

Langdale

4 – 5 January

Team. Sgt MacGowan + 8

Vehicles. RL, Amb, RVT, TCV2

Cook

Sat. Shenton

Sun. Hickinbothom

Sat.

H1, MacGowan, Hickinbotham, Goldsbrough.

Patterdale Common, Striding Edge, Helvelyn, Nethermost and Dollywagon Pikes, Grisedale Tarn, down Grisedale Beck.

H2, Loftus, Morning, Hollister, Morton.

St Sunday Crag, Fairfield, Seat Sandal, Grisedale Tarn to link with H1

H3, Woodyatt, Dunn, Bransby.

Langdale Horseshoe.

Sun.

H1, MacGowan, Loftus, Morton, Shenton, Hollister.

Little Carrs, Swift How, Coniston Old Man.

H2, Morning, Woodyatt, Dunn, Bransby, Goldsbrough.

Reciprical.

Weather. Sat, High Winds, Sunny Intervals.

Sun, Low Cloud, Very high winds, Some Rain,

Comments.

A wet windy, but enjoyable weekend.

Nice to see Moo again.

T.J.Loftus

Good weekend some 'new' hills done

Greenfield

11 - 12 January

Team. SAC Woodyatt + 8

Vehicles:-RL, Amb, RVT, TCV2.

Cook
Sat. Atkins
Sun, Dunn

Sat.

H1, Woodyatt, Dunn

Climbing Robs Rock, Chew

H2, McDougall, Mitchell

Climbing

H3, Baily, Hollister, Hickinbotham, Bransby.

Holme moss and Middle edge moss

Sun.

H1, Baily, Mitchell, Bransby, Atkins

H2, H2 McDougall, Hickinbotham

Climbing. Wimberry Rocks

H3, Woodyatt, Hollister

Climbing

Weather. Sat, High Winds.

Sun, High Winds and Heavy Rain intervals.

Comments. On Saturday H3 searched for and located three aircraft wrecks, and confirmed their position and amended the wreck card.

H1 noticed a lad with exposure (he had fallen in a stream and had walked about after for 3 hours in high winds). He was evacuated by the TCV to base and after treatment recovered and was taken home

Sun. Due to bad weather conditions most troops had to abandon their routes but received a good soaking from the heavy rain.

In all an interesting and eventful weekend.

Danny

Team SAC Loftus + 11

Vehicles. RL, Amb, RVT, TCV1.

Fri Night

Team called out (practice) for the M.P.M.A.P. exercise at 23.00 arrived at control by 23.15. Tony was sent to Great Hill as a radio link. By 00.15 the team had been given an area to search (Party).

At 03.50 the team was deployed with a stretcher to the top of Darwen Moor where a member of Bolton MRT was suffering from exposure, he was evacuated to a roadhead then taken in the Stafford Ambulance to Bolton Royal Infirmary. 08.00 Team stood down.

Sat Night

Dibrief by Bolton Team Leader.

Sun

Joint exercise with Rossendale at Anglezark quarries, stretcher lowering for novice members of both teams.

Remarks

Several points noted this weekend firstly. It has become apparent that we need a mountain tent on a packframe to be kept in the Wop Waggon.

2. The team ground stakes are totally inadequate. 3 Some form of edge roller is required.

4 In the actual incident on Friday night the Stafford team did the majority of the work and showed how they work better in bad conditions.

5 Bo Incident report was submitted as the incident was considered to be between Bolton MRT and us.

Weather Fri/Sat. Very Cold high winds and driving rain.

Sun. Cold, slight snow shower, Overcast

T.J.Loftus

Wasdale Head

1 – 3 Feb

Team. SAC Loftus + 11 + Trek

Vehicles RL, RVT, Amb, Trooper TU 250

Sat. H1 Loftus
Hickinbothom
Morton
Went over to Eskdale to do some dog training. We also had a go on the OB School ropes Course, very good fun.

Cook

Wakefield H2 Heally
Douglas
Bransdy
Up to Sty head then lethargy set in. (not so good Mick)

H3 Shenton
Mitchell
Smith
Up over Blacksgil Pass then over to, Gatesgarth. They rang for a pick up it took over an hour

H4 Woodyatt
Bailey
Atkins
Up Great Gable, then Nigel twisted, his ankle so the rout was aborted.

Taff found it nescesary to recline himself in the river due to the low quality of his cooking

Sun. H1 Loftus
Hickinbothom
Over to Gatesgarth to take part in the do training course.

Cook H2 Heally
Bailey Morton
Bransby
Mosedale Horseshoe

H3 Woodyatt
Atkins
Wakefield
Needle Ridge on Gable then up to summit

Remarks

The cooking this weekend was well below the normal standard. Nigel should have gone to the river as well but time was against us. Otherwise a very good weekend, if a lazy one.

T.J.Loftus

Tatham Bridge

7 – 9 Feb

Team SAC Loftus + 9 + Civvy

Vehicles RL, RVT, Amb, Trooper

Sat.

H1 Loftus
Lloyd
Whalley
Bransby
Keith

H2 Woodyatt
Hickinbothom
Dunn

H1 Set off in wagon to do Boar Fell but decided it was to far from base we settled for Whernside and Ingleborough.

H2 Set off to do Jingling Cave and Rowton cave and after some trouble finding them had a good day underground.

The weather was fairly good but a cold wind blew.

Sun.

Team went off to Twistleton scars rock climbing in really bonus weather. Taught novices absailing and prussiking.

Remarks.

A really enjoyable weekend with some great weather. It may be a good idea to go to Skirfair Bridge next time in the dales.

T.J.Loftus

Incidents

Rescued a Ram from a wire fence.

Call Out

12 – 13 Feb

Team Sgt McGowan + 16 + Trek the dog

Vehicles. RL, RVT, Amb, TCV1-2, CF Van.

The team was called out at 18-15 on the 12th to assist Leeming M.R.T. in search for a missing youth.

Team arrived at base camp at 01-00 and pitched tents near Leemings bothy.

Everyone was up by 07-30 the following morning and after a briefing and some delay getting gear ready drove off to the search area.

We had just started an extended Line Search, over easy ground when we were recalled as the youth had been found.

Paddy and Norman the shot off to Grassington for a debrief, while the rest took down the base camp and went to the miners. Where Mick Healy fell into a tub of water.

Returned to Stafford By 18-30.

Other teams involved

Cook Wakefield

RAF Leeming M.R.T.

Upper Wharfdale F.R.T.

Cave Rescue Organisation.

Lake District M.R.O.

Edale M.R.T. su

Buxton M.R.T. su

Derby M.R.T.

Eskdale O.B.M.S.

S & R Dogs (England)

RAF STAFFORD MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM INCIDENT

Nature of Incident
missing hillwalker

Number of Rescuces ...one..... total
Uninjured .999... Walking one
Casualties

Authority AlertingNRCC.....
Team Alerted121815Z Feb..... date/
time

Stretcher
Casualties ...nil..... Dead ...nil.....
Casualty Evacuation

Called Out121815Z Feb..... time

...one... Walking .200... miles .200..) feet
of
.....NIL Stretcher miles)*ascent/
XXXXXXXX

Arrived in Search Area/At Incident*
.....130100Z Feb..... time

Final Evacuation by: Police Range Rover.
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Composition of MRT4..... Officers
.....1..... SMCs
.....12..... Airmen

Casualty Evacuated to Grassington
Incident Completed ...131200Z Feb..... date/time
Arrived at Base/Station*131810Z Feb..... time
RCC Informed131830Z Feb..... date/time

Other SAR Forces Involved ..RAF.....
Leeming, Police, Civilian Teams
and Dog Search & Rescue Teams
Area searched
How Stean Beck MR 90/0673
Duration of Search3 Hours.....
Weather Conditions Good.....
Map Reference of Incident 90/069688
Located byCivilian MRT.....
at131045Z Feb..... time

Vehicle Mileages Bedford RL 371 Miles
RVT 371 Miles
TCV 3 3/48 Miles
TCV 4 380 Miles
Amb 380 Miles

Comments on Equipment

No specialised equipment used.

*Delete words not applicable

Narrative (to be continued on back of form if necessary)

RAF Stafford MRT were alerted by NRCC at 1815Hrs to assist in a search for a 15 year old boy, TREVOR JOHN EDWIN STONE, John Street, Thurnascoe, Barnsley. He had been missing since Sunday February 9th, having set out to walk from Grassington to Middlesmoor. He lost his way and bivouaced in poor visibility. He remained encamped until he saw one of the Civilian MRTs on the search. He made contact with them and was walked off the hill.

Distribution: HQ (Ops(ESR)b(RAF))
HQ Support Command
HQ No 18 (M) Group -
(UK teams only)
HQ NORMAN (for RCC)
Station Commander (via Mg Cdr 'A')
OC MRT
CRO
ST/1090/1/ORG
MR Section

Date ..February 11th 1975.....
Signature
Rank/NameSgt MacGowan R.C.....
(To be signed by O or NCO IC MRT)

RAF Stafford MRT was sweepsearching another sector (How Stean Beck) and discontinued the search on receiving communication that the boy had been found. He was well equipped with sufficient food to last a further three days. He had been instructed to remain where he was in the event of being lost. This he did implicitly

Team. Sgt McGowan + 16

Vehicles. RL, RVT, Amb, TCV1 – 2, CF VAN.

Sat	H1 Loftus McDougall Bransdy Other	H2 Bailey Mitchell Paddy Watson Dunn.	Cook Anderson.
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H1. Elider fawr, over the Arete to Mynedd Perfedd where an igloo was built and we were joined by H2. Up Foel Goch and then round to Y-Garn and down to Ogwen Cottage.

H2. Carnedd – Filiast then as H1.
Weather. Sunny but cold.

Sun	H1 Sgt MacGowan F/L Watson F/O Daukins	H2 SAC Healy F/L LLoyd Bransby ANO	H3 SAC Bailey SAC Wakfield ANO	H4 J/T McDougall LAC Anderson SAC Dunn CPL Mitchell	Cook SAC Loftus
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H1. Aborted attempt on Flying Buttress

H2. Aborted attempt on Iouaneddau

H3. Aborted at foot of Devils Kitchen continued via miners track ↑ Tryfan and return to Ogwen cottage.

H4. Climbed Ordinary Route on Idwal Slabs.

Weather: High winds Gusting 50 knots. Heavy rain

Idwal: Ordinary route best done in wellys next time in such weather.

Alle Lloyd and Brad Steele had a few farewell drinks in the Castle Saturday night and Sunday morning. They were below par on Sunday – little “Reduced Ofs”

Operation on Camp

Feb 22 – 23

Object Lowering Techniques.

Sgt MacGowan

+ 10

Cpl Lee Taylor

SAC Dunn

SAC Meaning

SAC Healy

SAC Hellister

SAC Mitchell

SAC Hickinbotham

LAC Anderson

SAC Wakefield

Cpl Mitchell 2MT

Saturday 22 Feb _Lowering – Vertical & Horizontal Stretcher

Absailing – Classic, Seat & Figure of eight

Location Dr Exon Quarry nr. Gnosall Staffs.

Sunday 23 Feb. Tragsitz Lowering & Absailing.

Some little climbing while awaiting turn on lowering

Weather. Sat. Fine & clear Sun. Some Rain showers with mist.

Comments. More practice needs on Horizontal lowers& Tragsitz.

Problem of belaying on mud and topsoil arise on Dr Exons Quarry top. We could have use the proposed ground stakes – good place to try them out when we get them made up.

R.C.MacGowan Sgt

Millbeck

28 – 2 March

Team SAC Morning + 10

Vehicles RL, RVT, TCV2 – Amb

Sat H1

Morning
Loftus
Bailey
Smith

H2

Wodyatt
Hickinbothom
Taylor
Anderson
McDougall

Cook. Healy

H1. Up Barrow then up the track to Grag Hill then Hopegill Head and Grizedale Pikes and down. A very pleasant horseshoe route.

H2 Climbing at Black Crag and Shepards Crag

Sun.

H1 Morning
Loftus
McDougall
Anderson
Smith
Woodyatt

H2 Heally
Taylor
Bailey

Cook Morning

H1 Climbing at Shepards Crag

H2 Scafell.

Team Sgt MacGowan +11 + 1

Vehicles Whole Fleet.

Sat.

Paddy and Dan Roberts (O.M.R.T.Ldr) went off to arrange a joint ex.

H2	H3	H4	<u>Cook</u> Hollister
Woodyatt	Loftus	Anderson	
Herrion	Cook	Dunn	

Climbing at Robs Rock (See Climbing Log)

H3 then walked round the edges to Ravenstones and back through the tunnel to do some dog training.

H5. Taylor. Chew resy then Lladdow and over to
Gity. Black Hill and back via Holme Clough
Wakfield.

H6 Morning Route in Dovestones Quarry then
Morton over to Black Hill
Atkins
Bransby

Sun

Cook Atkins

Team called out for a mock call out at 10.40, to a quarry up the road. There the Police and Oldham M.R.T. had set up a control using a major accident unit.

The team was sent to do a sweep search with Oldham and the Police to sweep search Featherbed Moss a very boggy and difficult area.

They were later redeployed to search a rocky area in Holme Clough. Two casualties were found and one was evacuated by stretcher.

The purpose of the exercise was to give Greater Manchester Police an idea of the difficulties involved in moorland search.

Langdale.

14 – 16 March

Team Sgt MacGowan + 10 + (3 ccf + their teacher C.Dicks Notts High School)

Vehicles Whole Fleet

Fri.

Mock call out at 12.30 for the benefit of the C.C.F. Cpl Taylor hid by the stream leading to Stickle Tarn. A party search and then a sweep search located the casualty with a broken leg by 13.30. the CCF then did some first aid and helped carry the stretcher for a short distance. The team bivied for the night.

Sat H1 MacGowan Morning Dunn	H2 Loftus Gill Hollister 3 CCF C. Dick	H3 Woodyatt Heron	Cook Mitchell
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H1. Stickle Tarn, Jacks Rake, High Raise, Sergeant Mann, and the Langdale Pikes
H2. Langdale Pikes, High Raise, and Sergeant Mann, with some rappelling on low crag.
H3. Bowfell, Crinkle Crag.

Sun. H1 MacGowan + 3 CCF	H2 Loftus Morning Gill Heron	H3	Cook Holster
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H1. Side Pike Oakhouse Crag & Return.

H2. Striding Edge, Helvelyn, and down Swirl Edge.

H3

Weather, Sat. Sunny but Cold
Sun. Sunny but Cold

Woody and Eric did a night ascent of Middlefell Buttress on Friday Night.

Joint Exercise with Valley & Leeming

Dollgarog

21 – 23 March

Team Sgt MacGowan + 10

Vehicles Full Fleet

Sat.

The weekend was a joint exercise with Valley and Leeming, the exercise started at 09.00 with a briefing by the U/T Team Leaders. The teams were split into three search areas and teams under the leadership of a u/t Team Leader.

The search was concentrated on the Carnedds. The two casualties were located by the early afternoon, one in a cwm, who was walked off via the Foel Fras refuge. The other was badly injured on a crag under He was evacuated by stretcher lower.

The exercise finished by 1900 hrs. A debrief was held later that evening and it was suggested that radio procedure should be tightened up.

Sun.

Everybody went climbing to various crags.

H1 MacGowan
Cook
Taylor
Gill

H2 Loftus
Dawkins

H3 McDougall
Anderson
Hickinbothom
Mitchell

H1 Idwal Slabs. H2. Clogwyn-Y-Cyrach. H3 Milestone.

Weather. Sat Low Cloud, cold high up
Sun Low Cloud, Rain sunny later

Cooks
Shenton
Hickinbothom

Helgi

Easter Grant 1975

28 – 31 March

Team Sgt MacGowan + 11

Vehicles. RL, RVT, Amb, Flt 4

Flt 3 Stood by

Staurday 29

Cook Healy

H1 Paddy MacGowan

H2

Trevor Loftus

Jim Morning

Roy Heckinbothom

Flyn Shenton

Taff Wakefield

Stew Anderson

Phil Bransby

Bob Hawkinson

Sean MacGowan (jn)

Gus Douglas

AND Tony Jones T.L. Og Valley M.R.

H1 Route: - Tryfan via Naith Ridge, Return via Bwlch Teyfe to Ogwen Cottage.

H2. Route: - Aber → Drum → Foel Geoch → Carnedd Llewlyn → Carnedd Dafydd Penyrole Wen, Ogwen Cottage.

Weather: - Good Visiability Snow Cold soft going on Caceddau.
Fine Little wind except on Ridges

Sunday 30

Cook Phil Bransby

H1 Paddy MacGowan

Route circumnavigation of

Trevor Loftus

Sean MacGowan

Llyn Idwel with Polybags.

