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D1/37/2 2 folders of miscellaneous photographs of Orkney life and people c 1855-1930
The earliest ones are portraits of unknown persons, their interest mainly being in the dress of the period. Includes:
Folder 1: 11 German Fleet in Scapa Flow, 28 November 1918
12 ‘Bremse’, German light cruiser being refloated in Scapa Flow

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Introduction
Chapter I The “Base Ships” and the work they carried out for the Fleet
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Chapter VI The Defence of the Fleet Base on Shore
Chapter VII Medical and Dental
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Chapter IX Base Communications
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Chapter XI W.R.N.S.
Chapter XII Salvage Organisation - Messrs Metal Industries (Salvage) Ltd
Chapter XIII The Army: The Royal Air Force
Chapter XIV Royal Marine Stevedores

D1/167/5 Scapa Flow defence documents 1937-1944

Manuscript reminiscences of John Gray of his experiences at sea, including mention of the scuttling and salvage of the German Fleet in Scapa Flow, 1921 - 1993.

D1/645 Surrender of German Fleet: news cutting 1919-1919

D1/884 PRO records on the scuttling and salvage of the fleet. 1918-1919
PRO Ref - ADM 116/1825
22/11/1918. Draft Order RE: Surrender of German Fleet - Message from Board of Admiralty. 1 x A3.
No Date. Translation of letter from Rear Admiral Von Reuter to the Secretary of the Admiralty, Berlin. RE: unrest in German Fleet prior to Scuttling and action taken by Reuter and Vice-admiral Levenson. 2 x A3.

PRO Ref - ADM 116/1989
20/10/1919. Memorandum by the Naval Section, British Delegation. RE: Matters arising from the Scapa Flow Incident. 2 x A3.
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24/06/1919. Report 506/281 from Vice Admiral Commanding, First Battle Squadron. Senior Naval Officer Afloat, Scapa to The Secretary of the Admiralty, the Commander-in-chief, Atlantic & Home Fleets. H.M.S. “Queen Elizabeth”. RE: Sinking of the German Fleet at Scapa. Also schedule of appendices to this submission 15 x A4.


02/07/1919. Extract from Report of Interrogation of German prisoners of War. 1 x A3.

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15/01/1919. Memorandum “I.G.S” instructions for German Ships. Berths occupied by German Ships. 1 x A3.

16/06/1919. Correspondence from Vice-Admiral, Commanding First Battle Squadron to The Commander-in-chief, Atlantic and Home Fleets. Transfer of Interned German Ships. 2 x A3.

PRO Ref - ADM1/8562/172
28/03/1919. Correspondence from the Admiral, Second-in-command, Grand Fleet to the Secretary of the Admiralty. RE: The disposal of the German Fleet. 2 x A3.

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17/04/1919. Correspondence from Vice-admiral, commanding, Home Fleet to Commander-in-chief, Atlantic Fleet. RE: Taking over of interned German ships now at Scapa. 7 x A3.

PRO Ref - ADM1/8571/296
13/09/1919. Memorandum by the Naval Section, British Delegation, representing the views of the British Admiralty that the officers and men should be repatriated. Including a report from Law Officers of the Crown and Scottish Law Officers on the German Rear Admiral Von Reuter and his officers. 4 x A3.

PRO Ref - ADM1/8575/331
27/11/1919. Memorandum from the German Government concerning the Scapa Flow incident to His Excellency Mr Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference, Paris. With Extracts from the “Times” from 16/06/1919 & 17/06/1919. 8 x A3.

PRO Ref - FO 369/1145
14/10/1919. Translation of letter from Chairman of the German Peace Delegation to His Excellency Mr Clemenceau, President of the Peace Conference. Versailles. RE: repatriation of crews of Germans ships sunk at Scapa Flow. 1 x A3.

27/09/1919. Letter from the Secretary, Admiralty to the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office. RE: Loss of a box stated to contain documents, relative to the accounts of the German interned ships at Scapa Flow. 6 x A3.

02/10/1919. Return letter from Army Council to Foreign Office. RE: as above.1 x A3.

Read only

D1/938 Fleet in Scapa Flow 1918+
Photograph album of photos and postcards showing the Fleet and its subsequent scuttling and raising. 33 images.

D1/939 Scrapbooks of photos and newspaper cuttings 1901-1933
Mainly relating to Tom Kent, Orkney photographer, compiled by the grandfather of the depositor.

D1/939/1 Volume One. “The channel fleet in Kirkwall bay”; various photographs including - Scapa Flow, Kirkwall scenery, cars,
opening of Lammas Fair, unveiling of Kirkwall war memorial, ba, two-headed lamb, electric lighting at Kirkwall 1924, The New York Herald article "Must fight tidal monster of Scapa Flow for sunken German Fleet!

D1/1072 Account of visit to Orkney 2009
Account of a visit to Orkney in June 2009 for the 90th Anniversary of the scuttling of the German Fleet in 1919 and related events. Journey begins in Dundee. Contains pictures. Trip organised by the publishers of "Warship World". Computer printout.

