Biographical history: Graham, John David Carew (1923-2012)
Born 18 January 1923, Major General, CB, CBE, CStJ. Son of the late Colonel J A Graham, and Constance Mary Graham (nee Carew-Hunt). Educated at Cheltenham College 1936 – 1940 served with the Isle of Wight Home Guard, and enlisted into the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in August 1941. In 1942 he was commissioned into the 2nd Battalion of that regiment, serving with them in the UK and during the campaign in NorthWest Europe. He was mentioned in despatches 1945. In early 1945 he took a Regular Commission in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was posted to the 1st Battalion (the 91st Highlanders), serving October 1945 – December 1946 with them in Palestine. In 1947 he volunteered for parachute training and was posted to the 5th (Scottish) Battalion of The Parachute Regiment with whom he served in the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR). In late 1948 he was sent to London to learn Czech prior to working in the British Embassy in Prague 1949-1950, and later in the British Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in London. In 1952, he rejoined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders for a tour of regimental duty in the appointment of Adjutant, initially in Edinburgh and then in British Guiana (now Guyana), South America. Returning to England, he spent 1955 attending courses at the Army Staff College, Camberley, Fremington (Amphibious Operations), and at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. In 1956 he was posted to the Headquarters of the Scottish Command moving to Edinburgh, and in 1958 he returned to duty with the 91st Highlanders serving in Cyprus. In October 1959 he was posted to BAOR in Lemgo, West Germany, and in 1960 to France to take up an appointment as Military Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces Central Europe (CINCENT), a senior French General in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Fontainbleau. In 1962 he returned to England to study at the Joint Services Staff College, Buckinghamshire, and in the same year he was invited to return to Airborne Forces. He joined the 2nd Battalion The Parachute regiment (2 PARA), was appointed Second-in-Command, serving with them in Aldershot, the Persian Gulf, and
briefly in the Congo. From 1964-1967 he commanded the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment (1 PARA) Group in Aldershot, the Persian Gulf (Bahrain and Oman), and Aden, and in 1967 became an Instructor at Staff College, Camberley, this tour being cut short by promotion to The Parachute Regiment as Regimental Colonel in 1968. He held this post until he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier, and sent to the Army school of Languages in Beaconsfield to learn Arabic prior to assuming command of the Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF), in Oman, in 1970, receiving the Order of Oman in 1972. In 1973 he went to Indian National Defence College, New Delhi, later rejoining the staff of CINCENT in Brunssum, the Netherlands. In 1976 he was promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed General Officer Commanding (GOC) Wales. He retired from the active list of the British Army in April 1978.

On retirement he took up a post of Secretary to the Administrative Trustees of the Chevening Estate, residing in the house in Kent until 1986. Concurrent appointments were, Chairman of the St John Council for Kent of the St John’s Ambulance, Honorary Colonel of the Kent Army Cadet Force and of the 203 (Welsh) General Hospital RAMC. After moving to Barnes, SW London, he assisted the Staff of The Parachute Regiment at the Regimental HQ, Aldershot, before his retirement to Barbados in 1991. In 1992 he was made a freeman of the City of London. Publications include: Ponder Anew; Reflections on the Twentieth Century 1999, in limited edition (Available for consultation in the Library of the Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, Oxford). He married Rosemary Elaine Graham (nee Adamson) and had two children, Jaqueline (‘Pinky’), b September 1957, and Christopher, b July 1958. John Graham died on 14 Dec 2012.

**Scope and content:** The papers relate to the time Graham spent as CSAF in Oman, April 1970 - September 1972. Consequently the main scope of the fonds is military papers used and collected by Graham in this capacity. Some of the papers are personal memoirs and reflections, and there is a significant quantity of printed material dating from c 1970 to the present day. The majority of the military papers focus on the Dhofar war of 9 June 1965 – c 1975. Other events and subjects referred to are: propaganda during the Dhofar war; military activities of the SAF in northern Oman; the administration of the SAF, and the Salalah coup of 1970 during which the present Sultan Qaboos bin Said deposed his father Said bin Taimur. The personal memoirs relate to time spent by Graham in Oman and in other countries. The printed materials give background and context to the military papers,
and some of the more recent printed materials give an idea of military activities and social and industrial developments in Oman today.

