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

INTRODUCTION

GENERAL

I set out an introduction to BRSC L&MS TA in my previous recollections of the unit which covered the period from 1984 to 1986. This set of recollections cover the period from January 1987 until I retired from the Territorial Army in July 1989.

The role of the unit remained largely unchanged in that it continued to support British and Allied HQs in the defence of Europe during what later proved to be the final stages of the [first?] Cold War. The unit's establishment also remained basically unchanged.

An introductory brief to the unit was published in 1987 for the benefit of those officers who were posted into the unit, most of whom did not have any previous experience of serving in an All Arms unit like BRSC L&MS. Also, the manner in which the unit deployed on operations was significantly different from most officers' previous experience. A copy of the brief is at Annex F.

The unit's operational presence in BAOR covered the following HQs:

MOBILISATION LOCATIONS

British – HQ BAOR Rheindahlen, HQ British Support Command Rheindahlen, HQ Comm Z Emblem, Venlo Staging Area, HQ 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.

TRAINING COMMITMENT

The unit's training commitment was the same as that of all Territorial Army Sponsored Units – two weeks' continuous training plus two weekends, one of which was for general military training while the other was for training of a specialist nature. In addition to this commitment the unit offered many opportunities for those members who wished to participate in a wider range of military activities. Because there was a heavy demand from HQ BAOR for BRSC L&MS to support its exercises many members volunteered for additional training, both in BAOR and in the UK. In addition to attendance on military exercises this additional training took many other forms, such as adventure training, language training and to participation in exercises on Grantham's computer-controlled Command & Control Trainer [CCT].

1987

NATO WEEKEND

This weekend had been planned as a preparation for the forthcoming Ex Wintex 87 with invitations having been accepted by many foreign-based participants. However, due to fog the flight from Germany had been cancelled. Fortunately, some guest speakers managed to get to Grantham by a mixture of rail, road and cross channel ferry. Never-the-less a rapid redrafting of the training programme was necessary!

Despite the disruption the day ended with an excellent NATO Dinner Night, accompanied by musicians from 153 Regt RCT with an ear-splitting [from a distance of all of 3 feet!] performance on their bagpipes. The Ex Wintex presentations continued on the Sunday morning prior to the unit entertaining our visitors to a conducted tour of the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and dinner at the RAMC Officers' Mess at Millbank, London.

LANGUAGE WEEKEND

In preparation for deployment on Ex Wintex Lt Col Stan Spackman had organised a weekend in February of German language training at the RAEC School of Languages at Beaconsfield. This was indeed intensive with the after-dinner training continuing until 21.00. This training resumed on the Sunday morning before dispersal at lunchtime.

EX WINTEX 87

We assembled at Grantham on Saturday 28 February ready for an "O Group" briefing at 16.00 A copy of the unit's Admin Order for the exercise, including a nominal roll of attendees, is at Annex G.

The Sunday was spent in exercise preparation prior to departure at 17.30 a for a night at Gateway House, RAF Brize Norton. The following morning we had an early VC 10 flight to RAF Wildenrath and were settled in our accommodation at Rheindahlen by lunchtime. There were no military commitments for the remainder of the day because it was Rosen Montag – a German national holiday and the final day of Carnival. Many of us took the opportunity to view the colourful and noisy Carnival Procession in the centre of Monchen Gladbach.

Tuesday saw us attend briefings, collect equipment, including the first-time issue to us of BRAHMS secure telephones in a briefcase. Startex had been delayed until the Wednesday [allowing the Bundeswehr participants to recover from the exertions and excesses of Rosen Montag!]. The now familiar pattern of shift working and attendance at host nation twice-daily conferences was implemented. At GTNC we found that combining the British G3 Ops and Tpt & Mov cells afforded us greater flexibility and enabled the host nation HQ to have a single point of contact with UK LOs.

On the Friday due to the tragic Zeebrugge Ferry disaster [where a fully loaded cross channel Ro-Ro ferry rolled onto its side within Zeebrugge harbour resulting in many deaths and injuries] the pace of Ex Wintex, especially at HQ RCT Comm Z, was considerably reduced. In view of the reduced exercise activity I took the opportunity to spend the second week of the training period on visits to the various British and Host Nation HQs to which BRSC L&MS staff had been deployed. This enabled me to assess the working environment in each location and to meet the host commanders across Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

STUDY WEEKEND & OCCASIONAL LETTER No 2

A Study Weekend was held at Grantham in June which included a Ladies Dinner Night. Occasional Letter No 2 was distributed to all members of the unit to update them on changes which had taken place during the previous year. A copy is at Annex H.

EX REFORGER 87

Ex Reforger took place during the first two weeks of September. It was a major US reinforcement exercise in which a limited number of BRSC L&MS members were involved at supporting HQs. A significant amount of road transport, including heavy armour, was involved much of which was required to cross the River Elbe on Bundeswehr Ro-Ro ferries.

Those attending were Lt Col Peter Wandless, Majs David Stevens, John Thomas and Paul Whittard at Fallingbostal, Lt Col Ray Allcock, Maj Mike Knight and Capt Eardley Brian at NTC Gouda, Lt Cols David Jones and Laurie Evanson-Goddard, Majs Alan Edwards, Howard Trundell, Mike Herbert and Frank Burton at Munster, Maj Cyril Fletcher at Dusseldorf. I attended without an exercise role so I was able to visit all of the locations at which the unit was represented and also to visit other HQs to discuss the unit's future training commitments.

1988

GERMAN LANGUAGE WEEKEND

The year started with another German language training session at the defence School of Languages at Beaconsfield.

On the Saturday we were required to produce a script for a presentation in German describing the role of the unit. This then had to be converted into a video production. Work on this project lasted until 23.30 giving us only a very short visit to the Mess bar! The video was shown to the staff on the Sunday morning where the training concluded with a critique of our linguistic and artistic abilities.

NATO WEEKEND

The Saturday training was primarily spent in learning the lessons from Ex Reforger 87, led by the US with input from representatives of the German, Dutch and Belgian military forces. BRSC L&MS also made an input into the review. For an illustration of the "fire power" that these NATO weekends attracted see page 1 of the list of attendees at Annex J.

The now traditional NATO Dinner Night included entertainment from a selection of the RCT Corps Band and the RCT Corps of Drums Black Light Show. The dinner concluded with toasts to HM the Queen followed by toasts to the presidents or the heads of state of the foreign visiting officers. A copy of Mr Vice's crib sheet is attached at Annex K.

The Sunday morning was devoted to an introduction to the forthcoming Ex Fast Buck 88. In the afternoon we took our visitors on a conducted tour of the Imperial War Museum's airfield and workshops at Duxford. This was again followed by a night at the RAMC's officers' mess at Milbank, London.

EX FAST BUCK 88

The first week was spent in refresher training with the second week on the 7-day Ex Fast Buck 88. We reported to the Air Mounting Centre at South Cerney on the Friday 5 February before a 02.00 reveille the following morning prior to travelling to RAF Lyneham for our flight to Brussels. All personnel spent the first two days based at Emblem Camp in studying the British LoC [lines of communication] plan. The Sunday afternoon included a sombre visit to the war-time prison at Breedendonk where the prisoners were held in primitive conditions and many Belgian patriots were executed. After visiting Zeebrugge and Ostend ports on the Monday those with Germany based appointments departed for Rheindahlen.

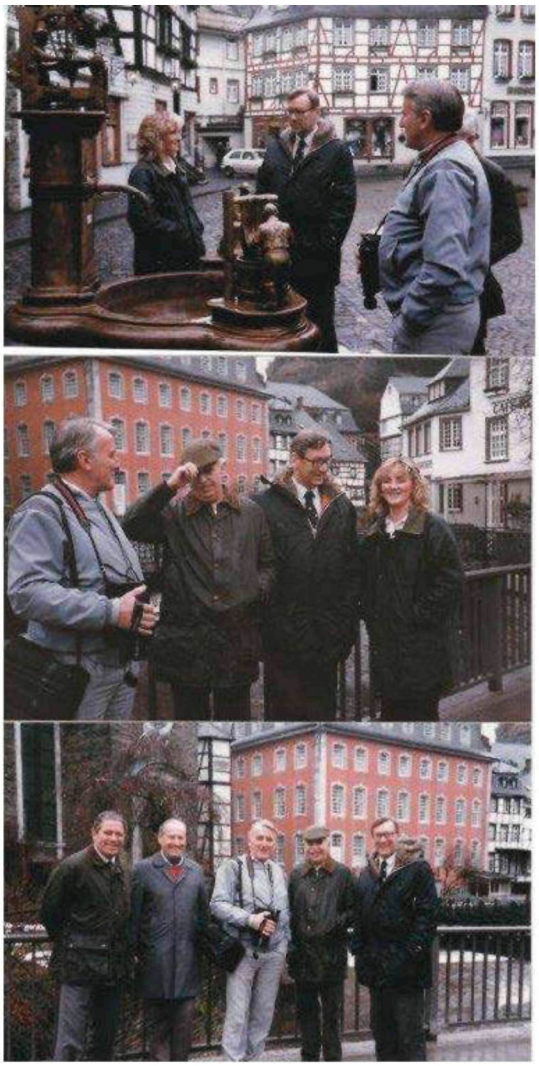
During the remainder of the first week those in Germany were briefed on the following week's Ex Fast Buck by the staff of JHQ [Joint HQ Rheindahlen] and HQ RCZ [Rear Combat Zone, Dusseldorf]. Visits were made to the depots at Bracht, 79 Railway Sqn where the ambulance trains were inspected, the depot at Recklinghausen and the training area at Sennelager.

Transport from Sennelager to Bielefeld was in two large Chinook helicopters after which there was a briefing by 1 BR Corps staff.

Saturday was an R&R day during which some of us ventured to Koln to observe the preparations for Carnival followed by an evening meal in Dusseldorf's popular Altstadt.

The second week was devoted to participation in Ex Fast Buck in the various HQs to which BRSC L&MS staff were attached. Because I had no formal role in the exercise, I was able to visit the unit's members in their exercise locations and make a social visit to VBK 34, my mobilisation location, which had moved into its new HQ in Arnsberg. I was also able to watch the Carnival Precession pass along the main streets of Dusseldorf. Our return flight was delayed for 24 hours with the RAF aircraft having been held back in Rome. We took the opportunity of the extra time to visit the Bundeswehr training camp at Vogelsang in the Eifel mountains and the nearby picturesque Monschau [Google Monschau]. Upon return to the UK we spent the Saturday night at the South Cerney Air Mounting Centre before departing for home the following morning.

Ex Fast Buck '88
Carnival Procession in Köln



Ex Fast Buck '88
Top: Pte Andrea (WRAC) & Maj Trundell & Lt Col Jones
Middle: Lt Col Jones, Lt Col Spackman, Maj Trundell & Pte Andrea WRAC
Bottom: Lt Col Wandless, Col Ahern, Lt Cols Jones & Spackman & Maj Trundell

APPOINTMENT

On 4 March I was honoured, and very proud, to be appointed Aide-de-Camp TA to HM the Queen. This meant that I had to sign my AF1157 for additional items including one shiny Aiguillette and 2 sets of Royal Cyphers.

Lt Cols Wandless, Spackman & Jones in Ostend

The view from a Chinook helicopter over Sennelager

Col Ahern & Lt Col Walters and others watching a second Chinook helicopter whilst flying over Sennelager

EX HAND CANTER 88

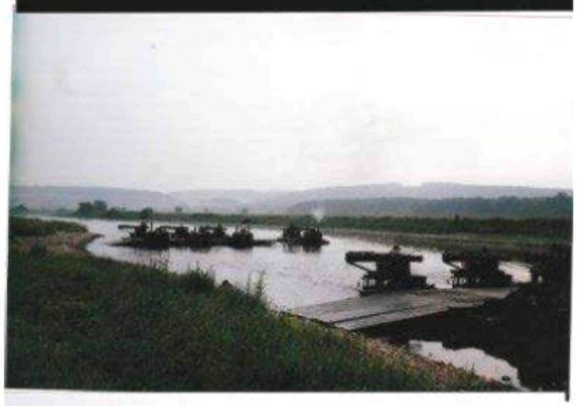
This was a one-week familiarisation exercise in May arranged by HQ Comm Z for those BRSC L&MS members who had appointments in the Low Countries. We were based at Emblem Camp and attended briefings on the UK peace and war reinforcement plans by the G staff, Tpt & Mov, Sigs, Maint, Med and Ord. We also received briefings from Belgian and Dutch officers before visiting the convoy marshalling areas, the port of Zeebrugge and Brussels airport. An article by Lt Col John Heath for the Volunteer magazine is attached at Annex L.

While the other members of the unit flew back to the UK on the Friday, I extended my visit to enable me to plan the unit's participation in future exercises. This involved making visits to HQ [BR] Comm Z and HQ RCT Comm Z at Emblem; HQ BAOR Tpt & Mov, G3 Ops, G3 EPS, G3 Log Ops, GTNC at Rheindahlen; HQ [BR] RCZ at Dusseldorf; VBK 34 at Arnsberg; the Politische Bildungsstatte at Helmstedt and 4th Transcom US Army and its BRLO at Rheinberg [Frankfurt].

Top: Lt Col Walters, Major Mount, Lt Cols Spackman, Wandless & Lloyd-Hughes
Middle: Winterberg Town Centre
Bottom: Bunderwehr Ski Hut, Wintersberg

Exercise Hand Counter

Top: Inner German Border (IGB)
Middle: LAMS personnel at an IGB viewing
Bottom: Dr Klaus Luders & Col Ahern at the IGB



HQ (BR) Comm Z – based at Emblem Camp

Chinooks over Bielefeld - LAMS flight

Top: BRSC LAMS stained glass window donated to The Officers' Mess at HQ (BR) Comm Z, Emblem Camp, Nr Antwerp
Middle & Bottom: Bundeswehr Ro-Ro ferries on River Weser

OCCASIONAL LETTER No 3

This communication, which was issued in June, updated the unit on future activities and changes in personnel. A copy is at Annex M.

COMD [BR] RCZ STUDY PERIOD

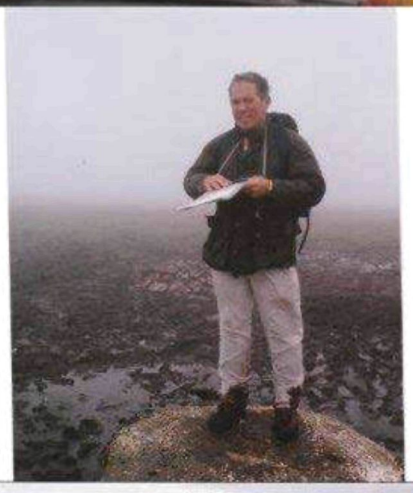
In June I represented BRSC L&MS at the RCZ Study Period in Dusseldorf. The programme involved briefings from Ops/Plans, 2 Group RCT, Tpt & Mov, Med & Ord. In addition to the briefings we visited the vehicle depot at Recklinghausen and the ordnance depot at Dulmen, the area around which was viewed from a helicopter. In the railway sidings we saw demonstrations of wagon loading, the use of a ramp wagon and toured an ambulance train before returning to Dusseldorf by special restaurant train. The full programme is at Annex N.

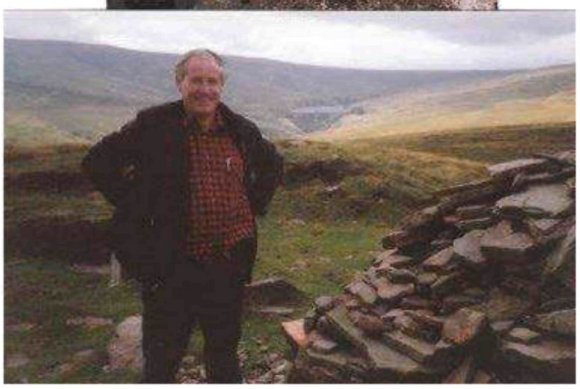
EX LAMS GAMBOL 2

After a break of two years, due to a severe restriction on MDTs [man training days] because of financial constraints, we had been given authority for 25 members to undertake adventurous training around Sugar Loaf mountain in South Wales based upon Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp near

Crickhowell. Saturday saw 4 teams set off from different start points to navigate routes over the mountains to a central RV, cooking their own mid-day meals on the way. An all-ranks dinner was held in the officers' mess that night.

Lt Col Peter Wandless, the training co-ordinator, arranged a conducted tour by barge on the Brecon to Monmouth canal on the Sunday morning prior to dispersal after lunch.





Top: Lambs on parade
Middle: Lt Col Wandless on Sugar Loaf, S Wales
Bottom: Col Ahern on Sugar Loaf, S Wales

Ex LAMS Gambol 2

LAMS on Brecon to Monmouth Canal

EX FULL FLOW 88

Authority had been obtained for 15 senior officers of BRSC L&MS to participate in the Regular Army's Ex Full Flow, a Study Tour of the LoC from the docks of Zeebrugge to ABSA at Monchen Gladback, at the conclusion of which the L&MS officers were to undertake visits to various locations in Germany.

Those officers involved were Col Rick Ahern, Lt Cols Graham Shawley, Tony St Quinton, Rob Walters, Charles Milner-Williams, Bryan Barkshire, Robin Lloyd-Hughes, Peter Wandless, Majs Alistair Meldrum, John Thomas and Linda Squance.

