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RECOLLECTIONS OF BRSC L&MS TA [The Lams] by Col C J [Rick] Ahern TD

INTRODUCTION

I had been posted to 495 MCLU[V], the fore-runner of BRSC L&MS TA, on two previous occasions. However, it was during the period 1981-1984, when I was back with 161Amb Regt RCT[V], that BRSC L&MS TA was formed on 1 April 1983. HQ BAOR had decided that there was a requirement for an all arms reserve unit to provide General Staff liaison officers to the major allied forces' headquarters in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and France in times of war or serious emergency. It had been decided that this new requirement was to be achieved by creating the British Support Command Liaison and Movements Staff TA and absorbing 495 MCLU[V] into it. Although now an all arms unit this new unit was to be administered by HQ RCT TA and it was to be commanded by a volunteer full colonel. The area over which BRSC L&MS TA was to operate stretched from the rear boundary of 1st British Corps to the Channel ports. The HQs at which the unit was represented included:

British – HQ BAOR Rheindahlen, British Support Command Rheindahlen, HQ Comm Z Emblem, Venlo Staging Area, Rear Combat Zone Dusseldorf, Rheindahlen Garrison & Dortmund Garrison,

German – GTNC Rheindahlen, WBK III Dusseldorf, VBK 32 Dusseldorf, VBK 33 Munster, VBK 34 Arnsberg, VKK 321 Dusseldorf, VKK 331 Munster, VKK335 Recklinghausen, VKK343 Unna, , WBK II Furstenau, Verk K 720 Hannover, Verk K 730 Essen, Verk K 731 Koln & Verk K 732 Munster,

Belgian – MoD Brussels, FI/BS Brussels, CCCC Brussels, MCG Inter Peutie, BLT Ghent & EMRR Antwerp,

Dutch – MoD The Hague, NTC Gouda & NTC Breda.

French – 2 RM.

US – III Corps Maastrict & 310 TAACOM Rheinberg.

Thus, Lt Col Brian Emery TD, then the Senior Officer of 495 MCLU[V], was appointed Commander BRSC LAMS TA and promoted to Colonel. This is thought to be the only colonel's command appointment available to a volunteer officer, except for the volunteer commanding officers of RAMC hospitals.

1984

POSTING IN

On 1 April 1984 I was posted from 161 Amb Regt RCT[V] to BRSC LAMS TA to the newly created role of liaison officer to the Bundeswehr headquarters of Verteidigungsbezirkskommando 34 [Military Region Command] at Arnsberg, a town in the northern part of the Belgian Zone of Germany, close to the Mohne See [of 'Dam Busters' fame].

The establishment of BRSC LAMS TA, which in addition to the RCT now included officers from the Infantry, R Engineers, Military Police, R Sigs, RAOC, REME, Para and R Artillery, is shown at Annex A.

The role of the HQs in Germany to which British liaison officers were to be attached is explained in the instruction issued by HQ BAOR for Ex Full Flow 84, which is attached at Annex B.

EXERCISE LIONHEART 84

This was to be the second [and last?] major FTX following along similar lines to Ex Crusader 80. The intention was to practise the reinforcement of BAOR in the face of a threat from "Orange Forces" east of the Inner German Border.

The personnel from BRSC L&MS TA who were to be employed in Germany assembled at Grantham on Friday 7 September. After lunch on Saturday we boarded a coach for the AMC [Air Mounting Centre] that had been established at Windsor. We were then bussed to Heathrow for our British Airways flight to RAF Wildenrath and onwards to Rheindahlen for the night. Although I had expected to be employed at VBK 34 in Arnsberg [my mobilisation location] HQ BAOR decided that I was to be attached to VBK 32 at Dusseldorf because that VBK was to control the area of the river crossings over which all UK reinforcements were to be ferried.

This exercise was to be the first deployment of British liaison officers to the Bundeswehr's regional defence HQs. I made a brief visit to VBK 34 to explain the reason for my temporary exercise posting to Dusseldorf. I then reported to VBK 32 and attended briefings at that HQ, WBK III and HQ Rear Combat Zone all of which were in Dusseldorf. The remainder of the week was spent in setting up my cell in VBK 32, attending daily briefings at the relevant British and German HQs and in observing the routes and preparations being made for the river ferrying that was to commence on the second Sunday. I also visited the local German operations and movements HQs to learn about their plans for the river crossings. My visits to British HQs enabled me to brief the 12-hourly shift-change conferences at VBK 32 on the British Forces progress and their future plans.

The two river ferry crossings over the Rhein worked reasonably well although some bottle-necks were experienced and periods of no activity when refuelling delayed the convoys.

After the UK reinforcements had passed over the Rhein and headed eastwards there was no further work for me at VBK 32. I, therefore, returned to VBK 34 for two days during which I prepared a location report for use on future and managed to meet up with 161 Amb Regt RCT[V] who were based in Dortmund. This also gave me the opportunity to visit the Military Ambulance Train which was evacuating "casualties" from the General Hospitals to locations west of the Rhein.

The members of BRSC L&MS TA re-assembled from their exercise locations to Rheindahlen on the third Saturday. We handed back the vehicles and the war boxes. We then had an evening flight from Dusseldorf to Heathrow. We reached Grantham after midnight and immediately paraded at the armoury to hand back our personal weapons.

1985

NATO WEEKEND GRANTHAM

BRSC L&MS TA had developed the practice of holding a briefing weekend prior to major exercises to receive briefings from British HQs in BAOR and from various Host Nation HQs. On this occasion we received detailed post exercise reports on Ex Crusader 84 from 9 visiting officers. These covered the lessons that had been learned and how these were to affect exercise play during Ex Wintex 85. A Regimental Dinner Night was held on the Saturday evening to which all the visiting officers were invited. Being an "all-arms" unit the band was exercised in playing all of the relevant regimental marches. Their ingenuity was tested further in finding suitable tunes to represent the foreign officers. In addition to toasting HM the Queen Mr Vice was kept busy proposing toasts to the Presidents of the visiting officers' countries.

EXERCISE WINTEX 85

Participating on this exercise in locations in Germany were Lt Cols David Jones, Rick Ahern, Jack Butler, Majors John Thomas, George Pitcher, Gerry Last, Jack Stancombe, Cyril Fletcher, David Sewell, Alan Edwards, H Clarke-Lomas, Beresford and Capt David Hunt.

After holding an "O Group" briefing at 22.00 on Friday 1 March we departed Grantham at 05.20 on the Saturday bound for Marchwood where the plan was to cross the English Chanel on the Landing Ship Logistic [LSL] Sir Belvedere to Antwerp. However, fog at Antwerp had delayed the ship's sailing so we were bussed to Dover for the Ro-Ro ferry to Zeebrugge from where we travelled overnight by bus to Rheindahlen. Despite lack of sleep we were attending exercise briefings shortly after our arrival. The pace then slackened with the next 3 days being spent in preparation for deployment to our war locations. In my case this was to the Bundeswehr's Verteidigungs Bereich Kommando VBK 34 at Arnsberg. Because the Bundeswehr is primarily home-based military accommodation had been arranged for me at the Belgian officers' mess of 4th Regiment de Chasseurs a Cheval.

