



**BERGEN-HOHNE GARRISON
HQ WEEKLY UPDATE
Week ending 20 January 2012**



Intro: Your weekly update from the DComd's conference. We hope that you will read it to gain awareness and understanding of Garrison issues as a whole, and for the promulgation of the information into your AOR. Units are requested to cascade the information to the widest possible audience.



HOSCAR Nominations – DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!!!!

Do you know of an outstanding volunteer who makes the community a better place to be? Did someone go the extra mile to help you during the deployment? **Here's your chance to say thank you!** For details of categories, see the Garrison website. Email your nominee's name with a brief description of why they should win and your contact details to garrisonpip@gmail.com **by Monday 23 January.**

Fallingbostel Telephone Maintenance – Fujitsu will be carrying out routine maintenance on the Fallingbostel telephone exchange during the hours of 1100-1500 CET, Sat 21 Jan 2012. Due to the nature of the work there is no anticipated disruption to the telephone services during this time. However, this cannot be guaranteed and as such departments that provide emergency services are to ensure that alternative contact numbers are available within their AOR.



Travel to Northern Ireland – All personnel and dependants should note that travel to Northern Ireland must be made known in advance to your Unit and a security brief must be held prior to travel. Units must be notified again on your return. For more information please see the attached info sheet.

Guides and Brownies – Hohne Station Guides and Brownies need your help! Due to postings they are short of volunteers, and without your help the Brownie unit in Hohne will be forced to close at half term. Anyone willing to help is more than welcome! Please contact Rosa Waddingham on Civ: 05051 962 2508 (Mil: 77 2508.)



New Courses – Fancy learning something new for the new year? The new course brochure is available this week! Pick one up from your Unit Welfare Office, HIVE, AEC, library, and other points across the Garrison. To sign up for a course, contact your station AEC. For more information contact Fiona Anderson, PCDL Coordinator, on Civ: 05051 962 2848 (Mil: 77 2848.)

River Aller Swim Registration – The 45th annual torch-lit River Aller Swim in Celle is now accepting registrations. The swim will be held on Sat 11 Feb 2012 but registration forms are due in by 01 Feb 2012. For more information please see the Garrison website.

New Right Hand Drive '12' Registration Marks from 01 March –

Anyone wishing to BFG-register a new RHD tax-free vehicle being purchased without a UK pink or blue export logbook (i.e. with an allocation certificate), should note the following important points if they wish a "12" registration:

- The insurance for the intended vehicle **must not** commence before 01 March 2012.
- The anticipated collection/delivery date shown on the allocation certificate **must be** 01 March 2012 or later.



Running and Cycling Safety – Cyclists are reminded that under German law, front and rear lights and side reflectors must be fitted to your bicycle. These must be used when cycling between sunset and sunrise and in adverse weather. Helmets are not required but are highly recommended. Runners should remember to run against the flow of traffic. Reflective tape/clothing is not required when running/cycling, but is recommended to increase your visibility to motorists, especially if wearing combats or exercising at dawn or dusk.

Leave Dates – Easter Leave for 7th Armd Bde is currently forecast for 23 March-16 April. All civilian employees are to note that leave must be cleared with your line manager in advance of the leave period, and that suitable cover must be designated during your absence.



Diary Dates:

Date	Activity	Location	Time
24 Feb 2012	Garrison Monthly Meeting (GMM)	Gar Court Room Conf Centre, MB 89	10:30-12:30
Please note the above date change and that the January GMM has been cancelled.			

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For more information contact SO2 Plans Capt Ronnie Christie: 77 2342

NORTHERN IRELAND – VISITOR RISKS AND PROCEDURES

We must highlight the importance of following the well-established procedures for Service personnel visiting Northern Ireland. Recent incidents have demonstrated the continuing and very real threat to Service personnel in this region, and also their general lack of awareness about this threat.

During 2011 there were a number of attacks against the security forces in Northern Ireland, and although attacks have tended to be against the police and commercial targets, it is assessed that Dissident Republican (DR) groups will continue to attack the military if a suitable target presents itself. Don't be that target!

Service personnel who are not based in Northern and who visit the province whilst on leave are especially vulnerable by straying into areas which may pose a greater threat. It is important to emphasise, especially to those that have not visited Northern Ireland recently, that there remain a number of out-of-bounds areas and locations which Service personnel must not visit unless a specific dispensation is given. It is a disciplinary offence to contravene this guidance and appropriate action is to be taken should this occur. However, there may be occasion when a service person has a close relative who lives in an out-of-bounds area. If this is the case the Central Risk Assessment Cell (CRAC) based in HQ 38 (Irish) Brigade can advise as to the action to take.

The procedures for visiting Northern Ireland are specified in JSP 760 (Tri Service Regulations for Leave) and JSP 440 (Defence Manual of Security.) They are explicit and apply to all Service personnel, both Regular and Reserve. Whilst units regularly place guidance on routine orders, commanders at all levels are to remind their subordinates of the current threat and that the CRAC provides the latest guidance to all military personnel, regardless of rank. Access to the CRAC can be gained through the following website on DII www.ni_sy_aware.dii.r.mil.uk. Service personnel must read the latest security assessments and register their contact details via this means prior to visiting Northern Ireland.

The CRAC can be reached by telephone on 0044 (0)289 226 3601 or out of hours on 0044 (0)7717 720 021. If you require any further information it is available through SJC (UK) on Mil (94393 6469).

If you are visiting Northern Ireland – whether for work or when on leave, even if you are from there or have family there – you must notify your unit in advance of travel. You must visit www.ni_sy_aware.dii.r.mil.uk and follow the booking in procedures. This applies to both military personnel and dependants.