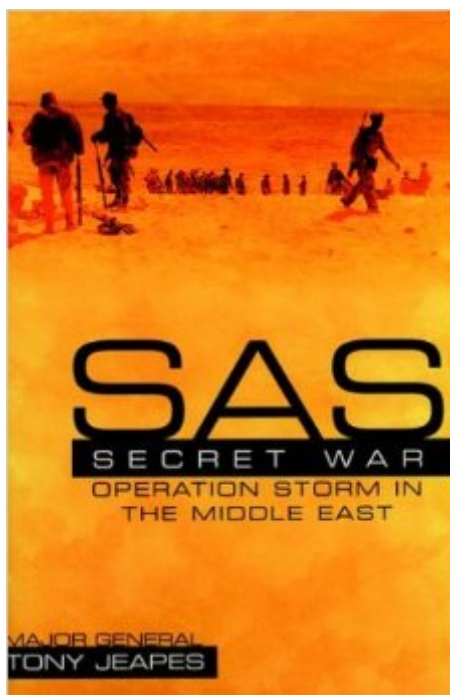


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In 1970 the SAS were called in to support the Sultan of Oman's armed forces in their fierce campaign against a communist armed insurrection. This was first and last a war about people. The task in hand was not to obliterate the enemy but to persuade them to join the government's side and at the same time win the support of the civilians of the Jebel Dhofar. This is the gripping story of the part played in the conflict by squadrons of the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, the first full SAS squadron in the region. Written by the man who commanded that unit and who successfully raised the first bands of Dhofari irregulars to fight for the Sultan, SAS: Operation Storm provides a unique and personal insight into what was to become one of the most successful counter-insurgency campaigns of the 20th century.

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When I left 22 SAS in 1971, it was to commence my very first tour of duty in N. Ireland. At that time, elements of that particular regiment were fighting a little-known, and barely covered in the UK press!, war in Muscat and Oman. As I stood at the barracks gates in Hereford waiting for my taxi, a dear friend who was one of a small number of Fijian members of the regiment turned up in an open desert Landrover and drove me to the station. It was his way of saying farewell. He was a giant of a man in more ways than one and, as he dropped me off en route to my first operational tour of duty, I was already aware that he would soon be back in Oman undertaking what was for him, just another! That man was Corporal Labalaba and the following year he died in heroic circumstances along with a colleague at Mirbat. Author Tony Jeapes joined the SAS in Malaya in 1958 and won an MC in

Oman in 1959. He later commanded 22 SAS Regiment for which he earned the OBE. Next he commanded the British Airborne Brigade and later still was appointed Commander Land Forces in Northern Ireland in the rank of Major General. It was at that time that I actually met him and was able to introduce him to some of his old diving buddies from around the Province. By now it was 1990 and I was completing my 7th year of duty there. Oh, how little had changed in those long years! This work is a history of a campaign that, even now, is never mentioned on Remembrance Sunday when most vicars, priests and padres try to recall as many campaigns as possible - having already mentioned the two obligatory world wars. Muscat and Oman was a campaign which was ignored throughout its duration and forgotten just as soon as it was completed in spite of those lives lost.

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