Tony Jones Og Valley

H2. Jim Morning

Tryfan, Glyders, Y Garn

Flyn Shenton

Bob Hawkinson

Elidie Lawe to Montfeire

Stew Anderson

H3

Mick Healy

Y Garn The Glyders

Taff Wakefield

to Peny Pass

H4

Roy Hinkinbothom

Tremadoc to Climb

Gus Douglas

no route available

Weather Some mist Strong Winds occasionally.

Snow even soft on ridges.

H2 Complete part 2 of their 14 Peaks syndcon.

MacGowan jnr. u/s after polybag reseed attempt.

Monday 31

Cook Paddy MacGowan

H3 Jim morning
Stew Anderson
Phil Beansley
Snowdon Horseshoe –
Crib Goch → Crib Ddysgol → Summit
↓ Miners track.

H2 Trevor Loftus
Tony Jones Og Vally
Succeeded.
Penyhelgidu C. Llywelyn
Carnedd Dafydd Penyrolewen

H4 Taff Wakefield
Skippe Rossendale MRT
ANO “
Succeeded
Moel Sialiod
& Return

H5 Roy Hickenbothom
Gus Douglas
Snowden Horseshoe. Failed
Llywedd Summit & Miners Track

Weather Poor Visibility & Rain

Successful weekend Complete 14 peaks conquered.

P MacGowan Sgt

Tatham Bridge

4 – 6 April

Team SAC Loftus + 10

Vehicles Full Fleet

Sat

H1	Loftus Whalley Kerton Morton	Whernside & Inglebrough.	H3 Taylor Hickinbothom
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H2	Morning McDougall Anderson	3 Peaks	Pen-Y-Ghent Simon Fell
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Cook Wakefield

Sun

Everyone went off to the Malham area and walked up Gordale Scar round by the Tarn and back down to Malham Cove and Village

Cook Taylor

Weather.

Fairly good throuout the weekend, some snow on the hills on Sat but clearing gradually

Remarks

Malham Cove appears to offer good scope
For stretcher lowering, with a vertical height
Of 300 ft.

A very enjoyable weekend

T Loftus

LAST WEEKEND OF THE BOMB

Grasmere

11 – 13 APRIL

Team Sgt MacGowan + Trevor Loftus, Jim Morning, Dave Mitchell,
Eric Hollister, Stew Anderson, Bob Kenton,
Barry Atkins, Grahame Morton.

Vehicles R.L. R.V.T. Flt 3 & Flt 4

Ambulance on Camp

Saturday 12

Cook Trevor Loftus

H1 Paddy MacGowan + Dave Mitchell Bob Kenton Barry Atkins
Eric Hollister.

Route: - Kirkstone Pass Hotel – Stony Cove Pike – The Beacon

High Street – High Raise The Knott

Hayeswater Gill to Brotherswater Hotel.

H2 Jim Morning + Stew Anderson Grahame Morton

Route: - Wastwater Hotel – Lingwell Crag Scarfell to

Scarfell Pikes via Piese Gill & Corridor Route to Wastwater Hotel.

Weater. Some Rain Cloud & Hill Mist about 2000'

Sunday 13

Cook Stew Anderson

H1 Paddy MacGowan + Trevor Loftus, Eric Hollister

Bob Kenton Barry Atkins Grahame Morton

Wynose Pass – Hard Knott Pass Eskdale with a visit to

Eskdale O.B.M.S. Zip Wire & Parachute Leep. For the boys

H2 Jim Morning + Dave Mitchell.

Nov Training

& Route Finding with Introduction to M.L.C. Syllabuse

Weather, Hill Mist, Rain Occasionally – Damp

New Campsite Travellers Rest Inn Grassmere (Ron Collins)
Excellent place Very well liked by the Troops

R.C.MacGowan

Rossendale Assessment Weekend

Greenfield

18 – 20 April

Team Sgt MacGowan + Trevor Loftus, Tony Dunn, I. Woodyatt, Dave Mitchell
+11 Phil Brealy, Barry Atkins, Stew Anderson
Glen Shenton, Graham Morton, Eric Hollister,
Spider Gill

Vehicles All

Joint Exercise with Bolton, South Ribble, Rossendale & Oldham MRTs

Object to assess Calder Valley as a sub unit possible.

Calder Valley unavailable. Rossendale also requested trial

So Pete Quest & team were put in at the deep end.

Saturday 19th

03.10 hrs phone Calder Valley Not Available.

04.30 hrs Reorganised time scale. Cock up

Cook 05.30 hrs Troops called.

Dunn 06.20 hrs Troops away

06.25 hrs Rossendale Team Leader Called

Exercise begin

08.30 hrs South Ribble arr. & briefed

09.30 hrs Oldham " "

10.00 hrs Bolton " "

Sweep searches carried out in very poor visibility 20/50 yds

With strong winds & heavy rain occasionally

Search completed 17.30 hrs.

Sunday 20th Tragsitz & Stretcher Lowering practice with
Rossendale M.R.T. finishing with 1,000' Steep ground controlled
Lower & carry off.

Cook Woodyatt

Weather Seave Cloud – Fine

Rossendale passed as Sub Unit

P MacGowan Sgt

TATHAM BRIDGE

25 – 27 April

TEAM Sgt MacGowan Loftus, Morning, Shenton, Atkins, Beasby
+11 Gill, Dunn, Healy, Hollister, Mitchell,
Mocton + C Dicks plus 4 cadets.

Saturday 26th

Cook Jim Morning

Malham Cove: - 300' Absails + 300' Stretcher lowers

Whole team except cook involved. Good Day

Good Weather Good Lowers few frights!!

Sunday 27th

Day of the Three Peaks Race

Jim Morning & Grahame Mocton' Raced around the 3 peaks in 5 1/2 hours.

H1 Paddy MacGowan + TrevorLoftus, Tony Dunn, with Cecil Dick and his 4 cadets
from Notts, High School

Walk up Pen y Ghent and back to Horton in Ribblesdale. Then to Twqistleton Scar to
teach Absailing and some climbing to the Notts ladsd

Weather Fine

Listened out on the 3 Peaks Race which was being covered by Mac Boyd and his

Merry Leeming Lads

A Good Weekend

Cook Glyn Shenton Excellent meal

R MacGowan

Team Cpl M. Taylor, + 9

Healy, Hollister, Atkins, Kenton, Cox, Bransley, Anderson, Gill, Morning.

Saturday

H1 M. Taylor, Anderson, Cox,
Climbing at Worlds End ↑ Parachute 30' H.V.S.
↑ Unnamed 40' H.V.D. ↑ Unnamed 30' H.S.

H2 Healy Corwem, Cader Berwyn.
Atkins Moel Sych, Tan y Pystyll.
Gill

Unfortunately due to Atkins experiencing leg trouble and Healy having a hard time with the Silva 1st Compass the Party aborted and returned to Base.

H3 Morning, Kenton Bransley
Reciprocal of above route.

Cook: - Hollister who produced a fine meal

Sunday: -

H1 Morning, Kenton, Anderson, Bransley
Climbing World End
Several routes from V.Diff to VS were done.

Morning and Anderson attempted an artificial line but gave up after 15ft.

H2 Healy
Hollister Tan y Pystyll to Corwen via Moel Sych and Cader Benuyn.

Cook: - M Taylor Base Driver: - Atkins

Excellent weekend enhanced by perfect weather conditions.

Phil Bransley last weekend, prior to posting to Germany.

Sunday 11th May

Cook Spider Gill

H1 Paddy Mac, Norman Dawkins, Taff Wakefield, Barry Atkins, Tony Dunn.

Classic (2), Seat (3), Descender (4) Methods of Adsailing
Finished with Prussicing – with slings & Clog clamps.

H2 Mick Taylor & Stew Anderson

Climbing

H3 Lee Taylor & Trevor Loftus with Trek to Dog training session with Edale
M.R.T. people.

Weather Cloudy at first, clearing fine.

Good Weekend, Spider needs training in Alarm Clock setting

P MacGowan

Stockport Display

May 16 – 18

Operation on Camp

Assisting Kinder M.R. with Display,

Saturday 17th

Team Sgt MacGowan Cpl Taylor (Mick) Cpl Taylor (Lee) SACs Loftus Dunn Mitchell,
Healy, Kenton, Wakefield Anderson Cox & Woodyatt.

Gave demonstration of Prussicing, Absailing, Tragsite and Stetcher Lowering

At Woodbank Park Stockport.

Sunday 18th

Rock climbing at Chee Dale

Team Sgt MacGowan Cpl Taylor (Mick) Cpl Taylor (Lee)

SACs Dunn Morning Anderson Cox Wakefield Kenton Woodyatt.

Mick Taylor + Stew Anderson,
Jim Morning

Doggone Grove 100ft V.S.

Paddy MacGowan Lee Taylor Taff Wakefield Tony Dunn Walked down the Tor to Water Cu Jolly stopped by Mick Hammond at Millers Dale and asked to assist in Crag Rescue at Stanage Edge. Climber already rescued on our arrival.

A Good Sunday, Saturday was basically a waste of a good Hill day but was good for Public Relations.

P MacGowan
Sgt

Whitsun Grant

23 – 26 May 75

Base Camp Brynegon.

Saturday 24th June

Cook Glyn Shenton

Combined Exercise with Ogwen Vally Rossendale & Bolton M.R.TS.

Combined Parties went Walking on Glyders & Carneddau.

Mick Taylor & Stew Anderson went sick with Upset Stomachs due to previously drinking stream water.

Sunday 25th June

Cook Dave Mitchell

Combined Parties

Climbing Day see climbing log book

Trev Loftus & Mick Wakefield

Rescued injured Climber on East Face of Tryfan.

Non Climbing Parties

H3 Trev Loftus & Mick Wakefield + other team's Troops.
North face of Tryfan.

H3 Mick Healy & Spider Gill + other teams Troops.
West to East Ridge of Carneddau

Inter Team Sports

Bolton & Rossendale//Stafford & Valley

Stafford & Valley easily won the games evening

Monday 26th June

Cook Mick Healy

Combined Climbing Parties. For routes done by
Stafford Members see Climbing Log

Weather mostly acceptable Excellent for the Sunday Evening Games.Very enjoyable

Great good activities good base and good camping

R MacGowan

Team

Sgt MacGowan +

Plus 14

Mick Taylor
Trevor Loftus
Mick Healy
Jim Morning
Woody Woodyatt
Dave Mitchell
Eric Hollister
Stev Anderson
Spider Gill
Lee Taylor
Barry Atkins
Niel Cox
Frank Phillips
Taff Wakefield

All Vehicles Used

Bamford

30 May – 1st June

Team Cpl Taylor + 10

Saturday: -

H1 Taylor (Mick)
Dunn

Climbing at Yarnfield Quarry. 111/255794

↑	Cardinals Crack	65ft	V.S.
↑	Ants Arete	55ft	S.
↑	Latecomer	55ft	V.S.

The last route climbed in 64 by Don Morrison is recommended

H2 Healy
Gill Edale to Crowden
Philipson

H3 Hollister
Wakefield Crowden to Edale
Cox
Atkins

Unfortunately the above day and routes were cut short by a call to base by Normar putting us on immediate standby for a missing walker. In the Northern Pennines. This standby was to last for the duration of the weekend. The walker who had been missing for two day eventually turned up, located by Police at his Sisters.

The main reason we didn't in fact join in the search was because the mid pennine panel said they didn't require our assistance, although a Helicopter was asked for. This was much to the consternation of the controller at Petrivie.

It appears the Mid Pennine people wanted to keep it in the family so to speak.

Base: - Loftus

Sunday 1st June

Taylor
Dunn
Loftus
Atkins
Philipson
Wakefield
Healy
Gill

Pulley Systems and
Rope Techniques at
Yarncliffe Quarry

Base: - Hollister: - who did a good job in cooking and keeping base camp in an immaculate condition.

A good informative weekend especially in communications. All hill parties off the hill in one hour. The weather stayed kind to us

Mick Taylor.

Team. Cpl M Taylor + 10

Saturday 7th

H1 Mick Taylor.
Cox.
Wakefield.

Scafell – Scafell Pike – Great End – Styhead Tarn – Great Gable – Kirkfell – Base

H2 Healy Kirkfell – Pillar –
Mitchell Steeple – Haycocks –
Philipson Base

H3 Woodyatt
Dawkins
Whalley
Atkins

Kirkfell via Blacksail – Great Gable – Styhead Tarn – Base.

H3 Party came across a number of frantic females at Styhead who informed them that one of their party had gone missing en route to Scafell Pike. After a search of the corridor route, the missing female was traced descending, quite oblivious to the panic she had evoked in her friends.

Base: - Gill. Who on the production of a splendid meal has redeemed himself.

Sunday 8th

H1. Taylor Climbing on the Napes,
Cox Great Gable.

 Napes Needle. 65' Severe
 Needle Arete 368 ft Diff.

H2 Whalley Scafell. Via
Mitchell Styhead – Corridor route – Scafell
Philipson - Base. Via Lingmell Beck.

H3	Woodyatt Atkins	Climbing on Kern Knotts Great Gale.
H4	Dawkins Wakefield Gill	Scafell via Lingmell Beck Base via Corridor Route and Styhead.

The weekend benefited the troops in more ways than one, for once the weather was beautiful, blue skies and temperatures in the eighties

The team were notified by a Climber of a serious accident on Pillar Rock, but on informing the police, there was no assistance required as a helicopter from Acklington had been called and the incident completed.

Base. Sunday Mick Healy. Due to his sunburnt knees.

Dinas Mawddrey

13 – 15 June

Team

Sgt MacGowan + SACs Loftus Hollister Gill Dunn
Cpl Taylor (Lee) LAC Cox Wakefield
Cpl. Dave Mitchell (2MT)

Vehicles All the fleet (Pete Duest + Kipper + Joyce)

Friday/Saturday 13/14th June

Cook Lee Taylor

Night Exercise: - All except Cook

All night exercise from Base up Cwm Cywarch and Hengwm to col and final ascent to night stop (Bivi) on Drws Bach (by RAF Menorial).

Continue next morning Sat 14th June to Aren Fawddrwy (2970') & Aren Benllyn (2901') and then return to base early afternoon.

Both Weather & the value of the exercise excellent. Check novices on night navigation – Tony Dunn Taff Wakefield Aid Cox & Spider Gill.

Sunday 15th

Cook Cox

H1 Paddy MacGowan Lee Taylor & Dave Mitchell

Climbing on Craig Cywarch

H2 Trev Loftus Tony Dunn + Ross 1 + Ross 2

Cader Idris Gavnan Lake Hotel up Fox Path Penygadaic down Craig Lwyd to Cader Gates.

H3 Pete Duest + Spider Taff Eric
Reciprical of H2

Weather Excellent again good weekend with high moral

R MacGowan

Skirfare Bridge

20/22 June

Team Sgt MacGowan + 10

SACs Healy, Morning, Woodyatt, Mitchell,
Anderson, Gill, Dunn, Philipson
Cpl Taylor (Lee), J.T Herson

All Vehicles

Friday/Saturday 20/21 June

All night Exercise without Bivi.

H1 Paddy MacGowan + Mick Healy Tony Dunn Lee Taylor, Taff Philipson
Spider Gill & Mick Herson.

Route Base camp up Hawkswick Moor Δ 1422, Old cote moor Top Δ 1991, Moss
Top, Potts Moor, Halton Gill Bridge, up Hesleden High Bergh to Plover Hill
2231, to Pen-y-ghent 2273, to finish in Horton in Ribblesdale.

Weather fine very hot except in small hours of Saturday morning. Most of
party did exceptional well party stood down on return to base camp.

Saturday 21 June

Cook Stew Anderson

H2 Jim Morning Woody & Dave Mitchell

Route. Langcliffe, Climbed one route on Altermice sear, one route Malham cove,
one route Great Close Sear, finish with a walk to base camp.

Sunday 22 June

H1 Rock Climbing on Hawkswick Craggs.
Paddy MacGowan, Lee Taylor, Spider Gill, Mick Healy.

H2 Woodyatt, Stew Anderson, Dave Mitchell, Taff Philipson,
Caving at Douky Bottom Cave.

H3 Jim Morning, Mick Horman
Rock Climbing Hawkswick Craggs.

Weather Excellent all weekend, some good padding climbing and caving achieved
R MacGowan

Bamford

27 – 29 June

Team Sgt MacGowan + 9 Cpl Mick Taylor
SAC Trev Loftus, Dave Mitchell, Stew Anderson,
Tony Dunn, Barry Atkins, Aid Cox, Mick Hernon
Graham Master, Glyn Shenton

All Vehicles

Saturday 28th June

Cook Dave Mitchell

H1/H2 Troggath Rock climbing & Rope Technique.

All team Some useful work & good climbing.