We assembled at the port of Felixstowe on Saturday 24 September to embark on the overnight sailing to Zeebrugge. We then followed the LoC route through Belgium and the Netherlands

to Rheindahlen where we attended the Ex Full Flow briefing. The first visit on the Monday was to the Bundeswehr HQ at GTNC [German Territorial Command North] followed by a briefing at ABSA Monchen Gladback, the staging and refuelling area for UK reinforcements. Subsequent visits were made in Dusseldorf to HQ BR RCZ [Rear Combat Zone] and WBK 111. On Tuesday visits were made to VBK 32 at Dusseldorf, VBK 33 and Verk K 732 at Munster.

At the conclusion of the Munster visits BRSC L&MS left the Ex Full Flow participants to undertake its own training programme. Initially this involved moving to Winterberg where VBK 34 had made its ski hut available to the unit on an accommodation only basis. Fortunately, there was a hotel next door that provided breakfast and lunch with a wide choice of restaurants in the ski resort town for evening meals. Our first dinner was at the Bobhaus at the top of the bobsleigh run. On Wednesday an officer from VBK 34 briefed us on his unit's role and responsibilities while Sqn Ldr James briefed us on the role of 26 Liaison HQ in monitoring the activities of the Soviet SOXMIS mission. This included advice on how we could assist his unit by reporting any sightings of Soviet mission cars – all drivers carried a SOXMIS card to assist in identifying their distinctive number plates. The afternoon was spent on a map reading exercise over the local hilly terrain culminating in a visit to the resort's swimming pool after which each walking syndicate was allocated a different restaurant for their evening meal.

On Thursday our route took us via the Eder Dam [of Dambuster's fame] and the picturesque town of Goslar in the Hartz mountains before arriving at the IGB [Inner German Border] town of Helmstedt. Here we were hosted by the principal of the Politishe Bildungsstatte, a Federally funded adult residential education centre. Friday morning was spent in briefings on the historical and contemporary political situation affecting West Germany and the [east] German Democratic Republic. The afternoon was spent on an escorted visit to the IGB where we observed the border fences, the obstacles and the mined approach areas and the inevitable watch [goon] towers from which we were closely watched through binoculars and photographed by the border guards. See Annex P. Our visit concluded by entertaining Dr Kurt Luders, the principal, to dinner at an attractive Helmstedt restaurant. So keen was newly posted-in Lt Col Tony St Quinton RAOC to join the BRSC L&MS that he had voluntarily accepted reversion to the rank of major; he was, though, most disappointed that his crown and pip epaulettes were not slashed from his shoulders by sword in French Foreign Legion style!

On the Saturday the main body of BRSC L&MS travelled back to Zeebrugge for the overnight sailing to Felixstowe from where they dispersed home.

I remained in BAOR for a few more days in order to recce the site on the island of Ratzburg, close to the IGB near the Baltic coast, to which the Politische Bildungsstatte was shortly to move. A cruise on the lake took us close to the eastern shore which marked the border line with its inevitable wire, fortifications and guard towers. My visit concluded with meetings at HQ BR RCZ and HQ BAOR and 79 Rly Sqn to discuss future training.

Ex Full Flow 88

Top: Col Ahern atop the Rodelbahn, Winterberg
Middle: Lt Col Wandless, Maj Meldrum, Lt Col Walters & Maj Squance
Bottom: Lt Col Barkshire, Pte Corrie, Lt Col St Quintin & Maj Thomas

Lt Col Milner-Williams & Major Trundell
Lt Col Walters Majs Thomas & Squance

Lt Col Lloyd-Hughes, Col Ahern, Majs Trundell & Thomas

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF SPECIALIST [SPONSORED] UNITS

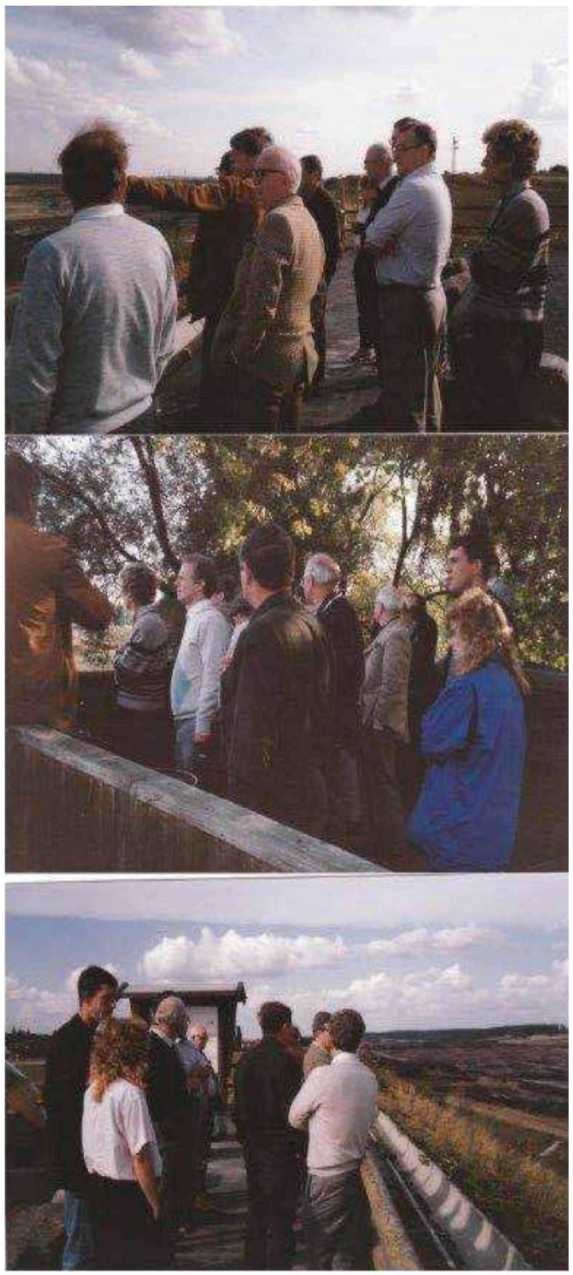
A record of Commanding Officers is at Annex Q.

EX FIRST BASE

This was a HQ BR RCZ exercise designed to practise command, control and communication within the RCZ during the transition to war. Support from BRSC L&MS had been requested and the following volunteered to attend: Majs Alan Edwards, Mike Saunders, Jack Stancombe, Alan Cowie, Alan Maddern, Linda Squance, Bob Hill, Godfrey Orrell, Mike Mc Manus, Frank Burton, Brian Darrah, Capts Peter Thomson and Ian Hunt. Reporting was direct to Dover Docks on Saturday 12 November for the ferry to Zeebrugge with recovery via the same route on 19 November. Because the exercise briefing was not being held until the Monday we were able to make a Battlefield Tour to the Airborne Museum at Arnhem on the Sunday. All BRSC

L&MS members made a planned liaison visit to Verk K 731 at Koln where Oberst Lieutnant Karrulus, the commander, led a dual language briefing of his unit's war role.

This was the first exercise in which the War Garrisons operated from their own mobilisation locations, which made an interesting change for the unit's watchkeepers who had been confined to the HQ BAOR gymnasium on previous exercises. I had no role in the exercise, therefore, after attending the initial briefings I was able to visit the unit's members in their David Morgan who was attending a Dutch language course at the HQ AFCENT Education exercise locations, making courtesy calls on the main Bundeswehr HQs and a visit to Maj Centre.



Top: Majs Meldrum, Squance, St Quintin, Col Ahern, Lt Cols Lloyd-Hughes, Shawley, Maj Thomas, Lt Cols Barkshire. Walters, Milner-Williams, Wandless & Dr Klaus Luders

Middle: Maj Thomas, Lt Cols Wandless, Maj Squance, Lt Cols Lloyd-Hughes, Barkshire, St Quintin, Col Ahern, Maj Meldrum, Lt Cols Shawley, Walters, & Milner-Williams

Bottom: Maj Squance, Col Ahern, Lt Cols Milner-Williams, Lloyd-Hughes Barkshire, Wandless & Dr Klaus Luders

LAMS at an IGB viewing platforms etc

Ex Full Flow 88

LAMS aboard cross Channel ferry

LAMS at Arnhem

LAMS at Arnhem

STANDARDS WEEKEND

The year was rounded off with a Standards Weekend at the end of November. The emphasis this year was on weapon handling [rationed to firing 4 rounds of ammunition!], first aid and the inevitable BFT [Battle Fitness Test] run.

1989

NATO WEEKEND

After an extremely busy year in 1988 the high pace of activity was maintained during the early months of 1989. Our first commitment was the NATO Weekend at the end of January which concentrated on planning for Ex Wintex 89. As usual we were pleased to welcome strong representation from the British and Foreign HQs on the Continent.

The now traditional NATO Dinner Night was held in the Mess on the Saturday at which we were entertained by a section of the RCT Band, pipers from 153 Regt RCT [V] and the Black Light Show by the RCT's Corps of Drums.

Upon completion of the training programme on the Sunday we took our guests to London to visit the National Army Museum in Chelsea and after dinner to the Tower of London to observe the Ceremony of the Keys. The unit considered that it made a valuable contribution towards "oiling the wheels" of UK/NATO relationships.

Col Ahern, Majors Lilley, Herbert, Lt Col Walters, Majs St Quintin, Squance, Lt Cols Wandless & Lloyd-Hughes

Col Spackman, Capt Bryan & Lt Col Walters

Lt Col Jones, Maj Squance & Lt Col Wandless

NATO Weekend 1989

LANGUAGE WEEKEND

Early in February the opportunity was taken to organise further German language training at the Defence School of Languages at Beaconsfield. 25 members were led through a programme devised by 3 of our own officers.

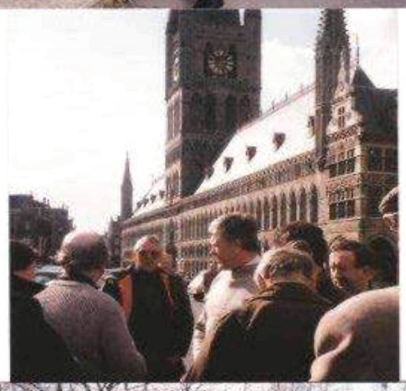
EX WINTEX 89

We assembled on Friday 24 February at Grantham for a briefing prior to an early departure the following morning. A list of participants and their exercise appointments/locations is at Annex R. Those with appointments in Germany were bussed to the AMC [Air Mounting Centre] at South Cerney. We then flew from RAF Lyneham to RAF Wildenrath and attended the first exercise briefing at Rheindahlen in the afternoon. On Sunday we attended a more detailed briefing before setting off for our exercise locations.

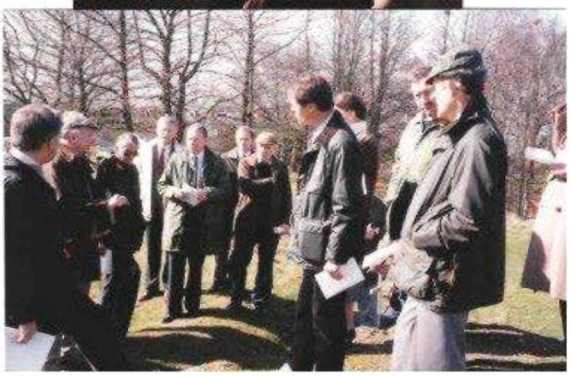
After setting up the combined G Ops and Mov liaison cell at GTNC [German Territorial Command North] I set off to visit the locations to which the BRSC L&MS had been deployed. My journey took me eastwards to the Bundeswehr units at Recklinghausen, Munster and Furstenau, then northwards to the US cell at Bremerhaven before going westwards back to the Dutch coast at Den Haag. I then returned to HQ BAOR for a conference on future training before resuming my visits to Belgian HQs and the US movers at Maastricht. Further visits were then made to Bundeswehr units before joining a Battlefield Tour of Ypres that had been organised by HQ RCT Comm Z. We flew back from RAF Wildenrath to RAF Brize Norton on the Friday prior to dispersal on the third Saturday.

Ex Wintex 1989

Mohne Dam



The Cloth Hall in Ypres



Battlefield tour of the Somme

SPONSORSHIP OF BRSC L&MS

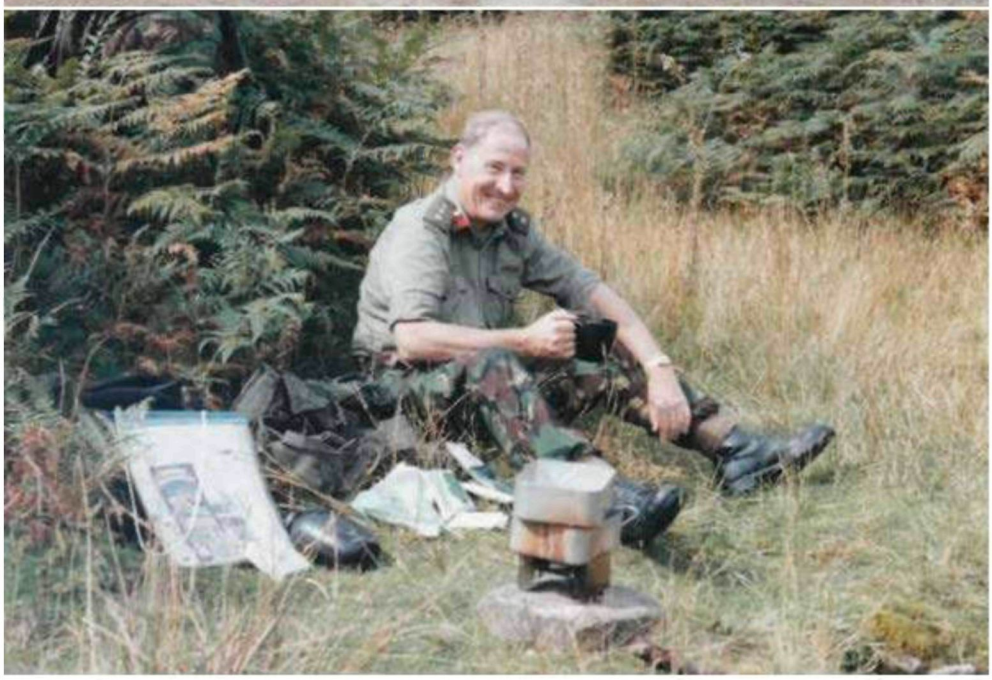
By 1989 the unit had established a pattern of working which provided the British HQs with the level of support that they required. As a result the unit proposed that HQ BAOR should establish which HQ should accept responsibility for accepting, briefing and supporting BRSC L&MS members upon deployment. A copy of the proposal, is at Annex S.

EX LAMS GAMBOL 3

In April we returned to the Brecon Beacons and the camp at Cwrt-y-Gollen for another breath of Welsh fresh air. A report on our activities was prepared by Lt Col Peter Mount who was the weekend's training organiser [see Annex T]. What was omitted from his report was the activity that he had organised for the Sunday morning. Peter, being a keen horseman, had arranged a visit to an equestrian centre where each visitor was provided with a horse and a helmet. We then embarked on a 2-hour trek in the saddle over a sight-seeing route in the foothills of the Brecon Beacons

Ex LAMS Gambol

Cpl Jones, Majs Edwards and Squance, Col Ahern



Col Ahern's DIY lunch

HANDOVER VISIT

In mid-May, shortly before the end of my tenure in command of BRSC L&MS, I arranged a tour of BAOR in order to introduce my successor Lt Col [Col Des] Rob Walters to the many British and Host Nation HQs and to plan for the participation of BRSC L&MS in future exercises. In all we visited 12 HQs and were reassured by the welcome that we received. There is no doubt that the military experience offered by members of BRSC L&MS was much appreciated by all of the receiving HQs.

During the middle weekend I was able to take up a generous offer from Maj Helen Homewood, a BRSC L&MS officer, to stay with her and her family in their married quarter in Berlin, where her husband was stationed. This included a sight-seeing and shopping tour of East Berlin followed by dinner at a hotel in the Eastern Sector. My travel to and from Berlin was on the British Military Berliner train.

Prior to travelling to Berlin I visited the Politische Bildungsstatte at Helmstedt to discuss with its principal an outline programme for his suggestion of a joint BR/GE reserve officers training event. This was to enable both nation's reserve officers to gain a greater understanding of their respective military roles and of the political context within which we all had to operate. Copies of relevant documents are at Annex U.

STUDY WEEKEND

The topic for the Saturday morning session consisted of a presentation by the SLO [Services Liaison Officer] from Minden on all aspects of the interface between the British military and the German civil authorities throughout Germany. The afternoon involved pistol shooting and a debrief of Ex Wintex 89, while the day finished with a Ladies Dinner Night. On the Sunday morning we received an update on the subject of terrorism in the UK. Occasional Letter No 4 [see Annex V] was issued to all members of the unit.

CONCLUSION

During the 1980s we "Cold War Warriors" were very much aware of the threat posed to the UK and its Allies by the Soviet Union and its satellite members of the Warsaw Pact in Eastern Europe – the "Orange Forces" against which we were pitched in our regular CPXs and FTXs in Germany. The state of tension was evidenced on a daily basis by the existence of the fortifications along the eastern side of the Inner German Border and particularly by The Wall in Berlin. The ongoing relationship which BRSC L&MS developed with the British HQs, the Host Nations' HQs and the US Forces' HQs created in us a sense of responsibility and practical participation in the defence of UK interests. This led to a very satisfying feeling that our service as volunteers was both appreciated and valued. On 1 July 1989 I handed over command of BRSC L&MS to my successor Colonel Rob Walters. I did so in the knowledge that the reputation of the unit had been enhanced during my 3 years in command. I am sure that I was not alone among the unit's officers in believing that we had made a significant contribution to the UK's ability to reinforce BAOR in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union. We had experienced the Cold War during the years when it was considered that the Soviet Union presented us with a real and substantial threat.

