howe Lybyer, George R. Montgomery, Donald M. Brodie, Sami Ibrahim Haddad, and William Yale.
- 107- Crowd following King-Crane Commission in Latakia, Syria.
- 108- King-Crane's special train, Armenian delegation outskirts of Adana, Turkey.
- 109- Representatives of the wards of Aleppo, Adana, Turkey.
- 110- Delegation from Jebel Druse (Jabal Druze), Damascus, Syria, June 23, 1919.
- 111- Emir Faisal leaving the Serial of Kuneitra, Syria, June 25, 1919.
- 112- Boy Scouts of Jerusalem arrive at Damascus, Syria, to visit the all-Syrian Congress of July 1919.
- 113- Emir Faisal's guards from Hejaz, Saudi Arabia, 1919.
- 114- Arab delegation awaiting the arrival of King-Crane Commission, Deraa, Syria.
- 115- Circassian delegates waiting at Amman, Jordan, July 1919.
- 116- Emir Faisal leaves Hotel Victoria, Damascus, Syria, after a conference with Allenby, October 3, 1918.
- 117- Captured Turkish transport at the gateway to the plain of Esdraelon (Plain of Esdraelon), Jenin, Palestine.

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