

7th WELCOME TO THE ARMoured BRIGADE



AND BERGEN-HOHNE GARRISON ARRIVAL GUIDE 2009

All you need to know about moving to Bergen-Hohne Garrison
(Hohne, Celle and Fallingbosten)

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CHAPTER 1 HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 Where is Bergen-Hohne Garrison? Bergen-Hohne Garrison is in the Northern German state of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony). It comprises Fallingbostal and Hohne stations and Trenchard Barracks in Celle. Hohne station is located on the south eastern edge of the Bergen-Hohne NATO Training area, approximately 15 km north of Celle and 20 km south-east of Fallingbostal. The nearest city is Hannover, about 60 Km to the south-west.



1.2 Who is based in Bergen-Hohne Garrison? Bergen-Hohne Garrison is home to 7 (Armoured) Brigade, nicknamed “the Desert Rats”, which is one of the most famous brigades in the British Army and consists of three stations, Hohne, Fallingbostal and Celle. The major units from the brigade stationed in Hohne Station are 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, 9th/12th Lancers and 32 Engineer Regiment. The other major Brigade units are The Highlanders, 4th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland, 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and 2nd Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, based in nearby Fallingbostal and the 2nd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment who are in Celle. 2 Logistic Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps are based outside the Garrison in Gutersloh.

1.3 History of 7 Armoured Brigade. The 7th Armoured Division was formed in 1939 in North Africa and played a major role in the defeat of the Italian Army and Rommel’s Afrika Korps. Following the conclusion of the North African campaign the Brigade saw action in Burma, India and Syria before returning to Europe and fighting Northwards through Italy towards Rome.

With various changes in title, the Brigade has been based in Germany since WWII, firstly in Soltau and latterly in Bergen-Hohne. The Brigade deployed to the Gulf in October 1990 on Operation GRANBY and subsequently took part in Operation DESERT SABRE resulting in the liberation of Kuwait. The Brigade deployed to Bosnia in 1994 and again in 1997 and to Kosovo in 2000. In early 2003 the Brigade took part in Operation TELIC resulting in the liberation of Iraq and returned to Iraq on Operation TELIC 7 in Oct 2005.

CHAPTER 2 MOVING TO BERGEN-HOHNE GARRISON

2.1 Requesting Accommodation. Bergen-Hohne Garrison is currently undergoing a rebuild of single living accommodation (including messes) and married quarters. Some of this has now been completed and many soldiers now live in Z-type accommodation (with single rooms). The upgrade of the married quarters is ongoing, which places additional demands on allocation of quarters, so an early application is advisable.

Single Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers are accommodated in their respective Unit Mess or Station Mess (in Hohne or Fallingbostel). Rooms should be booked through Mess Managers:

Hohne Station Officers' Mess	94877 2450 (+49 5051962450)
Hohne Station Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess	94877 2350 (+49 5051962450)
Fallingbostel Station Officers' Mess	94876 2251 (+49) 51629712251
Fallingbostel Station Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess	94876 2361(+49) 51629712361

All quarters are administered by the Housing Community Services Officer (HCSO) and his/her department. The HCSO allocates all quarters based on the information received on your application for (MOD Form 1132). It is essential that your application is accompanied by a covering letter stating any factors that would affect your quarter allocation, such as medical or family problems, special needs, disability, and increase in family or pets. Two copies are required; one is to be sent to your Welfare Office, the other to the HCSO. The address for your HCSO can be found in the appropriate Chapter of this guide, depending on which station you are posted to. The HCSO will try to allocate you a quarter within 3 weeks of your application and you should make every effort to take it over yourself at the time/date allocated. If you are unable to do so you should contact your Unit Welfare Office, who should be able to arrange an alternative, or in extreme cases a unit representative may offer to take over your quarter on your behalf.