No one in the summer of 1989 could have anticipated the dramatic change that was to occur a few months later in November – the fall of the Berlin Wall, followed by the speed with which the Soviet Union disintegrated. Suddenly, the "rules" by which we had played for so many years no longer applied. The subsequent "peace dividend" led to the MoD study Options for Change and the eventual disbandment of BRSC L&MS as it had previously been constituted.

In view of the recent deterioration in UK/Russian relations it remains to be seen whether a need for a unit similar to BRSC L&MS may not be required again at some time in the future.

Early Call Out

Skipper Lt Col Jones, Col Ahern

LAMS eager to cross the Channel early, practise at Seaview, Isle-of-Wight

Lt Cols Jones & Evanson-Goddard

Col Ahern & Lt Col Evanson-Goddard

9 March 2019

Annexures:

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BRSC L & MS - JOINING BRIEF

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this brief is to outline the role, composition and deployment of BRSC L & MS TA It is an unusual Unit being a specialist one based upon HQ RCT TA Grantham but with both RCT and all arms elements.It exists to provide experienced movement control and General Staff Officers in support of British Support Command Operations.

BRSC is the HQ which commands all British personnel, equipment and installations in the British Communication Zone and the British Rear Combat Zone It is responsible for operating the lines of communication, evacuation, reinforcement and resupply in support of 1 BR Corps.

BRSC L & MS is commanded by a full Colonel TA and the Unit comprises RCT Movement Control Officers (E1) and General Staff Officers of all cap badges (E2). The clerks and movement operators are all RCT (E1).

Personnel are deployed in Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium at various levels of command in both British and Host Nation HQs.Specific appointments are as Movement Control Officers, watchkeepers or Liaison Officers.

2 THE LOW COUNTRIES

E1 appointments in the low countries are in the Movements HQs of the respective Ministries of Defence, National Territorial Commands and Traffic Offices as well as in HQ RCT (BR) Communication Zone.

E2 appointments in the low countries are at similar levels of Host Nation and British HQs as the E1 personnel but responsible to the General Staff Branches.

The working locations are in Antwerp, Breda, Brussels, Gouda and The Hague.

3 GERMANY

E1 appointments in Germany are in HQ BRSC, 2 Group RCT and as Liaison Officers to the Movements Divisions of GTNC (German Territorial Command North), WBK (Wehrbereichskommando) II & III and the Verk K (Verkehrskommandanturen).

E2 appointments in Germany are as watchkeepers to the War Garrisons in the British RCZ or as General Staff Liaison Officers to the German Army at three levels of command. GTNC, VBK (Verteidigungsbezirkskommand and VKK (Verteidigungskreiskommando), or as Liaison Officers to US formations.

The working locations are in Arnsberg, Bielefeld, Dortmund, Dulmen, Dusseldorf, Duisburg, Essen, Furstenau, Hannover, Koln, Munster, Recklinghausen and Rheindahlen.

4. DUTIES

WATCHKEEPERS

Watchkeepers are appointed to supplement the limited regular manpower and to enable the HQ to go to full 24 hour working.. The tasks vary according to the requirements of the HQ to which the watchkeeper is appointed.

MOVEMENTS LOs

Their tasks are to brief the Host Nation on British intentions, to monitor execution of the movement plan, to process amendments to the plan and to initiate ad hoc movements.

GENERAL STAFF LOs

Their tasks are to represent their British Sponsor HQ in the Host Nation or US HQ, to keep the Host Nation advised of British plans, to inform their British Sponsor HQ of the Host Nation's plans and to process requests for assistance.

5. UNIT LIBRARY

A Unit Library is being prepared which will contain location briefs giving all relevant information regarding each working location listed in the Units establishment. The briefs will contain details of:-

The operational task.
Personalities.
Geographical data and maps.
Personal administration information.

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19th February 1987

EXERCISE WINTEX '87 - ADMIN INSTRUCTION NO. 1

SITUATION

1. Personnel from B.R.S.C. L & M S will participate in Exercise Wintex '87.

MISSION

2. To exercise civil and military authorities in the use of operational plans, procedures and communications throughout NATO in order to maintain and improve NATO's ability to function effectively in a period of crisis and war.

EXECUTION

3. GENERAL OUTLINE

Saturday 28th February	Report to Depot R.C.T.T.A. by 15.00 hour
Sunday 1st March	Unit Training.
Monday 2nd March	Deploy to B.A.O.R.
Tuesday 3rd March	Briefings and exercise preparation.
Wednesday 4th March	Startex.
Friday 13th March	Withdraw from exercise.
Saturday 14th March	Recovery to U.K. for main body.
Tuesday 17th March	Endex.

4. ALLOCATION OF TASKS

a) Exercise employment - see Annex A.
b) Orderly Officer 28th February - 2nd March - Major Stevens.
c) O i/c PAX to H.Q. (BR) Comm Z - Major Patten.
d) O i/c PAX to H.Q. B.A.O.R/R.C.Z. - Major Herbert.
e) O i/c PAX to F.C.Z. - Major Jesson.

5. TRAVEL

a) Mounting
Monday 2nd March - details NYK.
b) Recovery - Saturday the 14th March - details NYK.

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6. BRIEFINGS

a) General briefing 16.00 Saturday 28th February in the cinema.
b) Exercise briefings - details to be issued upon reporting to sponsor H.Q., in B.A.O.R.
c) Controllers briefing - by H.Q., B.A.O.R., in Garrison theatre 10.00 hours A Tuesday 3rd March.
d) Colonel Ahern, Majors Knight and Campbel-Robson to attend L.O's briefing 09.00 A Tuesday 3rd March in the Command Cell at H.Q., B.R.S.C.
e) Officers i/c PAX to report to Captain Collier at reception for movement briefing.

7. PLAYERS/CONTROLLERS

a) The following H.Q's will be players.

B.S.F. (BRSC and RAF G)
H.Q. (BR) Comm Z.
H.Q. (BR) RCZ including two Gp. RCT.
BRSC L.O's.

b) The remainder will be lower controllers.

8. PERSONALITIES

Major General Beckett -	Exercise Director.
Colonel Marchant-Smith -	Assistant Exercise Director.
Major Gibbon -	SO2 ex Planning Staff.

SERVICE SUPPORT

9. DRESS

Dress for both travel and the exercise will be combat uniform, boots, beret and shirts khaki thick. Trousers light-weight may be worn in some locations but not for travel.

10. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be allocated under arrangements made by the sponsor H.Q.

11. EQUIPMENT

a) NBC equipment and respirators will be required by all personnel.
b) Sleeping bags will be required by all personnel training in Germany.

12. MILITARY DRIVING LICENCES

A valid military driving licence is essential. Documentation must be completed at Grantham.

13. LOCATION REPORTS

Unit documentation files will be issued in respect of all locations. The Senior Officer at each location is responsible for updating and completing the file which is to be returned to the Senior Officer Germany (SOGE) or the Senior Officer Low Countries (SOLC) upon return to the U.K.

14. POST EXERCISE REPORTS

a) Comments relating to classified matters are to be reported to Cell Leaders and included in the main PXR.
b) Comments relating to organisation or administration are to be reported to SOGE or SOLC who will be responsible for submitting consolidated reports to the Commander.

15. PAY AND ALLOWANCES

a) An advance of pay in Sterling will be available from the Depot Paymaster.
b) The balance of entitlement will be credited direct to individual Bank Accounts within seven days.
c) Foreign currency can be obtained by cashing U.K. cheques, supported by cheque guarantee cards, at Army Cash Offices.
d) Currency exchange facilities to a maximum of £25 may be available at arrival airports.
e) All claims for subsistence allowances must be authorised and paid by the sponsor H.Q., in B.A.O.R. or Comm Z.

16. POSTAL

EXERCISE WINTEX

B.F.P.O. 556 - BRSC
560 - CONTROL
21 - COMM Z

17. EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of emergency contact can be established through:-

The Permanent Staff Duty Officer
Depot R.C.T. T.A.,
GRANTHAM
Tel: 0476 67413

Distribution:
H.Q., R.C.T. T.A.,
Depot R.C.T. T.A.,
All Unit Participants.

ANNEX A TO EXERCISE WINTEX ADMIN. INSTRUCTION 1.

EXERCISE WINTEX '87 MANNING

HQ BRSC TPT & MOV	E1	MAJ. KING
HQ (BR) RCZ TPT	E1	MAJ. SAUNDERS
	E1	MAJ. ORRELL
HQ (BR) COMM Z	E2	MAJ. BOTTING
	E2	MAJ. MUSE
1 (BR) CORPS HQ RCT	E1	MAJ. BURKES
	E1	MAJ. JESSON
MOD BE	E2	CAPT. THOMPSON
MOD NL	E2	MAJ. KNIGHT
GTNC	E2	COL. AHERN
	E2	DVR. PRICE
3 US CORPS	E2	MAJ. CAMPBELL-ROBSON
CCCC	E1	LT. COL. MILNER-WILLIAMS
MOD BE	E1	LT. COL. HEATH
	E1	~~MAJ INNES~~
GTNC	E1	LT. COL. WANDLESS
	E1	MAJ. STEVENS
WBK II	E1	MAJ. EVANSON-GODDARD
WBK III	E1	LT. COL. BARKSHIRE
	E1	MAJ. MOUNT
VERK K 720	E1	MAJ. LAST
VERK K 730	E1	MAJ. BURTON
	E1	MAJ. GRAHAM
731	E1	MAJ. POTTON
732	E1	MAJ. WHITTARD
	E1	MAJ. HERBERT
CONTROL HQ	E1	MAJ. LILLEY
VBK 32	E2	MAJ. BESFORD
33	E2	MAJ. FLETCHER
SLO FI/BS	E2	LT. COL. SPACKMAN
LO	E2	MAJ. MELDRUM
SLO TO NTC	E2	MAJ. COOK
LO	E2	MAJ. EDWARDS A
MCG INTER	E2	CAPT. BRYAN
EM RR NO.1	E1	MAJ. PATTEN
ATSA	E1	MAJ. OLDFIELD 7 – 21 MAR
ATSA	E1	MAJ. MATTHEWS-MAXWELL
NTC GOUDA	E1	MAJ. POOL
VKK 343	E1	MAJ. MASON
NO. 1 WARGAR	E2	MAJ. STANCOMBE
	E2	CAPT. ANDREW
NO. 3 WARGAR	E2	MAJ. THOMAS
	E2	MAJ. PITCHER
NO. 5 WARGAR	E2	CAPT. HUNT
	E2	MAJ. EDWARDS D
3 i/c TAA COMM	E2	MAJ. COX
		MAJ TRUNDLE 3 – 17 MAR
		WO1 COLLARD
		WO2 HARMSON
		WO2 PARKER
		S/SGT HOGG

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Annexure H

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OCCASIONAL LETTER NO 2

1. INTRODUCTION

In order to gain the maximum benefit from the time available at the Study Period, I have decided to forgo the customary "Commanders Parish Notes" session. I have therefore written this letter which I propose to issue on Saturday 20th June.

2. UNIT ESTABLISHMENT

a. There have been some minor changes in the establishment together with changes in personnel.

b. The proposed new establishment will permit:-

i	Officers E1	33
ii	Officers E2	35
iii	Movement Operators (Cpl-S/Sgt)	12
iv	Clerks (Pte-Sgt)	12

of particular interest is the retention of the S NCO posts.

c. The allocation of officers to posts is given at Annex A

3. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made:-

Second-in-Command	Lt Col David JONES
Senior Officer Low Countries	Lt Col Rob WALTERS
Deput SOLC	Lt Col Charles MILNER-WILLIAMS
Senior Officer Germany	Lt Col Stan SPACKMAN
Deputy SOGE	Lt Col Bryan BARKSHIRE
Adjutant	Major Peter MOUNT
O I/C Language Training	Lt Col Stan SPACKMAN
O I/C Training	Lt Col Peter WANDLESS
O I/C Communication Coord	Lt Col Charles MILNER-WILLIAMS

4. MAN TRAINING DAYS

The allocation of training time has been severely curtailed throughout the TA and the cuts bear particularly heavily upon the Specialist Units. As a consequence Study Periods will be restricted to one day and Exercise Lams Gambol II has been postponed.

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5. EXERCISE WINTEX 87

a. The Unit received good reports upon its participation in this exercise.

b. The benefit of continuity in post, which this Unit can offer, is increasingly being recognised by the Regular Staff of the British Sponsor HQs. This has led to bids being received to participate in other exercises.

c. The need to record exercise systems and information is becoming even more important if we are to provide an adequate basis upon which our successors can operate. A start has been made on the Location Report Files and Job Specifications but much remains to be done. This will be tackled during the winter training weekends.

6. EXERCISE REFORGER 87

Limited participation has been requested by HQ BAOR for posts to be manned in some Host Nation HQs for this major US reinforcement FTX.

7. NATO WEEKEND 88

a. The programme for this Study Period has been prepared for consideration by HQ BAOR.

b. The NATO Dinner will again be the Unit's principal social function for entertaining both British and Host Nation guests.

8. EXERCISE FAST BUCK 88

a. This will be the Unit's Annual Camp with two weeks being spent in BAOR.

b. The intention is that the time will be divided between training for role, an introduction to Ptarmigan and participation in a 5 day CPX.

9. LANGUAGE TRAINING

a. Plans are being made for another language weekend prior to deployment on Exercise Fast Buck.

b. Officers are encouraged to undertake both basic and colloquial language training. Those who wish to persue this training are requested to contact Lt Col Stan Spackman.

c. An additional language weekend prior to deployment on Exercise Reforger 87 is being considered.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

In Occasional Letter No 1 I commented upon the lack of prompt responses to correspondence. Recent experience suggests that the position has not improved - this is just not good enough. Please ensure that future correspondence is answered by return.

11. JOINING BRIEF

A joining brief has now been prepared. This will be issued to personnel upon posting to the Unit so that they may learn something of the Unit's role and organisation.

12. STANDARDS WEEKEND

a. The intention of the Depot this year is to devote the training time available to two topics rather than attempt to teach and test a wider range.

b. An administrative instruction will be issued by the Unit prior to the Standards Weekend.

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13. PUBLICITY

a. The first article on the Unit's role has been published, the second is at the printers and three further articles are planned.

b. Articles on other matters of interest are always welcome. Please discuss your ideas with Lt Col Charles Milner-Williams.

14. UNIT DIARY

Aug/Sept 87	Exercise Reforger	Phased limited participation
10 - 11 Oct 87	Unit Standards Weekend	
Jan/Feb 88	Language Weekend -	Details TBN
23-24 Jan 88	NATO Weekend	
6 - 20 Feb 88	Exercise Fast Buck	
June 88	Study Day -	Details TBN

15. PROMOTIONS AND POSTINGS

Details of recently announced promotions and postings are given in Annex B.

