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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ACCOMMODATION

Q. Will my male and female team members be accommodated together at Heumensoord Camp?

A. The British area of Heumensoord camp is divided into separate female and male marquee accommodation. Toilet and shower facilities are also kept separate. Members of one sex are not allowed into the accommodation of the other. However, the male and female marquees are adjacent to one another so you will be able to contact all members of your team easily. Members of BMC staff will always be on hand to find personnel/pass on messages as necessary. More information on facilities at Heumensoord Camp can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

Q. Do I need to bring a sleeping bag and camp bed to Heumensoord Camp?

A. Accommodation at Heumensoord Camp is in the form of compartmentalized marquees with wooden floors, electric lighting and bunk beds. Mattresses are provided but all personnel are required to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. A brief on facilities within Heumensoord Camp along with a comprehensive equipment list can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

Q. I am the team manager for a team of cadets. Is there anything special I need to do?

A. There are several extra requirements for cadet teams. Firstly, you must ensure that all potential marchers will be aged 16 years or over on the Friday before the start of the Marches (usually the second Friday in Jul). You will be required to provide the Nijmegen Marches Registrations Officer (NMRO) with proof of age (photocopies of birth certificates, passports or driving licences) for all cadets during Stage 2 of the entry process. Secondly you must ensure that if you have female cadets within your team, a female member of staff must also march (this can be a female cadet aged 18 or over). More information on these topics can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

Q. Annex A requires me to enter a UIN but I don't know what it is. What should I do?

A. A Unit Identification Number (UIN) is a unique code number given to each specific military budget. It is used by the BMC to collect the food and accommodation charges for all personnel. During Stage 1 of the entry process Team Managers (TM)/Team Leaders (TL)/Individuals are required to give the relevant UINs for their team members and approval to obtain funds from these UINs are required from the budget holder (usually the unit CO). Your unit admin staff should be able to provide you with the correct UIN. Cadet Teams: HQ Air Cadets will supply the NMRO with a generic ATC UIN therefore, if you are an ATC team, your UIN is not required. You may leave the field blank. ACF/CCF/SCC teams are required to provide UIN details as their funding is not covered by HQ Air Cadets. More information on funding can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

Q. I have two female cadets in my team. Do I need to bring a female member of staff?

A. Yes. All mixed cadet teams are to bring at least one member of female staff. This may however, be a female cadet aged 18 or over. If you are unable to find a female member of staff

you could try to set up an arrangement with another cadet unit. In this case, parental consent for the arrangements will be required and the NMRO must be informed of your agreement.

Q. One of my cadets is 14 years old. She is more than capable of completing the march and has attended all the training sessions. Can I include her in my team?

A. British Military Contingent (BMC) regulations state that all participants are to be 16 years old on, or before, the Friday before the Marches (usually the second Friday in Jul) therefore you will not be permitted to include this cadet in your team. However, children as young as 12 are permitted to march as civilians and several units send teams to Nijmegen each year in this way. These teams will still march as a squad and this is considered to be an excellent way of allowing youngsters to participate in the Marches and gain valuable experience for when they are old enough to enter as part of the BMC. Please note that civilian-entered teams are not allowed to march in uniform, are responsible for all costs (entry, travel, accommodation, messing etc) and will not be accommodated at Heumensoord Camp.

Q. Two of my cadets are 19 years old. Are they required to carry the 10kgs ballast weight?

A. Stichting De 4DAAGSE regulations state that all military participants aged between 19 and 49 in the year of the march are to carry 10kgs dead-weight. This is to compensate for the reduced distance covered by these personnel (civilian males aged 19 to 49 are required to march 50km per day; all military participants complete 40km per day). Despite marching as part of a cadet team, all participants who fall into this age group are required to carry the 10kgs ballast.

Q. I have a team of 15 cadets. How many members of staff should I bring?

A. All cadet teams must march with a minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 adult staff. In mixed teams at least one member of staff must be female (although this may be a female cadet aged 18 or over).

ENTRY PROCESS STAGE 1: INITIAL REGISTRATION

Q. I am interested in organizing a team for the Nijmegen Marches. Where should I start?

A. If you are planning to organize/bring a unit team to Nijmegen your first port of call should be the BFGNET website which can be found at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm. Here you will find the Nijmegen Marches DIN which explains how to enter along with Annex A which is the actual Stage 1 entry form.