2.2 Moving your belongings. Personnel requiring collection and delivery of unaccompanied baggage (MFO) must complete a DTMA/OS/Removals book at least 4 weeks before the required collection date. It takes a minimum of 7 days for UK to Germany delivery, 14 days should be allowed from Northern Ireland and 3 days from within British Forces Germany (BFG).

Married accompanied personnel should contact the Government Freight agency M&S Shipping once the quarter address has been confirmed.

UK – 01708 340034
Germany – 02163987398/88 (Mil 94868 3686/87/88)

CHAPTER 3

HOW TO GET TO BERGEN-HOHNE GARRISON

3.1 Planning. Your travel should be planned well in advance. There are various options available.

3.2 Air trooping flight. There is a daily “part-trooper” flight on contract with Air Berlin from London Stansted to Hannover. There are also two weekly trooping flights from Birmingham, one to Munster which is on Fridays and one to Paderborn which is on Sundays. On arrival at either location, you are collected by Garrison transport (although you should check this with your unit).

3.3 Civilian Air service. Hannover Airport is served by many airlines from a variety of international and regional airports.

3.4 Private Car. You are not entitled to travel at public expense to bring your car to Germany. Should you wish to bring your car you must pay for the ferry and subsequently claim MMA (only from place of duty to ferry port in UK). Three crossings are generally used, Dover –Calais (8-9 hours from Hohne), Harwich-Hook of Holland (5-6 hours from Hohne), Newcastle/Hull-Amsterdam (4-5 hours from Hohne). Reductions on ticket prices are available and tickets are cheapest if booked in advance. If you wish to travel from Harwich to Hook of Holland book thirty days in advance and receive a bigger discount. The Forces Discount Brochure (available from your current unit or online through ArmyNet) has details of forces deals on travel. You can also ring the Services Travel Centre at RAF Brampton (Military: 95331 7936/7834 or Civil: (0044) 01480 43 7936/7834).

3.5 Routes from Ferries. You are advised to check your route from whichever Ferry Port you use to Hohne on one of the route planners on the internet. European motorways all have an “E” number, which is constant across the national boundaries, and this is often the easiest to use. From Calais you should follow signs to the E402, then E40 and finally the E34 (which becomes the A2 in Germany) and then the A352 towards Hamburg. From Hook of Holland follow the E25, then E35 and this joins the E34 (A2)

3.6 Subsistence claims. For married personnel, your current unit should authorise any NRSA claim whilst your removals are in transit from UK.

Please note that the air trooping programme is still the official method of travel for BFG. Therefore travel at private expense, by any means, is capped at the notional MMA @ PCR calculated using the mileage between the previous permanent duty station and Birmingham airport. Passenger allowance is also admissible. There may be exceptions, but they have to be sanctioned by the chain of command prior to travel and normally involve a medical inability to fly.

3.7 Arriving Out of Hours. Normally personnel will arrive during a working day as a result of ferry arrival times. There may be instances which require an individual to arrive during silent hours, over a week end or public holiday. In all such cases the individual is to liaise with their unit *well in advance* in order that mutually agreeable arrangements can be made.

3.8 Arriving when the Unit is Deployed. If the Brigade is deployed on operations or exercise when you are due to arrive it is essential that you contact your unit as soon as you are notified of your posting. There will be a Unit Rear Party who will carry out the majority of tasks normally done when the unit is in post. The welfare package for dependants of persons deployed on operations is second to none and you will be notified of the exact provisions of the Operational Welfare Package as soon as possible.

CHAPTER 4 DOCUMENTATION

4.1 Passports. Personnel are strongly advised to make sure that before they arrive in station, they have a valid passport for themselves and all members of their family. If any members of their family, including children, do not hold a valid passport then plenty of time must be allowed to obtain a new passport. Military personnel may (in extreme cases) use NATO travel orders for movement to and from Germany. Passports are essential in the case of compassionate repatriations to the UK. Foreign and Commonwealth families must ensure that they have the correct visas for travel in Europe (Schengen Visa) by contacting their unit admin office well in advance of posting.

