

RAF VALLEY

MOUNTAIN

RESCUE

DIARY

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NOTES

- 1 This Diary was transcribed by Dr. A. S. G. Jones between September and January, 2005.
- 2 He has attempted to follow, as closely as possible, the lay-out of the actual entries in the Diary.
- 3 There is considerable variation in spellings. He has attempted to follow the actual spelling in the Diary even where the Spell Checker has highlighted a word as incorrect.
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- 7 There are no page numbers in this diary. Page breaks are shown by heavy line between entries.
- 8 An unknown number of pages appear to be missing between 14/9/64 and 8/10/64.
- 9 Sincere thanks to Lou Costello and Alister Haveron for a detailed proof reading of the text. Any mistakes are the fault of Dr. A. S. G. Jones.



3 hrs

Valley Airfield

3rd January, 1962

Sgt Sykes + 10 members assembled at Valley ATC for a complete demonstration of Pyrotechnics by W/O Daley (Arm. off). This was followed by a lecture on First Aid given by Cpl. Webb of S.S.Q.

G Sykes Sgt
For Team Leader

48 hrs Ex

Carnedds

6-7th Jan. 1962

F.S. Bennett + 12 members based camp at Glyn Barn, Capel Curig on the Friday evening.

Saturday

Drop off party at 107/626503 to visit Dakota Crash via Moel Meirch, Y Criban & Moel Siabod. Heavy 'clagg' was experienced & wet weather.

The second party left for the Dakota Crash via Pen-y-Grwyd & the Moel Siabod route

Sunday

All members with the exception of Cross (W/OP) & Millar (Driver) proceeded to Ogwen where rock climbing was carried out. Found to be cold for the job especially with ropes of three

Team returned to Valley at 2100 hrs

G. Sykes Sgt.

8 hr. Exercise

Ogwen

10 Jan 1962

Sgt Sykes + 9 left Valley at 1345 hrs to establish base at Ogwen Cot park. Very heavy rain & high winds so team did a familiarisation of the climbs around Ogwen up to the Devils Kitchen. All parties returned to base at 1630 hrs where a hasty departure was made for Bethesda Hut for change of clothing & 'eats'.
Team returned to Valley 2100 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

48 hr. Exercise

Moelwyns

12 - 14 Jan 1962

F.S. Bennett + 10 left Valley for Cwm Pennamen on Friday night at 1830 hrs. Base Camp was established in the Forestry workers Hut.

Saturday

F.S. Bennett & French-Paris left in L/R to find suitable place on the Moelwyns for testing a Mr. John Roberts (Sub Unit Leader) for his Duke of Edinburgh Award (Gold). The remainder once again set out to find the Dakota crash in very wet & hailing weather. Success was achieved by all & returned at 1730 hrs.

Sunday

Team left for climbs on the Moelwyns to assist in testing of Roberts. Stretcher lowering, Falling Leader (Sack of Rocks), abseiling & rock climbing principles was given to new members. Roberts successfully carried out his tests under examination by F.S. Bennett for his Gold Award.

Team returned to Base at 1730 hrs & departed for Valley at 1930 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

8 hr Exercise

Moelwyns
N. Carnedds

17 Jan 1962

Sgt Sykes + 9 left Valley at 1330 hrs for Aber Falls in R/L 59AE05 with two drivers, Cartner & Jones (new M/T Drivers). Team was dropped off & Jones took over the R/L to drive back to Bethesda Hut where base camp was to be established, accompanied by Cross.

The team split up into two parties for navigation & covered the N. Carnedds area. The summit of Foel Fras was found to have still 3 to 4 feet of snow & very icy. Ice axes still required for safety purposes. Winds were very high, lightening & only one mile from base rain & hail came down. One party returned at 1900 hrs 'wet'.

The white blankets in Bethesda Hut were noticed to be missing so were several other cooking utensils. A conversation with Mr. Davies of the Douglas Hotel resolved that F/Lt. Wilde (ATC) had returned these to Valley. A check is to be made as to the True Inventory holders & holdings of B65 & W17.

Tram returned to Valley at 2300 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

36 hr Exercise

Yr Eifl

20/21 Jan 1962

Saturday

Sgt Sykes + 10 left Valley at 1330 hrs for Base Camp at Cwm Pennant. A handy cottage with 5 Bedrooms up & four rooms down, kindly loaned by Major Evans of Plas Hendrie (See Camp Site Book). Vehicles R/L 05 & L/R loaned by M.T.

Sunday

Team left at 0900 hrs for Llithfaen; dropping off point & covered all of the Yr Eifl area, which no members of the team had done before. Parties were picked up at Pant - Glas & returned to base camp at 1730 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

Afternoon Ex.

NAAFI Rocks

24 Jan 1962

Due to the cancellation of a Joint Exercise by the Helicopter of 22 Sqn the exercise planned for Holyhead Mountain was re-arranged. Peg climbing & the use of Etriers was carried out on the rocks behind the section, to give team members the chance to have a 'go' for the extended weekend to be spent on Milestone Edge, Derbyshire

No rations were drawn & team ceased action at 1630 hrs.

72 Hr Exercise

Edale, Derbyshire

26 - 29 Jan 1962

Friday SAC Cartner + 3 left Valley in R/L 59AE05 to establish Base camp in Edale Village,
26th Map Reference EIN 111/119859.
1330

1830 Sgt Sykes + remainder left in L/R (Borrowed from M.T.) & RVT.
0230/27 All members encamped for the night

Saturday A general search of the immediate area was carried out using 'Walkie Talkies'.
27th Here again reception was none too good unless from peak to peak & in line of sight.
Weather was brilliant, sunshine, cloudless from dawn to dusk. ZUG QSL NRCC at
0900Z. Power Failure

Sunday Members left to examine Millstone Edge for attempt at pegging. Quite impressive
28th rock but the speed of ascent was appallingly slow. Also success for climbs local
students & natives of Sheffield. Climbs were done on the Embankment Route & team
returned to Base Camp at 1730 hrs. Fine Sunny day.

Monday Very foggy & hard frost in morning. Rather a lazy day spent awaiting clearing up
29th so as to return to Millstone. Pegging was ruled out and walks done. Refuelling was
done at Noston.
1700 hrs departed Edale - arrived Valley 2210 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

48 Hr Exercise

Llanberis

2 - 4 Feb 1962

Friday
1830

Sgt Sykes + 10 left Valley to establish Base camp at RAF Llanberis

Saturday

Two parties were made up, No. 1 thoroughly covered the whole Base area of
Llanberis pass North Climbs, making note of access to climbs, names of climbs,
gradings etc. Party No 2 went up the Llanberis track to Snowdon with intention of
returning via Crib Coch but due to high winds proceeded over the Summit to Yr Arran
returning via Nant Gwynant, Pen-y-Pass to be picked up by R/L at 1900 hrs.

Sunday Reciprocals of Saturday had been planned for North Llanberis Climbs but due to
very low cloud & intense rain this had to be readjusted to general walking exercises.
Team returned to Valley via Pen-y-Pass, Capel Curig Bethesda returning at Valley
2030 hrs

G. Sykes Sgt.

8 hrs

Ogwen

7. Feb. 62

Wednesday afternoon

Sgt Sykes + 10 proceeded to Ogwen where parties were dropped off for coverage of the Glyders & the northern Carneddts. Topham sustained an injury to the scalp prior to leaving Valley & had to be left behind for Stitches.

Team returned at 2200 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

48 hrs

Carneddau & Moelwyns

9/11-2-62

F/Sgt Bennett + 10 members travelled to Cwm Llanarch where base camp was set up. Vehicles used were Bedford R/Ls 59AE05 - 58AE94 & L/rover 14AA84

Sat 10th

F/Sgt Bennett + 9 members walked to Craig-yr-Usfa in search of snow to practice snow climbing techniques. Weather changed on the way and all the snow had disappeared on arrival owing to the heavy rain. The exercise was not a complete waist however for a road was found from Trefriw to the emergency phone, which is suited to L/Rover in case of Carneddau rescues.

Sunday

11th

One party was dropped off at Cwm Penmachno and returned over the tops to base. A second and more experienced party dropped off near Galt-Fawr and walked to base. The team returned to Valley at 22.30 hrs.



A. Bennett F/S
NCO i/c MRT

8 hrs Exercise

Glyders & Moelwyns

14-2-62

F/Sgt Bennett + 12 members travelled from Valley in R/L 59AE05 & L/R 14AA84. One party was dropped off at Ogwen where they walked of Glyder Fach & Fawr and then to base at Plasa Brenin. A second party was dropped at Pen-y-Gwryd hotel where they walked to the Dak crash - the summit of Moel Siabod and back to base.

A. Bennett F/S
NCO i/c MRT

36 hrs exercise

Carneddau

17/18-2-62

F/Sgt Bennett + 10 personnel travelled to Base at Cufty. Vehicles used were B.R/L 58AA04. L/R AMB 08AA20 & L/R 14AA84.

The team consisted of many new members so the remainder of Sat afternoon was spent on base giving instruction on boots, tying patients into a Thomas stretcher and the use of pitons as climbing & stretcher lowering aids.

Sunday 18-2-62

All members followed a course from base to hafod-y-Rhiw and return. This proved a most enjoyable day as the weather proved to be exceptionally fine. The views were

very rewarding indeed. One party were so pleased that they increased their original course finishing in good style after some 18 miles.

An excellent weekend.

A. Bennett F/S
NCO i/c MRT

72 Hr Ex.

Llangattock - S. Wales

23 Feb. 1962

- Friday 23 F/S Bennett + 5 left Valley at 1030Z in R/L 58AE94, W/T 75AV07 & L/R 14AA84 to establish Base Camp near Llangattock. MAP REF: 141/160166. The remainder of the team (ten) to follow on in R/L 59AE05 after cease work at 1830 hrs.
First party arrived base camp at 1545 HRS, Second party at 0100/24 th.
- Saturday One party did the Sugar Loaf Area returning via Crickhowell to Base
One party to Bloreng & another to prospect for potholing possibilities on Mynydd Llangattock cliffs.
- Sunday A Potholing party left for Aggy Aggy Caves, where 4 very interesting hours were spent going down instead of our usual 'up'. This party returned in need of a good bath but a nearby frozen stream had to suffice.
Two members went climbing on the Slabs, very soft rock & not guide book stuff.
The remainder went over the tops of Mynydd Llangattock returning at 1600 hrs.
Heavy snow was encountered on the return.
- Monday It was decided to leave base camp & return to Valley due to the possibilities of heavy snow. Team returned Valley 2100 hrs. A most enjoyable changeable weekend was enjoyed.

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hr. Ex.

Llanberis

2 March 1962

- Friday F/S Bennett, Sgt. Sykes & Driver left Valley at 1045 to establish base camp & W/T contact with Petrieve (18GrP NRCC).
Remainder of the team arrived 2000 hrs.
- Saturday A Duke of Edinburgh Award test had been arranged for some Senior Scouts. This was carried out on the Moelwyns. All were failures. Members not required for helping in the test did the Glyders. F/S Bennett gave a lecture to Scouts in the evening & returned to Valley to prepare for leave.
- 2030 Whilst in the P.Y.G. having our first pint three climbers requested assistance for three of their friends who were on LLIwedd (Primitive) & had no lights. Topham, French-Paris & Hoyland were sent with flares etc and gave the necessary assistance & returned to the Pass at 0010 hrs. Report 'A' action carried out.
- Sunday Excellent sunny weather & snowy tops. One party did the Horse Shoe, another party familiarization around Moel Elio area.
Team returned Valley at 2115 hrs.

G. Sykes. Sgt.

Seen. A. Bountiff Sqn. Ldr



540 Action
to here.
GS

8 hr Ex.

Aber/Bethesda

7 March 1962

Sgt Sykes + 16 left Valley at 1330 hrs to drop off at Aber falls. R/L then proceeded back to Bethesda Hut to join up with W/T vehicle.

Very cold & strong winds were found on Foel Fras Summit & plenty of hard snow. All members were back at Bethesda Hut by 2000 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

48 hr

Cwm Llanerch

9 March 1962

Sgt Sykes + 17 left Valley at 1830 hrs. Base camp was established in the left hand field of Cwm Llanerch.

10th March 0800

Party No. 1 dropped off at Ogwen to cover the Carneddau, returning via 'Cufty'.

Party No. 2, Reciprocal of Party No. 1. Both parties carried R/T

Party No. 3 to Ogwen for rock climbing

1930 hrs

Both hill parties still out & in wet 'claggy' weather, no R/T contact.

2130 hrs

Received 'phone call from Ogwen Cottage that both parties had descended Pen-yr-Oel-wen & were awaiting transport back to Base.

2230

Tales of woe & 'swinging' compasses from both navigators. One member, Gregson slipped when descending Pen-yr Ole wen & on examination was taken to the local doctor in Bettws-y-Coed for 3 stitches to had in lower lip, also two broken teeth were examined.

Sunday 0900 hrs.

One member Cartner set out as lost party. Remainder to find & report by R/T.

Quite a large area was given to cover & success was achieved by 1530 hrs. Team returned Valley at 2000 hrs. Gregson's final injuries:- 8 stitches in jaw - chipped jaw bone, 2 broken teeth (Extracted) & Black eye with much learnt.!

G. Sykes Sgt.

8 hr.

Snowdon

14 March 1962

Sgt Sykes + 16 left Valley at 1330 hrs for Base camp at Rhyd Ddu.

One party to Summit of Snowdon via South Ridge, one party to Summit of Snowdon via Rangers track, a further party went up Mynydd Mawr.

An excellent day and ideal for familiarization (needed).

All parties returned to Base by 1845 hrs having reached the Summit of Snowdon in one hour from the main Road at Rhyd Ddu.

Team returned to Valley at 2115 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

48 hr **Moelwyns** **17/18 March**

F/S Bennett + 14 left Valley at 1830 hrs for Base camp at Cwm Penamen

Saturday A familiarization Exercise was carried out over Craig Tan y Bwlch, Foel Fras (1920') area. New members were detailed as navigators over a none too well known area. All parties had returned by 1830 hrs.

Sunday

Rockclimbing was carried out by two parties on the crag opposite base camp (Carreg Alltrem) - unknown climb next to Fractured Rib. walking parties covered the local Drosgol area. Weather fair, clearing up late afternoon.

