

SECRET

C.R.N.C. No. 2/19275/A.4

Subject:- Volunteers for Special Service.

Headquarters,	Yorkshire Area,
1st Corps,	Catterick Garrison,
10th Corps,	24th Army Tank Brigade,
12th Division,	45th Royal Tank Regiment,
Northumbrian Area,	2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade.
North Midland Area,	

Reference our C.R.N.C. No. 2/19275/A/1 dated 5th July 1940.

No. 5 Commando: Selection of Personnel:

1. Officers. (a) For Commando Headquarters and Troop Leaders have been selected in accordance with attached Appendix "A".
(b) Troop Subalterns will be selected by Troop Leaders in accordance with attached Appendix "B".
2. Other Ranks. (a) For Commando Headquarters by O.C. Commando.
(b) For Troops: By Troop Leaders in (a) & (b) accordance with Appendix "C". Selections will be restricted to those whose names have already been forwarded to Headquarters Northern Command.
3. Postings. Instructions as to postings will be issued later.
4. Nominal Rolls. Troop Leaders will submit Nominal Rolls of
(a) Subalterns } selected
(b) Other Ranks }
to Lt. Col. S.P. Wood, O.C. No. 5 Commando in care of Headquarters Northern Command ("A" Branch) not later than midnight 13th July 1940.
5. Units concerned will issue travelling warrants and funds for personal travelling expenses on the authority of this letter.
6. Acknowledge.

York.
10.7.40.
HRES/LJC.

M. G. A.
Colonel,
Assistant Adjutant General,
NORTHERN COMMAND.

Copy to:- A.D.C. to G.O.C. in C.

M.G.A.
M.S., Q., Q (M), ORD (1), C.S.O., R.A.,
S.T., M., C.E., G.

Lt. Colonel S.P. Wood,
O.C. No. 5 Commando, 45th R.T.R.
Capt. FM. Palmer (No. 1 Troop),
56th Training Regt. R.T.R. Catterick.
Capt. W.N. Cairns (No. 2 Troop)
1st K.D.G. Catterick

APPENDIX "A" TO C.R.N.C.2/19275 (A.4.) 10.7.40.

Officers selected for Commando Headquarters and as Troop Leaders No.5 Commando, Northern Command.

Commando Headquarters. C.O. LT. COL. S.P. WOOD, 24th Army Tank Brigade.
Major (fighting) Capt. J.M.T. Churchill, 2 Manchester Regt.
Subaltern (Admin) 2/Lt. J.C. Messant, 45 R. Tanks.

Liaison Officers.

2/Lt. J.N. Russell, 47 R. Tanks.
2/Lt. A.J. Ross-Smith, R. Tanks (Catterick)
2/Lt. D.S.M. Eadie, H.Q. 2 Div. Area.

Troop Leaders.

- No. 1 Troop : Capt. E.M. Palmer, 56th Training Regiment, R.T.R. Catterick.
No. 2 Troop : Capt. W.N. Cairns, 1st K.D.G. Catterick.
No. 3 Troop : Lieut. A.J. Leahy, 152nd O.C.T.U. R. Signals, Catterick.
No. 4 Troop : Lieut. G.R. Rees-Jones, 152nd O.C.T.U. R. Signals, Catterick.
No. 5 Troop : Capt. J.D. Ellerbeck, 2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade, 51st R. Tanks, Catterick.
No. 6 Troop : Capt. A.E. Holt, 2 Manchester Regt.
No. 7 Troop : Lieut. G.L.H. Hudleston, 320 Heavy Battery, R.A. Yorkshire Area.
No. 8 Troop : Capt. B.E.F. Armitage, 1 R. Scots (2nd Division)
No. 9 Troop : Capt. H.A. Bray, 2 Dorset. (2nd Division).
No. 10 Troop : Capt. R.S.M. Laird, I.T.C. E. Yorks.