At this stage you only need to apply for a place for your team (you do not need to provide details for each marcher yet). Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 personnel and usually 12/13 would be a good number to aim for. Be aware that once the NMRO has accepted your entry your unit will be liable for the charges stated in the DIN. As such you must provide an email trail from your CO stating that he/she is aware of your plan to enter a team into the march.

Your priorities then would be to get your team together (I recommend aiming for an initial squad of about 16/20 as this will cater for later dropouts (Op commitments etc) and start training ASAP. You will also need to enter each member of the team/squad into one of the 3 recognized qualifier marches (info given in the DIN). This must be done separately to your Nijmegen entry.

For more information on entry procedures refer to the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

Q. I am acting as a Team Leader for the first time this year. Where can I get information on my responsibilities?

A. The Joint Services Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet (available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm) contains a wealth of information which will be useful to first-time team leaders (FTTL). In addition, all FTTL are strongly encouraged to attend the FTTL weekend held at DCAE Cosford in Mar where they will be receive briefings, tips, advice and information from experienced marchers and BMC staff.

Q. Do I have to march as part of a team or can I enter as an individual?

A. For British military participants the Nijmegen Marches are primarily a team event. However, each year a small number of experienced marchers are permitted to march as individuals. These individuals are expected to perform several duties on behalf of the British Military Contingent (BMC) including sweeping and assisting teams who are encountering difficulties. They may also be seconded onto teams with less than 11 members or may be asked to act as the Team Leader for a team without one.

Participation as an individual is a privilege not a right and applications are granted on a case-by-case basis by OC BMC. All applicants must hold a minimum rank of Sgt and must have previous Nijmegen experience.

Q. I would like to march this year but don't know of a team at my unit. Can I still apply?

A. The Nijmegen Marches Registration Officer (NMRO) will be able to put you in touch with teams from your unit/area. The NMRO can be contacted at bmc.register@googlemail.com. Alternatively, you may complete the Stage 1 entry form (Annex A to the DIN) for just yourself. Please explain the situation in your entry email. The NMRO will then attach you to a team as she sees fit. It would then be in the best interest of all persons concerned to train together as much as possible before the Marches. Co-ordination of this would be down to those involved.

Q. I am acting both as Team Leader and Team Manager. Do I need to put my details into Annex A twice?

A. Each team must nominate a Team Manager (TM) (the person who will complete all required paperwork before deployment to Holland but who is not necessarily a marcher) and a Team Leader (TL) (the person who will lead the team out on the march itself). Full details of both people are required. For some teams one person acts as both the TM and the TL. If this is the case, you should select "Yes" to the first question in Section 2 of Annex A. The TL detail cells will then grey out and you need only input your information once.

Q. I have tried to enter my UIN into the Stage 1 entry form (Annex A to the DIN) but it keeps getting refused. What should I do?

A. A UIN may only be entered in the form @###@ where @ is a letter and # is a number i.e. F0230A. No spaces are allowed and the word UIN should not be typed in first. Despite this advice, we are aware that some UINs may still not be accepted. If this is the case please leave the field blank and include ALL required UIN information in the text of the email you send (with the rest of the completed form attached) to the NMRO.

Q. The DIN states that I am required to forward my CO's approval to the NMRO. Why is this and how should I do it?

A. All participants are required to obtain approval from their budget holders (usually the unit CO) before submitting an entry. By giving this approval COs are committing to paying food and accommodation charges from their UIN(s) for all personnel included on the Stage 1 initial entry form, regardless of whether or not those individuals eventually travel to Nijmegen. They are also agreeing to release their personnel for the period 14-21 Jul 12 inclusive and are certifying that

their personnel will undertake a formal training programme, will be suitably prepared to complete the event, will be medically fit and will obtain the necessary documentation. In order to demonstrate CO approval Team Managers/Leaders should email their completed Annex A entry form to the COs of all participants (to cover all UINs liable). The CO must then reply to this email (back to the Team Manager/Leader), including their electronic signature block and a statement of "entry approved" or similar in their message. The entire email trail and the Annex A attachment should be forwarded to the Nijmegen Marches Registration Officer (NMRO). Entries will not be accepted until email approval from all COs has been received by the NMRO.

Q. I have entered all the required data into Annex A. What should I do now?

A. You should email the budget holder for each member of the team (usually the unit CO) and get his/her approval for your entry. Once you have received this electronic approval (an email trail showing the signature block of the CO along with an "entry approved" statement will suffice) you should send the whole email trail to the NMRO at bmc.register@googlemail.com. Annex A should be included as an attachment to this email.