Team returned Valley at 2100 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

8 hr **Ogwen** **21 March 1962**

Sgt Sykes + 16 left Valley for afternoons exercise with Sgt Fearn & Cpl Bruce (Team Leaders Course). Base camp was in Bethesda Hut.

Tunnah, Costello, William rock climbing on Milestone Buttress & decided to complete the scramble to the Summit.

Hill parties were sent over the Carnedd's to check so called "swinging compasses" of 10th March exercise. No members got lost; weather brilliant sunshine!!

Team reassembled at Bethesda Hut & returned Valley at 2200 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

72 hr **Llanberis** **23-26 March 1962**

23 Sgt. Sykes + 15 left Valley for base camp at old RAF camp Llanberis.

24th March, Saturday

Familiarization of climbs on Llanberis pass N & S were done due to inclement weather for rock climbing.

25 March Sunday

Heavy rain & snow in forenoon experienced in all areas of coverage

Early Sunday evening was spent assisting "would be benighted travellers" to comparative safety of hostellers

Five abandoned cars were checked & accounted for by 1900 hrs. Two feet of snow had fallen by 1700 hrs,

Team retired to an early bed at 2200 hrs.

26 Monday

Morning weather wet & low cloud. One party attempted the Snowdon Horse Shoe from Crib Goch but wisely did a retreat 500' from Snowdon Summit. Heavy wet snow on Ridges.

The other party explored the Dinas Mot Area for possible footpath up to Cwm Glas. This was found not to exist as we found out to our displeasure during a rescue late last year. There is a path to the west of Ynws Hettys but no use for Cwm Glas. Team returned Valley early at 1900 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hr

Capel

31-1-April 1962

F/S Bennett + 9 team members + 2 potential team leaders + 10 Trainees on Trial course established Base camp at Glyn Barn

Saturday 31st March 1962

Party No. 1 leader Tunnah + Trainees
Drop off point Ogwen Cottage. Route as follows:- Pen-yr-oleu-wen, Carnedd Dafydd, Carnedd Llewelyn, - Penyrhelgidu, then most accessible route back to Base.

Party No. 2 Leader Cartner & Trainees
Drop off point at Llyn Gwynant & direct course to Moel Siabod & return to Base.

Party No. 3 Leader Topham + Trainees.
DoP. Ogwen Cottage - for the SW Glyders to Capel Curig then Base.

F.S. Bennett, Fearn & Bruce - Rockclimbing on the Moelwyns.

Sunday 1st April

Party No. 1 Leader Topham, course as for No. 1 on 31st
Party No. 2 - Leader Tunnah, Glyders to Capel Curig ↑ Moel Siabod then to Base.
F.S. Bennett, Fearn, Bruce, rock-climbing on Moelwyn - Yr Oen
Parties reduced in numbers as "sick, lame & tiredness" has taken its toll on the Saturday. Sgt. Cassidy - Blisters, swollen ankles. Sherlock - brought down with suspect appendicitis & returned to Valley S.S.Q. Hawkins - suffers from Asma

Wilkes - suffering from bruised thigh, had to return from hill to base camp

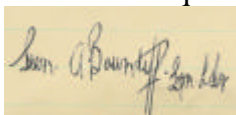
A good weekend & a pleasure to observe the fitness of our own lads to the trainees

G. Sykes Sgt

Note:- Sherlock taken to C & A for 10 days observation & possible appendicitis operation. 624 action to his parent Unit by S.S.Q.. A good chap in many respects for M.R. duties.

G. Sykes

Seen A Bountiff. Sqn Ldr.



Officer i/c M.R.T.

3rd April 62

48 hr

Moelwyns

7. April 1962

F/S Bennett + 14 members established base camp at Cwm Orthyn Hut for the weekend

Saturday

All team members spent the day on stretcher lowering, Tragzits work, climbing on a dummy run for the visit of Mr. Marples, M.P.

Sunday

Wet day, which was spent in navigation & familiarization of the Moelwyns.
Team returned Valley at 2200 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hr

Moelwyns

14 April

F.S. Bennett + 17 Established base camp at Cwm Orthyn on Friday night with S/L Sims, Inspector of M.R.

Saturday

Mr. Marples arrived at 0900Z in climbing rig & was immediately taken to the climbing area, where he watched the lowering of the casualty - Officer i/c Sqn Ldr Bountiff- in Thomas stretcher. Also the use of the Tragzits was demonstrated by F.S Bennett using Topham as the casualty.

Full communication was maintained during the lowers on 5372 Kcs between 3 R/T sets & the W/T Vehicle situated at the Helicopter landing strip. Full comm was also maintained on VHF with Helicopter & W/T Vehicle. The casualties were taken by L/R ambulance to helicopter & winched away.

Mr. Marples also had a trip in the Helicopter

On returning to base Mr Marples did a route with Roberts & was rather gripped at the start of the climb. First aid was given to his bleeding fingers half way up but he continued to the top to complete the climb.

Sunday

Rather a colder day & most members did nav exercise including S/Ldr Bountiff, S/Ldr Sims I.M.R. & Mr Marples. Other members braved the elements & continued climbing. Mr. Marples & Sims were returned to the care of the Station Commander at 1830 hrs. Team returned Valley 2200 Hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt.

Easter Grant

Lake District

19th April

F.S. Bennett plus 13 established base camp on Thursday night at 2200 hrs at Millbeck near Keswick.

Friday

Various parties set off for climbs on Shepherds, Pillar. Other parties did Skiddaw area on nav ex.

Saturday

Very wet & cold day, most unsuitable for rock climbing so more familiarization of

the area for the newer members.

Sunday At 0430 Sunday morning, George Fisher of Keswick Mountain Rescue Team called at camp to ask for assistance to a climber who had been benighted on Pillar Rock. On arrival Keswick Team were on the job, (due to the fact we were not asked till 1 hour after Keswick team for assistance). Our chaps stood by & let them get on with it. It was noted that the use of our equipment, especially the 500' ropes, would have made the rescue of the casualty much easier & safer. Team returned for eats to Millbeck & stand down at 1130 hrs.

Monday The not to be done climbers' carried on the climbs on Shepherds and Black Craggs. More climbing & rope techniques were done all day & Nav Ex of Scawfell (highest in England). Team left Keswick 2330 hrs for Valley

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hr

Idwal

27 April

Friday F./S + 10 Established base camp ay Idwal, near the Y.H.A.

Saturday Parties did the Gylders with 14 day trial people for familiarization with the area One party Cwm Penamnen for rock climbing.

Sunday 0300 hrs

A request for possible assistance in the search for two walkers who had not reached their designated point at 2000 hrs the previous night, was asked for by Bethesda Police at 0300. NCO i/c awaited first light (0500) to alert the team but at 0515 Police informed us 'search off' - walkers safe. Being up & ready early, starts were made on the Glyders returning via Devil's Kitchen to Idwal.

Team returned Valley at 2200 hrs.

A month of various activities & somethings well learnt by all members.

G. Sykes Sgt

A Bountiff Sqn Ldr

Officer i/c

7th May 62

48 hr

Cwm Llanerch

5th May 1962

Friday Sgt Sykes + 10 (including 3 trialists) established base camp at Cwm Llanerch. The team was depleted due to the Summer Course being held at Glan Dena

Saturday

Parties were dropped off early at Ogwen to cover the Carnedd's. A fast pace was set up & maintained throughout the route & the Pont-y-Pair in ~~Beths~~ Betws-y-Coed was made with 4 minutes to spare before the Kick Off of the F.A. Final at Wembley. The incentive was certainly there.

Sunday

A wet cold day where familiarization was needed of the local area. Liaison was maintained with F/S Bennett at Glan Dena.

Team returned Valley 2130 hrs

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Cwm Penammen

11th May 1962

Friday 1830
Saturday
Sgt Sykes + 8 established base camp at Cwm Penammen in the Foresters hut

A Royal Flight was on for 1130 to 1300A team was maintained at Readiness & by phone for communication. S/LDR Sims (I.M.R.) paid us a visit & climbing was done on Carreg Alltrem.
(Lavarado - led by F/S Bennett - 2nd I.M.R.)

Sunday

Snowdon (South approach) was done & a search for tracks for L/R'able was very discovering e.g. Routes to 'Cloggy' etc. On return to Base the evening was spent on further rock climbing on Carreg Alltrem. Costello led up to the overhang on Penammen Grove' but wisely retreated due to tiredness. A sensible idea when at the end of the day. F-Paris & Hayland did / & descended in the twilight.

Monday

Tremadoc Rocks. This was rather disappointing on the approach due to the immense jungle that completely surrounded the bottom of the Rock & also the vegetation on the climbs. Climbs & scrambles were done, with members looking as if they had returned from Jungle Rescue Exercise.

Team returned Valley 2200 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hour Exercise

Ogwen

18-20/5/62

F/S Bennett + 14 personnel established base at Idwal Youth Hostel on Friday evening

Sat

A request for help by Bethesda police to stand by for a walking party who were some hours overdue. The time was filled in with first aid lecture theory and practical. The missing people eventually found themselves as all was well.

Sunday

A walking party went up the Devil's Kitchen & Glyder fach & fawr - Tryfan and down N. Ridge

Climbing parties covered numerous routes on Bochlywd and Idwal Slabs.

A. Bennett F/S
NCO i/c.

8 hr Exercise

Ogwen

23.5.62

Walking party ↑ Devil's Kitchen ↑ Y Garn ↑ Foel Goch - Base

Twelve personnel climbed an Bochlwyd Buttress & Griben Facet.

A. Bennett

5 hr Exercise

Llanberis Pass

29th 5.61

F/Sgt Bennett + 7 personnel went to Llanberis for an evening Rock climbing exercise

F/Sgt Bennett - Cartner did Phantom Rib (VS) on Clogwyn-y-Grochan

Hoyland - Beers - Bartley - Nea (S) Glogwyn y Grochan

Tunnah - Curry - Willy (Wrinkle VD) Carrog Wastad

A very worthwhile exercise in perfect weather.

A. Bennett

8 hr Exercise

Llanberis

30th 5-62

A walking party went ↑ PYG track to Snowdon and returned to base via Crib Goch

F/Sgt Bennett + Cartner climbed "Brant" (VS) on Glogwyn- y-Grochan. While Costello and Hoyland took their parties up a Severe also on the Grochan. Another good day.

A Bennett

36 hr Exercise

Arrivals

2nd - 3rd-6-62

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 personnel established base at Garn Dolbenmaen in Major Evans Cottage. After base was established Clay took one party of beginners on abseiling practise. Curry took another party on the Arrivals on nav exercise. F/S Bennett + Costello did Merlin (VS) Craig Bwlch y Moch and Christmas Curry with Mica finish (HS).

Hoyland & Topham also did Christmas Curry

Sunday

Walking parties and abseiling parties reversed from yesterday

Climbs done by climbing party included Christmas Curry, Poor mans Peutry, and an attempt was made on Pin Cushin but Costello not feeling quite on form decided to retreat. A wise decision.

A. Bennett

8 hr

Ogwen Car Park

6 - 6 - 62

A walking party went ↑ N. Ridge Tryfan & Glyder fach and Down Bochlwyd to base.

Climbing parties investigated a new crag to MR Carreg Maenog with good results. At 1800 hrs Dr. Jones C/A Bangor gave us a practical session on first aid which lasted until 22.00 hrs. The following people passed tests qualifying them to carry first aid kits including morphia.

Hoyland Tunnah Bartley Willy.

A. Bennett

WHITSUN GRANT

OGWEN

8th - 12th JUNE 1962

FRIDAY

Cpl Tunnah + 20 members + 1 14 day trial member established Base Camp opposite the youth hostel at Ogwen on Friday evening

SATURDAY

Two walking parties went out at 09.00 HRS. One party covered Pen-yr-Oleu-Wen & the Carneddau & the other party walked the reciprocal route of the first

Two rock climbing parties climbed on a new cliff called 'Carreg Mianog in the Pen-yr-Helig-du cwm.

The weather was excellent.

SUNDAY

Two walking parties went out & one party covered the North ridge of Tryfan, Glyder fach, Glyder Fawr, Y Garn & Foel Goch.

The other party covered the Carneddau. Cpl Tunnah & J/T Beresford climbed on Gribin Facet, Bochlwyd Buttress & Braich-Ty-Du.

SAC Topham * SAC Bagshaw climbed on Milestone Buttress.

The weather was rather doubtful early in the day but it cleared up in the afternoon.

MONDAY

A walking party went out to cover the Snowdon horseshoe. One of the members was conducting a keep fit campaign & consequently the party ran down from Snowdon to the Pen-y-Pass Hotel in 10 MINUTES.

Cpl/TECH Hoyland & 4 remained at base Camp as the duty team

SAC TOPHAM again went rock climbing.

Cpl Tunnah took Cpl THOMPSON & SAC BARTLEY rock climbing on Gribin Facet & Bochlwyd.

The weather started to break after tea.

TUESDAY

The weather was bad with a steady drizzle all day.

One party went up Snowdon & were soaked to the skin on arrival back at Base Camp.

The climbing party climbed on the Milestone Buttress

Returned to Valley at 22.00 HRS



J. Tunnah CPL

48hr

Llanberis

16-17 June 1962

Friday Sgt Sykes + 15 Established Base Camp at old RAF Llanberis at 2000 hrs.
1830

Saturday

One party was dropped off at Tyn-y-Maes to complete the Glyders & familiarize new members with the area & navigation.

The second party up Llanberis track to Snowdon Summit, then Horseshoe to Pen-y-Pass.

The third party went up the miners track to an outcrop to test new tyrelene Rope, Stores Ref. 33A/175. Falling leader practice was done & also lowering on the 500' rope (See File VAL/86/2/AIR.

All parties had returned by 1830 to Base.

Sunday

Further navigation for new members was carried out over Snowdon & the Glyders.

Team returned Valley at 2130 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt

8 hr

Ogwen

20 June 1962

Sgt Sykes + 23 left Valley at 1345 hrs for base camp at Ogwen Cottage.

A 'mock up' of a civvy rescue for the previous Saturday's incident when a climber, aged 22 years, fell off Holytree Wall & died on the way to Bangor C & A was carried out.