Sunday 29th June

H1 Basher Edge Paddy MacGowan, Tony Dunn, Stew Anderson,
Trev Loftus, Glyn Sherton, Aid Cox, Dave Mitchell

Rock Problems & Walk on Edge. Meeting with Mick Hamme to arrange
next Weekend Exercise

H2 Mick Taylor Climbing

H3 Trev, Tony, Edge walk

15.30 Received request from M. Hammond to assist in rescue of injured walk in
Cheedale subject to confirmation of help needed by local Police, RCC
informed. Request cancelled with successful evacuation by Police @
17.00hrs.

Team had been moved from Base Camp at Bamford to Stony Middleton to
join in with Edale M.R.T. Continued to Stafford at end of alert.

R MacGowan

Weather Excellent all weekend, Good general standard with the team. Alert
reaction very good

DOLWYDDELAN

4 July – 6 July

Team: Fg Off N Dawkins, T Loftus, K Gill, P Wetherall, M Healy, Philipson, A Cox, D Mitchell, J Morning, T Dunn, B Atkins, M Wakefield.

Friday 4 Jul Base camp set up at 18.30 hrs. call-out at , see attached report A.

Saturday 5 July Three parties deployed for Navex walks in excellent, clear weather conditions.
Cook- SAC Morning

Hotel 3

N. Dawkins	Ogwen – Carnadd – Llewelyn
T. Loftus (PL)	Foel Grath – Yr Aryg – Foel Fras
K. Gill	Drum track to head of Aber road
P. Weatherall	

Hotel 4

M. Healy (PL)	Reciprocal of H3 route. Exercise aborted on ascent of Drum. Taff
Philipson	Philipson having respiratory difficulties
A. Cox	Party returned to base.
D. Mitchell	

Hotel 5

J. Morning (PL)	Bethesda – Mynydd Perfedd – Y Garn
T. Dunn	Glyder Fawr – Glyder Fach – Tryfan
B. Atkins	North ridge – Ogwen.

Sunday 6 Jul Stretcher lowering at Carreg Altrem in excellent weather conditions.
Cook SAC Mitchell

All personnel involved in recovery of 'casualty' from rock face and stretcher lower off. Horizontal lower x 2, Vertical lower x 2. Days activity curtailed at 14.15hrs as team adopted Readiness State 3 for Royal Flight.

Comments. A pleasant Base Camp with adequate vehicle space and accomodation. Large number of flies evident – hot weather contributing. Water supply from river – has it been checked?

Communication were not satisfactory, with Base out of radio contact of parties in the field on Saturday. No Driver left at Base! A radio link may be feasible at this site?

Convenience of Carreg Alltrem was ideal on Sunday, a short day because of the Royal Flight. Valuable training time was lost however by the Team not being aware of a reduced readiness state, despite a signal arriving RAF Stafford on Sat 5 Jul and radio and telephone communications with RCC. Check station action of signals received while team off Camp.

A most agreeable weekend under very good weather conditions. The rain and wind will return all to soon.

N.T. Dawkins

Edale

Fieldhead Campsite

11 – 13 July

Team Sgt MacGowan + 10

F/O Whally, SAC's Loftus, Gill, Dunn, Woodyatt, Morning, Anderson,
LAC Cox, J.T. Hernon + Philipson.

Vehicles All except Flt 3 (Troop Carrier)

Saturday 12th July

Cook: Stew Anderson

All team on Stretcher Lowering techniques in Cheedale. This was a Combined Exercise with Rossendale, Edale & Derby M.R.T's.

- A. Completed practice on Horizontal Lowers with pick off from Ledge 80' below cliff top.
- B. Take off of patient from pinnacle 80' out from main crag in slings.
- C. 1,000 ft Gorge Rescue. Patient on Pinnacle 80' out from South side of Valley. This was an assimilated Rescue Stretcher was lowered to Valley floor, ground stacks were successfully used.
- D. Tyrolean lower completed the practice.

Sunday 13th July

Cook Woody Woodyatt

Search Exercises on Kinder Scout Plateaux

Controllers Paddy MacGowan & Pete Duest

Teams Stafford & Rossendale.

<u>Party Leaders</u>	H1 Pete Whally	Stafford
	H2 Chris Lange	Rossendale
	H3 Dave Wilson	Rossendale
	H4 Tony Silices	Rossendale

Practice Searched

Parties H1 & H2 Jacob's Ladder to Kinder Low

& Clough via Crowden Tower to Kinder Low.

& joined in sweep search to Brown Knoll

to meet H3 & H4 who had located 1st patient

H3 & H4 The Gloughs to Kinder Low

& clough leading direct to Brown Knoll

Sweep searches carried out in area of

Brown Knoll & Patient evacuated to

Upper Booth.

2nd patient located near Ridge leading

North to Crowden Towers.

Time expired before 2nd patient was located.

Conclusion. Good exercise both Teams worked well together.

Poor Visibility & lack of manpower seem to be the limitations of the search.

Excellent Weekend Good for techniques and liaison with sub units.

P MacGowan
Team leader

Team Sgt MacGowan & F/O Dawkes, Cpl Taylor M., Cpl Taylor L.,
+ 13 SACs Morning, Loftus, Gill, Anderson, Healy, Woodyatt,
Mitchell, Shenton, Cox.
Cpl Weatherill, J.T. Hornon, Phillipse.

All Vehicles.

Mon 21st Morning - Set up Equipment for

- i. Blackpool Stretcher Lowering
- ii. Pleasure Beach Crag Rescue
- iii. Working on Absailing
- iv. Space Tower Tragsitz Lower
Ht: 160'

Cpl Taylor Lee & SAC Morning did Trial lower – absail

Afternoon Display Carried out between 14.00 – 15.30 as follows

- 1. Crag Rescue Rescued Aid Cox Rescuers Trev Loftus & Pete Weatherill
- 2. Tragsitz lower Rescuers Stew Anderson Patient Mick Hernon
- 3. Tyrolean lower Patient Mrs. Smith Controllers
1. Mick Taylor
2. Woody Woodyatt
- 4. Absails Lee Taylor & Jim Morning.

Tues 22nd High wind caused Cancellation.

Good 3 Days at Blackpool which most of the team very well enjoyed.
Accommodation Queens Hydeo.

Sgt MacGowan

Greenfield

25/27 July

Joint Exercise with Valley M.R.T.

Team Sgt MacGowan + Cpl Taylor M, Taylor L, Atkins, Weatherill.
SACs Loftus, Morning, Anderson,
J.T. Phillipse. Sgt S. Hemmings

Vehicles All except Flt 4

Saturday 26th

Cook Aid Cox

H1	Paddy MacGowan Trevor Loftus Graham Morton	Blackstone Edge, Pennine Way Standedge, Round Hill, Black Moss, White Moss Dick Hill, Basel.
H2	Mick Taylor Jim Morning Stew Anderson Pete Weatherill	Base to Edale via Oaken Clough, Crowden. Bleaklow Head, Snake Road, Mill Hill, Crowden Head, Grinds Brook, Edale
H3	Lee Taylor Slim Hemmings Barry Atkins Frank Phillipse	Edale to Base Reverse of H2

Weather: Poor Visibility some rain, misty. Good Navex conditions.

Sunday 27th

Cook Pete Weatherill

H1	Pat MacGowan	Ashway Gap, Slate Moss Pit, Raven Stone Brow Middle Edge Moss, Holme Clough. Route via Greenfield, pesr to Base
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H2	Mick Taylor	Climbing on
	Aid Cox	Dove Steve Edge
H3	Dog. Trevor Loftus	Dog training
	Barry Atkins	on Hoyridge Moss
	Frank Phillipse	about caken resr.
H7	Lee Taylor	Climbing on
	Slim Hemmings	Ladder Rocks.

Weather clear sky, Hot about the hottest day this Summer.

Valley operated independently in same area.

Good weekend allround.

P MacGowan

H2 Woodyatt
 Shephard
 Wakefield
 Atkins

Base. Gill.

Weather over the whole weekend was tremendous.
 Too hot in fact!

Friday evening 8 August

Climbing parties: -

Loftus Healy	↑ Idwal Slabs Ordinary route	Diff
Woodyatt Dunn	↑ Idwal Slabs Tennis shoe	severe
Morning Hernon	↑ Milestone Buttress, Soap gut	Tryfan severe

Saturday 9 August

H1 M. Taylor
Woodyatt

Climbing up at Tremadoc. Routes done: -

↑ Poor mans peutrey	severe
↑ Claptons crack	V.S.
↑ Oakover	V.S. (serious and hard in grade)

H2 Healy Walking
Loftus Twll Ddu – Glyder fawr –
Gill glider fach.
Atkins

H3 Morning
Dunn - Snowdon Horseshoe.
Hernon

Base: - Wakefield

Sunday 10 August

H1 M. Taylor
Woodyatt
Atkins
Tony Jones Ogwen Valley team

Climbing East face of Tryfan.

↑ Grooved Arete V.Diff Big boots and Rucksacks

H2 Morning
Hernon Climbing Llanberis pass

↑ Cracks Hard severe
↑ Shadow wall V.S.

H3 Loftus
Healy
Gill
Wakefield Snowdon Horseshoe

Base: - Tony Dunn. – First time the Chickens have been stuffed with the scran apples!

A very good and productive weekend was had by all the troops.

On return to Unit a minor incident as per report A held the Ambulance up.

Report A see below

RAF STAFFORD MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM INCIDENT

Nature of Incident Injured Schoolgirl Number of Rescuces 1 total
 Uninjured Nil Walking
 Casualties
 Stretcher
 Authority Alerting N/A Casualties Nil Dead Nil
 Team Alerted ... 101815 Aug date/
 time Casualty Evacuation
 1 Walking miles } feet
 Nil Stretcher miles } of
 ascent/
 descent
 Arrived in ~~XXXXXX~~/At Incident* Final Evacuation by:
 101818 Aug time ~~XXXXXX/XXXXXX~~/MR Landrover*
 Composition of MRT Nil Officers
 1 ENCOX Casualty Evacuated to Wrexham Infirmary Clwyd
 8 Airmen Incident Completed ... 101840 Aug date/time
 Other SAR Forces Involved Nil Arrived at ~~Base~~/Station* .. 102030 Aug time
 RGC Informed .. 102030 Aug date/time
 Area searched N/A
 Vehicle Mileages .. Land Rover Ambulance 24 miles
 Duration of Search N/A
 Weather Conditions Very Good
 Map Reference of Incident 116/066427
 Located by N/A
 at time

*Delete words not applicable

Comments on Equipment

N/A

Narrative (to be continued on back of form if necessary)

The RAF Stafford Mountain Rescue Team were en route to RAF Stafford, when, at Corwen, Clwyd N Wales, Cpl M F H Taylor and SAC J Morning who were travelling in the Ambulance were approached by a civilian who asked them to render first aid to his daughter a Miss Sarah Blake aged 12, of 160 Carden Hill Brighton Sussex who had been bitten on the left hand by a poisonous Snake.

The child was put into the ambulance and with an escort provided by the N Wales Police, was driven to Wrexham Infirmary where she received emergency treatment.

Distribution: MOD (Ops(ESR)b(RAF))
 HQ Support Command
 HQ No 18 (M) Group -
 (UK teams only)
 HQ NORMAR (For RCC)
 Station Commander (via Wg Cdr 'A')
 OC MRT
 CRO
 ST/1090/1/ORG
 MR Section

Date ... 11 Aug 75
 Signature
 Rank/Name Cpl M F H Taylor

(To be signed by O or NCO IC MRT)

Team Sac Healy + 5
Saturday 16 – Aug

Vehicles RL, RVT Flt 3

H3

Healy
Shenton
Mitchell
Wakefield
Gill
Main

Edale horseshoe

Started walk from lose hill. Weather : - intermittent rain interspaced with periods of sunshine. Mainly overcast for most of the day.

Most of the walk was rather uneventful apart from Phil Main trying to bomb us all into the deck. (He later suffered excruciating pain for this insidious and dastardly trick. Ie cramp and blisters)

At approx. 1400hrs our attention was diverted from our stiff and aching bodies by two civilian walkers. The aforementioned gentlemen were waving and shouting with a vigour I have very rarely seen on the hill

First impression – they had both suffered an epileptic fit, but this was not to be the case.

The two civilians had been walking in the area of Blackden Edge and had found a frame rucksack and combat jacket at M.R.110/116884. they appeared to have been there quite some time, as everything was soaking wet. I investigated the contents of the sac and jacket, and found a wallet containing quite a large sum, of money and a trade union card in the name of Mr. Victor a post office worker from London.

I immediately tried to contact Fieldhead center and any park ranger, but with no success, so I walked down to fieldhead to report the matter leaving Spider, Taff and Phil with the rucsac and coat I took the wallet.

Fieldhead center took down all the relevant details and contacted the Police.

It then came to light that Mr. Victor had been on the hill the previous day, had somehow become detached from his hill bag, and had also got lost. The weather later turned worse and he suffered mild exposure. Luckily however he managed to stagger to the snake road and made his way to Bamford where he contacted the police and went home to London, leaving behind his sac, jacket, money and motorbike, (which was later stolen). Parked on the campsite at Grindsbrook Booth.

In view of this I called our troops off the hill. They brought the rucksack and jacket with them, and handed them to the police.

We then proceeded back to base, where Glyn cooked a very good meal in a very short time. – the pressure cooker is excellent. After dining we decided to

enjoy the hospitality of the Derwent hotel, where we partook of many pint of ale, - a grand day and a grand night.

Sunday 17th August

H3 - same party as Saturday

Weather poor, light drizzle all day – overcast.

A rather uninteresting day spent on a navigation exercise over the Kinder area. Most of the day was spent taking compass bearings and walking around in circles.

An informative, if boring day.

The weekend, on the whole, was very enjoyable and informative.

M. Healy 18/8/75

P.S. the motor bike was later found. Phil Main is a good troop – ex party leader, this team 1967/8.

Friday 22nd Aug

Climbing in the evening at SHEPHEARDS CRAG

- a) Woodyatt
Gill Browns Slabs (Diff)
- b) Hernon
Dunn EVE (mild VS)

The party on eve ran out of daylight on the second pitch, but managed to complete the climb successfully, althoughs had to return early the following morning, as it had been too dark to find the hillsacs at the bottom!

Rossendale MRT joined us for the Grant this evening, a total of 7 troops plus wives & girlfriends.

Saturday 23rd Aug

- H3 Loftus
Gill
+ 2 Rossendale Route = Skiddaw → Blencathra
- H4 Healy
Main
Wakefield Route = Seathwaite → Styer tarn → Corridor route
→ Lingmell Crag → Scarfell Pikes → Bread Crag →
Great End → Allan Crag → Sprinkling Tarn →
Seathwaite
- H12 Hernon
Philipson Climbing = Hind crag
- H10 Dunn
+ 4 Rossendale Route= Glenridding → Striding Edge → Helvellyn →
Lower Man → Keppel Cove → Stick Pass →
Greenside Mine → Glenridding

H10 were approached by a Lake District Warden who asked for their assistance. Two youths were scrambling up a scree slope in Keppel Cove onto Helvellyn and had got into difficulty. Their shouts were heard by other walkers who had informed the Warden. H10 and the Warden proceeded to Keppel Cove to assess the situation. The Warden and a party member descended to the youths and found them Okay apart from being "gripped". They were reassured and escorted to lower ground.

Sunday 24 Aug

Cook Phillipson

- H3 Loftus
+ 2 Rossendale
- a) Climbing Shepherds Crag: Brown Slabs (Diff)
Brown slabs arête (D)
b) Rescue dog training.
- H4 Healy
Dunn
Main
Hernon
Atkins
1 Rossendale
- Route = Braithwaite → Grisdale Pike →
Hopegill Head → Grasmoor → Crag Hill →
Scar Crag → Causey Pike → Rowling End
- H5 Woodyatt
- Climbing: Gillercombe Buttress (Diff).

H4 were involved in a road accident on the way to Braithwaite. A car came round a blind bend and the landrover and car struck each others wing. The lane was quite narrow. No one was injured, and H4 eventually got on the hill after FMT3 action.

This was Taff Phillipsons first cook and the trough was very commendable, especially the soup.

Monday 25 Aug

Cook Atkins

- H3 Loftus
Dunn
Phillipson
- Route= Honnister Pass → Grey Knots →
Brandreth → Haystacks → High Crag
→ High Stile → Red Pike → Buttermere
- H4 Healy
Main
Gill
- Route= Reciprocal of H3
Red Pike

Hernon
Wakefield

Climbing= Shepherds Crag
Scorpion (H.S.)

H5 Woodyatt
+1

Climbing

H4 were delayed by Keswick Police in connection with the road accident of Yesterday. Consequently they only had time to do Red Pike.

Summary of Grant

Team = SAC Loftus plus 9 7 Rossendale troops.

Vehicles = RL, RVT, Flt 4, Flt 3, Ambulance.

Weather = Very warm and still in the valleys and hill side although cool breezes on tops.

A very enjoyable if hot Grant. Rossendale, a happy and cheerful crowd, improved the weekend.

