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## **MOTT**

Papers of F.F. Mott re his testing cars, chiefly the  
Morris Roadless Lorry in East Africa

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[Quoting from a letter from Mott's daughter-in-law, the donor of these papers, he 'entered the service of the Lanchester Motor Company in its early years & subsequently became chief tester. He left the firm in 1919 to take a similar post with D Napier & Sons, and when the Acton firm ceased car manufacture in 1924 he joined the Gwynne Car Co. of Chiswick.... He then became Service Manager to Morris Commercial Cars & later Chief Engineer to this firm until the time of his death'. The papers include 'a complete record of the journey he made to East Africa to demonstrate the Morris Roadless Lorry fitted with caterpillar gear manufactured by the Roadless Traction Company, to be demonstrated from Mombasa via Tanga to Nairobi. He left Dover early January 1925 & was away for over 12 months'.

1		[Maps]
1/1	1914	East Africa. Mombasa. Sheet South B-37/D Scale 1:250,000
1/2	1914	East Africa. Mackinnon Road-Malindi. (Provisional). Sheet South A-37/V & W Scale 1:250,000
1/3	1915	German East Africa. Tanga. (Sheet B.) Scale 1:100,000
1/4	1916	German East Africa. Tanga. C 6 Scale 1:300,000
1/5	-	Royal East Africa Automobile Association Road Map of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika & Zanzibar ... Scale 1":ca.48m.
1/6	1915	[East Africa] Mombasa-Nairobi. South A-37 Scale 1:1,000,000
1/7	1915	German East Africa. Moa. Sheet D Scale 1:100,000
1/8	1915	German East Africa. Wilhelmstal. Sheet C Scale 1:100,000
1/9	-	Map of the Eastern Province of Uganda Protectorate Scale 1":16m.
1/10	1924	Kenya Colony Scale 1:2,000,000

Royal East African Automobile Association [Maps]

- 1/11 - Road Map of Kenya Colony  
Scale 1":8m.
- 1/12 - Road Map of Nairobi & Environs [giving] 'Shell' Supply Stations  
Scale 1": ca.1m.
- 1/13 - Road and Railway Map showing new railways. Presented by Messrs  
Bullows & Roy Ltd  
Scale 1"; ca.16m.
- 1/14 - Map of New Road connecting the Sudan with Kenya, Uganda & the  
Congo  
Scale 1:3,000,000
- 1/15 - Road Map of Mt. Kenya District  
Scale 1":8m.
- 1/16 - Road Map of Aberdare District  
Scale 1":8m.
- 1/17 - Road Map of Kisumu-Kitale District  
Scale 1"8m.
- 2 1924 [Offprint:] The 'Morris-Cowley' on the Cape to Cairo Route. How  
Kenya and Uganda are linked to the Sudan by the New Equatorial  
Road. Reprinted from 'The African World' April 19th 1924. [Subtitled  
'The Nairobi-Mongalli Triumph. Mr Galton-Fenzi and the Future of  
the Kenya-Sudan Route'. 2 copies] 16p
- 3 Royal East African Automobile Association [booklets]
- 3/1 1924 Mar New Equatorial Road. Photographic record of the first car, a Morris  
Cowley, to undertake the Journey from Nairobi to Gondokora and  
Mongalla/L D Galton-Fenzi 27p
- 3/2 1924 Dec The New Southern Equatorial Route. Nairobi to Lake Nyasa.  
Photographic record of the first car, a 14 H.P. Bean, to accomplish  
this journey/L D Galton-Fenzi 48p + map
- 3/3 1926 Dec The New Capital to Coast Road. Nairobi to Mombasa. Photographic  
record of the first car, a 12 H.P. Riley, to accomplish this journey/L  
D Galton-Fenzi 30p + map
- 4 Royal East African Automobile Association [information leaflets]
- 4/1 1928 Jun Road Report/Road Sketch/Profile Map of the Nairobi-Nakuru Road
- 4/2 1928 Jun ----- as above ----- of the Nakuru-Kisumu Road

