Middle East Centre Archive
St Antony’s College, Oxford
Guide to collections relating to Oman

Introduction

Please note that the following Guide is not comprehensive. It has been compiled from the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive and only collections in that catalogue that explicitly mention Oman have been included. Not included in this Guide are several collections that cover the Middle East as a whole and thus may contain material relevant to Oman. For example the Arab Bulletin; British Diplomatic Perspectives on the Middle East; Cairo Conference; Chatham House; A.G.M. Dickson; H.R.P Dickson and the Mance papers. For these papers please consult the main Guide to the Middle East Centre Archive.

Where a more detailed description of a collection exists, this is indicated in this Guide by the word ‘Handlist’.

Please note that uncatalogued material appears at the end of this Guide

ABBOT, David. (b.1938) GB165-0675
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Abbot (22 SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 15 minutes 28 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

AKEHURST, Shirley. GB165-0676
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Lady Shirley Akehurst (widow of General Sir John Akehurst) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 8 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 49 minutes 45 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

ALLEN, Gordon. (b.1950) GB165-0677
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Gordon Allen (Royal Artillery) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 8 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 46 minutes 40 seconds in length. 6 digital VOB files.

ASHLEY, Edward. (1934-2001). GB165-0399
OMAN ARCHIVE: 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. 8 boxes. Handlist.

AUSTIN, Michael. (b.1950) GB165-0678
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Mike Austin in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 24 May 2015 for the project ‘Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.’ The interview is 1 hour 10 minutes 31 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

BAILEY, Sheilagh Elizabeth. (b.1929). GB165-0564
Interview and photographic material relating to Sheilagh Bailey’s work in Oman in the Palace Office from 1972-1984 and later visits to Oman. In the interview Sheilagh Bailey discusses her slides and photograph albums and their context. There are two boxes of 35mm slides relating to Sheilagh Bailey’s work in Oman in 1972, and four photograph albums covering 1972-1980s, as well as later return visits to Oman and Switzerland in 1998-1999. 3 boxes. Handlist. Photographic collection.

BAKER, NEVILLE. (b.1924) GB165-0635
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Wing Commander Neville Baker in conversation with Fiona Warton on 9 Mar 2014 for the project ‘Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.’ The interview covers Neville Baker’s service in the Sultan of Oman’s Air Force 1970-1978, especially his time as Squadron Leader of 3 Squadron and the introduction of helicopters into the Sultan’s Armed Forces. The interview is 1 hour 51 minutes 54 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files. Handlist.

Papers mainly relating to Sir Richard Beaumont’s service in the Foreign Office, in particular his service as Consul in Jerusalem in 1948 and his role in the Buraimi Oasis dispute with Saudi-Arabia in Jan-Oct 1960. Includes a handwritten chronology of events in Palestine and Jerusalem in the period Feb-Dec 1948, with personal diary notes, and photocopies of documents held by The National Archives, perhaps compiled for research purposes. There is also a small amount of material relating to Lebanon and Syria during World War II, as well as a collection of newspaper clippings, 1979-1995, reporting on events in the Middle East. 1 box. Handlist.

BLACKETT, Alexander Watson. (b.1948) GB165-0680
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Sandy Blackett (Muscat Regiment 1971-1973) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 31 Aug 2014 for the project ‘Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.’ The interview is 1 hour 8 minutes 48 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

BLAIR-HICKMAN, William. (b.1942) GB165-0681
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Bill Blair-Hickman (Sultan of Oman’s Air
Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 22 Apr 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 54 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BLASHFORD-SNELL, John.** (b.1936)  
GB165-0522  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Colonel John Blashford-Snell (Royal Engineer, Engineer Field Squadron) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 14 Mar 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 15 minutes 18 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BOUSTEAD, Col. John Edmund Hugh.** (1895-1980).  
GB165-0032  

**BRETT, Julian.** (b.1936)  
GB165-0682  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Jules Brett (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 3 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 59 minutes 7 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**BUTCHER, Peter Charles.** (b.1947)  
GB165-0684  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Butcher (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force, Helicopter Squadron 1972-1974) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 6 Nov 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 38 minutes 9 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**BUTLER, Michael Paul.** (b.1940).  
GB165-0563  