Q. I have completed my Stage 1 entry form (Annex A to the DIN). Where should I send my team's entry fees?

A. You must send your fees to the NMRO at the following address:

Flt Lt K Marshall
Nijmegen Marches Registrations Officer
Whittle Hall
RAF College Cranwell
Sleaford
Lincolnshire
NG34 8HB

Cheques should have the team name quoted on the back and should be made payable as follows:

- a. Land-Sponsored Teams (Regular RN, Regular Army, RNR, TA, UOTC, SCC, ACF and CCF). Please make cheques payable to "RSU Central Bank".
- b. RAF-Sponsored Teams (Regular RAF, RAuxAF, VR, UAS, ATC, Girls Venture Corps). Please make cheques payable to "RAF Nijmegen Fund".

You may also make your payment via BACS. Please contact the NMRO directly for details on how to do this.

Q. I emailed my Stage 1 Entry form (Annex A to the DIN) to the NMRO but have not yet heard anything. How do I know if my entry has been received?

A. Once the Nijmegen Marches Registration Officer (NMRO) has received your Stage 1 entry she will issue a "Provisional Acceptance" email confirming that your entry has been received and is being processed. Once the Stage 1 deadline has passed you will be sent an "Acceptance Confirmation" email detailing the number of places/reserve places your team has been allocated. Please bear in mind that all BMC work is completed out of office hours and therefore you should allow the NMRO a reasonable amount of time to issue your "Provisional Acceptance" email after you submit your entry. If the Stage 1 deadline has passed and you have received no reply from the NMRO please try to contact her by email again but copy in OC BMC with your query.

Q. The deadline stated in the DIN has passed. Can I still enter a team for this year's event?

A. If the Stage 1 deadline has recently passed you may still apply for places by submitting Annex A in accordance with the DIN. At the discretion of the Nijmegen Marches Registrations Officer (NMRO) you may be placed on the reserve list. However, in this case the NMRO will expect you to have all necessary information available and for the rest of your administration to be received in a timely manner.

ENTRY PROCESS STAGE 2: TEAM MEMBER DECLARATION

Q. The Stage 2 entry form asks for the 4Daagse Registration Number for each member of my team. What is this number and where do I get it from?

A. The 4Daagse Registration Number is a 6-digit unique identifying number issued to every Marcher that has ever entered the Nijmegen Marches (irrespective of whether the marcher completed the marches successfully or not). The Stichting De 4DAAGSE uses this number to track participation of individuals i.e. how many marches they have completed, what medal they are eligible for, what year they last entered the Marches etc. Returning marchers (anyone who is not **entering** the march for the first time in 2012) are required to provide the NMRO with their 4Daagse Registration number during Stage 2 of the entry process. Failure to provide the 4Daagse Registration Number will result in the marcher receiving the number 1 medal again – this is controlled by the Stichting De 4DAAGSE and is out of the control of the BMC Staff.

It is the responsibility of all participants to check/find out/keep a record of their own 4Daagse Registration Number. All participants should check their 4Daagse Registration Number (whether they know it or not) by navigating to the Participation > My Four Days Marches page on the 4Daagse website at www.4daagse.nl/index.php/en/participation/my-four-days.html.

If the 4Daagse Registration Number **IS** known, personnel should enter it (Inschrijfnummer), along with their password (Wachtwoord) in the boxes provided in order to login. Those logging on for the first time will have to enter their 4Daagse Registration Number and Date of birth (Geboortedatum) and will then be asked to create a password. Personnel should then check that all their personal details are correct. In particular that the last medal awarded (Laatste Beloning) is correct. Note that the address shown is that of the BMC, not of the individual themselves. Do not attempt to change this.

If the 4Daagse Registration Number **IS NOT** known, personnel will need to email the 4Daagse directly at administratie@4daagse.nl (please copy in the NMRO). Include as much information as possible, in particular include Surname, date of birth, year of participation and whether they participated as a civilian or as part of the BMC. Please note that the link below the login box which states “Can’t find registration number? Click this link to search for it” will not work as in past years military personnel have not been registered against a specific email address. Once the 4Daagse have replied with the appropriate registration number personnel should then login and check their details as per above.

If the last medal awarded details are incorrect personnel will need to contact the Stichting De 4Daagse directly in order to resolve the issue via administratie@4daagse.nl. When contacting them label the email subject as: Delegation UK 2011 (please copy in the NMRO). Personnel will need to have their full name, date of birth and year of last participation to hand.