On the Friday I set up my cell within VBK 34, tested communications, established my working schedule and waited for Startex. Because this was a solo appointment my day started early by getting to VBK 34 by 06.30 to prepare for the 07.00 briefing conference followed by a return to the Belgian Mess for breakfast. The morning was then spent at VBK 34 prior to driving to RCZ at Dusseldorf for discussions with the planning staff about UK progress and future plans. On my way back to Arnsberg I sometimes visited WBK III or one of the VKKs while making an occasional visit to HQ BAOR at Rheindahlen. I then had to return to VBK 34 by 18.30 to prepare for the 19.00 shift-change conference. Because I was then too late for a meal at the Belgian Mess I drove into Arnsberg to one of the many attractive restaurants before getting to bed by 22.00 Endex was declared at lunchtime on the second Wednesday. This gave me an opportunity for a familiarisation drive into the snow-covered mountains around Winterberg – a leave-centre town that I had stayed at during my National Service. Recovery to Rheidahlen was on the Thursday followed by a midday flight from Wildenrath to Brize Norton arriving back at Grantham at 20.30

It was upon arrival at Grantham that we learned that Lt Col Jack Butler, our LO at Munster, was to be promoted and appointed Colonel of Volunteers.

GERMAN LANGUAGE REFRESHER COURSE & EX PLAIN SAILING 85

The RAEC Language School at HQ BAOR had agreed to support a German refresher course for those officers who had completed the Basic course and who could make themselves available for the week prior to the start of Ex Plain Sailing. On 28 September we set off from Grantham for our flight from Manchester to RAF Wildenrath in a Hercules.

Because the language course was to be held at the Education Centre in Krefeld it had been agreed that we could be provided with a self-drive minibus. Having a free day on the Sunday we took advantage of the minibus to enjoy a cruise on a river boat from Mulheim to Kettwig on a bright sunny day. The course finished on the Friday with a course meal with our instructors at a restaurant in Dusseldorf. We were indebted to our Coca-Cola drinking driver Lt Col David Jones while the rest of us enjoyed our "bier vom fass" [beer from the barrel - often brewed on site].

Ex Plain Sailing was primarily devoted to a review of the Ex Wintex 85 PXRs [Post Exercise Reports] and to create Job Descriptions for the LO posts. I took the opportunity to visit my mobloc at VBK 34 to renew my acquaintance with the Bundeswehr officers. The final day was spent visiting the staff officers in HQ BAOR Tpt & Mov, G3 Ops and the Bundeswehr's VKK 731 in Koln. We returned on the Saturday to the UK from RAF Wildenrath to RAF Lyneham from where we departed to our homes.

1986

EX FAST BUCK 86

Ex Fast Buck 86 was another exercise in the familiar pattern the purpose of which was to practise the various HQs in the reinforcement of BAOR. We set off from Grantham at 03.00 on Saturday 8 March for our flight from RAF Lyneham to RAF Wildenrath in a Hercules ready for our initial briefing at 18.00 at HQ BAOR Rheindahlen. Sunday was spent in further briefing and setting up the cells prior to Startex at 18.00. Because there was little exercise play involving my VBK I obtained permission to make an extended liaison visit to VBK 34 at Arnsberg which also included the VKK at Koln and an overnight visit to HQ RCT at Emblem. We flew back to the UK on the Saturday arriving at Grantham at 18.50 – just in time for dinner!

PROMOTION

On 1 July I was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commander of BRSC L&MS TA vice Col Brian Emery.

I convened a weekend meeting of the unit's eight Lt Cols to discuss the unit's internal organisation and to set out the responsibilities that I expected each to accept. I was only too well aware of the considerable military experience that each brought to the unit, many of whom had successfully commanded their own regiments. I wished them to be kept fully occupied!

I set out my expectations in Occasional Letter No 1 dated 3 September [at Annex C] addressed to all officers of the unit.

As an illustration of the extent of military experience contained within the unit attached at Annex D is a copy of HQ RCT TA's Manning Plot dated 1 December 1986.

I wrote an article about the Lams for the autumn edition of HQ RCT TA's in-house magazine:

THE LAMS

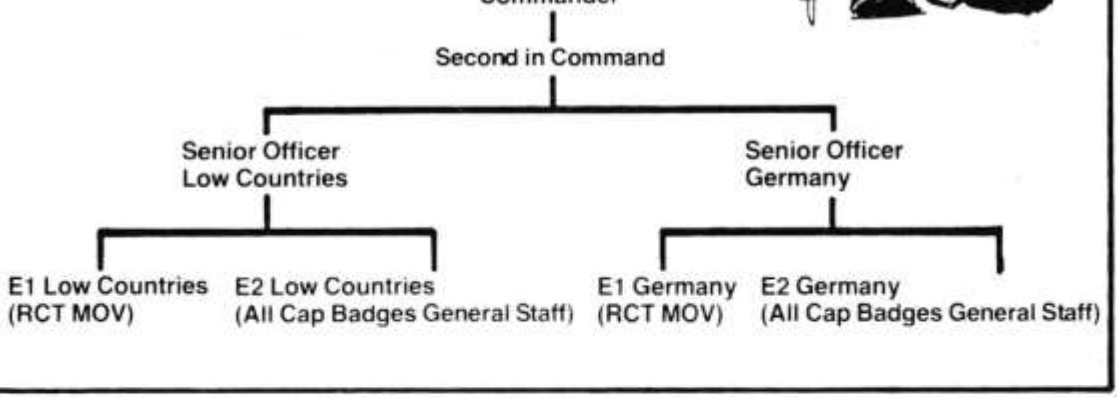
by Colonel Rick Ahern

'Who is or what are the Lams?'

It is not an uncommon question! One opinion is that it is a group of seemingly innumerable senior officers together with a sprinkling of mature Senior N.C.O.'s all being watched over by a shepherd! No doubt this version was the inspiration for Major Jack Stancombe, the Honorary Unit Artist, who produced the portrait of Colonel Brian Emery, the Unit's former Commander, which appears on the opposite page.

The Lams, or to give the Unit its proper title the British Support Command Liaison & Movements Staff T.A., was formed in the summer of 1983. The nucleus was provided by the former 495 Movement Control Liaison Unit and these personnel were supplemented by the transfer in of officers wearing other cap badges. In addition to RCT personnel the Unit now has the benefit of experienced officers from the following arms: R Signals, RAOC, RMP, REME, R Artillery, Infantry and the Parachute Regiment.

The Unit has recently been reorganised on the following basis:



The role of the Lams is twofold. The first is to provide both movements and general staff liaison officers to various levels of command within the Host Nation armies of Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany. The second is to provide watchkeepers to British army HQs in the Communications Zone and the Rear Combat Zone. In effect it means that personnel from the Unit are deployed in HQs stretching from the Channel Ports to the rear boundary of the Forward Combat Zone. In addition we have our 'look-out man' who ventures as far forward as Hanover!

The Unit deploys to all of the major Communication Zone and Rear Combat Zone FTXs (live exercises) and CPXs (paper exercise) in support of the British and Host Nation Headquarters. The next major commitment will be in the Spring of 1987 when we will participate in *Exercise Wintex*.

Future articles in this series will be contributed by members of the Sub Units who will describe in greater detail the nature of the tasks which have to be undertaken and they will comment on the pleasures of, and the occasional rigours of, living with a foreign army.

EXERCISE LAMS GAMBOL 1

Because the unit when deployed was scattered across the Low Countries and Germany there was little opportunity for collective training. Fortunately, HQ RCT TA supported a request for an additional training weekend which was held in the Derbyshire Peak District based upon the training camp at Leek.

We assembled at Leek on Friday night September 10 and then set out on the Saturday with part of our 24-hour ration packs and Hexe burners from 6 start points to traverse wild parts of the Peak District. We all enjoyed returning to civvy rations with a well-earned meal at a local pub that night.

Sunday morning was spent on a mountain top path walk prior to an early lunch and departure for home.

MOBILISATION LOCATION RECCE 1986

This was to be a one-week tour of the unit's mobilisation locations for those officers who deployed to the Low Countries.

Immediately prior to reporting to Grantham I attended my first meeting of the TA Colonels. This was held in the officers' mess within Edinburgh Castle, with a traditional Scottish haggis lunch!

