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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)

Born 30 November 1942, in Chelwood Gate, East Sussex. Educated at East Grinstead Grammar School and The Inns of Court School of Law, London. Called to the Bar by the Middle Temple, Trinity 1975. Served in the Metropolitan Police, London, 1959-1964 and the Hong Kong Police/Royal Hong Kong Police 1964-1972. Served in the Royal Oman Police 1975-1978, as a senior grade superintendent and officer commanding divisions in northern Oman. Adviser with the Government of Oman 1980-1985 and honorary legal adviser to the Oman Automobile Association. Awarded the Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal, WKhM, 1984. Senior Crown Prosecutor with the Crown Prosecution Service 1990-1996. Thereafter corporate appointments until 2001, as a legal director, European regional counsel and group compliance counsel. Acted as an independent consultant 2001-2009. Interests include historical reading, in particular relating to Oman, the Palestine mandate period and the wider Middle East.

Scope and content: Papers and artefacts mainly relating to the Royal Oman Police including the unpublished memoir 'Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s' by John Hazelden which describes his 'personal memories...with some historical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

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, items relating to the Oman Police uniform, passports relating to Oman and Ras al Khaimah, a copy of a watercolour of a boat, 3 annual Police reports 1975, 1976, 1984 and 2 vinyl records of military band music played at the Oman National Day in 1977.

System of arrangement:

1. Memoir
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13. Police Annual Reports
14. Military Band Music Oman National Day 1977

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.

**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE JOHN HAZELDEN
COLLECTION**

1 Memoir

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| 1/1 | <u>Memoir: Shurta</u>
Memoir entitled ‘Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s’ by John Hazelden | 2009 | 1 volume |
| 1/2 | <u>Shurta: Pictorial Addendum</u>
‘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 |
| 1/3 | <u>Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum</u>
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 |
| 1/4 | <u>Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum Digital Images</u>
Digital copies (JPEGs) of the photographs for the second pictorial addendum.

Physical characteristics: A computer is necessary to access the digital images. Please ask the archivist for further details. | 2020 | 53 items |
| 1/5 | <u>Shurta: 2nd Pictorial Addendum Photo Album</u>
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 |

2 Oman Laws

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| 2/1 | Photocopy of ‘Sultanate of Oman Police Decree 1973 No 5 of 1973 Effective from 28 th December 1972 (Superseded by Police Decree 35 of 1990)’ | 1973 | 1 volume |
| 2/2 | Photocopy of ‘Sultanate of Oman Royal Decree No 4 of 1974 16 th February 1974 Criminal Code’ | 1974 | 1 volume |

- 2/3 Photocopy of ‘Sultanate of Oman Commercial Business Laws of Oman in effect July 1974’ 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 1975-1978, 2002, 2006 1 volume

5 Royal Oman Police Diary

- 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

- 7/1 Text and photographs relating to a commemorative medallion 2011 4 sheets
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 1975 2 items
presentation box

8 Oman First Day Cover Postcards and Postage Stamps

- Colour copies of Oman first day cover postage stamps (printed 1984-1985 14 items
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 5 Jan 1984 1 item
celebrating Police Day 1984
- 8/2 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 9 Mar 1984 1 item
celebrating 7th Arabian Gulf Cup Football Tournament
- 8/3 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 5 Sept 1984 1 item
celebrating AL-Hajj 1404
- 8/4 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 18 Nov 1984 1 item
celebrating National Day 1984
- 8/5 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 5 Dec 1984 1 item
celebrating 16th Conference of Arab Scouts Muscat 5-
11/12/1984
- 8/6 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 11 Dec 1984 1 item
celebrating Armed Forces Day 11 December 1984
- 8/7 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 5 Jan 1985 1 item
celebrating Policy Day 1985
- 8/8 Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp 20 Aug 1985 1 item
celebrating Al-Hajj 1405H

8/9	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating International Youth Year Participation, Development, Peace.	22 Sept 1985	1 item
8/10	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Jabrin Palace Restoration	22 Sept 1985	1 item
8/11	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating I.S.T.M.O [International Session Traditional Music Oman]– 1985	6 Oct 1985	1 item
8/12	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Child Health Care	25 Oct 1985	1 item
8/13	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating Sixth Session of the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for Arab Gulf States Muscat November 1985	3 Nov 1985	1 item
8/14	Official first day cover postcard with postage stamp celebrating 15 th National Day 1985	18 Nov 1985	1 item

9 Muscat Police Notebook

9/1	Muscat Police notebook, issued 15 Jun 1970, with notes mainly of traffic offences.	1970-1973	1 item
9/2	Colour copy of part of the Muscat Police notebook with notes in English	1970-1973	7 sheets

10 Oman Police Uniform

10/1	<u>Police Badge</u> Black cloth embroidered Oman Police shoulder badge, of a type used prior to the Force receiving its Royal title in Nov 1974	Not dated, 1960s-1974	1 item
10/2	<u>Shoulder Title</u> 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	2021	1 sheet, 2 jpegs

separately as individual jpeg image files. The shoulder titles were originally worn by Superintendent Grade 1 John Hazelden in 1975.

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| 10/3 | <u>Senior Commissioned Officer Cap and Cap Badge</u> | 2021 | 1 sheet,
1 jpeg |
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- 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

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|------|------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| 11/1 | <u>State of Muscat and Oman Passport</u> | 1937 | 1 item |
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- 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.
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| 11/2 | <u>Ras al Khaimah Passport</u> | 1969 | 1 item |
|------|--------------------------------|------|--------|
- Passport issued 5 Feb 1969, by the Government of Ras al Khaimah and dependencies. It contains Dubai and Kuwait immigration stamps.
- 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).
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| 11/3 | <u>Immamat of Oman State Passport</u> | 21 May 1967 | 1 item |
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- 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.
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| 11/4 | <u>Immamat of Oman State Passport</u> | 18 May 1970 | 1 item |
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Passport issued on 18 May 1970, by the Immamat of Oman State in the name of the Imam of Oman. It contains two residence stamps of the Iraq Republic.

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. 1970s 1 item

13 Police Annual Reports

13/1 Annual Report: Royal Oman Police 1975 1 vol.
Printed 'Royal Oman Police 1975 Report of Inspector General of Police and Customs'.
Language: In English and Arabic

13/2 Annual Report: Royal Oman Police 1976 1 vol.
Printed 'Royal Oman Police 1976 Report of Inspector General of Police and Customs'.
Language: In English and Arabic

13/3 Annual Report: Immigration 1984 1 vol.
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.