

Reference code: GB165-0337

Title: Frank Partington Collection

Name of creator: Partington, Frank M.

Dates of creation of material: 1970-1990

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Biographical history: Partington, Frank (b.1925)

Born 8th September 1925 in Liverpool. Educated at Haberdashers Aske's Hampstead School. Joined Royal Signals in Spring of 1944 and trained as a technician. Served in British Liberation Army (BLA) 1945 until VE Day. Given emergency commission 1946 and served in Northern Italy and with Royal Artillery in Palestine and North Africa until 1950 during which time obtained regular commission. Service continued as instructor Army Apprentices' School Harrogate, TA Adjutant, instructor officer training, Staff Officer to Commander Royal Signals Malta, Squadron Commander 3rd Infantry Division Signals and Signals Staff Officer War Office/MOD. Awarded SQ (Staff qualified). Following appointment as 2nd-in-command 16 Signal Regiment, qualified in colloquial Arabic in Aden prior to secondment to the Federal Regular Army (FRA) as Signals Advisor until November 1967. Prior to retirement from the British Army April 1975 served as SO2 Engineering in NATO (HQ AFCENT) and GSO2 in MOD. Joined SAF Signals on contract May 1975 until December 1983 as SO2 Signals/2nd-in-command and also CO. Awarded WKHM (Distinguished Service Medal). On return to UK worked briefly (18 months) with the Internal Audit Section of the local council in Fleet, Hampshire, where he lives, as well as involvement with Citizens Advice, Royal British Legion, Royal Signals Association, Aldershot branch (Welfare Member) and Church. For a number of years was also Treasurer of the local Hospice Support Group.

Scope and content: Papers and photographs collected by Partington relating to Oman including photographs of Muscat, Muttrah, Ruwi, and Bait Al Falaj 1980, a wanted poster, a book entitled 'Oman' and a guide to the SAF Museum in Bait Al Falaj.

System of arrangement: Chronological within the file

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English, some Arabic

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Immediate source of acquisition: Deposited as a gift in November 1993. One item is on loan only.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds and file level description created by C. Hughes 4 Sept 2000. Fonds level description revised by D. Usher 28 Sept 2011. Biographical History provided by Frank Partington in Sept 2011.

FILE LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE FRANK PARTINGTON COLLECTION

Box 1

- 1/1 *Major F. M. Partington*: File of miscellaneous materials put together by Partington. The file consists of: photographs of Muscat, Muttrah, Ruwi, and Bait Al Falaj in 1970 and 1980 (stored separately); a 'wanted by the Sultanate Government' poster which was given to Partington by a colleague from SAF; a publication by the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in London entitled *Oman*; and a bound guide to the SAF museum in Bait Al Falaj.
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