Reference code: GB165-0399

Title: Edward Ashley Collection

Name of creator: Ashley, Edward (1934-2001)


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Biographical history: Ashley, Edward (1934-2001)

Born 30 June 1934 in Lancashire. Commissioned into the King’s Regiment in 1954 having spent 2 years at RMA Sandhurst, and transferred to the Parachute Regiment in 1957. Attended the Defence Services Staff College in India in 1965. Served in the Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF) in Oman for two separate tours, in times when Oman was threatened, both in terms of the security of the Hormuz Straits, and by South Yemeni communist movements which supported the rebel movement in Dhofar, the southern province bordering on the Indian Ocean. On first tour in 1971-72, Ashley was the Brigade Major of the then Dhofar Area and in the second in 1975-76, he was Commanding Officer (CO) of the Jebel Regiment. This Regiment’s Operation Husn was conducted in March 1975, it was a joint operation with other army units and the air force and was decisive. Ashley from his operations room coordinated the operation. The rebellion was declared over on 11 December 1975 and a ceasefire with Yemen was declared in March 1976. By this time, the Sultan’s army was organised into the Southern Oman Brigade, responsible for operations in Dhofar, and the Northern Oman Brigade. Ashley retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on 22 May 1986, and lived in Chipping in the Ribble Valley where he took an active part in local life. He died in 2001, aged 67.

Scope and content: Papers relating to Edward Ashley’s service in the Sultan’s Armed Forces Jebel Regiment Dhofar between 1970-1977, incorporating training materials including a training booklet, ‘Know Your Enemy’ and ‘Jebel Regiment’s Standard Operating Procedures’; materials on anti-guerrilla operations including ‘Commander’s Diary’, ‘Situation Reports’ and ‘Operation Instructions’; including maps of areas which were used during the joint military operations; ‘Oman Humour’, including cartoons; congratulatory letters and Jebel Regiment awards; a staff list of individuals who served in the Sultan’s Armed Forces, including a letter from ex-staff relating to the establishment of the Sultan’s Armed Forces Museum; and photographic material relating to Edward.
Ashley’s service in Oman, subsequent Sultan’s Armed Forces Association reunions including a trip to Oman in 1984.

**System of arrangement:**
1. Training
2. Anti-Guerrilla Operations
3. Oman Humour
4. Jebel Regiment Awards
5. Sultan’s Armed Forces Association
6. Staff Lists
7. Photographic Material

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** Mainly English, with some Arabic and a small amount of Urdu

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**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from Ian Buttenshaw 19 July 2006 and the book ‘Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic’ (Ref 1/2/3) received as a gift from Keith Ashley on 1 Oct 2008

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- GB165-0327 Graham
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- GB165-0333 Sultan’s Armed Forces Association
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- GB165-0339 McKeown
- GB165-0367 Murly-Gotto
- GB165-0410 Hepworth

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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SERIES, FILE AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE EDWARD ASHLEY COLLECTION

Box 1

1 Training

Training materials covering two aspects of training, namely specific training for commanding officer (CO), and training materials for all ranks.

1/1 Commanding Officer’s Training Materials

Training materials for the Commanding Officer (CO) giving an account of Edward Ashley’s military service against guerrillas covering different types of reports; anti-guerrilla operation reports, lessons learned in Dhofar and judgement, and training directive, minute maneuvers and tactics.

1/1/1 Anti-Guerrilla Operations in Dhofar

Explanatory background of the formation of the military forces in Oman: anti-guerrilla strategy changes, abbreviation and definitions of the terms used by commanders including common SAF expressions, SAF abbreviations, and tactical definitions, detailed reports on terrain and climate, the tribes of Dhofar, the modernisation of the state and society relating to the Dhofar development department and coordination committees, the Sultan’s own Forces in Dhofar and British forces in Dhofar, detailed reports on lessons learned in 1971 and history of SAF firqats, signalling Mao’s thoughts – “know the enemy”.

Lang: English and Arabic

1/1/2 Lessons Learned in Dhofar

31 items containing judgements of HQ the Jebel
Regiment Salalah (Salala) on training, the different roles of 3 COYs, reports on ‘Battle in Thick Trees’ including illustrated (arrowed) manoeuvres, reports from the desert regiment: helicopter operations’, reports on morale and morals, Report on ‘Training in Sarfait’ including battalion organised training, 81mm mortar firing, FAC training, education, team work, training within companies, fitness, shooting, mine warfare and map reading.