TO C.R.N.C. 2/19275 (A.4.) 10.7.40.

Volunteers for selection as Troop Subalterns, No.5
Commando, Northern Command.

Serial No.	Troop Leader.	Present Unit.	Volunteers	Units.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	Capt. E.M.Palmer	56th. Training Regt. R.T.R. (Catterick)	2/Lt. J.B. Pine 2/Lt. A.M.Mylne 2/Lt. P.A.J. Garnons Williams 2/Lt. P.E.O.Bryan 2/Lt. G.A.Culham 2/Lt. I.G.D.Dunn	3rd. Draagoon Guards.Catterick. 51st.A/T Tg.Regt. R.A.Catterick. 123 O.C.T.U. Regt. 6 R.W.K. 12 th Division. 6 R.W.K. 12 Division. 262 Field Coy.R.E.
2.	Capt. Cairns will select two Subalterns	Royal Tank Regiment as agreed with Lt. Col. Wood verbally. Capt. W.N. Cairns 1st. K.D.G. Catterick	Lt. J.E.F.Growthier 2/Lt. H.G.Haslett. 2/Lt. V.H.S.Hanney 2/Lt. J.H.Kershaw 2/Lt. E.H.Bullen 2/Lt. P.T.Ward	50th Bn. West Yorks. ? Yorkshire Area. I.T.C. E.Yorks. Yorkshire Area. 3rd. T.B.R.E., Yorkshire Area 50th Bn.W.Yorks. Yorkshire Area. 50th Bn. West Yorks. ? Yorkshire Area. 58th Heavy Regt. R.A. ✓ Yorkshire Area. 2 M.T.Depot, R.E., Yorkshire Area. 9 Fd. Tg. Regt. R.A. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. F.C.Passy. 58th Heav. Regt. R.A. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. P.A.West 1st D.W.R. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. D.M.Mackintosh. 2 M.T.Depot R.E., Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. J.M.Roderick. 2/4. Essex, 54th Div. Morpeth.
3.	Lt. A.J.Leahy.	152 O.C.T.U., Royal Signals, (Catterick)	Lt. H.R.King 2/Lt. R.T.C. Addington. 2/Lt. F.C.Passy 2/Lt. P.A.West. 2/Lt.D.M. Mackintosh 2/Lt. J.M.Roderick.	2 M.T.Depot, R.E., Yorkshire Area. 9 Fd. Tg. Regt. R.A. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. F.C.Passy. 58th Heav. Regt. R.A. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. P.A.West 1st D.W.R. Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. D.M.Mackintosh. 2 M.T.Depot R.E., Yorkshire Area. 2/Lt. J.M.Roderick. 2/4. Essex, 54th Div. Morpeth.
4.	Lt. G.R.Rees-Jones	152 O.C.T.U., Royal Signals, (Catterick)	Lt. A.G.Le Broon 2/Lt. L.O.Gardner 2/Lt.D.H.Constable 2/Lt. A.D.Dickie 2/Lt. K.J.C.Fox	2nd Motor Machine Gun Brigade, 49th R.T.R. do. do. 1st Border Regt. 42nd Div. Darlington. 58th Heavy Regt. R.A. Yorkshire Area. Mddx. Regt. Northbn. Area.
5.	Capt. J.D.Ellerbeck	2 M.M.G.Bde. 51 R.T.R. (Catterick)		