New accessions to the Collection received in November 2009 consist of photographs taken c.1970 to c.1972, capturing military life in the Sultanate of Oman, including events such as the accession of Sultan Qaboos bin Said, and personal and military materials relating to Grahams time in Oman, including further SAF reports.

**System of arrangement:** The papers are divided into three main series: CSAF’s military papers 1968-1990; personal memoirs 1971-1985; and printed materials 1970-2000. CSAF’s military papers, where the bulk of the papers lie, are divided into further sections which represent aspects of CSAF’s military life; background information, administrative papers, and papers used in the field. The printed materials are arranged in sections by type and chronologically, and the personal memoirs in two sections; those relating to Oman, and those relating to other countries. Where possible, the papers reflect their original system of arrangement and administration, either the military order, or the order created by Graham in the personal and printed materials. Files are arranged chronologically with undated items at the end of each file. Unless otherwise stated in the file level handlist, files have been created by the Archivist.

New accessions to the catalogue have been arranged at the end of the list; photographs are listed in original order with original captions, printed materials chronologically with undated items at the end of each file.

**Overview of system of arrangement**

**CSAF Military papers**
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- Photograph Albums
- Loose Photographs

Personal and military materials

- SAF Military Reports
- Royal Artillery Historical Proceedings
- Newspaper Obituaries
- Book Excerpts

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** Mainly English, some Arabic, small amount of Baluch.

**Physical Condition:** The slides in 5/4 and 5/5 and the photographs in Box 9, are available for viewing via contact sheets.

**Conditions governing reproduction:** Copyright of the personal memoirs belongs to Graham, and requests for copies are at the discretion of Graham and the Archivist. Photocopies of the official papers may be supplied for private research and study but not for publication, at the discretion of the Archivist. The Archivist will assist where possible with identifying copyright owners of materials, however users should understand that they are ultimately responsible for ensuring copyright. Graham has given copyright in the slides in 5/4 and 5/5, and the photographs in Box 9, to the Archive.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Boxes 1 to 8 received on loan from Graham in sections from January 1995. Collection status changed from loan to gift in December 2009, with Boxes 9 and 10 received as new accessions in November 2009. Newspaper obituary added to collection 1 Feb 2013.
Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive
The MEC Archive has many collections relating to Oman’s military history in 1970s. Please consult the Guide to Collections relating to Oman for further information.

In Other Repositories
Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives (GB-99) at Kings College London: THWAITES, Brig Peter Trevenan papers (1926 – 1991). Thwaites was a Commander of the Muscat Regiment of SAF (1967 – 1970), and Chairman of the Joint Staffs (CJS), MOD (Oman), (1976 – 1978). The catalogue for this Collection is available online at:
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/lhcma/summary/th80-001.htm

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist


SERIES FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE JOHN GRAHAM COLLECTION

CSAF MILITARY PAPERS

Box 1

1/1 The Government of Oman and General Papers: Issued by the government of Oman about government organisation and appointments. The file also contains some general papers about Oman. c. 1968 - Dec 1980 9 items

1/2 Background Notes on SAF: The history of the SAF. c. 1970 3 items

1/3 The Persian Gulf: Security after British withdrawal: A paper by Graham written after his service in Oman at the request of the New Delhi authorities. 14 Jul 1973 1 item

CSAF’s Administrative Papers


1/5 SAF Staff administration: Including information on appointments, promotions, and lists of staff. Apr 1970 - Oct 1972 17 items

CSAF’s Field Papers

Dhofar War 1965 – c 1975

General Papers and Information Supplied to or Created by Major General JDC Graham.

Box 2

2/1 Background and Reflections: Papers used by Graham, which give background to the events of the Dhofar war. Subjects include: military
briefs; the Muscat Regiment; the Firqat Army; incident reports; military assessments; and the enemy.