**CHRISTIE, Ian Alexander.** (b.1945)  
GB165-0686  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ian Christie (Commander, Muscat Regiment 1974-1977) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 27 Jul 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 52 minutes 7 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**COLE, Roger Colin.** (b.1944)  
GB165-0687  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Roger Cole (22 SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Jul 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 49 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**COLLETT, David.** (b.1946)  
GB165-0688  
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OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Collett (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 21 minutes 33 seconds in length. 1 digital VOB file.

COOK, William. (b.1951) GB165-0689
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Will Cook (Royal Artillery) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Dec 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hours 53 minutes 34 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

COOKE, Martin. (b.1950) GB165-0616
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Martin Cooke (Royal Marines seconded to Frontier Force in 1975 as Intelligence Officer and then Company Second in Command, Jan 1977 moved to Western Frontier Force as Company Commander and left Sultan’s Armed Forces in July 1977) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 26 Mar 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979'. The interview is 1 hour 7 minutes 6 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

COOPER, Brian. (b.1941) GB165-0690
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Brian Cooper (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 51 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

DRUMMOND, Antony John-Deane-. (1917-2012) GB165-0340
OMAN ARCHIVE: Typescript chapter entitled ‘22 Special Air Service Operations in Muscat & Oman 1958/59’ with accompanying photographs and sketches, also including a photocopy of an account of the military operation in Oman in The Times April 9 1959. Handlist. 1 box

EDWARDS, Francis M. (b. 1886). GB165-0096
Papers on Egyptian rural problems and provincial taxation reports, 1920s; reports on a visit to Saad Zaghlul in Upper Egypt, October 1921; essays on early Muslim travellers in the Middle East; book reviews; note on the title of the ruler of Muscat; account of a duck shoot in the Libyan desert; letter, 4 July 1959, from L. Lockhart about the Persian claim to Bahrain. 1 box.

GARDINER, Ian. (b.1950) GB165-0691
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ian Gardiner (Royal Marines in Oman 1973-1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 9 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 25 minutes 5 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

GRAHAM, John David Carew (1923-2012) GB165-0327
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to Graham’s work as CSAF (Commander Sultan’s Armed Forces) April 1970- September 1972. Mainly military papers, with some personal memoirs and reflections and a significant quantity of printed material dating from c 1970 to 2000. 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 and idea of military activities and social and industrial developments in Oman today. Also includes two photograph albums 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 as well as some loose prints. 10 boxes. Handlist.

**GREGG, Tresham. (b.1947)**

GB165-0693


**GREY, Denis. (b.1946)**

GB165-0694

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of ‘Nobby’ Denis Grey (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 11 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 46 minutes 43 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**HASTIE-SMITH, Robin. (b.1947)**

GB165-0695

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Robin Hastie-Smith (Muscat Regiment 1972-1973) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 10 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 35 minutes 42 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**HAWLEY, Sir Donald Frederick (b.1921)**

GB165-0338

OMAN ARCHIVE: Mainly of printed materials relating to souvenirs from National Day celebrations in Oman: speeches from the sultan; and invitations to events, 1980-2000. 2 boxes. Handlist.

**HAZELDEN, John Winston. (b. 1942)**

GB165-0499

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 presentation box as well as text and photographs relating to the medallion, 12 Oman First Day Cover postcards and postage Stamps 1984-1985, a Muscat Police notebook 1970-1973, Oman police badge, passports relating to Oman and Ras al Khaimah and
a copy of a watercolour of a boat. 4 boxes. Handlist.