D8/G/28[G1] Orkney Library Miscellaneous Collection 1919
German High Fleet - positions when scuttled

D23/30/7 Joseph Storer Clouston papers 1914-1945
Newspaper cuttings from both World Wars
Names of soldiers killed in active service, sinking of the German Fleet, diary of main events of World War II, and VE Day celebrations, honours lists for Orphir, where Harald and Erlend Clouston appear. Various sources including The Scotsman, The Orkney Herald, The Orcadian

D30/2/12 Mary Robertson Sinclair papers 1894-1925
Bundle of printed papers and magazines
'The Orcadian', containing report of the scuttling of the German Fleet in Scapa Flow, 26 June 1919.

D31/20/3/15 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection: 24 Feb 1959
Death of Ernest Cox, man who raised most of the scuttled German High Fleet

D31/36/1 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection 1926-1976
Folder entitled Scapa Flow and Sinking of Hampshire containing press cuttings and correspondence from eye witnesses relating to the sinking of 'H.M.S. Hampshire', in June 1916 with Lord Kitchener aboard. Other subjects are Scapa Flow as a naval base during two World Wars, the scuttling of the German High Fleet in 1919 and subsequent salvage operations.

D31/78/18/3[F6] Ernest Walker Marwick Collection : Photograph of German Fleet in Scapa Flow 1919

D31/TR/1 Ernest Walker Marwick Sound Archive Collection c 1960-1975
Illustrative history and folklore tape containing the following:

TR/1/13 c 1960 - 1975
Part of a description of the sinking of the German Fleet by the late Mrs Rosetta Groundwater. Miss Groundwater and her husband were on a drifter, with a party of Stromness schoolchildren, when all around them the German ships began to keel over and sink.

D31/TR/112/2 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection c 1960-1975
The scuttling of German Fleet in Scapa Flow in June 1919, described by eye witnesses Mr. and Mrs. William Groundwater of Stromness

D31/TR/114 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection 1969
The scuttling of German Fleet in Scapa Flow in June 1919, described by eye witnesses Mr. and Mrs. William Groundwater of Stromness, who were on a school boat trip at the time (different from TR/112)

D66/6/2/1 Albert J Thomson papers c 1900-1950
Postcards depicting scenes of Orkney, notably the German fleet in Scapa Flow, Sanday, and Kirkwall and Stromness street scenes

D114 Karlsruhe Postcards c.1945
Postcards recovered from the wreck of SMS Karlsruhe underwater in Scapa Flow and then carefully conserved on behalf of Historic Scotland (see notes below). Four different images were recorded: ships steaming in formation at sea, an image of two small children reading letters, a (wounded) man in uniform with a lady, and part of an image of a child with a toy elephant and a jar of marmalade!

OSA/127 Orkney Sound Archive c.1980-1993
MOAR, JOHN DAVID, Vinbrake, Birsay.
Topics: house repairs, wages, Lyness & WW2, air raids, piers, boom defense, Royal Oak, raising fleet, thatch roofs

OSA/408 Orkney Sound Archive 17 Feb 1994
MacKENZIE, Mr A.G.M.
Topics: Retrieving bodies after the sinking of the Royal Oak, secrecy and curfews, delivering meat to the fleet.

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OSA/RCAHMS/004/1 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 3 Jun 1998

OSA/RCAHMS/004/2 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 3 Jun 1998

OSA/RCAHMS/005/1 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 27 Feb 1999
Interviewee: GORDON LINKLATER, 5 Craigiefield Park, Kirkwall
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Subject: Childhood memories of WW2 and working as mess boy at Lyness
Barrage balloons. Sinking of the Danish tanker in Inganess Bay.

OSA/RCAHMS/006/1 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 28 Feb 1999
Interviewee: ALFIE FLETT, St Marys, Holm
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Subject: worked with barrage balloons on trawlers

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OSA/RCAHMS/010/1 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 11 Mar 1999
Interviewee: WALTER ROSS, Clara, New Scapa Road
Interviewer: K. Towsey

OSA/RCAHMS/010/2 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 11 Mar 1999
Interviewee: WALTER ROSS, Clara, New Scapa Road
Interviewer: K. Towsey

OSA/RCAHMS/011/1 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 14 Mar 1999
Interviewees: JIMMY WATT, Holm Branch Road, Kirkwall & JOHNNY MEIL, Dyke-end, Scapa
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Subjects: Ness Battery, Royal Oak, Air Raids, Iron Duke beached, Iron Duke guns mounted at Wellington Battery at Carness, decriptions of batteries, boom defences,
Synopsis:
Harbour during the War. Measured mile markers.