BRITISH SUPPORT COMMAND LIAISON & MOVEMENTS STAFF T.A.
MOBILISATION APPOINTMENTS BASED UPON H.Q. B.A.O.R. MOB INSTR. NO.5

H.Q. B.A.O.R. LIAISON POSTS

GTNC	LO	COL. AHERN	Rick
MOD BE	LO	MAJ. MORGAN	David
MOD NL	LO	MAJ. KNIGHT	Mike
III US CORPS	LO	MAJ. CAMPBELL ROBSON	Dick
BRIO WBK II	SO		
BRIO WBK III	SO		

H.Q. (BR) COMM Z

WKPR	MAJ. SANTON	Roger
WKPR	MAJ. MUSE	John
WKPR	CAPT. LYON	George
WKPR	MAJ.SQUANCE WRAC	Linda
SLO TO FI/BS	MAJ. MELDRUM	Alistair
LO TO FI/BS		
SLO TO NCT GOUDA	CAPT. BRYAN	Eardley
LO TO NTC		
LO TO 2RM	CAPT. THOMPSON	Peter
WKPR VENLO STAGE		
WKPR VENLO STAGE		

H.Q. (BR) RCZ

SO2 TPT (LO TO 2GP RET)	MAJ. SAUNDERS	Mike
SO3 TPT (-do-)	MAJ. ORRELL	Godfrey
VBK 32	LT. COL. JONES	David
VBK 33	LT. COL. SPACKMAN	Stan
VBK 34		

NO. 1 WARGAR

WKPR G2/S	CAPT. ANDREW	Gordon
-do-	MAJ. CLARKE-LOMAS	Roger
-do-		
VKK 321 LO (DUSS)	MAJ. FLETCHER	Cyril
SO3 G3 DUSSELDORF	MAJ. THOMAS	John
-do-	MAJ. HOMEWOOD WRAC	Helen
WKPR KREFELD	MAJ. WAITE-ROBERTS	Edward
-do-	MAJ. BURTON	Frank

NO. 3 WARGAR			
SO3 G1/4		MAJ. PITCHER	George
SO3 G2/3		CAPT. HUNT	Roland
NO. 4 WARGAR			
VKK 343 LO (DORTMD)		MAJ. STANCOMBE	Jack
NO. 5 WARGAR			
WKPR G1/2/3/5	DES	MAJ. HILL	Bob
-do-		MAJ. EDWARDS	David
VKK 335 LO (RECKLN)		MAJ. SUTHERLAND	Peter
		MAJ. TRUNDELL	Howard
NO. 6 WARGAR	(DES	MAJ. EDWARDS)	David
VKK 331 LO (MUNSTER)		MAJ. LAST	Gerry
DES		MAJ. SUTHERLAND	Peter
H.Q. B.A.O.R.			
SO2 RAIL		MAJ. KING	Peter
SO3 RAIL		MAJ. AICKIN	Malcolm
310 TAACOM			
LO			
CCCC			
SO1		LT. COL. MILNER-WILLIAMS	Charles
MOD BE			
SO1		LT.COL. WALTERS	Rob
SO2		MAJ. INNES	John
MOD NL			
SO1		LT. COL. ALLCOCK	Roy
SO2			
GTNC			
SO1		LT. COL. WANDLESS	Peter
SO2		MAJ. STEVENS	David
WBK II			
SO1		LT.COL. EVANSON-GODDARD	Laurie
WBK III			
SO1		LT.COL. BARKSHIRE	Brian
SO2		MAJ. MOUNT	Peter

VERK K 720	(HANOVER)		
SO2 RAIL			
VERK K 730	(ESSEN)		
SO2 RAIL		MAJ. HUGHES	Robin
SO2 ROAD		MAJ. GRAHAM	Roger
SO2 RAIL		MAJ. POTTON	Arthur
VERK K 731	(KOLN)		
SO2 RAIL		MAJ. WHITTARD	Paul
VERK K 732	(MUNSTER)		
SO2 ROAD		MAJ. HERBERT	Mike
SO2 ROAD		MAJ. LILLEY	John
H.Q. (BR) COMM Z			
SO2 AIR TRANSIT		MAJ. MATTHEWS-MAXWELL	Chris
SO2 -do-		MAJ. POOL	Bill
NTC BREDA			
SO2 LO			
NTC GOUDA			
SO2 LO		MAJ. MASON	Chris
SO2			
CG INTER			
SO2 LO			
EMRR NO.1			
SO2 LO		MAJ. OLDFIELD	John
BLT GHENT			
SO2 LO			
H.Q. RCT 1 BR CORPS			
SO2		MAJ. BURKES	Tony
SO2		MAJ. JESSON	Alan
SO2		MAJ. DURHAM	David

Annex B
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BRSC LIAISON AND MOVEMENTS STAFF TA

1. PROMOTIONS

a. Major Peter Mount	LO to VBK 34 wef 9 Jun 87
b. Major Robin Hughes	SO1 WBK III vice Bryan Barkshire 1 Apr 88.

2. POSTINGS - INTERNAL

a. Lt Col Bryan Barkshire	LO to VBK 32 vice David Jones 1 Apr 88.

3. POSTINGS IN

a. Major Roger Santon	from 163 Regt. Watchkeeper HQ Comm Z.
b. Capt George Lyon	from 225 Fd Amb. Watchkeeper HQ Comm Z.
c. Major David Morgan	from 162 Regt. LO MOD(BE)
d. Major Malcolm Aickin	from 163 Regt. SO3 (Rail) HQ BAOR
e. Lt Col Rob Walters	from CO 161 Regt. SO1 MOD(BE)
f. Major Edward Waite-Roberts	from 162 Regt. SO2 WBK III
g. Major Helen Homewood WRAC(V)	from Oxford UOTC. SO3 G3 No 1 War Garrison
h. Major Bob Hill R Signals(V)	from 36 Signal Regt. Watchkeeper No 5 War Garrison.

4. POSTINGS OUT

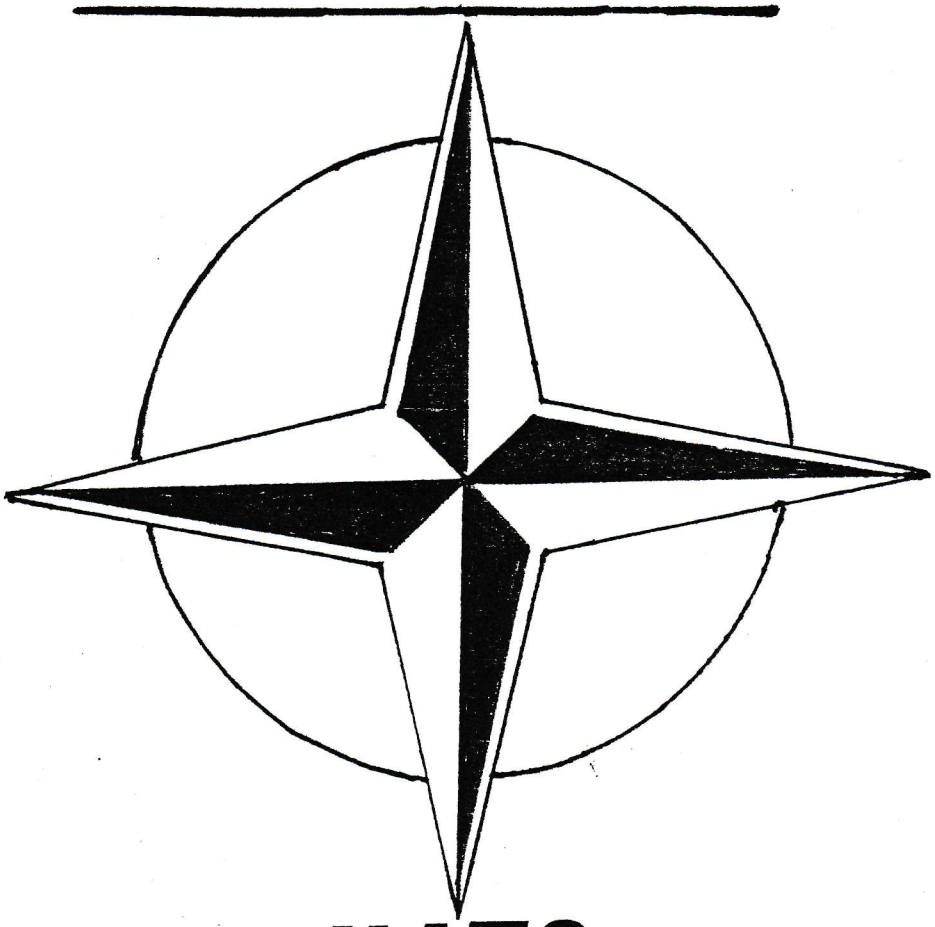
a. Major Ted Patten	To RARO (own request) 12 May 87

"THEY ARE THE LEGION OF THE LOST, ON THEIR WAY TO WINTEX — CAN THEY HAVE A NON-AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE, AND WHAT IS THE NIGHTLY RATE FOR THE SAHARA?"

Annexure J

COMD BRSC L&MS TA

BRSC L&MS



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STUDY PERIOD

23/24 JAN

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BRSC L&MS TA NATO STUDY WEEK-END 23/24 JAN 88

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND SEATING PLAN

Serial/ Seat No (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Appointment (d)
1	Col	C J Ahern TD	Comd BRSC L&MS TA
2	Col	J A Butler MC TD	Col of Vol
3	Col	P A French OBE	Dep Mov HQ BAOR
4	Oberst	I G Klink	GTNC
5	Col	Pratt	4 Transcom
6	Col	I A Sim TD ADC	Brig TA(Des)
7	Col	Snipes	4 Transcom
8	Col	A E W Stormer	Comd HQ RCT TA
9	Col(Retd)	J S Riggall MBE	SO2 G1 HQ RCT TA
10	OTL	Goeke	Verk K 732
11	LTC	Kemmitt	4 Transcom
12	LTC	A Lund	AFCENT
13	Lt Col	P W Morling OBE RCT	Comd Tpt&Mov HQ(BR) Commz
14	OTL	Schulenburg	WBK II
15	OTL	Treiber	VBK 34
16	Lt Col(Retd)	G W Parker OBE	Tpt&Mov HQ(BR) Commz
17	Maj	R Burchill RCT	2 Gp RCT
18	Maj	H Crawford RCT	HQ BAOR
19	Maj	T V Myatt QOH	COS HQ(BR) Commz
20	Maj	R L J R Pierlot	Interior Forces BE
21	Maj	Schut	NTC Gouda NL
22	Maj	P Sharland LI	HQ RCZ
23	Maj	C Simon	JS4 CM Tpt BE
24	Maj	D R Velsheyn	NTC Gouda NL
25	CMdt	C Luyckx	Interior Forces BE
26	Lt Col	D E B Jones TD RCT(V)	
27	Lt Col	S H Spackman TD RCT(V)	Col of Vol (Des)
28	Lt Col	B F Barkshire TD RCT(V)	
29	Lt Col	R I Walters RCT(V)	
30	Lt Col	C W M Milner-Williams TD RCT(V)	
31	Lt Col	R E Allcock TD RCT(V)	
32	Lt Col	L M Evanson-Goddard RCT(V)	
33	Lt Col	P J Mount TD RCT(V)	
34	Lt Col	P J Wandless TD RCT(V)	
35	Lt Col	L Clifford TD RCT(V)	
36	Maj	R M Aickin RCT(V)	
37	Maj	A D Burkes RCT(V)	
38	Maj	F M Burton TD JP RCT(V)	
39	Maj	G K Cowie MBE TD 52 Lowland(V)	
40	Maj	B E Darrah TD R Sig(V)	
41	Maj	G D Edmonston-Low TD RCT(V)	

erial/ Seat No (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Appointment (d)
42	Maj	D W Edwards TD RCT(V)	
43	Maj	G C Finlay TD RCT(V)	
44	Maj	C Fletcher TD RCT(V)	
45	Maj	J R Graham TD RCT(V)	
46	Maj	M J Herbert TD RCT(V)	
47	Maj	R V Hill TD R Sigs(V)	
48	Maj	H E Homewood WRAC(V)	
49	Maj	R D L Hughes TD RCT(V)	
50	Maj	A F Jesson RCT(V)	
51	Maj	P D King TD RCT(V)	
52	Maj	M D R Knight TD RCT(V)	
53	Maj	G Last TD RCT(V)	
54	Maj	J M Lilley TD RCT(V)	
55	Maj	A J Maddern TD RCT(V)	
56	Maj	P J Marsland-Roberts TD RCT(V)	
57	Maj	C N Mason TD RCT(V)	
58	Maj	C G Matthews-Maxwell TD RCT(V)	
59	Maj	A J Meldrum TD Queens(V)	
60	Maj	D A J Membry TD RCT(V)	
61	Maj	D T Morgan TD RCT(V)	
62	Maj	J M Muse TD RA(V)	
63	Maj	J S Oldfield TD RCT(V)	
64	Maj	G W Orrell TD RCT(V)	
65	Maj	G E T Pitcher JP REME(V)	
66	Maj	N W Pool TD RCT(V)	
67	Maj	A E Potton TD RCT(V)	
68	Maj	R C Santon TD RCT(V)	
69	Maj	M B Saunders TD RCT(V)	
70	Maj	E Squance TD WRAC(V)	
71	Maj	J G Stancombe TD PARA(V)	
72	Maj	D W Stevens TD RCT(V)	
73	Maj	P Sutherland TD R Sigs(V)	
74	Maj	J E Thomas TD RCT(V)	
75	Maj	H K Trundell TD RCT(V)	
76	Maj	E G Waite-Roberts TD RCT(V)	
77	Maj	P J T Whittard TD RCT(V)	
78	Capt	G G Andrew Queens(V)	
79	Capt	E W H Bryan Wessex(V)	
80	Capt	R Hunt TD R Sigs(V)	
81	Capt	P Thompson RMP(V)	
82	WO2	Harmson RCT(V)	
83	SSgt	Phillips RCT(V)	
84	Sgt	Price RCT(V)	
85	Sgt	Young RCT(V)	

JAN 1988

BRSC LIAISON & MOVEMENTS STAFF TA

NATO DINNER NIGHT

TOAST LIST

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - The Queen"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - The Queen"

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - The King of the Belgians"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - King Baudouin"

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - The President of the Federal Republic of Germany"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - Herr Bundes President Weizsäcker"

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - The Queen of the Netherlands"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - Queen Beatrix"

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - The President of the United States of America"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - President Regan"

PRESIDENT	:	"Mister Vice - Our Colonel-in-Chief"
VICE	:	"Ladies & Gentlemen - Her Royal Highness Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester"

BRSC L&MS
The Low Countries
BELGIUM

by Lt Col John Heath

That all pervading smell, canals and waterways higher than the roads and fields. Windmills, lace, mussels, driving on the right, cobbled streets, place names, such as Emblem, Peutie, Ghent, Venlo, Tervuren. All these and many more conjure up *The Low Countries* and especially Belgium, one of the 'Host Nations'.

I joined BRSC L&MS (LAMS) after 23 years with rubber tyres and was immediately overwhelmed by many new (to me) mnemonics such as MOD(BE), CCCC (known as 4C's), MCG (INTER) and many more. These and my new title SO1 (MOV) MOD (BE) left me in no doubt that I was entering a world of dedicated Officers, who used not only the language of their Host Nation, but also a special 'LO' dialect. After almost three years with the unit, nothing has caused me to change my mind; I am proud to belong to such a specialist and dedicted unit.

Other 'new' experiences, which I am sure many others have encountered were:

* No longer having a staff of junior officers, Sgts and Cpls etc. on whom to rely. Self-sufficiency being the order of the day.
* Being issued with my own personal transport (at last made the top, alas no such luck) a self drive car of doubtful vintage. For the first time in almost 20 years, I was asked, nay required to drive a military vehicle that had for so many years been Taboo.
* Being welcomed with open arms by the Regular Army in the Low Countries. All convinced that without the 'LAMS' increment their thin line along the L of C would quickly collapse from lack of sleep and overwork.
* Using 'Veiled Speech' on the telephone, because other means were not available. Trying to get across urgent information without giving away too much.
* Enjoying the experience of working with officers of the Belgium Army, my hosts, who after many years in the same job were very experienced and knowledgable and extremely helpful, when I was new to the job.

Throughout Belgium, LAMS serve in some 10 locations being a mixture of Movement and General Staff LO's. The composition and location of deployments are such that all forms and modes of transport are covered, as are all major HQ's of the Host Nation.

Some marriages work well, but there almost seemed

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OCCASIONAL LETTER No 3

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes are being issued in written form both to save time at the Study Period and to keep informed those who are not able to attend the Study Period.

2. PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are offered to the undermentioned upon their promotion:

Lt Col Stan SPACKMAN	to Colonel (Colonel of Volunteers) 7/88
Lt Col Dick CAMPBELL-ROBSON	to Lt Col in 496 MCLU 1/88
Lt Col Robin LLOYD HUGHES	to Lt Col as LO to WBK III 4/88
Cpl A M JONES WRAC	to Cpl 3/88

3. POSTINGS-IN

Lt Col Len CLIFFORD	to LO to 2 RM (FR)
Maj Roger SMITH	to SO2 Mov MOD (BE)
Maj Mike McMANUS	to SO3 G3 Dusseldorf Sector
Maj Tony St QUENTIN	to LO to III US Corps 10/88
Maj Andy BOULTON	to SO2 Mov WBK III 10/88

4. POSTINGS-OUT

Lt Col Ray ALLCOCK	to RARO 7/88
Maj Howard TRUNDELL	to RARO 10/88
Maj Edward WAITE-ROBERTS	to 162 MC Regt RCT(V) 10/88

5. NOMINAL ROLL

A copy of the current nominal roll which shows all mob appointments is attached at Annex A.

6. HQ RCT TA and DEPOT RCT TA

Colonel Tony STORMER	Commander RCT TA
Lt Col Martin STEVENS	CO Depot RCT TA

Annexure M

7. UNIT APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made:

Second-in-Command	Lt Col Stan ~~SPACKMAN~~ (Des Lt Col CLIFFORD)
Senior Officer Low Countries	Lt Col Rob WALTERS
Deputy SOLC	Lt Col Charles MILNER-WILLIAMS
Senior Officer Germany	Lt Col Bryan BARKSHIRE
Deputy SOGE	Lt Col Peter ~~WANDLESS~~
Adjutant	Maj Alistair MELDRUM
PMC	Lt Col Rob WALTERS
Deputy PMC	Lt Col Charles MILNER-WILLIAMS
Officer i/c Languages	Lt Col Bryan BARKSHIRE
Officer i/c Special Training	Lt Col Peter WANDLESS
Officer i/c Comms Coord	Lt Col Charles MILNER-WILLIAMS
Officer i/c Music	Lt Col Robin LLOYD HUGHES

8. TRAINING DIRECTIVE

A copy of the Special to Service Training Instruction, which has been issued by Comd HQ RCT TA, is attached at Annex B.

9. LANGUAGE TRAINING

Language training, especially in German, is assuming even greater importance. Lt Col Stan SPACKMAN, leading a working group comprising Lt Col Bryan BARKSHIRE, Maj Arthur POTTON and Maj Cyril FLETCHER, has prepared a detailed report on all aspects of language training within the Unit. The report contains some important recommendations regarding future training needs and these are now being 'staffed' by HQ RCT TA.

10. MOBILISATION PROCEDURES

BRSC LAMS is one of the TA units designated for Early Call Out (ECO) in the event of mobilisation. At that time a media announcement in the following terms can be expected "Those who are in the Territorial Army and who have been advised that they are in catagory ECO to report immediately".

