# Brig John Geoffrey ('Joe') Starling (1928-1996)

# Box List

Box 1:

Military Recognition Guides:

- Intelligence Aide-Memoire, Staff College, Camberley, 1976
- Threat Recognition Guide, 1 (BR) Intelligence Training Directive, 1984
- Threat Recognition Guide, 1 (BR) Intelligence Training Directive, 1988
- Tips for Tankers: Defeating Soviet Armor, US Army Armor School, c.1950s
- Recognition Handbook: Foreign Weapons and Equipment (USSR), MOD, 1964
- Notes on the Soviet Ground Forces, MOD, 1972
- RAF: Aircraft, Missiles, Vehicles, Office of Information, 1985
- Flipbook of Soviet Weaponry

Other publications:

- *Ranger Handbook*, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, May 1972
- Field Engineering and Mine Warfare, Pamphlet No. 4: Mines Individual Mechanisms, War Office, 1961
- Northern Ireland: What is it like for soldiers?, HMSO, 1974
- Back Pocket Briefs: Royal Navy, Directorate of Naval Staff Duties, MOD, c.1988
- NATO: Facts and Figures, NATO Information Service, 1971
- Soldier On! The Testament of a Tom, Joe Starling, 1992

Box 2:

Miscellaneous items:

- Italian postcard headed 20° Battaglione Carri "M.O. Pentimali", 1979
- Parachute Regiment document holder
- NATO: our insurance for peace window stickers (one English, one French)
- SHAPE insignia window sticker

Lecture handouts and training information:

- Folder of lecture notes, handouts, pictures, maps and teaching aids. Topics include:
  - Lessons learned at Fibua Tewt, Aden, May-June 1967
  - Battle handling exercises: tank stalk and tank ambush
  - Explosive excavation of trenches
  - Tactical exercises, Joint Services Free Fall Trials Team, May 1971
  - Construction of petrol bombs to effectively attack tanks

## Photographs

- Photographs from Malaya, 1949, where Starling was Platoon Commander, 1 Suffolk, including:
  - Starling in a Rubber Estate
  - Following up an air strike
  - Evening meal in jungle
  - Bukit Prang Base
  - Cutting a DZ
  - River Crossing
  - o Patrol resting
  - Armoured 3 ton truck
  - Tamil terrorists killed in ambush by 1 Suffolk [graphic images of corpses]
  - o Captured weapons displayed by Iban tracker, Malay police and Starling
  - Series of photographs entitled Brevets and Insignias of Paras of the World
  - Photograph of tank firing
  - Aerial photograph of unidentified urban area, August 1955

## Flag

• Yemeni Flag with Arabic slogan, probably relating to National Liberation Front, Aden, 1963 [and small pamphlet relating to WW2 in Africa]

## Posters

- NATO's Tanks, 1977
- 'Milan' Anti-tank missile promotional poster

Translations from French and Italian

• File of practice translations into French and Italian, 1980

Material relating to the Parachute Regiment

- The Parachute Regiment: Challenge!, c.1970
- *The Parachute Regiment*, HMSO, 1970
- The Red Devils, n/d
- Officer Parachute Regiment, Office of Information, 1985
- *Parachute Regiment*, Office of Information, 1985
- *Train to be a Parachute Soldier*, The Parachute Regiment
- The Parachute Regiment
- The Airborne Initiative: The 1990 Airborne Forces Golden Jubilee Appeal, 1989
- The Red Devils: Parachute Regiment Freefall Team, n/d
- Recruitment posters

Box 3:

Assorted Maps

Box 4 (oversized):

- Overhead projector slides for lectures on various topics
- Groups Photographs (including Starling):
  - o No. 2 Platoon, E.A. Training Brigade
  - Royal Military Academy Sandhurst: Champion Company, July 1947 Waterloo Company
  - P.W. 120 Course: Officers, School of Infantry (Platoon Weapons Wing), Hythe, 20 March to 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1950
  - o Fleet 6623
  - School of Infantry Tactical Wing. Platoon Commanders Course No. 60/50. 6<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1950.
  - R.M.A.S. Hare and Hounds
  - The Parachute Regiment: Regimental Sergeants Major Convention, march 1973
  - o Waterloo Company, July 1948
  - Unlabelled group photograph, possibly at Hythe
  - Posters
    - The SHAPE of Peace, showing SHAPE officers lined up outside the headquarters
    - Army insignia and badges