

Name: HINDLE JAMES, Harold.

Date of Birth: 1.3.1895.

Schools, College, etc. Saugeen School, Bournemouth;
Private Tutors,
Christchurch, Oxford.

Languages spoken. Arabic, French, some German & Hindustani.

Degrees, etc. M.A. Oxon.

Particulars of Career:

1st. September 1914. 2nd Lt. 6th Somerset Light Infantry.

March 1915, Lieutenant, R.F.C.

July 1917. Captain R.F.C.

June-November 1915. Overseas Service with R.F.C. France.

Dec. 1915-May 1916. Egypt.

Aug. 1916-July 1917. Palestine, Hedjaz (first expedition with
Major Ross and Lawrence, Local Commander Emir
Ali, afterwards King Ali) and Aden.

July 1917-Aug. 1918. Service Home Defence Night Flying.

Aug. 1918-Jan 1919. Active Service in Italy.

October 1918. Wounded on Active Service.

Aug. 1918-May 1921. Overseas service after the War; in Egypt
S.O. 2., R.A.F. Headquarters, Heliopolis and
O.C., Special Instructional Flight (Almaza)-
Turkey (with "Q" Force operating in Anatolia);
Iraq (Arab Revolt).

1921 - 1923. Service at R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, as
Squadron Commander Boys' Wing and as Wing
Adjutant, R.A.F. Base, Calshot.

1923 - 1930. Service on Intelligence Staff (Tribal Liaison)
in Iraq, Koweit and in liaison with H.M.S.
sloops in the Persian Gulf, and as a Special
Service Officer at the Saudi-Arabian Frontier
during invasions of Iraq by Sheikh Feisal al
Darwish.

1931. Invalided out of the Service on account of
disabilities due to Service.

1931-1933. In Tangier, Lisbon and Madrid, carrying out
demi-official duties.

1932-1934. As honorary Organizer founded Schemes for
unemployed men on Prince of Wales' estate
in Kennington and later in co-operation with
the Surrey County Cricket Club at the Oval
and in co-operation with Christchurch Oxford
(Crypt Club and Oval House Club).

1934 - 1935.

Carried out voyages in tramp steamers, working on behalf of merchant seamen and in informal co-operation with the Board of Trade; and also toured in Turkey and all round Black Sea ports on demi-official duties.

Feb. 1936-Apr.1940.

Special appointment as Security and Liaison Officer touring throughout M.E. in Egypt, Libyan Desert, Sudan, Iraq, Koweit, Syria, Lebanon and Hedjaz, including visit in company with Sheikh Hafiz Wahba (Saudi Arabian Minister in London) to Djeddah, as personal guest of H.M. King Ibn Saud and visit in company with General Nouri Pasha Said as personal guest to the Emir Abdallah of Transjordan. Also personally received by King Gazi of Iraq while in Bagdad.

(Later by the Regent Prince Abdul Illah, on several occasions); *and by King Farouk in Cairo.*
Also Liaison duties with the British Fleet in Alexandria.

Sept. 3rd. 1940.

Knocked down by Service car remaining in Hospital three months afterwards.

February 1941.

Local appointment as Administration and Security Officer with British Airways H.Q., Near East Region. Tours in this duty up to date have included Sudan, Frontier District of French Equatorial Africa, and Palestine; also Habbaniya, Bagdad, Persia, S. Turkey, Syria, Uganda, Kenya and Basrah.

Decorations:

1914 - 15 Medal.
Victory Medal.
General Service Medal.
Order of the British Empire.
Order of the Nahda.
Croix de Guerre (Italian).
Iraq Revolt Medal.
Iraq Revolt Medal Bar (Desert Operations against Sheikh Feisal Darwish).

Clubs :

Oxford & Cambridge University Club, Pall Mall, London.
Turf Club Cairo; Mohamed Aly Club, Cairo.
Union Club, Alexandria
Anglo-Egyptian Union, Zamalek *(club now dissolved)*
Royal Central Asion Society, London.

Banks:

Westminster Bank, Strand, Walmer, Kent & Ottoman Bank, Cairo.

Next of Kin:

Mother ~~c/o Lionel James, esq.,~~
~~Moyses, Five Ashes, Sussex.~~
or
c/o Trevenen James, Esq.,
District Commissioner,
Kampala, Uganda.

APPENDIX.

Referring to the Attached notes, after nearly two years in an appointment as Administration and Security Officer with British Airways I relinquished that work, hoping to be able to resume work in some Service or Official capacity. This, however, did not come about, so I retired to live quietly in the country estate of a Pasha, not far from Benha, where I rented a house.

While there, the need for a Welfare Centre for our troops at the near-by Benha Railway Junction became apparent. Having obtained permission and financial support from Military H.Q. in Cairo, I undertook the designing, setting-up, and organisation of what became known as the "United Nations Services Clubs, Benha". The Club had rest-rooms, café, shop, baths, barber, garden & c., and special accomodation for Service Women. The Club was open night and day and some 500 service personnel of all ranks and many nationalities made use of the premises every 24 hours. When eventually I left Benha, the club was handed over to the Military Authorities in full working order. I have since received a gracious personal message of appreciation from H.M. Queen Mary, and letters of thanks from the British Military authorities.

Since I have returned to Cairo I have done no official work, but have maintained personal contact with my Egyptian and other friends; and at one point also undertook control of the "public relations" department of a large British commercial organisation, during the absence in England of its British Director.

(Signed) H.H.- J.

11th March, 1945.

At the present date (July 1950) am a resident again in Egypt, after a visit of 1½ years (1947-1948) to Australia, and later, after a brief return to Cairo, a visit of 7 months (1949) to England & Italy.

My only active interests at the moment are the Children's Health Settlement near the Pyramids; and the Harmel Hospital, Old Cairo.

(Signed) H.H.- J.

During 1946 I wrote a number of articles for the local Press, also gave a series of talks for the Egyptian State Broadcasting. I have now been invited by the E.S.B. to give a further series of talks.

(signed) H.H. J

July 1950