11. CORRESPONDENCE

It concerns me that I have yet again to report that correspondence is not being answered by some officers in what I regard as being a reasonable time. This is just not good enough! In future I will expect an acknowledgement to be sent if a formal reply has to be delayed.

13. PAST TRAINING

a EX FAST BUCK
I hope that all participants found this to be a useful exercise. Lt Col Laurie EVANSON-GODDARD is to be congratulated upon his excellent organisation of the pre-exercise training.

b EX HAND CANTER
6 LAMS officers represented the Unit on this HQ (BR) Comm Z Study Period.

14. FUTURE TRAINING

a. EX RED WINDMILL 20-24 JUN
3 LAMS officers will participate in this HQ (BR) Comm Z CPX. This ex will include participation by 2 RM the French movements HQ.

b. EX LAMS GAMBOL II 10 SEP
Authority has been granted for another exercise in this series. GAMBOL II will be based upon Cwrt-Y-Gollen Training Camp, Crickhowell, Powys. Full details will be available in July when invitations to participate will be issued.

c. EX SUMMER SALES 25 JUN-9 JULY
4 LAMS officers will participate in this HQ 1 BR Corps exercise.

d. EX FULL FLOW 24 SEP-1 OCT
This Study Tour, which will be supplemented by unit training, will be undertaken by 11 officers who have already been nominated.

e. EX FIRST BASE 9-11 NOV
This is a HQ (BR) RCZ CPX in which the Wargars will play from their oplocs and there will be participation by the Host Nation. It is hoped that some LAMS will be able to participate; those concerned have already been approached.

f. STANDARDS WEEKEND 26-27 NOV
The training this year is expected to follow the pattern of 1987 with First Aid being substituted as the main subject.

g. NATO WEEKEND 28-29 JAN 89
Initial discussions regarding the programme have already been held with HQ BAOR. Continental representation is again expected to be high.

h. EX WINTEX 24 FEB-9 MAR 89
Full participation by LAMS is required.

i. EX PLAIN SAILING 16-30 SEP 89
This will be a major FTX for which HQ BAOR have requested full manning.

15. UNIT TIE/HEAD SCARF

The order has been submitted to the manufacturer, the sample has been approved and the production run authorised. Delivery is expected soon.

16. PUBLICITY

The next in the series of articles on LAMS has been submitted to the editor of The Volunteer.

17. DONATION

Upon leaving the Unit Lt Col John HEATH made a donation to the Mess which is to be disbursed in accordance with the following instructions:

"By the purchase of a double brandy, or equivalent, to the officer with the best time in the BFT in the age groups 40-44 and 45-49 inclusive."

(Bribery of the APTI will lead to disqualification!)

Rick Ahern

Distribution:

All Unit Members
HQ RCT TA
Depot RCT TA

Annexure M

ANNEX D TO [illegible] DATED 3 JUN 88

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ANNEX J TO PART V TO HQ RCT TA
3530 DATED FEB 88

TRAINING INSTRUCTION FOR SENIOR OFFICER BRSC LIAISON AND MOVEMENTS STAFF(TA) ESTAB No: 6/4061/3(P)(W) DATED 1 JUL 83

Role

1. To provide General Staff Liaison Officers and Movement Control liaison detachments for BRSC and host nation movement HQs in the British RCZ and COMM Z.

Operational Command

2. Under command HQ BRSC.

Execution of Role

3. The following requirements are to be fulfilled by all liaison officers and movements staffs:

a. Language training to a minimum of the colloquial standard appropriate to the receiving HQ.

b. Detailed knowledge of the following war books and procedures:

(1) BRSC Command & Administrative Instruction.

(2) BFG Reinforcement Briefing Instruction.

(3) BRSC SOPs.

(4) BAOR Admin Instr 2.

c. Working knowledge of the receiving HQs SOPs and chain of command.

d. Carry out obligatory individual military training including APWT, BFG, NBC and First Aid.

e. Take part in one BRSC CPX annually.

f. Keep up to date with changes to BRSC organisation, SOPs and other BAOR theatre procedures relevant to the mobilisation appointment.

4. In addition to the requirements given in Part 3, Movement Control liaison officers are to:

a. Have a detailed knowledge of:

(1) HQ BAOR Transport and Movements Instr 42. In particular the details of:

(a) NATO movements organisation and movement control procedures.

(b) National movement control organisation in the British COMM Z and RCZ.

(c) Movement control support for logistic operations during a POT and War.

b. Have a working knowledge of:

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(1) HQ BAOR Transport and Movements Instr 5.

(2) HQ BAOR Transport and Movements Instr 45.

(3) Host nation transport and movement plans.

5. Training Sponsor. Depot RCT TA is the training sponsor for BRSC Liaison and Movements Staff (TA) and will work closely with HQ BRSC and HQ Transport and Movements BAOR on all aspects of training.

Mobilisation

6. The mobilisation planning summary for BRSC Liaison and Movements Staff is contained in HQ BAOR Transport and Movements Instr 5 and is updated annually.

Annexure N

Annex A to HQ (BR) RCZ
Ops/Plans 6012 Dated 10 Jun 88

PROGRAMME - COMD (BR) RCZ STUDY PERIOD - 29/30 JUN 88

Ser (a)	Time (b)	Event/Topic (c)	Presented By (d)	Remarks (e)
		DAY ONE - 29 JUNE		
1	0900	Assemble		Working Dress. Insecure Conference Rm. Coffee avail.
2	0930	Opening Remarks	Comd (BR) RCZ	Secure Conference Rm.
3	0935	Overview of operations in the (BR) RCZ - current and future.	COS and SO2 Ops/Plans HQ (BR) RCZ	
4	1015	Second line support within the (BR) RCZ.	Comd Sup - HQ (BR) RCZ	
5	1045	Coffee		
6	1105	Outloading and Implications of DROPS	Comd and SO2 Ops/Plans - 2 Gp RCT	
7	1150	Medical Presentation. To include Medical Support within (BR) RCZ and within WBK III.	Comd Med - HQ (BR) RCZ. OFA Conders - WBK III.	
8	1300	Depart by coach from main entrance for FVD Recklinghausen.		3 x coaches Combat Jackets Packed lunches provided. ETA FVD - 1410 hrs.
9	1415	Briefing on PUE circuit and tour of FVD Recklinghausen.	Comd 15 Ord Gp OC FVD	Coaches to remain till 1500 non flying direct to FOD - flying to Dusseldorf Bahnhof.
10	1500	Depart FVD by helicopter to overfly PUE circuit including: SA Haltern FAD Wulfen		2 x Chinnook MAOT team 18 Sqn RAF Gutersloh
11	1530/ 1540	Helicopters arrive FOD Dulmen		FOD Sports Field Move to Gym on arrival. Coffee avail.
12	1545	FOD Presentation to include tour of depot and outloading circuit.	CO FOD Dulmen	

	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
13	1645	Use of railways in (BR) RCZ to include demonstration: a. Outloading G Wagon b. Use of ramp wagon c. Use of ambulance train	OC 79 Rly Sqn CO 335 Amb Train CO FOD	
14	1745	Depart by train from FOD Dulmen	OC 79 Rly Sqn	
15	1900	Arrive Dusseldorf Bahnhof		
		DAY TWO - 30 JUNE		
16	0830	Assemble		Coffee avail
17	0900	NBC Operations in Rear Areas.	Lt Col G Hill - HQ BAOR. SO2 NBC - HQ (BR) RCZ.	
18	0950	Engineer Presentation. To include engineer support from 30 Engr Bde and within WBK III.	Comd 30 Engr Bde. Oberst Lt Westheide.	
19	1045	Coffee		Incl NBC Stand
20	1105	The Individual Reinforcement Plan	Col LM Halfpenny Lt Col RJ Binks - 1 RPT, Worthy Down.	
21	1150	Operation of The Force Reinforcement Holding Unit	SO2 Ops/Plans - HQ (BR) RCZ	
22	1200	Army 2000	Lt Col T Glen - BLO Heersamt	
23	1245	Closing remarks and final discussion.	Comd (BR) RCZ	
24	1315	Lunch		Community Centre
25	pm	Tour of Dusseldorf to include boat trip/shopping.		Optional
26	1930	Regimental Dinner		Station Offrs Mess Mess kit/Black Tie

GB

The Divided Germany Information for Visitors to the Inner German Border

You are standing at the Inner German border. Perhaps at first appearances it does not seem particularly dangerous.

But since the building of the wall in Berlin on the 13th of August 1961 and the total sealing of the Inner German Border over 200 individuals from East Germany have been killed trying to flee, and many more have been injured. Mines, electrical alarm equipment, anti-vehicle ditches and barrier fencing, light barriers and finally armed East German border guards make this border practically impassable.

The German Democratic Republic has meanwhile dismounted the inhuman automatic firing devices. That will not, however, make the border more passable. Yet despite this inhabitants of the German Democratic Republic try again and again to cross the border despite this threat to their lives and although very few succeed.

The, for us, natural right to leave our own country is not possessed by the majority of the Germans in the German Democratic Republic. The East German Government denies them the right to cross this border into the Federal Republic of West Germany.

The border through Germany is at once the dividing line between the communist states of Central and Eastern Europe and the democracies of the western world. It divides Germany and Europe and is at the same time the dangerous seam between the two largest military blocks in the world.

Herausgeber: Der Niedersächsische Minister für Bundesangelegenheiten, 3000 Hannover, Calenberger Straße 2

The will to re-unite has not left the German people. If it were different no-one would believe them.

They know that a unified Germany is only to be achieved using peaceful means and only together with their allies and neighbours — not against them.

In these endeavours the Federal Government enjoys the support of its western partners. The USA, Great Britain and France committed themselves to the following in Article 7, Paragraph 2 of the Germany Settlement from 1952:

"Until conclusion of the peace agreement negotiations the undersigned states will work together to achieve their joint target by peaceful means: a re-united Germany having an unrestricted democratic form similar to that of the Federal Republic of Germany and integrated into the European Economic Community."

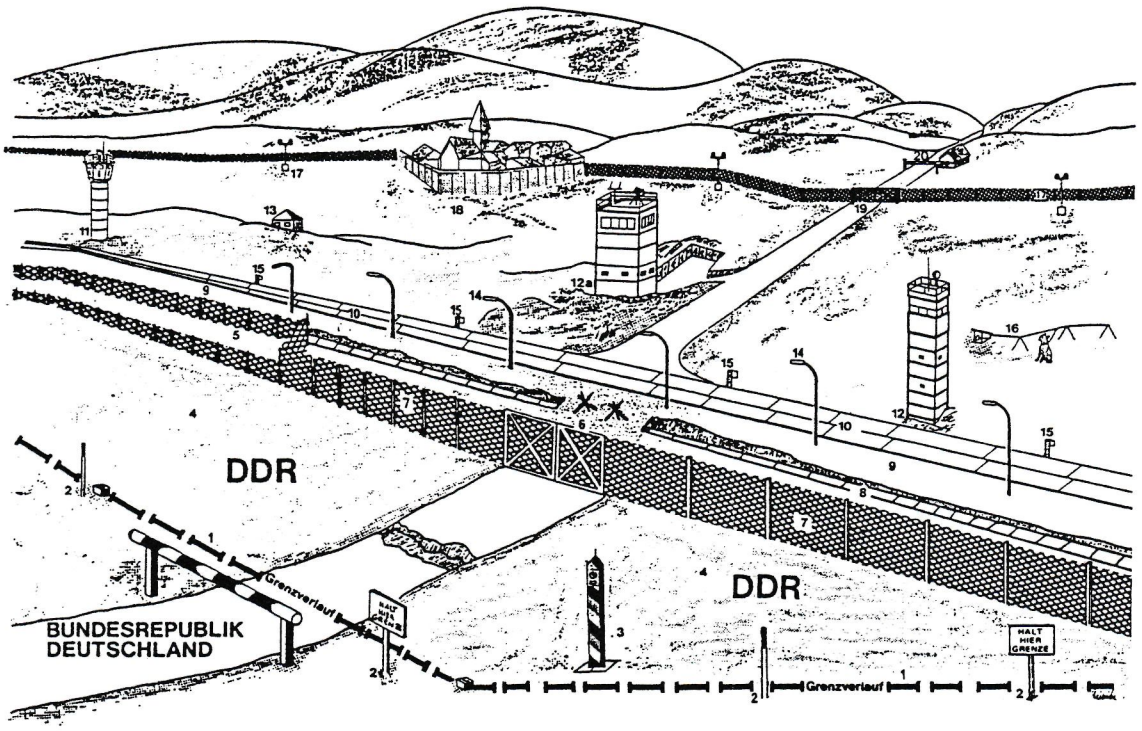
It is the target of the Federal Republic of Germany to work towards a condition of peace in Europe in which the German people can achieve free self-determination and unity again. The Federal Republic of Germany has in its political stance towards East Germany made efforts to arrive at a form of co-existence. This policy recognises that on German territory two separate independant autonomous states exist. Between them, however, does not exist a typical civil but rather a special relationship which in the interests and to the practical advantage of those on both sides of the dividing line, must be improved and extended.

Thus in 1972 the Federal Republic of West Germany and the German Democratic Republic concluded an agreement to deal with the fundamentals of this relationship. They commit themselves amongst other things to a "good neighbourly relationship". The agreement provides the pre-requirements for further agreements, contracts and conventions with East Germany, and contains above all a settlement to regulate practical questions directly influencing people on both sides of the border.

Particularly traffic, mostly from West Germany into East Germany could be eased as a result of settlements with the German Democratic Republic. In connection with the fundamental agreement four new border crossings have been opened. Since then a simplified permission granting procedure has been introduced for West German border region inhabitants. Germans living outside of the border zones must submit themselves to a complicated procedure of application and permission when wishing to travel from Germany to Germany. The controls on the seventeen East German border crossings are very strict and not observing East German regulations often leads to excessive penalties. Inhabitants of East Germany may first travel in the Federal Republic of West Germany when they reach pensionable age (men 65, women 60) — otherwise only in the event of "urgent family matters", e.g. the death of a close relative.

The Federal West German government is convinced that its policy of aiming at good neighbourly relations with the German Democratic Republic is at the same time a contribution to more stability in Central Europe. With its dreadful concequences the border barrier systems of the German Democratic Republic show that normal relations have still not been achieved between the two states.

Barrier System on the Territory of the German Democratic Republic



1. Course of border with marker stones
2. Federal German Border marker board or post immediately in front of the border line
3. German Democratic Republic border marker post (approx. 1.8 m high in black, red and gold with German Democratic Republic crest)
4. Deforested and cleared zone
5. Twin-row metal mesh fencing (approx. 2.4 m high, intervening area partially mined)
6. Access through metal fencing
7. Single-row metal mesh fencing (approx. 3.2 m high)
8. Anti-vehicle ditch (permanized with concrete slabs)
9. Control strip approx. 6 m wide (raked to betray tracks)
10. Vehicle track with perforated concrete paving
11. Concrete observation tower
12. Concrete observation tower (2 m x 2
12a. Concrete observation tower (4 m x 4 m with command post)
13. Observation pill box
14. Light barrier
15. Junction pylons for the buried bord communication system cables
16. Dogs on running lines
17. Border area restricting fencing with optical and acoustical signalling equipment, partially as twin fencing with dogs
18. Concrete security wall/view restrict
19. Access through fencing to the restricted border area
20. Checkpoint

The Inner German Border is in total 1,393 kilometres long. The German Democratic Republic equips it at substantial cost with the following barrier systems:

At the present time (Dec. 1984) opposite the Federal Republic of Germany

in

The State of Lower Saxony are 550 Kilometres of the following barrier equipment

metal mesh fencing	542 km
barbed wire fencing	9 km
security fencing	486 km
mine fields	12 km
anti-vehicle ditches	400 km

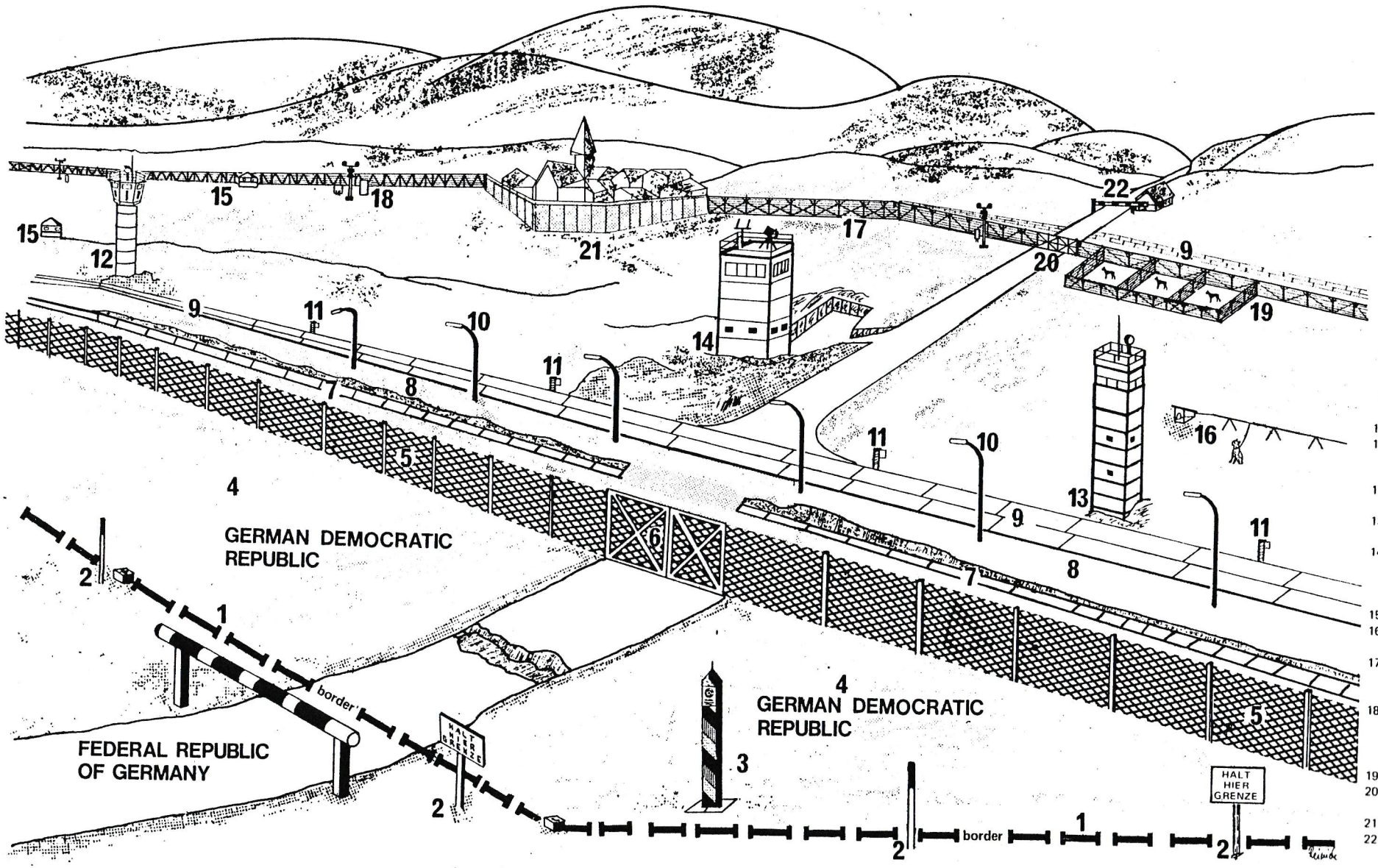
The preventative equipment further includes:

dogs on fixed running lines	560
concrete or brick watch towers	284
wooden or steel watchtowers	27
earth bunkers	317

The eastern side of the Inner German Border begins deep in East German territory. Entrances to this hazard area some 5 km across are heavily guarded and it may only be entered with special permission. The Inner German Border is not controlled on the East German side by customs or police authorities but by regular marauding groups of the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic. The barrier systems are unquestionably intended to prevent crossing of the border from the East German side.