8 items of HQ the Jebel Regiment, Sarfait, on ‘Lessons learned in the 1976 monsoon’ emphasising geographical and historical considerations of live stock in Nizwa. From 8 March to 4th September 1976, TAC HQ of the Jebel Regiment Sarfait issues report on ‘what went wrong’ written by Ashley concerns the officers and soldiers’ moral behaviour. This report covers 4th July 1975 to 4th Sep 1976.

1/1/3 The Jebel Regiment Training Directive 1975-1977 49 sheets

Headquarters (HQ) The Jebel Regiment training directives contains 9 items of Nizwa commanding officers’ training directives 1975-1976, and 10 items of directives from 17th Nov 1976-1977. 4 Phases of training consisting of 1. Individual training with HQ company (specialist platoons including driving & maintenance, setting up UCPs, mine deletion & clearance, vehicle camouflage, and GPMG training. 2. Section & platoon training; 3. Platoon and company groups; and 4. Final preparation for Dhofar.

1/2 General Training Materials for All Ranks 1971 and 2 files

General training materials covering basic knowledge about 1976
the enemy and standard operating procedures which are prerequisite for the soldiers to understand: historical background, language, sources of weapons, weapons recognition, air photography, description of guerrilla leaders and belief in victory for the Jebel Regiment operation.

1/2/1    **Know Your Enemy**  
Training pamphlet giving a brief history of the establishment of the Sultan’s Armed Forces, enemy weapons and the names of the principal enemy leaders. The pamphlet was printed by SAF and contains the aim of the operation, forwarded by CSAD, COSAF, and an explanation of the war. The operation aims to hunt down and capture or kill in order to liberate the people of Dhofar from the insurgents.
Lang: English, Arabic and Urdu

**Box 2**

1/2/2    **‘JR SOPS’**  
(Handbook of Commander’s Jebel Regiment Standard Operating Procedures) the handbook covers 22 subjects relating to Jebel Regiment operations including training of writing reports, helicopter operations, transport aircraft, requests for air photography, antennae for use with COMCAC/SQUAD CAC, first aid, mine laying and anti-mine precautions and definition of refugees.

1/2/3    **Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic**  
Printed book ‘The Sultan’s Armed Forces Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic for English Speakers
2 Anti-Guerrilla Operation

Reports relating to military operations with suggestions for improving future operations including anti-Guerrilla Operation reports compiled before, during and after operations, reports from Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF) in Dhofar directives; Operation Dharab(Darab); Commander’s regimental diaries; CO’s DO’s Orderly Room; Jebel Regiment Operation Instruction; Jebel Regiment Situation Report; Maps of Southern Arabia.

2/1 ‘SAF the Dhofar Directives, Minutes etc as BM SAF/BM Dhofar’


Lang: English with a few Arabic words.

2/2 Operation Dharab (Darab)

Messages and reports relating to Operation Order Dharab (Darab), which centred at HQ South East District, The Jebel Regiment in Salalah (Salala) 28 Dec 1974 - Lessons from operation Dharab (Darab) report on their recognition that there ‘could be a better way’, suggestions and hope for future operations. Also includes maps from air photographs.

2/3 The Jebel Regiment Commander’s Diary

The Jebel Regiment CO’s Diary in Sarfait written by Ashley is concentrated on 1975-1976; 63 items for 1975
including officers’ study days – discussions about the operational issues in wadis (valleys), commander’s minutes, operation reports, suggestions, requirement of air supports, wadi searches, incident reports on casualties and assessments of enemy situation; and Jebel Regiment (JR) diary-on operation Husn in March 1975 during the war, from 8 March to 19 March, the diary includes detailed eight Jebel Regiment situation reports in March 1975. Preparatory operation forecast written by E Ashley (defence stores requirement Operation Husn) includes: aim of operation, outline of plan through involved dates/times-additional troops required-outline of air requirement.

16 items consisting of reports giving a summary of enemy activity in the Sarfait area from Feb to Nov 1976, lessons learned in the 1976 monsoon, reports on morals, JR’s activities, how to stay alive in mined areas, and suggestions for civil development in the Sarfait area. Personal letters, speeches and statements to the soldiers, personal and official papers-correspondence of thanks to Ashley and list of soldiers in 3 COY JR and ex-JR officers, and maps which cover three routes by air, by sea and by road.

Lang: English and a few technical Arabic words.