After flying back from Edinburgh I spent an hour at home before setting off for Grantham. There was only one hour to spare before we set off for Harwich to catch the overnight sailing to the Hook of Holland. After an early breakfast on board we set off for Emblem Camp, near Antwerp. Here HQ RCT Comm Z had arranged a full programme of visits and briefings that included the Belgian MoD in Brussels, MC Inter, a tour of Ostend docks, the Naval base at Zeebrugge and another docks tour. After two days with the Belgians we moved on for a further two days to the Netherlands. Here we visited NL Mov HQ at The Hague, NTC at Gouda and HQ Afcent. Our return journey was another night crossing from the Hook of Holland to Harwich.

HQ BAOR VISIT

Although I had a reasonable appreciation of the role of the BRSC L&MS TA I had asked for a formal briefing in anticipation of the forthcoming Ex Wintex 87. Accordingly, accompanied by Col John Riggall, the ever supportive RO2 at HQ RCT TA, and Lt Col Stan Spackman, my second-in-command, we flew from Luton to RAF Wildenrath on Monday 8 December. Our day one diary included briefings by G3 Ops & Plans, Brig Mike Betts and Col Peter French of HQ BAOR Tpt & Mov. On Tuesday we undertook visits to HQ BR RCZ [Rear Combat Zone], 2 Group RCT and further meetings at both G3 Ops & Plans and Tpt & Mov at HQ BAOR.

On Wednesday we reviewed the proposed war manning establishment of the unit and discussed language training at the Higher Education Centre. On Thursday we visited GTNC in Rheindahlen Village [my mobilisation appointment] before I made a farewell overnight visit to my former liaison posting at VBK 34 in Arnsberg. On Friday, our final day, I visited VBK 33 at Munster before re-joining the others for our flight back from Dusseldorf to Luton just before midnight.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Unit establishment

Appendix B – Role of HQs to which unit members were attached

Appendix C – Occasional Letter No 1

Appendix D – Unit members' military experience

Sundry photographs

Appendix A – Unit Establishment

ESTABLISHMENT		NAME	BEGINS	ENDS	ROD	REMARKS
BRSC LIAISON & MOVEMENTS STAFF TA – E2 (LIAISON & WATCHKEEPER) ELEMENT						
MOD(NL)						
SBLO (Comd)	Col	B D Emery TD	010783	010786	010786	GE (Basic)
LO	Maj	M D R Knight TD RCT(V)	180983		310385	Dutch
LO	Maj					
MOD(BE)						
LO	Maj					
HQ BR COMM Z						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj K W Botting TD RCT(V)	011083		310385	
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Capt J M Muse TD RA(V)	150284		150285	
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Capt R E Hughes RAOC(V)*	010284		010285	*Subject to MOD approval
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					
Att NTC NL						
LO	Capt/Maj	Maj A R Edwards TD RCT(V)	011083		310305	
LO	Capt/Maj					
Att BE FI/BS						
LO	Capt/Maj	Maj T A Nightingale TD	011183		120186	R Anglian(V)
LO	Capt/Maj					
III (US) Corps						
LO	Lt Col	O P Hill ERD TD RCT(V)	011183	011186	310385	
LO	Maj					
VBK 32 (Dusseldorf)						
LO	Lt Col	~~C J Ahern TD RCT(V)~~	010484	010487	010485	GE (Colloq)
VBK 33 (Munster)						
LO	Lt Col	J A Butler MC TD RCT(V)	011283	011286	011284	GE(Basic)FR(Coll
VBK 34 (Arnsberg)						
LO	Lt Col	C J AHERN				
POOL						
LO	Maj	W J Gibbs TD	010484		310385	SURO Depot RCT T temporarily over borne on this Establishment pending approval new Depot Estab
LO	Maj					
BRSC GARRISONS						
No 1 (Rheindahlen)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj M R CLEMSON D RSigs				
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					
Att VKK 314						
LO	Maj					
No 2 (Dusseldorf)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					
Att VKK 321						
LO	Maj					
No 3 (Mulheim)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Capt R Hunt TD RSigs(V)	010284		010285	
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Capt GET Pitcher REME(V)				
Att VKK 323						
LO	Maj	D W F Currie TD RCT(V)	161183		061188	

ESTABLISHMENT		NAME	TENURE BEGINS	TENURE ENDS	ROD	REMARKS
No 4 (Dortmund)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj HRE Clarke-Lomas TD	161183		180489	R Sigs(V)
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Capt RAM Cook TD RAOC(V)	011283		011284	
Att VKK 343						
LO	Maj	J G Stancombe Para(V)	161183		181284	
No 5 (Wulfen)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj D W Edwards TD RCT(V)	011183		010185	
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj J C Cox TD RA(V)	020284		020285	
Att VKK 335						
LO	Maj	H K Trundell TD RCT(V)	011083		310385	GE (Basic)
No 6 (Munster)						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	Maj A F Gardner TD	011083		280385	Queens(V)
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					
Att VKK 331						
LO	Maj	G Last TD RCT(V)	011083		310385	GE (Basic)
E1 - RCT(V) MOV STAFF ELEMENT						
HQ BRSC						
SO1	Lt Col	D L Davies TD	011283	311186	031088	JSMSC
SO2	Maj	T J Shiels TD	010782		010784	
SO2	Maj	L M Evanson-Goddard	010483		031088	sq
MOD(NL)						
SO1	Lt Col	R A Bagnall	010480	120984	120984	JSMSC
SO2	Maj	D A Mead TD	011283		191187	
MOD(BE)						
SO1	Lt Col					
SO2	Maj	J N Abbott TD	010578		310385	
CCCC						
SO1	Lt Col	R D Street	010483	010486	010486	sq t
SO2	Maj	M C Ward TD	010578		251284	GE (Basic)
GTNC						
SO1	Lt Col	G J Shawley TD	010484	310387	220593	JSMSC GE(Basic)
SO2	Maj	J R Graham TD	010481		310385	GE (Degree)
SO2	Maj	R V C Pearson	010384		300987	
WBK III						
SO1	Lt Col	D E B Jones TD	010482	010485	160386	JSMSC GE (Basic)
SO2	Maj	C D King TD	300679		300685	GE (Basic)
Verk K 730(Essen)						
SO2	Maj	A E Potton TD	201080		060585	GE (Colloq)
SO2	Maj	R D L Hughes TD	010184		060891	GE (A level)
Verk K 731(Köln)						
SO2	Maj	P J T Whittard TD	020677		151184	GE (Basic)
SO2	Maj	D W Stevens TD	010579		300585	
Verk K 732(Munster)						
SO2	Maj	M J Herbert TD	120876		080984	GE (Colloq)
SO2	Maj	J M Lilley TD	010484		050685	JSMSC

ESTABLISHMENT		NAME	TENURE BEGINS	TENURE ENDS	ROD	REMARKS
HQ(BR) Comn Z						
SO2	Maj		010480		120185	
SO2	Maj	C G Matthews-Maxwell TD	010480		270689	GE (Basic)
SO2	Maj	N W Pool TD	040680		030185	JSMSC
NTC(Gouda)						
SO2	Maj	J A Sowden TD JP	010181		200984	JSMSC
SO2	Maj	~~M J Stewart TD~~ C N MASON TD	010483		230989	JSMSC
MCG Inter						
SO2	Maj	E M Patten TD	010578		110585	
EMRR No 1						
SO2	Maj	J E Oldfield TD	010782		100784	
BLT Ghent						
SO2	Maj	J M Lowe TD	011182		070985	
HQ RCT 1(BR) Corps**						
Watchkeeper	Maj	G W Orrell TD	010482		150485	
Watchkeeper	Maj	F M Burton TD JP	010582		010784	GE (Basic)
Watchkeeper	Maj	J F L Lowndes TD	011182		010784	GE (Basic)
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Appendix B - Role of HQs to which unit members were attached

INVOLVEMENT AND ROLE OF THE GERMAN TERRITORIAL ARMY IN EXERCISE FULL FLOW

1. General

a. WBK III is involved in the exercise with elements of its territorial Command and Control Organisation, its territorial movement control organisation, and various formations and agencies.

b. Wehrbereichsverwaltung III is involved in the exercise with exercise control groups from certain military subregion recruiting offices (Kreiswehrersatzämter) and garrison administrations.