For first-time marchers the 4Daagse Registration Number box should be left blank. They will not be issued with a number until they have been entered for the Marches by the NMRO.

Q. A member of my team has dropped out. Can I replace him with someone else?

A. You are advised to keep a number of fully trained AND QUALIFIED personnel as reserves in case a member of your team drops out. These may be called into the main team at any time up

until the 31 May 12. Beyond this date no reserves/replacements are allowed. If any member of your team is drops out after this date your team size will reduce by one.

Q. I do not have the EHIC details for several members of my team. Can I still submit my Stage 2 entry?

A. EHIC details are no longer required by the Nijmegen Marches Registrations Officer (NMRO). Personnel are expected to carry a valid EHIC at all times whilst at Nijmegen.

Q. I emailed my Stage 2 information to the NMRO but have not yet heard anything. How do I know if my entry has been received?

A. Once the NMRO has received your Stage 2 entry he/she will issue a "Provisional Acceptance" email confirming that your details have been received and are being processed. You will not receive a "Stage 2 Complete" email until the NMRO has received all necessary information for every member of your team (4Daagse Registration details etc). If the Stage 2 deadline passes before all this information has been received your team will be moved onto the reserve list where they will remain until the missing details have been provided. Please bear in mind that all BMC work is completed out of office hours and therefore you should allow the NMRO a reasonable amount of time to issue your "Provisional Acceptance" email after you submit your entry. If the Stage 2 deadline has passed and you have received no reply from the NMRO please try to contact him/her by email again but copy in the NMCO with your query.

Q. The deadline stated in the DIN has passed and I have not been able to get my team's information to the NMRO in time. What happens now?

A. If the NMRO has not received your team's information before the deadline advertised, your team will be moved onto the reserve list. You will not be reinstated on the main list until all missing information has been received. If you still fail to provide the necessary information you and your team will not be allowed to deploy to Holland and a letter explaining your failures will be sent to the CO of your unit.

Q. My team has been put onto the reserve list. Why has this happened and what should I do now?

A. If the NMRO has not received the necessary information from you before a stated deadline your team will be moved onto the reserve list. You should contact the NMRO with ALL the necessary information as soon as possible. If you fail to provide the required details your team will not be permitted to deploy to Holland and a letter explaining the reasons for this will be sent to your unit CO.

Q. How can I track the status of my team during the entry process?

A. Team status will be shown online at www.bfgnet?Community/Nijmegen.htm. All Team Managers / Team Leaders / Individuals are encouraged to check this on a regular basis. If you notice an error with the details than contact the NMRO to get it corrected.

ENTRY PROCESS STAGE 3: FINAL ENTRY

Q. I have just been told that my team has been called forward from the reserve list. What should I do now?

A. If your team has been on the reserve list from the very beginning of the entry process and you have not yet paid your entry fees (£42 per head) you should do that as soon as you can. You should then ensure that all members of your team are fully prepared to go to Nijmegen (qualified,

travel booked etc) and that the NMRO has received all necessary details for Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the entry process.

Q. I emailed my Stage 3 information to the NMRO but have not yet heard anything. How do I know if my entry has been received?

A. Once the NMRO has received your Stage 3 entry she will issue a "Provisional Acceptance" email confirming that your details have been received and are being processed. You will not receive a "Stage 3 Complete" email until the NMRO has received all necessary information for your team (Notification of Movements proforma, dietary requirements etc). If the Stage 3 deadline passes before all this information has been received your team will be moved onto the reserve list where they will remain until the missing details have been provided. Please bear in mind that all BMC work is completed out of office hours and therefore you should allow the NMRO a reasonable amount of time to issue your "Provisional Acceptance" email after you submit your entry. If the Stage 3 deadline has passed and you have received no reply from the NMRO please try to contact him/her by email again but copy in the NMCO with your query.

FEES

Q. I am taking a team of 12 personnel to Nijmegen. How much will this cost and how are the fees collected?

A. The cost of taking a team to the Nijmegen Marches can be divided into several sources:

a. **Entry Fees (approximately £42 per head).** These are collected during Stage 1 of the entry process. Details of how these are collected can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

b. **Accommodation and Messing (approximately £200 per head).** All accommodation and messing fees are paid to the Dutch Military in bulk by UKSC(G). Details of how these costs are recouped from individual units can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

c. **Travel Costs.** All costs associated with the movement of personnel to and from Nijmegen are the responsibility of the individuals concerned. At the discretion of a unit's CO, travel may be funded from public funds as participation in the NM is classed as a military training exercise as per 2011DIN07-166. Units are to seek advice from their CO and budget managers before any commitments to travel expenses are made.