Box 3

2/4 The Jebel Regiment Orderly Room CO’s DOs 1974, 1975-172 sheets 1976, 1977

Covers a wide range of Lt. Col. Edward Ashley’s official correspondence, including Princess Alexandra’s thanks to Colonel Ashley from London, Ashley’s messages to the Omani Embassy in Cairo thanking them for entertainment and congratulatory letters for Ashley’s achievements; letters from soldiers who served under him, requests to
Ashley relating to parachute training with SAF. Ashley’s personal messages, statements to the soldiers, Ashley’s correspondence with high echelons of the political, non-political and military leaders and colleagues, which includes 93 items of outgoing correspondence – persons and institutions, and 29 items of incoming correspondence – persons and institutions.

2/5

The Jebel Regiment Operation Instructions

Mainly covers Jebel Regiment Salalah (Salala)’s Operation Husn, and consists of three distinct instructions; before, during and after monsoon periods in 1976: Time zone throughout this instruction is DELTA before the monsoon, covering a Jebel Regiment (JR) radio diagram, giving instructions on charts and the role of 3 Coy and its administration (Feb 1976 and 6 March 1976); Instruction during the monsoon period in 1976 covers outstanding monsoon requirements, monsoon stock piles Nizwa COY, the threat from eastern PDRY, the regular army of enemy, grouping JR, FF, DR, KJ, NOWED, FQ FORCE, ACS, DGU, ENGR and BATT forces, boundaries of north-west and south-east, limitation on military operations in border areas, operational planning information, wind, summary of enemy forces beyond PDRY border (21-27 May 1976); Instructions in the post monsoon season cover grouping instruction, summary of forces’ instructions (11Sep 1976) includes three air photographs labelled Dhofar 27 May 1976, Dhofar 10 Sep 1976 and SAR (not dated)

2/6

The Jebel Regiment Situation Reports

15 reports sent from Jebel Regiment Tac to Headquarters of Dhofar Brigade during operations giving details of the situation of refugees in Nizwa, MG Fire starting, two
Phantoms which crashed in the seas, seizure of 122 Katyusha and TDY 40 tyre.

2/7 Maps of Northern and Southern Oman 1976 3 items
Three maps of Jebel Akhdar area in northern region and Sarfait and Salalah (Salala) in southern region.

2/7/1 SARFAIT AREA 1976 1 item
2/7/2 JEBEL AKHDAR AREA Not dated 1 item
Scale: 1:100,000
2/7/3 SALALAH (SALALA) Not dated 1 item
Map showing defensive positions around Salalah (Salala) and along the Salalah-Midway road.
Scale: 1:100,000

Box 4

3 Oman Humour
3/1 Papers with eight caricatures relating to SAF missions, 1971-1972, 39 sheets
dhofar operations, Dhofar gendarmerie, the art of training,
wadi search during monsoon, Operation Musketeers,
supporting arms and coordination, services support and
command and signal, friendly forces and enemy forces,
created mainly in 1971; The Brigadier’s song, and a
recruitment leaflet of both Arabic and English entitled
“Join the Jebel Regiment” (vacancy). William
Goodfellow’s poems, *Works of WILLIAM GOODFELLOW*
include: 1 Headquarters, the Sultan’s armed forces; 2
Promotion prospects; and 3 Minimoks-future spares
position; One newspaper clipping: Aug 29 1976, published
by the Times of Oman (page 7) covering attendance of HE
Sayyed Thuwaini bin Shihab and HH Shaikh Rashid bin
Saeed AC-Maktoom Ruler of Dubai at Non-Aligned
Conference.
Lang: in English and Arabic.
4 Jebel Regiment Awards & CAS[ualties]

4/1 A report of HQ Dhofar Brigade Salalah (Salala) on SAF battle causalities in 1976 contains those killed or wounded in action or injured in traffic accidents and a memorial and dedication service in memory of those killed serving with the Sultan of Oman’s Armed Forces at Sandhurst. The file covers decorations and medals awarded to Sultan’s Armed Forces, as well as the order of service for a ‘Memorial and Dedication Service’.

1976 18 sheets

5 Sultan’s Armed Forces Association

5/1 Papers mainly relating to the visit to Oman of United Kingdom members of the Sultan’s Armed Forces Association in September 1984 including a booklet containing the programme for the visit, a group photograph of those on the visit; an accommodation plan, list of ‘Ex JR Officers’; 2 sheets of passport size photographs of Omani members entitled ‘HQ Coy’; also includes a letter from Richard John to Ted [Edward Ashley] on 15 July 1984 relating to arrangements at the SAF Association Dinner and a photocopy of a letter to Raaid Abdullah Saif to forward a letter from Ashley to HM Sultan Qabus (Qaboos) bin Said offering his personal thanks for the Sultan’s invitation and his feeling on seeing the old forts, the Nizwa, the Jebel Akhdar and Dhofar and one letter from Gareth Raymont to Ashley in 1991 giving news of former SAF colleagues.