4.2 EHIC and UK Medical Documents. The E111 has now been replaced by the European Health Insurance Card, which is free of charge and will provide you with emergency medical insurance cover as you travel through Europe to arrive in Hohn. Each family member must be in possession of a card; you are strongly advised to apply for the new card well in advance and certainly prior to commencing your journey. The application for the card is available on the internet via the Dept of Social Services website – www.ehic-card.com. All dependants should register with the Medical and Dental Centres as soon as possible after arrival.

4.3 Family ID Cards. Dependants over the age of 8 are required to carry a photo ID card and to speed up the process, it is advisable that two passport sized photos for each member of your family over 8 are purchased before you arrive. The cards are issued by either the Admin Office or the Welfare Office (depending on unit). The cost of these photos can be reclaimed if you retain the receipt.

4.4 Vehicle Documents. All military, dependant and MOD civilians are required to register their vehicles in Germany (a process known as the BF(G)). See Chapter 5, below, for details of the documentation required and the process.

4.5 MATT Certificate. Increasingly service personnel are arriving without any proof of the Military Annual Training Tests that they have completed for the current year. You should arrive with a signed certificate from your previous unit otherwise it will be presumed that you have not completed any MATTs in the current training year.

There is a useful checklist on page 15 of this guide

CHAPTER 5 REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE

5.1 Background. Standing Orders for the British Army (Germany) (SOBA(G)s) require you to register your vehicle within 30 days of its import to Germany or *disciplinary action will be taken*. This also applies to motor bikes, caravans, trailers, boats and personal watercraft or any vehicle that is motor driven. The registration procedure is relatively simple and must be followed in order to BFG register any vehicle coming from the UK or any other non-BFG unit. The Station BFG office or your unit BFG Office can offer advice and assistance but be certain it is the individual's responsibility to ensure that the paperwork is submitted to Customs and Immigration within the timelines dictated in the SOBA(G). *Note if you are joining from another BFG location no action is required until your vehicle's BFG expires*. The benefit of this is that once your car is registered, you will qualify for tax-free fuel coupons which can be bought on camp.

5.2 Documentation. To register your vehicle you must bring the following documentation:

- i. British or German insurance documents. British insurance must have a green card for Europe. German insurance must have a double white payment card. (If you are posted from the UK you should contact your insurance company and ask for a green card to cover your first month, which will give you time to change policy on arrival) There is a list of BFG authorised insurance companies available from the BFG office, telephone 00 49 (0)5051 913881. Forces Financial and O'Girke's (Axa) have offices in all three Stations.
- ii. Proof of ownership (V5, Pink Log Book or Export certificate V561).
- iii. UK Driving Licence (for everyone wishing to drive in Germany)

The BFG Vehicle Licensing Office Helpline number is: 00 49 (0)2161 5654100.

5.3 Car Pass. When you arrive at the front gate you will be issued a temporary car pass, usually for 24hours (white). You will need to take this to the BFG Office in order to get a one month temporary pass (yellow) and while you are there you should complete BFG form 60 (an application for permission to export your car) and get it signed by an Officer from your unit. The BFG Office will be able to advise. Once you have completed the process you will be issued with a new set of plates and a Blue Car Pass valid for 1 year.

5.4 BFG Driving Permit. All drivers of BFG registered vehicles are required to be in possession of a valid BFG Driving Permit (BFG 57), although you are able to drive for one month on your UK driving licence. BFG driving permits are issued to personnel who either can prove that they have passed a European Matrix test (Tick Test) or those who sit, and pass such a test conducted at the Station BFG Office for dependants or the MT for serving personnel. BFG Licensing will not register a car unless you hold a valid BFG 57. It is important to note that dependants need a BFG driving licence as well and disciplinary action, that can result in removal of BFG privileges, may be taken against those who drive without one.