2. Responsibilities. The territorial command and control organisation is responsible for command and control in its own organisational area (military command), and fulfils the support mission with regard to NATO command authorities, the Allied Forces and Military home defence.

3. WBK III

a. Wehrbereichskommando III (WBK III) covers the Land NORTH RHINE WESTFALIA with its military district. It acts as an intermediary between the military requirements of the Corps or the national command authorities of the forces and the nations.

b. It maintains freedom of operation and can then fall back upon other forces.

c. It is responsible for area organisation and military home defence.

d. It commands subordinate forces and agencies and works together with HQ RCZ and other Allied command authorities.

e. For the purposes of Exercise LIONHEART, WBK III is the directing WBK.

4. VBKs

a. The Verteidigungsbezirkskommando (VBK) (military region command) in North Rhine Westfalia includes one administrative district (Regierungsbezirk).

b. It performs an intermediary role at this level. At the borders to neighbouring countries, it cooperates closely with the territorial command authorities of these countries. Its most important individual tasks are:

(1) Area and point defence.

(2) Preservation of freedom of operation.

(3) Planning of obstacles, preparation and maintenance of obstacle installations.

(4) Acquisition of intelligence.

(5) Area organisation.

(6) Support during damage repair.

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c. The Verteidigungsbezirkskommando has at its command the Vertiedigungskreiskommandos (VKK) (military subregion command) and often a home defence regiment, demolition forces, logistic formations, and numerous liaison teams.

5. VKKs

a. The Verteidigungskreiskommando (VKK) has command in its military subregion, which may include one or several rural districts and towns constituting an administrative district on their own. It has combat troops for point defence. In addition:

(1) It operates a regional information system.

(2) It receives requests for the use of civil resources.

(3) It offers advice on psychological operations and performs other tasks for its own forces.

(4) It deals with the regional security posture.

b. BR WAR GARRISONS work closely with the VKKs. Directing VKK's are commissioned for this purpose.

6. LOs. Liaison teams (Verbindungskommandos) from the territorial command and control organisation represent the interests of their own command authorities. They serve the exchange of information, are supposed to take part in all presentations of the situation and thereby present the territorial situation.

7. Movement Control

a. The movement control organisation (Verkehrsorganisation) in the Military District consists, under the WBK, of the traffic headquarters (VerkK : Verkehrskommandanturen) and the movement control net. The directing traffic HQ for BRSC is VerkK 730, which is also responsible for river-crossing in the BRSC area of interest. The movement organisation has at its disposal the movement control communications network.

b. The traffic headquarters supervise, deal with an control military road and rail movements in their traffic district.

8. Military Police. Feldjägerbataillon 730 carries out is operations with a few of its own Feldjäger service commands and may support the VerkK with traffic control posts and control points in the framework of a movement control net. It works closely with Allied Military Police. In the event of war, the WBK will have several Feldjäger battalins at its disposal.

9. Combat Troops. In the military district, the combat troops consist of home defence brigades and regiments for operations against a superior enemy and for area defence, as well as home defence companies security platoons (Sicherungszüge) for point defence. Only one home defence company will be taking part in Exercise FULL FLOW.

10. EOD. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (FOD) platoon of the WBK will not be taking part in the exercise. Therefore, if necessary, the Territorial Army will have to fall back on BR Forces.

11. NBC

a. WBK III's NBC defence will be invovled in the exercise in the sphere of NBC defence with:

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(1) The WBK NBC collection centre.

(2) The VBK and VKK NBC reporting posts.

b. The Wehrbereichskommando will establish and assess the overall NBC situation. It will warn subordinate command authorities and provide them with weather reports via its own special communications network (telephone network).

c. The VBKs and VKKs work together with the Field Army and Allied Forces' NBC reporting posts. They will warn all endangered installations and agencies. The VKKs will allocate recognised decontamination centres to contaminated troops.

d. NBC Defence Battalion (AEC - AbwehrBtl) 730, the explosive ordnance examination centre and the NBC control party will not be taking part in the exercise.

e. The WBK NBC special communications network aims to provide trouble-free telephone transfer of information regarding NBC defence between the WBK and the VBKs.

12. Damage Repair (Exercise Play NOT Real Damage)

a. Territorial military commanders decide whether damages to infrastructure should be repaired using civil repair resources or by the use of forces.

b. In principle, forces themselves repair damages to their own installations and facilities, in as far as this is possible.

c. GE forces will not be taking part in the exercise. In the individual incidents determined by the BR exercise directing staff, WBK III will fall back on BR damage repair forces.

13. Psychological Defence (PSV). The psychological defence staff officer from the WBK advises military commanders on assessing the psychological situation and carrying out and planning psychological operations. GTNC psychological warfare troops will not take part in Exercise FULL FLOW.

14. Communications

a. WB 3 communications commander provides command and control and special comms networks for the Territorial Army in WBK III. It is involved in the exercise with agencies and forces.

b. The area signals commanders subordinated to it represent the requirements of the forces as liaison agencies to the post office main administration offices of the Deutsche Bundespost. They coordinate and deal with the requests of the German and Allied requesting agencies for telephone links. They perform the functions of a Regional Long Line Agency (RELLA). They cooperate closely with Federal Post Office (BP) advisors in the Corps and Allied command authorities.

15. Logistics

a. Logistic formations and facilities belonging to the Territorial Army, comprising:

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(1) Supply)
)
(2) Maintenance)
) Troops
(3) Medical)
)
(4) Depots)

b. They are only involved in the exercise to a limited extent in support of German troops.

16. Geo. The WBK Military Geographic department (MilGeo) will support the Allies as required on the basis of agreements already in existence.

17. Host Nation Support

a. The Wehrbereichverwaltung (Military District Administration) is responsible for all administrative tasks in the military district.

b. Kreiswehrersatzämter (KWEA) (military subregion recruiting offices) and Standortverwaltungen (StOV) (garrison administrations) perform important tasks in support of the Allies and in carrying out both prepared measures and those relating to ad hoc requirements. They will take part in the exercise. Allied Forces collaborate with the KWEA's and StOV's via the local VKK responsible.

18. GTNC (German Territorial Northern Command)

a. GTNC will be involved in the Exercise FULL FLOW with elements of its command staff as an exercise control group (RLG: Rahmenleitungsgruppe) and elements of its engineer command in the field exercise. They will be based at Ex FULL FLOW Control HQ.

b. The GTNC Command Staff will form one exercise control group from the sections G2, G3 and WerkFü (movements control), and place it physically in the vicinity of the BRSC directing field HQ. The commander of PiKdo 800 (Pionierkommando = engineer command) will be included.

c. This exercise control group will act as

(1) The territorial partner and equivalent German national commander in relation to BRSC and RAFG. (Flank Control)

(2) The intermediary between the WBK and the secondary BR command authorities.

(3) As superior command authority for WBK III, in particular for the declaration of alert measures, and the allocation of forces and priorities.

d. In the NORTHAG area of responsibility, GTNC is the highest German national command authority and has equivalent powers with COM NORTHAG.

19. Engineers

a. Pionierkommando 800 (Engr Command), in the framework of the exercise control group of GTNC, forms the coordination cell for Allied engineers from its field HQ and works together with the BRSC Engineer Commander.

