

MS-873

Harry Delamere Barter Dansey

(1920-1979)

PAPERS

Inventory compiled

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HARRY DELAMERE BARTER DANSEY

Harry Delamere Barter Dansey, 1920 - 1979, soldier, journalist, author, artist, broadcaster, local body politician and New Zealand's first Race Relations Conciliator, was born in Auckland, the eldest son of Harry Delamere Dansey and Winifred Patience Dansey, née Barter. On his father's side, he belonged to Ngati Rauhoto (sub-tribe of Ngati Tuwharetoa of Taupo) and Tuhourangi (sub-tribe of Te Arawa, Rotorua). After working briefly as a clerk at J.R. McKenzie Limited, he joined the army in 1940 and served overseas with the 28th Maori Battalion in the Middle East and Italy. He began his journalistic career in 1947 as a cadet reporter with the *Hawera Star* and worked for various papers in Taranaki for the next 15 years before joining the *Auckland Star* in 1961 as senior reporter and feature writer, specializing in Maori and Pacific Island affairs. Besides his publishing and broadcasting activities, Dansey took a very active part in community affairs and was elected to the Auckland City Council in 1970. In 1975 he was appointed Race Relations Conciliator, from which post he was forced to resign in 1979 due to ill health. Dansey died shortly after.

The Dansey Papers came to the Museum Library in two separate consignments. The first collection, MS-873, was presented by Harry Dansey in 1976 and includes papers chiefly relating to his father, Captain Harry Delamere Dansey's service in World War I. MS-1749 comprises the bulk of Harry Dansey's own papers and was presented to the Library by the family after his death.

Photographs

Please note that the photographs have been transferred to the Photograph Collections. An inventory of these is present at the back of the inventory for MS-1749.

Restricted Access

For access to the restricted personal and family papers present in Boxes 1 and 2, please contact either Rangi or Mark Dansey.

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BOX 1 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, LETTERS, ETC.

ITEM

- 1 Wartime letters from H.D.B. Dansey to his mother, Mrs W.P. Dansey, mostly 1944-1945, but some earlier, from other places in NZ, Australia, Egypt & Italy
- 2 Bulletins of Rotary Club of Auckland East (formerly Rotary Club of Glen Innes)
- 3 Committee of Lakeshore Reserves, Report to Taupo County Council, March 1964
- 4 Miscellaneous papers – World War I, Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C.

BOX 2 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, LETTERS, ETC.

ITEM

- 1 World War I Pamphlets:
 - * Notes on Field Defences (General Staff) London, 1914
 - * Notes on Field Defences (General Staff) London, 1914
(another edition of same)
 - * Notes from the Front (General Staff) London, 1914
 - * Notes from the Front Part III (General Staff) London, 1915
 - * Trench Warfare, Notes on Attack and Defence (General Staff) February 1915
 - * Notes from the Front Part IV (General Staff) London, 1915
 - * Notes on Trench Warfare for Infantry Officers (General Staff) London, 1917
 - * NZ Expeditionary Force Demobilization Regulations (Provisional) Part I London
(written in pencil on cover “Ships Orderly Room (?)” 4/3/19)
 - * New Zealand Expeditionary Force Demobilization Regulations Part I

School of Instruction – Zeitoun Camp, Egypt

Manual – (Exercise Book)

- 2 Letters from Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C., to Miss W.P. Barter from Egypt and France, 1915-1918
- 3 Letters from Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C., to Miss W.P. Barter from France, 1915-1918
- 4 Letters from Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C., to Miss W.P. Barter from France, 1915-1918

BOX 3 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, BOUND BOOKS

ITEM

- 1 Notes and cuttings on von Tempsky and photographs of swords reputed to be von Tempsky's. (These notes given to H. Dansey by G.K. Koea, ca. 1954.)
- 2 Ihakara Kahua'o's Manuscript
Native Land Court Proceedings
(Two Volumes – Bound)

BOX 4 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

ITEM

- 1 Visit of Maori Affairs Committee of House of Representatives to East Coast, Bay of Plenty, 1966 (see also photographs in Pictorial Collections)

- 2 Visit of Maori Affairs Committee of House of Representatives to Western Shores of Lake Taupo, 1966 (see also photographs in Pictorial Collections)

- 3 Maori Incorporations
Annual Report
Te Waerenga Block, 1965
Mangapoike A
Mangapoike B, 1964
Mangapoike 2E
Ngati Whakaue, 1965

- 4 Visit of Maori Affairs Committee of House of Representatives to Gisborne District, 1966. (see also photographs in Pictorial Collections)