- 4/3 1928 Jun ----- as above ----- of the Nakuru-Eldoret Road
- 5 1925 Jan 28- Jul 26 Journal. Diary of F.F. Mott relating to Service trip [to East Africa] for Morris Commercial Cars Ltd, B'ham [notebook] 66p used + 2p of names and addresses at back
- 6 1925 Feb 19-1926 Jan 8 [File of correspondence between W Cannell, Messrs Morris Commercial Cars Ltd, Foundry Lane Works, Soho, Birmingham, and F F Mott, c/o Carr, Lawson & Co Ltd, Nairobi (and other East Africa addresses). With several newspaper cuttings, one profiling W R Morris, others re trip to be made from Mombasa to Nairobi in a Morris Roadless Lorry fitted with caterpillar gear manufactured by the Roadless Traction Company]
- 7 Messageries Maritimes
- 7/1 1924 Services Contractuels and Cargo Services. French Mail Steamers and Cargo Steamers [Information booklet] 64p + maps
- 7/2 1925 Services Contractuels et Lignes Commerciales. Paquebots-Poste Français et Vapeurs de Charge [Information booklet] 74p + advertisements & maps
- 7/3 1925 Guide du Passager à l'arrivée à Marseille [Information brochure] 28p
- 7/4 1925 Renseignements à l'Usage des Passagers. Mombasa-Zanzibar-Dar-es-Salam. [Information brochure] 12p
- 8 1924 Rough Draft. Small Car Trials Pamphlet [giving 'some idea of the aims of the Royal Automobile Club in promoting the recent Small Car Trials' at Llandrindod Wells, May 12-17, and particularly the performance of two Gwynne 8 cars] 11p ts
- 9/1 1924 Jun 12 [Memo re] 'Gwynne-8'. New model, chassis specification. (Preliminary) 1p ts.
- 9/2 1924 Jun 19 Inspection Dept. [memo] Re Tests for Hardness of Cylinder Blocks for Gwynne 8 Cars 1p ts.
- 9/3 1924 Jun 19 Inspection Dept. [memo] re Crankshafts from Trial Cars Nos. 1058 and 1123 1p ts.
- 9/4 1924 Jun 28 [Particulars of Gwynne-8] 1p ts.
- 10 1924? Report on Trip to Wales April 5th to April 8th ... Mr Mott driver, Longstaffe, observer 5p ms.

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| 11 | 1920s                 | [Ms. notebook of F F Mott containing entries re East Africa, '20/25 Engine 16 H.P.', 'Rotterdam Depot' etc] ca.20 pages used   |
| 12 | 1920s                 | [Index of photographs, particularly of testing of Morris six-wheelers [see Mott 13 & 15]] 7p ms./ts.   |
| 13 | 1920s                 | [Album of photographs, chiefly re testing of Morris Commercial Cars Ltd's trucks and fire engines, and armoured vehicles by the army. Some photos are in India, Abyssinia and Turkey. See Mott 12] 133 photos on 36 leaves   |
| 14 | 1920s                 | [Bundle of photographs, unnumbered and uncaptioned, but chiefly re testing of Morris Commercial Cars Ltd's trucks, and armoured vehicles including by the army. Includes one staff photo] 37 photos in 1 envelope  |
| 15 | 1920s                 | [Bundle of numbered photographs (see Mott 12), chiefly re testing of Morris Commercial Cars Ltd's trucks, and of their armoured vehicles by the army. Some bear titles on verso. A number show the caterpillar gear] 75 photos in 2 envelopes                        |
| 16 | 1927                  | [Photographic views (of Rotterdam?) in photo envelope marked 'F Mott 1927 Holland'] 52 photos  |
| 17 | 1925 Jan-<br>1926 Feb | [Large bundle of photographs, chiefly a record of the trip of F F Mott to East Africa to demonstrate the Morris Roadless Lorry with caterpillar gear. Views not only include vehicles, breakdowns, river crossings etc, but also scenery, wildlife and natives 1 box |
| 18 | [c.1924]              | Uganda Railway. See Kenya by the Uganda Railway & R.E.A.A.A./ Royal East African Automobile Association. [Publicity notice incorporating map and timetables re Uganda Railway service between Mombasa and Kisumu in Kenya] Chromolithograph, 56 x 36cm               |

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