Jimmy

Cuffti

29 – 31 Aug 75

Vehicles: All

Team Sgt MacGowan
Plus Cpl. Barry Atkins SAC's Loftus
Gill, Dunn, Anderson, Shenton,
Mitchell & J.T. Herson.
Also Flt. Lt. Dawkins Flying Off Whalley
And Alex Brittain

Saturday 30 August

H1 Paddy MacGowan Mick Herson

Criag yr Isfa - Amphitheatre Buttress

H3 Trevor Loftus, Tony Dunn, Pete Whalley

& Alex Brittain. Stew Anderson, Barry Atkins

Snowdon Ranger Hut, Snowdon Summit via Llethog Ridge

Desent Rig Llach to Pen y Pass.

H8 Glyn Shenton, Dave Mitchell, Spider Gill

Cnicht & Moelwyn Mawr

Weather: Rain Rain & Rain, Continous hill fog patches

Cook: Norman Dawkins

Sunday 31 August

H1 Paddy MacGowan, Norman Dawkins, Alex Brittain

Flying Buttress

H1 (Splinter Group) Stew Anderson, Spider Gill

Spiral Stairs. Spider aborted after first mone (lift left leg)!!

H3 Trevor Loftus, Tony Dunn, Mick HERNON, Pete Whally.

Moelwyns. Nav ex near Pont y Afon Gan.

H8 Glyn Shenton, Dave Mitchell

From Llyn Eigian, to Foel Grach, Carnedd Llewelyn, Penywaun wen,

Pen yr Helgi Du, Bwlch y Tri Marchog to Llyn Eigian.

Weather : Good Visibility, Sunny

Cook Barry Atkins

A good weekend tons of actions need of the 'old bomb' for clothes drying on Saturday.

R MacGowan Sgt.

Saturday 6 Sept 75

RAF Stafford open day.

The team were put non operational for the period 052359 to 062359 to give a display to the General Public.

A request for a helicopter from 202Sqn was turned down due to operational commitments but Tern Hill came to the Rescue with one of their CFS Whirlwinds.

Team members Participating

Flt. Lt Dawkins.

F.Off Whalley.

Sgt Macgowan.

Cpl M Taylor.

Cpl L Taylor.

Cpl P Weatherill

SAC's Gill, Dunn, Loftus, Woodyatt, Healy, Shenton, Mitchell, Anderson, Cpl Atkins, J/T Hennon, Philipson, + Trek.

The display was an improvised search and rescue involving casualty evacuation by Helicopter.

Atkins, Woodyatt, Dunn were the casualties, who had got lost, helped by the influence of Alcohol. A first class piece of acting. The team did a token sweep of the area locating 2 casualties, the helicopter spotting another. Lee Taylor, Pete Weatherill and Nick Healy were winched down and rendered first aid. The helicopter then commenced to evacuate the casualties.

Apart from the above display the team were on view in the form of a static display stand, were in shifts of two throughout the day, the Publics questions were answered. Great interest was shown in the Hare Traction Splint and First Aid pack.

Sunday 7 Sept

The team being operational again the day was spent at The Roches.
Numerous Routes being done.

Mike Taylor

12 – 14 September 75

Tatham Bridge

Saturday 13 Sept.

H2 Mick Taylor
Pete Weatherill

Climbing at Great Close Scar.

↑ Breakaway	70ft	Hard Severe.
↑ Kestrel Groove	80ft	Hard Severe.
↑ Windjammer	65ft	Hard V.S.
↑ Layback Crack	45ft	Severe.

Dye to a shoulder injury Taylor and Weatherill walked to Horton in Ribblesdale via Knowe Hill and Pen – y – Ghent where they were picked up by H.3.

H3 Woodyatt
Cox

Climbing at Great Close Scar.

↑ Camptothecium	70ft	H.V.D.
↑ Tree Gulley	65ft	V.D.

H4 Healy Whernside and Pen y Ghent
Atkins

Cook: Trev Loftus

Weekend 19 – 21 September

Bryn Engyn

Saturday 20 Sept

H1 Mick Taylor.
Hernon
Anderson

Moelwyns. Navigations exercise Vehicle left at Llyn Stwlau. Lake finding without use of Compass. Return to Croesor Via Cricht.

H2 Weatherill
Gill
Mitchell
Dunn

Reciprocal of H1 Navigation Ex.

Base: - Cox

Weather conditions good, Radio communications throughout good, especially with Victor Base, Cuffty. Negative comms with Hotel Base, single Dipole directional aerial requires to be used more often.

Weekend 26 – 28 September
Saturday

Bamford

H1 Woody
Mick Hernon
Eric
Barry
Spider
& 1 Trialist Paul Clarkson

Walking on Kinder

Weather wet & miserable, nav ex carried out on Kinder Platue.

Spider on Base.

Excellent radio comms with Victor 10 & Victor 1 from Platue

Sunday.

H1 Woody
Mick Hernon
& Paul

Climbing on edges Baslow Birchers (this guidebook is needed) & finally Stanagde

H2 Eric
Barry

Walking along the edges to Stanagde

Spider on Base.

Weather Warm & Sunny.

An enjoyable weekend this problem of figures affects training. Trialist did Well

Woody

10 – 12 October 75

Exercise Area. Peak District.

Base Camp Edale.

Saturday 11 Oct

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| <u>H1</u> | Mick Taylor
Hollister | Aid climbing at Millstone Edge |
| <u>H2</u> | Weatherill
Hernon | Climbing at Stanage Edge |
| <u>H3</u> | Loftus and
Cox | Climbing at Froggatt and Stanage edges. |
| <u>H4</u> | Woodyatt
Dunn | Climbing at Millstone edge |

Base Gill

Sunday 12 Oct.

Whole team exercised at Yarnecliffe Quarry. The following techniques were demonstrated and practiced.

- i. Pulley systems, raising and tension lowering
- ii. Tragsitz, raising and lowering.
- iii. Self rescue techniques.
- iv. Absailing.
- v. Improvised techniques.

It was noticed from the days exercise how quickly the standard deteriorates. Technical systems are easily forgotten by everybody and more days of this type are essential.

Weekend 17 – 19th Oct 75

Exercise Area – Black Mtns, Brecon Beacons

Base Camp.

Llangattock

Saturday 17 Oct

H1 Mick Taylor
Barry Atkins
Eric Hollister

Traverse of Brecon Beacons. From Story Arms.

H2 Loftus Clarkson.

Llanbedr Horseshoe. Black Mountains

H3 Anderson
Mitchell
Cox

Reciprocal of H1

Base Heron

Sunday 19 Oct

H1 Taylor
Loftus
Heron
Cox
Clarkson
Anderson

Climbing
Duias Coed crags
Merthyr Tydfil

H2 Healy
Hollister
Atkins

Llanbedr Horseshoe
Black Mtns

Base Mitchell

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SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 1975

Morning 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Principal Speakers

Michael Ward, MD, FRCS, on "Expedition Health".

John A. Payne, MB, BS, on "Expedition Well-being".

Afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

2.00-3.00 p.m. Discussion Topics:

1. CLOTHING. Don Robertson, BSc., Human Physiologist.
 John Burgess, "Make-it-yourself" clothing and equipment.
2. MOUNTAIN RESCUE/PRACTICAL ASPECTS/IMPROVISATION.
 A.B. Clarke, Mountain Instructor, Plas y Brenin.
 Dr. A. Jones, North Wales Mountain Rescue.
3. MEDICAL PACKS FOR EXPEDITIONS.
 Dr. B.E. Juel-Jensen, DM, MRCP, MRCGP, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford
 - Oxford University Expeditions.
 Dr. R. Illingworth, Brathay Exploration Group, Manchester Royal
 Infirmary.
4. WELL-BEING. H.R. Eastgate, AMBIM, FRGS, Chairman of Young Explorers' Trust,
 Yorkshire Schools Exploring Society, Headmaster.
 Sq.Ldr. T.H. Sheppard, MBE, Leader Joint Services West East
 Sahara Expedition.
5. CAVING - WELFARE.
 David Heap, MA (Cantab.), Leader, William Hulme's Grammar School
 Norway Expedition 1974, Headmaster.
6. COMMONEST ACCIDENTS/SITE HELP/ANALGESICS. (In Room D.7)
 H.K. Hartley, BSc., FRIC, Secretary, Mountain Rescue Committee.
 N.F. Kirkman, MD, FRCS, Chairman, Mountain Rescue Committee.
 O. Cowpe, FRCS, Consultant Surgeon, Mountain Rescue Committee.
7. RADIOS/COMMUNICATIONS.
 Lt. C.R. Harper, BA (Cantab.), Army Officer, previously Leader
 of Iceland Expedition and member of Scientific Exploration
 Society.

OTHER ASPECTS OF EXPEDITION HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ON DISPLAY will include:

The 'REVIVA' APPARATUS, demonstrated in Concourse area by Peter M. Bell,
Engineer, and Peter Greenall, both of Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team.

INSURANCE ON EXPEDITIONS - see display panels.

The weather conditions on this day were the worst imaginable, strong winds, gale force later on and driving rain. This continued through the day and most of the evening.

A recreational run was made to the CORRIE HOTEL at Corrie, the owner of which is a Mr. Chris Gaskins, Ex Leuchars, Akrotiri and Kinloss MRT.

SATURDAY 1st NOV 75

H1 Taylor
Anderson
Mitchell
Hollister
Clarkson
Shenton

Beuin Nuis
Beuin Tarsuinn
A Chir
Chir Mhor
↓ Glen Sannox → mid Sannox

A traverse of some of the best ridges in Britian, the best excluding Skye. The climbing in place was good V.Diff and the situations tremendous. To have been able to have done the route on a sunny day would have been even better, although from the training point of veiu a lot was learnt. The weather at times was good, the hills sometimes being completely clear of Cloud. A total contrast for some of the Novices, some of whins were familiar with high Moorlands Only.

H2 Loftus
Atkins
Lloyd
Gill
Lucas

Western Hills

H3 Weatherill
Cox
Morton

Reciprical of H1

Barber
Healy
Wakefield

Goat fell only

Base Dunn

The weather on this day much kinder to us and all the main ridges were traversed.

Sunday 2nd Nov

H2 Loftus
Shenton
Barber Goat fell
Lucas
Gill
Dunn

A short day due to the ferry departing a 1500hrs. The rest of the team prepared the vehicles and cleared base for departure.

The ferry due to bad weather did not arrive until 1830 departing at 1900hrs and instead of Sailing to Ardrossan went instead to Gourock a journey of 2.5hrs. this was welcomed by some of the more incloriate team members as the bar opens ten minutes after sailing. Although a fairly rough sailing, no cases of sickness of any sort.

Refueled at Carlisle where the R/L was put u/s due to the windscreen wiper falling off. SACs Loftus and Gill stayed the night and returned the next day.

The exercise was a total success even though the weather throughout remaned inclement. The team managed to traverse every ridge and get to the top of every summit. A lot was learnt from the mountaineering point of view, moreso by the more inexperienced team members.

The Mountains of Arran although not reaching the magical 3000 figure have more character and scope for the mountaineer than most other groups in the country, well worth a visit in Spring or Summer.

7 – 9 November

Base Camp:- The Plough, Hathersage

Team Cpl Taylor
Cpl Atkins
SAC Gill
SAC Dunn
SAC Woodyatt
SAC Healy
SAC Anderson
SAC Wakefield
SAC Cox
J/T Clarkson

Joint Exercise with RAF Leeming MRT.

Saturday. Cpl Taylor attended the Search and Rescue Dog Association meeting and course at North Lees Farm.

The rest of the team split into mixed parties with Leeming troops and did a navex.

Sunday was spent searching for the teams S&R dog who absconded on bleaklow.

The exercise was worthwhile from that fact that the team intergrated and worked very well together.

The new Base Camp is a bonus possibly the best we have.

14 – 16 NOV 75

Base Camp:- Bamford

Team – Cpl Taylor + 9

Friday night: Practice call out.

2215. Team called out to search for missing youth on High Moor above Froggatt/Curbar edge

H1 Taylor
Shepherd (station photographer)
Dunn
(object to misdirect search parties etc)

H2 Weatherill
Mitchell Search of Froggatt edge
Lucas

H3 Hollister
Cox Search of White edge
Gill

Casualty Clarkson

The team under the impression it was a real callout acted with speed and enthusiasm. The casualty was missed by H3 on the first occasion, The weather conditions however were quite bad. Visibility at times very poor with sleet and snow showers.

The casualty was located by H1 and a stretcher evacuation was found to be very difficult due to terrain and lack of numbers. The team returned to base at 04.30 hrs.

Saturday was spent on the Eastern edges.

Sunday 16 Nov 75

The team spent Sunday at Yarncliffe Quarry demonstrating techniques to members of Brent Education Authority London.

21 – 23 NOV 75

Base camp Langdale

Team SAC Loftus + 8

Saturday 22 Nov

Cook Hernon.

H1 Loftus
Cox
+ 3 CCF

H2 Shenton
Hollister
+ 2 CCF

H3 Woodyatt
Wakefield
Clarkson

H1 Starting from Coppermines valley up Great Weatherlan, Prision Band, Great How Crag's and Coniston Old Man.

H2 Reciprical of H1

Both H1 & H2 cut day's short, one due to illness and the other a badly cut hand (Hollister)

H3

Sunday 23 NOV

H1 Loftus
Hollister
+ 3 CCF
Wakefield

H2 Shenton
Cox
+ 2 CCF

H3 Woodyatt
Hernon

H1 Up the Band on to Bowfell and back down the same way.

H2 Band up Bowfell and down via Rosset Gill

H3 Climbing at Wallabarrow

A really honking day with pouring rain and heavy wind's. the basecamp became a bog. The CCF chaps were not equipped for this type of weather.

Weekend 28 – 30 NOV 75

RAF Stafford MRT operational on camp. Team Annual Reunion

Saturday 29 NOV

Taylor

Weatherill

Clarkson

Anderson

Millstone Edge

↑ Regent Street

A1

Weekend 5 – 7 December

Base Camp Cuffty

Saturday 6 Dec

H1 Taylor
Hollister Climbing at Craig cwm Sylin

Hernon

Lucas ↑ Outside edge 360ft HVD

Not the best of days as the clag was down and the rock running with water.

H2 Weatherill
Dunn Pre MLC training
Mitchell over the Molwyns

H3 Loftus
Anderson As H2
Healy

Base Gill

Sunday 7 Dec 75

H1 Taylor
Weatherill Climbing Tremadog
Anderson ↑ Poor mans peutrey S
Hollister ↑ Christmas Curry HS

Damp and Greasy

H2 Mitchell
Hollister Pen-yr-oel wen
Lucas
Dunn

Base

Loftus

Weekend 12 – 14 Dec.

Base camp Hathersage.

Saturday

H1 Taylor Derwent Edge
Anderson Rivelin Edge

H2 Loftus Kinder scout plateau
Clarkson
Atkins Navex.

Base Gill

Sunday

H1 Taylor Langselt → Bradfield
Anderson
Clarkson Via Margery Hill

H2 Loftus
Gill Reciprical of H1

Base Atkins

19 – 21 DECEMBER

Base Camp Dinas Mawddwy

Team S.A.C. Loftus + 7

Saturday.

H1	Loftus	H2	Heally
	Wakefield		Clarkson
	Hernon		Hollister

H1 Dinas, Maesglasau, Craig Portus,, Cribin Fack, Cribin Fawr, Waun Oer, Mynedd-Y-Waun.

H2 Reciprical of H1

Cook Gill

Sunday

H1	Loftus	H2	Heally
	Clarkson		Hollister
	Hernon		Wakefield

H1 Foxes Path up Cader Idris and down Cader Gates.

H2 Reciprical of H1

Weather. Cloudy but fine both days

Remarks.

A good navigation weekend. The team pulled a car out of some roadworks

23 – 28 December

Christmas Grant

Base Camp Hathersage

Wed's 24th

- H1 Loftus Climbing in Winnats Pass and the Cavedale area.
Wakefield A little climbed area, by the team yielding limestone routes
Cox of around 100ft. the top tend's to be steep grass with very few
 natural belay's. (Carry two tent peg's)
- H2 Shenton Cutthroat Bridge, Derwent Edge,
Gill Dovestone tor, Black Tor, Featherbed
Clarkson Moss, Margery Hill, Outer Edge.

Weather. Windy, cold with showers of Sleet and Hail.

Cook Anderson

Thurs 25th

- H2 Shenton Road Nav – Ex for the two
Gill partly trained men.
Wakefield
- H1 Anderson Went to look at a peg route
Cox in Cavedale. Then over to Lawrencefield
Clarkson where several routes were climbed.

Weather. Cloudy but drying later.

Christmas dinner was eaten with great gusto, but next year we should make a list of everyone's likes and dislikes. (Pampered Bugger's)

Much dranking of the Demon Drink.