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b. The river engineer companies (Flusspionierkompanien), led by the crossings commander (KdtÜ) guarantee the crossing over the Rhine following the loss of permanent bridges.

c. No further GTNC engineer troops will take part in the exercise.

20. Freedom of Operations

a. Collaboration with Allies in preserving the freedom of operation. If a territorial commander falls back on other (BR) troops in order to preserve freedom of operation, then the aim should always be to subordinate these troops.

b. Should it be necessary for Allied combat troops to operate outside an area with a radius of 500 m from their own installation, then they are always to be subordinated to the responsible territorial commander.

Appendix C - Occasional Letter No 1

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To all members of the Unit.

02 Sep 1986

OCCASIONAL LETTER - No 1

1. INTRODUCTION

A Unit Planning Conference, which was attended by all lieutenant colonels of the unit, was held in July. I am now writing to advise you of the decisions which were taken at that conference together with my comments on some other topics.

2. GENERAL

To set the scene I now quote from the first three sections of the Orders which I issued at the end of the Planning Conference:-

SITUATION
The Unit has now completed the initial settling down period after its formation and is about to reorganise to conform to the new HQ BAOR (WAR) establishment.

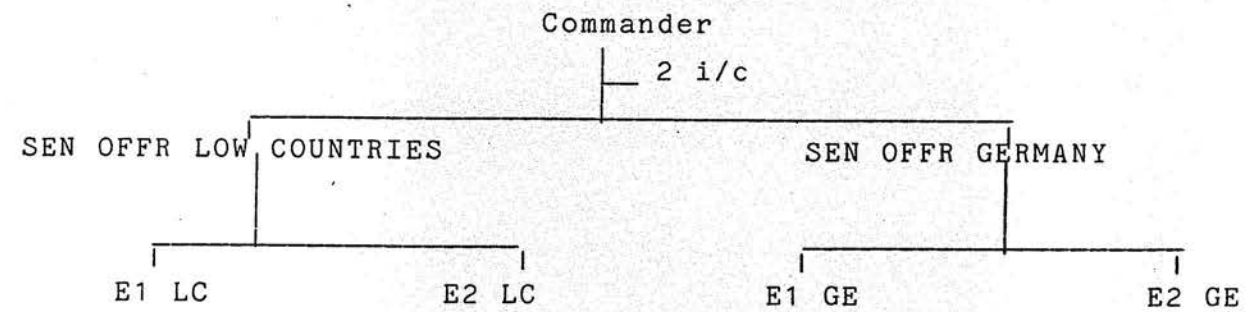
MISSION
The Unit is to be organised and trained to enable it to perform its mobilisation task - and to be perceived as efficient by both British and Host Nation headquarters.

EXECUTION
To concentrate upon training for role by:

i Attendance on appropriate courses
ii Instruction by Depot RCT TA and experienced members of the unit.
iii On the job training on CPXs and FTXs
iv To supplement formal training with other training which is both relevant and interesting.

3. UNIT ORGANISATION

The following structure will be adopted.



A nominal role of the unit in this format is attached at Annex A.

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4. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made:-

Second in Command	Lt Col Jones
Senior Officer Low Countries	Lt Col Heath (E1)
Deputy SOLC	Maj Botting (E2)
Senior Officer Germany	Lt Col Spackman (E2)
Deputy SOGE	Lt Col Barkshire (E1)
Adjutant	Maj Evanson-Goddard
Oi/c Language Training	Lt Col Spackman
Oi/c Out of Role Training	Lt Col Wandless
Oi/c Communication Coord	Lt Col Milner-Williams
PMC	Lt Col Jones
Mess Sec	Maj Graham
Assistant Mess Sec	Maj Herbert

5. LANGUAGE TRAINING

As we learnt at the June Study Period language training is becoming even more important. Lt Col Spackman will be coordinating both attendance on formal courses and special to role training. It is anticipated that an additional weekend devoted to language training will be arranged prior to deployment on Ex Wintex 87.

6. DRESS

While I appreciate that the Unit is a multi-capbadge one I consider that the standard of uniform dress has on occasion been below that which I require.

The Adjutant will prepare a dress guide and this will be issued prior to the next training weekend.

Causes for criticism in the past have been:-

a. wearing uniform other than that ordered.
b. wearing rank badges of an incorrect type.
   Non RCT personnel should refer if necessary to the Depot of their parent arm.
c. wearing incorrect pattern shoes and non khaki socks.
d. wearing coloured stable belts with combat uniform.
e. wearing host nation pocket badges. It is considered appropriate to wear these only when working within the relevant HN HQ.

I expect this unit to set a good example by having a very high standard of turn-out.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

I regard a prompt reply to correspondence as essential. My initial experience was not encouraging - less than 50% of the unit replied to the letter about Ex Lams Gambol by the requested date.

8. MESS BILLS

Prompt settlement of Mess Bills is expected. I was disappointed to note that the names of 3 officers featured on the Mess 'black list'.

9. RESPIRATOR GLASSES

The Standards weekend will involve more than usual training under NBC conditions. Anyone who wears spectacles is strongly advised to ensure that their respirator glasses are in good condition and of the correct prescription. Requests for either new or replacement respirator glasses should be made to Officers Records without delay.

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10. STANDARDS WEEKEND

An Admin instruction will be issued to all personnel prior to attending for this training.

11. EX LAMS GAMBOL

Arrangements for this exercise are progressing well. An Admin instruction will be issued in September to those attending.

12. UNIT DIARY

Details of known commitments are listed at Annex B.

13. PUBLICITY

Arrangements are being made for the preparation of a series of articles on the tasks performed by the unit for publication in The Volunteer.

Further articles on matters of common interest will be sought for publication from members of other cap badges. Potential contributors please give thought to this and contact Lt Col Charles Milner-Williams. To provide relief from the written word humourists are invited to submit cartoons.

14. UNIT IDENTITY

The Unit Shields have been manufactured and it is expected that these will be available for distribution at the next training weekend.

It has been decided to commission a Unit Tie and suggestions for both design and colour are being sought. If you have any ideas please submit them to the PMC.

15. DEPOT STAFF

As many of you will know Capt (QM) Bob Lukes has now departed on posting to BAOR. His replacement as D.S.I., Capt (QM) John Collier is now in post and he hopes to accompany the Unit on Ex Lams Gambol.

16. HM CUSTOMS

HQ UKLF has reported a significant increase in the number of customs offences which have been committed by service personnel. Extra special care is therefore necessary in order to avoid problems in the future.

17. MOVEMENTS STAFF

The DGTM has felt it necessary to write about Movements and the RCT's professional reputation. I quote "the common allegation levelled was that movements staff were uncaring, unsympathetic and unproffessional in the way they handled their passengers. In short they presented poorly and communicated badly."

Those personnel of the unit who find themselves in movements posts are asked to take note to ensure that their actions, particularly when under pressure on exercise, do not give cause for such criticism.

CONCLUSION

I hope that you will find this letter both informative and interesting I will explain some of the points in greater detail when we next meet either on Ex Lams Gambol or, at the Standards Weekend.

Rick Akers

ANNEX A.

Annex A to G/1001 dated 3 Sep 86

UNIT DIARY

1.	20-26 Sep 86	Mobloc recce (Comd & SO1's only)
2.	18-19 Oct 86	Ex Lams Gambol
3.	29-30 Nov 86	Standards Weekend
4.	24-25 Jan 87	Nato Weekend
5.	TBN Feb 87	Language Weekend
6.	28 Feb-14 Mar 87	Ex Wintex
7.	June/July	Study Period
8.	29 Aug-13 Sep	Ex Plain Sailing

ANNEX B.

