

# Mass Observation Online Update (2009)

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

### 1. DIARIES, 1941-1942

Offering roughly 500 separate accounts of what was happening each month, the diaries, written by Mass Observation's volunteer panel, are an indispensable source for the study of the Second World War and everyday life during the early 1940s.

### 2. TOPIC COLLECTIONS

#### **TC 17: FILMS, 1936-1948 (15 boxes)**

BOX 1: FILM REPORTS AND PRESS CUTTINGS

BOX 2: FILMS 1936 – 42

BOX 3: FILM REPORTS 1939 – 44

BOX 4: FILM REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

BOX 5: LETTERS TO PICTUREGOER WEEKLY 1940

BOX 6: LETTERS TO PICTUREGOER WEEKLY 1940

BOX 7: NEWSREELS 1939 – 45

BOX 8: REPORTS AND GENERAL MATERIAL

BOX 9: MOI SHORTS - REPORTS AND ANALYSIS MATERIAL

BOX 10: "NEWSPAPER TRAIN" AND "SHIPS WITH WINGS"

BOX 11: "RUSH HOUR" - FILM REPORTS AND SHOPPING DATA

BOX 12: "LET GEORGE DO IT", "PASTOR HALL" AND "WAR IN THE EAST"

BOX 13: LONDON/PROVINCIAL SURVEYS AND REPORTS - "RUSH HOUR", "WAR IN THE EAST", "SEAMAN FRANK", AND "NEWSPAPER TRAIN"

BOX 14: CONSERVATIVE FILM CAMPAIGN, HULL, 1948

BOX 15: "LONDON TOWN" SURVEY, "CHANCE OF A LIFETIME", CINEMA GOING, FILM AND THEATRE REPORTS

#### **TC 20: READING HABITS, 1937-1947 (14 boxes)**

BOX 1: 1937

BOX 2: 1938

BOX 3: 1939-41

BOX 4: 1942

BOX 5: 1942

BOX 6: 1942

BOX 7: FORCES' READING/BOOK EPHEMERA

BOX 8: 1943-44

BOX 9: PENGUIN BOOKS SURVEY: 1946-47

BOX 10: PENGUIN BOOKS SURVEY: 1946-47

BOX 11: PENGUIN BOOKS SURVEY: 1946-47

BOX 12: PENGUIN BOOKS SURVEY: 1946-47

BOX 13: TOTTENHAM LIBRARY SURVEY: 1946-47

BOX 14: TOTTENHAM LIBRARY SURVEY ANALYSIS: 1947

#### **TC 28: DREAMS, 1937-1948 (1 box)**

BOX 1: DREAMS 1937-48

**TC 47: RELIGION, 1937-1950 (14 boxes)**

BOX 1: PRE-WAR OBSERVATION OF CHURCH SERVICES 1937-38. EARLY EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES AND CHURCH ATTENDANCES

BOX 2: REPORTS, OBSERVATIONS, EPHEMERA ON LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES. NOTES ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE IN BOLTON 1937-43

BOX 3: RELIGION, ASTROLOGY, SUPERSTITION 1940-48

BOX 4: SURVEYS ON ATTITUDES TO RELIGION 1942-48

BOX 5: RELIGION AND THE FORCES 1941-50

BOX 6: ATTITUDES TO RELIGION: SPECIAL QQ TO MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER PANEL 1943

BOX 7: SPECIAL QQ TO TEACHERS: RELIGION IN SCHOOLS 1943

BOX 8: SALVATION ARMY 1942 AND 1946

BOX 9: OBSERVATIONS OF LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES 1948. DIRECTIVE EXTRACTS ON ATTITUDES TO RELIGION 1947

BOX 10: CHURCH ATTENDANCE 1948-49

BOX 11: CHURCH ATTENDANCE 1948-49

BOX 12: SURVEY ON EDUCATION AND RELIGION 1948

BOX 13: AIMS IN LIFE SURVEY 1944

BOX 14: AIMS IN LIFE SURVEY

**TC 49: VICTORY CELEBRATIONS AND PARADES, 1945-1946 (2 boxes)**

BOX 1: VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY (VE DAY) 8 MAY 1945 AND VICTORY IN JAPAN DAY (VJ DAY) 15 AUGUST 1945

BOX 2: VICTORY DAY (V-DAY 8 JUNE 1946)

**TC 72: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SURVEY, 1938-1956 (7 boxes)**

BOX 1: SURVEY ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 1938-48

BOX 2: Capital Punishment Survey 1956 (Mass-Observation Survey No 290)