Feb 1971- 4 Dec 1975

17 items

SAF Military Activities

2/2  Anti-Guerrilla Tactics: Original file. Information for use by soldiers during the Dhofar war focusing on ways to combat the enemy using a combination of psychological and military warfare.
c. 1972

2 items

2/3  Plans: Military documents arranged by the Archivist according to their original military reference. The plans refer to impending operations, and threats to the Sultanate.
20 Nov 1970 - 5 Aug 1972

13 items

2/4  Operations: Military documents arranged by the Archivist according to their original military reference. The information takes the form of military instructions. The documents give an outline of the situations, missions, and execution of the operations to be carried out.

10 items

2/5  Intelligence: Military documents arranged by the Archivist according to their original military reference. Intelligence reports giving information about the SAF situation in Dhofar and information about the enemy and their operations. Subjects covered are: rationalisation of forces; resumes of events; captured enemy documents, interrogation scripts, reports on incidents and intelligence summaries.
27 Mar 1971 - 19 Mar 1972

23 items

2/6  CSAF’s Battle Map: The map used in the field by Graham during his time as Commander of the SAF.
c. 1970 - 1972

2 items

Propaganda

Box 3

3/1  Leaflets dropped by SAF on the Enemy: A series of leaflets denouncing the evils of Communism and pressing the enemy to embrace the Sultan and the Sultanate were dropped by air by the SAF as part of the psychological war against Dhofar. Some of the leaflets are in Arabic, some have been translated into English. The series is incomplete.
c. Dec 1970-1971

5 items

3/2  Oman Government Statements: Regarding the war in Dhofar
24 Jan 1971 – 1 Mar 1971

2 items

3/3  Radio Oman Broadcasts: News bulletins and words from Sultan Qaboos bin Said broadcast by Radio Oman as part of the psychological war in Dhofar. The programmes were broadcast in enemy territory as a counter to the enemy Radio Aden station. The broadcasts refer mainly to military victories and denounce Communism.
4 Feb 1971 – 28 May 1972

3 items

3/4  Propaganda against Oman: Extracts from news bulletins broadcast by Radio Aden the enemy radio station. The bulletins refer to military victories against the Government of Oman, British involvement in Oman, and the activities of Sultan Qaboos bin Said.
18 Sep 1971 – Nov 1971

1 item

Accession of Sultan Qaboos bin Said, 23 July 1970

3/5  The Accession: The press release written by Graham and issued at the time of the accession; comments on the coup written by an unknown author outside Oman; and a photographic portrait of the Sultan presented to him by Graham in the first year of his reign (stored separately).
c. 1970

3 items

Other SAF Military Activities

3/6  Background: Materials collected by Graham during his time as CSAF and afterwards. Subjects covered are: general correspondence between Graham and various recipients; the Musandam Peninsula; SAF Balance sheets of successes, weaknesses and requirements; review of the situation in the Sultanate, lessons learned in 1971, offers of military equipment to Oman from Iran and CSAF’s tour notes.

22 items

3/7  Operations: A document arranged separately according to its original military reference. The document refers to Operation Jehu and gives an outline of the situation, mission, and execution of the operation to be carried out.
9 Dec 1970

1 item

3/8  Intelligence: Military documents arranged by the Archivist according to their original military reference. The documents summarise military knowledge of the
National Democratic Front for the Liberation of Oman (NDFLOAG), directives for Northern Oman, and the threats to Oman.
11 Mar 1971 - 23 Jul 1972

6 items

3/9 SAF Bulletin 1970-1972: An incomplete series of Sultan’s Armed Forces Bulletins, which were used as intelligence information for SAF personnel. The Newsletters are mainly in English with some in Arabic and some in Baluch.
Issues: 1 - 2, 8 (in Arabic and Baluch), 17 (in Baluch), 18, 21 – 22, 26 – 29, 30 - 31 (in Arabic Baluch and English), 32 – 34, 36, 40, and 41.
6 May 1970 – 25 May 1972