The stretcher lower was just over 400'. A 500' Tyrelene rope was used, double & a successful hand over at 200' was made.

The overall time for this could have been 45 minutes but for a civvy climber who traversed across our lowering area (Ordinary Route) & caused delay. The actual civvy rescue was believed to have been over three hours using only one 120' rope.

Using the proper techniques this could possibly have been a life saved.

Team returned Valley at 2300 hrs.

G. Sykes Sgt

48 hr

Nant Gwynant

23-24 June 1962

Friday Sgt Sykes + 22 left Valley at 1830 hrs for base camp at Nant Gwynant..
Guest for the weekend was Sgt. H. PRATT of Tech Records

Saturday

Sgt Sykes + 4 up Watkins to Snowdon Summit, Rangers Track - traversed South West Snowdon to col of Yr Arran then to Base.

Party No. 2 to Llanberis for Rock Climbing & familiarization of area. Own landrover & stretcher.

Party No. 3 to Snowdon - via - Yr Arran - down via Lliwedd

Party No. 4 to Ogwen for rock climbing, own Landrover & stretcher
By 1900 hrs Party No. 2 had not returned to Base. Sykes, Tunnah & Jones, A. searched Llanberis pass to no avail. Enquired of Llanberis police if any accidents had occurred * learnt of Cartner fall when on Little Sepulchre. Checked with Bangor C & A who said that was being discharged to S.S.Q. at Valley after X ray & Stitching of R. ankle. Sykes & Party returned to Base camp to await full report from Cartner party at 2010 hrs. 2115 hrs party returned:- The four members (Beers, Jacknall, Thompson, Buchanan) had carried & lowered casualty 700' over steep rock, vegetation & boulders to the main road on Thomas Stretcher, after treating for shock, splinting ankle for suspect Fracture, & stopping bleeding of bust ankle. An excellent job done by the above four members under difficult conditions.

Cartners fall was of 15-20 ft from the bottom of Little Sepulchre (80' VS)

Sunday

One party dropped off at Croesor for Cnight, South Moelwyns & to Base.
Second Party to Llanberis to search for lost kit (& found) of yesterdays incident.
Third Party to Ogwen, simple climbs for beginners on Milestone.
All parties had returned to Base by 1800 hrs, where later an involuntary 'swim' in the river was had by all.
Our guest enjoyed the weekend especially the Red Barrel on Snowdon Summit.

G. Sykes. Sgt

8 hr

Cuffty MAP REF. 107/772589

27 June 1962

1330

Sgt Sykes + 21 left Valley for Betws-y-Coed, due to tourists, base camp was sited at Cuffty.
En Route two parties were dropped off at ABER FALLS & another at map ref 107/700598. Object was coverage of the East Carnedd with walkie talkies. The W/T Vehicle was control at Base. A Link party was dispatched & full communication was practically nil between any walking parties, link & base.
Parties did not return to base until 2000 hrs where the uselessness of the HF15 walkie talkies was discussed.
Team returned to Valley at 2300 hrs.

G. Sykes. Sgt

48 hr Exercise

Nantlle South Snowdon

30-6/1-7 62

F/Sgt. Bennett + 22 members left Valley at 18.30 hrs on Friday 29th and established base at Nantlle. Vehicles used were L/R 14AA84,B/RL 59AE94 and a Bedford on loan from MT Section.

An early rise on Saturday and the following areas were covered in dense clagg.

Part N0 (1)

Topham, Hoyland, Buchanan, Beers, Curry, Wills, Tatam, D.O.P. 116/589415 near Tremadoc to Moel-ddu, Moel-Hebog -, Moel Lefn, Mynydd - Taly - Mignedd to Base.

Party NO (2)

Clay, Thompson, Dove, Focknell, Bradley, Beresford.

Base - Cwm Silyn, Garnedd Goch, Mynedd Craig Goch. Dol Ifan Githin, Mynydd - Foel-y-Mignedd - Base.

Party NO (3)

Willey, Loose, Bagshaw, Davies, Hartley, Williams.

Reciprocal of Course NO (2)

F/Sgt Bennett took Cpl Tunnah to Bangor C & A Hospital where his right wrist was x-rayed, and finally put into a plaster cast. This injury he sustained very simply reaching for the ground to save himself when he slipped on a wet muddy path at the back of the base camp the previous evening.

On their return they walked up the South side of Mynydd Mawr to inspect the crags.

Sunday

F/Sgt Bennett + 4 personnel drove to the Moelwyns to give demonstration and instruct Stafford MRT in the use of the Tragsit.

The rest of the team were just starting their respective Nav exercises when they were called by the police to assist in a search for missing youths on the Carneddau. While the search was being carried out the missing people found the way down to Bethesda police Station. The search was then called off.

Classic case on Saturday

As one of Saturdays MR walking parties were proceeding from Moel Hebog to Moel Lefn a figure came out of the fog and asked was it far to the Hotel. When asked what Hotel he replied "Snowdon Hotel". He was then informed that he was on the wrong range of hills to find Snowdon. The next thing was that he had left his two pals somewhere back in the mist, so the MR party put him and his pals on the right track for Beddgelert. Their clothing consisted of shorts and light sweaters and no anorak, compass, maps or indeed any of the essential items necessary for this sort of weather

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO. i/c MRS

8 hr Exercise

Cwm Penamnan

4-7-62

F/Sgt Bennett + 22 personnel travelled to Cwm Penamnan in Bedford R/L 59AE94, L/R 14AA84 and L/R Ambulance 05AA20.

Stretcher lowering was the order of the day this time on Carrog Altrem. 120 ft ropes were used so that take overs would have to be carried out. The whole operation was carried out very smoothly with Bartley doing Guide for the very first time.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO. i/c MRS

48hr Exercise**Bryn Engan****6-7-8/7/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 21 members left Valley at 13.30 hrs on Friday. Vehicles used were Bedford 59 AE 94 L/R 14AA84 and L/R Ambulance. After base camp was set up the team were instructed in the methods of river crossings and Prussic work

Sat.

4 navigation parties were just about to set out from base when Constable Spicer of B Capel Curig arrived with a request that we rescue a sheep and Lamb which were stuck on a crag on or near the summit of Moel Siabod. The navigation parties were then cut down, one covering the Carneddau from Ogwen to base, the other Ogwen over the Glyders to base. The remainder accompanied F/Sgt Bennett in the mutton rescue. On arrival to the crag the sheep tried to move its position and fell to the ground some 200 ft breaking its back and both back legs, and dying very quickly. F/Sgt Bennett and Bartley were lowered down the crag and finally the lamb was captured in fine style with a rugby tackle by Bartley. F/Sgt Bennett put the lamb under the flap of his rucksack and carried it down to the farm.

Sunday

F/Sgt Bennett and all the team travelled to the Moelwyns where everyone took turns in guiding the stretcher down a rock face and in lowering same. On completion everyone then absailed down the face.

NCO.s remarks

An exceptionally Good weekend with a great deal learnt by all the members, and most enjoyable

A Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRS

8 hr Exercise**Plas-y-Brenin****11th July 1962**

F/Sgt Bennett travelled out early to base with Sgt Farrington (18 day trialist) and placed a dummy (FRED) out for the team to search for on arrival. The team arrived at 15.00 hrs and the team left base to sweep search under leadership of Cpl Tunnah. Although well hidden they found FRED in record time. Once again he was lost, and found again once again in record time. The sweep line was at first very ragged but as the afternoon wore on everyone got a better idea of the job in hand and greatly improved. A very worthwhile afternoons work.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

48 hr Exercise**Cuffty****14-15th/7/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 members travelled in two Bedford R/Ls and L/Rover 14AA84 and set up Base camp at Cuffty on the evening of Friday the 13th.

Night Exercise

At 20.00 hrs the team under the leadership of SAC Topham were alerted to search for a dummy left the previous day by F/Sgt Bennett on Moel Eilio 107/743.657. This entailed the carrying of a stretcher and first aid kit, as the dummy was reported to be suffering from a fractured femur. Having walked to the search area a sweep search was then carried out and the body was finally located at 03.45 hrs in the most appalling conditions. The body was then first aided and carried down to Dolgarrog. The exercise was finally over at 07.30 hrs. Everyone soaking wet & cold but in good spirits. F/Sgt Bennett & Cpl Tunnah did a lone reconnaissance close at hand with W/T keeping a watchful eye on the main party.

Sunday

All personnel travelled in parties over the Carneddau with walkie talkies to train all new personnel in their use.

Remarks An excellent weekend particularly the night exercise which without my guidance went off very well indeed.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRS

4 hr Exercise

Camp Area

18th - 7-62

All personnel attended lectures on ejection seats and breaking into crashed aircraft.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRS

36 hr Exercise

Afon Gave

21-22/7/62

F/Sgt Bennett + 15 members travelled to Afon Gave where base was established.

Sunday

In awful weather, and some of the worst walking country full of bog and heather two parties of Hares and two of Hounds set off on two courses. Both parties of Hares found their way around without being caught. Perhaps the heavy rain helped to lose the scent.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRS

8 hr Exercise

Ogwen

25/7/62

Exercise held in conjunction with NCO i/c G.D.T. Search carried out for radio active sources with complete success. This followed the lecture given by NCO i/c G.D.T. on Tuesday evening 24-7-62.

A. Bennett

48 hr

Bryn Engan

28.29/7/62

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 members travelled to Bryn Engan on Friday evening and established base. Vehicles used were L/R 14AA84 L/R Ambulance 08AA20 and Bedford R/L 59AE05

Sat

F/Sgt Bennett took Costello and Topham for their first visit to the great Crag Clogwyn Dur Addu. A good mountaineering day, first walking from Ranger Hostel to the crag, then Great Slab climb 600 ft V.S. and then walking back to Ranger

Cpl Hoyland took 2 personnel on the rock in Llanberis Pass to do Flying Buttress and Wrinkle on Dinas Cromlech

Two walking parties went out, one to cover the Carneddau from Ogwen to base and one from Alt Fawr via the Dakota crash and Moel Siabod to base.

Sunday

A day of stretcher lowering, tragsit lowering and abseiling.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

GRANT

Keswick

3-7 Aug 62

Friday F/S Bennett + 10 left Valley early to establish Base Camp at Millbeck. Remainder of team arrived at 0200 / Sat.

Saturday As most members had not previously visited the Lake District area a familiarization of the Rock Climbing area was done also the general tourists paths & escape routes.

Sunday Parties to Skiddaw, Scafell-Pike for walking. Parties to Shepherds & Black Crag for climbing

Monday

48 hr

Bethesda

10.11.12 AUG. 62

Friday F/S Bennett + 4 left early afternoon. Sgt Sykes + 18 left at 1830 hrs for Bethesda Hut.

Saturday Early start, heavy rain, strong winds, cloud level 800'
One party to Aber Falls to navigate over the Carnedd. Due to bad weather and winds of 70 knots on Foel Fras coupled with one unfit member (just out of hospital), a retreat was made to Aber via the falls route. Everyone thoroughly soaked.
Party No. 2 up Carnedd Filiast to navigate the Glyders. Party very wisely retreated from Devils Kitchen to Ogwen.
Three ropes of two went to Milestone for elementary rock climbing principles, weather cut this down considerably but full use was made in showing the new members the layout of the R/L and First aid Kits.

All parties returned by 1800 hrs

Sunday Once again the Carnedd's were approached, cloud down to 1500'. All parties completed their courses satisfactorily. Thompson & Davies were released from their duties as team members at 0800 hrs & vacated camp.

G. Sykes. Sgt.

36 hr

Cader Idris

18th-19th Aug 62

Saturday

An advance party of 7 left Valley at 1030 hrs to establish base camp at Pant-Y-Llan (116/657134). The remainder of the team left Valley at 1345 hrs.

Sunday

One party dropped off at Cross Foxes to navigate Cader Idris to Base Camp. Another party did the reciprocal & were picked up at Cross Foxes at 1610 hrs. Cloud & rain on the tops all day.

Two ropes of two ventured on the Rock & had a very good day on practically virgin rock. Suggestions of more visits to Cader were given.

Team left Base Camp at 1830 hrs arriving Valley at 2100 hrs.

A very pleasant 36 for all.

G. Sykes. Sgt.

48 hr

Nant Gwynant

25 Aug. 1962

Friday
" 2210

Sgt Sykes + 16 left Valley at 1900 hrs for Base Camp at Nant Gwynant. Bethesda Police requested assistance in search for a reported dead walker on the Carnedd's. All night sweep search was carried out till dawn when cloud came down to 800'. Team returned to Bethesda for tea at Eddies & further information from police at 0630A

Team returned to Search Area at 0800A. Body of George Farquhar age 35 years was found at 1110A and body taken to Bethesda mortuary. Team returned to Nant

Saturday Gwynant at 1600A & bed

Sunday

Due to the worst weather known in Wales for years, camp site was flooded & had to be vacated by lunch. Team re-established base camp at Bethesda hut for drying out & food.

Returned Valley at 1900A

G. Sykes. Sgt.

48 hrs

Cwm Llanerch

1 Sept 1962

Friday Sgt Sykes + 20 left Valley for Base camp at 1900 hrs

Saturday Two climbing parties to Ogwen & Llanberis, walking parties to do the ~~Horseshoe~~ Horse Shoe. All parties returned by 1730 hrs

Sunday Reciprocals of Saturday's parties & climbs + Lliwedd.
The Llanberis parties were asked for assistance by a schoolmaster for a 10 year old boy on the scree of Crib Goch. Boy, Graham Dogget had been hit on the head by dislodge stone & was suffering from head injuries. Boy was taken down by Pyg track to Pen-y-Pass & then by ambulance to C & A at Bangor.
Team returned to Valley at 2100 hrs.

G. Sykes. Sgt.

48 hr Exercise

Ogwen

8th Sept.

F/Sgt Bennett + 18 members left Valley and set up Base camp at Ogwen. Vehicles used were Bedford R/L 58AE94 L/Rover 14AA54 & L/R Ambulance 08AA20

Friday afternoon

When base had been established three members, Hoyland Willey & Wilkes were taken by F/S Bennett and dropped off at Betws y coed. From here they were to do a nav exercise over Moel Siabod → Dakota crash - Llyn Llydaw under Snowdon. Here they would camp for the night and the following day they would go ↑ Snowdon Crib y discle, Crib Goch, Elidir Fawr and back to base

The rest of the personnel walked to the Devils Kitchen and back to base

Sat

F/Sgt Bennett took one party over the Glyders in record time starting from tyn-y-maes ↑ Carnedd Filiast and finishing over Tryfan

Another walking party covered all the Carneddau from Gerlan - base.