Annex B to G/1001 dated 3 Sep 86

UNIT NOMINAL ROLL

LOW COUNTRIES		GERMANY	
E1	E2	E1	E2
Lt Col Heath	Maj Botting	Lt Col Barkshire	Lt Col Spackman
Lt Col Milner-Williams		Lt Col Wandless	Col Ahern
Lt Col Allcock		Lt Col Mead	Lt Col Jones
aj Couper	Maj Knight	Maj King	Maj Andrew
Maj Innes	Maj	Maj Evanson-Goddard	Maj Fletcher
Maj Ward	Maj Muse	Maj Graham	Maj Thomas
Maj Matthews Maxwell	Maj Squance	Maj Pearson	Maj Sykes
Maj Pool	May Edwards A.	Maj Mount	Maj Pitcher
Maj Mason	Maj Bryan	Maj Potton	Maj Sewell
Maj Patten	Maj Meldrum	Maj Hughes	Maj Cook
Maj Oldfield		Maj Whitard	Maj Stancombe
		Maj Stevens	Maj Edwards D.
		Maj Herbert	Maj Cox
		Maj Lilley	Maj Trundell
		Maj Saunders	Maj Clarke-Lomas
		Maj Orrell	Maj Besford
		Maj Burkes	Maj Last
		Maj Jesson	Maj Burton
			Maj Lowndes
			Capt Thompson
			Capt Hunt
			Lieut McNicol

Appendix D - **Unit members' military experience**

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BRSC LIAISON AND MOVEMENT STAFF TA
PROPOSED OFFICER MANNING PLOT

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
E2 (ALL ARMS) POSTS HQ BAOR LIAISON POSTS LO - GTNC and Comd BRSC Liaison and Movement Staff TA	2X631	Col CJ Ahern TD (Ric)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty RCT TA 1953-76. SO2 BAOR. 2IC Regt BAOR. SO1 LO GTNC Jan 78 to Apr 81. CO Regt BAOR Apr 81 to Apr 84. LO VBK 34 Apr 84 to Jul 86. Aged 52. Banker. Comd BRSC Staff and LO GTNC wef Jul 86.
LO - MOD (BE)	2X581	Currently vacant		
LO - MOD (NL)	2X611	Maj MDR Knight TD RCT(V) (Michael)	Dutch (Fluent)	Infantry TA 1956-69. 2IC Sqn 69-73. SO2 LO(Mov) MOD(NL) Jan 74 - Sep 83. LO MOD(NL) Sep 83 to date. Aged 52. Chartered Surveyor.
LO - III US Corps	2X681	Maj RL Campbell-Robson TD RCT(V) (Dick)		Former Regular Officer. TA 1970. OC BAOR Sqn 1977. Wkpr HQ 15 Bde 1983. 2IC BAOR Regt Jan 85 to date. Two years experience working with US Army while Regular Officer. TA Command and Staff Course 1983. Aged 43. Head of NE Region of The Industrial Society.
SO - BRIO Team to WBK II	2Y272	Currently vacant		
SO - BRIO Team to WBK III	2Y282	Currently vacant		
HQ BR COMM Z Wkpr - G1/2/3/4/5	3A041	Maj KW Botting TD RCT(V) (Ken)		OC BAOR Sqn 1973. 2IC BAOR Regt 1978. SO2 LO 1981. Wkpr HQ BR Comm Z Oct 83 to date. Aged 53. Regional Manager Insurance Co.
Wkpr - G1/2/3/4/5	3A042	Maj JM Muse TD RA(V) (John)	French (O level)	Regt duty RA TA 1954-1979. Wkpr 3 Armd Div 1974-83. Wkpr HQ BR Comm Z Feb 84 to date. Aged 51. Chartered Accountant.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
Wkpr - G1/2/3/4/5	3A043	Currently vacant		
Wkpr - G1/2/3/4/5	3A044	Maj E Squance TD WRAC(V)(Linda	French (Speaker)	Regt duty R Sigs TA 1962-82. Wkpr HQ BR Comm Z Jul 84 to date. Aged 44. Civil Servant.
SLO - FI/BS	3A631	Maj AD Meldrum TD QUEENS(V) (Tony)	Flemish (Elementary)	Regt duty 6/7 QUEENS 1973-80. OC Rifle Coy 1981-85. LO to FI/BS Feb 86 to date. Aged 39. Chartered Secretary.
LO - FI/BS	3A641	Currently vacant		
SLO - NTC Gouda	3A651	Maj AR Edwards TD RCT(V)(Alan)		2IC BAOR Regt 1973. SO2(Mov) LO NTC Gouda 1977-83. LO NTC Gouda Oct 83 to date. Aged 53. Civil Engineer - Company Director.
LO - NTC Gouda	3A661	Capt EWH Bryan Wessex(V) (Eardley)	French (O level) Dutch (Colloq)	Former Regular Infantry Officer. 2IC Coy 1 Wessex(V) 1980-84. LO NTC Gouda Nov 84 to date. Aged 44. Civil Servant.
LO - 2 RM	3A671	Officer earmarked subject to MOD overbearing authority and No 4 Board approval	French (Reasonably fluent)	Earmarked officer has been 2IC of BAOR Regt 1977-83. CO of BAOR Regt Dec 83 to date. Attended TA Command and Staff Course 1976. Civilian occupation involves frequent liaison with French Government authorities.
HQ(BR) RCZ LO - VBK 32	4A495	Lt Col DEB Jones TD RCT(V) (David)	German (Basic)	OC BAOR Sqn 1976-80. 2IC BAOR Regt 1981-82. SO1 (LO) WBK III Apr 82 - Apr 85. LO to VBK 32 Apr 85 to date. Aged 50. Chief Land Surveyor Thames Water Authority.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
LO - VBK 33	4A510	Lt Col SH Spackman TD RCT(V) (Stan)	German (Colloq)	OC BAOR Sqn 1976-81. 2IC BAOR regt 1981-82. CO BAOR Regt Nov 82 - Nov 85. LO VBK 33 Nov 85 to date. Aged 49. Civil Servant - Principal Welsh Office.
LO - VBK 34	4A525	Currently vacant		
No 1 War Garrison (Wkpr - G2/3) Post no longer TA?	4B030	(Des) Capt GG Andrew QUEENS(V) (Gordon)		Regt duty 6/7 QUEENS incl OC Rifle Coy 1971-80. RARO 1980. Due TOS Jun 86. Aged 38. School Teacher. MSc.
Wkpr - G2/3	4B031	Maj HRE Clarke-Lomas TD R Sigs (V) (Roger)	German (Basic)	Regt duty R Signals TA 1965-83. Wkpr No 4 War Garrison Nov 83 to date. Aged 42. Sales Office Manager.
Wkpr - G2/3	4B032	Des Maj P Sutherland TD R Sigs (V) (Peter) + Maj S Bestford [illegible] until 1 Apr 87	German (O Level)	Regt duty R Signals TA 1969-86. 2IC 34 Signal Regt (BAOR role with 1 War Garrison) 1980-86. Aged 46. ~~Reserved~~ Reserved officer ~~GEBS~~ CEGB. BSc. C Eng. MIEE.
(Wkpr - G2/3) Post no longer TA?	4B033	Maj JFL Lowndes TD RCT(V) (John)	German (Basic)	OC BAOR Sqn 1970-76. Ops Maj BAOR Regt 1976-79. Wkpr HQ 1(BR) Corps 1979 to date. Aged 50. Chartered Engineer. BSc, C Eng, FI Mech E.
(Wkpr - G1/4/5) Post no longer TA?	4B040	Currently vacant		
Wkpr - G1/4/5	4B045	Maj T Sewell TD REME(V) (Tom)	German (Basic)	Regt duty REME TA 1969-85. Wkpr No 4 War Garrison Jan 85 to date. Aged 50. Fuel Manager British Caledonian. C Eng.
LO - VKK 321	4B350	Maj C Fletcher TD RCT(V)(Cyril	German (Colloq)	Regt duty BAOR Regt 1973-84. Wkpr No 1 War Garrison Oct 84 to date. Aged 43. Local Government Engineer Devon County Council.
SO3 G3 - Dusseldorf Sector	4B595	Maj JE Thomas TD RCT(V) (John)	German (Basic) French (A level)	Regt duty R Tks TA 1959-67. RCT TA 1967-78. 2IC BAOR Regt 1978-80. SO2 HQ SWDIST 1980-84. Wkpr No 2 War Garrison May 84 to date. Aged 46. Chartered Accountant Civil Servant MOD(PE).