BOXES 3 - 6: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT SURVEY 1955-56

BOX 7 COMPUTER CARDS: probably relating to 1956 Survey

**3. DIRECTIVES, 1942 (150 Directives)**

1. WAR. and Far East Jan 1942
2. MUSIC. April 1942
3. SUPERNATURAL. April 1942

4. SUNDAY. April 1942
5. INCOME. army pay Sept 1942
6. GERMANY. attitude to German people Dec 1941, (not on microfilm, 2 replies only), Nov 1942, Nov 1944, Nov 1945, Sept 1947
7. INDIA. Aug 1942
8. DAY SURVEYS. August Bank Holiday 1942 July 1942
9. HOLIDAYS. August Bank Holiday July 1942, July 1943, July/Aug 1947
10. OPINION FORMATION. ballot on influences Aug 1942, May 1944, Sept 1946
11. NEWS See also BBC. belief in Feb 1940, June 1942, June 1943, June 1944
12. HEALTH. contents of medicine cupboards Dec 1942
13. WOMEN. coping with war March 1942
14. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. corporal Dec 1942
15. PUNISHMENT. corporal Dec 1942
16. SHOPPING See also FOOD, RATIONING. cost of living June 1942, June 1944, Dec 1947
17. INCOME. cost of living June 1942, June 1944, Dec 1947
18. MORALE. course of war Dec 1940, Sept 1942
19. FAMILY AND HOME LIFE. Day Survey Feb 1942
20. WORK. Day Survey Feb 1942
21. VENEREAL DISEASE. Dec 1942
22. BEVERIDGE REPORT. Dec 1942
23. SECURITY. definition of Sept 1942
24. WAR. demobilisation Sept 1942, Aug 1943, Oct 1943, Jan 1944, Sept 1944
25. POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. demobilisation Sept 42, Aug 1943, Oct 43, Sept 44
26. POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. education April 1942, May 1944
27. HEALTH. effects of war Jan 1942, Dec 1943, Dec 1944/Jan 1945 (Jan 45), Dec 1945/Jan 1946 Dec 45)
28. CHILDREN. family separation Aug 1942
29. INVASION For British invasion of Continent see SECOND FRONT. fear of March 1942
30. BRITISH EMPIRE. Feb 1942

31. HUMOUR. Feb 1942
32. PREJUDICE. Feb 1942
33. MORALE. feelings about 1943 Dec 1942
34. 1943. feelings about Dec 1942
35. WOMEN. food situation Feb 1942, March 1943
36. FOOD. food situation in local area Feb 1942, March 1943, Dec 1945/Jan 1946 (Dec 45)
37. POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. future of Britain Nov 1942
38. MORALE. gender differences in coping March 1942
39. HOUSEHOLD GOODS. glass items June 1942
40. POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. government Jan 1942
41. HEALTH. health foods Jan 1942
42. HOLIDAYS. home holidays July 1942, June 1943
43. FAMILY AND HOME LIFE. household items made of glass June 1942
44. MONEY See also INCOME. how to spend £5000 Jan 1942, Feb/March 1947
45. SEX AND SEX DIFFERENCES. in coping with war March 1942, May 1944
46. WAR. inconveniences Wartime Directive no.3/Nov 1939 (W3 39), Dec 1940, Dec 1941, Nov 1942, Nov 1943, Nov 1944
47. SECOND FRONT. invasion of continent June 1942, May 1943
48. JAPAN. Jan 1942
49. MORALE. Jan 1942
50. CHINA. Jan 1942
51. RUSSIA. Jan 1942
52. RACISM See also PREJUDICE. Jan 1942
53. AMERICA. Jan 1942
54. FRANCE. Jan 1942
55. AUSTRALIA. Jan 1942
56. CHURCHILL. Jan 1942
57. BEVIN, Ernest. July 1942
58. CRIPPS, Sir Stafford. July 1942