One climbing party climbed Hope, Zig-Zag and Bochlwyd Chimney

Sunday

A dreadful Day with heavy rain - high winds and visibility practically nil. However one party did Snowdon and the rest walked a direct course from Aber falls to base.

Incidents

No (1)

Hoyland & party together with civilian climbers rescued 2 climbers off Lliwedd spending most of Friday night in shocking weather doing so

No 2

On Sunday evening at 20.30 hrs when main of the team had returned to base F/Sgt Bennett was visiting Sub-unit at Ogwen Cottage with two members, the civilian police asked for assistance as someone was lost on Aber mountain. With Mr James and his civilian team we set off in terrible weather to do a short search. Search called off at 02.30 owing to darkness and bad visibility. The rest of the team called out at roughly 05.30 and search once again resumed from Aber to Aber lake and ridges either side. Finally missing person rang police from Lanpeder so searches were called off.
Returned to base

NCO's remarks

Everyone had over the weekend, done an awful lot of miles on foot, and feeling very tired when called out early on Monday morning. Even so during the search not one person complained or lagged behind in fact moral was never higher

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

8 hr Exercise

Ogwen

12th Sept

F/Sgt Bennett + 7 personnel travelled to Ogwen. It had been intended to spend the afternoon rock climbing and stretcher lowering. The weather however was so atrocious that after a short walk I called everyone of the hills and spent the remainder of our time in Ogwen Cottage Lecture room watching instructional slides and lectures.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

5 hr

Moelwyns

13 Sept

F/Sgt Bennett + 4 members combined a liaison visit to Bethesda to meet RAF Hemswell C.C. with Cpl Thompson's Badge test practical. Cpl Thompson took charge of the party and navigated in darkness but good weather around the slopes of Moel Siabod and found for us the Dakota crash. He then guided us with safety back to Betws where we returned to Base.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

36 hr Exercise

Cwm Dili

15th Sept.

F/S Bennett + 17 personnel travelled to Cwm Dili where base was established by 16.00 hrs. Vehicles used were Bedford R/L 58AE94 L/Rover 14AA84 and Signals 1ton 75AV07. Owing to SAC Jones being sick at Home F/S Bennett and SAC Brown had to make two journeys to and from Valley to ferry the signals waggon.

After base was established all the team ascended Lockwoods Chimney on Clogwyn-y-Bustach before dinner.

Sunday

Course NO (1)

DOP Croeser 107/631446 → 646466 → 674492. Cpl Tunnah i/c Pratt, Blythe, Beresford, P/O Lanigan.

NO (2)

Base → Dakota crash 107/705525 → 705546 - Base. Bartley i/c - Williams, Buchanan, Loose.

NO (3)
Snowdon Horseshoe
Willey i/c. Tatam Batty

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Penamnon

22/3 - 9 -62

F/Sgt Bennett + 16 personnel travelled to Dolwythelan where Base was established at Cwm- Penamnon.

Sat

A walking party set off from Base to Bryn-Mawr and return.

The remainder spent the day climbing on Craig Fach, Craig-yr-Oen and Craig-nyth-y-Gigfran

Sunday

A search was held for SAC Bartley who had deposited himself in the woods at the head of the cwm. The team having found him then carried him in a Thomas stretcher some five miles finishing with a spectacular stretcher lower down 200 ft of overhanging rock on Carreg Altrem and dropping into base

A. Bennett
NCO i/c MRS

48 hr Exercise

Carneddau

29-30/9/62

F/Sgt Bennett set out after lunch on Friday and proceeded to the Carneddau where he placed a dummy on Map ref 107/768604. The rest of the team arrived and pitched base at Cuffty Mines. At 23.15 hrs the team were sent out to find and bring back the missing dummy. After walking to the Area and sweep searching through thick ferns . they located it and arrived back at Base soaking wet at 04.00 hrs. Cpl Tunnah had taken complete charge of the operation while F/Sgt Bennett roved around without torch quietly keeping check.

Sat

10.30 hrs saw everyone away from base to Carreg above Betws. There stretcher lowering exercises where carried out for the rest of the day.

Sunday

Short walks only could be done as the high winds made travelling on the higher tops extremely dangerous.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Garth****6-7/10/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 20 personnel travelled to Snowdonia where base was established at Garth Barn

Sat

Four walking parties set out one on Snowdon horseshoe one on Moelwyns and on Carneddau. The moelwyn party consisted of Older members and so the course they did was of a very hard nature covering some 16 miles of steep and extremely boggy country.

Sunday

Parties reversed the order of the previous day.

Sat night -

F/Sgt Bennett & Sgt Pratt checked the Yachting peoples start from Caernarvon in their attempt on the three peaks record. Four other personnel camped on the summit of Snowdon and checked them in on the top. There time leaving Caernarvon was 01.00 and they were checked in on Snowdon at 01.55 hrs.

A. Bennett

NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Afon Gam****13th -14/10/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 21 personnel travelled to Afon Gam where base was established. Vehicles used, 2 Bedford RLs, land rover and, Austin Signals.

Sat

Three walking parties set off from base familiarising three complete ranges of hills

Party (1) Rhinogs Party II Arenigs and 3. Moelwyns

Sunday

Today we carried out the most spectacular stretcher lower I have ever taken part in. SAC Topham was lowered over an overhanging wall so that he swung in mid air some 15 feet from the Rock. F/Sgt Bennett & Costello were then lowered complete with stretcher and set about the difficult task of placing Topham on the stretcher and then lowering him some 120 ft through mid air to the ground.

NCOs Remarks

An excellent weekend with a tremendous amount of work done. Fitness is very noticeable and walking courses have increased in length.

A. Bennett F/Sgt

NCO i/c MRT

8 hr Exercise**Clogwyn Cyrau****17.10.62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 14 members travelled to Clogwyn Cyrau in Bedford R/L 59AE94 and L/Rover 14AA84. The afternoon was spent stretcher lowering and teaching the use of the Tragsits. All members present took turns at guiding the stretcher and selected personnel on the tragsits.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Bryn Engan****20-21/10/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 22 members travelled to Capel Curig where base was established at Bryn Engan.

Sat

8 personnel rock climbed on the crags in the Ogwen Valley
Three walking parties set off to familiarise the following areas.

(1) Llithrig-y-wrach - Helgi-du. Moel Elio Cefn Cyfarwydd Clogwyn Mawr - Base.

II Ogwen - Glyder fawr - Glyder fach - Tryfan Galt-yr-Ogof - Base.

(3) Clogwyn Mawr (beginners on nav training).

Sunday

8 personnel rock climbed once again Ogwen and two walking parties covered the following.

1 Pen Llithrig y wrach - Llyn Cowlyd - Craigau Gleison - Base

2

↑ Watkin Path - Snowdon - Crib Goch - Pen y Pass

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Berwyns****27-28/10/62**

Base was established at Llandrillo by 15.30 hrs. As the weather was extremely bad a good discussion was held upstairs in the Barn. The topics discussed were Rescue techniques, First-Aid, General knots and familiarization of Area. This proved very enlightening.

Sunday

4 parties moved over two courses covering the Berwyn range. All parties returned to base by 18.00 hrs. Mr. Jones who kindly lent us his farm buildings remarked on the way the buildings had been left, was most impressed by the teams good behaviour and extended a welcome to return any time we wished.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Cwm LLanark****3-4/11/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 26 members travelled on Friday evening to Cwm LLanark where base was established.

Sat

Two walking parties set off and covered the Carneddau range

8 personnel climbed in the Ogwen area.

Sunday

2 walking parties covered the Moelwyns

8 personnel rock climbed Ogwen Area.

Incidents

1 Sat. A Mr William Black taken to Bangor Hospital to have stitches over left eye.
16.40 - 17.30

2. Mrs Oldham of Betws-y-coed was rescued from the East face of Tryfan suffering from fractures of right arm and right collar bone
17.30 - 20.00 hrs.

Sunday

1 David Buchandale aged 23 fell while climbing unroped on Milestone Buttress (250 - 300 ft) and was taken to Bangor C/A but died some ten minutes later

2

Chris Granville fell 12 ft on Griben facet sustaining head injuries. Taken to Ogwen car park to waiting ambulance.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

36 hr Exercise**Cwm Idwal****9.10/11/62**

F/Sgt Bennett + 29 personnel travelled to Idwal and camp was set up by 17.30 hrs. The rest of the afternoon was well spent on practical first aid in preparation for the next series of tests by Dr. Jones of C/A.

Sunday

2 Navigation parties set off to cover the following courses

1 DOP Nant Peris - Elidir fawr -- Y-Garn -- Devils Kitchen. Base

2

DOP Gerlan - Llewelen - Carnedd Dafydd - Pen-yr-Oleu-wen. Base

A party of eight rock climbed in the Ogwen area.

Incidents **Sunday**

1 Civilian walker Colin Davis aged 19 who asked for assistance after spraining his

ankle. On inspection it was found to be fractured. First aid was given and he was taken to Bangor C/A Hospital

2

Civilian climber Philip Stott fell coming down West Gully Tryfan, sustaining a fracture of the lower left leg and severe bruising and cuts to left arm and skull. First aid was given and patient taken to Bangor C & A.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

60 hr Exercise

Garth Barn

16-18/11/62

Cpl Tunnah + 22 members set up base at Garth Barn at 16.00 hrs on Friday

17. Saturday

Walking parties covered 1 Moel Siabod Dak crash Llyn Llydaw & Base 2 Gallt yr Ogof, Glyder Fach, Glyder Fawr & Base. 3 Gallt yr Ogof, Pen-yr-Helyg-du - Pen llithrig-y-wrach & Base.

One party climbed at Ogwen

Ogwen Party called out to assist 3 climbers stuck on Idwal Slabs. They were taken to C & A Hospital Bangor with frostbite & exposure. One was dressed in ordinary casual clothes & ordinary walking out shoes. Their names were.

Anne Kelly
Keith Leycock
John Dixon

Sunday

Team called out to search for two R.A.F. climbers at 01.00.

18. Team searched until 04.00 then weather made searching impossible

Team re-searched the area at 09.00 with one of the members of the Helyg meet who was with the two who collapsed.

Bodies were found at 09.30 hrs & taken to C & A mortuary Bangor.

Team returned to Base camp.

J. E. Tunnah cpl

48 hr 23rd - 24th NOV

Cwm Penamnon

F/Sgt Bennett + 28 members travelled to cwm Penamnon where base was established.

Sat

Walking parties covered the Moewlyn hills, Carneddau and Glyders

8 personnel climbed in the Ogwen area returning to Ogwen Cottage at 15.00 hrs where they stayed until 18.30 hrs in case of rock accidents in the vicinity.

Sunday

Walking parties reversed from yesterday Moelwyns to Glyders etc.

Once again a party rock climbing in the Ogwen Area but it proved a quiet weekend with no incidents.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise

Cufty

1st - 2nd DEC

F/Sgt Bennett + 24 members erected base at Cufty, pitching one 160 lb tent the opposite side of the road.

Sat

Walking parties covered all the Carneddau range. The remainder of the team travelled to Ogwen to form the duty team and also to sit first aid tests given by Dr. Jones of Bangor C & A Hospital. The result was eight members qualified and two failures.

Sunday

Navigation Instruction over Carneddau for four parties with eight personnel rock climbing on Milestone Buttress and Griben facet.

A quiet weekend plenty of training but no incidents

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 HR Exercise

CADER IDRIS

8-9/12/62

FRI. An advanced party left at 14.00 to erect base at Pont-y-Llan.
Cpl Tunnah and remainder of team arrived 22.00 HRS

SAT. After a night of gale force winds and heavy rain the morning was spent moving one of the sleeping tents to drier ground, repairs to all three tents and more storm lashings.
The afternoon was teaching navigation around the local area of camp-site

SUN. Another stormy night!
Two parties left to do a reciprocal of the Cader range
Cpl Tunnah & 5 made up a climbing party but weather conditions deteriorated during the day so they returned to base at 16.00 HRS

Team left base at 18.30 HRS arriving at Valley at 21.15 HRS

A rather wet and windy week-end.

A. Bennett NCO i/c MRT

36 HR Exercise

BETHESDA

15 - 16/12/62

SAT. Due to the conditions of the original camp-site it was decided to move to the hut at Bethesda.

This proved a sound move as the team was carrying their suits with them for the Christmas Dinner party being held at the Pont-Y-Pair, Betws-Y-Coed

SUN. F/Sgt Bennett + 2, as arranged, met Group Captain McMillan and Sqn. Ldr. Bountiff at Ogwen. They then proceeded on a navigational exercise on the Carneddau range. The rest of the team spent the day navigating on the Carneddau and Glyders.

In the evening C.O. sat down for a meal with the rest of the lads before returning to Valley.

A. Bennett NCO i/c
MRT

Xmas Grant Bethesda. 1962

F/Sgt Bennett + 15 members formed a duty team for the Xmas period and base was Bethesda hut

Sat & Sunday 22 - 23rd.

The whole team carried out nav exercises over the Carneddau - Glyders and Snowdon Horseshoe

The rest of the Xmas no programme was made out but add parties went out on the Carneddau voluntary.

Fortunately there were no emergencies over the period.

A. Bennett F/Sgt

48 hr Exercise

Garth Barn

28-29-12.62

Cpl Tunnah + 12 personnel travelled to Garth Barn where base camp was established. F/Sgt. Bennett + a great number of members were on late Xmas Grant.

Work was held up by very bad weather, Blizzards and freezing conditions. However some small navigation exercises were carried out on Moel Siabod and Snowdon.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

Remarks

The team has steadily gained in strength throughout 1962 finishing with 36 members, a good number of some fully trained or partly trained.

48 hr Exercise

Bethesda Hut

4-5/1/63

F/Sgt Bennett + 27 members stayed at Bethesda Hut. The severe weather and the state of the roads caused this decision.

