Reference code: GB165-0499

Title: John Hazelden Collection

Name of creator: Hazelden, John Winston (b.1942)

Dates of creation of material: 1937-2021

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 6 boxes

Biographical history: Hazelden, John Winston (b.1942)


Scope and content: Papers and artefacts mainly relating to the Royal Oman Police including the unpublished memoir ‘Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s’ by John Hazelden which describes his ‘personal memories…with some historical background to provide context’ and covers his life and work in Sohar, Rostaq and Ibra. Also includes a bound ‘Pictorial addendum’ to the memoir and four volumes relating to law in Oman consisting of the Police Decree 1973, the 1974 Criminal Code, and commercial business laws of Oman 1974 and 1990. Bound volume with a two part history of the Royal Oman Police Air Wing divided into ‘Brief Outline of Early Operations’ and ‘Aircraft Types and Unit Development’ and bound volume of copies of photographs entitled ‘Pictures of Sur Division Royal Oman Police 1975-1978’. Also includes an unused bilingual (English and Arabic) Royal Oman Police Diary for 2001, printed book ‘The Sultan’s Armed Forces Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic for English Speakers’, printed booklet ‘Omani Arabic (some spoken terms and phrases)’, a 1975 National Day commemorative medallion in a

**System of arrangement:**

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9. Muscat Police Notebook
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11. Passports
12. Watercolour of boat
13. Police Annual Reports

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

**Physical Condition:** A computer is needed to view the digital images in 1/4 and also to listen to the digitised version of the vinyl records in 14 Military Band Music Oman National Day 1977

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

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received as a gift from John Hazelden on 26 Jan 2010 with further additions received as gift on 10 Nov 2010, 15 Apr 2011, 20 May 2011, 5 Dec 2011, 25 Jan 2013, 16 May 2014, 12 Feb 2020, 6 Jul 2021.
Related Units of Description:

In MEC Archive

- For other Oman material please see the Guide to Collections relating to Oman
- For other records relating to Police work please see the Guide to Collections relating to the British Mandate Palestine Police

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist’s note: Fonds level description created by Debbie Usher 3 Feb 2010 and last revised 23 Mar 2021. Series and item level description created by Debbie Usher 11 Nov 2010 and last revised 7 Jul 2021. Biographical history supplied by John Hazelden.
## Memoir

1. **Memoir: Shurta**
   - Memoir entitled ‘Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s’ by John Hazelden
   - 2009
   - 1 volume

2. **Shurta: Pictorial Addendum**
   - ‘A Pictorial Addendum and Miscellaneous Material from the 1970s’ including images from John Hazelden’s service in Oman and photographs of documents such as a souvenir booklet produced in 1977 in Muscat to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, a passport and a police note book.
   - 2010
   - 1 volume

3. **Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum**
   - Bound volume entitled ‘Second Pictorial Addendum to ‘Shurta, Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s’ with an introduction and complete list of captions followed by the photographs printed from digital scans with captions.
   - 2020
   - 1 volume

4. **Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum Digital Images**
   - Digital copies (JPEGs) of the photographs for the second pictorial addendum.
   - 2020
   - 53 items

5. **Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum Photo Album**
   - Photo album entitled ‘Second Pictorial Addendum to ‘Shurta, Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s’ containing colour photographs printed from the original negatives.
   - 2020
   - 1 volume

## Oman Laws

   - Effective from 28th December 1972 (Superseded by Police Decree 35 of 1990)
   - 1973
   - 1 volume

7. **Photocopy of ‘Sultanate of Oman Royal Decree No 4 of 1974 16th February 1974 Criminal Code’**
   - 1974
   - 1 volume

2/4 Printed book ‘Oman Commercial Law Royal Decree 55/90’ consisting of an ‘unofficial translation of the Commercial Law issue by the Royal Decree No. 55/90’ and published by the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry 1990 1 volume

3 Royal Oman Police Air Wing

3/1 Two part history of the Royal Oman Police Air Wing divided into ‘Brief Outline of Early Operations’ and ‘Aircraft Types and Unit Development’ 2011 1 volume

4 Pictures of Sur Division Royal Oman Police

4/1 Bound volume of copies of photographs by Kenneth Fayers and Christopher Rodgers including images of Ras al Hadd, Sur Police Station Compound, the opening of Beni Bu Hassan Police Station in 1977 as well as photographs of Mr and Mrs Fayers’ visit to Oman in 2002 and a copy of a letter of condolence to Mrs Fayers from Mohammed Al Riyamy on the death of Mr Fayers in 2006 1975-2002, 2006 1 volume

5 Royal Oman Police Diary

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An unused bilingual (English and Arabic) Royal Oman Police Diary for 2001 in a filo fax format 2001 1 item

6 Arabic language training

6/1 Printed book ‘The Sultan’s Armed Forces Elementary Omani Colloquial Arabic for English Speakers’ 1974 1 volume

6/2 Printed booklet ‘Omani Arabic (Some spoken terms & phrases) condensed by A.C. Bowles. Petroleum Development (Oman) Limited’. In addition to English and transliterated Arabic language phrases and vocabulary, the booklet also includes some advice on etiquette. 1970s 1 booklet
7 Oman National Day 1975 Commemorative Medallion

Text and photographs relating to a commemorative medallion produced by the Government of Oman as presentation gifts during the 1975 National Day celebrations.