HEPWORTH, Charles. (b.1943). GB165-0410
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers and photographs relating to Charles Hepworth’s service in the Sultan’s Armed Forces during 1970-1971 including a memoir ‘A Walk on God’s Carpet Adventures in Oman’; training materials including ‘Field Notes on Saudi Arabia 1935’; papers relating to missions, speeches by the Sultan, propaganda leaflets and SAF bulletins. Also includes some maps of Southern Arabia, newspaper clippings and a small amount of correspondence about walking and mapping in Oman, as well as digital copies of 35mm slides including Morocco, Oman, the Hadhramaut (Aden) and a report of a Sandhurst expedition to the Hadramaut 1962-1963 with photographs. 6 boxes. Handlist.

HERBERT, Michael. (b.1947) GB165-0696
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of ‘Herbie’ Mike Herbert (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force 1975-1978) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Apr 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 49 minutes 2 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

HIGGINS, Andrew. (b.1948) GB165-0697
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Andrew Higgins (Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Veterinary Officer of HM Sultan Qaboos) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 2 Sept 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 45 minutes 44 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

HISCOCK, Peter. (b.1935) GB165-0618

HISCOCK, Susan. GB165-0698
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Susan Hiscock (nurse served in UAG Military hospital and a rural health team, also married to Peter Hiscock who was commander of the Frontier Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 May 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 16 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

HODGSON, Paul Edward Brian. GB165-0699
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Paul Hodgson (Armoured Car Squadron) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 3 Oct 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hour 1 minute 36 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

HOWARD, Alan. (b.1949) GB165-0701
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Alan Howard (Royal Marines in Oman with 2 Company Desert Regiment 1971-1974) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 18 Jul 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The
interview is 1 hour 29 minutes 50 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

HOWERSKI, David. (b.1949)  GB165-0702
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Howerski (Royal Artillery and 22 SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 22 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 2 hours 36 minutes 45 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

ISAACS, Peter. (b.1941)  GB165-0619
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Isaacs (served in Frontier Force 1975-1978 Company Commander, Battalion Second in Command) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 26 Mar 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979'. The interview is 2 hours 38 minutes 50 seconds in length. 8 digital VOB files.

JÄCKLI, Rudolf. (1924-2000).  GB165-0334
OMAN ARCHIVE: Jackli - Parts 1 – 4 of an unpublished draft report of a project undertaken by UNICEF in Oman, December 1973. 1 box. Handlist

JEAPES, Anthony. (b.1935)  GB165-0703
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Tony Jeapes (in 1959 took part in the Jebel Akhdar campaign in Northern Oman and returned to Dhofar in 1970 as 22 SAS squadron commander) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 14 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 44 minutes 54 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

JOHN, Richard. (b.1933)  GB165-0704
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Richard John (Major in command of an Arab Infantry Company of the Muscat Regiment and in 1970 as 2nd in command of the Jebel Regiment. Later promoted to Lt Colonel commanding the Oman Gendarmerie. In 1973 offered job of Joint Services Welfare Officer to the Sultan's Armed Forces and served until 1986) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 30 minutes 23 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

KEMBALL, Christopher. (b.1946)  GB165-0705
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Christopher Kembal (Northern Frontier Regiment 1972-1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 16 Nov 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 50 minutes 32 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

KING-FRETTS, Paddy. (b.1941)  GB165-0706
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Paddy King-Fretts (22 SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 2 Sept 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 50 minutes 20 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

KERR, William.  (1930-2012).  GB165-0572
Papers, photographs and artefacts relating to William Kerr’s service in the Sultan’s Armed Forces (Muscat Regiment) Oman, including administrative papers, maps, printed publications, 2 shield plaques and a photo album/scrapbook. The photograph album/scrapbook covers his period of service in 1973 and a visit to Oman arranged for Sultan’s Armed Forces Association members in 1984, and includes photographs of Sultan Qaboos and the British and Jordanian Ambassadors. A further series of photographs documents Sultan Qaboos’ visit to Simba in 1972. 2 boxes. Handlist.