5.5 Paperwork. Once you have posted off your BFG form 60, the BFG Office will be able to advise on the exact procedure to follow. If your car is more than 3 years old you will require a roadworthiness inspection (similar to an MOT) which is conducted on camp.

5.6 Legal Requirements. European headlights must be fitted to your vehicle within 30 days of BFG registration and will be inspected for their compliance. However you can still drive to Germany on UK headlights provided they have "Beam Benders" (Continental adapters) fitted until continental headlights are fitted. Other items required by German law are:

First Aid Kit (including surgical gloves) DIN 13164 equivalent.

Warning Triangle.

Reflective Vest (obligatory in France, Belgium and Holland)

Vehicle documents, International Insurance (Green card), driving licence.

5.7 WARNINGS:

- i. The BFG facility and its associated entitlements (eg tax free fuel, cars etc) are under constant scrutiny by those who wish for this privilege to be removed. There is an increasing trend in Bergen-Hohne Garrison for service personnel and their dependants to drive without BFG registration. The RMP have been directed to conduct spot checks on all civilian vehicles that use the public highway. *If you have not registered your vehicle within 30 days after your arrival, your vehicle must not be used.*
- ii. If you dispose of a BFG registered tax-free vehicle within 12 months of the initial BFG, you, and *all entitled dependants* accompanying you, will receive a 5 year ban from purchasing another tax free vehicle. You must be fully aware of the rules regarding tax-free vehicle disposal. These can be obtained from the Station BFG Office

CHAPTER 6 PETS

6.1 General. To bring any pet to Germany you will need to follow the European Union Regulations. In simple terms your pet will need to have a microchip fitted, be vaccinated, undergo a blood test and have a PETS travel document or EU pet passport. This can take a long time and you are advised to begin the process 3 months in advance of your travel. Full details of the current legislation are on the Department for Environment, food and rural affairs website www.defra.gov.uk under Pet Travel Guide. There is also a Defra pet travel scheme advice line on +44 (0) 870 241 1710.

6.2 Dogs. You should be aware that German Dangerous Dog legislation bans the import of certain breeds (Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier and Pitbull Terriers) and also that under German Law, you (the animal owner) are personally liable for any damage caused by your pet. You are therefore strongly advised to take out insurance. The booklet "So you are posted to Germany" contains full details on banned breeds and categories of dog.

6.3 Registration. When you arrive you must register your Pets with the Housing Community Support Office within 2 days. This is a legal requirement in Germany and you then have 28 days to complete the registration process.

6.4 Vets. The Hive can offer advice and has a full list of local vets. It is worth visiting a vet soon after you arrive to check what is needed – in particular tick treatments are worthwhile as dogs tend to pick them up regularly in the Bergen-Hohne area. You will be given guidance when you register your pet.

Local Vets in Bergen:

Dr Dietrich Muller
Luken Strasse 5
29303 BERGEN
00 49 05051 910345

Dr Nazet
Hubertus 5
29303 BERGEN
00 49 05051 2033

Local Vet in Celle:

Dr Ulrike Bartels
Kaninchengarten 5
CELLE
00 49 05141 51920

Local Vets in Fallingbostal:

Frau Leschke-Ramcke
Ulrike Hagemann
Durerring 1b
WALSRODE
00 49 05161 1300

Karen Arjes
Scharnhorst Strasse 18
FALLINGBOSTEL
00 49 01562 3678

Dr Pahlen
An der Wasserkühler 13
FALLINGBOSTEL
00 49 05162 283

CHAPTER 7 BANKING

7.1 Banking. Your pay continues to be paid in British Pounds to your main UK bank account whilst you are in Germany, unless you request otherwise. You are advised to open a German bank account without delay. You can then set up, through your unit Admin Office, the payment of an allotment into your German bank account. The amount is converted into Euros using a Fixed Forces Rate (FFR) of exchange.