BOX 5 SCRAPBOOKS

ITEM

- 1 "Maori Cuttings"
Cuttings from NZ newspapers during period November 1954 to March 1955

- 2 "Maori Cuttings"

Cuttings from NZ newspapers from 12 March 1955 -

- 3 "The Affairs of the Maori People during September and October 1947" – as reported
in the newspapers of New Zealand

BOX 6 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

ITEM

- 1 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:
- * England and Wales Ordnance Survey
 - * Bartholomews Map, Sheet 11
 - * Bailleul 28 SW3
 - * Ostend I *2 maps
 - * Tournai S
 - * Hazebrouck S A *2 maps
 - * Belgium, Sheet 38
- 2 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:
- * No. 17 Chalons
 - * Trench Map – Houplines
 - * Carte Taride No. 3 – vicinity Reims
- 3 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:
- France:
- * Sheet 36A Edition 6
 - * Set B, Sheet 11
 - * Lens 11 (2 maps)

- * Amiens 12
- * Calais 13 (2 maps)
- * Cambrai 13

4 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:

Belgium and France:

- * Sheet 19
- * Sheet 27
- * Sheet 28
- * Sheet 28 SW (2)
- * Sheet 28 SW (1)
- * Sheet 36
- * Sheet 36 NW

BOX 7 MAPS

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1 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:

North West Europe:

- * Sheet 1
- * Sheet 2
- * Sheet 3
- * Sheet 4
- * Sheet 5
- * Sheet 9 (2)
- * Sheet 10

2 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:

- * Trench Maps -Ploegsteert (Messines)
-Zillebeke (Ypres area)
- * Printed Maps (2) of Western Front Dispositions, etc.
- * Germany – Sheet 2 K 1:10000
- * Gallipoli 1:20000 -
Boghali
Chanak
Damler

3 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:

- * Belgium -Brussels (6)
-Ghent (2)
-Namur
- * Trench Maps -Ploegsteert (Messines)
-Zonnebeke (Passchendale)
-Douve (Messines)

4 Maps of Captain H.D. Dansey, M.C. – World War I:

- * Belgium -Ghent (2)
- * Sheets 20 and 22
- * Ypres 28 NW 19
- * Northern France Sheets 1 and 10
- * Trench Maps -France 28 SW
- France 57c SW

BOX 8 LETTERS

ITEM

- 1 Letters from Mrs W.P. Dansey to her son H.D.B. Dansey, 1946-1950

 (Note: “Pip” is a family nickname for H.D.B. Dansey)

- 2 Letters from Mrs W.P. Dansey to her son H.D.B. Dansey, 1950-1952

- 3 Letters from Mrs W.P. Dansey to her son H.D.B. Dansey, 1952-1955

- 4 Letters from Mrs W.P. Dansey to her son H.D.B. Dansey, 1955-1957

BOX 9 MANUSCRIPTS

ITEM

- 1 Manuscript of “How the Maoris came to Aotearoa” by H.D.B. Dansey.

 Published by A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1947.

 First manuscript – holograph

- 2 Manuscript of “How the Maoris came to Aotearoa” by H.D.B. Dansey.

 Published by A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1947.

 Second manuscript – holograph

- 3 Manuscript of “The New Zealand Maori in Colour” by H.D.B. Dansey.

 Published by A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1964.

 First Manuscript – typescript

- 4 Manuscript of “The New Zealand Maori in Colour” by H.D.B. Dansey.
Published by A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1964.
Second Manuscript

**BOX 10 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND REPORTS – YOUNG MAORI
CONFERENCE**

ITEM

- 1 Auckland University College, May 1939
2 Auckland, August 1939
3 Ngaruawahia, May 1960
4 Gisborne, September 1960
5 Whakatane, August 1960
6 Kaitaia, October 1960
7 Tauranga-Taupo, February 1961

**BOX 11 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND REPORTS – YOUNG MAORI
CONFERENCE**

ITEM

- 8 Rotorua, August 1961
9 Wairoa, October 1961
10 Ruatoria, May 1962
11 Waiariki (Tauranga), September 1962
12 Ruatoria, October 1962
13 Waiaraki – Murupara, March 1964
14 Auckland, August 1970

15 Sundry papers

BOX 12 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, LETTERS, CLIPPINGS, ETC.

ITEM

- 1 Scrap Album – World War I

- 2 Miscellaneous papers, 1934-1942
Indexed by H.D.B. Dansey

- 3 Papers relating to “The Treaty of Waitangi Case”, ca. 1938-1941

- 4 Letters relating to Auckland War Memorial Museum –
submissions on Amendment Bill and Antiquities Bill

- 5 Film and Stage Personalities
Index included