**KNOPP, John.** *(b.1948)*  
GB165-0620  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Knopp (joined in Frontier Force in Jan 1974 initially Base Adjutant in Raysut, joined A Coy as they returned from OP SIMBA, then involved in operations on the Eastern Jebal including the reopening of the road to Marbat, Sudh, establishing a southern road route into Tawi Atair and patrolling from White City during the Khareef and Commanded A Coy from Mar 1975 on OP HORNBEAM until leaving the Sultan’s Armed Forces in Sept 1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 1 Jun 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979'. The interview is 1 hour 51 minutes 28 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**LAMB, Neil.** *(b.1948)*  
GB165-0707  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Neil Lamb (Muscat Regiment and SAF Officer Training Wing 1973-1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 10 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 41 minutes 49 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**LAMOND, Alex.**  
GB165-0400  
Papers and photographs mainly relating to Alex Lamond’s service in Oman between 1970-1972 including administrative papers on training of Desert Regiment soldiers and planning of various Desert Regiment operations. There is also some material relating to the visit of Major General M Janes MBE, Director Royal Artillery to the Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF) and the Oman Artillery, as well as a script of the BBC broadcast ‘Guerillas in the Persian Gulf’, including comments, and newspaper and magazine articles. 3 boxes. Handlist.

**LINAKER, Christopher.** *(b.1945)*  
GB165-0601  
35mm colour slides and digital images relating to Christopher Linaker’s army service in Oman from 1970-1971. Images document life on the military base, tribal disputes, the handing over of command, fighting, village and vaccination patrols and military operations. The collection also includes of images from the Salalah Palace during and after the coup. 113 items. Handlist.

**LOCKHART, Hugh.** *(b.1945)*  
GB165-0603  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Hugh Lockhart (seconded to Sultan’s Armed Forces 1972-1973) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 24 Apr 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979'. The interview is 1 hour 3 minutes 41 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**LUCAS, Ivor.** *(b.1927).*  
GB165-0561  
TS article ‘Reflections on a diplomatic career in the Arab and Muslim worlds 1951-84’ by Ivor Lucas covering his work in the British Foreign Service relating to the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, Oman,
Libya, Aden and Syria and giving his reflections on the changing face of Islam. 1 file. Handlist.

**MACKAIN-BREMNER, Fergus.** (b.1929)  GB165-0605

**MASON, David.** (b.1951)  GB165-0708
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Mason (Desert Regiment 1974-1976) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 4 Apr 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 31 minutes 57 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**MAUNSELL, Eyre.** (b.1949)  GB165-0709
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Eyre Maunsell (served in Dhofar in the Armoured Car Squadron 1975-1977) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 Feb 2018 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 26 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**McKEOWN, John.** (b.1941)  GB165-0339

**MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.**  GB165-0203
Project papers and reports, 1939-1980s, dealing with agriculture, co-operatives, education, finance, fisheries, forestry, health provision, industry, mineral resources, public administration, transport, water resources, and other development projects, mainly in Jordan (including the West Bank territory), but also covering Aden, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Oman, Israel and Palestine; correspondence files; some papers on the South-East Asia Development Division and the Overseas Development Institute. 39 boxes. Handlist.

**MURLY-GOTTO, Anthony** (b.1942)  GB165-0367
TS article entitled ‘From War to Peace Oman 1975-1978 Snapshots’ by Anthony Murly-Gotto giving a personal account of his service in Oman and in particular an account of the development and management of the finances and budgets of Oman’s military. 36 sheets. Handlist

**NELSON, Valerie** – please see Robinson, Valerie

**NICHOLLS, R.K.** (b.1921)  GB165-0335
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oman Visit Report 1st – 11th June 1964: Report written by Nicholls for
Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). The report considers suitable marine locations in the Saih al Malsh Bay area near Muscat for ocean tanker crude oil loading facilities, a barge jetty, and other problems relating to crude oil off-takes; Oman '93: Booklet published by the Ministry of Information about development within Oman. The booklet was sent to Nicholls as a gift from Ayild Waleed a former colleague of Nicholls’ and it is annotated to this effect. 1 box. Handlist.

**PARTINGTON, F.M.**

OMAN ARCHIVE: File of miscellaneous materials put together by Partington consisting 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. 1 box. Handlist.