You need to arrive in Germany with a minimum of a chequebook or bankcard with EC, Maestro, Visa or Delta in order to obtain cash from a bank. Your unit Imprest may cash cheques for you, but only during your first few weeks. Credit cards are not as widely accepted in Germany as in the UK, and do not rely on them to pay for shopping at any but the largest shops. The NAAFI will accept UK Maestro cards and offer a "Cashback" option, although exchange rates may not be as favourable as the FFR.

If you have moved within Germany you should transfer the account to the local branch here. The reason for this is that certain services will not be available to you if you have not transferred your account. Details of local banks can be found in the relevant Station Chapter of this guide

CHAPTER 8 VISITS BY CLOSE RELATIVES

8.1 Visiting of Close Relatives. Close relatives are entitled, once correctly authorised by the Unit Welfare Officer, to visit personnel for periods not exceeding 90 days. It is essential if you are having visitors that they are correctly authorised both for security reasons and in case of any incident, particularly compassionate cases. This authority entitles them to use of certain facilities such as NAAFI (but not rationed Items) and the station bus service. Application for stays over 90 days must be made through the Unit Welfare Officer. Close relatives are defined as:

Parents of you or your spouse
Brothers, Sisters and dependants of you or your spouse
Children of you or your spouse who do not have BFG status

Relatives must be in possession of their Passports and the Visit of Close Relatives form (available from Unit Welfare Office) for access to camp and the NAAFI. They require a European Health Insurance Card (previously E111, see www.ehic-card.com) and travel health insurance is also strongly recommended. The Medical Centre in Hohne will **not** give routine treatment to close relatives. For routine medical treatment they are to visit a German GP where costs will be raised. A list of German GPs is held by the Medical Centre. Please also ensure that visitors taking regular medication bring a sufficient supply for the duration of their stay; it can be difficult to obtain exactly the same prescription in Germany.

8.2 Driving of BFG registered vehicles by Close Relatives. Close relations may drive a BFG registered vehicle while staying in Germany for a short stay as long as the vehicle is fully insured and the driver is named on the policy. They must also hold a full European licence and they are not entitled to:

- Purchase tax free fuel
- Use Fuel coupons purchased by a BFG entitled person
- Remove fuel in fuel cans from BFG for their private use.

8.3 Compassionate Travel. You should inform your relatives in the UK of the correct procedures to ask for you to be sent home in the event of the death or serious illness of a close relative (as defined above). Before Posting ask your current unit for Compassionate Procedure Cards, which have the contact details required and simple instructions. These should be given to your close relatives and they should be instructed to follow the instructions on the card rather than telephoning you or your unit direct, as following the instructions on the card can dramatically reduce the time taken to get you back to the UK.

CHAPTER 9 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Domestic Telephones. Telephone connection to married quarters is conducted through Deutsche Telecom (DT) who will arrange for a new telephone account, phone rental etc. For non-German speakers, the HIVE will offer assistance. If able to do so, you are recommended to find out the previous occupant's telephone number; it will be cheaper to reconnect, although there is still a charge even if the line is transferred. Single soldiers may also have telephones installed in their room, but must ensure that they give the exact location and correct billing name i.e. your name. "The Source" in the roundhouse can also talk you through the entire process and will also help you to set up the connections.

9.2 Mobile phones. Using UK mobile telephones in Germany is expensive, even if you are just receiving calls. The alternative is to purchase a 'Pay As You Go' phone or enter into a contract with a German firm (beware, some contracts are very long and have large penalties for early withdrawal.) In some cases it is possible to purchase a German SIM card for a UK mobile telephone. The HIVE can help interpret contracts and offer advice on the options.

9.3 Internet. A project to install wireless internet access throughout the Garrison is currently underway, and many of the single living-in accommodation blocks are already connected. This allows soldiers with their own computers to connect on a short term basis (weekly or monthly) for a set fee. Search for a network once you arrive and then follow the online instructions. You will need a credit or debit card to pay. To have internet installed in Married Quarters, The Hive has a list of service providers, as does The Source and both will be able to help you with organising installation.

