

The Military History Collection

Koç University Suna Kıraç Library



Graduates of the Faculty of Medicine on June 18, 1930 and the alumni names on the back of the photo

Short Descriptions of the Military History Collection

Muzaffer Ergüder is a military-statesman who assumed important civil and military duties in the late Ottoman Empire and the Early Republic. Muzaffer Ergüder papers consist of documents, letters, photographs, lecture notes related to the Battle of the Sakarya dating back to the 1940s. As Muzaffer Ergüder was in active duty at the General Directorate of Transport and Shipment before and after the Battle of Sakarya, among the documents, the numeric data about the ammunition and manpower of the army during the Battle of the Sakarya as well as discussions related to the issues related to the battle can be found in the collection. In addition, there are reports and photographs of Muzaffer Ergüder's important works and trips in civil aviation at the Air Force Command, where he served after the establishment of the Republic. In addition to his state duties, Muzaffer Ergüder was also interested in the theoretical issues of military service. The notes that he took in the lessons in Military School (Harbiye) on mobilization are interesting. Also the collection includes

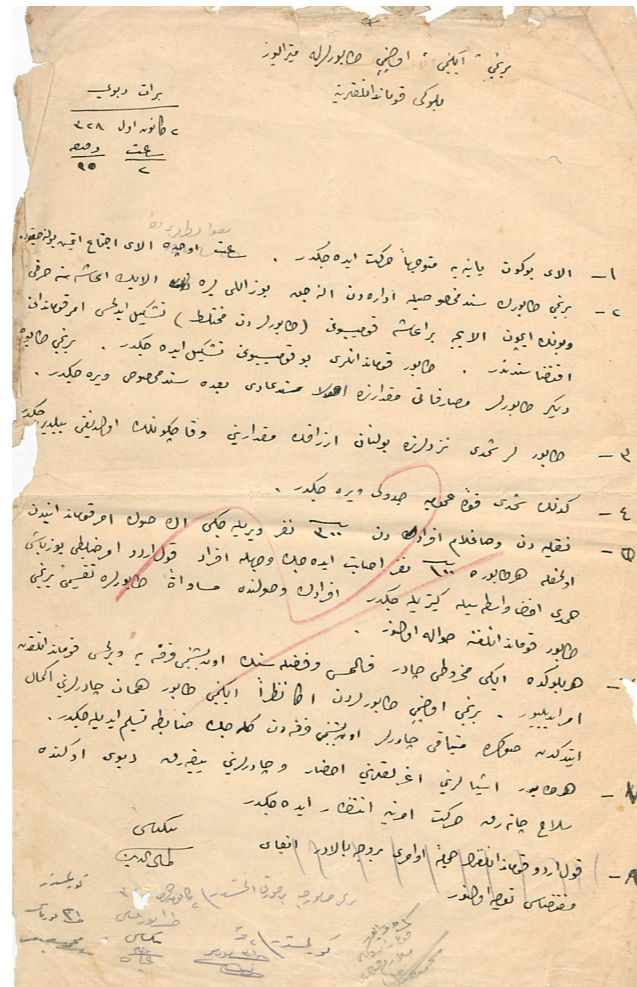
Muzaffer Ergüder's comments on the articles of the Armistice of Mudros and the Treaty of Sèvres. The Muzaffer Ergüder Collection, consisting 2452 documents in 20 files which are accessible through Suna Kırış Library Digital Collections, will provide useful and new information for the academicians and researchers who are interested in the late Ottoman political and military history, the supply problems during the War of Independence, the theoretical debates on how civil aviation was institutionalized in the Early Republic and the mobilization in the 1930s.

The Kuraner Collection, whose name we cannot find directly in the collection, but which we describe with the last names of the donors, includes documents from the Balkan War to the War of Independence, as well as a large collection of maps related to the Balkan Wars, World War I, War of Independence and The Early Republican Period. Documents related to Balkan Wars can be found on the issues as battles, military tactics, daily reports, intelligence information, subsistence and soldier problems and prisoner exchanges. The collection contains information on the orders and daily events written during the War of Independence. For this reason, it will be beneficial for researchers to compare the Kuraner and Muzaffer Ergüder collections while examining the subjects related to the Battle of Sakarya. In addition to the military issues, there are also documents related to Kuraner's commercial activities that he engaged in during the II. Constitutional Monarchy Period. The Kuraner Collection, consisting of 527 documents in 22 files which are accessible through Suna Kırış Library Digital Collections, will provide useful and new information for academics and researchers interested in military history.