Serial No.	Troop Leader.	Present Unit.	Candidates.	Units.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
6.	Capt. A. E. Holt	2 Manchester Regt.	2/Lt. H. G. W. Hamilton. 2/Lt. G. H. Wotton 2/Lt. J. E. Rice 2/Lt. W. Bainbridge 2/Lt. W. Churchward	105 Fd. Pk. R. E. 1st Corps Sigs. 1st Corps Sigs. 4 Cheshires. 2 S/Staffs. 59 Division.
7.	Lt. G. L. H. Hudleston	320 Hy. Bty. RA. (Yorkshire Area)	Lt. G. R. M. Stuart 2/Lt. E. C. Prest 2/Lt. J. M. Laing 2/Lt. D. C. Hopson 2/Lt. A. R. E. Davies. 2/Lt. M. S. Baird	10th Fd. Regt. R.A. 99th Fd. Regt. R.A. 2nd Division. 208 Fd. Coy. R.E. 2nd Division. Lancs. Fus. 2 Div. Ammn. Coy. 1 Camerons
8.	Capt. B. E. F. Armitage.	1 R. Scots. (2. Div.)	Lt. K. H. A. Fowler Lt. J. R. Cave-Brown 2/Lt. J. R. Ellson 2/Lt. L. T. Carmichael 2/Lt. D. B. Moore 2/Lt. H. L. M. Bailey Lt. J. G. Heron 2/Lt. J. A. L. Peebles.	7 Worcesters. 5 Field Coy. Essex Regt. att. 2 Norfolk. 1/6 Lan. Fus. 7 Worcesters. 7 Worcesters. 2 Dorsets 2 Dorsets.
9.	Capt. H. A. Bray	2 Dorset (2. Div.)	Lt. R. E. Riddell 2/Lt. P. H. Blagg 2/Lt. J. D. Marshall 2/Lt. Outhall 2/Lt. J. A. Nash 2/Lt. J. O. Moreton 2/Lt. D. S. Callender	10th Fd. Regt. R.A. 1 R. W. F. 1 R. Berks. 1 R. Berks. 10 Fd. Regt. R.A. 99 Fd. Regt. R.A. 1 Camerons.
10.	Capt. R. S. M. Laird	I. T. C. E. York.	2/Lt. F. S. Manford 2/Lt. J. N. Bellman 2/Lt. R. V. Jenner 2/Lt. W. J. Hemmant 2/Lt. E. R. C. Strologo 2/Lt. A. J. M. Painter	I. T. C. D. L. I. N'Brn. Area. 39th. Sig. Tg. Regt. N'Brn. Area. 52nd A/T Tg. Regt. N'Brn. Area. 52nd A/T Tg. Regt. N'Brn. Area. 25th. Med & Hvy. Tg. Regt. R.A. N'Brn. Area. Manchester Regt. N'Brn. Area.

1. Each Troop Leader will select two Subalterns from the Candidates shown in his Serial number above for service in No. 5 Commando.
2. Candidates will report for interview to Troop Leaders at Headquarters of the Troop Leader's present Unit as soon as possible.
3. Arrangements for para. 2 above, will be made direct between the Units concerned.

APPENDIX 'C' TO C.R.N.C. 2/19275 (A.4.) 10.7.40.

Selection - Other Ranks, No. 5 Commando, Northern Command.