9.4 Televisions/Video. To be compatible with German or SSVC broadcasting systems, televisions need a multi-system appliance. SSVC can advise on a suitable video cassette recorder which can be used to convert signals. Satellite and Cable connections are available in some quarters in Bergen and in the newly refurbished PUMA quarters on camp, however you will need to provide the UK digital satellite decoder to receive UK signals. Direct to Home is a new TV top box issued to all married quarters in Hohne. It allows for 6 channels free of cost to be received. Further details are available from your Estate Warden on arrival.

CHAPTER 10 HOHNE STATION

10.1 NAAFI. There is a large NAAFI supermarket located next to the roundhouse (see camp map). You should be aware that in order to buy cigarettes, coffee, gin or whisky a ration card is needed. You can get one of these from either your unit admin office or welfare office. The Naafi has a food hall, in-store bakery, delicatessen, gifts and home ware.

10.2 Hairdressers/Barbers. There are unisex Hairdressers in the Roundhouse and next to the 3RHA Welfare Office. There is also a German barber opposite GB2 and a ladies hairdresser Salon Rust in Bergen.

10.3 Roundhouse. The Roundhouse is where many of the welfare agencies are based and is worth a visit soon after you arrive. It is home to, amongst others, the Hive Information Centre (a good starting point for anything you want to know), The Army Welfare Services, SSVc, Post Office, Naafi financial and a hairdressers.

10.4 Banking. Many of the staff in the Sparkasse Branch in the centre of Bergen speak excellent English and there is a Sparkasse ATM in the BFG Office next to the roundhouse. The Post Office in the Roundhouse will also cash UK cheques to the value of your cheque guarantee card.

10.5 Schools and Crèches . There are two Primary Schools and one Secondary School that serve Hohne Garrison. The Hive website (www.hive-bfg.co.uk) has links to each schools website and brochure on the secondary school can be obtained by writing to The Headmaster, Gloucester School, BFPO 30. There are also a number of day care facilities in Hohne:

Bergen Nursery	Hohne Ext 2318
Wavell Centre	Bergen Civ (0049) 05051912724
Little Acorns Daycare	Bergen Civ (0049) 050517736
32 Engr Crèche/Kindergarten	Hohne Ext 3249
9/12L Prince of Wales's Crèche/Kindergarten	Hohne Ext 7736

10.6 Youth Groups and Activities. Hohne has a number of Youth clubs, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers, a Music school and a Saddle Club. The Army Welfare Service also runs many youth activity programmes. Details of all the activities are available from the Station Guide, the HIVE, in the Heide magazine and on the Op Home Rat website, accessible via ArmyNet.

10.7 Transport. The General Transport Office operates a camp bus service which serves the married quarters, camp and school run. A detailed timetable is available on this website, BFG Net.

10.8 Housing. Married accompanied Officers and Soldiers and their Families are primarily accommodated in quarters in the nearby town of Bergen, although there are a few quarters on camp. The majority of quarters (Officers and Soldiers) are flats with cellars and/or attic space for storage. Garages are available, but there is often a waiting list. The address for the Hohne HCSO is below and the Housing Helpline is (0049) 5051 962420.

Housing Community Service Office
Hohne Station
British Forces Post Office 30

CHAPTER 11 FALLINGBOSTEL STATION

11.1 NAAFI. There is a large NAAFI supermarket located in St Barbara's Barracks (see camp map). You should be aware that in order to buy cigarettes, coffee, gin or whisky a ration card is needed. You can get one of these from either your unit admin office or welfare office. The NAAFI has a food hall, in-store bakery, delicatessen, gifts and home ware. There is also a Post Office and a NAAFI financial office in the foyer. There is a smaller NAAFI in Wessex Barracks, primarily for single soldiers, which has longer opening hours.

11.2 Hairdressers/Barbers. There are 2 hairdressers in camp, one in House on the Heath (the old Hive building) and one in Wessex Barracks. The Hive has a full list of other local hairdressers and barbers.