Related material: 7/5 visit to Oman photographs.

1984-1991 21 sheets

6 Staff Lists

6/1 SAF and Assn Staff Lists

Staff lists for the Sultan’s Armed Forces 1972 and 1975; 1984

staff list of Sultan of Oman’s Air Force, not dated; List of c1970-c1979, 99 sheets
Officers attending the Sultanate Anniversary Lunch 24 Jul [1970] as well as correspondence with Peter Boxhall relating to the establishment of the Sultan’s Armed Forces Museum in 1984.

Access: ‘The Sultan’s Armed Forces Association Members’ Address List June 1978’ and the ‘Address of Ex-JR Officers’ are subject to the Data Protection Act and have been removed from this file. Please ask the Archivist for further details about access to this material.

**Box 5**

7 *Photographic material*

The entire photograph collection consists of 806 prints in 5 separate albums, 40 colour slides and 45 loose prints showing images of Ashley’s service in Oman, SAF Re-Union and a trip to Oman in 1984. Most of the photographs were taken during Ashley’s service at the Jebel Akhdar in the northern Oman, and Dhofar and Salalah (Salala) in the southern provinces. The images record the changing historical and geographical life of a people affected by terrorism and the monsoon season, as well as Edward Ashley’s commitment to the anti-guerrilla war and his humanity towards his colleagues, soldiers (British and indigenous) and internal refugees.


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This album concentrates on the SAF at work, the
continuation of training Nizwa, visits including Muscat, the peoples’ Eid ul-Fitr, and visits to historical sites: Mirani fort, Nizwa fort, Persian forts, and meetings with helicopter and airwork services. The captions are the original captions written by Edward Ashley including 2 postcards of Oman printed by National Book Department, Muscat Oman.

7/1/1/1 Bahrein: Bab al Bahrain
7/1/1/2 Dhow building
7/1/1/3 Fishing Dhows
7/1/1/4 Bahrein: British residency
7/1/1/5 Joint HQ
7/1/1/6 Juhair Wardroom pool
7/1/1/7 Flying into Oman
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7/1/1/14 View From Mess Roof
7/1/1/15 Haircut on the verandah
7/1/1/16 Talking to NIAZ KHAN
7/1/1/17 Sultan Qabus (Qaboos) in the Briefing room with Joha Graham Tony Molesworth and Colin Maxwell Temp 106 F
7/1/1/18 Sultan Talking to Local Officers
7/1/1/19 C SAF with TONYBST and CURLY HURST-CSOAF
7/1/1/20 Peter & Ann Worthy
7/1/1/21 Mahmud Outside BM’s room
7/1/1/24-6 Richard Anderson & Three Drumwallahs
7/1/1/27-28 HQ SAD at work
7/1/1/29 Muscat Harbour – like a Cornish Fishing Jetty after an air raid
7/1/1/30 Force transport
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7/1/1/59 Sea cat missiles
7/1/1/60 Muscat harbour
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7/1/1/62-67 Recruit training
7/1/1/68-69 Passing out parade-Sultan Qabus (Qaboos)?
7/1/1/70 70 Sultan visits-officer cadet training
7/1/1/71 The shovel is as mighty as the sword
7/1/1/72-75 Continuation training Nizwa
7/1/1/76-79 Hill road to Muscat
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7/1/1/97 Barusti houses
7/1/1/98 Hunting falcon
7/1/1/99 SOHAR
7/1/1/100 Date garden
7/1/1/101 Batinah camel
7/1/1/102-103  Date groves
7/1/1/104  MR Soldiers on Saiq (Sayq) airstrip
7/1/1/105  SOHAR fish market hone - Port of Sinbad the Sailor
7/1/1/106-109  Wadi JIZZI after rain
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7/1/1/112  Nizwa Fort
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7/1/1/144-147  Postcard: twin port to Muscat ‘A view of Muttrah (2)’
7/1/1/144-148  Postcard: Fort of Jalarly ‘Entrance to Muscat Fort of Jalarly’
**Postcard: The famous Fort of Nizwa-Oman**

**7/1/2** Album 2 ‘Sultan’s Armed Forces Dhofar’ 1971-1972 166 prints

The photograph album shows many aspects of the Jebel regiment’s Dhofar operation.