OSA/RCAHMS/011/2 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 14 Mar 1999
Interviewees: JIMMY WATT, Holm Branch Road, Kirkwall & JOHNNY MEIL, Dyke-end, Scapa
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Synopsis:

OSA/RCAHMS/011/3 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 14 Mar 1999
Interviewees: JIMMY WATT, Holm Branch Road, Kirkwall & JOHNNY MEIL, Dyke-end, Scapa
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Synopsis:

OSA/RCAHMS/011/4 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 14 Mar 1999
Interviewees: JIMMY WATT, Holm Branch Road, Kirkwall & JOHNNY MEIL, Dyke-end, Scapa
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Synopsis:

OSA/RCAHMS/014 Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 1998-1999
Interviewee: SANDY ROBERTSON
Interviewer: K. Towsey
Subjects: Working life as a diver, salvaging the German Fleet from Scapa Flow, diving in the Flow during wartime including on the Royal Oak.
Length: 2:00:00

Interviewee: JOHN CLOUD
Interviewer: K Towsey
Subjects: Wartime life around Hackness and Lyness 1939-43
Length: 1:00:00

OSA/RCAHMS/018  Oral History Recordings relating to Wartime Orkney 1998-1999
Interviewee: MALCOLM (Mack) ROSS
Interviewer: K Towsey
Subjects: Work on the construction of Stanger Head and as a wartime policeman at Lyness and Kirkwall.
Length: 1:00:00

Artist: HARRY TAYLOR Topics: German fleet, salvage, Cox & Danks
OSA/RO5/452  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney Collection/5 inch Reels 25/8/1987
Artist: HARRY TAYLOR Topics: German fleet, salvage, Cox & Danks Duration: 3’ 14”
OSA/RO7/266  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels c.1980s
Programme: Looking Back KITTY TAIT Stromness
Stromness, herring fishing, WWI, Zeppelin, grand fleet, Childrens attitude, fleet sinking, ‘flying Kestrel’ trip, WWII, sirens & air raids, commandeered buildings.
OSA/RO7/266  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
Topics: Stromness, herring fishing, WWI, Zeppelin, grand fleet, Childrens attitude, fleet sinking, ‘flying Kestrel’ trip, WWII, sirens & air raids, commandeered buildings, ammunition
OSA/RO7/281  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
Programme: Looking Back Artist: PROF. MILLAR Feature: Stromness Topics: Craigholm, occupations, harbour, shops, library, the school, Lammas Market, Stromness Ba’, Yule log, 1920s herring fishing revival, German fleet
OSA/RO7/295  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
Programme: Looking Back Artist: WILLIAM MARWICK Feature: High Seas fleet and Herring fishing Topics: German fleet scuttled, Raising German fleet by Cox & Danks, loading drifters, No. of Stronsay boats, coal hulk working day, mock wedding, gutting stations
OSA/RO7/310  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
OSA/RO7/312  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
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OSA/TA/49  Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/Tapes 1970s-1980s
World War Series part 3: Scuttling of German Fleet. Accounts by Henrietta Groundwater, Peggy Gibson and Maureen Heddle.
Angus Findlater singing “Lonely Scapa Flow”; Henrietta Groundwater on school trip to see fleet; Peggy Gibson also on school trip; Maureen Heddle accounts events as if she had been there.

D1/740 Photocopies of two newspaper articles relating to the story of Sandy Robertson who was a diver working for Cox and Dank’s in the salvaging of the scuttled German battleship The Hindenburg 2000
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D1/59/10 Diaries of H Murray Taylor about Scapa Flow c.1934
3 files of notes, mainly classification of the main ships scuttled in 1919, their position, working details etc.

D1/660/9[H1] Edition of The Edinburgh Evening Courant 24th June 1782
Edition of The Edinburgh Evening Courant. Contains extract of a letter from Stromness detailing that a large cutter privateer (name unknown) from Dunkirk, has arrived at Hoxa, South Ronaldsay and some of the crew have plundered the area for valuables. Word has been given, by Robert Crookshank, that the boat is headed from Stromness after they plundered and scuttled his boat, the Margaret and Elizabeth. [1 item]. (H1).

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OSA/RO7/310 Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
Programme: Looking Back Artist: HARRY FOTHERINGHAM Feature: WWI, WWII, Tinkers, Ba, Storm Topics: Royal Oak, Vanguard, submarines, Scuttling the fleet, lifting, Lammas Fair, Tinkers, Ba’ 1909-1910, Storm 1909-1910. Comments: 3 yellow leaders

D31/TR/114 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection 1969
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D31/36/1 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection 1926-1976
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D1/345 German Naval Documents 1917-1917
‘Kennung der deutschen Kriegsschiffe und Torpedoboote’ (Recognition of German Warships and Torpedo boats), published by Admiralstab der Marine, 1917; Diary for 1917. (photocopies)

D31/TR/112/2 Ernest Walker Marwick Collection c 1960-1975
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D1/1072 Account of visit to Orkney 2009
STROMNESS Public School Log book (Infant school) - Includes note on 21st June 1919 of school children witnessing the scuttling of the German Fleet.

PLEASE NOTE: Some school log books contain sensitive information about individuals. In some cases therefore, access to these records may be restricted to those records over 75 years old.

OSA/RO7/295 Orkney Sound Archive/Radio Orkney/7inch reels n.d.
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D1/758 Large file entitled ‘Ship Info from Wrecks of Scapa Flow’
Large file entitled ‘Ship Info from Wrecks of Scapa Flow’. Contains Miscellaneous information such as ship specifications, ship alterations and modifications, location of shipwrecks, build costs, drawings and plans of ships, etc., mostly photocopies from publications (from various dates) but some original work. Deposited by David Ferguson.

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