19 items

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL MATERIALS

Oman

Box 4

4/1 JDC Graham Oman Diary: A transcription of Graham’s personal diary for 1971 and 1972, written during his time as CSAF. The diary also contains a glossary of acronyms used in the text.
January 1971-October 1972

1 item

4/2 Miscellaneous SAF documents relating to the ‘JDC Graham Oman Diary’: SAF documents and some other miscellaneous documents collected, arranged and numbered by Graham.
Jan 1971 - Oct 1972

57 items

Box 5

5/1 Video and documents relating to the Dhofar Campaign: Video made from an original cine film taken by Graham in a personal capacity (the original film remains with Graham). The video is accompanied by a copy of a hand written script and a typescript of the events recorded by the film, and two laminated maps of the Sultanate of Oman and of Dhofar.
October 1971-September 1972

5 items

5/2 Thirty Months: Original file. A brief history of the Sultan of Oman’s Forces from April 1970 - September 1972. The account was written by Graham and was published in sections in the SAF Newsletters from 1983-1985. In this copy it is produced without the photographs but with additional footnoted added by the author.
n. d.

1 item
5/3 Sultanate Anniversary Lunch, 24 Jul 1990: Relating to a lunch for individuals who were serving in or were closely associated with the Sultanate at the time of the 1970 Coup; two photographs of the lunch party with a key identifying the individuals; and thank you letters from Donald Hawley, and John Shipman.

2 items

5/4 SAF Slides: Collection of 35mm colour film transparencies showing the activities, personalities, environment and battlefields of the SAF. Graham took the photographs during his time as CSAF.

1 case, (206 slides)

5/5 Oman Slides: Collection of colour film transparencies showing some general Omani scenes, people and places, and the activities of the SAF. Graham took the photographs during his time as CSAF.
1970 – 1972

2 cases, (398 slides)

Outside Oman

n. d.

1 item

n. d.

1 item

PRINTED MATERIALS

SAF Newsletters

Box 6

6/1 The Sultans Armed Forces Association Newsletter: Part of a series of newsletters produced by the Sultans Armed Forces Association. The newsletters give updates about the various divisions of the SAF and news about their activities, both military and social.
Numbers 5, 7 or 8, 9-14
April 1970 – Sept 1974

8 items

6/2 The Newsletter: Part of a series of newsletters produced by the Sultans Armed Forces Association. The newsletters give updates about the various divisions of the SAF and news about their activities, both military and social.
Issues 31-38, 40
June 1983 – March 1991
6/3 The Journal of The Sultan's Armed Forces Association: Part of a series of newsletters produced by the Sultans Armed Forces Association. The newsletters give updates about the various divisions of the SAF and news about their activities, both military and social.
Issues 41-44
March 1992 – April 1995
4 items

Newspaper Cuttings

Box 7

7/1 Obituaries: Collected by Graham after his military service in Oman due to his interest in the country.
3 items

7/2 Prelude to 1970: A collection of newspaper articles specifically assembled and entitled by Graham regarding the events leading up to the coup in 1970.
1 bundle

7/3 Newspaper Articles: A general collection relating to Oman, and arranged chronologically, collected by Graham during and after his time spent as CSAF. Some of the articles are in Arabic. Some of the articles are undated and these are located at the end of the file.
3 bundles, 2 items

Magazines

Box 8

8/1 Magazines and Magazine Articles: A general collection relating to Oman, and arranged chronologically, collected by Graham during and after his time spent as CSAF. Some of the articles are in Arabic. Some of the articles are undated and these are located at the end of the file.
23 Apr 1971 – 1999
1 bundle

Other Printed Materials

8/2 Military: Books and pamphlets mostly produced in Oman. The materials take the form of guides, histories, updates of current military activities. The file includes a dissertation for Cambridge University on the significance of the Dhofar war. This document provides a very useful background to the Graham papers. One pamphlet is in Arabic
Aug 1985-1998
8/3 **Tourism Information**: Pamphlets produced in Oman directed at tourism and the promotion of the country in the present day. Two pamphlets are in Arabic. c. 1998-1999

