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Title: David Searle Collection

Name of creator: Searle, David Courtis (b.1933)

Dates of creation of material: 1980-1984

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file, 119 digital images

Biographical history: Searle, David Courtis (b.1933)

Born in Plymouth on the 25 Apr 1933 and educated at Plymouth College. Worked in family business 1950-1951 and 1953-1956. National Service in the Royal Air Force (Germany) 1951-1953. Served in the Metropolitan Police London 1956-1959 when transferred to the Nyasaland/Malawi police where retired as a Superintendent in 1971 under legislation to further localisation. 1971-1974 two periods as a civilian with the Ministry of Defence and employment as a manager with Spiller French Baking. 1974-1980 a Superintendent-Divisional Commander the New Hebrides Anglo French Condominium (later Vanuatu). Left on completion of contract at Independence. Last year in Northern Division keeping an eye on Jimmy Stevens who had declared Espiritu Santo the Republic of Vemarana and was later arrested and convicted of leading what the Press called "The Bow and Arrow Coconut Rebellion". 1980-1984 Royal Oman Police, Major (Grade 1 Superintendent) general duties including commanding the Airport Division. Left on completion of contract. 1985-1987 Security Manager Sierra Leone Port Authority effectively commanding a small force of some 350 officers and men, all sworn Constables. Left on completion of contract. 1987-1988 Port Security Consultant United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Colombo Sri Lanka. 1988 set up and ran as Operations Director Maritime and Aviation Security Service (MASS) part of the Capitol Group, then Chairman of the uniform division of Capitol Group PLC until retirement in 1997. Married with three daughters and a son. Interests include all sports, playing golf and walking the dogs on the moor.

Scope and content: 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.

System of arrangement:

- 1 Service Certificate
- 2 Royal Oman Police Officer's Club Rules
- 3 Parade Programmes
- 4 Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) News Magazine
- 5 Royal Oman Police Picture Calendar
- 6 Photographs

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English, with some Arabic.

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Custodial history: In the possession of David Searle and then John Hazelden

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from David Searle, via John Hazelden, on 8 Feb 2012.

Location of originals: Original photographs with David Searle.

Related Units of Description:

For other Royal Oman Police material please see:

- GB165-0499 John Hazelden Collection: This includes an unpublished memoir 'Shurta Recollections of Service with the Royal Oman Police in the 1970s'

For other Oman material, please see the 'Guide to Collections relating to Oman'.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

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**SERIES AND ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE DAVID SEARLE
COLLECTION**

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|-----|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | <u>Service Certificate</u>
Photocopy of Royal Oman Police Certificate of Service for David Searle giving the dates of his service, rank and noting the award of the Oman Peace Keeping Medal. | 7 Jul 1984 | 1 sheet |
| 2 | <u>Royal Oman Police Officer's Club Rules</u>
Printed booklet outlining the Royal Oman Police Officer's Club Rules at its club in Wattayah covering subjects such as the dress code, guests and use of the Club's facilities such as its bar, restaurant and squash courts and swimming pool. The booklet notes that the 'Officers' Club at Wattayah is the main centre within the Force for the social and recreational activities of the Officers of the Force and their families.'
Language: Bilingual document in English and Arabic | Not dated
c1980-1984 | 1 item |
| 3 | <u>Parade Programmes</u>
Printed programmes from official parades. | Nov 1980 | 2 items |
| 3/1 | <u>10th National Day Parade</u>
Printed booklet 'Programme for the Sultanate of Oman's 10 th National Day Parade – Tuesday 18 th November 1980' outlining the participants and order of events in the parade.
Language: Bilingual document in English and Arabic | 18 Nov 1980 | 1 booklet |
| 3/2 | <u>Royal Oman Police Tattoo</u>
Printed booklet 'Royal Oman Police Floodlight Tattoo Maidan Al Fateh. Souvenir Programme for 20 th , 21 st and 22 nd November, 1980' which includes a detailed list of events, photographs and short histories of different parts of the Oman military and police services.
Language: Bilingual document in English and Arabic | 20-22 Nov
1980 | 1 booklet |

4	<p><u>Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) News Magazine</u> Printed Magazine 'PDO News no 130 Sept/Oct 1980' giving news of developments in the work and operations of Petroleum Development Oman. Language: Bilingual document in English and Arabic</p>	Sept-Oct 1980	1 item
5	<p><u>Royal Oman Police Picture Calendar</u> Photocopy and digital copy of the 1981 Royal Oman Police Calendar</p>	1981	13 sheets; 13 images
6	<p><u>Photographs</u> Digital copies of colour photographs from David Searle's service in Oman System of arrangement:</p>	<u>1982-1983</u>	<u>106 items</u>
	6/1 Sohar Division Headquarters	1982-1983	15 items
	6/2 Airport Division Headquarters	1982-1983	14 items
	6/3 Visit to Shuyamiha and Haima, Oil Installation Division	1982-1983	11 items
	6/4 Visit to Lekwair, Oil Installation Division	1982-1983	36 items
	6/5 Visit to remote village	25 Dec 1983	9 items
	6/6 Family Visit to Nizwa	1982-1983	19 items
	6/7 Fahud Police Station	1982-1983	1 item
	6/8 David Searle with Sayyid Abbas	1982-1983	1 item
6/1	<p><u>Sohar Division Headquarters</u> At Sohar Division Headquarters, Sohar and En Route to Muscat</p>	1982-1983	15 items
6/1/1	The Wali of Sohar with a superintendent (possibly Mohammed Barwani)		
6/1/2	Wali's party at the helipad		
6/1/3	Festive gathering at Sohar, event not known		
6/1/4	Festive gathering at Sohar, event not known		
6/1/5	Gathering by Sohar fort		