Serial No.	Troop Leader.	Present Unit.	Units.	No. of
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	Capt. E. M. Palmer	56 Tg. Regt. R. T. R. Catterick.	H. Q. 42nd Div. 42 Div. Signals 52nd Fd. Regt. R. A. 56 A/Tk. Regt. R. A. 203 Fd. Pk. Coy. R. E. 5 Manch. R. 4. E. Lancs. R. F. S. P. 53 Fd. Regt. R. A. 1/5 Lan. Fus. 502 Pet. Coy. R. A. S. C. 503 Sup. Col. RASC. 1/6 Lan. Fus. 1 Border R.	3 27 8 14 11 10 56 7 20 41 9 8 17 25 246
		42nd DIVISION.		
2.	Capt. W. N. Cairns	1 K. D. G. Catterick.	51 (It) Tg. Regt. R. A. C. 51st A/T Tg. Regt. R. A. I. T. C. G. Howards Gen. Trades Bn. R. Sigs. 1st. Holding Bn. R. Sigs 1st Operators Bn. 56th A. Tg. Regt. R. A. C.	44 11 10 87 22 13 53 247
		CATTERICK GARRISON.		
3.	Lt. A. J. Leahy	152 O. C. F. U. R. Signals (Catterick)	As for 2.	240 80
4.	Lt. G. R. Rees-Jones	" " " "	As for 3.	
5.	Capt. J. D. Ellerbeck	2 M. M. G. Bde. 51 R. Tanks (Catterick)	25th A. T. Bde. H. Q. 49th Bn. R. T. R. 51st Bn. R. T. R.	4 30 30 64
6.	Capt. A. E. Holt	2 Manch. R.	102 A. Fd. Coy. R. E. 221 A. Fd. Coy. R. E. 105 Fd. Pk. Coy. R. E. 1st Corps Signals 2 Manch. R. 4 Cheshire R. RAOC (4 Cheshires) 107 A. Fd. Coy. R. E. 1st Corps Ammn. Pk. 1st Corps Ammn. Coy. 1st Corps Petrol. Pk. 140 Regt. R. A. 2 Lt. A. A. Bty. R. A. 1 Survey Regt. 1 Med. Regt. R. A. 52 Lt. A. A. Regt. R. A. 98 Fd. Regt. R. A.	4 5 10 35 21 35 7 4 35 13 18 7 1 20 16 52 12 295
		FIRST CORPS.		
7.	Lt. G. L. H. Hudleston	320 Hy. Bty. R. A. Yorks. Area.	24 Tank Bde. No. 2 M. T. Depot, R. E. No. 3 Tg. Bn. R. E. 6 Inf. Base Depot. ITC. E. Yorks ITC. KOYLI. 50th Bn. W. Yorks. R. 50th Bn. E. Yorks. R. ITC. W. Yorks. ITC. D. of W.	4 39 11 28 41 16 61 - 35 12 247
		YORKSHIRE AREA.		

Serial No.	Troop Leader.	Present Unit.	"2"	Volunteers Units	No. of Volunteers
7	(Capt.) Lt. G.L.H. Hudleston.	320 Hy. Bty. R.A. Yorks. Area		(50th. Bn. G. Howards. 58th. Hvy. Regt. R.A. 85th. Stn. Coy. RASC 50 Holding Bn. Y.&L. 1 Coy. Air Form. Sigs. 2 Coy. Air Form. Sigs. 9 Fd. Trg. Regt. 321 Hvy. Bty. R.A. 183 Hvy. Bty. R.A. 182 Hvy. Bty. R.A. 320 Hvy. Bty. R.A.	247 6 46 4 4 17 5 36 2 41 2 4 207
		Yorkshire Area:-			
8	Capt. B.E.F. Armitage	1 R. Scots (2. Div)		H.Q. 2nd. Div. 2 Norfolks 1 R. Scots 1/8 Lan. Fus. 2 Dorsets 7 Worcesters 1 R.W.F. 1 Camerons 1 R. Berks. 10 Fd. Pk. Regt. 16 Fd. Regt. 99 Fd. Regt. 13 A/T Regt. 5 Fd. Coy. 208 Fd. Coy. 21 Fd. Pk. Coy. 2 Div. Sup. Col. 2 Div. Amm. Col. 2 D.L.I. 2 Div. Pet. Coy. 506 Fd. Pk. Coy. R.E.	21 19 21 3 6 78 14 38 47 18 9 25 16 10 1 22 15 1 40 3 8
		2nd. Division:-			
9	Capt. H.A. Bray	2 Dorsets 2 Div.		(As for 8.)	396 198
10	Capt. R.S.M. Laird	I.T.C. E. Yorks.		As for 7.	

1. Personnel will be selected from volunteers whose names have already been submitted to Headquarters Northern Command.
2. O.C. Commando will select Commando H. Q. from all such available volunteers.
3. Each Troop Leader will select 47 Other Ranks from volunteers showing in his Serial Number above.
4. Arrangements for these interviews will be made direct between Selecting Officers and Formation or Area concerned.