Sat F/Sgt Bennett took the whole team onto the Carneddau where he instructed them in the correct use of an ice axe and also the correct way to handle a Thomas

stretcher in deep snow using four stabilizing ropes and ice axes.

Sun

Once again everyone out in search of good frozen snow to continue yesterdays work. This time Bochlwyd and the west side of Tryfan were tried. Unfortunately the snow although deep proved very soft and powdery, and quite unsuitable. A long seated glysade was made and enjoyed by all down the west side of Tryfan and a quick rush down in search of warm drink laced with rum

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

Incident Report

The team was called out at 05.30 On the 4th to search for two climbers missing on Llewedd (The Snowdon Horseshoe) They eventually found us on their way down after spending a night out in safety. Search called off at 12.30 hrs and team travelled to Bethesda Hut to begin weekend exercise.

36 hr Exercise

Cwm Penamnon

12.13/1/63

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 personnel travelled to Cwm Penamnon where base was established in the Forestry hut. Heavy snow conditions on the roads prevented us from hill exercise as little time was left after our journey.

Sunday

Moewlyn's for the while team for stretcher lowering exercises. Several 300 ft lowers were made on Clogwyn-yr-Owen to test the new 500 ft terelene ropes finishing with a trip down a gully full of soft snow.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

18-1-63

Bethesda

48 hr Exercise

F/Sgt Bennett + 16 personnel travelled to Bethesda. Weather conditions were still bad, for the hut we had intended using in Ogwen car park lay somewhere under an 18 ft drift of snow. Bethesda hut being empty we quickly moved in.

Sat

The team split into three parties walking the Carneddau and Glyders in search of good hard snow suitable for training in snow and ice techniques. A good shallow Gully was eventually found in Ffynnon Lloer.

Sunday

The whole team walked across Ogwen Lake and up into Ffynnon Lloer where F/Sgt Bennett instructed in the arts of ice axe belays and falling leader on snow. A couple of hours of this being plenty as the conditions were very severe.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

48 hr

Bethesda

26-27/1/63

The weather was still bad but with slight sign of thaw. Bethesda hut was used again as camping is out this weather. F/Sgt Bennett + 20 members out this weekend

Sat

F/Sgt Bennett took one party over Crib Goch Driscal and Snowdon returning down the miner's track. One party walked and roved the Carneddau while the rest walked the Glyders from Nant peris.

Sunday

Parties courses reversed as for yesterday. Snow now quite sloppy thawing quite hard.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

36 hr exercise

Bethesda

9/10 Feb 63

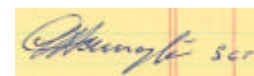
Owing to the extremely bad road conditions throughout Wales it was again decided to stay at the Bethesda Hut. Sgt Farrington took over the team whilst F.S Bennett is away on the Winter Course. He and 22 members stayed at Bethesda

Saturday

Team departed from Valley at 15.00 hours arriving at Bethesda at 16.15 hours. Classes in knot tying were arranged and the following team leaders gave instruction CPL THOMPSON SAC^s TOPHAM, BROWN & CARTNER.

Sunday

Walking parties were sent out into the Ogwen area for exercise and navigation; instruction under the following team leaders CPL THOMPSON SAC^s TOPHAM CLAY and WILKS. Gale force winds spoilt exercise and vetoed any hope of reaching peaks. Snow slushy and useless for snow work. Further exercise obtained later with a football.



Farrington SGT.

72 hr exercise

CWM LANERCH

15/17th Feb 63

Sgt Farrington and 13 members left Valley for MOEL-IS-Y-COEDWIG, MAP REF 117/042376 at 13.40 hours. On arrival the road to the farm was blocked by snow and impassable for vehicles. As it was snowing heavily at the time and road conditions were black it was decided to make base at CWM PENAMNEN MAP REF 107/736506.

On arrival at DOLWYDDELAN R.L^s could make no impression on icy road leading to Cwm. Attempts were abandoned and the team set up base at CWM LANERCH at 20.35 hours MAP REF 107/797578. Reverse charge call made to R.A.F. Valley and accepted at 20.51 hours. A.T.C. informed of new location and requested to inform PETRIVIE

Saturday

Walking parties sent out for navigational instruction under SAC Topham & Cpl Hoyland.

COURSES

TRIFIEW, MOEL EILIO, PEN-LITH-YWRACH - CRAIG WEN. SAC Topham, Sgt Partt, SAC^s Tatam, Featherson, Balls Cufty Gerioniad Crafnant, Clogwyn Mawr. Cpl Hoyland, Sgt Farrington, WILKS, BATTY, BOGLE

Sunday

Walking parties for nav instruction COURSE Moel Siabod (FROM UGLY HOUSE TO PEN-Y) Topham, WILKS, BOGLE, BATTY, RAE. CLOGWYN MAWR, CRAFTNANT, GERIONIAD & CUFTY Brown i/c Featherson, Balls, Pratt

Farrington SGT

48 hr exercise

R.A.F. Llanberis

22nd/24th Feb. 62

Sgt. Farrington and 19 members left Camp at 18.30 hours and set up base in the guardroom at R.A.F. Llanberis. Team members stated "It was nice to be back in the guardroom".

Saturday

Four teams attacked Snowdon and spent a very enjoyable day in bright sunshine and deep snow (top of Snowdon)

Party N^o 1

Cartner i/c, Farrington, Berg, Batty

Moel Eilio, Foel Goch, Rangers track

Party N^o 2

Blyth i/c. Tatam, Bogle, Randall

Snowdon South Ridge

Party N^o 3

Loose i/c, Partt, Bagshaw, Hartley

Rangers track to summit, Crib Goch

Party N^o 4

Ball i/c, Featherstone, Wilks, Rae

Watkin Path

Sunday

Parties were formed and instruction given in

Tent erecting i/c Blyth

Bomb, Faults and servicing i/c Brown

R.L. Layout and stores i/c Carnter

Knots and rope work i/c Wilks

The team completed an enjoyable weekend by kicking each other lame under the disguise of a game of football.

Farrington SGT

48 hr Exercise

Bryn Engan

1-3-3-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 16 members travelled to Capel Curig where base was established.

Saturday

Navigation parties covered the Carneddau - Glyders and the Snowdon Horseshoe

F/Sgt Bennett and Buchanan took two pupils each to Cwm Caseg (The Valley of Wild Horses) where they taught snow and ice techniques and climbed on snow to the summit of Carnedd Llewlen by its north side.

Sunday

Parties covered reciprocal courses of Sat. and Snow climbing instruction was carried out on the Snowdon Gullies

Incident

Sat 16.30 hrs girl climber fell down snow gully to the east of Griben Facet sustaining abdominal injuries. Morphia and first aid given. Taken to Ogwen where the ambulance was waiting.

A Bennett

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Dyli

8. 3-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 21 members travelled to Cwm Dyli where base was established.

Sat

Two parties navigated courses over the Moewlyn Range and another two the Snowdon Horseshoe.

The weather proved so wet and windy that the Horseshoe party were forced to leave the ridge and drop to safer ground.

F/Sgt Bennett and Cartner did a very wet ascent of Lockwood's Chimney.

Sunday

All members to Braich-ty-du where they were taught to abseil and stretcher lower.

F/Sgt Bennett and Brown did Pinnacle ridge on route and it was noticed that the rock was very loose after the severe winter weather of the past few months.

A Bennett. F Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise

Idwal

15-17/3/63

Friday

After Base was established at Idwal, F/Sgt Bennett + the 17 members practised abseiling in Tin Can Gully

Sat

The weather was absolutely foul and as the Bethesda police had asked our assistance in the search of an unexploded bomb we found ourselves in the pouring rain in Ffynon Lloer. After sweep searching for about four hours we found the bomb which turned out to be a three inch mortar. The spot was well cairned for the bomb disposal people to follow and the team returned to Base and then to Tin Can Gully to

practice stretcher lowering techniques.

Sunday

8 parties rock climbed on Milestone buttress and Griben Facet and one party navigated the Carneddau.

At fifteen hundred hours the team visited Plas-y-Brenin mountain school where Mr. John Jackson very kindly showed his excellent training films on Rock Climbing.

Remarks

The weather was the worst this year with fantastic gales which tore the tents to pieces with most people up nearly all night re-erecting tents.

A Bennett.
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise

Llanberis

23.3:63

F/Sgt Bennett travelled with 17 members to Llanberis where base camp was established in Llanberis Guard room

Sat

2 navigation parties set out to cover the Snowdon range by different routes

The rest of the team rock climbing on Griben Facet East face of Tryfan and Idwal Slabs.

Sunday

The rock climbers of yesterday walked and the walkers climbed over the same ground as yesterday

A Bennett. F Sgt
NCO i/c

48 hr

Exercise Cufty

31.3.63

F/Sgt Bennett + 15 members travelled to Cufty where base was established.

Sat

The team was split up into three parties and dropped off at various points on the A 55, complete with W/T (Penmaen Head tunnel, Llanfairfechan, Aber Falls). W/T contact was non-existent with trouble with the Austin sign wagon. All parties returned to base in good time though the course as a long one.

Sunday

The whole team walked to Clogwyn Caerau where we practiced stretcher lowering in all its aspects.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT

48 hr Exercise**Bryn Engan****5.4.63**

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 personnel travelled to Bangor where we picked up 9 Officer Cadets from Oxford and then on to Bryn Engan where base was established.

Sat

Navigation parties set off in every direction with 2 cadets with each party. One of the Oxford people collapsed near Moel Siabod and F/Sgt Bennett took him to Bangor C & A hospital suffering from exhaustion and exposure.

He was released later that night and returned to Base

Sunday

Absailing and stretcher techniques were taught to the oxford people. The remainder of the team walked the Carneddau and Snowdon Horseshoe.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

4 Days**Idwall****Easter Grant**

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 members travelled to Idwall where base was established.

Friday

One party navigated over the Glyders and the rest rock climbed on the crags near to Idwall. The wind was terribly cold and hand holds and footholds covered in ice.

Sat

High winds and blizzards made any attempt to go on the hills impossible so everyone retired to Bethesda.

Sunday

Weather still bad but parties struggled through awful weather with snow (wet and sloppy) up to their knees around the Carneddau and Glyders.

Monday

Reciprocal courses of yesterday with parties changed. Weather still awful

Returned to Valley 22.00 hrs.

Incident

Night search for climber supposed missing on East face of Tryfan. Search called off at 09.30. Nothing found.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

48 hr Exercise

Yr Afon Gam

12.4.63

F/Sgt Bennett + 15 personnel and one cadet travelled to Afon Gam where base was established.

Sat

Terrible weather once again but all the team covered the hills in the Arenig range by various routes

Sunday

Three parties rock climbed at Tremadoc rocks and were caught by heavy rain and high winds high on the climbs. Never the less all climbs were completed. The remainder of the team walked over the Manod hills.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c

36 hr Exercise

Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

27.4.63

Cpl/T Tunnah + 19 members established base at Llanfihangel-y-Pennant at 16.30 hrs on saturday.

Sunday

A walking party left base for Mynydd Graig Goch - Garnedd Goch - Cwm Silin Moel Lefn & Moel Hebog.

This was a good effort on the part of Donovan & Williams, the navigator & Leader, as visibility was less than 50 yards from the time they left base until they returned.

A rock climbing party explored the cliffs of Yr Eifl. The cliffs are quite impressive but there does not appear to be many good rock climbing cliffs.

J. E. Tunnah Cpl. Tech

48 hr Exercise

Moel-is-y-Goedwig

3.5.63

Cpl/Tech Tunnah + 24 members established base at 21.30 hrs.

Friday Night

Parties were dropped along the A.5 from Corwen & navigated back to base via Moel-yr-Henfaes. All parties returned by 04.00 hrs.

Saturday

Team slept until 11.00 hrs then 3 walking parties left base for map references given by me to each leader. Six tins with map references inside were laid by my party on Friday night

Sunday

Two walking parties walked on the fringes of the Denbigh moors near the Horseshoe pass.

The remainder of the team rock climbed on a new cliff called Craig-y-forwyn at a

place called Plas Uchaf. Many routes were done all of them new.

J. E. Tunnah Cpl/Tech

60 hr Exercise

Bethesda

10-12.5.63

Cpl Tunnah + 20 members established base at 16.00 hrs.

Saturday

The whole team were given a 100 question paper to answer on all aspects of mountaineering. This lasted until 10.30 hrs.

Two walking parties covered the Carneddau & Glyder ranges & 4 members went rock climbing

At 14.00 hrs Cpl Tunnah & SAC Brown assisted in a rock rescue on Idwal Slabs.

Sunday

Due to very inclement weather no walking parties were sent out on the peaks. Instead they walked through all the valley's & Cwms between Bethesda & Cwm Tryfan.

A party of beginners were taken to tin can gully by Cpl Tunnah & they were taught abseiling, tragsitz & stretcher lowering.

J. E. Tunnah Cpl/Tech

36 hr Exercise

Cwm Penamnam

18th May 1962

F/Sgt Bennett + 24 members travelled to Cwm Penamnam where base was established in the forestry Hut, after arriving there at 14.45 hrs.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent on the crag opposite the camp site (Carreg Altrem.) Here we lowered a patient over the overhang some 140 feet above the ground and hanging in mid air. F/Sgt Bennett and SAC Brown were then lowered to him and assisted by Brown F/Sgt Bennett got the patient onto his back in the tragsit harness and they were all lowered to the ground. Then another six people practiced tragsit work and brought patients from the top of the crag to the bottom.

Sunday 19th

The nav parties walked the Glyders, Moelwyns and Arenigs.
The remainder did a full days climbing in the Ogwen Valley.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT.

36 hr Exercise

Llanberis

25-5-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 25 members travelled to Llanberis where base was established in the Guard Room at the old RAF Station

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in Rock climbing for most members with

just two walking parties one on Crib Goch and the other Elidir Fawr.

Sunday

3 pairs of climbers were dropped at Ogwen. From here they walked to Glyder Fach Buttress and climbed either Spiral Variant or Chasm routs and then walked to Base VIA Glyder Fawr Y Garn foel Goch Elidir fawr

Four more climbers went with F/Sgt Bennett up to Cymr Las where they climbed MAIN WALL

Walking Parties walked the following courses

1 Snowdon - Crib yr Driscall - Crib Goch - Glyder Fawr - Fach Y Garn Foel Goch - Base

2 DOP Ogwen - Tryfan N. Ridge - Fach - Fawr Y Garn FOEL Goch - Elidir Fawr - Base

Remarks An excellent weekend with a tremendous amount of work done, with summer weather at last

Incident

F/Sgt Bennett + 3 assisted Ogwen Cottage in rescuing a young girl from Amphitheatre rib, Craig yr Isfa. Set off at 1600 approx Sunday afternoon and job finished 2300.