- 6/1/6 Sub-station of Sohar
6/1/7 Sub-station of Sohar
6/1/8 En route to Muscat
6/1/9 En route to Muscat
6/1/10 En route to Muscat
6/1/11 En route to Muscat
6/1/12 David Searle's villa at Sohar
6/1/13 David Searle's villa at Sohar
6/1/14 David Searle's villa at Sohar
6/1/15 Gathering by Sohar fort
- 6/2 Airport Division Headquarters 1982-1983 14 items
- 6/2/1 Airport Division Headquarters building
6/2/2 Airport Division Headquarters building
6/2/3 Airport Division Headquarters building
6/2/4 David Searle's villa in the Headquarters compound
6/2/5 David Searle's wife and children at their villa in the
Headquarters compound
6/2/6 Helipad and football pitch in the Headquarters compound
6/2/7 David Searle and family at their villa
6/2/8 David Searle
6/2/9 Constable in uniform and one in plain clothes
6/2/10 A detective constable
6/2/11 A policewoman
6/2/12 Airport Division football team, winner of the Inspector
General's Cup
6/2/13 David Searle's villa in the Headquarters compound
6/2/14 David Searle's villa in the Headquarters compound
- 6/3 Visit to Shuyamiha and Haima, Oil Installation Division 1982-1983 11 items
- 6/3/1 Police Post at Shuyamiha
6/3/2 Group of police at Shuyamiha
6/3/3 Group of police at Shuyamiha (David Searle, rear row,

- fourth from left)
- 6/3/4 Group of police at Shuyamiha
- 6/3/5 Group of police at Shuyamiha
- 6/3/6 Group of police at Shuyamiha (David Searle, rear row,
fourth from left)
- 6/3/7 Haima Police Station (from here, inter alia, the askars
who guarded the Sultan's antelope were supervised)
- 6/3/8 Haima Police Station
- 6/3/9 Haima Police Station
- 6/3/10 Stopped by one of six punctures en route
- 6/3/11 Stop by a falaj
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- 6/4 Visit to Lekwair, Oil Installation 1982-1983 37 items
Visit by helicopter to Lekwair, Oil Installation Division,
departure point Capital Area
- 6/4/1 Bell 205 helicopter used for the journey
- 6/4/2 At Lekwair Police Post
- 6/4/3 En route – Ruined fort
- 6/4/4 En route – Ruined fort
- 6/4/5 En route
- 6/4/6 En route – Canyon
- 6/4/7 En route
- 6/4/8 En route – Looking down on a small village
- 6/4/9 En route – Ruined fort
- 6/4/10 En route – Canyon
- 6/4/11 En route
- 6/4/12 En route
- 6/4/13 En route (flying below the top of a wadi)
- 6/4/14 En route
- 6/4/15 En route – Mountains
- 6/4/16 En route – Ruined fort and village
- 6/4/17 En route
- 6/4/18 En route – Village and rocky landscape

- 6/4/19 En route – Large cave
- 6/4/20 En route – Mountain
- 6/4/21 En route
- 6/4/22 En route
- 6/4/23 En route
- 6/4/24 En route – Hill fort and canyon road
- 6/4/25 En route – Village in a forest
- 6/4/26 En route – Village in a forest
- 6/4/27 En route – Sand dunes
- 6/4/28 En route
- 6/4/29 En route
- 6/4/30 En route – Hill and mountains
- 6/4/31 En route
- 6/4/32 En route – Road in the desert
- 6/4/33 En route
- 6/4/34 En route – Canyon Wall
- 6/4/35 En route – Ruined fort
- 6/4/36 En route
- 6/4/37 En route

6/5 Visit to remote village 25 Dec 1983 9 items

Visit by helicopter from Sohar Division Headquarters, on Christmas Day 1983, to settle a dispute over a palm tree in a remote village, at the same time delivering medical supplies

- 6/5/1 View of the village
- 6/5/2 View of the village
- 6/5/3 View of the village
- 6/5/4 View of the village
- 6/5/5 View of the village
- 6/5/6 Date palms
- 6/5/7 Date palms
- 6/5/8 Delivery of medical supplies by Royal Oman Police

	medical staff		
6/5/9	Location of the village		
6/6	<u>Family Visit to Nizwa</u>	1982-1983	19 items
6/6/1	Family group		
6/6/2	Fort en route		
6/6/3	Fort en route		
6/6/4	Village on route		
6/6/5	Village en route		
6/6/6	Fort en route		
6/6/7	Nizwa Fort and approach road		
6/6/8	Nizwa Fort and approach road		
6/6/9	Nizwa Fort and approach road		
6/6/10	Nizwa Fort and approach road		
6/6/11	Village en route		
6/6/12	Village en route		
6/6/13	Village en route		
6/6/14	Villagers en route		
6/6/15	Wadi en route		
6/6/16	Nizwa Fort and approach road (Duplicate of 7)		
6/6/17	Fort en route (Duplicate of 2)		
6/6/18	Village en route (Near duplicate of 11)		
6/6/19	Fort en route (shown at 2 and 3)		
6/7	<u>Fahud Police Station</u>	1982-1983	1 item
6/7/1	David Searle visiting Fahud Police Station while posted to the Oil Installation Division, with Oman officer		
6/8	<u>David Searle with Sayyid Abbas</u>	1982-1983	1 item
6/8/1	David Searle with Sayyid Abbas, an uncle of the Sultan, during a golfing awards presentation		