11.3 The Link. The Link Centre, which is located behind the Garrison Church in St Barbara's Barracks, houses the Hive office (Mon – Fri 0900- 1400hrs), a beautician, Home Start, a bookshop and a thrift shop. There is also an interpreter service to assist with getting your phone connected or understanding German letters or bank statements. There is a Source in Wessex barracks which can also help with phones and internet.

11.4 Banking. There is a Sparkasse branch with an ATM next to the NAAFI in St Barbara's Barracks.

11.5 Schools and Crèches. There are several crèches locally and 2 primary schools inside St Barbara's Barracks. Fallingbostel is covered by Gloucester Secondary School in Hohne with a daily school bus. There are also a number of day care facilities in Fallingbostel:

Wessex Day Care	05162 1814
Little Foal's Day care	05162 3004

11.6 Youth Groups and Activities. There are numerous youth groups and activities in Fallingbostel including Youth Club, Guides, Brownies, Little Monkeys, a Stable Club and a Mums and tots club. Full details can be found on the BFGNet website, The Hive, in the Heide magazine.

11.7 Transport. The General Transport Office operates a camp bus service which serves the married quarters, camp and school run. A detailed timetable is available from the GTO or by calling 05051 962394.

11.8 Housing. Married accompanied Officers and Soldiers and their Families are split between quarters on camp and several areas within Fallingbostel. The majority of quarters (Officers and Soldiers) are flats with cellars and/or attic space for storage. Garages are available, but there is often a waiting list. The address for the Fallingbostel HCSO is below and the Housing Clerk is on (0049) 051629712329

Housing Community Service Office
Fallingbostel Station
British Forces Post Office 38

CHAPTER 12 CELLE CAMP

- 12.1 NAAFI.** There is a large NAAFI supermarket near to the camp entrance. There is also a smaller NAAFI express inside the camp. The main NAAFI has a food hall, in-store bakery, delicatessen, gifts and home ware whilst the smaller NAAFI caters mainly for single soldiers. You should be aware that in order to buy cigarettes, coffee, gin or whisky a ration card is needed. You can get one of these from either your unit admin office or welfare office.
- 12.2 Hairdressers/Barbers.** There is a hairdresser in the Community Centre on camp (see below) that also cuts men's hair. The Hive has a full list of local barbers and hairdressers.
- 12.3 Welfare Centre.** The Welfare Centre in camp contains The Hive, The Unit Welfare Office, a Crèche, O'Girkes Travel Office, Coffee Pot, SSO Dog Registration, House Start, Army Welfare Service and a Post Office.
- 12.4 Banking.** There is a Sparkasse bank close to the NAAFI in the Vorwerk Estate and a Volksbank ATM at the back of the camp (outside).
- 12.5 Schools and Crèches.** There is a Crèche for 0-3 year olds run in the Welfare Centre (05141 9632213) and a Kindergarten for 3-4 year olds inside camp (05141 9632342). Celle Station is served by Mountbatten School (see the link of the Celle Hive Website) and Secondary School children attend Gloucester School in Hohne.
- 12.6 Youth Groups and Activities.** There is a Youth Club that runs Mon-Thurs evenings (different age groups each night). Celle is also close enough to take advantage of many of the clubs in Hohne.
- 12.7 Transport.** There are Bus links that serve the schools, kindergarten and Hohne Medical centre as well as the NAAFI and the camp.
- 12.8 Communications.** The Source has an office in BHQ which can help with telephone and internet connection.
- 12.9 Housing.** Married accompanied Officers and Soldiers and their Families are all accommodated in one of 3 married quarters in Celle. Celle is served by the Hohne HCSO, but with their own estate wardens. The address for the Hohne HCSO is below and Housing Helpline is (0049) 5051 962420.