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Fri 26th

H1

Loftus

Anderson

Cook Cox

Cox

Wakefield

Shenton

Gill

Climbing at Millstone, Lawrencefield, and Cavedale. Mick Hernon payed a vist.

Sat

H1 Loftus

H2 Anderson

Gill

Cox

Earnshaw

Clarkson

H1. Climbing at Millstone Edge, then over to Tegness Quarry.

H2 Climbing at Lawrencefield.

Weather. Windy and Cold

Sun

H1

Loftus

Earnshaw

Gill

Anderson

Cox

Walking round the Edale Skyline.

Edale, Grindslow knoll, Crowden Tower, Kinder Low, Brown, Knoll, Lords Seat, Mam Tor and back to Edale.

Remarks.

An Excellent Christmas Grant, lots of climbing, the weather being fairly kind to us. Went to a great folk do at the Cheshire Cheese in Castleton, worth noting.

Weekend 2 – 4 January

Base Camp Coniston.

Team SAC Loftus + 8

Sat

Team awakened at 0500 by Cumbria Police and told of two call outs, one in Keswick and one at Glossop. After consultation with N.R.CC. The team went post haste to Keswick, only to wait about for two and a half hours before being given a search area.

The Team's area was burnmoor tarn, slight side, to Scarfell summit. Whilst on this call out another exposure victim was found and evacuated. See attached Report A's 1-2/76

Cook Woodyatt

Sun

H1 Loftus
Morton
Anderson
Dunn

H2 Woodyatt
Lucas
Hollister

H1 Then Coniston Old Man via an easy snow gully. Then down the mine track to Coniston village.

H2 Then up a ridge to Coniston Old man, down as H1. Cook Weaterill

Weather. Sat. V Windy, Clear with some snow.
Sun. V cold, Cloudy, Snow.

Remark's.

An enjoyable weekend. Everybody responded and worked well on the call out.

9 – 11 January

Base Camp Langdale

Team. Cpl Taylor + 10

Sat. H1 Taylor
 Anderson

22/29 Feb

Dinas Mawddry

SAC Loftus +6+19 Sub Unit.

Joint exercise with Rossendale.

Sat 07.00. Mock call out and stretcher lower on steep grass, for over 1000 ft. This was completed by 11.00 and was followed by a navigation exercise in the surrounding hills. This was finished by 19.30 hrs.

Sun.

H5 and H6 went over to Cader – Idris one party starting at Cader Gates up over Pen –Y- Gadair and down foxes path, with the other party reciprocating.

Everybody else went stretcher lowering up on craig Cowarch.

3 vertical lowers of 400ft collecting the casualty from the face.

3 Tragzits lowers off the same length.

During Sunday Isla disappeared but turned up again later after following two walkers up over the Arrains.

Weather Very Warm, Bright Sunshine. Heavy rain Sunday Evening.

Remarks.

A very enjoyable, usefull and hard weekend.

Hathersage

Team SAC Loftus + 3 (Stalwarts).

Team very low on numbers this weekend but we decided to go out anyway, so assured of the married troops support went to Hathersage.

Sat Rock Climbing at Lawrencefield. Several routes done in warm sunshine.

Sun	H1	Loftus	H2	Healy
		Clarkson		Dunn

H1 Burbage, through the Estate to Froggate where we met H2 and did some climbing, a very (To) popular crag. Finished at Curber Gap.

H2 Reciprical of H1

Cooks.	S	Loftus	Su	Dunn
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Weather Sat. Very Cold wind but Sunny
Sun. Sunshine and snow?.

Remarks

Still an enjoyable weekend despite being low on numbers. Tony should be shot for not bringing the Scram.

30 April – 2 May

Skirfer Bridge

SAC Loftus + 9

Sat

H1	H2	H3	Cook Healy
Loftus	Anderson	Woodyatt	
Lane	Milne	Hatton	
Liegh	Main		

H1 Newbiggin, Naughtberry Hill, Buckden Pike, Tore – Mer – Top, Great Whernside, Little Whernside and down to Bradley village 18 miles.

H2 Reciprical

H3 Caving

Sat Evening. Call out see report A.

Sun. Late start due to the call out.

H1 Loftus Malham Cove & Gordale Scar

H2 Heally Base to Old – Cote – More Top
Main and down to Grassington.

Cook Milne

Weather Sat. Driving Rain, High Winds
Sun. Windy Some light Showers

Remarks A very pleasant base camp allowing us to do some different hill in the dales.

7 – 9 May

Bamford

S.A.C. Loftus + 12

RAF Valley MRT went to the Hathersage Bothy. So we gave Bamford a try again.

Sat	H1 Loftus Maine Milne	H2 Healy Leigh Lane	H3 Weatherill Hernon Clarkson Anderson	Cook Hollister
H1	Lose Hill Black Tor Mam Tor Brown Knoll Kinder Low Kinder Downfall Mill Hill Snake Summit	H2 Reciprical of H1	H3 Climbing mainly at Millstone	

Sun.

H1	Loftus Weatherill Hennon Milne Liegh Lane	H2	Anderson Hollister	H3	Healy Maine Cook Clarkson
H1	Climbing at Stanedge (High Neb and Robin Hood areas)				
H2	Climbing at Winnals Pass.				
H3	Aborted walk				

Remarks.

The climbing, on Sunday was aborted for a few hours due to a thunderstorm. Saturdays weather was really bonus but Sundays cook wasn't. so he fell into the river.

A really good weekend pity to see the Valley Troops platting on the Sunday

P.S. Still a bonus basecamp

14 – 16 May

Mungrisedale

S.A.C. Loftus + 9

Sat.

The team had arranged to meet a chopper from Boulmer in Keswick park.

Some single winching for novices was done in the park, and then a drop off half way up Skiddaw.

Everyone carried on up Skiddaw in driving rain and hail with very high winds and then returned to Keswick to dry out.

Sun.

Everyone went to Shepards Crag in Borrowdale taking the novices climbing.

Again it rained all day but everyone cracked a couple of wet routes.

Also met the RAFMA meet, shower of Budgies.

Weather. Honking both days. High Wind's driving rain and hail. Fairly Cold

Remarks.

A very usefull exercise on Saturday, the 202 Sqdn flight Commander is a really helpful chap.

Pretty Good Weekend

28 – 31 May

Nant – Gwynant

Whit Grant

Team arrived at basecamp by 18.30 and got everything shipshape. Then Mick Taylor, Mick Hernon, Chris Lane and Nobby Shipperley had a drop off at Pen-Y-pass to Bivvy on Snowdon with the intention of doing the 14 Peaks at first light.

Sat 29 May

H1

Taylor
Hernon
Lane
Shipperley

H2

Healy

H3

Woodyatt

H1 14 Peaks Completed in good style by the two Mick's. Quite an achievement.

H2 Drum, Foel Fras, Foel Frach, Carnedd Hewelyn, Carnedd Dafydd, Pen-y-rolewen and down to Ogwan. Party lead by Mick the Mountain Top Driver.

H3 Tryfan, Glider Fawr, Glyder Fach, Pen-Y-Pass, Crib Goch, Crib-Y-Disgl, Snowdan and down to base.

Cook Loftus

Last Party Back By 20.30 hrs

Sun 30 May.

H1

Taylor
Hernon

H2

Healy
Loftus
Clarkson
Anderson
Hatton

H1 Rockclimbing at Trmadoc.

H2

4 – 6 June 76

HATHERSAGE

4th Jim Craigs first week-end as team leader typically could not afford to buy initial round.

Team left Stafford at 18.00 and drove in beautiful sunshine to the base on the outside of Hathersage, The Plough Inn.

Arrived at base at 20.30 and into the pub for refreshments.

Some troops elected to spend the last hour of daylight scrambling on the rocks at Millstone Edge.

5th Sat Breakfast 08.00

Good weather forecast, opportunity to show Jim Craig the Peak District bogs.

H1 Craig ↑ Lose Hill, Loros Seat, Brown Knoll
Lane Kinder Low, Mill Hill, Snake Summit,
Loftus Bleaklow Head, Wild Boar Clough
Holister ↓ Crowdon
Milne
Moore

H2 Taylor
Maine Recip of Hotel 1
Sipperley
Thompson
Hatton

Everyone seemed to enjoy the fairly long walk. Although the bogs were not too bad due to the drought our trialist Dave Thompson did manage to get himself up to the waist and almost required assistance to become free.

All persons found no real problems in getting around the course – fitness good.

Saturday night in the Plough can be lethal for Sunday if one decides to stay to the wee hours.

Sun 6th Climbing day at Stanage for most of the team, weather was tremendous with clear views all around, especially of the females, sunbathing in bikinis at the foot of the crags.

Mick Taylor

Jim Craig	↑ Holly Tree Crack	VD
	↑ Black Hawk Slit	S
	↑ Crack & Corner	HVDiff
	↑ Hangover	VS
	↑ Central Trinity	VS
	↑ Right hand Trinity	HS
	↑ Via Dexter	VS
	↑ April Crack `	HS

Loftus	↑ Anatomy	VD
Lane	↑ Blackhawk traverse	VD
	↑ Grotto Slab	M
	↑ Ground Glass	S
	↑ Mantle Piece Butt	D

Cox	↑ Anatomy	VD
Shipperley	↑ Blackhawk traverse	VD
	↑ Grotto Slab	M
	↑ Mantlepiece Butt	D
	↑ Robin Hood Buttress	HVD (Direct)
	↑ Crack & Cave	VD – S finish
	↑ Sociology	VD

Hollister	Walking
Hatton	Traverse of Eastern edges from
Moore	Curlour Gap to Lady Bower
Maine	

11th – 13th June

DOLGARROG (14 peaks race)

Fri 11th Early start, team left Stafford at 13.00 with J. Vernon in Tow who hitched a lift on his way to N. Wales.
Team arrived at Dolgarrog approx 17.00, and set up base.
Some troops decided to climb but high winds and rain sent them scuttling to the pub instead.

Sat 12th Mick Taylor, Chris Lane and Paul Clarkson attended the Stone Festival with Ambulance and static display, having remained at Stafford on Friday night.

The team were to cover the Army 14 peak race on Sunday, so it was decided to sample the course on Saturday.

H1

Craig Nant Peris – Clider Fawr, Foal Goch, Y – Garn
Weatherill Glyder Fawr, Glider Fach, Tryfan,
Maine Penyrolowen, Carnedd Dafydd, Carnedd Llewelyn,
Yr Elan, Foal Crach, Folaal Fras, Drum.

H2 Loftus

Shipperley Reip of H1
Thompson
Hatton

A really good hard day weather proved to be just ideal for the course.

H3 Mike Hernon Rock climbing Tremadoc.
Dave Hernon

Routes:

Sun 13th Team up at 06.00 and briefed for Race cover left for designated area at 7.30. Joined by Mike Taylor, Chris Lane and Paul Clarkson at 07.45.
No problems encountered in our area but assisted 4 race personnel of the hill who had dropped out with exhaustion.
Good exercise in comms.

19 – 21 June 76

Friday Late start and problems with vehicles 16.30hrs it was found that the R/L was U/S with gearbox trouble, Exhaust fell off fleet 3, half shaft broken on flt 4.

Saturday H1 Taylor Climbing at Stanedge Edge.
Clarkson

Routes climbed

↑ The Mississippi Buttress Direct	65' V.S.
↑ The inverted V	70' V.S. (HS?)
↑ Central Trinity	55' V.S.
↑ Via media	40' V.S.
↑ Hangover	55' V.S.
↑ Christmas crack	55' V.S.
↑ Right hand Trinity	50' H.S.
↑ April crack	55' H.S.
↑ Easter crack	55 H.S.
↑ Oblique crack	40 Severe

Weather blustery and showery.

H2 Healy
Maine The watersheds.
Shipperley

Party returned off the hill at 1130pm after a grueling bog trot. SAC Healy reporting sick Monday for psycratrists report.

H3 Hollister as per H2 terminating
Hatton at Snake road.
Thompson

Cooks: Lane Saturday
Hollister Sunday

Sunday day spent doing techniques on Curbar Edge. Taylor having Epics on the Peapod 60' HVS. (5a).

Sunday 27 June 76

A day exercise took place in the form of rock climbing in the Peal District.

STONEY MIDDLETON

Taylor and Hernon an early start was made as the route "Alcasan" a girdle traverse of Windy Buttress was to be attempted, however this was aborted after attempting a traverse line too low was found to be desperate and the heat was ferocious, temperature of 90° + in the shade was recorded.

Routes climbed

↑	Aurora Arete	160' HVS 5a
↑	Medusa	80' HVS 5a
↑	Pology wall	80' HVS 5a
↓	Mineshaft	80' MOD 3a

Stanage Edge

Hernon & Taylor

Attempts on Black Hawk Bastion without the aid of pegs proved fruitless graded now 55' XS!

Hernon

Craig ↑ Inverted V 70' VS 4b

Taylor

Hollister did a solo traverse of the Eastern Edges. Curbar → Stanage Edge.

Clarkson Missisipi direct VS

Loftus

Lane

Shipperley

Craig

Weekend of 2nd – 4th July 1976

Base Llanberis Castle Hotel

Team set off at 13.30 on another scorching day, arrived at the castle at 17.10. Base camp set up and after a quick bite six drove up the pass to the Cromlech.

Hernon led Cenataph Corner in really cool style, really cool Jim Criag followed just ! and by the time he got near the niche, had to sit in a sling to rest fingers and arms shattered, blow me mind eventually struggled out with a wee tug really great night for Mick Hernon.

Paul Clarkson and Nobby Shipperley

Trev Loftus and Peter Weatherill in two parties climbed old faithful Flying Buttress. Epics on traverse 'Jumbo' Clarkson fell approx 6 ft and broke ankle, brave lad finished the route of and hobbled down to the rover.

Saturday 3rd

Hill walking, navigation exercise and rock climbing.

Criag ↑ Main Wall Carn Flos HS

Hernon summit of Snowdon, down to Cloggy intended rock climbing, but instead swam in the Llyn to cool down and ogled the nude lady bathers. Well Hernon did anyway

McGowan

Fisher ↑ Horned Crag on Lliwedd, then on to summit of Snowdon

Hunter and down to Pen y pass

Shipperley

Loftus East Face Tryfan

Hollister ↑ Overlapping Buttress 600ft HD

 ↑ Thompsons Chimney VD

Weatherill then scuttle down to swim in Llyn Bochlwydd

Cox

Lane

Healy Elider Fawr via Glyders to Tryfan
Hatton
Moore boy did the guys suffer in the heat

Sunday

What a day, what action men.

The team entered in the ex Valley members annual charity bike race, against keen opposition of 6 other teams.

The rules were to get a bike and team of three around the horseshoe in the fastest time, a team race where to qualify all three must finish together.

Valley A team made the fastest time with Tom Taylor and Stan Owens but failed because their third man failed to finish due to their pace.

Stafford with action men Pete Weatherill, Nobby Shipperley and Eric Holister came blasting in first complete team and second fastest time of 3hrs 35 min.

The second of our team, Chris Lane, Adrian Cox and Mike Healy didn't hack it, something to do with the bike not getting up Crib Goch.

A really great weekend proved the team have action men both on the hill and on the rock.

Weekend of 9th to 11th July 1976

Base camp Moel YS Y Goedwyg

<u>Team</u>	Craig	Hollister
	Lane	Anderson
	Shipperley	Cox
	Healy	Smith
	Woodyatt	Hatton
	Weatherill	

Team left unit at 18.00 arriving at base approx 20.30. on arrival at base noticed that the whole of Moel yr Henfaes, the first hill on the exercise area was ablaze, we had noticed several fire engines parked in CynWyd the village 2 miles of base.

Jim Craig left the troops to set up base and drove to CynWyd to enquire into the extent of the fire. It became evident that the Fire Officer in charge had great problems in communications. Messages from the fire area to fire control were taking up to 2 hours to receive. Naturally the team offered assistance.

Our first task was to set up a radio link and a party to navigate the parameter of the fire to give an accurate overall picture. This turned out to be a excellent night exercise. Pete Weatherill led a party of six on the recce and by dawn on Saturday the fire control had an accurate layout of the fire on the map showing where the burning was fiercest.

Throughout Saturday with radio parties at the scene of danger spots to pass messages to and from base the operation became under control. Fire officers were delighted with the presence of the action men.

On Sunday the wind got up and the fire broke through the break on the NE side on a 60 yd front. Through the teams comms system Fire Control were immediately notified. Two bulldozers were moved to the scene, along with extra manpower with breathing apparatus. The outbreak was brought under control within 2 hours. This particular break was spreading towards the forrest and it is very possible that due to the radio link the Forrest was indeed saved.