The course of the Inner German Border can be traced back to the minutes of the meeting held in London on the 12th September, 1944 concerning future zones of occupation in Germany. That this demarcation line between the Soviets and Western Powers would produce zones of occupation cutting historically developed areas and economic links, hundred year old traffic routes and breaking up friendships and close family ties – all this could not be foreseen on the 12th September, 1944 as representatives of the USA, Great Britain and the Soviet Union agreed on the path of the demarcation line. Even today the parts of the Federal Republic of West Germany close to the border suffer economically from being caught up in the extremities of border conditions. The European Economic Community, The Federal Governments and the Local Government strive to counter these burdensome disadvantages.

SYSTEM OF GDR BORDER FORTIFICATION



Key:

1 borderline with boundary stones
2 border demarcation sign or post directly in front of the boundary
3 GDR marking post (1,80 m high; black-red-gold with GDR Emblem)
4 strip of terrain (deforested and cleared)
5 single metal grid fence (about 3,2 m high)
6 gateway in metal grid fence
7 vehicle barrier ditch (reinforced with concrete slabs)
8 about 6 or 2 meter control strip (detection strip)
9 patrol road (perforated concrete)
10 light barrier
11 contact point for underground border reporting net
12 concrete observation tower (BT 11)
13 concrete observation tower (2 x 2 m)
14 concrete observation tower (4 x 4 m, partially with command point)
15 observation bunker
16 runway for dogs on the leash
17 restricted zone fence with electrical and acoustic alarms
18 installations for power distribution and switching at the restricted zone fence
19 dog runway
20 gateway in restricted zone fence
21 concrete wall/screen
22 entry control for restricted zone

zone between borderline (1) and entry point (22) = restricted area (about 5 km)
zone between borderline (1) and restricted zone fence/concrete wall (17/21) = restricted zone (100 – 2000 m)

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Annexure P

Annexure Q

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Our reference 3267

Date 19 Oct 88

COMMANDING OFFICERS SPECIALIST REGIMENTS RCT(V)

Reference:

A: Telephone conversation Phillpotts/Riggall 19 Oct 88

1. We have no current record of the COs of our Specialist (formerly Sponsored) Regiments prior to 1967. This could be compiled but would take a very long time. The list since 1967 follows below. All are Territorial Army Officers RCT (V).

2.

a. 160 Transport Regiment RCT(V)

Lt Col E D	Higgs ERD	Apr 67
Lt Col C	Brice ERD TD	Dec 69
Lt Col J D	Suthers ERD TD	Oct 71
Lt Col D S	Jackson ERD TD	Nov 76
Lt Col D B	Coates TD	Nov 79
Lt Col J P	Lynch TD	Nov 82
Lt Col A S	Feldman TD	Nov 85
Lt Col J	Astbury	Nov 88

b. 161 Ambulance Regiment RCT(V)

Lt Col J R B	Smith TD	Apr 73
Lt Col B D	Emery TD	Apr 77
Lt Col C J	Ahern TD	Apr 81
Lt Col R I	Walters	Apr 84
Lt Col D A	Mead TD	Apr 87

c. 162 Movement Control Regiment RCT(V)

Lt Col A C	Scott ERD	Apr 67
Lt Col J C	Marchmont TD	Nov 68
Lt Col J D	Newland ERD TD	Nov 71
Lt Col M E	Snow TD	Nov 76
Lt Col C L E	Spurr ERD TD	Nov 79
Lt Col S H	Spackman TD	Nov 81
Lt Col G J	Shawley TD	Nov 85
Lt Col M J N	Hughes TD	Nov 88

d. 163 Transport & Movements Regiment RCT(V)

(163 Movement Control Regiment prior to 1 Apr 83)

Lt Col B G	Jones ERD TD	Apr 67
Lt Col D J	Cobbett ERD	Nov 68
Lt Col C	Holmes ERD TD	Nov 72
Lt Col A G	Dixon TD	Nov 73
Lt Col D H	Bradbrook ERD TD	Dec 77
Lt Col J A	Butler MC TD	Dec 80
Lt Col L	Clifford TD	Dec 83
Lt Col I S B	Couper TD	Dec 86

3. We have no immediate record available of the Commander BRSC Liaison and Movements Staff TA (formerly 495 Movement Control Liaison Unit RCT(V). Our list for 496 MCLU RCT(V) is still being researched. The latest information is:

a. 496 Movement Control Liaison Unit RCT(V)

Maj (later Lt Col) C P	Braithwaite ERD	Apr 67
Maj I P	Sutton ERD TD	Jan 70
Maj (Lt Col Apr 77) C P	Love TD	Jun 73
Lt Col T H	Davies TD	Nov 78
Lt Col O P	Hill ERD TD	May 81
Lt Col D B	Coates TD	Apr 83
Lt Col J P	Lynch TD	Apr 86

PTO

Copy to:

Col of Vols
COs of units listed above

J S RIGGALL
Retired Officer Grade 2
for Commander

Annex A to
LAMS T/1001
dated 4 Feb 89

EXERCISE WINTEX EMPLOYMENT

Rank	Name	Ex Appt	Forecast Ex Location
Col	AHERN	LO GTNC	JHQ
Lt Col	CLIFFORD	LO MOD BE	Brussels 2/1 1/3 ?
Maj	KNIGHT	LO MOD NL	Hague
Maj	STQUINTON	LO III US	~~Munster~~ MAASTRICHT
Maj	THOMAS	DI STAFF	JHQ
Maj	McMANUS	DI STAFF	JHQ
Maj	SANTON	COMMZ	Emblem
Maj	MUSE	COMMZ	Emblem
Maj	HENDERSON	COMMZ	Emblem
Maj	MELDRUM	FI/BS	Tervuren
Maj	EDMONSTON-LOW	FI/BS	Tervuren
Sgt	KINSLER	~~LO NTC~~ Comm 2	~~Gouda~~ EMBLEM
Lt Col	BARKSHIRE	LO VBK 32	Dusseldorf
Lt C6l	WALTERS	LO VBK 33	Munster
Lt Col	MOUNT	LO VBK 34	Arnsberg
Capt	ANDREW	1 WARGAR	JHQ
Maj	COWIE	1 WARGAR	JHQ
Maj	FLETCHER	LO VKK 321	Dusseldorf
Capt	THOMPSON	VENLO SA	Emblem
Sgt	YOUNG	VENLO SA	Emblem
Maj	HOMEWOOD	3 WARGAR	JHQ ?
Maj	PITCHER	3 WARGAR	JHQ Plan 3/3
Maj	STANCOMBE	LO VKK 343	Dortmund
Maj	HILL	5 WARGAR	JHQ
Maj	EDWARDS	LO VKK 335	Recklinghausen
Maj	SUTHERLAND	LO VKK 331	Munster Plan 3/3
Maj	MADDERN ~~Maj BS 1 WARGAR~~	~~HQ BRSC Rail~~ W BK III	~~JHQ~~ ~~Brussels~~ Dusseldorf
WO2	HARMSON	HQ BRSC Rail	JHQ
Maj	AICKIN A&T	~~LO 310 TAACOM~~	~~Rheinberg~~ KLEVE'D
Lt Col	MILNER-WILLIAMS	CCCC	Brussels
Sgt	PRICE	~~MOD BE~~ Comm 2	~~Brussels~~ EMBLEM
Lt Col	MORGAN	MOD NL	Hague
Lt Col	SHAWLEY	GTNC	JHQ
Maj	STEVENS	GTNC	JHQ
Lt Col	EVANSON -GODDARD	WBK II	Furstenau
Lt Col	~~HUGHES~~	~~WBK III~~	~~Dusseldorf~~
Maj	~~BOULTON~~ KING	~~WBK III~~	~~Dusseldorf~~
Maj	KING ~~KING~~	~~Verk K 720~~ WBK III	~~Hannover~~ DUSSELDORF
Maj	GRAHAM ?	Verk K 730	Essen
S/Sgt	PHILLIPS	Verk K 730	Essen
Maj	POTTON	Verk K 730	Essen
Maj	WHITTARD ?	Verk K 731	Koln
Maj	HERBERT	Verk K 732	Munster
Maj	LILLEY	Verk K 732	Munster
Maj	SAUNDERS	2 Gp	Dusseldorf
Maj	ORRELL	2 Gp	Dusseldorf
Maj	MASON	NTC	Gouda
S/Sgt	HOGG ?	~~NTC~~ HQ Comm 2	~~Gouda~~ EMBLEM
Maj	FINlAY	MCG Inter	Peutie

Annex A to
LAMS T/1001
dated 4 Feb 89

Rank	Name	Ex Appt	Forecast Ex Location
Maj	OLDFIELD	EMRR	~~Emblem~~
Maj	MATTHEWS-MAXWELL	~~ATSA~~	~~Emblem~~
Maj	POOL	~~ATSA~~	~~Emblem~~
Maj	BURTON	114 ASG	Rheinberg
Maj	DARRAH	213 ASG	Rheinberg
Cpl	JONES	GTNC	JHQ
	GOODMAN		

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PITCHER
CAMPBELL
GRAHAM

53.

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BRSC L&MS SPONSORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

1. BRSC L&MS provides liaison and staff officers to both British and Host Nation HQs within Belgium, France, Germany and The Netherlands. Liaison Officers are also deployed to HQs of US Forces.

CONTROL

2. For ease of command and control the two elements of BRSC L&MS, the RCT E1 Movements Staff and the All Arms E2 GeneralStaff, are administered by HQ RCT TA Grantham. Training in BAOR and deployment is coordinated on behalf of BAOR by Commander Tpt & Mov HQ BAOR.

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3. The employment of BRSC L&MS falls primarily into three areas each of which is commanded by a British HQ. These are HQ BAOR, HQ (BR) CommZ and HQ (BR) RCZ. It is therefore proposed that these HQs should be responsible for receiving, briefing, employing and administering the BRSC L&MS officers and NCOs on behalf of their subordinate commands. Attached at Annex A is a copy of the BRSC L&MS establishment on which a proposed division of responsibility has been annotated.

SUPPORT

WATCHKEEPERS

4. Those personnel employed as watchkeepers supplement the existing British HQ staff and the support wich they require is purely administrative and domestic.

LIAISON OFFICERS

5. The level of support required by Liaison Officers is considerably greater than that required by Watchkeepers.

6. The requirements of the Movements and the General Staff Liaison Officers are similar.

7. Attached at Annex B is a draft SOP listing the support which is required to be provided by the sponsor or sending HQ.

8. Attached at Annex C is a draft aide memoire for the guidance of Liaison Officers.

COORDINATION

9. It is recommended that the requirements of the respective employing formations, together with the administration support required from them, should be coordinated by Maj (Retd) B Stevens who in turn should liaise with Maj (Retd) N Lawson at Depot RCT TA Grantham, who is the Permenant Staff Unit Training Officer.

10. It is further recommended that upon mobilisation and for exercises, both CPX and FTX, that a small Liaison Coordination Cell be established in HQ BRSC/BSF Main. This should be manned by BRSC L&MS personnel.

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Information:

HQ RCT TA ✓

Comd Log ✓
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SO2 ✓
SO1 C ✓

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ESTABLISHMENT 6/4061/4(PW) (Note 1)	NAME	TENURE BEGINS (Note2	TENURE ENDS	ROD (Note 3)	REMARKS (Note 4)
BRSC LIAISON & MOVEMENTS STAFF TA					
E2 (ALL ARMS) LIAISON & WATCHKEEPER ELEMENT.					
HQ GTNC					
LO & Commander BRSC L & MS TA	Col	HQ BAOR G3 Ops			
MOD(BE)					
LO	Maj	HQ BAOR G3 Ops			
MOD(NL)					
LO	Maj	HQ BAOR G3 Ops			
III US Corps					
LO	Maj	HQ BAOR G3 Ops			
BRIO Team to WBK II					
SO	Maj	HQ (BR) RCZ			
BRIO Team to WBK III					
SO	Maj	RCZ			
HQ BR COMM Z					
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
Wkpr	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
Att FI/BS					
SLO	Maj/Lt Col	COMMZ			
LO	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
Att NTC Gouda					
SLO	Maj/Lt Col	COMMZ			
LO	Capt/Maj	COMMZ			
2 RM					
LO	Lt Col	HQ BAOR G3 Ops			
BR Rear Combat Zone					
VBK 32 (Dusseldorf)					
LO	Lt Col	RCZ			
VBK 33 (Munster)					
LO	Lt Col	RCZ			

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VBK 34 (Arnsberg)						
LO	Lt Col					RCZ
BRSC GARRISONS						
No 1 (Rheindahlen)						
Wkpr G2/G3	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Wkpr G2/G3	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Wkpr G1/G4/G5	Lt/Capt					RCZ
Att VKK 321						
LO	Maj					RCZ
Dusseldorf Sector						
SO3 G3	Capt/Maj					RCZ
3 G3	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Krefeld Station						
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Wkpr	Capt/Maj					RCZ
VENLO/LEUTH Staging Area						
Wkpr	Capt					COMMZ
Wkpr	Capt					RCZ
No 3 (Duisburg)						
SO3 G1/G4	Capt/Maj					RCZ
SO3 G2/G3	Capt/Maj					RCZ
No 4 Garrison (Dortmund)						
Att VKK 343						
LO	Maj					RCZ
5 Garrison (Dulmen)						
Wkpr G1/2/3/5	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Wkpr G1/2/3/5	Capt/Maj					RCZ
Att VKK 335						
LO	Maj					RCZ
No 6 Garrison (Munster)						
Att VKK 331						
LO	Maj					RCZ

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E1 RCT MOVEMENT STAFF E1						
HQ British Support Comma						
Tpt and Mov (Rail Secti						
SO2	Maj	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
SO3	Maj	"				
Liaison Staff and Host :						
310 TAACOM						
LO(Mov)	Maj	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
CCCC BRUSSELS						
SO1	Lt Col	COMMZ				
MOD(BE						
SO1 Mov	Lt Col	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
SO2 Mov	Maj	"				
MOD(NL)						
SO1	Lt Col	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
SO2	Maj	"				
HQ GTNC (Mov Div)						
SO1	Lt Col	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
SO2	Maj	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
WBK II (Mov Div)						
SO1	Lt Col	RCZ				
WBK III (Mov Div)						
SO1	Lt Col	RCZ				
SO2	Maj	RCZ				
Verk 720 (Hannover)						
SO2 (Rail)	Maj	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
Verk K 730 (Essen)						
SO2 (Road)	Maj	2 GP				
SO2 (Road)	Maj	2 GP				
SO2 (Rail)	Maj	2 GP				
Verk K 731 (Koln)						
SO2 (Rail)	Maj	HQ BAOR TPT & MOV				
Verk K 732 (Munster)						
SO2 (Road)	Maj	2 GP				
SO2 (Road)	Maj	2 GP				

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HQ BR Rear Combat Zone						
Transport Branch						
SO2	Maj	M	2 GP			
SO3	Maj	G	2 GP			
HQ BR COMMZ						
Liaison Staff						
NTC Gouda						
SO2	Maj	C	COMMZ			
SO2	Maj	D	COMMZ			
MCG Inter						
SO2	Maj	G	COMMZ			
EMRR Antwerp						
SO2	Maj	.	COMMZ			
Air Transit Staging Area						
SO2	Maj	(	COMMZ			
SO2	Maj	I	COMMZ			
NTC Breda						
SO2	Maj		COMMZ			
BLT Ghent						
SO2	Maj		COMMZ			
HQ 1 (BR) Corps						
Transport Branch						
Wkpr	Maj		1 BR CORPS RCT			
Wkpr	Maj					
Wkpr	Maj					

* 114 ASG RCZ
* 213 ASG RCZ

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Annex B to
BRSC L&MS T/1001
Dated 8 Mar 89

LIAISON OFFICER DEPLOYMENT SOP-DRAFT NO 1

THE AIM

1. To provide guidance to BR Sponsor Units of the support which will be required by BRLOs upon arrival in Theatre prior to deployment to HN HQ.

