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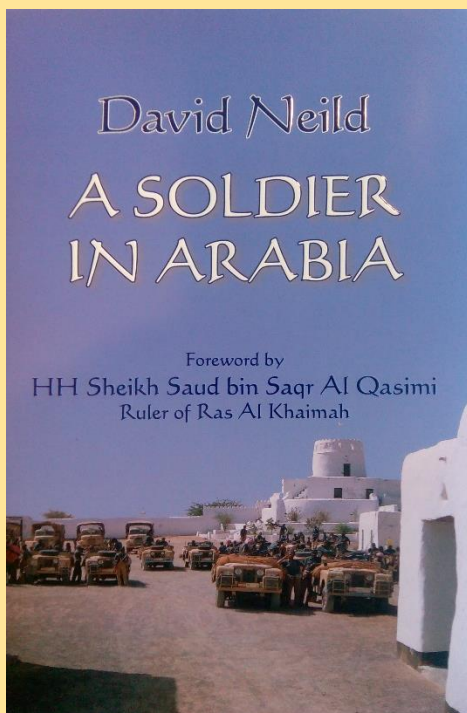
David Neild

Author of

A Soldier in Arabia

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Building G, Conference Room, Ground Floor



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**A SOLDIER
IN ARABIA**

Foreword by
HH Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi
Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah

About the Book

This is a personal account of David's career as a soldier, and his many adventures on the Arabian Peninsula. David relates the history of Ras Al Khaimah by way of anecdotes about the Arabic culture, the politics of that time, his day to day dealings with the soldiers he led, and the local communities. He also writes about his adventures around the world at different stages of his career. *A Soldier in Arabia* is a must read for residents of RAK and beyond.

About the Author

David Neild was born in Portsmouth, England, in 1938. In 1957 he was called up for national service, and in 1959 he joined the Trucial Oman Scouts (TOS), a unit comprised of British and Arab soldiers. At the age of 20 he was the youngest officer ever to serve the TOS and it marked the beginning of a remarkable Arabian journey. David was often closely involved in skirmishes, incursions and political upheavals that took place leading up to the formation of the United Arab Emirates in December 1971. He commanded the first Trucial Oman Scouts rifle squadron to be based in Ras Al Khaimah where he formed a lasting friendship with the Ruler, His Highness Sheikh Saqr bin Mohammed Al Qasimi. David was subsequently asked by Sheikh Saqr to form the Emirate's own army, the RAK Mobile Force. In 1973 David left Arabia for Africa and returned to the Ras Al Khaimah in 2013, where he and his wife Eileen currently reside.