One of the other advantages of the team link was the saving of manpower and resources. Telephone messages were continually being received from locals reporting outbreaks on parts of the mountain outside the fire area, until the team arrived firemen had to be sent to investigate these reports. The systems of

lookouts on the hill with radios could confirm or disprove these reports immediately. On one occasion farmers were about to herd 6000 sheep from a neighbouring hill because of one of these reports. The link Nobby Shipperley confirmed there was no danger to the sheep and so saved the shepherds an unnecessary task.

The Chief Fire Officer requested that we remain on Monday, this was agreed by Pitreivie and the Station Commander.

By Monday afternoon the fire was completely under control and called it a day.

In all it proved to be a bonus to the team as we had a real situation to practice night navigation and communications.

A report on the teams work will be forwarded to the unit from the Chief fire officer.

RAF STAFFORD MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM INCIDENT

Nature of Incident	<u>ROCK-CLIMBING</u>	Number of Rescues	<u>ONE</u>	total
.....	<u>ACCIDENT</u>	Uninjured	<u>NIL</u>	Walking
Authority Alerting	<u>CLIMBERS IN AREA</u>	Casualties	<u>NIL</u>	Casualties
Team Alerted	<u>171200Z JUL</u>	Stretcher		
.....	date/time	Casualties	<u>ONE</u>	Dead
Called Out	<u>171200Z JUL</u>	Casualty Evacuation		
.....	time	.....	<u>N/A</u>	Walking
Arrived in Search Area/At Incident*	<u>171205Z JUL</u>	.....	<u>N/A</u>	miles
.....	time	.....	<u>ONE</u>	Stretcher
Composition of MRT	<u>NIL</u>	Final Evacuation by:		
.....	Officers	<u>Helicopter/Tracked Vehicle/MR Landrover*</u>		
.....	<u>ONE</u>	Casualty Evacuated to	<u>SHEFFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL</u>	
.....	SNGOs	Incident Completed	<u>171330Z JUL</u>	date/time
.....	Airmen	Arrived at Base/Station*	<u>171400Z JUL</u>	time
Other SAR Forces Involved	<u>NIL</u>	RCC Informed	<u>180830Z JUL</u>	date/time
.....		Vehicle Mileages	<u>28 MILES</u>	
Area searched	<u>NIL</u>	.....	<u>ONE LANDROVER AMBULANCE</u>	
.....			
Duration of Search	<u>N/A</u>	.....	
Weather Conditions	<u>GOOD</u>	.....	
Map Reference of Incident	<u>111/243037</u>	.....	
Located by	<u>N/A</u>	.....	
at	<u>N/A</u>	.....	
.....	time	.....	

*Delete words not applicable

Comments on Equipment

Bell stretcher used, its lightness, ease of handling and transportation both to the incident scene and the evacuation of the casualty proved superior to previous types of stretcher. However it was found that on strapping in the casualty two of the binding straps failed at the copper rivets.

Narrative (to be continued on back of form if necessary)

At approximately 171200Z Jul 76 whilst on a rock-climbing exercise at Stange Edge Cnf Tech Craig heard excited shouts for help from north of his position. Cnf Tech Craig called for SAC Woodyatt who was climbing further to the south, and ran in the direction of the shouting. At 1205Z arrived at a group of climbers who were gathered round the casualty, one Stephen Ryan 23 yr old of flat 2b Queen Road Hayes Middlesex. Ryan was lying between two large boulders at the foot of the rockface, conscious and obviously in great pain. Cnf Tech Craig began a detailed examination and diagnosis of injuries. During this time SAC Woodyatt arrived and was despatched with four civilian volunteers to the Ambulance, which was parked half mile from the incident. They returned shortly with the Bell stretcher and first aid kit.

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Meanwhile Chf Tech Craig had diagnosed fracture of the lower right ankle, deep cut on the middle forehead and bruising of the lower back. Analgesics were not administered. Chf Tech Craig was assisted in immobilising the fractured ankle by Mr Has Oldham, a Park Ranger, who arrived at the incident whilst first aid was in progress. With the assistance of volunteer climbers Hymn was transported on a stretcher to the landrover ambulance and conveyed to Sheffield General Infirmary, a distance of approximately 14 miles. Infirmary staff confirmed Chf Tech Craig's diagnosis. Hymn was treated and discharged. In leaving the infirmary Hymn complained of slight pain when placing weight on his left foot. The foot then began to swell. An Xray of the left foot revealed a slight hairline fracture, this was treated and Hymn was again discharged. Chf Tech Craig and SAC Woodyatt returned to base at 1400Z.

Weekend of 16th to 18th July 76

Base camp The Plough Hathersage

<u>Team</u>	Jim Craig	Andy	Smith
	Chris Lane	Steve	Peacock
	Nob Shipperley	Bob	Faraquer
	Mick Healy	Kieth	Hunter
	Woody Woodyatt	Ray	Hatton
	Eric Hollister		
	Stew Anderson		
	Phil Maine		

Team left Stafford after Royal Flight at 16.30 arrived at the Plough just after 18.00 to find that the Army had filled the bothy. Tents were erected in the field behind the bothy.

Saturday

Arrangement had been made in the distance past through Mike Taylor to take a party of students, under ex-member Spider Kelly, on the hill for the weekend. The students were split up amongst the team parties.

Saturday was spent by the majority of the team in a navigation training exercise. All on the hill had there turn in navigation.

Parties were as follows:

Mike Healy
Nobby Shipperley
Andy Smith
+ 2 students

Lose Hill, Kinder Scout,
Snake Pass, Bleaklow,
Wildboar Clough, Crowdon.

Eric Hollister

Plus 4 girl students

Edale, Grinslow Knoll,
Crowdon Head, Kinderlow,
Jacobs Ladder.

Ray Hatton
Steve Peacock
Chris Lane
Bob Faraque

Cutthroat Bridge, Dovestone Tor.
Magery Hill, Featherbed Moss,
Bleaklow Stone, Snake Pass

Jim Craig and Woody Woodyatt went to Stanage Edge with six students to climb. Routes listed below.

Craig + students	↑	Hangover	VS
	↑	The Y Crack	S
	↑	Black Hawk slit	S
	↑	April Crack	HS
Woody + Students	↑	Blizzard Crack	D
		Flying Buttress	VD
		Leaning Buttress Indirect	VD

At Midday the climbing came to an abrupt end when Jim and Woody were involved in a short rescue see attached report A.

In the evening Jim with Has Oldham climbed at Lawrence field doing Snail Crack HVS and Great Harry VS.

Sunday it was decided to get the whole team rock climbing, not just for the enjoyment but with the emphasise on instruction.

The team gathered at Birchams Edge and by the end of the day except for the hardest routes the Edge was practically worked out.

Even the troops who avoid climbing like the plaque admitted to thouroughly enjoyed the day and felt their confidence to be improved.

Weekend of 23 – 25 July

Base Camp

Derwent Hotel

Bamford

Team

Craig

Anderson

Loftus

Maine

Shipperley

Smith

+ Sqd Ldr Vernon

Weatherill

Farragher

& Son

Hollister

Fisher

Peacock

Team left Stafford at 18.00 and arrived at Bamford by 19.45 to realize the we had forgotten the scan. So Loftus and Shipperley returned to Stafford to collect it.

Sat.

Everyone went to Stanedge but were turned away because of the fire access problems. So Lawrencefield was visited en mass with the following people doing the following Routes.

On Sunday a visit to Yarncliffe to practice the noble art of stretcher lowering. A raise was done to test J>Vs theory on replacing clamps with knots. It worked very well indeed.

1. Vertical stretcher raise
7. Vertical stretcher lowers
1. Hammond lift off

It is important that everyone pays particular attention to what they are doing when working on a crag.

Some rock climbing to finish the day at Yarncliffe Edge.

Weekend 30 July 1 August.

Team	Flt Lt Hunter	Cpl Main
	SAC Loftus	LAC Smith
	Lane	Farragher
	Healy	Fisher
	J/T Hernon	Peacock
	Leigh	DeGol
	Hatton	

Team arrived in Keswick by 17.30 just about out of fuel only to find that there was no BP Agency within 30 miles. So troops drank tea in Keswick while Trev ran around like a blue arsed fly trying to get some . eventually we set up Basecamp in Borrowdale.

Sat Loftus Drove towards Carlisle for petrol
 Healy with Jerry cans for the R/L.

Keith Hunter took everyone else on to Sheppards Crag to learn absailing, Tragstz and some rock climbing. Joined by Loftus and Lane at about 12 oclock.

Cook Healy

Sun	H1	Loftus	H2	Healy	H3	Hunter
		Maine		Goldsbrough		Hernon
		Lane		Fisher		Farragher
		De-Gol		Hatton		Leigh
		Peacock				

H1 Set off from Honnister up Grey Knotts but had to return with Peacock who was ill (Bad Cold not Drink). From there up Dale-Head – Hindscarth – Robinson and down the Ridge to Little Town.

H2 Glaremara then aborted due to weather and Uncle Royds Breeches.

H3 Seathwaite, Sour Milk Gill, Great Gable, Sty Head, Allen Crag, Glaramara – base.

Cook Smith

Weather Sat Fine and Sunny
 Sun Driving Torrential rain and high winds.

Remarks An enjoyable weekend despite the poor start. Andy Smith made a very good job at his first attempt at cooking.

Weekend 6 – 8 August

Basecamp

Tatham Bridge

Trev Loftus

Junior Leigh

Chris Lang

Eric Hollister

Stew Anderson

Pete DeGol

Phil Main

Derek Whammond

J.D. Thompson

Nobby Shipperley

Sat.

H1

H2

Loftus

Anderson

Shipperley

Lane

Main

Leigh

Thompson

DeCol

Whammond

Both Parties did the 3 Peaks in fine style. The weather was boiling hot with no wind at all.

26 miles – 4000ft of ascent.

Cook Hollister

Sun

Everyone went to Attermire Scar near Settle to climb. It's a limestone crag with a lot of scope.

Several routes were done in blazing sunshine.

Cook Lane

Remarks

A great base camp, the welcome from the landlord really good. Very powerful beer.

Weekend 13/15 August

Llangattok

Team	Trev Loftus	Chris Lane
	Stuart Anderson	Nobby Shipperley
	Mick Hernon	Bob Farragher
	Pat Hernon	Phill Maine
	Brian Hernon	Pete DeGol
	Andy Smith	Derek Whammond
	Ray Hatton	

Troops all went down to South Wales to have a look at the Saints troops area.

Sat	H1	Loftus	H2	Anderson	Cook Hernon
		Lane		Hernon 3	
		Smith		Shipperley	
		Maine		DeGol	
		Hernon 2		Hatton	
		Whammond		Farragher	

H1 Route A traverse of the Black Mountains. Horseshoe in sweltering heat with no wind. We are going to need huge water bottles soon.

H2 Reciprical of H1

Sun. Everone went climbing on the escarpment again sweltering heat. Routes done are entered in the climbing log. It's a fairly good crag but has two loose bands of rock at half hight and near the top. Cook Faffagher

Remarks

 A really good song seshion with the saints troops on Sat night. Eric Henry bashed the Banjo in fine style.

 One of the best Weekends for a long time.

Weekend 21 – 22 August

Tan – Y – Pistyll

Team: -	Jim Craig	Bob Farragher
	Chris Lane	Steve Peacock
	Phil Maine	Eric Hollister
	Anklesling Thompson	Derek Whammond
	Jock (the Cat) Milne	Peter Weatherill
	Junior Leigh	Norbert Shipperrley (Marconi)

One of the better basecamps – picturesque with micky mouse waterfall providing a nice background to a pleasant convivial neighbourhood, consequently all the troopshappy and raring to go. Not so happy the pub landlord, not impressed with big boots hairy legs and moulting dogs. Wop acutely embarrassed by his dogs cowardice when confronted by small poodle with babys teeth.

Saturday

Touch of the High knee raises, niggerheads and honking heather combined making life almost unbearable. Bob farragher in one party mumbling “I cant go on” and his legs not listening, while anklesling Thompson coming the other way taking his agony in silence wondering whether his buttocks had arrived at stores yet. A real good long day was had by all – pete weatherills mob not coming off until 10pm much to the consternation of the cook Mick Milne who not so much worried about the state of his menu, was concerened - even dubious about our ability to get him to the pub before it closed, hacked it easy. Comms on the hill was good, but base not so good due to cliffs and hills all round making the wops beloved aerial totally inadequate and even useless.

Routes and Parties	Jim Craig	craig – y ffynnon 125/838195
	Phil Maine	aran fawddwy, Craig cwm-du
	Junior Leigh	foel rhudd, moel-y-ceerrigduon
	Anklesling Thompson	foel-geifr, cyrniaunod, ridge To 125/017305
	Pete Weatherill	recipe of above
	Nob Shipperley	
	Rob Farragher	
	Steve Peacock	
	Eric Hollister	124/142858 – 146187 – Craig
	Chris Lane	cywarch – 189853
	Derek Whammond	

Late Summer Grant

Saturday/Sunday 28-29th August
Fort William

Team

Jim Craig	Gordon Fisher
Chris Lane	Junior Leigh
J.D. Thompson	Phil Main
Pete Wetherill	Micky Hernon
Trev Loftus	Stuart Anderson
Noby Shipperley	John Craig
Ray Hatton	Andy Smith

Arrived Fort William yesterday evening at approx 20.00 hrs base camped at the ATC Hut. Base camp set up by the troops with the usual efficiency. The WOP had a "MONK" on and kicked the dog and bollocked The Aerial erection party. Went down town for a pint later except Junior who pierced his foot with a nail and spent a couple of hours sitting in the local hospital waiting his Tetanus Jab and a bandage put on – there must be easier ways of getting out of going on the hill!

Sunday

All the troops up with the Sun this morning – it was overcast. Pete Wetherill insisted that H3 and H4 go for at least one cup of tea after looking through the window of the closed climbing shop. All parties eventually made it on the hill. Weather at the tops was clagey with intermittent sunshine

Routes and Parties.

- H1 Hernon – Lane - Achintee farm/ Carn Dearg/ Ben Nevis/ Carn Mor Dearg/ Aonach Beag/ Sgurr a Bhuic/ Steal.
- H2 Craig/Anderson/Craig jnr - Half Way Lochan/ Tower Ridge/ Summitt/ Tourist Path
- H3 Loftus/Shipperley/Fisher Torlundy/ Carn Mor Dearg/ Arette/ Nevis/ T.Track/ ½ Lochan/ Achintee.
- H4 Weatherill/Main/Thompson As above.

Cook Leigh

Late Grant (cont'd)
Monday 30 Aug 76

All troops arrived earlier than Spike at his shop, grubby hands clutching pound notes to be exchanged for climbing gear.

The exchange rate was not very good. After many hours of bartering and many cups of tea in the café all the parties eventually got on the Hill. H1 & 2 to Polidubh Crag. H3 to do all the Munros. H3 was called off before the lad captured their first Munro because of stalking. The spent the rest of the day skulking around to base of polldugh throwing advice and abuse at the other parties. Mick Hernon gave a very interesting practical lecture on why helmets should be worn while climbing. Piton Crack (VS).

Routes

H1 – Craig Smith Hernon Anderson

Phantom Slab (VS) ↑ Piton Crack (VS) ↑
Flying Dutchman (HS) ↑

H2 - Weatherill Leigh Loftus Lane

Pinnacle Ridge (VD) ↑ (both parties)
Hestrigve (VD) ↑ Ragton Ridge (VD) ↑
Unsmed 70ft (VD) ↑

H3 - Maine Fisher Shipperley

Momores

Cook - Thompson

Tuesday 31 Aug 76

H1 Mick Hernon & Jim Craig leapt of early with sights set on Carn Dearg Buttress, Saassanach no less 800ft Scottish VS. (anything between Hard Severe and Hard Extreme). Whitch they climbed in the usual fine style.

H2 Weatherill Maine and 3F Smith

Aonach – Eagach W to E starting from Clachaig Inn.

H3 Loftus Leigh Anderson Thompson (JD)

Reciprical of H2

A great day, the weather stayed fine, turning cold and cloudy later in the day.

Navigation Exercise.

Cook Fisher. Who keeps insisting on filling the cook Tent with Smoke.

Wednesday 1st September 76

Due to the tiring days which had passed before us, the majority of the Troops decided to have a rest day on the Beer as phile maine would have it. However a small party decided to conquer the much conquered Observatory Ridge on BEN NEVIS. The party consisted of: -

H1 Weatherill
 Shipperly
 Leigh

Nobby and Junior thinking it would be a quick climb were wondering what they would be doing after it, however it took from 12.00 hrs till 13.15 hrs to do the first pitch. Then some cries from Pete Weatherill that if we didn't get a move on we would still be climbing at dark. We both thought he was joking but the joke turned into a reality when we were still climbing at 19.30 hrs. At 19.45 hrs the summit was reached much to the relief of the party especially me (Junior) as I thought my fingers were going to drop off due to the cold. Conclusion a well enjoyed day even though the climb took us 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

Cook Anderson.