Patient suffering from Head injuries and possible fracture of left arm. She had fallen some 60 ft.

A. Bennett F/Sgt

Whitsun Grant

31-4.6.63

Lake District

Friday

F/Sgt Bennett + 18 members established base at Millbeck

Saturday

Three walking parties covered:-

1 Base - Grisdale Pike - Hobearton Crag - Whiteless Pike - Buttermere.

2 Seathwaite - Scafell - Angle Tarn - Pikes to Borrowdale

3 Reciprocal of course number 2.

Rock Climbing Parties climbed on:-

Great Gable

Black Crag

Troutdale Crag

Raven Crag (Langdale)

Sunday

Walking parties covered:-

1 Patterdale, Helvellyn, VIA Striding Edge Watsons Dod - Calfhow pike to dale Bottom

2 Mungrisdale Saddleback VIA Sharp Edge Skiddaw - Base

3 Felside - Great Lingylgill - Skiddaw

Rock climbing parties:-

- 1 Dow Crag
- 2 Pillar Rock

The party returning from Dow Crag assisted in the rescue of a young boy whose had fallen off the Dollywaggon to Grasmere path

Monday

Walking Parties covered:-

- 1 Seathwaite - Sty Head - Great Gable Green Gable - High Crag - Red Pike Buttermere - Glendale house (*Probably should be Coledale Hause*) Grisdale pike - Braithwaite - Base
(a long course).

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- 2 Seathwaite - Styhead - Esk house Pikes Wasdale head - Sty Head - Seathwaite

- 3 Newalnds - Cat Bells Maiden Moor - Grange Base

A party climbed on Pillar Rock

Tuesday

Walking Parties:-

- 1 Seathwaite Sty Head - Wasdale head Bowerdale- Yew barrow. Dove head. Red Pike Pillar - Looking Stead High fell Great Gable Sty head Seathwaite.

- 2 Seathwaite - Scafell pike - Angle Tarn Langstraugh Rosthwaite

Rock Parties climbed on

Shepherds crag - Black crag

The weather over the weekend was very good indeed.

J. E. Tunnah Cpl/Tech

48 hr Exercise

Cufty

14.16-6-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 members travelled to Cufty where base was established. On Friday evening.

Sat

F/Sgt Bennett + 7 rock climbed on Craig-y-Isfa. Routes done include Amphitheatre rib & Nameless rib and the classic Great Gully.

Walking parties walked to base from Ogwen over Carneddau, Glyders and Moelwyns.

Sunday

An awful wet - windy day. The whole team did navigation exercises in the Area.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT.

48 hr Ex.**Bryn Engan****21-23/6/63**

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 members travelled to Capel Curig and base was set up at Bryn Engan.

Sat

F/Sgt Bennett + 7 members rockclimbed on Llewidd. Routes done - Roof Route - Avalanche.

The remainder walked and navigated Snowdon horseshoe and Moelwyns

Sunday

The whole team travelled to the Moelwyns where the day was spent stretcher lowering abseiling and the use of the Tragsitz.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT.

48 hr Exercise**Cwm Lanark****5-7-63**

F/Sgt Bennett + 24 team members + 2 trialists travelled to cwm Lanark where base was established.

Night exercise

23.00 hrs on Friday five parties were dropped of at the following points. Ogwen. Capel Curig, Bethesda, Aber Falls and one at base. All parties navigated courses to finally meet at Hafod-y-Rhiw. On arrival a sweep search was carried out on the flat ground east of Eigiau dam, with Cpl Tunnah i/c.

F/Sgt Bennett with Beresford did a roving patrol watching the search from high up on the surrounding hills. The dummy was found in very fast time and everything worked very smoothly. Finally arriving back at base at 8.30 Sat morning. Saturday was spent resting.

Sunday

2 walking parties walked courses over the Carneddau while F/Sgt Bennett + 11 members travelled to the Moelwyns to give a demonstration over stretcher lowering techniques for Flt/Lt Vere-Sharp who was detached to us for the weekend.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c MRT.

48 hr Exercise**Cwm Penamen****12th - 14th July 63****Friday**

Flt Sergeant Bennett = 22 set up base at Cwm Penamen

Saturday

4 walking parties set out from base to cover:-

- Courses
- 1 Rowen to map refs 759488, 779470, 759467 729481 to base
 - 2 Rhiw bach - Foel Rhudd - Llyn Conway Penmachno - Rowen & Base
 - 3 Base 745465 - Llyn Conway - Bryn Mawr Frumswch Pen-y-Bellan Rowen Base.
 - 4 Allt Fawr - Yr Arddu - Moel siabod base
 - 5 Moelwyn Mawr - Cnight - Allt Fawr - Siabod Base

Sunday

All the team carried out stretcher lowering on Carreg Alltrem. Team returned to valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Llanberis

19th21st July 63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 20 members set up base at Llanberis at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Half the team walked over the Glyders & the Snowdon range. The remainder of the team went rock climbing in the Llanberis Pass.

2 accidents occurred. The team were involved in both the rescues

Sunday

Again the team spent the day walking & climbing in the Llanberis Pass & Snowdon group. An accident occurred involving an A.T.C. cadet. He fell on the "ZIGZAGS" on the P.Y.G. Track. The team brought him down also.

The team returned to valley at 22.00 hrs

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

48 HR EXERCISE

Cwm Nant Col

26th 28th - 7 - 63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 16 members set up base at Cwm Nant Col at 21.30 hrs.

Saturday

Parties were sent out to walk over the Rhinogs from Pen-y-Bryn & also from base. The hills from North to South. Rhinog fawr, Rhinog fach & Y Llethr.

Another party went to explore the local rock faces & some interesting routes were done.

Sunday

The party of the men, who rock climbed on Saturday went walking & the walkers

went climbing.

All members of the team have now walked the Rhinogs.

The base camp at Cwm Nant Col is very good. The river which flows past the camp site has been blocked. This forms a good swimming pool.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

August Grant

Nantlle

2-7.8.63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 16 members set up base at Nantlle at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Two parties climbed on Cwm Silin & one party travelled to the Ogwen Valley for rock climbing & walking

A walking party set off from Aberglaslyn & walked to base via Moel Hebog, Tal-y-mignedd & Mynydd Drws y coed.

Sunday

Again parties climbed on Cwm Silin, the Llanberis pass & the Ogwen valley

Two walking parties did Snowdon via the Rangers track & South ridge & Aberglaslyn Moel Hebog & Mynydd Drws y Coed.

Monday

The team walked & climbed in the Llanberis area.

At 21.20 hrs we were called out to search for a lost walker who had been heard shouting for help high up on the P-y-G track. It turned out that the walker had shouted to tell someone below that he was spending the night there & that he was alright. The person that he shouted to mistook this shout for a cry of distress.

Tuesday

The team again exercised

in the Llanberis & Ogwen Area.

No incidents this day.

Team returned to Valley at 19.00 hrs

Remarks:

A quiet weekend indeed

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/Tech

48 hr EXERCISE

Berwyns & Denbigh Moors 9th-11th - 8 -63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 12 members set up base at Moel-is-y-goedwig at 20.30 hrs

Saturday

Three parties were given information regarding a mock aircraft crash on the Denbigh moors. The parties approached the Map reference from different directions & then did a sweep search for "Fred" the pilot. He was found & the parties then returned to the transport
SAC Cartner was in charge of the search for "Fred".

Sunday

Sunday was spent rock-climbing at "World's End". A good number of routes were done before the rains came down. It absolutely poured with rain & many of us were actually on a route at the time so we got a little damp. The rock became very greasy indeed when it rained. Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Cader Idris

17-19 . 8 . 63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 19 members set up base at Hafod oen at 22.00 hrs in pouring rain.

Saturday

8 walking parties setoff from base & covered the Cader Idris & Arran Fawddwy groups & two parties did a ridge walk from Dinas Mawddwy back to base.

Sunday

Again walking parties went out to cover Cader Idris & Cpl Tunnah to 6 members to Cwm Cowarch to climb. This is a new crag to the team & it compares very favourably with many of the Snowdonia cliffs.
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Dyli

23 . 8 . 63

F/Sgt Bennett + 19 members set up Base at Cwm Dyli

Sat

Parties navigated Snowdon by various courses Moelwyns and Carneddau in shocking weather

Sunday

Sunday was an even worse day with clagg down to zero and very heavy rain for the whole of the day. Despite this the team did a sweep search for a dummy which was very successful.

A. Bennett F/Sgt

48 hr Exercise**Cwm Llanarck****30 - 8 . 63**

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 members travelled on Friday evening to Cwm Llanarck where base was established.

Sat

8 members climbing on crags in Ogwen area
Several parties covering Carneddau Glyders and Moelwyns receiving navigation instruction.

Sunday

All members attending stretcher lowering exercise.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c

48 hr Exercise**Bethesda****7/8 - 9 - 63****Friday**

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 21 members set up base at Bethesda Hut at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

A walkie-talkie exercise was carried out by parties over the Glyders & Carneddau with a link set on the top of Carnedd-y-Filiast.

Sunday

Again walking parties went over the Glyders & Carneddau & a party rock-climbed at Ogwen

Team returned to base at 18.00. Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

48 hr Exercise**~~Cwm Llanarck~~
Bryn Engan****14th to 15th . 9 . 63****Friday**

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 21 members established base at Bryn Engan at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Parties walked from Ogwen to base over the Glyders
A party walked from Base over the Carneddau & back to Base.
Four members walked from P-Y-G to Tryfan East face & climbed Gashed Crag & then walked to Ogwen.

Sunday

Again parties walked the Glyders & Carneddau & a rock climbing party climbed on Lliwedd.

Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

48 hr Exercise

Plas-y-Brenin

21st 22nd - 9 - 63

Friday

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 10 members set up base at Plas-y-Brenin at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Parties walked the Carneddau & Glyders & some rock climbed in the Llanberis Pass

Remainder of team were collected by R.L. from Valley

Sunday

Parties walked from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Base over the moelwyns. A rock-climbing party climbed on the Moelwyns & also a party climbed in the Llanberis Pass. Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Bwlch-y-Ddeufaen

28th 29th . 9 . 63

Friday

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 17 set up base at Bwlch-y-Ddeufaen at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday

Three walking parties set out to cover the following courses.

- 1 Ogwen & the 3000ers to base.
- 2 Capel Curig - Cowlyd - Eigiau - Dulyd Drum - Base
- 3 Foel Grach - Llyn Eigiau - Base.

One party went rock climbing on black Ladders & then walked to base

Sunday

Flt/Sgt Bennett + Batty + Lovatt walked from Base - foel Grach - Llyn Dulyd - Base

The remainder of the team were given lectures by the team leaders on First Aid, knots, stretcher lowering & Sub units.

Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Penant

5-6th-/10/63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 22 set up base at Cwm Pennant at 21.30 hrs.

Saturday

4 walking parties set out from base to do the Moel Hebog group of hills from

different directions. The courses were:-

Party No 1 Base
Garnedd Goch
Mynydd-Tal-y-mignedd
Moel Llefn
Moel Hebog
Base.

Party No 2

Reciprocal of No 1 Course

Party No 3

Base
Llyn Cwmystradllyn
Moel Hebog
Moel Llefn

M.R. 540490

Base

Party No 4

Reciprocal of No 3 Course

A rock climbing party went to climb on Moel Hebog on the cliffs overlooking Beddgelert.

Sunday

On Sunday two parties were dropped off at M.R's 374410 & 354406 & walked straight line courses to Trevor. A good exercise in compass work. The remainder of the team went rock climbing on the Yr Eifl's. Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Penamman

12 - 10 - 63

F/Sgt Bennett + 20 members travelled to Moelwyn Area, where base was established at the Forestry hut in Cwm Penammon, on Friday evening 11-10-63.

Sat. 12th

An excellent days training on the Moelwyn Craggs. The whole team practiced lowering both stretcher and tragsit, and the newer members abseiled.

Sunday 13th

NO 1 Topham - Lovatt - Padgen covered the following course
Manod Bach - Manod Mawr - Foel Fras Glanaber Rowen to Base

NO 2

Buchanan Gordon M^cCarthy to
Moelwyn Bach & Mawr - Alt Fawr to Base

No 3

Pratt - Hartley - Featherstone to:-
Moel Penamman - Foel Fras - Roen Pen-y-bont to Base

NO 4 Clay - Maxwell - Bogle. Whitwell

Fridd y Bwlch - Moel Farlwyd - Moel Penammon Foel Fras Craig Blaen y Cwm
- Moel Llechweddhafod Rowen - Base

No 5 Smith - Beresford - Blyth - French Paris
Capel Curig - Siabod. Dak Crash to Base

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Idwal

19/10/63

On Friday evening 18th F/Sgt Bennett + 12 members travelled to Idwal where Base was established. As Sat was a working day at Valley, the remaining eight personnel were picked up from Valley on Sat evening.

Sat 19th

Climbing Parties

Blyth Smith ↑ Gashed Crag

Balls Beresford Tatam ↑ 1st Pinnacle Rib

Walking Party

Williams Sergeant Hunt

DOP Bethesda - Glyder Bridge to tryfan - Base excluding Elidir Fawr

Sunday 20th

Blyth Tatam - Devils staircase

Beresford Maxwell Braich ty Du.

Walking

ONE Topham Smith Hartley Gordon.

DOP Aber Carneddau to Base

TWO Williams Donovan Helter Balls

Pen-yr-Oley-Wen - Llewellyn to Bethesda old Road to Base

THREE

F/Paris M^cKerron M^cCarthy Hunt

DOP Bethesda Glyder Ridge to Tryfan and Base

Buchanan. DOP Aber 10.40 Carneddau to Base arriving 14.20 hrs

A. Bennett F/Sgt

NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Llanberis

26-27/10/63

On Friday evening 25th F/Sgt Bennett + 20 members travelled to Llanberis where Base was set up in the old Camp Guard Room.