Archival Details on Koç University Suna Kırış Library Military History Collection

While the collections were transferred to the library, inventory studies were started simultaneously. After the inventory work was completed, the digitization of archival documents was started. Digitized documents are stored on the library's servers in three formats: TIFF (master), TIFF (retouch) and JPEG.

A report sent to the Commands of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions and Mitralleuse Troop, 2 December 1328 (15 December 1912)



4th Division maneuver, 1930

The metadata fields of the collection are created in both Turkish and English as follows:

- Başlık / Title
- Tarih / Date
- Dijital erişim tarihi / Date available
- Materyal türü / Material type
- Format
- Koleksiyon / Collection
- Envanter no. / Inventory no.
- Fiziksel özellikler / Physical specifications
- Dijital yayıncı / Digital publisher
- Lokasyon / Location
- Belge türü / Document type
- Arşiv kutusu, katalog linki / Archival box, catalog link
- Telif hakkı ve kullanım / Copyright and usage

The transcription and identification of the The Ottoman Turkish documents in the Collections started on 1 May 2021 and was completed on 15 June 2021. The translation work from Turkish metadata to English metadata descriptions of the archival documents started on 7 June 2021 and was completed on 16 July 2021. Payment for translation service was made from the library budget.). All the services hired in this collections project cost 30,900 TL (2790 EU) in total, including %20 stoppage rate.

After metadata creation and records entering process had been completed, xml file was created and sent to Archives Europe Portal. Unfortunately, due to the permanent link

incompatibility of the CONTENTdm's xml file and lack of solution from the OCLC's Help Desk, the CONTENTdm XML file format was converted by Kerstin Arnold to APE Compatible EAD format. As a result, all the items' image links (thumbnail and default image permanent links) were manually added by Koç University Suna Kiraç Library staff and sent to APE on 27 September 2021.

In total 3891 items (510 compound objects and 3381 jpegs) added to the Military History Collection.

Information About the Language Used For Archival Description

The majority of the archival documents in the collection is in Ottoman Turkish (based on the Arabic Script) as well as a small portion of documents in Turkish (based on the Latin Script). In the scope of the project archival documents in Ottoman were transcribed with the help of professional academic advisors and translated to English with an academic translator whom specialist on the field. All descriptions and metadata have been prepared in bilingual, Turkish and English



4th Regiment maneuver, 1931

Date of Creation

Project starting date: May 1st, 2021

Project completion date: July 29th, 2021

The Names of the Creators

Muzaffer Ergüder, Kuraner (only the last name of the creator is available since the name of the collection creator cannot be found in the collection.)

The Names of the Data Creators

- Sinan Kaya (İstanbul 29 Mayıs University) and Mesut Sayan (İstanbul 29 Mayıs University) as collection's academic advisors
- Elif Kaymaz (Middle East Technical University) as translator
- Senem Acar (Archive Specialist)

A Linked Open Data Url

The collections are available on **Archives Portal Europe** at this link: <https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/ead-display/-/ead/pl/aicode/TR-00000028922/type/fa/id/MHC>

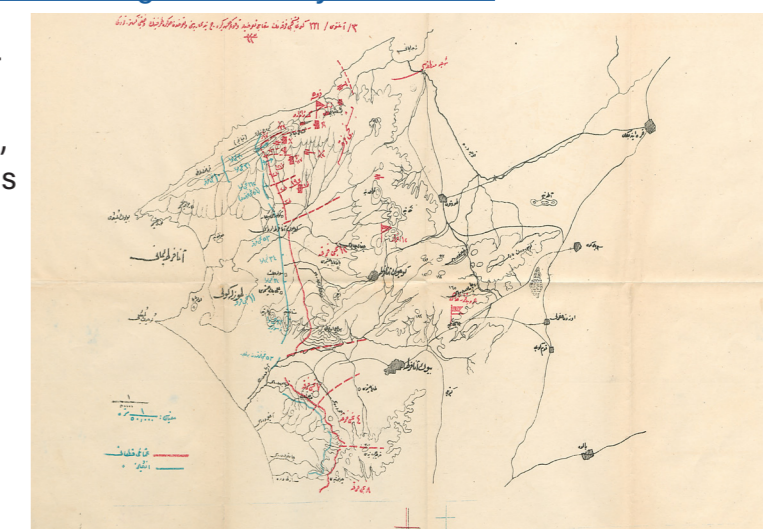
The collections at the **Koç University Suna Kiraç Library Military History Collection Web Site** are available at this link: <https://librarydigitalcollections.ku.edu.tr/en/collection/military-history-collection/>

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Sketch of the Battle of Gallipoli, 3 August 1331 (16 August 1915)