**PAXTON, Julian, F.E. (b.1937)**

OMAN ARCHIVE: Miscellaneous collection of PDO (Petroleum Development Oman) company files mainly from the PDO office in Muscat, which was closed in 1976. The files were retained by Paxton as part of a salvage operation and would otherwise have been destroyed. The papers contain some reports, but mainly consist of subject and organisational files used by the staff of the Muscat office for reference. The collection also contains a small amount of Paxton’s own research papers arising from his interest in Bertram Thomas an early explorer in Oman, and some printed materials relating to Oman and other Middle Eastern countries. 14 boxes. Handlist.

**PETERS, Richard. (b.1943)**

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Richard ‘Dick’ Peters (23 SAS, in the Sultan's Armed Forces served as 2nd in command of Red Company, the Desert Regiment 1967-1970) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 27 Nov 2013 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 31 minutes 41 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**PEYTON, William Durham. (1917-1991)**

OMAN ARCHIVE: The main scope of the papers consists of materials collected by Peyton during his time in Oman, through his own interest in the country and through his position as Trade Relations Manager with PDO. The papers also contain materials relating to other countries, particularly the Yemen, in which Peyton held an interest. 6 boxes. Handlist.

**PIRIE, Charles. (b.1943)**

Account of Charles Pirie’s tour of Oman in 1966 entitled ‘Chas’ Muscat & Oman Patrol with QDG’ by Hugh Nicklin and 41 colour slides taken by Charles Pirie whilst on the tour consisting of images of Muscat, Nizwa and Sohar and including images of a tribal delegation going to see the Sultan, Muscat and Nizwa forts, Sultan’s Armed Forces soldiers and outpost, market scenes and the Oman coastline. 18 sheets, 41 slides. Handlist. Photographic collection.

**RAHIM, Abdul. (b.1957)**

OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Abdul ‘JB’ Rahim (served in Northern Frontier Regiment) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 36 minutes 36
seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**RAMSAY, Angus.** (b.1946)  
GB165-0713  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Angus Ramsay (commanded a rifle company during the Dhofar war) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 23 Oct 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 29 minutes 47 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

**RAY, Bryan.** (b.1929)  
GB165-0714  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Bryan Ray (commanded Northern Frontier Regiment Feb - Apr 1974) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 30 Sept 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 38 minutes 52 seconds in length. 5 digital VOB files.

**ROBINSON, Valerie Winifred.** (b.1934).  
GB165-0594  

**ROBINSON, Vyvyan.** (b.1930)  
GB165-0621  

**SADIQI, Malaalah Al.**  
GB165-0716  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Malaalah Al Sadiqi in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 20 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 38 minutes 43 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

**SALUSBURY-TRELAWNY, Jonathan.** (b.1934)  
GB165-0622  

**SEARLE, David.** (b.1933)  
GB165-0562  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers and photographs relating to David Searle’s service in the Royal Oman Police, 1980-1984, including his certificate of service, Royal Oman Police Officer’s Club Rules, official parade programmes, a PDO (Petroleum Development Oman) News magazine...
and digital copies of photographs from his service in Oman. 1 file; 119 digital images. Handlist.

**SEARLE, Pauline.** (1922-2011)  
OMAN ARCHIVE: The papers cover the nine year period which Searle spent in Oman as a journalist for Reuters, relating mainly to the Dhofar war in southern Oman, which was ongoing during the time Searle lived there, and military operations connected with the war. A significant part of the papers relate directly to Searle’s work for Reuters, and her communications with Reuters personnel in Bahrain and London. Other papers are working notes, and written articles created and collected by Searle in the course of her work. There is a small amount of personal papers and printed material. Some of the materials look at the wider context of life in Oman for the local people. c1968-1979. 4 boxes. Handlist.

