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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** W65
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Sword
- Description** Sword (talwar) of Indian origin, further provenance unconfirmed
- Physical description** Sword with curved metal blade. The hilt features a curved knuckle-guard and disc-pommel.
- Names associated**
- Other associations**



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Museum Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire

Accession Number CAM.F232

Categories Arms and armour

Object name Helmet

Description Helmet of Sudanese origin, further provenance unconfirmed

Physical description Helmet with circular top decorated with engraved tendrils and diamond patterns with a multi-faceted diamond-shaped spike, long thin nose-guard with a leaf-shaped top, decorated with linear patterns. The bottom edge of the helmet has a series of holes punched in the metal to allow the threading of chain mail. There is a thick layer of padding that acts as a neck-guard.

Names associated

Other associations



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.B86
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Arm shield
- Description** Arm shield of Persian origin, further provenance unconfirmed
- Physical description** Long metal arm shield ornately decorated with figures, floral and bird motifs within two large circular panels on the front. The shield is edged with what may be a Kufic-style inscription. On the left underside of the shield are two metal plates attached to one another and the shield with a series of small metal rings. The outer plate has two fastenings that attach to buckles found on the right-hand side of the shield. The object may possibly have been used as a prop in Tazieh performances.
- Names associated**
- Other associations**



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Museum	Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
Accession Number	CAM.E548
Categories	Books and manuscripts
Object name	Prayer book
Description	Prayer book of Ethiopian origin, described as being 'obtained' from an unidentified Ethiopian leader by Lieutenant Thomas Turner, 26th Regiment, during the Abyssinian Campaign, 1867-8, Ethiopia, East Africa
Physical description	Small prayer book written on vellum and enclosed within two wooden boards. The boards have four consecutive holes to secure the two pieces at the spine of the book with threaded fibre. A leather case with envelope flap accompanies the book. Within the book is a typed inscription that reads: 'This book is presented to "The Cameronians" (Scottish Rifles) for their Museum at Hamilton by Mrs. Turner Wife of the late Colonel T. Turner who commanded the 1st Batt. Cameronians from 1885-1889. / Colonel Turner when a Lieutenant in the Regiment obtained this Prayer-Book from an Abyssinian Chief during the Abyssinian Expedition in 1868. / It is known as the Weddase Maryan [Wudase Mariam], a collection of prayers in honour of the Virgin Mary in vellum. Ethiopie 17th Century'.
Names associated	Turner, Lieutenant Thomas 26th Regiment of Foot
Other associations	Ethiopia, East Africa, AFRICA Abyssinian Campaign



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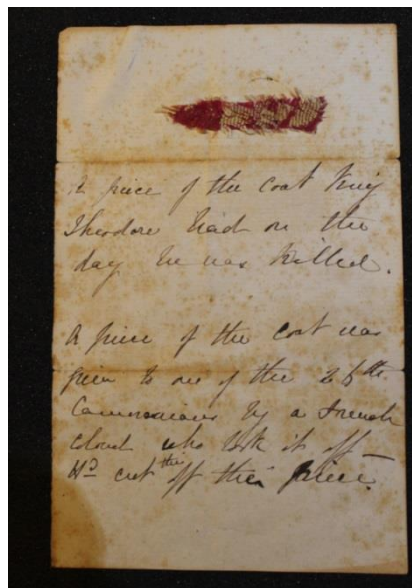
- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** 2014.37
- Categories** Ritual and religion
- Object name** Cross
- Description** Coptic cross taken by an unidentified individual from a church at the storming and looting of Maqdala during the Abyssinian Campaign, 1867-8, Ethiopia, East Africa. Possibly purchased at the prize auction and / or given to Field Marshal Robert Cornelius Napier, 1st Baron Napier of Magdala, who presented it to the 26th Regiment after the campaign while they were stationed in India. Although despatched for service, the 26th did not reach Maqdala and were not present at the storming of the fortress. The cross subsequently remained in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Battalion The Cameronians until 1947, after which it was transferred to the museum's collections
- Physical description** Coptic cross made of brass and engraved with religious figures and text, mounted on a three-tiered wooden plinth. On the front of the second tier is a silver plaque with 'Abyssinia' in capital letters. On the top tier is a small 5-pointed star, the centrepiece of the Cameronian's cap badge, understood to be the star or 'mullet' of the coat of arms of the Douglas family who raised what became the 26th Regiment.
- Names associated** Napier, Field Marshal Robert Cornelius
26th Regiment of Foot
- Other associations** Ethiopia, East Africa, AFRICA
Abyssinian Campaign