MISCELLANEOUS

Q. My team has been training in unit sweatshirts. Will we be able to wear these when marching in Nijmegen?

A. No. Unit clothing is not to be worn in lieu of uniform. Dress regulations are given in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm. You may however, carry your unit sweatshirts on the march and wear them when resting at main rest areas.

Q. My unit has been issued with MTP. Will we be allowed to wear this when marching at Nijmegen?

A. No. For 2012 PCS/MTP uniform will be accepted. However, all members of a team are to wear the same pattern uniform i.e. all team members must wear green CS95 uniforms or all must wear PCS/MTP.

Q. I will be 50 years old this year. Will I still have to carry the 10kgs ballast weight?

A. March regulations state that, for 2012, all male marchers born between 1 Jan 63 and 31 Dec 93 are required to carry 10kgs dead-weight.

Q. Last year at Nijmegen I measured the distance my team actually walked and it was significantly higher than 160km. Why was this and why isn't the extra distance recognised?

A. Since 2010 there have been considerable changes to the military route. It has come to light that, over time, this route had increased from 160km to over 170km over the four days. This has now been reduced by cutting out more than 5km on Day 2 (military participants will now march with the 30km walkers through Wijchen) and over 2km on Day 3 (the loop after Milsbeek has been cut out). The final march past from Charlemagne Field to Nijmegen city centre has also been incorporated into the distance.

It should be noted that there will always be some discrepancies between the distances declared and the distance each team actually marches. This is because the distance marched within Heumensoord Camp up until passing through the boots and that marched into, and out of, each rest camp are not included in the published calculations.

Q. I have heard a rumour that the Final March Past has changed. Is this true?

A. Since 2010 the final march past has been incorporated into the required distance for military personnel. This means that the march past is now compulsory for all participants; teams must complete the march past before 1700 hrs and will be transported back to Heumensoord Camp by bus. Medals will be issued at Charlemagne Field (prior to completing the Final March Past) but all participants must receive a final scan of their wristband in Nijmegen Centre in order to successfully complete the March. Anyone who receives a medal but subsequently fails to complete the Final March Past will be disqualified and will have their medal taken back. The route of the march past itself has not changed. More information on the changes this year will be available at Heumensoord Camp.

Q. I would like my team to visit some of the military landmarks around Nijmegen. Where should I take them and when would be the best time to go?

A. You must arrive at Heumensoord Camp between 0830 and 1400 hrs on Sat 14 Jul 12 but, once there, you will have some free time on Sat, Sun and Mon. Alternatively, you may travel to Holland earlier than this or stay on after the marches. In this case accommodation and messing will not be available at Heumensoord Camp and units will be responsible for all associated travel and accommodation costs. There are many military landmarks around Nijmegen including Arnhem; Oosterbeek (Cemetery, Hartenstein Airborne Museum and Hotel Tafelberg) and Groesbeek (British and Canadian War Cemeteries).

Q. What is an EHIC and how do I apply for one?

A. An EHIC is a European Health Insurance Card. All personnel are to carry a valid EHIC at all times when deployed to Nijmegen. The EHIC has replaced the old E111 form which is no longer valid and cannot be used in lieu of an EHIC. EHICs may be obtained free of charge from any post office or on-line at www.ehic.org.uk.

Q. Where can I find out more information about the Four Day's Marches themselves?

A. You can find out general information about the Nijmegen International Four Days Marches at www.4Daagse.nl. The Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet which is available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm also contains a wealth of useful information.

Q. Why can't I find a contact number for the NMRO?

A. The NMRO deals with entries from over 1000 personnel. This work is conducted in addition to the NMRO's primary duty, and usually outside normal working hours. It is therefore impractical for the NMRO to field the level of calls that may be received. All communications should be conducted by email to bmc.register@googlemail.com. Communicating in this way also makes tracking details for a specific team much easier to manage. Thank you for your patience in this respect.