**SEENEY, David Leonard.** (b.1945)  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Seeney in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 31 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

**SICHEL, Peter Robert** (b.1946).  
OMAN ARCHIVE: Papers relating to the work of Peter Sichel in Oman during the period 1965-1984. Including the first demographic surveys of Musandam and Dhofar and the research taken in order to complete the reports. Also correspondence and internal staff memos relating to the development of Oman, and official reports on social, political, local progress. Copies of slides and photographs taken by Sichel of Oman, including those used in talks that he gave in the 1980s referring to development in Oman. The collection also includes maps used by the military and publications relating to Oman during this period. Oral history video interview of Peter Sichel (from 1970 served in 22 SAS Regiment (Operation Storm), served as a contract officer in Firqat Force, 1975 joined the Civil Aid Department, 1980 became Director of Operations, Musandam Development Committee) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 7 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 25 minutes 24 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files. 5 boxes. Handlist.

**SKEET, Ian.** (b.1928)  
OMAN ARCHIVE: The main scope of the papers are research materials for two books about Oman, written by Skeet: *Muscat and Oman: the End of an Era* Faber and Faber, London 1974; and *Oman: Politics and Development* Macmillan, 1992. Other materials relate to Skeet’s interest in other Middle Eastern countries, and there are a few personal documents. Broad subjects covered by the papers are: The Sultanate and life in Oman before 1970, and the development of the country under the new Sultan Qaboos from 1970. A large number of the materials focus on the development of law and the economy in Oman from 1970. 5 boxes. Handlist.

**SMILEY, David** (1916-2009)  
OMAN ARCHIVE: The papers relate to the later part of Smiley’s career as CSAF (Commander Sultan’s Armed Forces) in Oman, and consist mainly of correspondence between Smiley and colleagues, and the Sultan Said bin Taimur, and a report by Smiley on the SAF. 1 box. Handlist.

**SMITH, Michael.** (b.1950)  

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OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Mike Smith in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 7 Apr 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979'. The interview is 44 minutes 53 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

SOUTHBY-TAILYOUR, Ewen. (b.1942)  GB165-0718
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Ewen Southby-Tailyour (Royal Marines served in the Northern Frontier Regiment 1966-1968) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 21 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 33 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

STIRRUP, Graham Eric. (b.1949)  GB165-0719
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Lord 'Jock' Graham Eric Stirrup (Royal Air Force on loan to the Sultan's Armed Forces Air Force 1973-1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 20 May 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 52 minutes 14 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES ASSOCIATION  GB165-0333
OMAN ARCHIVE: A full serial of the Association publication (Newsletters, later Journals), and a small amount of printed ephemera. The Newsletters reports on the activities of the SAF, and social events of the Society. Activities of the Anglo-Omani Society are also documented in the later issues. The publication is intended to be a journal of record containing illustrated articles of historic as well as current interest, book reviews relevant to SAF and to Oman and personal details of members, including obituaries. The publication provides insight into the development and achievements of the military in Oman over a period of thirty years, as well as regular descriptions of the development of the country itself in a context not solely military. 3 boxes. Handlist.

SWEENEY, Daniel. (b.1945).  GB165-0633

TAWELL, Peter. (b.1948)  GB165-0720
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Tawell (Northern Frontier Regiment 1971) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 25 Jun 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 51 minutes 2 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

TELFORD, Michael. (b.1936)  GB165-0721
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Michael Telford (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 21 Apr 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 56 minutes 26 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.
TURLE, Arish Richard. (b.1939) GB165-0722
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Arish Turle (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 26 Jul 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 23 minutes 22 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

VAKATATALAI, James. (b.1943) GB165-0723
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of James Vakatalai (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 4 minutes 44 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