Sat

Walking

ONE Pibworth Peters McKerron Ferres MK(2)

DOP Llanfairfechan - Pont ddu - Foel Ganol - Drum Foel Fras Foel Grach Llewellyn Daffydd Pen yr Oleu wen. Pick up.

TWO Maxwell - Hunt Hartley Pagant.

DOP Llanfairfechan - Foel Ganol - Drum - Clogwyn yr Aryr - Llyn Eigiau - Llyn Cowlyd to Capel. Pick up

Three Bennett & Brown on return from Dropping Parties.
Base to Moel Eilio & horseshoe south to Llanberis

Climbing Batty Balls } Clogwyn y Driscol
F/Paris Blyth }
Tatam Smith }

Sunday

Climbing Batty - Balls, F/Paris - Hartley, Tatam Blyth.

DOP Ogwen climbed Spiral Variant & Chasm and walked to Base.

Bennett - Brown Snowdon Horseshoe & Read's Route

Walking

1 Pibworth Hunt Smith Featherstone (Snowdon Horseshoe)

2 Maxwell Pagant Peters M^cKerron. DOP Capel Curig. - Glyder Fach & Fawr - Y Garn Elidir Fawr - Base.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

3-11-63

Friday

Idwal

48 hr Ex.

Cpl/T Tunnah + 20 members set up base at Idwal at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Walking parties covered the following courses

1 D.O.P. HELYG - GALLT-YR-OGOF - TRYFAN - GLYDER FACH - BASE

2 D.O.P. HELYG - CARNEDD LLEWELYN - CARNEDD DAFYDD - PEN YR OLEU WEN BASE

3 BASE - GRIBIN RIDGE - GLYDER FACH - TRYFAN - GALLT-YR-OGOF HELYG

Rock climbing parties went to climb on the following cliffs:- BOCHLWYD BUTTRESS, MILESTONE BUTTRESS, BRAICH-TU-DU, IDWAL SLABS & GLYDER FACH

The team travelled to Bangor University on Saturday night to hear a lecture by Chris Bonnington on the North Face of the Eiger.

12/

Sunday:

Sunday was spent much the same as Saturday with parties everywhere in the Ogwen Valley climbing & walking.

Two incidents occurred:-

No 1 David Burgess fell 60 ft off Nor Nor Buttress sustaining a fractured skull & arm & also internal injuries. He fell at 16.00 hrs & was evacuated to hospital by 18.45.
No 2 At 19.00 while returning from the first rescue shouts were heard high up on the West face of tryfan. Three students were benighted whilst trying to get down N Gully without torches. They were located & brought down by 01.00 hrs.
Team returned to Valley at 02.30 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T

48 hr Exercise

Bethesda

8.11.63

On Friday evening F/Sgt Bennett + 27 members travelled to Bethesda Hut.

Sat 9th

F Sgt Bennett & F/Paris - Sub Cniffon Rib - Glyder Fach - Bristly Ridge - Base

Batty - Tatam Braich-ty-Du

Walking parties

ONE Carneddau from Conway to Base
TWO Capel Curig Glyders to Base
THREE Nant Peris to Base via Elidir fawr
FOUR Base over Carneddau to Aber Falls

Sunday

Weather shocking heavy rain and Gale force winds. First Aid lecture in Hut. Later river crossings Techniques practiced both Individual and stretcher. Verdict quite warm in for the time of the year

A. Bennett F/SGT
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Llanberis

16-17/11/63

On Friday evening F/Sgt Bennett, Sqn Ldr Sims IMR + 27 members travelled to Llanberis where base was established in the old Guard room.

Saturday 16th

Six parties navigated all the known tracks leading to the summit of Snowdon and two courses over the Glyders to base.

Sunday 17th

1 Donovan Padgen Hartly & Hughes walked from Pen-y-pass to Snowdon via Pyg Track and on to base via the Llanberis track.

2

French-Paris M^cCarthy Jones MK II & Hunt walked the following DOP Ogwen - Glyder Fach & Fawr Y Garn Elidir Fawr to base

- 3 Tatam, Bogle Clarkson, Carling.
DOP Bethesda - Carnedd-y-Filiast - Mynydd Perferdd Elidir-Fawr - base
- 4 Blyth Jones (4D) Featherstone
Inspected all crags on Llanberis South
- 5 Maxwell, Beresford, Trendall, Peters
DOP Capel Curig - Glyders - Y Garn - Elidir Fawr Base.
- 6 Smith - Batty - Balls - Sims
DOP Aber falls - Drum - Craig Dilyn Foel Grach Llewellen Cwm Llafar.
Ogwen

A. Bennett
NCO i/c
VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Pant-yr-Avon Gam

23-24/11/63

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 members travelled to Pont-yr-Avon-Gam where base was established.

Sat

A terrible day with heavy rain, wind and clagg down to zero.
Four parties did some tricky navigation on the boggy country between base and the Arenigs.

Sunday

The weather was even worse than than Saturday and as the team had little dry clothing left what with the previous days exercise and tent trouble during the night nothing was done.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c
VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Moel-is-y Goedwig

29th-11-63

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 20 set up base on Friday night at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday

The team spent the day walking the Berwyns & the Mynydd Hiraethog ranges.
It does not matter how often the team exercises in this particular area they always seem to find somewhere new to discuss.

Sunday

A search was carried out to look for two climbers who were supposed to be lost (Cpl/T Tunnah & LAC Maxwell) in the hills above Bala. The search was conducted by SAC Topham & the missing men were found quite quickly. Team returned to

Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T.

48 hr Exercise

Pont-yr Afon Gam

6-12-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 24 Personnel travelled to Pont-yr-Afon Gam where base was established

Sat

Parties navigated courses of 15 miles duration over the Rhinogs, Arenigs, Moelwyns and Manods all arriving back at base by 17.30 hrs.

Sunday

As visibility was down to zero the newer members of the team were given the opportunity to test their prowess in the field of navigation. They were of course accompanied by a leader who kept them from serious mistakes. A lot was learnt by all.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Bethesda

14-12-63

F/Sgt Bennett + 31 members travelled to Bethesda ATC Hut where base was established

Sat

As Sat evening was the night of our annual Xmas dinner and Party held at Pont-y-Pair an early start was made that morning.

Parties naved various courses on Glyders and Carneddau arriving back on base at 16.30.

This followed by an unfamiliar sight, "the whole team in lounge suits looking smart for once and so to the Pont-y-Pair for Dinner.

The dinner was a great success with everyone in good spirits and on good behaviour.

Sunday

Parties on Carneddau and Glyders on slightly shorter courses than usual. Somewhat Fragile?

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

Bethesda, Xmas Grant

22nd - 29th Dec. 1963

F/Sgt Bennett + 18 members stayed at Bethesda Hut for the duration of the Xmas Grant.

Although no set training program was laid down and all that was expected of the team was to standby in case of Incidents most people elected to go on to the hills

most-days. Therefore a small group each day were allowed to a course of their own choosing.

The team were given a hearty Xmas welcome from the people of Bethesda and despite that fact that everyone had to do set duties, Duty cook and waiter etc. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Incident

Sat 21st Dec 1964

Team alerted by local Police, 4 climbers benighted 250 ft up Idwal Slabs on hope route in darkness. Team set off 18.30 hrs, plucked them off and returned to base at 22.30 hrs. The whole operation carried off quickly and smoothly.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

Llanberis

4th 5th - 1 - 64

Friday

Cpl/T Tunnah + 20 members set up base at the Old RAF Station at 20.30 hrs on Friday

Saturday

A Walkie talkie exercise was carried out using new Mk 31 sets. Parties were dropped off at Pen-y-Pass, Glan Dena & Ogwen. The sets functioned very well indeed. The greatest range achieved was from Bwlch Tryfan to Llanberis using a link set on Y Garn. This represented a distance of approximately 8 miles.

Sunday

Another Walkie talkie exercise was carried out in the Snowdon Horseshoe. Two parties were dropped off. One at Pen-y-Pass & the other at Clogwuy-n-y-Wenallt. They then proceeded to walk around the Snowdon Horseshoe. The best result was from Gallt y Wenallt to Glaslyn lake. The mountain Lliwedd was obstructing the line of vision but even so the sets again worked well. Team returned to Valley at 20.30 hrs

J. E. Tunnah
CPL/T.

Cwm Penamnan

8/9-1-64

F/Sgt Bennett + 23 members travelled to Cwm Penamnan where base was established in the Forestry Hut. Vehicles use were L/Rover 2 R/L Bedfords an Austin 1 ton.

Sat

Walking parties walked over the Manods Arenigs & Moelwyns

Sunday

After all parties had been on the hill for a few hours they were given a mock call

out. Half an hour later men were appearing racing down hillsides from all directions. They were gathered together formed a line for sweep searching, found their casualty and carried him home to base.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

Llanberis

15/16 - 1 - 64

F/Sgt Bennett + 23 members travelled to Llanberis where base was established in the Guard Room of the old camp RAF Llanberis

Sat

Parties were sent out in all directions complete with the new W/T Sets A 31. Contact was made with all parties as far away as Glyder Fawr Snowdon and surrounding peaks.

Sunday

All parties on the hill surrounding Llanberis once again with W/T, again with good results. Unfortunately it would seem that all our messages are transmitted through everyone's television in the area and many people came to complain that their entertainment was ruined the whole of Sat & Sunday afternoon.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

Nantlle

22/23-1-64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 22 members set up base at Tal-y-Mignedd Isaf at 20.30 hrs.

Saturday

Walking parties covered the Moel Hebog range & one party walked from Pen-y-Pass to base via Snowdon - Yr Arran & Moel Hebog in preparation for the High Atlas expedition.

Sunday

The team again walked the Moel Hebog range & again a party walked over Moel Hebog Yr-Arran & Snowdon from base & were picked up at Pen-y-Pass. Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL

Cufty

29-1/1-2-64

F/Sgt Bennett + 21 members travelled to Cufty mine and base was established. Vehicles used were L/Rover 2 Bedfords and Austin one ton

Sat

Parties navigated courses on the Glyders, Carneddau and Moelwyn range the object of the exercise being to test the A 31 W/T sets

Sunday

The same type of exercise by different course in the same areas.

Results of A31 W/T Testing

Though the results were not as good as the Cosser CC 3, they were far better than anything we had achieved with our previous set HF 15. The only snag is that we are still interfering with everyone's television to a range of 6 miles despite signals section attempts to remove the fault.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

Cwm Llanarck

8/9-2-64

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 personnel travelled to Betws-y-Coed where base was established. Vehicles used were Land Rover, 2 Bedford R/Ls and Austin one ton.

Sat

Walking parties covered navigation and familiarisation on Carneddau, Glyders and Moelwyns. The weather was extremely good and kind to us being like a summers day.

Sunday

The whole team travelled to the Moelwyn crags where they were put through their paces on absailing and various methods of lowering patients down the crag face.

A. Bennett F/Sgt
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Cwm Cowarch

15/16/2/64

F/Sgt + 20 personnel travelled to Cwm Cowarch where base was established

Sat

Walking parties familiarised Cader Idris range and the Arrans. The weather being cold but fine & clear

Sunday

Courses reversed from Saturday the weather having changed to heavy snow fall with spindrift.

48 hr

Llanberis

22/23/2/64

F/Sgt Bennett + 15 members travelled on Friday evening to Llanberis where base was established.

Sat

The weather cold and clear. Walking parties out in all directions on Snowdon and Glyders in search of reasonable snow conditions which could be used for Sunday's training programme. Unfortunately the snow where deep enough proved to be too dry and powdery.

* **Sat evening (Incident)**

Called out by Air Traffic control to proceed to Pentrefoelas on the A 5 to meet the Army who had lost (once again) some of their cadets. Having arrived there at 22.10 hrs we learned that 5 cadets were lost on the Denbigh moors but had tents and food. The weather being foul with visibility down to zero we snatched a few hours sleep in the waggon and started the search at first light: We found the cadets at approx 11.20 hrs, and returned to base at Llanberis.

A. Bennett NCO i/c VMRT

Llanberis

29-31 - 3 -64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 20 members set up base at Llanberis at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

The team spent the whole day in Cwm Glas rebuilding the cairns on the mountain paths from Ynnys Ettws to Llyn Glas & from Llyn Glas to the top of Dinas Mot.

A very busy & useful day with much learnt about Cwm Glas.

Sunday

Sunday was spent Climbing & walking in the Snowdon Horseshoe & Llanberis pass. Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

CPL

Dep i/c VMRT

48 Exercise

Bethesda Nantlle

7/8/3-64

F/Sgt Bennett + 17 MR personnel travelled to Nantlle where base camp was established on Friday evening of the 6th - 3 -64.

Sat

Walking parties covered various routes on the Snowdon Range and the mynydds. The weather was extremely hard with blizzards on high ground

Sunday

Sunday was spent on Clogwyn yr Oen brushing up on rescue Rock Techniques. The following points were covered. Stretcher lowers feet first - horizontal as for spinal injuries, Tragsitz, absailing. I was quite surprised how much the team members had forgotten about this work which used to be practiced on Wednesday afternoon

A. Bennett
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Exercise

Bethesda

14-15/3/64

F/Sgt Bennett + 16 members travelled on Friday evening to Bethesda Hut where base was established

Sat

As there had been some snow fall in the days previous six parties sped in all directions looking for good snow conditions so that I could give instruction in the arts of same the following day, but without success.

Sunday

All parties covered long hard courses either on the Glyder range or the Carneddau. A day for fitness training rather than anything else.

* **Incident Report**

Four members who on Saturday were in the near vicinity of Idwal Slabs were called upon to give assistance to a young climber who had fallen off the first pitch of sub wall climb sustaining cuts and bruises and suffering from shock. Applying first aid they took him into Bangor C/A Hospital.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c VMRT

48 hr Ex

Cwm Penamnan

20 - 22/-3/64

F/Sgt Bennett _ 16 MT Personnel travelled to Cwm Penamnan where base was established in the Forestry Hut.

Sat

Walking parties did familiarization courses over Glyders, Carnedd's and Moelwyn ranges. All parties were on the hill by 08.30 hrs and returned to base 18.00 hrs. A long hard day.