Mirbat, Salalah (Salala) plain, Central Jebel – the Eastern Jebel, wadi Darbat, Habrut Fort, scrub jungle, the use of donkeys, western approaches, wadi Aaiq, Russian TM 46, clearing mines, 0.5 inch MMG, 40 MM BOFORS, 75 MM armoured car squadron, Dhofar gendamerie, the success of Operation Simba and the battlefield viewed from Mainbrace, Nizwa, Jebel Akhdar, views from the top, and visitors.

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Babrut looking

Scrub jungle

Donks (donkeys) in jungle

Scrub jungle

Western approaches
Wadi Saiq 3000 Ft Deep

Western Approach coast

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Infantry training in Northern Oman

Infantry Weapons

Attack exercise

Defence positions in Akoot

Bivouac

Lifting a Russian TM46
Clearing mines

The donks(donkeys)

Z company
Spike Powell and crew

0.5 inch MMG

Commander carrier

Gunships on patrol

Armoured Car Squadron
Saladin

Ferret

Tim Cornwells crew

The Oman Artillery
’25 pounders in support’

Chris Long-price

The bit that matters

Engage an Addu (Adoo) Base camp
MM Howitzers

Dhofar Gendarmerie
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Getting the last drop out of a coconut
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Go&MO in officers Mess
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BM’s bait
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7/1/2/164 In flight
7/1/2/165 75MM Gun is unloaded
Engages enemy training camp
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7/1/2/166 And back for lunch

Box 6

7/1/3 Album 3 Nizwa
SAF troops on the Jebel Akhdar; the album focuses on Nizwa embracing Jebel Akhdar, an oil pump on a pipeline, visitors, the walk up Wadi Muwaydin 6000ft to the top of the Jebel Akhdar, views from the top, Jebel Regiment (JR) rifle training, field firing at Saiq and MT inspection, Jabrin Fort, Al-Zama Fort. Jebel Regiment officers build INRI swimming pool, athletics meeting: JR soccer team, volleyball, basketball; battalion individuals’ photographs, visitors including Iranians with the wali of Bahla; goodbye to the officers and last look back to Jebel Akhdar.
7/1/3/1 Road from Dhofar the sands
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7/1/3/33  John Porter and Robin Montgomery
7/1/3/34  Ken Howard
7/1/3/35  A Jovial PMC
7/1/3/36  Evening Barbecue with Ralph Thomson and Eddie Schofield
7/1/3/37  Chris BW under Dragon Ridge
7/1/3/38  Outside the garden
7/1/3/39  In the office – Ashley
7/1/3/40  Sunset
7/1/3/41  Cameron Macke and Martin Ward-Harrison at a Jumma Bogfog party
7/1/3/42  Nizwa pool
    Dave Beswick
7/1/3/43  Gathering on the poolside
7/1/3/44  Harry Mucklow-CSON
7/1/3/45  Len Mallett Gargoyle
7/1/3/46  A Banyan
    Harry Mucklow-CSON
7/1/3/47  Jelali and Muscat Harbour
7/1/3/48  Jelali from the sea
7/1/3/49  DR Offers and Peter Booker
7/1/3/50-51  JIM Shepherd
7/1/3/52-53  Lunch ashore
7/1/3/54-62  Dinner night
7/1/3/63  Abdul Sahad-John Porter and JR [Jebel Regiment] Colour
7/1/3/64  Omani officers
7/1/3/65-67 Nizwa camp from the air
7/1/3/68  And from the Jebel
7/1/3/69  Road to Tamuf
7/1/3/70  Roof of Nizwa fort
7/1/3/71  School boys in the Suq
7/1/3/72  Farm on road to Tanuf
7/1/3/73-74 North of Nizwa
7/1/3/75-76 Storm damage
7/1/3/77-79 Nizwa Wadi in flood
7/1/3/80  The office – watered
7/1/3/81  Boys bathing
7/1/3/82  Jebel Akhdar
               Walk up Wadi MU saydin 6000ft
7/1/3/83  Last steps to top
7/1/3/84  Viewed rock
7/1/3/85  Saiq
7/1/3/86-88 Terraces
7/1/3/89-91 Views on the top
7/1/3/91-92 Goat stampede at Shraija
               Welcome land rover
7/1/3/93-95 Goat stampede at Shraija
7/1/3/96-97 ACO course at Manah
7/1/3/98-99 Thwt in Wadi Damah
7/1/3/100-101 Martin WH as Custser
7/1/3/102-103 JR [Jebel Regiment] rile meeting – training
7/1/3/104-105 Field firing at Saiq (Sayq)
7/1/3/106-107 MT inspection
7/1/3/108-114 Athletics meeting
7/1/3/115  JR [Jebel Regiment] soccer team
7/1/3/116  Volleyball
7/1/3/117-119  And basketball
7/1/3/120-121 Wadi tanuf
Spring and rock