59. MORRISON, Herbert. July 1942
60. CHURCHILL. July 1942
61. GLASS. June 1942
62. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER. March 1942
63. CRIPPS, Sir Stafford. March 1942
64. BEVIN, Ernest. March 1942
65. MORRISON, Herbert. March 1942
66. SPORT. March 1942
67. CHURCHILL. March 1942
68. MINISTRY OF PRODUCTION. March 1942
69. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. March 1942
70. RELIGION. March 1942
71. ITALY. March 1942, March 1943
72. MASS-OBSERVATION. Mass-Observers war efforts Aug 1942
73. CHURCHILL. May 1942
74. DEATH. May 1942
75. HEALTH. medicines Jan 1942
76. FOOD. Ministry of Food March 1942
77. INDUSTRY. nationalisation of aircraft production April 1942
78. LANGUAGE. new words July 1942
79. BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION. news May 1940, June 1942, June 1943, June 1944
80. EDEN, Anthony. Nov 1942
81. CHURCHILL. Nov 1942
82. VENEREAL DISEASE. Nov 1942
83. DE GAULLE. Nov 1942
84. MORRISON, Herbert. Nov 1942
85. CRIPPS, Sir Stafford. Nov 1942
86. ROOSEVELT. Nov 1942
87. DARLAN. Nov 1942

88. ATTLEE, Clement. Nov 1942
89. INCONVENIENCES OF WAR. Nov 1942
90. LEADERSHIP See also under names of individual leaders. Nov 1942
91. CHRISTMAS. Nov 1942
92. BEVIN, Ernest. Nov 1942
93. PETAIN. Nov 1942
94. WAR. Oct 1942
95. PREJUDICE. Oct 1942
96. PACIFISTS. Oct 1942
97. RACISM See also PREJUDICE. Oct 1942
98. HOME. Oct 1942
99. TEETOTALLERS. Oct 1942
100. FEAR. of today and the future Oct 1942
101. HEALTH. patent medicines Dec 1942, May/June 1949
102. CHILDREN. physical punishment Dec 1942
103. WAR. political truce April 1942
104. MORALE. political truce April 1942
105. POLITICS. political truce April 1942, April 1943, Sept 1943, Dec 1944/Jan 1945 (Jan 45)
106. POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. post war medical services Aug 1942
107. WORK. post war unemployment Sept 1942
108. EDUCATION. post-war April 1942
109. OPINION FORMATION. post-war expectations Oct 1942
110. INDUSTRY. post-war expectations Sept 1942
111. HEALTH. post-war medical services Aug 1942
112. AGRICULTURE. post-war problems Sept 1942
113. RELIGION. post-war role Oct 1942
114. UNEMPLOYMENT. post-war Sept 1942
115. SOCIAL SERVICES. post-war Sept 1942

- 116.INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION See also UN. post-war Sept 1942
- 117.CLOTHES. rationing April 1942, April 1943
- 118.NEWS PAPERS. reading habits June 1942
- 119.WOMEN. reforms Sept 1942
- 120.POST WAR HOPES and EXPECTATIONS. religion Oct 1942
- 121.GERMANY. retribution Jan 1942, March 1944
- 122.MONEY See also INCOME. rise in the cost of living June 1942, June 1944, Dec 1947
- 123.FAMILY AND HOME LIFE. separation from Aug 1942
- 124.WAR. Sept 1942
- 125.LEADERSHIP See also under names of individual leaders. Sept 1942
- 126.DEMOBILISATION. Sept 1942
- 127.ARMY. Sept 1942
- 128.WAR. social changes Aug 1942
- 129.READING. source of books May 1942
- 130.SEX AND SEX DIFFERENCES. swearing and obscenity June 1942
- 131.LANGUAGE. swearing and obscenity June 1942, May 1948
- 132.OBSCENITY. swearing June 1942, May 1948
- 133.ALCOHOLIC DRINK See also PUBLIC HOUSES. teetotallers Oct 1942
- 134.RELIGION. traditional English Sunday April 1942
- 135.HEALTH. VD Nov 1942, Dec 1942
- 136.SEX AND SEX DIFFERENCES. VD Nov 1942, Dec 1942
- 137.DREAMS. war dreams Aug 1940, July 1942
- 138.WAR. war dreams July 1942
- 139.AMERICA. war effort July 1942
- 140.FAR EAST. war in Jan 1942
- 141.ASIA. war in the Far East Jan 1942
- 142.MUSIC. war influences Feb 1942
- 143.INCOME. war influences June 1942
- 144.MARRIAGE. war on number Dec 1942

145.WAR. war themes in entertainment July 1942

146.SEX AND SEX DIFFERENCES. wartime sexual behaviour Dec 1939, Dec 1942, June 1944

147.GOVERNMENT See also LEADERSHIP. way war is being run July 1942

148.DAY SURVEYS. Wednesday 10 February 1942 Jan 1943

149.DAY SURVEYS. Wednesday 25 February 1942 Feb 1942

150.FAMILY AND HOME LIFE. what does 'home' mean? Oct 1942