VENN, David John. (b.1941) GB165-0724
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of David Venn (Royal Marines, seconded to the Sultan's Armed Forces 1971-1972) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 Apr 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 3 hours 40 minutes 58 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WAKOLO, Takavesi. (b.1943) GB165-0725
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Takavesi Wakolo (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 29 Jul 2015 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 14 minutes 4 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WARD, Edward John. (b.1940-2016) GB165-0588
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Ward (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Nov 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 54 minutes 47 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WARD, Edward John. (b.1940-2016) WARD, Susan GB165-0726
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Ward (relating to his service in the Oman Research Department) and his wife Susan Ward (who served as a nurse) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 17 Nov 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 20 minutes 21 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WARTON, Keith. (1940-2010) GB165-0569
Papers and photographs relating to Keith Warton’s secondment from the Royal Air Force to the Sultan of Oman’s Air Force (SOAF) between September 1966 and May 1968. The papers include maps of Oman, captions for slides and notes written by Keith Warton for talks given on a trip to Oman in 2008. The notes include general notes on equipment, facilities, tactics and operations; an account of an ambush on an oil convoy in 1967 and an account of evacuating casualties from Raven’s Roost airstrip in 1968. The photographs consist of 2 boxes of 35mm colour slides taken by Keith Warton during his service in Oman 1966-1968 and include images of daily life in Oman, army movements, roads, aircraft, street scenes, aerial photography, official ceremonies and landscapes. 2 folders; 2 slide boxes. Handlist.
WEBB, Michael. (b.1949)  GB165-0625
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview (sound recording only) of Mike Webb (contract officer in Frontier Force from 1974-1975) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 11 May 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979.' The interview is 50 minutes 39 seconds in length. 1 digital VOB files.

WILLIAMS, Peter. (b.1951)  GB165-0626
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Peter Williams (served in the Frontier Force from 1976-1978) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 24 Jun 2015 for the project 'Frontier Force: Reflections on Securing Dhofar for Civil Development 1972-1979.' The interview is 1 hour 7 minutes 23 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WEST, Barry. (b.1937-2016)  GB165-0727
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Barry West in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 15 Mar 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 42 minutes 26 seconds in length. 3 digital VOB files.

WILKINSON, John Nigel. (b.1945)  GB165-0728
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of John Wilkinson (Sultan of Oman’s Air Force) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 7 Sept 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 5 minutes 15 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

WILLIAMSON, Graham Frank. (b.1926).  GB165-0556
TS memoir ‘Reflections on Oman’ giving an account of the setting up of vocational technical training centres in Oman and also commenting on the impact of the Iranian revolution on Shiites in the Omani Government, as well as increased state enforcement of Islamic law and social separation between Omanis and expatriates. The memoir also comments on living conditions including the climate and issues with water and electricity. Photocopy of a printed article ‘The Labour Situation in Oman’ written by Graham Williamson but credited to H.E. Khalfan Nasser Al-Waheiby, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour and published in Al-Markazi in November 1977. 1 file. Handlist.

WILSON, Stewart. (b.1951)  GB165-0729
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Stewart Wilson (Northern Frontier Regiment and Frontier Force 1977-1979 and then posted to Northern Frontier Regiment as the training officer 1980-1982) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 12 May 2017 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 30 minutes 52 seconds in length. 2 digital VOB files.

TS copy of proclamation of the deposition of the Khedive and establishment of a British Protectorate in Egypt, December 1914; papers on Wingate’s service in Mesopotamia, and Muscat and Oman, 1917-22, with TS of a lecture on this subject, including an account of the Treaty of Sib, given at the Middle East Centre, 1965; TS article on the papers of Sir Samuel Baker for the period 1875-93. 1 box. Handlist.
WINNER, Peter. (b.1946) GB165-0730
OMAN ARCHIVE: Oral history video interview of Pete Winner (SAS) in conversation with Fiona Warton on the 19 Jun 2014 for the project 'Reflections on the Oman Insurgency 1965-1975 and its renaissance.' The interview is 1 hour 13 minutes 36 seconds in length. 4 digital VOB files.

UNCATALOGUED MATERIAL

Access to uncatalogued material is restricted, please contact the archivist for further details. In some cases draft handlists are available.

BUTT, Charles R. (b. 1935) GB165-0043
TS account illustrated with 4 photographs by Sgt. Charles Butt, 2nd Battalion Aden Protectorate Levies, of a border incident at Merta, Aden Protectorate, in June 1958. Copies of Al-Aqsa and other uncatalogued material relating to the Sultan’s Armed Forces, Oman. 2 boxes. Photographic Collection. Please note that part of the photographic collection has been digitised and is available for viewing online.