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**Title:** Tom Bremridge Collection

**Name of creator:** Bremridge, Thomas James (b.1944)

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**Biographical history:** Bremridge, Thomas James (b.1944)

Tom Bremridge was born in Brixham UK in 1944. Educated at Tonbridge School, he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1965 having won the Sword of Honour at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He spent 3 years in Germany with 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and then, after a year at the Junior Leaders Regiment Royal Artillery he was selected to be the ADC to General Sir Geoffrey Baker the Chief of the General Staff. At the end of this tour, CGS asked him where he would like to go for his next posting. Tom chose to go to Oman on secondment as an infantry officer (unusual for a Gunner). He went to the Desert Regiment of the Sultan's Armed Forces in 1971 and 1972 and was fully involved in the counter insurgency war against South Yemen. On return, his career continued in a conventional way including attending the Army Staff College and being an instructor there. In 1986 he was asked to return to Oman in the rank of Colonel as principal staff officer in the Army headquarters (the last British officer to hold this appointment) At the end of this tour in 1989 he was promoted to Brigadier. He had one further year in the Army but then decided to leave aged 45. After leaving the Army, he had several jobs in the private and not for profit sectors. His last salaried job was Chief Executive of the Macular Society, a charity providing support and assistance for visually impaired people and research funding for ophthalmologists and scientists working on cures and treatments for macular degeneration.

**Scope and content:** Printed memoir 'Gunner Officer Defects to the Infantry. Tom Bremridge - Desert Regiment, Sultan's Armed Forces, Sultanate of Oman 1971-1972' illustrated with photographs. The memoir provides a brief introduction to 'Oman and the War 1968-1975' and provides an account of Tom Bremridge's service, as an infantry officer in the Sultan's Armed Forces in the Desert Regiment in Akoot, Mughsayl and Sarfait.

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**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

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