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.G308
- Categories** Clothing and textiles
- Object name** Fragment, coat
- Description** Fragment of textile attached to a handwritten note, said to be a piece of the coat worn by Emperor Tewodros II on the day of his death during the Abyssinian Campaign, 1868, Ethiopia, East Africa. A larger piece is understood to have been taken by an un-named French colonel, of which this fragment was cut, and given to an un-named soldier of the 26th Regiment. At some point the textile was acquired by Lieutenant Capel Molyneux Bruner (born 1858), who did not serve in the campaign
- Physical description** A small piece of woven textile, bright red and cream (possibly faded gold), stitched to a handwritten letter. The letter reads: 'A piece of the coat King Theodore had on the day he was killed. / A piece of the coat was given to one of the 26th Cameronians by a French Colonel who took it off his coat – He [?] cut this off their piece.'
- Names associated** Tewodros II, Emperor
26th Regiment of Foot
Bruner, Lieutenant Capel Molyneux
- Other associations** Ethiopia, East Africa, AFRICA
Abyssinian Campaign



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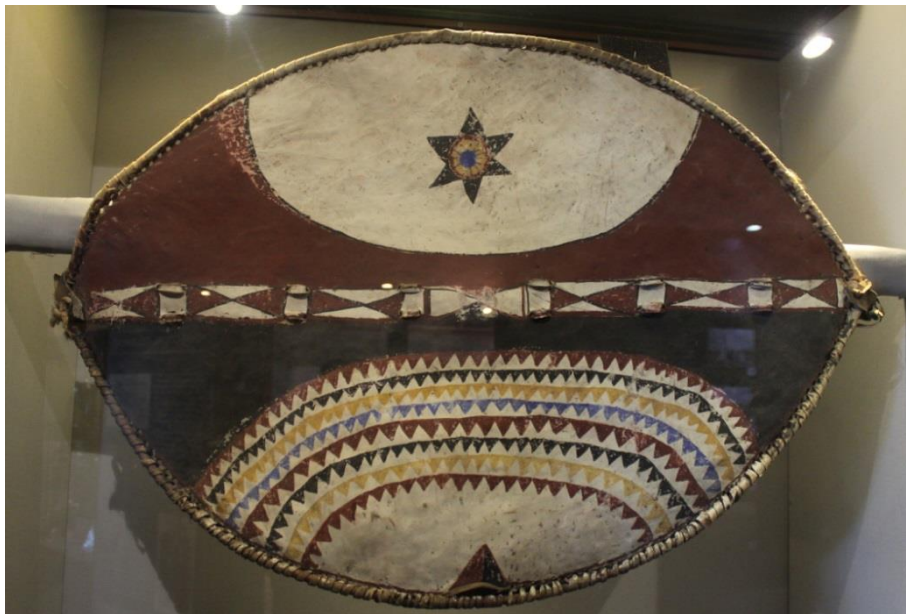
- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.F116
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Spear
- Description** Spear (assegai) of Zulu origin, taken by an unidentified individual during the Anglo-Zulu War, 1879, South Africa
- Physical description** Spear with long metal shaft terminating in a short leaf-shaped metal blade, mounted on a light-brown wooden staff, with thick central resin grip.
- Names associated**
- Other associations** South Africa
Anglo-Zulu War



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.F239
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Shield
- Description** Shield of Masai origin, further provenance unconfirmed
- Physical description** Oval-shaped shield made of hide and painted with geometric motifs in dark brown, yellow, blue, and black, including a six-sided star. The back of the shield includes a wooden spine with leather binding.
- Names associated**
- Other associations** South Africa



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.F115
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Spear
- Description** Spear (assegai) of Zulu origin, taken by an unidentified individual during the Anglo-Zulu War, 1879, South Africa
- Physical description** Spear with textured fibre and resin grip laced in a criss-cross pattern, with long, thin metal blade mounted on a thin light-brown staff.
- Names associated**
- Other associations** South Africa
Anglo-Zulu War



