



HISTORY OF SIGNALLING IN 100 OBJECTS GENERAL DEANE-DRUMMOND'S MEDAL SET



Major General Anthony John Deane–Drummond CB, DSO, MC & Bar (born 23 June 1917) is one of the most distinguished and most decorated officers to have served in Royal Signals. Most of his career was with Airborne Forces and after the war with special forces before taking up higher command. He was GOC 3rd Division and was Assistance Chief of Defence Staff Operations in 1968 and retiring from the Army in that post in 1971.

During the Second World War, he was the second-in-command of a commando force which made a failed raid on southern Italy, and was captured by enemy forces. He escaped from captivity, was recaptured, escaped again, and eventually made his way back to England sixteen months after the raid. He later served in Operation Mar-

ket-Garden and was captured at Arnhem, but successfully escaped for a third time.

After the War, he commanded 22 SAS Regiment in Malaya and Oman. He was awarded the DSO for his leadership of the assault on Jebel Akhdar in Oman in January 1959 using a force of 2 squadrons of SAS, a dismounted troop of Life Guards and a company from the Sultan of Oman's forces. Jebel Akhdar was an 8,000ft high mountain with near-vertical sides in many places and a plateau on top about 20 miles by 10. It was held by a well-armed force of nearly 700 men and had been believed impregnable for 10 centuries. Using deception, careful

planning and astonishing physical fitness the mountain was taken with the loss of just 2 men. See picture below of the Jebel Akdar.

When he retired he continued with his hobby of gliding. He married in 1944 and had 4 daughters. He died on the 4 Dec 2012 aged 95.