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
SO2 G3 - Dusseldorf Sector	4B596	Lt IDG McNicoll R Anglian(V) (Ian)	French (O level)	Regt duty R Anglian(V) 1973-76. Wkpr No 2 War Garrison Jun 84 to date. Aged 40. Group Planning Manager. MA, BSc(Eng), MBS.
Wkpr - Krefeld Station	4B790	Maj RAM Cock TD RAOC(V)(Ralph)	German (Basic)	Regt duty RE TA and RAOC TA 1964-83. Wkpr No 2 War Garrison Dec 83 to date. Aged 54. Architect - City Architect Portsmouth.
Wkpr - Krefeld Station	4B791	Maj FM Burton TD JP RCT(V) (Frank)	German (Basic) French (O level)	Regt duty RCT(V) 1959-80. Wkpr HQ 1(BR) Corps 1980 to date. Aged 51. Operation Services Manager BP Chemicals. BSc, C Chem, FRSC.
Wkpr - Venlo/Leuth Staging Area	4B850	Capt P Thompson RMP(V) (Peter)	German (Spoken)	Regular Army 1 East Lancs (Sgt) 1952-55. Int Corps TA 1957-60. 6 DLI TA 1960-67 (WOII). RMP TA 1967-84 (WO1 and Capt). LO FI/BS Sep 84 to date. Aged 52. Quality Controller.
Wkpr - Venlo/Leuth Staging Area	4B851	Post vacant		
HQ No 3 War Garrison SO3 - G1/4	4C020	Maj GET Pitcher REME(V)(George	German (Basic)	Regt duty REME(V) 1975-84. Wkpr No 3 War Garrison Feb 84 to date. Aged 47. Senior Design and Project Engineer.
SO3 - G2/3	4C030	Capt R Hunt TD R Sigs(V) (Roland)		Regt duty R Sigs(V) 1966-84. Wkpr No 3 War Garrison Feb 84 to date. Aged 48. Bank Manager.
HQ No 4 War Garrison LO - VKK 343	4D200	Maj JG Stancombe TD Para(V) ~~(John)~~ JACK	Nominated German (Basic) Jun 86 French (O level)	Regt duty Para(V) 1971-75. OC Coy 1975-83. LO VKK 343 Nov 83 to date. Aged 47. Managing Director.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
HQ No 5 War Garrison Wkpr - G1/2/3/5	4E015	Maj DW Edwards TD RCT(V) (David)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty RCT TA and attached RAMC TA 1967-83. Wkpr No 5 War Garrison Nov 83 to date. Aged 49. Sales Manager.
Wkpr - G1/2/3/5	4E016	Maj JC Cox TD RA(V) (Jeff)		Regt duty RA TA 1950-73. Wkpr BAOR 1973/74. Naval Gunfire Liaison Offr Cdo Forces 1974-83. Wkpr No 5 War Garrison Feb 84 to date. Aged 54. Systems Analyst.
LO - VKK 335	4E23	Maj HK Trundell TD RCT(V) (Howard)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty RE TA and RCT TA 1963-75. LO Verk K 730 1975-83. LO VKK 335 Oct 83 to date. Aged 52. Sales Associate self employed.
HQ No 6 War Garrison LO - VKK 331	4F200	Maj G Last TD RCT(V) (Gerald)	German (Basic)	Former Regular Officer (Pilot) RAF. Regt duty RCT TA 1965-70. SO 3/2 UK 1970-76. LO GTNC 1976-83. LO VKK 331 Oct 83 to date. Aged 53. Chief Instructor (NE) National Dock Labour Board.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
E1(RCT) Movement Staff Posts		NB. ALL E1 officers are RCT(V)		
HQ BAOR (Tpt) SO2 - Rail Section	2Q351	Maj PD King TD (Peter)	German (Basic) French (O level)	Former Regular Officer (ALC) 1972-77. MCO BAOR Regt 1977-82. OC BAOR MC Sqn Jul 82 - Dec 84. Dec 84 to date SO2 HQ BAOR Tpt. NATO Joint Services Movements Staff Course 1984. Aged 38. Barrister. MA, LLB.
SO3 - Rail Section	2Q361	Maj LM Evanson-Goddard(Lawrie)		Former Regular Officer (RCT) 1964-82. Grade 2 staff and Regt duty worldwide. sq, ADP. TA Jan 82. SO2 Mov HQ BAOR (Tpt). Aged 42. Information Systems Consultant.
310 TAACOM LO (Mov)	2X701	Post vacant		
CCCC - Brussels SO1	2X891	Lt Col CW Milner-Williams TD (Charles)	French (A level)	MCO 1974-83. OC Indep MC Sqn responsible for East Coast Ports 1983-86. SO1 CCCC Apr 86. TA Command and Staff Course 1985. Aged 41. Civil Servant (Inland Revenue) and Company Director.
MOD(BE) SO1 Mov	2X941	Lt Col JW Heath TD (John)		Regt duty REME TA and RCT TA 1959-67. OC BAOR Sqn 1967-77. Ops Offr BAOR Regt 1977-84. SO1 Mov MOD(BE) Apr 84 to date. Tenure ends Mar 87. Aged 49. Company Director Engineering Company. Successor has been run to No 4 Board. A former Regular Officer 1962-78. TA 1980 to date. Currently commanding BAOR Regt. Extensive staff and regimental duty experience worldwide.
SO2 Mov	2X961	Maj JH Innes TD (John)		Regt duty RCT TA 1965-73. OC BAOR Sqn 1973-82. 2IC BAOR Regt 1982 - Jun 85. SO2 Mov MOD(BE) Jun 85 to date. Aged 44. Chartered Accountant.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
MOD(NL) SO1	2X971	Lt Col RE Allock TD (Ray)		Regt duty RCT TA 1966-86. MCO BAOR Sqn 66-73. Rd tpt Regt BAOR 73-86. OC Sqn/Ops Maj/2IC. Aged 43. Distribution Executive. MSc. MCIT.
SO2	2X991	Post currently vacant		
HQ GTNC (Mov Div) SO1	2X011	Lt Col PJ Wandless TD (Peter)	German (Basic) Nominated German (Colloq)	Regt duty RCT TA BAOR Regt 1970-79. SO2(Mov) LO Verk K 732 1979-83. 2IC BAOR MC Regt 1983 - Nov 85. SO1 GTNC Nov 85 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movements Staff Course 1982. Aged 45. Senior Sales Engineer Shell UK. C Eng.
SO2	2X021	Maj DW Stevens TD (David)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty RE TA and RCT TA 1962-79. Tpt and MC units UK and BAOR. SO2 Mov Verk K 731 May 79 to date. Aged 49. General Manager.
WBK II (Mov Div) SO1	2X035	Lt Col DA Mead TD (David) Maj(for Lt Col) LM Ivanson-Goddard wef 1 Apr 87		Regt duty RCT TA 1964-85. Rd tpt Regt BAOR. OC Port Sqn 1981-83. SO2 Mov MOD(NL) 1983-85. Attended 1984 TA Commd and Staff Course. Aged 43. Funeral Director.
WBK III (Mov Div) SO1	2X041	Lt Col BF Barkshire TD (Bryan)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty RCT TA BAOR Regt 1959-85. SO1 WBK III Apr 85 to date. Aged 48. Business Manager. Head Office British Home Stores.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
SO2	2X051	Maj PJ Mount TD (Peter)	German (Linquist) French (A level)	Regt duty R Anglian TA and RCT TA 1968-82. OC MC Sqn 1982-85. SO2 Mov WBK III Apr 85 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movements Staff Course 1986. TA Command and Staff Course 1986. Aged 39. Solicitor.
Verk K 720 SO2(Rail)	2X071	Post currently vacant		
Verk K 730 SO2(Rail)	2X091	Maj RDL Hughes TD (Robin)	German (Degree) French (Degree)	Regt duty RCT TA 1966-81. MCO. OC BAOR MC Sqn 1981-84. SO2 Mov Verk K 730 Jan 84 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1986.Attended 1986 TA Command and Staff Course. Aged 39. Management Consultant. BA, ACIS.
SO2(Road)	2X092	Maj JR Graham TD (Roger)	German (Degree) French (Degree)	Regt duty RCT TA 1958-81. SO2 Mov HQ GTNC Apr 81 to date. Aged 48. Marketing Training Officer. MA.
SO2(Rail)	2X101	Maj AE Potton TD (Arther)	German (Colloq) Nominated German (Linguist) 1986	Regular Officer 1959-63 (RASC). Regt duty R Signals TA and RCT TA 1964-80. Rd Tpt and MCO. SO2 Mov Verk K 730 Oct 80 to date. Aged 46. Educational Psychologist. BA, M Ed, PhD.
Verk K 731 SO2 (Rail)	2X111	Maj PJT Whittard (Paul)	German (Basic)	Regt duty RE TA and RCT TA 1960-77. Various Rly units. SO2 Mov(Rail) Verk K 731 Jan 77 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1981. Aged 51. Senior Civil Engineer Shropshire County Council. C Eng, MICE, MIHE.
Verk K 732 SO2(Road)	2X125	Maj MJ Herbert TD (Mike)	German (Colloq)	Regt duty R Signals TA, RE TA and RCT TA 1956-68. SO3 (Mov) 1968-76. SO2 Mov Verk K 732 Aug 76 to date. Aged 49. Sales Director.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
SO2(Road)	2X126	Maj JM Lilley TD (John)	Nominated German (Basic) Sep 86	Regt duty RE TA, Inf TA, RCT TA 1964-81. OC BAOR MC Sqn Apr 81 - Apr 84. SO2(Mov) Verk K 732 Apr 84 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movements Staff Course 1983. Aged 46. Banking Inspector. ACIS, AIB.
HQ(BR) Comm Z - (Tpt & Mov) The eight posts listed below have been omitted from the BAOR Mob Instruction Part 3 and are being reinstated.				
Dir Transit Staging Area SO2		Maj CG Matthews-Maxwell TD (Chris)	French (O level) German (Basic)	Regt duty Inf TA and RCT TA 1968-80. MCO 1971-80. SO2 HQ RCT(BR) Comm Z Apr 80 to date. Aged 42. Company Secretary.
SO2		Maj NW Pool TD (Bill)	French (O level)	Regt duty RCT TA 1969-80. MCO BAOR Regt. SO2 HQ RCT(BR) Comm Z Jun 80 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1982. Aged 47. Area Highway Engineer Wiltshire County Council. C Eng, MICE.
LO (Breda) SO2 - LO		Currently vacant		Experienced Movement Control Officer expected to be available in near future.
LO (Gouda) SO2 - LO		Maj CN Mason TD (Chris)	Dutch (Basic)	Regt duty RCT TA 1959-77. Rd tpt units. Wkpr May 77 - Apr 80. SO2 Mov HQ RCT(BR) Comm Z Apr 80 - 83. LO NTC (Gouda) 1983 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1984. Aged 46. Chartered Surveyor. FRICS.