4 items

8/4 **Speeches given by the Sultan of Oman**: Speeches given by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said on the 10th and 28th anniversaries of National Day in Oman. The Sultan discusses achievements in Oman and his hopes for the future. 18 Nov 1980 - 18 Nov 1998

2 items

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Photograph Albums**

Box 9

9/1 **Photo Album, Oman I, J.D.C.G**: Photographs of the Sultanate of Oman. Photographs with captions listed below, all other photographs are without captions. 1970

1 item

105 photos

9/1/1 ‘First visit of CSAF (Brigadier John Graham) to Northern Frontier Regiment at Bid Bid, April 1970. CO: LtCol Karl Beale 2IC: Major Colin McLean Adjt: Capt Tony Hoole’ 5 photos

9/1/5 ‘At Birkat al Mooz: CSAF, Mrs Rosemary Graham and Miss Jacqueline Graham.’ 2 photos

9/1/6 ‘April 1970: with the Oman Gendarmerie at Sib. Comd: LtCol Tony Best’ 4 photos

9/1/7

9/1/11 ‘Relaxing around the Mess Swimming Pool: L-R; Rosemary Graham, Major Clive Powell, Major Kingsley Gray’ 1 photo

9/1/12 ‘CSAF and two Gendarmes beside SOAF Beaver aircraft’ 1 photo

9/1/13 ‘With LtCol Fergus Mackain-Bremner, CO Muscat Regt’ 1 photo

9/1/15 ‘With CO Muscat Regt, Capt John Crow (I.O Nizwa area) and his’ 1 photo

9/1/18
intelligence team’

9/1/19 ‘With Capt John Crow and Major John McFrederick (senior Intelligence Staff Officer at HQ SAF)’

9/1/20 ‘June 1970: CSAF visits oil installations at Fahud’

9/1/21 to

9/1/22 ‘Jebali traders loading camels before returning up onto the jebel’

9/1/23 ‘In centre Pte Darwish (who later as Sjt was the Orderly to Colonel Colin Maxwell in the last years of his life’

9/1/27 ‘Officers and Soldiers of No3 Company of Desery Regt (CO: LtCol Teddy Turnhill)’

9/1/28

9/1/29 ‘Garden, Officers’ Lines, Umm al Ghawarif Camp’

9/1/30 ‘5.5” medium gun of SAF Artillery Battery’

9/1/31 ‘Sqn Ldr Peter Hulme SOAF and Sqn Ldr Phil Crawshaw RAF, OC RAF station Salahah 1970’

9/1/32 ‘The first of SOAF’s Skyvan fleet’

9/1/33 ‘Desert Regt emplanes for the North; CO is LtCol Teddy Turnhill (on left); on right Maj Graham Sherwell, OC HQ Coy’

9/1/34 ‘Graham Sherwell clears weapons before emplaning’

9/1/35 ‘Maj Jim Parsons, QM Desert Reg’

9/1/36 ‘The Salalah Palace, sea-side, July 1970’

9/1/41 ‘Men of Desert Regt outside the Palace, 24 July 1970’

9/1/42 ‘Long live Qaboos! Kill the communist enemy!’

9/1/43 to

9/1/44 ‘Sultan Said’s Guards on the Customs post’

9/1/45 Personal account of military situation in Oman in 1970 and the coup which replaced Sultan Said bin Taimur with Qaboos 23 July 1970
9/1/46 ‘Bait al Falaj Airfield, 30th July 1970. JDCG greets Sultan Qaboos on his arrival and together with Seyyid Shihab, an uncle, Colonel Colin Maxwell (Deputy CSAF) and Lieut Said Salem Al Wahaibi (ADC) escorts His Highness to the Guard of Honour and the well decorated hangar and the awaiting dignitaries.’

