

CAN YOU KINDLY HELP US TO FIND SOME OF THEM AGAIN?

Minutes of Association meetings are not circularised to all members, but we feel sure all comrades realise that items which are discussed at meetings, and which it is felt are of particular interest to members, are referred to from time to time in the Newsletters. One such matter was the action decided upon just a year ago to send a special letter to approximately 450 comrades from whom no word had been received for over 25 years. We appreciate and know that many other similar organisations would have erased these chaps from their records long before now, but we continued sending the Newsletters, hoping our action would be appreciated and that the comrades concerned would eventually show some interest, or at least write to say that they were pleased to get the news and wished to continue receiving this. The special letter in question asked the comrades concerned if they would kindly confirm their addresses, as we had no proof they were still there, or even still alive, and that the main object of the exercise was to try and cut our already heavy postage expenditure, especially so if the letters were going astray. Of the 450 letters in question, nearly 50 were returned marked 'gone away address unknown'. No replies were received from roughly 350 of the comrades concerned. Happily, we received about 50 letters from comrades full of apology for their poor response since the war, and in many cases they admitted that they had been receiving their Newsletters, sometimes second and third hand via relatives, before they could be bothered sending a post-card advising us of their correct location!

At the last Annual General Meeting, it was decided that the chaps who had still made no response to our plea should be erased from the mailing list for Newsletters, and all present, with one exception, felt that the comrades concerned had had more than enough opportunities to advise us of their correct addresses and their desire to remain in touch. It must be mentioned that many of the chaps concerned were those who joined as annual members, prior to the end of the war, and who haven't paid a subscription or sent as much as a postage stamp since that time. In fairness to him, may we record our appreciation to Mr. Ronald McLean, Hon. Secretary of our London Branch, who in spite of all that was said at the meeting, still hated the thought of comrades being erased from our lists, and even offered to write again personally at his own expense to the comrades in question. He was, however, the only one present to take this view and the meeting confirmed that no useful purpose would be served by taking further action in this matter, and that in their view the comrades in question, if still alive, were certainly not interested in the Association.

Over many years now, the General Secretary has made numerous efforts to contact lost members through Bank addresses, Housing Departments, and known relatives and feels that if any further efforts are to be made in this respect that it should be concentrated on those comrades with whom we have had contact since the war, but who have moved address without advising him. It would be correct to say that we receive about 50 returned Newsletters after each edition, and the annoying factor about many of these is that the letters are returned from comparatively new addresses. Incidentally, we have discovered over the years that although many of our members are in touch with particular comrades, their conversations seldom get around to asking each other if they are in touch with the Association. May we appeal to all members regularly in touch with other comrades to make this enquiry the next time they meet, or are in touch either by telephone or letter?

A further proposal has been made that we should print lists from time to time of members out of touch and circulate these with the Newsletters and, although it has not been possible to compile a long list for this edition, it was felt that even if a few names could be mentioned the response, or lack of it, might assist us to decide whether it is worth proceeding with the idea.

We therefore appeal to all members receiving this list to read through it and to kindly advise Henry Brown, at 2, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.1, if they know the present whereabouts of any of the comrades mentioned.

(Former ranks which in some cases may be incorrect, are included purely as an aid to identification).

Rank	Name and Initials	Commando Unit	Location of Last Recorded Address
Mne.	Abbott, B. J. A.	41 RM Cdo.	Rostyllen, Nr. Wrexham.
Sgt.	Ainsworth, R. H.	40 & 47 RM Cdos	Elmer Sands, Nr. Bognor Regis.
Mne.	Allmark, A.	30 A.U.	Swinton, Lancs.
Sgt.	Amphlett, T. W.	42 RM Cdo	Worcester.
TSM.	Andrews, W. M. W.	47, 46 & 45 Cdos	Bahrain, BFPO 63.
Lieut.	Armstrong, A. S.	47 RM Cdo	Pine Grove P.O., Ontario.
Pte.	Acott, L. J.	1/5 Cdo	Dagenham, Essex.
Pte.	Adams, F.	1 Cdo Bde	Walsall, Staffs.
Sigmn.	Adams, J.	2 Bde Sig. Tp.	Glasgow, S.E.
Pte.	Alcock, H.	4 Cdo	Birmingham, 27.
Pte.	Aldersea, S.	2 Cdo	Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.
Spr.	Aldridge, F.	CBTC	Greenford, Middlesex.
L/Sgt.	Allen, W.	4 Cdo	Woodsetton, Nr. Dudley, Worcs.
RSM.	Allen, J. D., G.M.	3 Cdo	Westbury, Wilts.
Pte.	Allison, R. G.	1 Cdo	Gateshead—possibly now in Canada.
Gnr.	Allum, E. T.	12 & 1 Cdos	Watford, Herts.
Gnr.	Allum, F. E.	12 & 1 Cdos	Crofton Park, London, S.E.4.
L/Bdr.	Amrose, A. W.	1 Cdo	Harlston, Norfolk.
L/Sgt.	Amos, C. J.	CBTC	Hounslow, Middx.
L/Cpl.	Anderson, W.	1 Cdo	Salford, Lancs.
Pte.	Anderton, A.	1 Cdo	Bolton, Lancs.
Pte.	Andrews, F.	9 Cdo	Heswall, Wirral, Cheshire.
Pte.	Andrews, A. R.	3 Cdo	Northampton.
Cpl.	Annetts, G. H.	1 Cdo	Brecon, S. Wales.
Gnr.	Ansell, E. C.	6 Cdo	Farnborough, Hants.
Fus.	Anslow, T.	1/5 Cdo	Dudley, Worcs.
Pte.	Archer, G. L.	MHQ 2 Cdo Bde	Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.
Pte.	Armstrong, R.	3 Cdo	Largs, Ayrshire.
Sigmn.	Armstrong, R. J.	2 Bde Sig. Tp.	Bearsden, Nr. Glasgow.
Rfn.	Atkin, E.	7 Cdo	Hull, E. Yorks.
Pte.	Austen, C.	1/5 Cdo	Sittingbourne, Kent.
CSM.	Austin, A. J.	4 Cdo	Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.
Pte.	Austin, R. C.	HCO & HOC	Banstead, Surrey.
SQMS.	Ayres, R. B., B.E.M.	12 Cdo & 4 Bde	London, S.W.8.
Gnr.	Abbott, J.	12, 5 & 9 Cdos	Huddersfield, Yorks.
Pte.	Adams, C. R.	2 Cdo	Brighton 1, Sussex.
Pte.	Adams, S. W.	1 Cdo	Welwyn, Herts.