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
SO2 - LO		Currently vacant		Experienced Movement Control Officer expected to be available in near future.
NCG (Inter) SO2 - LO		Maj EM Patten TD (Ted)		Regt duty RE TA and RCT TA 1965-78. Various MC units. SO2 LO MCG (Inter) May 78 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1985. Aged 48. Senior Clerical Officer BR Eastern Region.
EMRR No 1 SO2 - LO		Maj JE Oldfield TD (John)	French (O level)	Regt duty RE TA and RCT TA 1964-76. Rly and MC units. SO2 Mov LO EMRR No 1 Nov 76 to date. Attended NATO Joint Services Movement Staff Course 1985. Aged 50. Principal Engineer London Borough of Harrow. C Eng, MICE, MI Struct E.
BLT (Ghent) SO2 - LO		Maj MC Ward TD (Mike)	German (Basic)	Regt duty RCT TA 1958-69. SO3 Mov 1969-78. SO2 Mov CCCC May 78 to date. Aged 50. Management Consultant. BA
HQ RCZ - (Transport) SO2	4A340	Maj MB Saunders TD (Mike)	German (Basic) French (A level)	Regt duty RCT TA 1968-79. OC MC Sqn 1979-83. Ops Maj RCZ Tpt & Mov Regt Apr 83 - Apr 86. SO2 Mov NTC Gouda (holding appointment) Apr 86 to date. Aged 47. Senior Lecturer ILEA. BA, MSc.
SO3	4A345	Maj GW Orrell TD (Godfrey)	German (Basic) French (A level)	Regt duty RCT TA 1961-82. Rd tpt and Fd Amb. SO3 (Wkpr) Tpt Ops HQ 1(BR) Corps Apr 82 to date. Aged 49. Civil Servant. (Inspector of Taxes).

APPOINTMENT	MOB SERIAL (WHERE KNOWN)	NOMINATED OFFICER	LANGUAGE STANDARD	REMARKS
HQ RCT 1(BR) Corps The three posts listed below were in the 495 MCLU establishment prior to 1983 and were omitted in error when BRSC L&MS establishment was approved. HQ 1(BR) Corps have now reinstated them.				
SO2 - Wkpr/LO		Maj AD Burkes TD (Tony)		Regt duty RCT TA 1975-85 including SSVC 1980-82. BAOR Rd Tpt Regt. SO2 HQ RCT(BR) Comm Z Jun 85 to date. Attended Junior Staff Course TA 1984. Aged 43. Civil Servant. Executive Officer Customs and Excise.
SO2 - Wkpr/LO		Maj AF Jesson TD (Alan)		Regt duty RCT TA 1979-84. OC Sqn Indep Tpt Regt Jul 84 - Aug 85. SO2 Aug 85 to date. Aged 38. Librarian Cambridge University. MLS, ALA.
SO2 - Wkpr/LO		Maj D Durham TD (David) wef 1 Jan 87)	German (Basic)	Regt duty RCT TA 1973-86. 1st (BR) Corps MC Regt. Aljt 82-84. OC Sqn 84-86. Previous experience in Tpt ops HQ RCT 1(BR) Corps. Aged 41. Executive Tesco Ltd. M Inst Pct

Sundry Photographs

Bundeswehr river ro-ro ferry

On the River Rhine near Wesel

Unit Visit to the Mohne Dam

Of Dambusters' fame –

617 Sqn RAF

Col C J Ahern TD

Boarding the tour boat at Kettwig

Cruiser PAX. L to R Majs Howard Trundell, Gerry Last & David Stevens, Capt Ralph Cook & Lt Col David Jones

Lt Col Rick Ahern & Maj Arthur Potton at Kettwig

The British Liaison Officer's exercise HQ from 20.00 to 21.30 in Arnsberg!