9/1/49 ‘The saluting gun (25 pdr)

9/1/50 ‘Guard of Honour from Muscat Regt, Northern Frontier Regt and Desert Regt’

9/1/51 ‘HH greeted by Royal salute (JDCG, Sultan Q, Lt Said Salem (ADC)’

9/1/52 ‘Inspection of Guard of Honour, commanded by Major John Cooper’

9/1/54 ‘Accession Proclamation being read by Seyyid Shihab; JDCG seated on the left of Dais’

9/1/57 ‘HH; notice the eyes and the beard’

9/1/58 ‘HH with Colonel Hugh Oldman (Defence Secretary)’

9/1/60 ‘HH being introduced by JDCG to (from left):- Maj Vyvyan Robinson, LtCol Karl Beale, Maj Richard Anderson, Capt Charles Butt, LtCol John Moore’

9/1/62 ‘Crowds, eager to see their new Sultan, had to be restrained’

9/1/64 ‘HH, Maj Andrew Shelley, Sqn Ldr Alan Bridges, Capt James Vickers and Mr RF Philpott (Airwork Manager)

9/1/65 ‘HH being shown some of the weaponry of SOAF’s ground-attack aircraft’

9/1/66 ‘Strikemaster ground attack aircraft on airfield at Bait al Falaj’

9/1/67 ‘HH leaves Bait al Falaj for ceremonial drive along the road (the only surfaced road in the country in 1970) through Muttrah to Muscat. In photo: JDCG, Lieut Said Salem, HH and Capt Chris Bentall-Warner’

9/1/68 ‘Sultan Qaboos visiting HQ SAF at Bait al Falaj, ‘Greeted on arrival by Colonel Hugh Oldman (CSAF 1961 – 64) the Defence Secretary’
9/1/69  ‘The Guard of Honour from the Oman wing of Guard Unit, Lieut Abdulla Saif with Sword’  1 photo
9/1/70  ‘Entering the Fort with Maj Richard Anderson (‘the Drum’)’  1 photo
9/1/71  ‘The Briefing Team: JDCG, LtCol John Moore, Maj Andrew Shelley and Maj Tony Molesworth (GSO2 Int)’  1 photo
9/1/72  ‘In the Ops room: JDCG, SAS Bodyguard, Tony Molesworth, HH, Lt Said Salem, SAS Bodyguard, Col Colin Maxwell’  1 photo
9/1/73  ‘LtCol John Moore, Queen’s Regt, AA&QMG’  1 photo
9/1/74  ‘AMQS Parkinson REME, of Force Workshop Unit’  1 photo
9/1/75  ‘Instrument Mechanic and assistant (both Pakistanis)’  1 photo
9/1/76  ‘With Maj Ian Hynd at Force Medical Unit’  1 photo
9/1/77  ‘Watching First Aid Training’  1 photo
9/1/78  ‘In the sick bay’  1 photo
9/1/79  ‘With the Force Dentist, Capt Safee Vasi’  1 photo
9/1/80  ‘Marching toward the Force Ordnance Unit; Capt Terry Dodson, HH, JDCG, SAS Bodyguard and Capt Bert Harris’  1 photo
9/1/81  ‘A Coy MR, Capt Nick Brunt’  2 photos
and
9/1/83
9/1/82  September 1970 ‘His Majesty made his first visit to the Interior’  1 photo
‘Greeted by Royal Salute’
9/1/84  ‘Pipes and Drums of 2nd Bn Scots Guards (who came down from Sharjah)’  1 photo
9/1/85  ‘The March Past (on horribly stony ground)’  1 photo
9/1/86  ‘Decorating Maj David Scholfield; next in line Maj Roger Brown’  1 photo
9/1/87  ‘2Lliuet Hamad Manah the most decorated Omani Soldier then in SAF’  1 photo
9/1/88  ‘Watching aspects of training followed by a Fire Power demonstration by Muscat Regt which all the local Sheikhs and nobles attended’  3 photos
9/1/90
9/1/91  ‘First meeting of Sultan Qaboos with the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nuhayyan’  1 photo
9/1/92 ‘Held at Seeb in the Camp of the Oman Gendarmerie arranged by COG, LtCol Tony Best. September 1970’ 1 photo

9/1/97 ‘Sayyid Tariq bin Taimur, uncle of Qaboos and politically an opponent of Sultan Said bin Taimur’ 1 photo