QUALIFICATION

Q. I know I am required to qualify each member of my team. How do I do this?

A. Every member of your team is required to complete a qualifying march of not less than 40km per day on 2 consecutive days. There are three formal qualifying events:

- a. The RAF WARMA 2-Day march held in Apr. www.rafwarma.org.uk
- b. The Scottish Garelochhead 2-Day march held in May. www.scottish2daymarches.co.uk
- c. The BFG 2-Day march held in May. www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm

In extreme circumstances Team Leaders may apply to the relevant Nijmegen Marches Registrations Officer (NMRO) to qualify team members at other events. The rules for this can be found in the Joint Service Entry Procedures and General Information Booklet available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

Q. I have completed my Stage 1 entry form (Annex A to the DIN). Will I be entered into one of the qualifying events automatically?

A. No. Your Nijmegen application is entirely independent of entry into any of the qualifying events. You must submit your entry to these events separately. For information on these events please visit the relevant website as shown below:

- a. The RAFWARMA 2-Day march held in Apr. www.rafwarma.org.uk
- b. The Scottish Garelochhead 2-Day march held in May. www.scottish2daymarches.co.uk
- c. The BFG 2-Day march held in May. www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm

SUPPORT STAFF

Q. I am interested in becoming part of the BMC Support Element. How do I do this and what does it entail?

A. Service personnel may volunteer to be part of the BMC Admin Support Element. These personnel would be required for the period 8-22 Jul 12 inclusive and will be involved in all areas of administration including arrival of teams, manning the British Administration Centre, dealing with queries etc. They may also be detailed as drivers for a variety of tasks. Personnel who wish to volunteer should first seek permission from their CO/Line Manager before submitting their application. An application form can be found in the Nijmegen Marches DIN available at www.bfgnet.de/Community/Nijmegen.htm.

TRAVEL

Q. In previous years my team arrived on the Sun before the march. Can we do this again this year?

A. No. All military personnel must arrive at Heumensoord Camp between 0830 and 1400 hrs on Sat 14 Jul 12. This limitation has been imposed by the Dutch Military Authorities and is out of the control of the BMC. Personnel who arrive outside of this time window will be considered absent and will not be allowed to march. For teams based in Northern Ireland or Germany see the question below.

Q. I am making the travel plans for my team. When should I aim to arrive at Heumensoord Camp?

A. All BMC participants are to arrive at Heumensoord Camp between 0830 and 1400 hrs on Sat 14 Jul 12. This is more limiting than in previous years due to a tightening of regulations by the Dutch Military Authorities and is out of the control of the BMC staff. Team Leaders must ensure that travel plans take this restriction into consideration.

Q. My team is based in NI/Germany. When am I allowed to arrive at Heumensoord Camp?

A. All UK-based BMC participants must arrive between 0830 and 1400 hrs on Sat 14 Jul 12. However, the following dispensations apply:

a. **Northern Ireland.** Teams travelling from Northern Ireland are granted dispensation to arrive outside the published times due to Flight scheduling. All NI personnel must arrive at Heumensoord Camp by 2300 on Sat 14 Jul 12. In addition, all Team Leaders will be required to contact the NMRO by telephone before 1400hrs on Sat 14 Jul 12 to confirm that all their personnel are on their way. If, on arrival at Heumensoord Camp, the team is then below the declared figure, no member of the team will be allowed to participate and the whole team will be ordered to RTU immediately. This option is only open to NI teams.

b. **Germany.** For teams based in Germany, dispensation has been granted allowing arrival at Heumensoord Camp up until, but no later than, 1200 hrs on Sun 15 Jul 12. For Germany-based teams who wish to take advantage of this extension, the NMRO will require a telephone call from each Team Leader before 1400 hrs on Sat 15 Jul 12 stating the final size of the team. If, on arrival at Heumensoord Camp on Sun 15 Jul 12, the team is then below the declared figure, no member of the team will be allowed to participate and the whole team will be ordered to RTU immediately. This option is only open to Germany-based personnel.

Q. The driver of our minibus is not planning to march. Can he stay on Heumensoord Camp?

A. There are no facilities for accommodation or messing for non-marching drivers on Heumensoord Camp. Individual units are therefore responsible for arranging food and accommodation for any non-marching drivers for the period of the detachment. The BMC will not cover any aspects of administration for these personnel.

Q. Our coach driver wishes to return to the UK on the Friday after the march. Is this possible?

A. All participants are to vacate their accommodation at Heumensoord Camp between 0800 and 1030 hrs on Sat 21 Jul 12. No team transport (civilian coaches, minibuses etc) will be allowed onto Heumensoord Camp on Fri 20 Jul 12.