Housing Community Service Office
Hohne Station
British Forces Post Office 30

CHAPTER 13 CHECKLIST FOR YOUR MOVE

Time before move	Action	Page
On notification of posting (married)	Apply for quarter	5
On notification of posting (single)	Contact unit	5
3 months (or more)	Begin immunisation and tagging process for your pets	9
On confirmation of quarter address and date	Apply for removal (M&S Shipping)	5
5 weeks (single)	Fill in and submit DTMA forms for MFO	5
4 weeks	Ensure Car Insured for BFG (Green Card)	7
2 weeks	Documentation check – ensure you have all the documents needed	7
2 weeks	Set up Post office mail Forwarding	
2 weeks	Book in to Mess (single/married unaccompanied Officers and SNCOs)	5
2weeks	Order sufficient Euros for first few weeks	
2 weeks (at least)	Book travel	6
Several days	Call unit to confirm arrival details	
Travel	Travel to Hohne	6
Arrival	Get a Temporary Car Pass	8
1 or 2 days	Visit The Hive	
1 or 2 days	Obtain dependants ID cards	7
1 or 2 days	Send off BFG Form 60	8
Within 2 days	Register any pets with HCSO	9
Within a week	Register military and dependant personnel at the Medical and Dental Centre	7
Within a week	Set up German Bank Account	11
Within 28 days	Complete Dog Registration process	9
Within 30 days	Complete BFG process for your car	7

CHAPTER 14 OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

14.1 BFGNet website (www.bfgnet.de/index.html). BFG stands for British Forces Germany and this website links all the British military in Germany. On the site you can find details about life Bergen-Hohne Garrison and BFG wide information, news and updates.

14.2 The HIVE (www.hive-bfg.co.uk/Hohne.htm). An excellent source of general information and advice for married and single soldiers alike. It is strongly recommended that you and your family visit the HIVE (located in the Roundhouse) upon arrival. Amongst many other things, they will assist you in getting your telephone connected and completing paperwork for Kindergeld (German equivalent of Child Benefit)

14.3 Sixth Sense (www.sixthsense.bfgnet.de.) The BFG Newspaper which contains information on what is going on in the Garrison and around BFG.

14.4 The Heide magazine (www.bfgnet.de/Community/bergen_hohne_pubs.html). The Garrison magazine provides news, information and advertisements for the three areas of Bergen-Hohne Garrison (Hohne, Celle and Fallingbostel).

14.5 The Station Guide, an excellent source of general information and useful contact numbers. This should be in your arrivals pack.

14.6 The 'So you are posted to Germany' booklet can be found on BFG Net on the following page of BFGNet (www.bfgnet.de/Community/g1focus.htm). This is a very helpful British Forces Germany-wide guide published by UKSC(G), which has a large amount of information including Pay and Allowances and Employment of Civilians.

14.7 BFBS Radio and TV. (www.ssvc.com/bfbs/index.htm). You may already know that BFBS Radio and TV is an excellent source of information and also very entertaining! BFBS has a media suite in the central Roundhouse in Hohne Station where you are welcome to drop in if you have an update you would like to share with the community.

CHAPTER 15 USEFUL CONTACTS

15.1 Useful Telephone Numbers:

Unit Welfare Officers:

7Armd Bde Hq and Sig Squadron	94877 2862 (0049) 0505196 2862
3 RHA	94877 2933 (0049) 0505196 2933
9/12L (0049) 0505196 2733	94877 2733/2921 or
32 Engr Regt	94877 2296/2367 (0049) 0505196 2296
2 Med Regt	94877 2246 (0049) 0505196 2246
111 Pro Coy RMP	94877 2701(0049) 0505196 2701
1RRF	94876 2524 (0049) 05162 9712524
2 R ANGLIAN	94878 2219 (0049) 05162 971 2219
4 SCOTS	94876 2307 (0049) 05162 971 2862
SCOTS DG	94876 2624 (0049) 05162 971 2624

Or please see the guide to telephone numbers at
www.bfgnet.de/Community/bergen_hohne.htm

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