9/1/98 ‘Sayyid Tariq with Colonel Hugh Oldman, the Defence Secretary’ 1 photo

9/1/99 ‘First meeting of Sultan Qaboos with Sheikh Rashid, Ruler of Dubai, Seeb, September 1970’ 1 photo

9/1/102 ‘SqnLdr Neville Baker’ OC Helicopter Squadron’ 1 photo

9/1/103 ‘JDCG awarding the white lanyard to Gunners of 1st Regt Oman Artillery on graduating from recruit training course 1 photo

9/1/104 ‘Flagstaff house, Bait al Falaj. The bungalow residence of CSAF, where we lived, 1970-1962’ 1 photo

9/1/105 ‘Colonel Hugh Oldman (later Sir Hugh), SqnLdr Alan Bridges RAF (CSOAF), JDCG (CSAF) and a reporter from Dubai, Ahmed Mansoori’ 1 photo

9/2 **Photo Album, Oman 2, J.D.C.G:** Photographs of the Sultanate of Oman. Photographs with captions listed below, all other photographs are without captions. 85 photos

1971-1972

9/2/1 ‘The Fort’ (SAF Headquarters), complex and airfield ‘Viewed from the North East’ 1 photo

9/2/2 SAF headquarters, complex and airfield with ‘The Fort in foreground’ 1 photo

9/2/3 ‘The road to Muttrah and Muscat’ 1 photo

9/2/4 ‘From the East, our bungalow on ridge’ 1 photo

9/2/5 ‘As 1. But closer up’ (SAF Headquarters) 1 photo

9/2/6 ‘The Fort; my office is in the tower’ 2 photos

9/2/7 ‘Flagstaff House. Note the patio in front on which we held many splendid parties and the naval gun mounted on its edge’ 1 photo

9/2/9 ‘Men of the Dhofar Gendarmerie (before 23 July 1970 the Dhofar Force)’ 1 photo
9/2/10  ‘Men of the Dhofar Gendarmerie (before 23 July 1970 the Dhofar Force)’  1 photo

9/2/11  ‘Men of the Dhofar Gendarmerie (before 23 July 1970 the Dhofar Force)’  1 photo

9/2/12  ‘The Sultan’s Band Boys, May 1971’  1 photo

9/2/13  ‘One of the US-made Commando armoured vehicles issued by Sultan Said to his private army The Dhofar Force, but NOT to his proper armed forces’  1 photo

9/2/14  ‘10th February 1971. JDCG visits the first of the Firqats to be formed of ex-enemy fighters; the Firqat Salahadin at Mirbat. Leader Salim Mirbat. SAS Squadron Comd Major Tony Jeapes; WO2 Birrell.

9/2/21  ‘More shots of JDCG at Mirbat with F.Salahadin and their SAS trainers; and with the Naib-Wali of Mirbat Sheikh Ali Amr (‘four-eyes’) and Abdul Aziz Rowas, a junior minister in the fledgling Government of Oman. Includes photographs of ‘Sudh after its recapture in Op Everest in February 1971 by MR, Firqat Salahadin and SAS.’


9/2/37  ‘A colourful group of Dhofaris, no longer camera-shy, with two of our Medical Assistants, at Arzat.’

9/2/38  ‘February 1971. The Eid Ceremony at the Palace in Salalah. The Sultan inspects the Guard of Honour found by the Dhofar Gendarmerie. (Commander Major Christopher Philips)

9/2/42  ‘Three photographs of Sultan Qaboos taken during the first year of his reign.’

9/2/45  ‘JDCG on one of his first visits to Kassab (Musandam Peninsula) with Maj Halstead (OG)’
9/2/47  ‘The three SAF Infantry Battalion Commanders early 1971, all from The Royal Anglican Regt: Teddy Turnhill (DR), Fergus Mackain-Bremner (MR), Peter Worthy (JR). The missing CO was Karl Beale of the Parachute Regt (NFR).