David and Maureen Omorchoe

Tanuf ruins

Tanuf Falaj

Jebali baits

Musalim Salim and Nasr with a shaiba and his walad

Boom in Hormuz straits

Firq airstrip

HM presents JR[Jebel Regiment] colour

Moving the Saluting Base

FR[Jebel Regiment] guard, national day

Mounted escort

Wali of Nizwa takes passing out parade

Pipe band

Peter Thwaites gunpowder Sayid Faher, Colin Maxwell

Presenting prints to Sayiud Faher [from Ashley]

RSM,, John Porter, Ken Perkins

Gareth Raymont with Eric Hollins

3 AB Warriors David Omorchoe, Scrubber and self

Underground Falaz

Bahla

Bahla Fort

Palm grove

Iranian visitors with Wali of Bahla

Jabrin fort

Al-Zama fort, Sayfam

Occupied by 3 Coy

Flight to Ibri

Nearing Ibri

Ibri Camp

JR[Jebel Regiment] officers build INRI swimming pool

Martin W-H and Dumper

Peter Morgan
It was in 1976 that the mountain guerrillas were decisively defeated. This album includes photographs of the mountain regiment command: anti-guerrilla operation.

Ashley’s record is a testimony of the SAF’s classical combat and defeat of communist mountain guerrillas. Ashley shows the surroundings of the mountain regiment – pre and post-monsoon, at
dawn and sunset; Ravens’ roost and hawks, naming
the pinpointed operational place: Camels Head
(hoisted SAF flag), Bishops Hat, Winchester
Cathedral, the Taj Mahal, Capstan. Oman artillery,
PDR Gun, 5.5 mm in gun, indigenous soldiers,
visitors and the indigenous mountain dwellers and
Iranian Chinooks.

7/1/4/1 Sarfait as high as Ben Nevis
7/1/4/2 View from JR [Jebel Regiment] Tac HQ
7/1/4/3 MR hand over to JR
7/1/4/4-7 Addu (Adoo) shell the Nizwa line
7/1/4/8 Shell fragments
7/1/4/9 Captured AMMO
7/1/4/10-11 JR HQ from the air
7/1/4/12-13 HQ helipad Rostaq 5
7/1/4/14 CP Wall
7/1/4/15 Spot the CP from below
7/1/4/16 Steve Lewis and Sean Brogan in JR OPs Room [Jebel Regiment
Operations Room]
7/1/4/17 Nigel Forrestal and Salim Ali
7/1/4/18 Outside in the monsoon
7/1/4/19 A lick of paint
7/1/4/20 Building the COS bait [Commanders’ house]
7/1/4/21 The Caids bait [leaders’ house]
7/1/4/22 Qashi in monsoon
7/1/4/23 Office bedroom through door
7/1/4/24 Arms, map rack and wash table
7/1/4/25 Ashley with Salim Rashid
7/1/4/26 Ibrahim Tac HQ clerk waits for morning work
7/1/4/27 Commanders’s bog with view
7/1/4/28 Offrs bog
7/1/4/29 Blast wall
7/1/4/30 Abyad headratcatcher –cat
7/1/4/31-32  The walk to Camels Head
7/1/4/33  VCDS at old Mainbrace HQ
7/1/4/34  Self  Rahid Masoud Iranian offrs- Yardarm in rear
7/1/4/35-36  Visitors
    John and Shirley Akehurst
7/1/4/37  Lunch on Mess Patio
7/1/4/38  John Pollard and Ian Christie
7/1/4/40  Gemera; Lem wotj 120 MM Mortar crew
7/1/4/41-42  Rostaq 7
7/1/4/43  Resupply by Gantry
7/1/4/44  View towards Khadraf
7/1/4/45  The Nizwa Line
    During monsoon
7/1/4/46  Post monsoon
7/1/4/47  The wire from Rostaq 3A
7/1/4/48  Helifoot Route Down via Rostaq 7
7/1/4/49  Foot route via Rostaq 3A
7/1/4/50  Whaleback from Nizwa 1
7/1/4/51  Nizwa 4 from Nizwa 1
7/1/4/52  Gerald Davies and patrol at Nizwa 2 gate in the wire
7/1/4/53  Guarding the Frontier
7/1/4/54  Donks (Donkeys) on Rd to Nizwa 2
7/1/4/55  Landrover on Addu (Adoo) Rd at Nizwa 2
7/1/4/56  Camels head and Ta HQ from Nizwa 3
7/1/4/57  Cave opened up by Katyusha
7/1/4/58  Washing at Capstans
7/1/4/59  Tim Burls DVR. Hassan Achmed Donkey SGT. Hamoud Habib
7/1/4/60  Capstan area in Khareef
7/1/4/61  Houses shaped white rock
7/1/4/62-63  Nizwa 4
7/1/4/64  Shoulder high grass  Alan Deed is 6ft 2
7/1/4/65  An old shaiba at Eid ul Fitr
7/1/4/66  Nizwa 5
Uphill