Related material: For photographs of the 1975 National Day celebrations see GB165-0043 Charles Butt Collection Oman Slides no 936-999 and 6874

7/2 Oman National Day 1975 commemorative medallion in a small presentation box

8 Oman First Day Cover Postcards and Postage Stamps

Colour copies of Oman first day cover postage stamps (printed from digital scans) which show newly issued postage stamps on celebratory postcards that were franked on the day the stamps were first issued.

8/1 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Police Day 1984

8/2 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating 7th Arabian Gulf Cup Football Tournament

8/3 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating AL-Hajj 1404

8/4 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating National Day 1984

8/5 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating 16th Conference of Arab Scouts Muscat 5-11/12/1984

8/6 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Armed Forces Day 11 December 1984

8/7 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Policy Day 1985

8/8 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Al-Hajj 1405H

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8/9 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 22 Sept 1985 1 item
celebrating International Youth Year Participation, Development, Peace.

8/10 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 22 Sept 1985 1 item
celebrating Jabrin Palace Restoration

8/11 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 6 Oct 1985 1 item
celebrating I.S.T.M.O [International Session Traditional Music Oman]– 1985

8/12 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 25 Oct 1985 1 item
celebrating Child Health Care

8/13 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 3 Nov 1985 1 item
celebrating Sixth Session of the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for Arab Gulf States Muscat November 1985

8/14 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 18 Nov 1985 1 item
celebrating 15th National Day 1985

9 Muscat Police Notebook

9/1 Muscat Police notebook, issued 15 Jun 1970, with notes 1970-1973 1 item
mainly of traffic offences.

9/2 Colour copy of part of the Muscat Police notebook with notes 1970-1973 7 sheets
in English

10 Oman Police Uniform

10/1 Police Badge Not dated, 1 item
Black cloth embroidered Oman Police shoulder badge, of a type used prior to the Force receiving its Royal title in Nov 1974

10/2 Shoulder Title 2021 1 sheet, 2 jpegs
Printed page written by John Hazelden containing a description of a Oman Police uniform metal shoulder title, which includes a photograph of the front and reverse of the metal shoulder title. The photographs were also supplied
separately as individual jpeg image files. The shoulder titles were originally worn by Superintendent Grade 1 John Hazelden in 1975.

10/3 Senior Commissioned Officer Cap and Cap Badge 2021 1 sheet, 1 jpeg
Printed page written by John Hazelden containing a description of a senior commissioned officer cap and cap badge, which includes a photograph of the cap and cap badge. The photograph of the cap and cap badge was also supplied separately as an individual jpeg image file. The cap and cap badge were originally worn by Superintendent Grade 1 John Hazelden in 1975.

11 Passports

11/1 State of Muscat and Oman Passport 1937 1 item
Passport issued 27 Oct 1937, by the State of Muscat & Oman. It was valid for Iraq and contains a stamp of the Director of Police at Karbala in Iraq.

11/2 Ras al Khaimah Passport 1969 1 item
Administrative History: This passport was valid under three jurisdictions. Firstly the Trucial States (Trucial Oman) until 1 Dec 1971, then Ras al Khaimah as an independent country and then on 11 Feb 1972 as part of the United Arab Emirates (when Ras al Khaimah joined the United Arab Emirates).

11/3 Immamat of Oman State Passport 21 May 1967 1 item
Passport issued on 21 May 1967, by the Immamat of Oman State in the name of the Imam of Oman. It contains no stamps.
Administrative History: In 1967 the Imamate movement controlled no territory in Oman but was still issuing passports.

11/4 Immamat of Oman State Passport 18 May 1970 1 item

12 Watercolour of boat

Colour copy of a watercolour painting of a large, multi-deck wooden boat which in the 1970s was beached and supported beside the Muttrah fish souq. The vessel was destroyed by a storm while discussions were under way to preserve it.

13 Police Annual Reports

13/1 Annual Report: Royal Oman Police 1975 1 vol.
Language: In English and Arabic

Language: In English and Arabic

Printed ‘Annual Report, Royal Oman Police Immigration Statistics and Follow-up section’.
Language: In English and Arabic

14 Military Band Music Oman National Day 1977

Vinyl Records: Sultanate of Oman National Day Celebrations 1977 3 items
Sound recordings of the military band music played at the National Day celebrations in 1977. The music is on two vinyl records with an album cover giving the programme for the music and which contains a foreword about military music in
Oman and the Royal Bands, as well as pictures from the national day celebrations.

Physical characteristics: A computer is necessary to listen the digitised version of the vinyl records. Please ask the archivist for further details.