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.K159
- Categories** Smoking
- Object name** Pipe
- Description** Wooden pipe, taken from Tini Maqoma, son of the Ngqika chief Maqoma, by an unidentified individual during the Ninth Anglo-Xhosa War, 1877-9, South Africa. Possibly initially taken by, or later given to, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Wellington Palmer, commander of the 90th Regiment
- Physical description** Pipe made of dark brown wood with an ornately engraved metal lip. A brown leather-covered case has been made for the item. The case is embossed on the front with the following inscription: 'The Kaffir Chief "Macomo's" Pipe, / taken from him on his capture, in / the neighbourhood of Fort Beaufort / May 1878.' The top inner lining is made of cream silk and the bottom lining is made of purple velvet.
- Names associated** Maqoma, Tini
Palmer, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Wellington
90th Regiment of Foot
- Other associations** South Africa
Ninth Anglo-Xhosa War



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.K158
- Categories** Personal ornaments
- Object name** Armlet
- Description** Armlet of Xhosa origin, taken by Sergeant Heinen, Bowkers Burghers, during the Ninth Anglo-Xhosa War, 1877-9. Later presented by the Burghers to Lieutenant Colonel Henry Wellington Palmer, Commander of the 90th Regiment
- Physical description** Circular armlet made of ivory with three silver bands and inscribed plaque which reads: 'Presented to Lieut. Col. Palmer, 90th Light Infy / by Bowkers Burghers / In memory of the expedition under his command against the rebel chief Tini Macomo in Water Kloof / this ring was taken off one of the rebels who was shot by Sergt Heinen of Bowkers Burghers during the skirmish of 12 June 1878'. A bespoke case has been made for the armlet, with brown leather exterior and interior lined with purple velvet and silk. Printed on the interior lid in gold is an inscription that reads: 'Kaffir Chief's Armlet'. The silver plaque is heavily tarnished and there are visible cracks in the ivory.
- Names associated** Heinen, Sergeant
Palmer, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Wellington
90th Regiment of Foot
- Other associations** South Africa
Ninth Anglo-Xhosa War



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Museum	Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
Accession Number	W95
Categories	Arms and armour
Object name	Knobkerrie
Description	Knobkerrie of Zulu origin, further provenance unconfirmed
Physical description	Knobkerrie made of light brown wood with three sections of wirework in copper and green.
Names associated	
Other associations	South Africa Anglo-Zulu War



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Museum	Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
Accession Number	CAM.F191
Categories	Arms and armour
Object name	Knobkerrie
Description	Knobkerrie of Zulu origin, described as being 'believed to have been taken from Cetshwayo [kaMpande's] army at the attack on Kambula Hill' by the 90th Regiment, Anglo-Zulu War, 1879, South Africa
Physical description	Knobkerrie made of dark brown wood, faded in parts, with the top formed in the shape of a human head. Much of the copper wirework has been lost or damaged.
Names associated	kaMpande, Cetshwayo 90th Regiment of Foot
Other associations	South Africa Anglo-Zulu War Battle of Kambula



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Museum	Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
Accession Number	CAM.F111
Categories	Arms and armour
Object name	Knobkerrie
Description	Knobkerrie of Zulu origin, taken by an unidentified individual, possibly with initials 'E P', during the Anglo-Zulu War, 1879, South Africa
Physical description	Knobkerrie made of brown wood with two sections of woven copper wirework. In the centre of the staff there is a metal ring, heavily scratched, upon which the initials 'E P' are stamped.
Names associated	90th Regiment of Foot
Other associations	South Africa Anglo-Zulu War



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- Museum** Cameronians' Collection, Low Parks Museum, Lanarkshire
- Accession Number** CAM.B67
- Categories** Arms and armour
- Object name** Chain mail
- Description** Chain mail suit of Sudanese origin, described as being 'taken' from a soldier of Abdullah Ibn-Mohammed Al-Khalifa's army by an unidentified individual at the Battle of Omdurman, 2 September 1898, during the reconquest of Sudan, North Africa
- Physical description** Suit of chain mail, made of metal, very fragile, damaged and rusted in parts.
- Names associated** Al-Khalifa, Abdullah Ibn-Mohammed
- Other associations** Sudan, North Africa, AFRICA
Battle of Omdurman
Mahdist War



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