BR SPONSOR HQs

2. The responsibility for coordinating the deployment of LOs will be:-

a. BAOR

i. G3 Ops
General Staff LOs to MOD BE, MOD NL, GTNC, III US Corps, and 2 RM

ii. Tpt & Mov

(a) Movements to MOD BE, MOD NL, GTNC, 310 TAACOM

(b) Movement LOs (Rail) to Verk Ks.

b. RCZ

i. General Staff LOs to VBKs

ii. General Staff LOs to VKKs

c. 2 GROUP

i. Movement LOs (Road) to Verk Ks.

ii. RCZ Transport LOs

d. HQ (BR) Comm Z

i. General Staff LOs to NTC and F1/BS

e. HQ RCT (BR) CommZ

i. Movements LOs to all other HN locations eg NTC MCG Inter, EMRR, and BGT.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BR SPONSOR HQ

3. a. Security

i. Provision of exercise passes

ii. Provision of security clearance certificate in Host Nation language for HN HQ.

iii. Provision of Soxmis card

b. Briefings

i. a briefing on the current tactical situation with emphasis upon the present and proposed location of BR units.

ii. details of any specific tasks to be performed by LO.

c. Transport

i. provision of car

ii. emergency supply of petrol coupons.

d. Accommodation

i. provision of accommodation at Sponsor HQ prior to deployment.

ii. confirm with HN HQ that accommodation is available upon deployment.

e. Pay and Allowances

Ensure early access to paymaster is available especially if local currency payment to HN or hotel is required.

f. Documents/Publications

i. classified - to be delivered to HN in advance of deployment or available for collection by LO prior to deployment

(a) exercise instructions

(b) appropriate war plan books

(c) master incident list (MIL) - if appropriate

(d) BATCO

ii. unclassified -

(a) telephone directory

(b) illustrated NATO Rank insignia booklet

(c) BR Sponsor HQ SOPs

(d) JSP 101 - message writing

(e) staff duties in the field

(f) extract article 3 - basis of cooperation

(g) extract article 9 - troops operating under NATO National command

(h) English/Host Nation dictionary

(i) military supplement to Colloquial Course vocabulary

g. Maps

i. BAOR road map

ii. 1:250,000)
iii. 1: 50,000) map sheets required to cover the area within the boundary of the Command to which LO is attached.

h. Stationery Pack - to include: -

LOG SHEETS
WRITING PAPER
NOTE BOOKS
SIGNAL PADS
PENS
PENCILS
CHINAGRAPH PENCILS
DRAWING PINS
RUBBER
FILE COVERS
TAGS INDIA
BULLDOG CLIPS
RULER

Annex C to
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dated 8 Mar 89

LIAISON OFFICER DUTIES AIDE MEMOIRE

AIM

1. The aim is to provide guidance for LOs attached to Host Nation HQs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

2. You are the representative of the Commander of your sponsor HQ to the Host Nation HQ.

3. Make yourself aware of the BR Units within the HN area of responsibility, their strengths, locations and current tasks.

4. Be aware of your Commanders future intentions.

5. Be aware of the plans for BR Units either to enter or leave the HN area of responsibility.

6. Brief the HN HQ on BR present and proposed plans.

7. Be aware of HN Units within the BR HQs area of interest, their strengths, locations and current tasks.

8. Be aware of the HN HQs future intentions and the likely effect of them on BR Units or plans.

9. Be aware of other NATO Nations Units, their strengths, locations and tasks. Consider the effect that they might have upon present or proposed deployment of BR or HN troops.

10. Provide input for the BR sponsor HQ briefings.

11. Attend BR sponsor HQ briefings as required.

12. Provide input for HN HQ briefings.

13. Attend HN HQ briefings as required.

14. Be prepared to assist in translating BR signals into colloquial English.

15. Establish contact with BR LOs in adjacent areas.

16. Be prepared to assist with requests for HN assistance:
    Infantry - for defence tasks
    Labour
    EOD
    NBC
    Engineer

17. Be aware of the formalities relating to the deployment of troops under a National Command other than their own.

18. Be aware of the state of HN Emergency Legislation. The enactment of various measures gives increased authority over personnel and facilities.

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19. You will be required to maintain a log detailing:

Major incidents
Conferences/briefings attended
Visits made to other HQs and Units
Visitors received.

20. Maintain a record of the principal problems for discussion with visitors or for subsequent resolution.

LAMS GAMBOL III - BRECON BEACONS 1989

Lt Col P J Mount TD RCT(V)
British Support Command
(Liaison and Movements Staff)

As you come over the last hill on the M52 motorway, you can see right across the Wye valley to the mountains of South Wales. Travelling fast that way on a Friday in April 1989, I wondered for what I was exposing the LAMS since the whole of the mountain tops were covered in snow. Later the same afternoon, driving round the back of the Brecon Beacons, I was well and truly 'whited out' in a snow storm!

Fortunately, my purpose for being in Wales that weekend was to recce the routes for the exercise with Colonel Rick Ahern, Commander British Support Command - Liaison and Movements Staff (L&MS). We spent Saturday reccying the main route for the exercise and found that the snow on top was between two and three feet deep in places. The presence of two RAF rescue helicopters hovering over the hill for much of the day was not completely reassuring, and

the pair of ravens that came back to look at us at regular intervals was definitely worrying. Nevertheless, the route was duly proved and found to be acceptable for LAMS to gambol upon, provided the snow had diminished.

The next development was a telephone call from the Commandant of Cwrt-y-Gollen Training Camp on the Thursday before the exercise was due to take place, to the effect that the camp was on full alert because of a bomb warning. Most of the units due in camp had cancelled and so we would have to provide a guard.

We had been here before; at one point on LAMS Gambol II in 1988, the guard at Cwrt-y-Gollen consisted of two lieutenant colonels and a WO11, and it was therefore decided to go ahead.

On Friday night, the LAMS duly assembled from far and wide homing in on the NAFFI. Once extracted from their refreshments, they were divided into teams and fully briefed by the author. The briefing included detailed safety precautions, although it did not quite go to the lengths of one officer who, when briefing for a previous LAMS Gambol in the Peak District, pointed out that those most at risk in bad conditions on the hill were the elderly and children. Some of the assembled no doubt felt they fell into one or other category.

The following day started cloudy but clear and, the snow having vanished, the decision was taken to go ahead on the high level route along the top of the Brecon Beacons. The teams were transported out to their start point on the north side of the Beacons and sent off at the quarter hour intervals. The first team was away at 0915 hrs. The route ran up the scarp face of the Beacons to Fan-y-Big, along the crest of the ridge and then over the hill and down to the Talybont reservoir valley.

As the first teams reached the top at Fan-y-Big, the clouds cleared and the sun came out. This allowed the teams to carry out their alloted map reading tasks in ideal conditions, and for the less pressonised also enjoy the magnificent views. Moving along the route in the opposite direction as part of the control and safety arrangements. I was very impressed with the way everyone was coping. Being a Command and Control organization this presents little opportunity for the unit to exercise in the field; our 'issue'slit trenches tend to have comforts like desks, chairs, photocopiers and fax machines. Despite the novelty of 'fresh air' teams completed a march of between 15 and 20 miles over quite difficult country well within the safety limits which had been set. Needless to say there was good humoured banker and the only injuries were the inevitable blisters.

On Saturday evening, there was an informal dinner in the officers mess at the camp which was enjoyed by all. It also gave Colonel Rick Ahern an opportunity to say farewell to the Seniors in the unit.

THE TRAINING AND ROLE OF RCT TA AMBULANCE UNITS IN BAOR

The RCT TA plays a vital role in the implementation of Casualty evacuation procedures (CASEVAC), and its contribution to the Casevac system in BAOR is often unrecognized.

The principal means of RCT TA casevac is by road vehicles ie ¼ ton Land Rover Ambulances, 4 Ton Trucks and large motor coaches (10 and 12 metres with seats or stretchers).

In order that the combat arms retain their mobility, ability to fight these must be an efficient and effective CASEVAC system.

Prompt treatment of the wounded is required not only to save lives, but also to ensure that the casualties are returned to their units when fit, or evacuated further to the rear for more detailed treatment.

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All of the moves requiring casevac are administered and executed by RCT TA; using the most effective and efficient means, by air, land rover ambulance and ambulance coach or by rail.

In order to support this organisation and to ensure that the casualty receives the right level of medical care at the right time the RCT TA has a large committment in BAOR. This consists of 2 Ambulance Regiments (1 Independent and 1 Specialist) together with Ambulance and Ambulance Coach Squadrons and 2 Mobile Civilian Transport Groups (MCTG).

The training standards to which the RCT TA ambulance units are committed is high. Proficiency must be shown in personal protection in NBC equipment, personal and section level weapons: On road and cross country driving: map reading to a high standard: First Aid, and an understanding of in

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Commandant-en-Chef de l'Armée Britannique du Rhin
Главнокомандующим Британской Армией при Рейне

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Annexure U

BRITISH MILITARY TRAIN

(BERLIN — BRAUNSCHWEIG — BERLIN)

BERLIN

FROM BERLIN (read down)

POINTS OF INTEREST
(Travelling in a forward direction)

TO BERLIN (read up)

POINTS OF INTEREST
(Travelling in a forward direction)

(CHARLOTTENBURG STATION)

	0842 (dep)		**1945** (arr)
The British Military Train **(The 'Berliner')** departs from **Charlottenburg Station** in the British Sector of **West Berlin.** On leaving, the **Funkturm** and **International Congress Centre** come into view to your right.			The sighting of the brightly lit **Funkturm** and **Congress Centre** on your left are indicative of journey's end. The 'Berliner' arrives at Charlottenburg Station in the British Sector of West Berlin. Passengers detrain.
The train enters the **"Corridor"** at **Griebnitzsee. "The Wall",** look-out towers and posts, and armed uniformed personnel of the DDR can be seen to the right and left.	**0900**		**1925** The train leaves the **"Corridor"** at **Griebnitzsee. "The Wall",** look-out towers and posts and armed uniformed personnel of the DDR can be seen to the right and left.
At **Potsdam** the engine is detached and searched and an East German Train Guard joins the train. On departure the following buildings can be seen on your right: The **Inter-Hotel** and the ruins of the **Potsdam Palace** where the Potsdam agreement was signed on 2 August 1945.	**0909** (arr) **0919** (dep)	**POTSDAM** (15 miles	**1923** (dep) **1908** (arr) On approaching **Potsdam** the following can be seen on your left: The **Inter-Hotel** and the ruins of the **Potsdam Palace** where the Potsdam agreement was signed on 2 August 1945. At **Potsdam** the engine is detached and searched and the East German Train Guard leaves the train.
On approaching **Werder** (at Wildpark) an engine shed where the **Kaiser's personal engine** was once housed can be seen to the right. At **Werder** (Havel) there is a **Soviet Artillery Camp** on the right.	**0929**	**WERDER** (23 miles)	**1900** At **Werder** (Havel) there is a **Soviet Artillery Camp** on the left. On leaving **Werder** (at Wildpark) an engine shed where the **Kaiser's personal engine** was once housed can be seen on the left.
At **Brandenburg** the oldest **shunting hump** in Germany, and one of the oldest in the world, can be seen on the right.	**0944**	**BRANDENBURG** (38 miles)	**1839** At **Brandenburg** the oldest **shunting hump** in Germany, and one of the oldest in the world, can be seen on the left.
At **Kirchmöser** is a large **Soviet Tank Repair Workshop** and a tank training area. This is to your right. In addition a radar installation can be seen in the distance to the left.	**0955**	**KIRCHMÖSER** (45 miles)	**1831** At **Kirchmöser** is a large Soviet **Tank Repair Workshop** and a tank training area. This is to your left. In addition a radar installation can be seen in the distance to the right.
In this area tanks and armoured vehicles can sometimes be seen on manoeuvres.	**1015**	**GUSEN** (66 miles)	**1812** In this area tanks and armoured vehicles can sometimes be seen on manoeuvres.
On leaving **Biederitz** there is a large inscribed "rock" close to the track, under a tree, known locally as the **"Biederitz Busch".** This marks the foundation of the German Socialist State and is to your left.	**1033** (arr)	**BIEDERITZ** (85 miles)	**1754** On approaching **Biederitz** there is a large inscribed "rock" close to the track, under a tree, known locally as the **"Biederitz Busch".** This marks the foundation of the German Socialist State and is to your right.
Before crossing the **River Elbe** there is a large **Soviet Engineer Barracks** on your left.	**1040**	**RIVER ELBE** (87 miles)	**1750** After crossing the **River Elbe** there is a large **Soviet Engineer Barracks** on your right.
In **Magdeburg** the Cathedral with its twin spires can be seen. A **prison,** believed to be for political prisoners can be seen on leaving **Magdeburg.** This is to your left.	**1049** (arr) **1050** (dep)	**MAGDEBURG** (90 miles)	**1741** (dep) **1738** (arr) On arriving at **Magdeburg** watch out for a **prison** believed to be for political prisoners, at **Magdeburg Sudenburg.** This is to your right. Also on the right is the Cathedral with its twin spires.

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POINTS OF INTEREST
(Travelling in a forward direction)

TO BERLIN (read up)

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(Travelling in a forward direction)

	1107 ↓	**OCHTMERSLEBEN** (100 miles)	**1725** ↑	
On arrival at **Marienborn,** the **OC Train, TCWO** and **Russian Interpreter** alight and present all the documents to a **Soviet Army Officer** for checking, while the engine is detached and searched. Shortly afterwards the train leaves the **'Corridor'.** Watch out on both sides for the **guard dogs, barbed wire, minefields** and **watch towers.**	**1124** (arr) **1138** (dep) ↓	**MARIENBORN** (113 miles) (EAST GERMANY) XXXXXXX|XXXXXXX (WEST GERMANY)	**1709** (dep) **1648** (arr) ↑	Shortly after leaving **Helmstedt,** the train enters the **"Corridor".** Clearly visible are the **wire, minefields** and **watch towers.** Look out also for **guard dogs.** At **Marienborn** the **OC Train, TCWO** and **Russian Interpreter** alight and present all the documents to a **Soviet Army Officer** for checking while the engine is detached and searched.
On arrival at **Helmstedt,** the first station in West Germany, the engine and the **East German Train Guard** are replaced by ones from the **West.**	**1147** (arr) **1205** (dep) ↓	**HELMSTEDT** (120 miles)	**1638** (dep) **1624** (arr) ↑	At **Helmstedt,** the last station in West Germany, the engine and the **West German Train Guard** are replaced by ones from the **East.**
On arrival at **Braunschweig** passengers de-train and continue their respective journeys by other agencies.	**1228** (arr)	**BRAUNSCHWEIG** (145 miles)	**1600** (dep)	The **British Military Train** (The **'Berliner'**) departs **Braunschweig** for its return journey to the divided city of **Berlin.**

The **'Berliner'** is shunted into sidings at **Braunschweig** where it is cleaned and prepared for its return journey to **Berlin** later on the same day.

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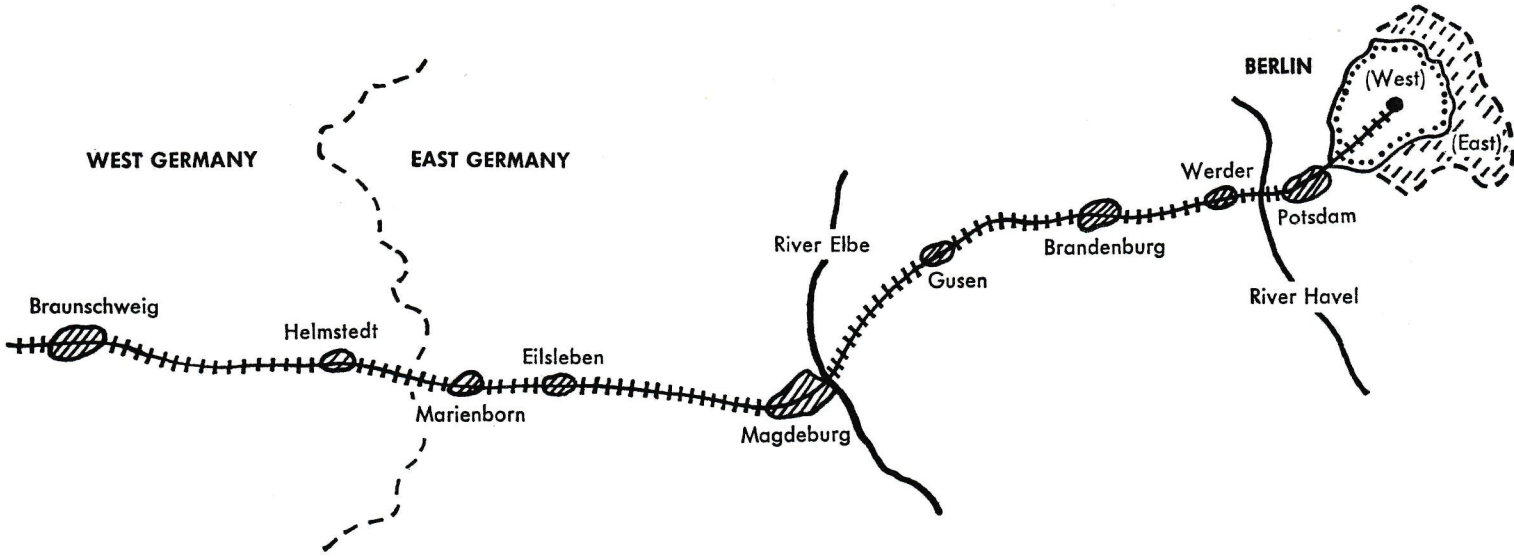
(THE 'BERLINER')



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'THE BERLINER'

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BRAUNSCHWEIG
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HELMSTEDT
Hauptbahnhof before 1600 hours

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Passengers travelling onwards from Braunschweig by rail via Hannover will be given further details by the TCWO.

