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## **Inventory**

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Papers of John Dunlop, 1937-1999.

John Dunlop was born in 1915 in Winnipeg, Canada, but was brought up in Edinburgh and educated at George Watson's College. During the Spanish Civil War he volunteered to go and fight for the Republican side against Franco's forces and served in the XV International Brigade. He served in the Scots Guards during the Second World War. Until his retirement he ran a printing company in Edinburgh.

He has remained active in monitoring writing in relation to the Spanish Civil War, and he contributed interviews and other pieces about his experiences in Spain to various publications.

[Source: MacDougall I ed, Voices From the Spanish Civil War, (Polygon 1986) p.116]

The collection consists of six small series all containing material regarding Dunlop's experiences during the Spanish Civil War: Items relating to Dunlop's time in Spain and WWII 1934-1944; Correspondence 1938-2001; Articles &c. written by John Dunlop 1953-c1996; Newsletter and miscellaneous papers concerning the International Brigade Association c1990-1999; Press clippings articles regarding the Spanish Civil War and the International Brigades 1972-1988; and Papers regarding memorials to the International Brigades and other commemorative events 1990-1999.

It should be noted that the correspondence contains letters on the subjects of other series. For related material see: Acc.10042; Acc.10043; Acc.10481/1-2; Acc.11306/26-35.

*Presented.* Mr John Dunlop (through the good offices of Ian MacDougall, Secretary, Scottish Working People's History Trust), April 2002, with some further material presented August 2002.

I. Items relating to Dunlop's time in Spain and WWII, 1937-1944

Includes:

Service and Pay Book for International Brigade, 1937

Membership card of the Communist Party of Spain, 1938

Vouchers from hotels in Spain, 1937-1938

Postcard illustrating the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow, 1938

Certificate commemorating John Dunlop's service in Spain, 1938

Pamphlet commemorating the service of the International Brigade, 1938

Pamphlet by Jose Diaz (Spanish Communist Party): With the New International Situation, Duties of the Working-Class and the People of Spain, c1939

Advert for public meeting, 'Scottish Foodship for Spain', 1939

Postcard showing Dave Dorran of the XV International Brigade, n.d.

Soldier's Service and Pay Book, British Army, 1944

2. Correspondence regarding John Dunlop's time with the International Brigade; requests for his reminiscences both as part of projects and from students; letters regarding reviews of books and comments on pieces about the Spanish Civil War; letters regarding the work and organisation of the International Brigade Association; and letters regarding memorials and events commemorating the role of the International Brigades, 1938-2001

Includes:

Letter to John Dunlop from his father, 1938

Letter from George Wheeler detailing his capture by Franco's troops, 1939

Letter from John Tunnoch, a former International Brigade soldier, sent whilst serving with the RAF, 1944

Copy letters regarding event in East Berlin to commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the International Brigades, 1986

Contract to allow BBC to use a recording made by Ian MacDougall of John Dunlop's reminiscences in the programme 'In the Valley of Sorrow', 1986

Letters regarding the relocation and opening of the new premises of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Brigade Memorial Library in Aberdeen, 1989

Letter regarding arrangements for sound recordings made by John Dunlop kept by the Imperial War Museum, 1990

Letters regarding the creation of an organisation to support the work of the International Brigades Association, 1997

Letters regarding the book A Moment of War by Laurie Lee and John Dunlop's opinion of it, 1998

3. Articles, reviews and poetry written by John Dunlop relating to the Spanish Civil War, 1953-1996

Includes:

Four copies of the Blue Blanket, journal of the Communist Party, Edinburgh Area, with a series of articles by Dunlop about his time in Spain. No 4 contains a letter referring to Dunlop's articles, 1953-1955

Poem 'Brunete – an ode to my comrades'

Typescript and published version of Dunlop's review A Moment of War by Laurie Lee, 1995

Notes for Dunlop's response to the Observer review of A Moment of War, 1991

4. Newsletters and miscellaneous papers concerning the International Brigade Association, ca 1900-1999
5. Press clippings and articles relating to the Spanish Civil War and the International Brigades, 1972-1998

Also includes:

John Dunlop's personal photocopy of the book Aldred G, John Maclean, The Strickland Press, Glasgow, 1940

6. Papers regarding memorials to the International Brigades and other commemorative events, 1990-1999