9/2/48  JDCG on one of his first visits to Kassab with the ‘Wali Seyyid Majid bin Taimur and Capt Gavin Pike’

9/2/49  ‘Photographs taken on Wednesday 15th March 1972 in the new Officers’ Mess of the Sultan’s Armed Forces at Bait al Falaj on the occasion of the presentation and unveiling of a portrait of His Majesty the Sultan.’
More details of the portrait included. List of some of the persons ‘to be seen in the photographs’ included.

9/2/69  ‘Contents of yet another rebel arms cache found in Nizwa area August 1972. Contents mostly of Soviet Russian manufacture or left-overs by British on quitting Aden.’

9/2/70  ‘Colonel MG (Mike) Harvey, OBE, MC.’ Caption includes brief military biography of Harvey.

9/2/71  ‘With LtCol Kingsley Gray, MC and the Guard of Honour found by the Muscat Garrison Guard Unit.

9/2/73

9/2/74  ‘With Wing Comd PJ (Curly) Hirst, CSOAF’

9/2/75  With ‘LtCol David Glaebrook, RTR, our gifted and selfless Chief Administrative Staff Officer (AA&QMG in old army terminology)

9/2/76  ‘At Umm al Ghawarif Camp, Salalah with ‘A’ Troop 1st Regt Oman Artillery (OC Capt JCD Long-Price, RA). GPO 2Lt Mohammed Aslam Beg; Section Comd 2Lt Mohammed Salim.’

9/2/79  Photographs under the heading ‘Final visit to Dhofar of Brigadier JDC Graham (CSAF April 1970 – Sept 1972)

9/2/85

9/2/79  ‘25-pdr gun in action, Salalah Plain’

9/2/80  ‘Being seen off by gunners’

9/2/81  ‘Raysut; the young Baluchi recruits under training by Maj Vyvyan’
Robinson and Lieut Khuda Bux’

9/2/82 ‘JDCG with new Bolex cine camera and Ray Nightingale in suburbs of Salalah
1 photo

9/2/83 ‘Ditto. Major Nightingale took over as GSO2 Intelligence from Tony Molesworth in February 1972.’
1 photo

9/2/84 ‘Leaving the house of Robin Young (Director of Development in Dhofar) after farewell lunch with him, Wali Buraik (in foreground holding camera) Ahmed Mansoori (radio presenter), Abdul Aziz Rowas, Hugh Oldman and many others’
1 photo

9/2/85 ‘25pdrs of 1st Regiment Oman Artillery (Comd Major Hugh Colley) poised to fire Final Salute as my aircraft took off from RAF Salalah’
1 photo

Loose Photographs

9/3 Loose Photographs: Found in envelope ‘original photos of plates to be found in ‘ponder anew’ Photographs with captions listed below, all other photographs have no caption
13 Photos
Not Dated

9/3/1 ‘His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, 1998’
1 photo

9/3/2 ‘Said bin Geyr ,?’
1 photo

9/3/3 ‘Spike ? and V. Robinson’
1 photo

9/3/4 ‘Harvey and Glazebrook’
1 photo

9/3/5 ‘Robinson and Glazebrook’
1 photo

9/3/6 ‘Fort M? and the Sole Quay’
1 photo

9/3/7 ‘? Harvey, Gen Gibbs’
1 photo

9/3/8 Welch (on left) and Paul W?
1 photo
PERSONAL AND MILITARY MATERIALS

Box 10


2 items

10/2 Royal Artillery Historical Society Proceedings: Vol 9 No 5, Printed booklet containing information from the Royal Artillery Historical Proceedings in 2006, including minutes from Annual General Meeting, lectures and presentations from quarterly meetings and membership list.

December 2006

1 item

10/3 Newspaper Obituaries: Brigadiers Mike Harvey and Tim Landon August 2007

Telegraph Obituary for Major General John Graham published 9 Jan 2013

3 items

10/6 Excerpts from ‘Farewell the Trumpets’: by James Morris (Faber & Faber, 1978) with note explaining that they ‘describe so well the Muscat which I visited in 1963 and where I lived in the last months of the reign of Sultan Said bin Taimur.’ Handwritten annotations.

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