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Lt. Adey, J. J.	1 Bde Sig. Tp.	Willenhall, Staffs.
L/Cpl. Albanski, W.	Polish Tp. 10 Cdo	Acton, London, W.3.
Cpl. Alden, P. M. St. J.	2 Cdo	Kensington, London, S.W.7.
Gnr. Alderson, H.	4 Cdo	No address known.
L/Bdr. Aldred, A.	4 Cdo	Droylesden, Manchester.
Tpr. Alexander, C. H.	1 Cdo	Loughborough, Leics.
L/Cpl. Alexandre, P.	French Tp. 4 Cdo	St. Mandé, France.
Gnr. Allan, J.	5 Cdo	Malden, Surrey.
Pte. Alloway, M.	4 & 9 Cdos	Mitcham, Surrey.
Gnr. Allen, S.	9 Cdo	Bletchley, Bucks.
Pte. Allen, A. R.	3 Cdo	Radford, Nottingham.
Pte. Allen, R. M., R.A.M.C.	1 Cdo	Shanklin, I.O.W.
Pte. Altass, D.	6 Cdo	Purston, Nr. Pontefract, Yorks.
Capt. Altung du Cloux, R. P.	5 Cdo	London, W.2.
Pte. Andrew, K. D.	2 Cdo	Mount Isa, N. Queensland, Aust.
Gnr. Andrews, F. G.	1 Cdo	Shaftesbury, Dorset.
Sgt. Armitage, J. W.	9 Cdo	Holywood, Co. Down, N.I.
Tpr. Arthur, L. J.	5 Cdo	Blackheath, London, S.E.3.
Fus. Arthur, D.	3 & 9 Cdos	Worthing, Sussex.
Pte. Ashcroft, J.	6 Cdo	Milford Haven, Wales.
Pte. Ashcroft, A.	2 Cdo	Everton, Liverpool 5.
Sigmn. Asley, L. E.	2 Bde Sig. Tp.	Harringay, London, N.8.
Pte. Ashworth, J. K.	1 Cdo	Henfield, Sussex.
Pte. Asquith, W.	2 Cdo	Liverpool 5.
Fus. Attwood, R. W.	2 Cdo	Belmont, New Zealand.
Pte. Austin, S. R.	1 Cdo	Stanton, Nr. Broadway, Worcs.
Gdsmn. Austin, M. B.	8 Cdo	St. Bees, Cumberland.
Gnr. Austin, N. B.	CBTC	Normandy, Nr. Guildford, Surrey.
L/Cpl. Austin, R. V.	6 Cdo	Erith, Kent.
Pte. Bagdonas, E.	4 Cdo	Glasgow.
Fus. Bailey, T. J. J.	1 Cdo	Colindale, N.W.9.
Rfn. Bailey, R. W.	5 Cdo	Aylesham, Canterbury, Kent.
Pte. Bailey, W. F.	2 Cdo	Wallington, Surrey.
Fus. Bailey, V. A.	3 Cdo	Kenton, Middx.
Dvr. Bainbridge, H.	5 Cdo	Gateacre, Liverpool.
Pte. Baker, F. T.	6 Cdo	Potters Bar, Middx.
Pte. Baker, D. W. A.	6 Cdo	South Ockendon, Essex.
Pte. Baker, C. R.	CBTC	Swindon, Wilts.
Pte. Baker, W.	3 Cdo	North Walsham, Norfolk.
Pte. Baker, J.	7 Cdo	Acton, W.3.
Pte. Baldwin, A. B.	6 Cdo	Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.
L/Cpl. Balarro, N.	4 Cdo	Marseilles, France.
Pte. Balchin, W.	10 Cdo	Aldershot, Hants.
Bdr. Baldock, R. G. A.	2 Cdo	Maidstone, Kent.
L/Cpl. Baldock, E.	1 Cdo	Cambridge.
Pte. Balligan, E.	10 Cdo	Braine L'Allend, Belgium.
Cpl. Baltissen, P. G.	10 Cdo	Melbourne, Australia.