7/1/4/67 Ras Darbat Ali
7/1/4/68 Tim Burks on the balcony at Nizwa 5
7/1/4/69 Mortar pits
7/1/4/70 The view 13 sec drop for a beer can
7/1/4/71 Gerald Davies
7/1/4/72 Adams and Mehdi visit
7/1/4/73-74 Heli approach to Nizwa 5
7/1/4/75 Nizwa 6
   Up to Nizwa 5
7/1/4/76 West below balcony
7/1/4/77 Donkeys
7/1/4/78-79 Route from 6 to Bidbid
7/1/4/80 Spot the camel
7/1/4/81 Tree country
7/1/4/82 Nizwa 4 and 5 from Bidbid Nizwa 8 below Bidbid
7/1/4/83 Bidbid above Nizwa 8 [with flag and helicopter and sign marked Nizwa 8 down to the coast]
7/1/4/84 Addu (Adoo) route for 4 years of Operation Simba – West from Niza 8.2\textsuperscript{nd} gate into Oman
7/1/4/85 Nizwa 8 the sea 600ft below
7/1/4/86-87 Alan Deed secures the new Bn Lido
7/1/4/88-89 4000ft to sealevel
7/1/4/90 Caught by PE blast
7/1/4/91 Dave Beswick
7/1/4/92 Lunch is served
7/1/4/93 Robin Montgomery holds court
7/1/4/94 Ras Darbat Ali - split rock
7/1/4/95-97 Foot route down via Rostaq 3A
7/1/4/98 Up through Rostaq 7
7/1/4/99 Rostaq 7
7/1/4/100 From below
7/1/4/101 The Scarp
From above
Air supply
Sarfait from approaching Heli
Wadi Saiq
Furious Roadhead
A Muscat –dog
Muscat control tower
Muscat
Gareth Raymont
Skyvan Landing
Unloading
AB214-helicopter
The Fam
First Bedford Mainbrace
Iranian Chinnoks
Assalt P90Jeers
Mine clearing
Enemy and SAF mines
Sangar building
Pioneers with their sentry outside my bait [Ashley’s bait]
Road built by hand
A well dug
The Taj Mahal
Ravi Malhotra
RAP staff
Bullet holes inside where a Berserk Et RIP
Wounded jundi in London
The North
Oldest position in Sarfait
Grants hill from RED
End of wadi Saiq road up Ibri Ridge
Mainbrace from Ibri Ridge
60MM Mor Sohar 4
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A Jebali
And his camel
Jebali cattle
Khadrafi Waterhole
Oman Artillery
5.5 in gun
Rostaq 10
25 PDR gun 120MM Mor
Cymbeline radar held by Shrapnel but working – Nizwa 4
Nasr Ahd Mohinna on Salalah (Salala) airfield
Russian weapons used by SAF
RPG Rocket launcher
12.7 MMG
FSM with AK 47
Coastal Heli route
SON below Nizwas
Addu (Adoo) supply road now used by JR [Jebel Regiment] land rover
Day break
Radar at night
Moon over the sea
Sunset
Addu (adoo) terrain from Ops
Overlooking Hauf from Rostaq 3
Harot from Rostaq 3 and 5
Handing over Rostaq 4
Harot and Hauf from Rostaq 4
Camels head
Camels head
Monsoon cloud
Pre monsoon
Post monsoon
7/1/4/225-226 Wind power
7/1/4/227 80 miles East
7/1/4/228 120 miles West
7/1/4/229 Mini rainbow
7/1/4/230 Hamoud Habib and Jason Smith at Mainbrace Coy HQ
7/1/4/231 Beer and birds
7/1/4/232 Miles Thomson BC
7/1/4/233 JR [Jebel Regiment] Offrs outside the MESS
7/1/4/234 Handover to NFR
Arthur Brocklehurst and Rakaishi
7/1/4/235 COs and Ops Offrs JR [Jebel Regiment] and NFR
7/1/4/236 Handing over COCOA
7/1/4/237 JR [Jebel Regiment] Tac HQ wait fly out
Mainbrace and yellow as in 1972
7/1/4/238 Iranian Chinook
Farewell Sarfai 1976
7/1/4/239 No caption
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Box 8

7/1/5 Album 5 Central Area 1975 56 prints
Only two images in this album have captions as follows:
7/1/5/17  Operation Husn covers the central Jebel Regiment Dhofar in March 7. The guerrilla area, helicopter cooperation, Commando Jebel Regiment Chofar in March 1975. Operation Husn, towards the operation site and meetings with the team, a helicopter landed, target and flag hoisted, captured machine guns and artillery of the enemy. Pre-monsoon and tornado, red and desert sand with an indigenous mountain soldiers with a rifle.