Thursday 2nd September 1976

After a good day in the flesh pots of Fort William and most of the troops completely broke after more bartering in Spikes. It was decided that walking was to be their order of the day. The Ballahulish Horseshoe being the venue for the fight between hill & troops, the troops with their usual aplomb ruled the day, but it must be said that the hills put up an extremely good fight. With thick forest extreme grass sloges and 3 miles of 49 foot hills, which were not marked on the map. The weather was very fine, consequently the views were tremendous.

Navigation Exercise

H1	Weatherill Hernon Lane Smith	Sgorr Dhonuill Sgorr Dheurg
H3	Loftus Maine Fisher Thompson	Recip of H1
Cook	Shipperley	

FRIDAY 3RD Sept 1976 Fort William

Troops, baring no-one awoke to thundering hangovers after a party at 'Ingrids' house after the pub closed, much retching and honking at breakfast however everyone was gee'd into action and eventually set of on the hill.

Craig Steall car park ↑ watershed, Carn Mer Dearg
Smith arête, Ben Nevis and return.

The intention here was to drop off from the absail posts down into Corrie Leis and then up N.E.buttress, dear, dear at the absail posts the clag came in and a cold wind got up. This was the awaited excuse to abandon and nurse the headache, however as Dave Smith had not been to the summit it had to be done. Who's a bloody tourist then?

Maine Torlundy ↑ Carn Beag Dearg, Carn Mor
Hatton Dearg, Aonach Mor, Aonach Beag,
Fisher Steal car park
Leigh

Who are these stars hacked it in good time but what happened to Gordon F.?

Weatherill
Thompson Rec'p of Phil Maine intended but yet
Lane another abortion due to the extreme self abuse of last night
J.D. just went to pieces, after reaching Aonach Mor it was bediced to return over Aonach Beag for a second visit.

Hernon Carn Dearg Buttress (once More)
Anderson

Saturday 4th Sept 1976

Fort William

Ben Nevis Race

Troops split up into five parties with Kinloss MRT, and given designated points to cover on the tourist path. Each party equipped with first aid kit, radio's, bino's and stretcher.

Link party set up comms link on vitrified Fort and control at Achintee Farm.

Fairly warm day with occasional overcast. 200 + runners in the race. It was very surprising that there were no accidents at all and indeed only 3 runners failed to complete the course.

However this proved to be a good comms exercise between RAF – civilian and Police rescue teams

The troops as it was the last night at the Fort packed up base camp ready to move out early Sunday morning. Kinloss volunteering to do the cooking. The end of grant party started off well with the lads making friends with many in the Jacobite, then with a huge carry out continued at Black Mac's house into the wee small hours of the morning Great Do!

Departed Fort William at 08.30 in the morning on the long drive to Stafford, listening watch held on GR479

Troops arrived back at 21.00 approx.

A worthwhile trip in all with 3 big routes on the Ben cracked and most of the hills in the area being climbed excluding the monores which were barred due to Stag shooting.

Weekend 10 – 12 Sep 1976
Llanberis

Team	Weatherill	Hatton
	Loftus	Leigh
	Healy	Farragher
	Main	Smith
	Cox	

Saturday with the Peak District still alised to us because of the drought, it was a change, not welcomed, to wake up in the morning with the rain battering against the bothy windows.
The forcast was bad heavy rain & wind 40 – 50 knots which proved to be correct for a change.

Routes	H1	Weatherill Maine Farragher Leigh	Elidir Fawr, Foel Goch, Y Garn Glyder Faur, Glyder Fach, Tryfan
	H2	Loftus Healy Hatton Smith	Recip of above
Cook		Cox	

With the elements really beating the living daylight out of us H1 aborted down Devils Kitchen, after doing the first 3 hills. H2 after doing Tryfan. Whilst H2 was waiting for H1 at Ogwen Cottage Rescue Post a callout was received for a walker who had fallen whilst descending Tryfan.
See attached Report A

Sunday With the rain beating against the bothy wall the troops had hatered in their eyes when they were informed that the hills were awaiting them, and they had to put on wet gear. After visiting J.B's at Capel Cyrig, and the café at Pen-y-pass, all the troops eventually managed to get up the Pyg Track to the summit of Snowdon, where the weather wasn't too bad.
Loftus & Weatherill returned down the Pyg Track while the rest of the team returned to Llanberis. An early departure was made back to Stafford.

Weekend 19 – 21 Sept 76
Bamford

Team Craig
Hernon
Clarkson

Greenfield 24 – 26 76

Team Weatherill
Loftus (Sunday only)
Anderson
Healy
Lane
Cox
Milne
Peacock

Saturday

After a night of very heavy rain the troops awoke to find the tent half flooded and the base camp three quarters flooded and still the heavens were open. With the forecast of thunderstorms in the early afternoon short days were the order of the day, with the emphasis on navigation. The routes were

H1	Anderson Weatherill Peacock	Pennine Way	003123 053063
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H2	Cox Lane Milne	Recip of H1	
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Cook	Healy		
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Sunday

With the prospect of another wet night some of the troops had moved their gear into the RL, which leaked and wet their gear. Anderson & Peacock slept in the old house on the pretence of waiting for the Green Lady, the truth is they are just good friends. The night turned out to be very wet and blustery, but in the morning the weather was very fair the sun even shone a few times.

H1	Weatherill Anderson Lane	Navex on	Feather Bed Moss Longridge Moss Middle Edge Moss
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H2	Loftus Healy	Penine Way To	020097 053063 Then to Base
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H3	Cox Peacock	Climbing in Dovestones Quarry Routes	
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Cook Milne

On the whole a very wet weekend when some good navigational trips were learnt by many.

Wasdale Head
1 – 3 Oct 76

Team Weatherill
Loftus
Healy
Cox
Main
Whammond
Thompson
DeGol
Hatton
Lane
Anderson

Saturday

After a slow journey up Flt 3 was playing up all the wagons had to be refuelled on Saturday morning, all troops were up by 7.15 and on their way to the garage by 07.45. after waiting outside a garage in Gosfirth for nearly an hour waiting for it to open the troops were most pissed off to find that it didn't do Agency. The nearest garage was at Whitehaven !!! Troops eventually getting on the hill at 1100. Routes

H1	Weatherill Main Whammond	Ennerdale Horseshoe, aborted after Yewbarrow due to sickness in party
H2	Loftus Lane DeGol	Sty Head – Scafell Pike Via Corridor Route, Mickeldore Base
H3	Healy Thompson Hatton	Same as H2
Cook	Cox	

The trough was up to Aide's usual standard. JD had epics on the hill again causing landslides and trundling boulders on the members of the party. Very nearly had a call out and a man came into base saying that his mate was last up near Mickeldore, fortunately he returned whilst we were informing the Police/Local Team. This was the sign for the troops to relax and try one or two of the local beverages.

Namely Theakstons 'Old Peculiar' The barman stated that the lethal dose was 3 pints, obviously he hadn't taken into account MR troops, 5 – 7 pints each before they ran out of the stuff. Thank god they did. A very good night was had by all, with a singing competition with some other climbers in the pub that ended in an honoury draw.

Sunday

The weather was honking and that wasn't the only thing. After pints of 'Old Peculiar' most of the troops very peculiar.

Routes

H1	Weatherill Lane DeGol	Great Gable Kirk Fell
H2	Healy Main	Kirk Fell Great Gable
H3	Cox Thompson Whammond	Mickeldore Scafell Pike Great End
Cook	Hatton	

Loftus didn't go on the hill he took Flt 3 to a local garage to try and change the plugs unable to do so, it was later fixed by Main & Healy at another garage.

All mpatries aborted off the hill after their first hill due to the weather, Heavy rain, wind 20 – 35 knots poor visibility. An early departure was made to Stafford after yet another very wet weekend.

Weekend 8 –10 Oct

Edale

Team

Weatherill	Main
Loftus	Hatton
Cox	Peacock
Hollister	Fisher
Smith	DeGol
Whammond	

We awoke Saturday to the sound of rain beating against the roof of the tent OH NO not again. I can't take anymore.

With the weather as it was, the forecast even worse and most of the moors closed because of shooting it was time that the team got to some of the "lesser" crags. Wharncliffe, "the birthplace of gritstone climbing" looked inviting. H1 went to investigate the the following routes were done.

H1	Weatherill	Cheese Cut
	Fisher	Cheese Crack
		Overhanging Crack (Weatherill Peeled)
		Split Chimney
		Inside Route
		Hamlets Climb
	Loftus	Inside Route
	Peacock	Cheese Cut
	Cox	Cheese Cut Flake
	DeGol	Cheese Cut
		Bilberry Face
		Imaginary Boulder

The climbing at Wherncliffe is very good, the rock excellent, and by the looks of it not climbed on a lot. The routes are only 30 – 40 ft though. It's a place where 20ft thin vertical cracks are called Diff. Overhanging cracks V.Diff. on the whole it is well worth another visit, especially when dry & Pas could be used. After the climbing Weatherill and Loftus showed their respective seconds, belaying techniques including "spiders Webbing" and placement of nuts etc.

H3 Hollister
Main
Hatton
Whammond

Determined to go walking even though the majority of the moors were closed because of shooting H2 decided that Margery Hill needed another visit. Every time Eric comes to the Peaks he seems to do Margery Hill. Their route was to be White Tor, Black Tor, Margery Hill and Pike Low, with a pick up at the Ladybower Hotel. Unfortunately just as they were starting the route they received a message to return to base immediately. On arrival there it was found that Phil Main was urgently required to ring Stafford. A much garbled and misconstrued message was then passed causing Phil accompanied by Derreck Whammond to return to Stafford. Hollister and Hatton then did Kinder Low, up Grindsbrook & down Jacobs Ladder. The cook for Saturday was Smith who makes thin watery soup.

Saturday night was ruined by a man coming into base camp at about 2000 hrs saying that he thought he had lost 11 children on Kinder, he was going to check another pick up point. He promised to let us know if the children were found or not, so there was much restricted drinking in the Nags Head. The man never came back so the evening was ruined.

Sunday dawned, no clouds in the sky and we even had comms with Pitrevie. It had the makings of a good day. Froggatt held out its welcoming arms so H1 & H2 took the invite.

H1	Weatherill Peacock	Silver Crack Silver Traverse Solomons Crack	(unfinished, Weatherill peeled) (Peacocks First Lead Also his first fall)
H2	Cox Smith	Heather Wall	

As the rock dried out the crowds proved too much, for example 5 parties waiting to do Green Gut & 3 parties actually on Valkyrie. So a retreat to Yarncliffe was called for. H1 climbed Introvert. H2 did the start of Extravert but finished up Introvert. The climbing here was exactly the opposite to Froggatt, no people and very wet vegetated rock.

H3 & H4 decided that seeing there was no shooting on the moors walking would be a reasonable way to pass the time.

Routes	H3	Lufus DeGol Fisher	Kinder Kinder Downfall Mill Hill Snake Pass
	H4	Main/Hatton/Whammond	Reciprical of H3.

Cook for the day was Hollister.

Hotel Control returned to base ahead of the convoy to take Peacock to SMC with badly bruised feet and ankles due to his fall.

Weekend 15 – 17 Oct Dinas Mawddwy

Team	Weatherill	Lane
	Healy	Hamilton 8
	Hollister	Smith
	Fisher	Main

It was a very depleted team that ventured out this weekend to do battle with the hills around Dinas Mawddy. The poor show was due mainly to illness, RAFMA meets and the instructors/Pupils from the summer course deciding that they needed a weekend off after such a strenuous course.

When the base camp was reached it was still raining very heavily and the previous occupants of the field had been cows and with the amount of shit around they certainly weren't suffering from constipation.

Saturday dawned, blue sky, but with much threatening rain. The tents were really camouflaged, TSW use paint, MR use the real thing.

Routes H1 Weatherill 849175,836194,795155,
Main 823151 to base

H2 Healy 873153, • 554, Aran Fawddy, Aran Benlyn,
Hollister Aran Fawddy, Y Gribin, Foel Benddin
Fisher Base
Smith

Cook Lane

The weather managed to keep fine all day and the threatening clouds did no more than threaten. A good day was had on the hill by all.

Sunday	H1 Weatherill	Cader Gates, Cader Idris, Foxes Path
	Smith	
	Hollister	
	Hamilton	
	H2 Healy	Recip of H1
	Fisher	
	Main	

This was to be the great grudge walk between Healy & Fisher. Gordon was headiouped by carrying Chris Lanes bag & wearing Dollies. Mick Healy unknown to himself was carrying two rocks and a headlamp unit. The result was that Gordon bombed Mick from behind. The weather proved to be more unkind than yesterday with rain, strong winds & clag being our companions for most of the day. Mick Healy still hasn't seen the view from the summit of Cader Idris. Neither have I come to that. The good Lord decided that everyone should be soum. So as soon as tea was eaten, the heavens opened and everyone got soaked breaking base.

Weekend 22 – 24 Oct 76

LLANBERIS

The Castle Hotel

<u>Team</u>	Craig	Anderson
	Hunter	Hernon
	Weatherill	Cox
	Loftus	
	Lane	Clarkson
	Shipperley	Thompson
	Healy	Smith
	Hollister	Peacock
	Fisher	DeGol
	Whammond	Hamilton
	Gorton	Hatton

Big turn out this weekend could it be due to the area or was it because of Eric Holisters last weekend do. However an early start and good road conditions saw us settled in at the 'Castle' by 5 o'clock. Fairly early start on Saturday morning with 'Jankers' Cox up making the teas as part of his punishment for being a naughty boy at his section.

With the exception of Mike Hernon and Pete Weatherill who went to Gogarth all troops went on the hill Parties and routes as follows.

Navigation and comms excersie.

H1	Craig	Pen-Y-Pass ↑ Crib Goch – Crib-Y-Dysscel
	Hamilton	Snowdon ↓ Nant Peris ↑ Elider Fawr
	Gorton Nav	↓ Nant Peris
	Lane Wop	

Start of in fair weather, on Crib Goch conditions began to worsen and weather remained Generally cold, windy and wet until party reached summit of Elider Fawr when it hit with a vengeance. Storm sent the troops scuttling of the hill. Gortons first weekend on the hil, did fairly well. Chris Hamilton had great problems on Elider Fawr this was his second weekend.

H2 Hunter Helyg – Peny – Helg – Du – CarnEddau
 Whammond Penyrrolwen – Llynycwn – Y Garn
 Smith Elider Fawr – Base

Same condition as hotel 1 and blasted of the hill with vile weather

H3 Loftus ↑ Tryfan – Gliders to
 Hollister Elider Fawr
 Hatton
 Anderson

Trevs party bumbled round and met H1 on summit of Elider Fawr. Joined H1 in the retreat.

H4 Cox
 Thompson
 Fisher Recip of H2
 Healy

H5 Hernon
 Weatherill Rock climbing at GoGarth

Our Gogarth Climbers had an epic on 'Dream of White Horses' Mike as usual led in great style in wet cold conditions. Pete following faithfully "whither shall we wander" up this grand HVS.

Saturday night

Tony Jones arrived at 19.00 to retest Pete Weatherill on St. Johns First Aid in Mountaineering. Andy Smith was also retested but narrowly failed.

A great night in the Castle with Eric Hollister being presented with his little goblet of whiskey on behalf of the troops by JC.

Some clown caught out again in the 3 man lift.

Sunday All troops involved in Rope techniques: -
 Tin Can Gully Tension Raise – Gorge lift out.

Gribin Facet Tension Lower.
Cooks Sat Clarkson Sun Hernon

Weekend 29 – 31st October

Team Standown this weekend due to Kinloss association Xmas do. and Phil Mains wedding

Jim Craig and Pete Weatherill took climbing gear to Pitlochry with intenton of climbing on Saturday before the do at the Athol Palace Hotel. However old friends dragged us unwillingly to the pub instead.

Phils wedding was attended by the remainder of the team who had a great time at the wedding and afterwards.

Of course Mike Hernon managed to get out the Roaches on Sunday and climbed the Sloth finding it fairly easy.

WEEKEND 5th – 7th NOVEMBER 76

TEAM ANNUAL REUNION BAMFORD

Good turn out of ex-members and representatives from area sub – units at the Derwant Hotel Bamford on Friday night.

Team Members Present

Craig	Hollister	Thompson
Lane	Anderson	Smith
Weatherill	Hernon	Peacock
Hunter	Cox	DeGol
Healy	Clarkson	Whammond
Woodyatt	Main	Hatton

Saturday Hill walking, rock climbing, navex Cook – Woddy

The team mixed with ex members and friends for a days walking or rock climbing as follows.

H1	Craig	↑ Attempt in wet weather on Flying Buttress direct
	Hernon Stanage	↑ 'Z' crack V.S.
	Brown Edge	↑ 'Z' crack V.S.
	Aldridge	↑ and other routes

Craig and Hernon called back to meet Has Oldham to discuss joint exercise.