Sunday

All members travelled to the Moelwyn by Road where they received instruction on various methods of stretcher lowering on Craig-yr-Oen.

A. Bennett
NCO i/c VMRT

South Wales

26 / 31 - 3 - 64

F/Sgt Bennett + 25 MR Personnel travelled to South Wales for the easter Grant and established base at Llangattock.

The whole of the Grant was spent Pot holing and familiarization of the S. Wales Peaks.

A. Bennett

Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

3.4.64 TO 5.4.64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 18 & 4 team leaders set up base at Brithdir at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday

Walking Parties covered the Cwm Silin Group of mountains & a long distance party set out from Snowdon to walk to base:

Sunday:

The team travelled to the Eifls to explore the possibilities of rock climbing cliffs. Some good cliffs were found.

Cpl Tunnah took the team leaders Course to Clogwen-yr-Oen for rock climbing instruction. Not a very impressive course. Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Llanberis

10 - 12.4.64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 20 members set up base at Llanberis at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

The team spent the day walking various courses over the Snowdon Group and one party attempted to walk from Ogwen over all the 3000ers of the Glyders & Snowdon. the attempt was abandoned after covering 5 of the peaks as the weather deteriorated to very bad conditions. Cpl Tunnah & SAC Featherstone went to climb on Clogwyn-y Person & had a good day even though the rock was wet & greasy.

Sunday

As the weather was unfit for any party to be on the mountains Cpl Tunnah took the team on an area familiarisation exercise.

Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Cuffty

17 - 19.4.64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + ~~20~~ members set up ~~base~~ at Cuffty at 20.00 hrs

Saturday

Team left Valley. 20 members & set up base at Cuffty

Saturday Night

A night search was carried out to look for a dummy called "Fred" who had been planted earlier in the day.

Team slept on Saturday afternoon before the exercise.

Sunday

Team spent the day stretcher lowering on the Moelwyns.

Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Pont-yr-Afon-Gam

24 - 26 . 4 . 64

Friday

Team set up base at Pont-yr-Afon-Gam at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

As the weather was unfit for rock climbing the team walked various courses from base over the Arenigs & the Manods. Good courses for getting fit i.e. Going over very uneven moorland (bog trotting).

Sunday

Flt Sgt Bennett & Cpl Tunnah took the majority of the team rock climbing on Craig fach & Clogwyn-yr Oen A good day with many routes done but it began to rain towards the end of the day

Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c V.M.R.T.

Cwm Nant Col:

1st To 3rd . 5 - 64:

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 12 members set up base at Cwm Nant Col at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent walking the Rhinog range of mountains from Pen-y-Bryn to base & also from Talsarnau to base. After tea a river crossing was attempted over the river which runs near the base camp. It was quite successful & afterwards everyone went swimming in the river; which was not so successful as the water was freezing.

Sunday:

One party went walking over the Rhinogs while the rest of the team went rock climbing on new cliffs near Llanbedr. The routes were quite difficult. Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

Remarks:

A good weekend indeed, marred only by the fact that the ambulance again gave trouble with the gearbox.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL

Dinas Mawddwy

8.10-5-64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 14 set up base at Cowarch at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent walking about Maesglasau & Aran Ffawddwy. The weather was excellent today.

Sunday

Sunday was again spent walking over the Arans & Cader Idris. A good weekend indeed with excellent weather. Team returned to valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Date would help!

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Scotland

Monday

Team alerted to go to Fort William to assist in search for a VOODOO aircraft which had crashed 4 days previously.

Team travelled in two parties

Cpl Tunnah brought first party & Flt Sgt Bennett brought the second party + members of the summer course.

Tuesday

Arrived Fort William at 06.00 hrs. Flt Sgt Bennett arrived at 08.30 hrs. Team rested & slept till 14.00 hrs & then did a minor search of the area between Loch Archaig & Loch Eil.

Wednesday

First full days search carried out over the same ground as yesterday. Nothing found.

Thursday

Another search carried out west of yesterday's area. Again nothing found.

Friday

Team recalled to Valley. Departed Fort William 21.00 hrs.
VOODOO found by U.S.A.F Dakota.
Team arrived Valley 16.00 hrs Saturday.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Whit Grant

The team spent Whitsun Grant at the Bethesda hut arriving there from Scotland at 16.00 hrs on Saturday

Sunday

Sunday was a day off to allow the team to regain its strength. Most of the team were exhausted after the call out to Scotland & the journey back.

Monday

Monday was spent climbing & walking in the Ogwen area. The weather today was bad with wind & rain.

Tuesday

Again the team climbed & walked in the Ogwen & Snowdon area.
Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

Remarks

Not a very impressive grant as the team was very tired after the call out & also the weather was not really very good.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Bryn Engan

29-30 - 5 - 64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 18 members set up base at Bryn Engan at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent walking over Pen Llithrig y wrach Carnedd Llewellyn & the Glyders.
A new trialist was out this weekend.

Sunday

Sunday was spent stretcher lowering on the Moelwyns.
Team returned to Valley 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL Dep i/c VMRT

Llanberis:

5 - 6 - 64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 14 members set up base at Llanberis.

Saturday

The team was split into climbing & walking parties & the groups climbed on Dinas Cromlech & Glogwyn-y Grochan. The walking parties went over the Snowdon horseshoe & the Glyders

Sunday

Sunday was spent climbing & walking again over the same area as saturday.
The weather turned nasty towards the end of the day.
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Pont-yr-Afon-Gam

11 - 13 - 6 - 64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 16 set up base at Pont-yr-Afon-Gam at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

The team walked & navigated over the Arenigs & the Manods & some members rock climbed on the Moelwyns.

Sunday:

Parties walked over the Arenigs once more (Good country for getting fit).
One party went to explore a new crag which might be suitable for rock climbing. The result proved favourable
Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL Dep i/c VMRT

Rhibo

20-6-64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 16 set up base at rhibo

Saturday:

Parties walked from base to Moel Eilio & over to cwm Eigau back to base & also over Crafnant.

One party went rock climbing on Craig-yr-Isfa & then walked back to base.

Sunday:

The whole team spent Sunday on a large scale walkie talkie exercise. Many parties were annoyed because their sets were unserviceable.

A good weekend

Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
Dep i/c VMRT

Dinas Mawddwy:

26/28 - 6 - 64

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 16 set up base at Cwm Cowarch.

Saturday:

Parties went walking over Maesglasau & also Over Aran Ffawdwy. Cpl Tunnah went to Aberdovey Sea School to collect equipment from the sub-unit.

Saturday Night:

A night exercise was carried out with Cpl Tunnah & SAC Buchanan as the victims who had fallen from a rock face.

Sunday:

A short day today as the team were up half the night looking for Cpl Tunnah & SAC Buchanan.

Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL
DEP i/c VMRT

Llanbedr

3/5 - 7 - 64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 14 set up base at Llanbedr at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent walking the Rhinogs & the hills around Cwm Bychan: The weather was excellent & the last party did not return until 19.30 hrs.

Sunday

Sunday was spent climbing on an outcrop near Llanbedr. This is a very good cliff which is similar to tremadac rocks. & there are some hard routes on this cliff.

Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL DEP i/c VMRT

Cwm Llanerch

17 - 7 - 64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 18 set up base at Cwm Llanerch at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent climbing & walking about the Glyders & Snowdon Horseshoe. Quite a number of good rock climbs were done on Saturday.

Sunday:

Sunday was spent the same as Saturday again climbing & walking. Quite a good weekend indeed. Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
CPL DEP i/c VMRT

Cwm Penamnen

24 - 26 - 7 - 64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 14 members travelled to Dolwyddelan where base was established in the Forestry Commission hut in Cwm Penamnen

Saturday

Team split in five parties who practiced navigation on Moelwyns & Carneddau ranges. The weather being particularly suitable with low cloud & rain.

Sunday

The weather still being bad with more rain than yesterday the team was split in four parties. A course was set from base to Blaennau ffestiniog over the Moelwyns & each party set off 15 minutes behind each other the aim being to catch the party ahead. Everyone arrived absolutely shattered and wringing with sweat. No 2 party arrived first.

J. E. Tunnah CPL
for NCO i/c

August Grant

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 14 members travelled to Keswick in the Lake District where base was set up at Millbeck at 02.00 on Saturday.

Saturday:

The team split into different parties to climb on Shepherds Crag in Borrowdale & some members went walking up Skiddaw.

Sunday:

Parties climbed on Great Gable Dow Crag & Shepherds Crag.

A walking party climbed Helvellyn.

Monday:

Again the team climbed various mountains + also rock climbing parties climbed on the rock faces in Borrowdale.

Tuesday:

An easy day was spent in preparation for the return to valley.
Team returned to Valley at 02.30 on Wednesday

J. E. Tunnah
CPL DEP i/c VMRT

Moel-is-y-Goedwig

7/9 - 8 - 64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 14 members set up base at Moel-is-y-Goedwig.

Saturday:

One walking party did the Seven Sisters from I. D. Hoosens monument to World's End.

The remainder of the team climbed on a cliff called Craig y Forwyn on World End.

Sunday:

The whole team went to World's End & did a great number of new routes on the cliffs.

A good weekend with excellent weather

J. E. Tunnah
CPL DEP i/c VMRT

Nantlle

14th To 16 - 8 - 64

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 21 members established base at Nantlle at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Various courses were walked by different parties over the Snowdon horseshoe & the Tal-y-mignedd group.

Two parties went rock climbing on Lliwedd & Cwm Silyn.

Sunday:

The whole team with the exception of 3 members went rock climbing.
The 3 other members did a course over Cnicht & Moel Siabod to the Pen-y-Gwryd.

Team returned to valley at 22.00 hrs.

Good weather till Sunday night

J. E. Tunnah CPL
DEP i/c VMRT

Llanberis

21st 23rd - 8 - 64

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 19 members set up base at the old RAF Station at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent walking and climbing over the Snowdon & the Glyders Rock climbing parties climbed on Crib Goch Buttress, Lliwedd & in the Llanberis Pass.

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Sunday:

Sunday was again spent climbing in the Llanberis Pass & walking parties went out also. At 12.45 the heavens opened with torrential rain & the parties returned to Pen-y-Pass Team returned to valley at 1800

J. E. Tunnah
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Incident:

* Cpl Tunnah + SAC Hartly were involved in bringing a Mother & father + two daughters down off the scree on the south west side of Crib Goch All were dressed in casual cloths.

Cwm Llanerch

28th - 30th/8/64

Friday:

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 16 members set up base at Cwm Llanerch at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent walking & climbing around the Llanberis & Snowdon areas on cliffs such as Dinas Cromlech & Clogwyn y Grochan.

Sunday:

Sunday walking parties covered the Carneddau & Ogwen areas. One party walked from Bethesda to Capel Curig & a duty team was set up at Ogwen in case of accidents. Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah
DEP i/c VMRT

Bryn Engan

5/7th/9/64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 18 set up base at Bryn Engan at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent walking over the Glyders & Carneddau with one party rock climbing at Ogwen.

Sunday:

Sunday was spent all over Snowdonia as party leaders were given the opportunity to choosing their own courses
A number of parties went rock climbing
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Dinas Mawddwy

12/14th/9/64

Friday:

Flt Sgt Bennett + 17 members set up base at Dinas Mawddwy at 21.00 hrs.

Saturday:

Walking parties covered the Arans & Maesglasau ridge & one climbing party climbed on nearby Craig Cowarch & did some tests with a new type of gloves.

Sunday:

All parties walked various courses about the Arans. Flt/Sgt Bennett & Cpl Tunnah walked from Llanywchllyn to base over Aran Benllyn & Aran Fawddwy.
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Nantlle

19/21st/9/64

Friday

Flt/Sgt Bennett + 16 set up base at Nantlle at 19.30 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent walking & climbing around the Moel Hebog group. The Inspector of Mountain rescue was out with the team this weekend & he walked to base from Beddgelert over Moel Hebog.

Sunday

Sunday was spent walking & climbing on the Snowdon range & cliffs.
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Cwm Nan Col

25/27/9/64

Friday

Cpl Tunnah + 18 members set up base at Cwm Nantcol at 20.30 hrs.

Saturday

Saturday was spent climbing & walking over the Rhinogs & the cliffs at Llanbedr.
Torrential rain was encountered early in the day & all parties were soaked to the skin;

but dried off by the time they arrived back at base.

Sunday

Most of the team went rock climbing on the cliffs at Llanbedr & Craig Bodlyn.
One party walked the Rhinogs.
A good weekedn.
Team returned to Valley at 22.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Cyffty

2-4/10/64

Friday

Flt Sgt Bennett + 20 set up base at Cuffty at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

The team spent Saturday on walking exercise over the Carneddau.

Sunday:

Sunday was spent walking & climbing over the Glyders & Carneddau & Ogwen Valley.
Team returned to Valley at 21.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Cwm Penamen

9-11/10/64

Friday:

Flt Sgt Bennett + 18 set up base at cwm Penammen at 20.00 hrs.

Saturday:

* Saturday was spent looking for a civilian walker who had failed to return from a walk over the Carneddau. He eventually turned up later in the day.

Sunday:

Sunday was spent rock climbing & stretcher lowering on the Moelwyns.
Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

Llanberis

16-18/10/64

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 21 members set up base at the old R.A.F. station at 20.30 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent climbing & walking in the Llanberis Pass & Snowdon Horseshoe.

Sunday:

* Sunday was spent walking & climbing at Ogwen as there was no civilian rescue organisation operating in that area. A minor incident occurred. A man fell over the wall near the cafe at Ogwen & sustained a broken leg.
An average weekend.
Team returned to valley at 20.00 hrs.

J. E. Tunnah

60 hr Exercise

Moel-is-y-Goedwig

23-25/10/64

Friday:

Cpl Tunnah + 14 members set up base at Moel-is-y-Goedwig at 16.30 hrs.

Saturday:

Saturday was spent walking over the Clwydian range & exploring the potholes at Maeshafn.

This was new territory to a number of the team members.

Sunday:

Sunday was spent at Craig-y-forwyn at Worlds End where all the team went rock-climbing & tragsitz lowering.

A good weekend indeed.

Team returned to Valley at 20.00 hrs.

Trouble was had with R.L. 59 AE 05 crossing Anglesey (loss of power).

J. E. Tunnah