Sgt. Bamford, F.	9 Cdo	Sheffield.
L/Sgt. Bancroft, D.	2 Cdo	Dalkeith, Midlothian.
Pte. Banks, R. C.	12 & 6 Cdos	Bow, E.3.
Pte. Banks, S. A.	1 Cdo	Wednesfield, Staffs.
Dvr. Banks, A. D.	4 Bde	New Cross, S.E.14.
Tpr. Banks, R. D., M.M.	3 Cdo	Andover, Hants.
Pte. Banner, H. F.	3 Cdo	Smethwick, Staffs.
Pte. Barber, R.	3 Cdo	Manchester 11.
Spr. Barber, J.	5 Cdo	Beeston Hill, Leeds.
Pte. Barber, C.	3 Bde	Ipswich, Suffolk.
Gnr. Barber, H.	3 Cdo	Oldham, Lancs.
Pte. Bardell, D. A.	3 Cdo	Ware, Herts.
Pte. Barden, E.	1 Cdo	Lamberhurst, Kent.
Fus. Barlow, J., M.B.E., B.E.M.	2 Cdo	Hendon, N.W.4.
Sgt. Barlow, E. J.	2 Bde	South Darenth, Kent.
Gnr. Barkham, F. S.	7 Cdo	Swindon, Lancs.
Bdr. Barlow, C.	3 Cdo	Welling, Kent.
L/Cpl. Barmby, G.	2 Cdo	Driffield, Yorks.
Pte. Barnes, R. G.	10 Cdo	Edgware, Middx.
Sgt. Barr, E., M.M.	SBS	Cove, Dumbartonshire.
L/Sgt. Barnett, G.	4 Cdo	Crawley, Sussex.
Pte. Barratt, D. G.	3 Cdo	Kingston, Surrey.
L/Cpl. Barnsley, B.	12 & 10 Cdos	Stanwell, Middx.
Sgt. Barrington, D.	3 Cdo & CMWTC	Barnes, S.W.13.
Cpl. Barron, F. C.	1/5 Cdo	Aberdeen.
Mne. Barrie, J. M.	48 Cdo	Glasgow E.2.
Sigmn. Barron, G. S.	Bde. Sig. Tp.	Leven, Fife.
Fus. Barry, T. G.	4 Cdo	Mountain Ash, S. Wales.
Fus. Barton, L.	5 Cdo	London, S.E.5.
Pte. Bass, J.	2 Cdo	Grays, Essex.
Pte. Baseley, A. R. H.	5 Cdo	Northolt, Middx.
Pte. Batchelor, R. H. W.	6 Cdo	Nakuru, Kenya.
Pte. Bateman, L.	2 Cdo	Folkestone, Kent.
CSM/I. Bates, C.	CBTC	Wakefield, Yorks.
Fus. Bates, J. E.	3 Cdo	Tamworth, Staffs.
Tpr. Bates, L. G.	2 Cdo	Kingswood, Bristol.
Pte. Batten, J.	9 Cdo	Pilton, Edinburgh.
Sgt. Batten, W. H.	3 Cdo	Rayleigh, Essex.
Pte. Baxter, W. H.	1/5 Cdo	Alton, Hants.
Pte. Baxter R.	6 Cdo	West Drayton, Middx.
Sgt. Bayliss, D. E.	1/5 Cdo	Banbury, Oxon.
Fus. Bayliss, H.	3 Cdo	Kidderminster, Worcs.
Pte. Beadell, W. C.	9 & 12 Cdos	Upper Norwood, London, S.E.19.
Pte. Beadle, J.	1 Cdo	Leicester.
Cpl. Beale, H.	CBTC	Morden, Surrey.
L/Cpl. Beale, J. H.	41 RM Cdo	Reading.
Dvr. Beale, A. W.	1 Cdo	Leeds.
Pte. Beament, S. W.	6 Cdo	Becontree, Essex.
Pte. Beaney, P. M.	6 Cdo	Old Basford, Nottingham.
L/Bdr. Beasant, J. S.	12 Cdo & SBS	Romford, Essex.
Pte. Bean, R. C.	3 Cdo	Woking, Surrey.
Spr. Beard, A.	6 & 9 Cdos	Clayton, Manchester.
Pte. Beatty, B. H.	1 Cdo & CBTC	Caol, Fort William.
Pte. Beaumont, J.	5 Cdo & CBTC	Hull, E. Yorks.