H2	Weatherill	
	Peacock	
	Clarkson	Stanage Edge
	Steele	
	Cox	
	Smith	

H3	Lane	
	Hatton	Hill walking and navex Snake Pass to Lose Hill
	Dunn	
	Seddon	

H4	Healy Taylor Stott Durst Thompson	Hill walking recip of H3
H5	Hunter Hollister Whammond Jones DeGol Main	Hill walking navex. The Edges

Everyone had a good day some of the ex members felt a bit shattered and had to hit the bag for a quick hours shut eye before getting shaved and changed for the 'do' at the Marquis of Granby Hotel.

The 'do' started about 19.00 and went extremely well in fact it turned out to be one of the better 'dos' with everyone joining in and doing their own thing. Especially Stev Anderson who between crashing out on the floor and swinging on the chandleirs generally made a bloody nuisance of himself. However we wasn't evicted from either hotel which says a lot for the patience of the Landlords.

At about 02.30 on Sunday morning everybody staggered back to base.

Sunday

Some movement at 10.00hrs, troops staggering around eating and honking, eventually 80% were back in the Denvant at it again and drinking continued until 14.00 hrs.

Only four stalwarts decided to go climbing at Stoney Middleton

Mike HERNON

Adi Cox

Andy Smith

Paul Dunn

Farewells were made between 14.00 and 17.00 the team left at 17.30 on the road back to Stafford. One highlight of the journey was when a car almost wrote of the RL and shot over the edge of the hill climb on the road west of Buxton. Troops dashed 200ft down the slope to find the driver OK and seemingly unconcerned. Said he was dazzled and hit the road side then lost control.

Weekend 12th 14th November 1976 Hathersage

Exercise Hill walking – Navigation – Comms – Rockclimbing.
Self-Rescue Techniques

<u>Team</u>	Craig	Hatton
	Loftus	Gorton
	Lane	Smith
	DeGol	Fisher
	Hamilton	Miling
	Thompson	Main

Base camp for the weekend was at the Plough Inn at Hathersage. Team drove in 'Pea soup' fog conditions and set up a tent base in the field beside the Inn. Novices gathered around Trevor and Chris to get the 'Gen' on lighting tilleys and putting up 12 x 12 and 160lbs tents.

The team had agreed to asses some schoolboys on the 'service' part of their Duke of Edinburgh award, the boys camped just by the team base camp.

Sat.

Good long routes were planned to improve fitness and give sufficient distance to asses the D of E candidates.

H1	Craig Jones Revely DofE Selby Brindle	H2 Loftus Downing Walker DofE Dick	H3 Lane DeGol Hamilton Thompson	H4 Hatton Gorton Smith Fisher
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H1 lose Hill, Mam Tor, Kinder Low, Mill Hill, Snake Pass, Bleaklow Head and down to Crowdon.

H4 Reciprical of H1

H2 Snake Summit, Bleaklow Head, Featherbed Moss, Margery Hill, White Tor, Cutthroat Bridge.

H3 Reciprical of H2.

Everyone was back by 18.30 for a good tea and evening in the pub. Sunday didn't start very early as the cook slept in and breakfast didn't materialise till well after nine. The day was spent at Stanedge, going through some basic

Weekend 19 – 21 Nov Llanberis

Team	Weatherill (Sun only)	Smith (Sun only)	
	Loftus	Whammond	
	Hernon	Gorton	
	Woodyatt	Hamilton	12
	Milne	Hatton	
	Thompson	Craig	

Saturday

A bit of a late start this weekend due to troops deciding to come out at the last minute. Base camp set up by 18.30 when everyone retired to the pub.

Sat H1	Loftus	H2	Woodyatt	Cook
	Hernon		Hamilton	Jock the cat
	Whammond		Hatton	Tea 17.00
	Gorton		Thompson	(Its started to get Late early)

H1 Navigation exercise round the Llyns and spot heights of the Moelwyns, mainly in preparation for Mick Hernons M.L.C. assessment the following week.
The day ended up by exploring an old mine in the hillside.

H2 Up to halfway house round to Cloggy and up the descent gully, Snowdon, Grib-Y-Disgl and down the North Ridge of Grib Goch. Flexibility is the key word (Quote from woody).

Sat evening saw the troops spread out around the towns pubs, not a good idea in my opinion.

Sun H1	Weatherill	H2	Woodyatt	H3	Hernon	Cook
	Milne		Hamilton		Whammond	Loftus
	Haton		Smith		Gorton	
	Thompson					

H1 Ogwen Cottage, Pen-Y-Rolwen, round the Carnedd's and back to Oggy.

H2 Climbing on Idwal Slab's.

H3 Craig Wen, Yr Arran & Snowdon, Cloggy, Moel Cynghorion, Foel Goch – Foel Gron – Moel Eilo and back to base.

Fantastic tea to end a pretty good weekend, weather not to bad at all.

Weekend 26th – 28th Nov 76

Horwich. (Lancs.) Joint Ex with Bolton & Rossendale

Team	Weatherill	Main
	Hunter	Milne
	Loftus	Woodyatt
	Lane	Smith
	Healy	Fisher
	Whammond	Hamilton
	Atkinson.	

Saturday

Cook Whammond

Weatherill	Healy	Main
Lane	Milne	Fisher

Took the lion by the tail & went walking with members of the civilian teams present. It soon turned out to be more than the pleasant stroll most of us were thinking it would be. But stamina prevailed and the majority of civilians were suitably bombed.

The rest of the team went climbing in a nearby quarry no one had a guide, but routes of varying standard were done by all members present.

A very pleasant evening was had by all in the Jolly Crofter. Much singing & drinking being the order of the night.

Sunday

Cook Weatherill (Breakfast) Healy (Main Meal)

Gwoff Seddan (Bolton TL) organised a search incident with all the teams forming mixed parties. The search gave some valuable experience to the novices in the team, as did the carry off over rough terrain.

The object of the weekend was to promote inter team relationship with the civilian teams (This Trev Loftus did to the extreme). The weekend was a total success with the teams mixing and working well together. The usual moaners had their grips about the area, but nobody takes any notice of them.

Team

Craig	Gorton	Main
Weatherill	Whammond	Fisher
Lane	Hernon	Shenton
Shipperley	Cox	McBey
Woodyatt	Clarkson	Green

Team left at 13.45 on Friday afternoon on the road to the Lakes. Fog conditions on M6 slowed the convoy to 15mph at times. Eventually the team found a BP station at Kendal, but lost Nobby Shipperley temporarily (his first long drive). Base was finally set up at 20.30 in Langdale under a clear moonlit night. Hills all around shone with dazzling white snow, with temp well below zero everyone was looking forward to crisp snow conditions in the morning.

Saturday 4th Dec

Nobby Shipperley up early in the role of cook, the base shrouded in dense freezing. It was decided to plan a mountaineering day where should conditions be good snow and ice climbing techniques could be practiced.

H1	Craig Lane McBey	Base ↑ The Band, Bow Fell, Ore Gap, Esk Hause, Great End, Sty Head, Great Gable, Green Gable, Brandreth, Greyknotts ↓ Honnister Pass
H2	Weatherill Hernon Green Gorton	Wythburn, Nethermost Pike, Helvellyn.
H3	Woodyatt Cox Fisher Shenton	Recip of Hotel 1

Parties set off at 08.30 and reached the snow line at around 500ft, disappointed that the snow was dry powder, fog was heavy until around 1000ft Then into brilliant sunshine, shining white mountains all around with every valley hidden under a blanket of white cloud.

Throughout the day parties waded through deep powder soft snow in changing conditions of cloud and sunshine, new lads made hard work of it legs cramping and aching, eventually floundering down off the hill in the dark. Everyone back by 19.30 tired and hungry. But still able to get changed after dinner and walk to the New Dungeon Gill for a few pints

Sunday 5th Dec

Up again to another freezing foggy morning Cox on cook for the day, but aided by the two new lads who just couldn't hack another day.

Jim Craig also on a skive to visit the Langdale Ambleside MR section with Tom Redfern.

H1	Weatherill Shipperley	New Dungeon Gill ↑ Harrison Stickle, Pike of Stickle, Mortcrag Moo, Langdale Moo, Langdale Comb, Rosset Pike.
H2	Hernon Fisher Main	Recip of Hotel 3
H3	Woodyatt Whammond	Easdale Gill, Sergeant Man, High Raise, Pavey Ark, Langdale Pikes.
H4	Lane Gorton Shenton	The band, Bowfell, Crinkle Crag, Cold Pike Pike of Buscoe

Everyone back at 16.30 quick dinner, base packed up and off at 17.00 expectant of bad road conditions. which turned out good. Team back at Stafford at 21.30.

WEEKEND EXERCISE 10 – 12 DEC 76

TEAM

Craig	Woodyatt	Clarkson
Hunter	Gorton	Smith
Weatherill	Milne	Hatton
Loftus	Hernon	Shenton
Shipperley	Cox	Lane
McBey	Atkinson	

Exercise Joint Stafford / PDMRO Aircraft
incident/Crowdon

Early start for half team to set up control point, toilets, tent for aircrew etc at Crowdon. Road conditions were extremely bad. Nobby Shipperley had a little unavoidable accident with the RVT when he slithered on ice and snow into the back of the TSW refueler. a very impressive base was set up in the field behind Ian Hurst's (area ranger) house with ideal landing site for the chopper from 'B' Flt 202 sqd at Leconfield. Rest of team arrived at base at 20.15 and after pie and beans adjourned to the 'Church' at Tintwhistle, a great wee pub.

Sat 11 Dec

- Cook – Bob Gorton up at 07.00 to prepare tea and breakfast.
- 08.00 PDMRO controllers arrived – briefed on exercise by Jim Craig. Nominated for control task
- 08.10 Woody and Aidy Cox set of for position as casualties with ejection seat, parachutes and flying suit.
- 09.10 Seven PDMRO MRTS arrived and are briefed by Jim Craig
- 10.0 Exercise underway teams designated search area by control panel.
- 10.10 Helicopter arrives but cannot land at base due to thick ground fog, landed above base beside quarry, later fog cleared and chopper was able to land at base. Throughout search controllers were swapped over, giving police and team leaders the opportunity to experience the control situation.
- 14.10 First casualty found, heliocoter evacuated casualty to Taneside Hospital.
- 16.10 Second casualty found and exercise terminated.

The exercise was valuable to everyone concerned for the team it re-established relationships with police civvie teams and PDMRO controllers. 202sqd enjoyed the exercise and also found it extremely valuable. They would like to be involved with the team at least every six weeks.

On Sunday the controller and PDMRO teams turned out again to a brief by Jim Craig on Helicopter operations and to take part in a rescue demonstration by the team from Laddow Rocks
The team did an aerial ropeway tension Power which impressed all observers immensely.

CHRISTMAS GRANT 1976

Basecamp.

Tatham Bridge

Team	Loftus	Cox	Atkins
	Lane	Clarkson	Hatton
	Smith	Milne	

Due to section revelry's the team didn't leave Stafford till Friday morning, arriving at Tatham Bridge by lunchtime. Then off into the pub after Basecamp was set up.

Sat 25 Christmas day

Cook – Loftus & Cox

Not many people ate breakfast mainly due to hangovers and feeling ill and things. Everyone was packed off on the hill except for uncle Royd who was unrousable. Christmas dinner was enjoyed by everyone at 17.00 then a short kip before the pub.

Sun	H1	H2
	Loftus	Milne
	Lane	Atkinson
	Cox	
	Smith	

H1 Up Pen-Y-Ghent via a gully in great condition leading right to the summit in sunshine and a clear blue sky.

H2 Ingleborough by a similar route.

Mon was a day off, a day of rest and recovery, composed mainly of sessions of sleeping interspaced with drinking bouts.

Tues.

One party shot off to the Trough of Bowland, the drive from Tatham Bridge to this area is so far so some thought should be given to getting a Basecamp in the centre of the Trough. Good walking in the area a bit like the Peak District. Adrian and 3Fs went off climbing in the Dales, having some trouble on the way to the crag, with the ambulance fuel tap.

Basecamp was broken up at about 16.00 and the team returned to Base.

Remark's

The best Christmas for year's, everyone at the pub and village really made us welcome. Fantastic nights in the pub not finishing till the early hours most mornings. This of course made for heavy heads in the morning's.

RAF STAFFORD MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM INCIDENT

Nature of Incident <u>WALKING ACCIDENT</u>	Number of Rescues .....1..... total
.....	Uninjured Walking
	Casualties
Authority Alerting <u>RCC PITREAVIE</u>	Stretcher
Team Alerted <u>291900Z DEC</u> date/	Casualties Dead .....1.....
time	Casualty Evacuation
Called Out <u>291900Z DEC</u> time	..... Walking miles) feet
	.....1..... Stretcher ..1½.. miles ..750..)*ascent/
Arrived in AREA	Final Evacuation by:
..... <u>300130Z DEC</u> time	MI Landrover
Composition of MRT Officers:	Casualty Evacuated to <u>KESWICK MORTUARY</u>
.....1..... SNCOs	Incident Completed <u>301300Z DEC</u> date/time
.....11..... Airmen	Arrived at Base <u>301300Z DEC</u> time
Other SAR Forces Involved <u>NIL</u>	RCC Informed <u>301545Z DEC</u> date/time
Area searched <u>N/A</u>	Vehicle Mileages
Duration of Search <u>N/A</u>	..... <u>RUT 3</u> <u>352 MILES</u> ..
Weather Conditions <u>SNOW GUSTY WIND</u>	..... <u>RUT 4</u> <u>345</u> ..
Map Reference of Incident <u>90/323272</u>	..... <u>AMB</u> <u>370</u> ..
Located by <u>KESWICK MRT</u>	..... <u>BVT</u> <u>352</u> ..
at <u>291630Z DEC</u> time	..... <u>RL</u> <u>350</u> ..

*Delete words not applicable

Comments on Equipment

NIL

Narrative (to be continued on back of form if necessary)

MR HUGH ASHLEY (36) SCHOOLTEACHER, MRS ANN SARA TOLSOM (38) SCHOOLTEACHER AND MASTER SCOTT JUSTIN TOLSOM (13) ALL OF SHEFFIELD WERE HILLWALKING ON BLENCATHRA FELL. WHEN DESCENDING A STEEP RIDGE MRS TOLSOM SLIPPED AND FELL APPROXIMATELY 500FT INTO A GULLEY SUSTAINING FATAL INJURIES. ON ATTEMPT TO REACH HER, MR ASHLEY ALSO FELL SUSTAINING FRACTURE OF THE SKULL, AND LAY UNCONSCIOUS FOR SOME TIME. THE BOY IN A STATE OF SEVERE SHOCK MADE HIS WAY OFF THE MOUNTAIN. MR ASHLEY REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AND EVENTUALLY REACHED GATEGILL FARM AT THE FOOT OF THE GULLY. POLICE WERE INFORMED AND ALERTED KESWICK MRT AT 291450Z DEC. KESWICK MRT REACHED THE BODY AT APPROXIMATELY 291630Z AT MAP REF 90/323272. DUE TO IMPENDING DARKNESS, BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS AND DANGEROUS TERRAIN IT WAS DECIDED TO EVACUATE THE BODY NEXT DAY. MR GEORGE FISHER TEAM LEADER OF KESWICK MRT

Distribution: MOD (Ops(ESR)b(RAF))	Date ...../REQUESTED
HQ Support Command	Signature
HQ No 18 (M) Group - (UK teams only)	Rank/Name
HQ NORMAR (For RCC)	
Station Commander (via Wg Cdr 'A')	
OC MRT ←	
CRO	
ST/1090/1/ORG	(To be signed by O or NCO IC MRT)
MR Section	

REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF RAF STAFFORD MRT, WHO WERE ALERTED BY RCC. RAF STAFFORD MRT DEPARTED UNIT AT 292030Z DEC AND SET UP BASE AT GATEGILL FARM NEAR THE INCIDENT SITE, AT 300130Z DEC. AT 300900Z DEC RAF STAFFORD MRT AND KESWICK MRT MADE THEIR WAY TO THE INCIDENT SITE. THE BODY WAS PLACED IN A THOMAS STRETCHER. RAF STAFFORD TEAM MEMBERS ARRANGED ROPE BELAYS TO PROTECT STRETCHER CARRIERS AS THE BODY WAS TRAVERSED ACROSS THE STEEP SNOW COVERED SLOPES OF THE GULLEY SIDES, UNTIL EASIER TERRAIN WAS REACHED. THE STRETCHER WAS THEN CARRIED IN RELAYS TO GATEGILL FARM, PLACED INTO RAF STAFFORD MRT AMBULANCE AND CONVEYED TO KESWICK MORTUARY. THE OPERATIONS TERMINATED AT 301300Z DEC. TEAM LEFT BASE AT 301530Z DEC ARRIVING AT RAF STAFFORD AT 301930Z.