

FCO archives ~~should~~ ~~show~~ refer to decision to raise 3rd bn but I did not record this, no doubt know when it was decided. Original concept was protection of oil + paid for separately, but this soon got welcome by events.

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RAF 'flag' flights over area considered but rejected. Use of Dhofar Force considered throughout this period but it was ultimately considered unsuitable.

This was presumably a personal blow at the Sultan whose water supply this was.

Size of gang - ~~was~~ not recorded though details avail.

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