7/2  Slides  1970-1973  40 items
Photographs taken by Ashley during his service as Major in the northern Oman. The captions are the original captions written by Edward Ashley. Some slides have no captions but are duplicates of images with captions in Album 2.

7/2/1  ‘Kuareep’
7/2/2  ‘Village Dfended Pd’
7/2/3  No caption
Related material: This image is identical to the photographic print in Album 2. no. 17 which has the caption: A JEBALI BAIT
7/2/4  ‘Bivovac’
Related material: Album 2. no. 50-53 which have the caption: ‘Defence Positions in Akoot’.
7/2/5  ‘Habrut Fort after bombing’
7/2/6  No caption
7/2/7  No caption
7/2/8  ‘Wadi darbat’
Related material: Album 2. no.20 ‘Wadi Darbat’.
7/2/9  No caption
7/2/10  No caption
Related material: Album 2. no.72. ‘25 Pounders (PDS) in Support – the Oman Artillery’.
7/2/11  No caption
Related material: Album 5. no.29. ‘Western Approach Coast’
7/2/12  ‘The Jebel’
7/2/13  No caption
        Related material: Album 4. no.81. ‘Tree Country’
7/2/14  No caption
        Related material: Album 2. no.66. ‘0.5 Inch MMG’.
7/2/15  No caption
        Related material: Album 1. no. 128 ‘Strikemaster’ and no. 15 ‘ Sultan of Oman Airforce’.
7/2/16  No caption
7/2/17  No caption
        Related material: album 2. no.18 White city late summer
7/2/18  No caption
7/2/19  No caption
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7/2/21  No caption
7/2/22  No caption
        Related material: Album 2-108 ‘81 MM mortars in action’
7/2/23  No caption
        Related material: Album 2. no.12 ‘The Jebel rising sheer from Salalah (Salala) plain ‘
7/2/24  No caption
        Related material: Album 2. no. 165 ‘Helicopter Mobility. Album 2- 165 75 ‘MM Gun is unloaded’
7/2/25  No caption
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7/2/26  No caption
        Related material: Album 2. no24 ‘Babrut Looking’
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        Related material: Album 2. no76 ‘The bit that matters’
7/2/30  No caption
        Related material: Album 2. no23 Habrut Fort.
7/2/31 No caption
Related material: Album 2 no. 77-78 ‘Engage an Addu Base camp’ MM Howitzers.

7/2/32 No caption
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Related material: Album 2 no2 ‘Moon country the NEGĐ’

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Related material: Album 2 no27. ‘Scrub jungle’

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Related material: Album 2-26 ‘Donks in jungle’

7/2/40 No caption
Related material: Album 2 no 9 ‘Marbat’

7/3 Photographs from Ashley’s service in Oman Not dated 8 items 1970s
8 items of images are related to the photographic print in Album 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Eight black and white photographic prints mainly showing soldiers, Ashley and his colleagues in the field but also including a photographs of Jebel Regiment Operation’s Room as well as one image Sultan Qabus (Qaboos) talking with Ashley. There are no original captions for the photographs however.

7/3/1 Related material in Album 4 no. 19 ‘a lick of paint’ 1 item
7/3/2 Related material in Album 4 no. 16 and 17 Jebel Regiment Operations room. 1 item

7/4 SAF Re-Union Photograph 23 Jul 1970 1 item
Group photograph of SAF reunion photograph from a lunch held in browning barracks:

7/5 Visit to Oman Photograph
38 colour photographs of Edward Ashley’s trip to Oman in 1984 showing landscape scenes of plains, green colour but rocky mountainous areas, ‘Jebel Akhdar’ training camp, military building and some photographs of unidentified local Omanis.
Related material: 5/1 Sultan’s Armed Forces Association

7/6 Photograph of Sultan Qabus (Qaboos) shaking hands with Edward Ashley
Probably from Edward Ashley’s visit to Oman in 1984. Photograph by Mohamed Mustafa.