CARMARTHEN TO CAIRO

The Rees family in the Near East from the Crimean War to the 1956 Suez debacle
The Rebecca Riots, Carmarthenshire 1842/3
T Bowen Rees II arrives Smyrna 1851: madder-root trade, then cotton-growing, cotton ginning and valonia. Returns to England 1867
Frank Street, Smyrna, early C19th
Old fish-market Smyrna mid-C19th
Old Smyrna: late C19th
1874  Collapse of valonia business; return to Buça

1876  Navy contract for Besika Bay

1877  British take over Cyprus: contract with British army

1882  British invasion of Egypt: contract with army and navy

1884  Lord Wolseley’s expedition to Sudan: contract with expeditionary force
Steamer Setting out on Lord Wolseley’s relief expedition to Khartum 1885
Cattle-raiding on the expedition to Khartoum, 1885
Death of General Gordon at Khartoum 1885
J L Rees’s “Hadid” Cairo 1886
Thomas Bowen Rees 1
John Langdon Rees
Buça 1886
Thomas Bowen & Josephine Rees family group Buça 1886
T B Rees II Cairo 1886  
(age 20)

Helene Rees Buça 1886  
(m. H A Cumberbatch)
1889  T Bowen Rees II marries Zoe Werry and in 1891 buys his first tramp steamer

1891  John Rees dies at the age of 29 in Cairo, leaving the bulk of his fortune to his two brothers, William and T Bowen Rees II

1897  Cretan uprising

c.1907  TBR II builds Buça house

1915  Gallipoli campaign
The Cretan uprising of 1897: the Turkish perspective
The Cretan uprising of 1897: the Greek perspective
Rees House
Buça 1914
Dardanelles with the island of Tenedos, (Bozcaada) base for Rees operations 1915/16
Dardanelles invasion map 1915
French army landing in Dardanelles 1915
French army wine supplies
Rees family in temporary exile in Athens 1917
Smyrna Fire 1922
Smyrna quay - side after the great fire of 1922. The Rees and Giraud families escaped by yacht to Chios and Mytilene. Others were not so fortunate.
Johnnie Rees with Crown Prince Gustav, later Gustav VI of Sweden, after entertaining him to lunch in Alexandria in 1935. John Rees was Hon. Consul for both Sweden and Finland.
John and Haydee Rees c. 1937
T B Rees Ill’s yacht Latharna
1938
Freddie Rees’s Yacht Valdora
Noel Rees’s Icaros 1938
Lt-Commander Noel Rees, HBM Vice-Consul Smyrna 1944/5
Noel Rees’s yacht Branwen 1945
Liberation of Athens, October 1944
J L Rees
house,
Ramleh,
Alexandria
1949
Stanley Bay
Alexandria
1930s/40s
Stanley Bay Alexandria 2000s, with sensitive road bridge development
Rees House at Ixia-Ialissos, Rhodes
Old Rees office HQ on the waterfront at Izmir
Rees House Buça, now part of Dokuz-Eylül University