Passengers who wish to shop in Braunschweig should board Tram No. 1 at Braunschweig Station and alight at Stadtmitte.

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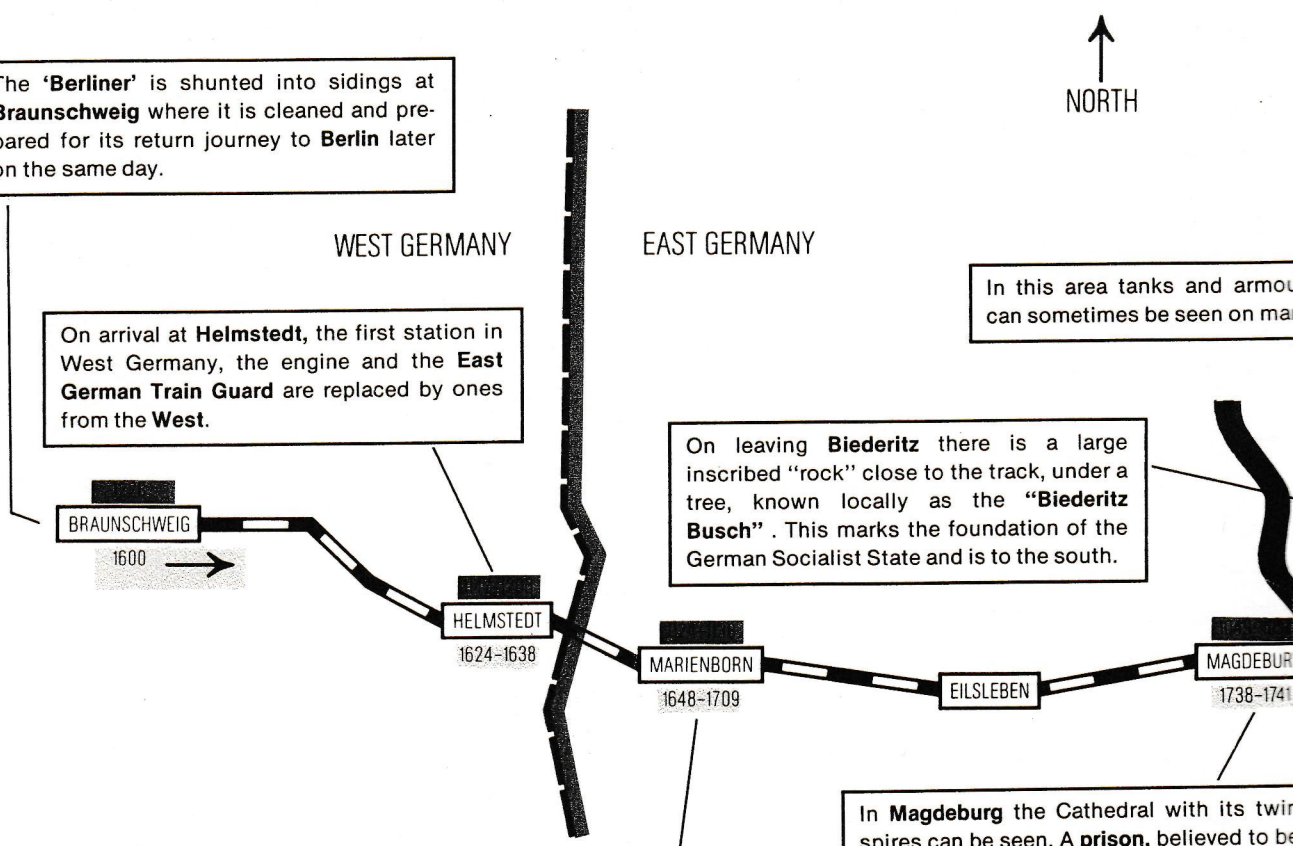

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The British Military Train **(The 'Berliner')** operates from **Charlottenburg Station** in the British Sector of **West Berlin.**

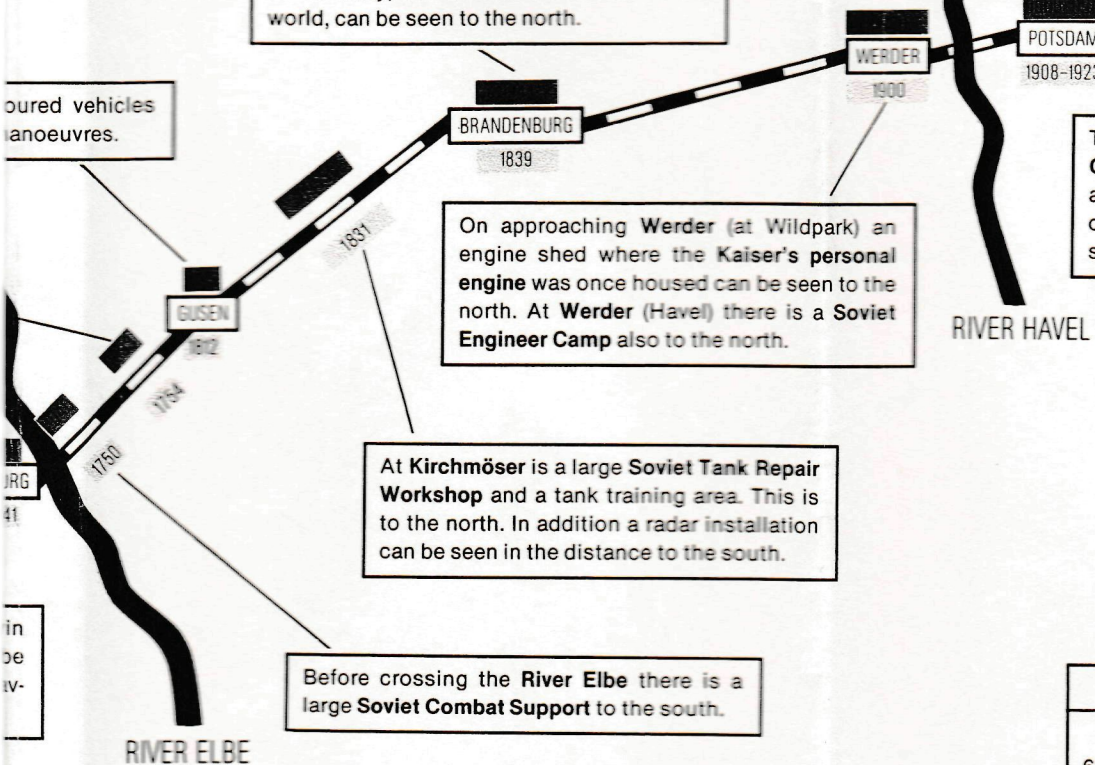
The **Funkturm** and **International Congress Centre** come into view to the north.

At **Potsdam** the engine is detached and searched and an East German Train Guard joins the train. On departure the following buildings can be seen to the north:

the **Inter-Hotel** and the ruins of the **Potsdam Palace** where the Potsdam agreement was signed on 2 August 1945.

At **Brandenburg** the oldest **shunting hump** in Germany, and one of the oldest in the world, can be seen to the north.

oured vehicles
anoeuvres.



The train enters the **"Corridor"** at **Griebnitzsee. "The Wall"**, look-out towers and posts and armed uniformed personnel of the DDR can be seen to the north and south.

On approaching **Werder** (at Wildpark) an engine shed where the **Kaiser's personal engine** was once housed can be seen to the north. At **Werder** (Havel) there is a **Soviet Engineer Camp** also to the north.

At **Kirchmöser** is a large **Soviet Tank Repair Workshop** and a tank training area. This is to the north. In addition a radar installation can be seen in the distance to the south.

Before crossing the **River Elbe** there is a large **Soviet Combat Support** to the south.

RIVER ELBE

THE USE OF
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TERMINAL TRANSPORT

BERLIN – Charlottenburg

62 Tpt and Mov Sqn RCT provide a coach service to deliver passengers to, and collect passengers from, the BERLINER.

This service operates from each of the British barracks' complexes and married quarters' areas. Passengers for Gatow and Kladow change coaches at Edinburgh House.

IMPORTANT

1. The following actions are prohibited:
   a) Using cameras and binoculars between Berlin and Helmstedt;
   b) Leaning out of the window;
   c) Throwing anything from the train;
   d) Speaking or attempting to converse with East German Nationals or Soviet personnel.
2. All passengers are to remain seated at all stops in East Germany.
3. Passengers are warned not to discuss any form of classified infomation when travelling on this train.
4. a) In the event of fire being discovered shout **FIRE** repeatedly and inform patrolling guards.
   b) Quickly move to a coach not involved in the fire and await further instruction from the TC WO Staff.
   c) You should not leave the train unless ordered to do so by TC WO Staff.
   d) DO NOT assemble in either the kitchen or baggage cars.

RCT

British Military Train (BMT)

The "BERLINER" is the only BRITISH military train in regular service in the world. Until October 1961 it connected with the military "CROSSED SWORDS" train which ran from HANNOVER to the HOOK OF HOLLAND. It has run continuously since 1945, every day of the year except Christmas Days and the BERLIN blockade 1948/49.

The "BERLINER" normally takes about four hours to cover the journey from BERLIN to BRAUNSCHWEIG. The train starts from CHARLOTTENBURG Station in West-BERLIN, and then stops at POTSDAM where the engine is inspected by EAST GERMAN Officials before its passage through EAST GERMANY. On your journey you will pass through BRANDENBURG, MAGDEBURG and MARIENBORN. At MARIENBORN all documents are checked at the RUSSIAN check point and the engine is once again checked by EAST GERMAN Officials. The train then passes into the GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC and stops at HELMSTEDT where a WEST GERMAN engine takes over from the EAST GERMAN engine. It terminates at BRAUNSCHWEIG main station where it is prepared for its return journey to BERLIN in the afternoon.

The General Officer Commanding Berlin (British Sector) is responsible for the "BERLINER". Its operation and administration is carried out by 62 Transport and Movements Squadron RCT (BERLIN) and with the services and co-operation of both the WEST and EAST GERMAN railways. The Military Train Staff is provided by units in BERLIN and the Dining car staff by Companie International Wagons Lits. The dining cars are victualled by Supply Depot, Ordnance Services BERLIN and NAAFI.

The BMT has a duty interpreter who may be from any regiment or corps and is attached to 2 Regiment Royal Military Police. On six days a week, there is also a member of the Berlin Postal and Courier Service, Royal Engineers. The British Military rolling stock is maintained daily by 14 (Berlin) Field Workshop REME.

The train has an Officer Commanding appointed for each journey by Headquarters Berlin Infantry Brigade. As a passenger you are responsible to him. The Train Conducting Warrant Officer (TCWO) Royal Corps of Transport is employed permanently as a member of the train staff. He is responsible for the day to day administration of the train and its passengers and would be pleased to answer any queries or deal with any travel problems that you may have.

The Officer Commanding 62 Transport and Movement Squadron RCT (BERLIN) and the Train Staff trust you enjoy your journey. If you have any suggestions to improve the service, or any complaints, please convey them to the Train Conducting Warrant Officer.

Annexure V

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OCCASIONAL LETTER NO 4

1. INTRODUCTION

These notes are again being issued in written form to save time at the Study Period and to keep informed those who are not able to attend the Study.

2. PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are offered to the following:

Lt Col Rob WALTERS upon promotion to Colonel wef 1 July
Maj Gordon ANDREW upon his promotion from Capt.

3. POSTINGS - IN

Lt Col Tony FELDMAN	To LO VBK 33
Maj Mike DUNN	To NTC Gouda
Maj Diane HENDERSON	To Wkpr Comm Z
Maj Bob DUCHARD	To SO3 No 3 Wargar
Maj Tony HAGON	To BRSC Rail
Maj David SANDERS	To SO2 MOD NL
Maj Tony HALES	To NTC Breda

4. POSTINGS - OUT

Capt Roland HUNT	To RARO
Maj David MEMBRY	Resigned
Maj David DURHAM	To RARO

5. CORRESPONDENCE

In previous letters I have expressed my concern that promt replies to letters were not being received. Far from improving the situation has deteriorated. This has caused considerable difficulty to those who have been tasked with organising training. A significant improvement is now long overdue! Please give this matter your attention.

Annexure V

6. PAST TRAINING

Ex Wintex
While this CPX had some rewarding moments the lack of adequate exercise play, due to the timeframe of the exercise setting, was frustrating. The scenario for Ex Wintex 91 will provide more interesting movements and LCC play.

Ex Lams Gambol III
This was again set in the Brecon Beacons and once more the weather was kind to us. The exercise tested map reading, individual cooking skills and endurance. The follow up activity located those muscles which had not been fully stretched on the mountain climb!

7. FUTURE TRAINING

The exercises for the 1989-90 training year have been the subject of considerable change. Firm bids have just been received and Comd Des will issue details shortly.

8. MILITARY DIRECTIVES

Dress
RCT Dress Regulations require RCT personnel to wear a tie with No 13 Dress - barrack dress with pulover.

Trousers Lightweight
The material is not fire retardant and these trousers can be a hazard if exposed to flame.

Off Duty Use of Service Vehicles
A driver who is authorised to use a service vehicle for an off duty journey will generally be personally responsible for any claims arising from that journey unless there is an insurance agreement covering it. (At present the MOD has no commercial cover against third party risks outside the UK but acts as its own insurer in respect of accidents arising from on duty journeys only.) Quote from LEA Andover SIC WBT/WCT 101253Z May 89.

9. Articles and cartoons are still being sought for publication in The Volunteer. Please consult Lt Col Robyn Lloyd Hughes if you are able to offer a contribution.

10. FAREWELL

As you know my tenure in command of the Lams expires at the end of this month. I have found this appointment to be significantly different from any of my previous military commands - as everyone knows the Lams are unique!

I am well aware that I have imposed increased training loads upon you; I am grateful for the support which you have given me and the manner in which you have enhanced the reputation of the Lams as a reliable, efficient and professional organisation.

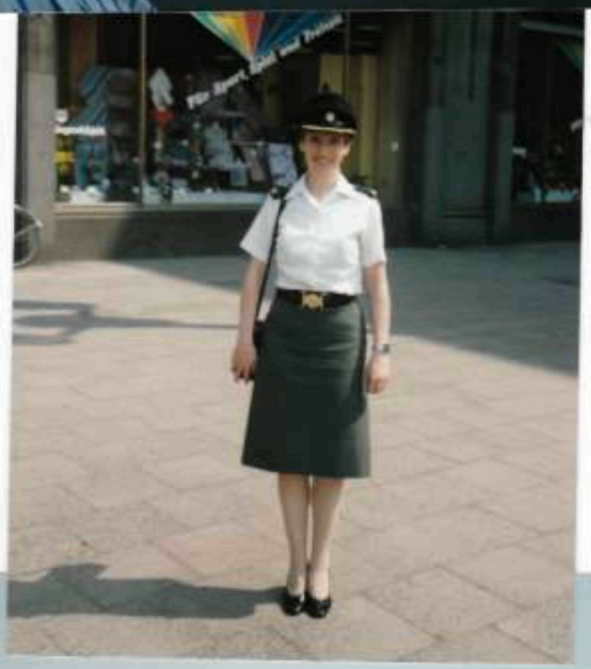
I have enjoyed my tour, your comradeship and your loyalty. I have every confidence that the reputation of the Lams can be further enhanced under Colonel Rob.

I send my best wishes for the future to all of you.

Rick Thorn.

Handover Visit

Berlin – Checkpoint Charlie



Maj Helen Homewood

East Berlin – Saturday rush hour!

Ex LAMS Gambol 3

Lt Col Mount & Col Ahern on the Brecon Beacon Recce

Lt Col Mount on left, Col Ahern right hand side

Ex LAMS Gambol 3

The start point

DIY lunch in the Brecon Beacons

Mounted LAMS (LAMS Yeomanry!)

The Soviet Military memorial in Berlin

The nameplate of the engine that pulled the British Military Train from Berlin to Marienborn, where a West German Deutsche Bundesbahn locomotive took over.