



Malmesbury Home Guard Central Division ©Malmesbury Memories

Home Guard Malmesbury and District

Colonel. Hon. A..F. Stanley, D.S.O. drew up the boundaries of proposed platoons in his area.

Commanders were appointed as follows:

Malmesbury - Colonel Rex Osborne, D.S.O., M.C. - later left for duty with the Regular Army, then Captain C. C. Craig took over.

Crudwell - Mr. Hugh Baker then when he retired, Lieutenant Colonel H. H. Stoney, D.S.O took over, he then took over from Colonel Stanley as Commander of the Battalion when he retired in March 1942.

Sherston - Captain E. Greene, M.C

Hullavington - Major Noel Wilson

Great Somerford - Colonel W. L. Palmer, M.C.

Minety - Captain G. Raimes when he left for duty with the Regular Army, this Platoon was added to Crudwell Platoon.

Luckington Platoon was then added under Captain Hartman.

Honours and Awards

Commander in Chief Certificates were awarded to the following officer and N.C.O's

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Platoon or Company	Date
Bonner	H. V.	Lieutenant	Malmesbury	9th June 1943
Brookman	R. A.	Sergeant	Hullavington	24th June 1942
Brown	D. G.	Sergeant	Seagry	20th January 1943
Edwards	E. P.	Sergeant	Brinkworth	January 1942
Fry	W. R.	Lieutenant	Norton	12th January 1945
Hislop	A.	Sergeant	Charlton	12th January 1944
Horsham	F. W.	Sergeant	Luckington	January 1942
Knapp	F. V.	Lieutenant	Sherston	21st June 1944
Legg	W.	Sergeant	Oaksey	9th June 1943
Lewis	P.	Sergeant	Seagry	21st June 1944
Quick	G.	Sergeant	Brinkworth	12th January 1945
Saunders	R. M.	Sergeant, B.E.M., M.M.	Corston	12th December 1944
Selby	A. E.	Sergeant	Crudwell	12th January 1945
Shelley	G. N.	Company Sergeant Major	Malmesbury	20th January 1943
Starey	H. C.	Sergeant	Crudwell	24th June 1942
Stoney	H. H.	Lieutenant Colonel, O.B.E, D.S.O.		19th June 1943
Timbrell	C. E.	Sergeant	Minety	12th January 1945
Vining	W. J.	Sergeant	Sherston	9th June 1943
Ward	A.	Sergeant	Luckington	12th January 1944

Organisation and Strength on Stand Down

Parade to Stand down was on 3rd December 1944

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Company or Platoon	Appointment	Strength
Arkwright	R. O. W.	Captain	2nd I/C Battalion	Adjutant	
Awdry	E. P.	Second Lieutenant	E. Company	Platoon Commander	
Blanch	A. B.	Second Lieutenant	B Company	Assistant Intelligence officer	
Bonner	H. V.	Major	A. Company	Company Commander	150
Box	L. A.	Second Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Platoon Commander	
Brind	F. S.	Lieutenant, M.M.	F. Company	Platoon Commander	
Brookman	R. A.	Lieutenant	D Company	Platoon Commander	
Browdie	F.	Captain	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Second in Command	
Brown	D. G.	Lieutenant, M.M.	F. Company	Platoon	

				Commander	
Butt	R.	2nd Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Platoon Commander	
Butt	R.	Second Lieutenant	A. Company	Company Ammunition Officer	
Campbell	C. G.	Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Platoon Commander	
Chance	G. H. B.	Lieutenant	B Company	Company Intelligence Officer	
Clifford	L. H.	Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Constable	F. W.	Lieutenant	B Company	Platoon Commander	
Cooley	H. L.	Captain	G Company (E.K.C.O.) A LA. A. Troop	Second in Command	
Davey	S. G.	Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion	Seconded A.C.F.	
Dickinson	P. J.	Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion	Ammunition Officer	
Douglas	C.	Lieutenant, Honorable	2nd I/C Battalion	Officer I/C Snipers	
Edwards	E. P.	Major	E. Company	Company Commander	138
Emery	A. U.	Lieutenant	G Company (E.K.C.O.) A LA. A. Troop	Platoon Commander	
Essex	C. W.	Second Lieutenant	Signal Platoon	Assistant Signal Officer	
Evans	N. W.	Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Intelligence Officer	14
Fry	W. R.	Lieutenant	D Company	Platoon Commander	
Gardiner	C.	Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion	Junior Liaison Officer	
Gawthrop	C.	Lieutenant	E. Company	Platoon Commander	
Greene	E.	Major, M.C.	C Company	Company Commander	138
Gully	C. G.	Lieutenant	E. Company	Platoon Commander	
Hart	N. D.	Major	2nd I/C Battalion		
Henwood	F. W.	Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion		
Hider	E. A.	Major	G Company (E.K.C.O.) A LA. A. Troop	Company Commander	82
Hodge	B. L.	Major	2nd I/C Battalion	Medical Officer	
Horsham	F. W.	Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Hulse	J. H. F.	Second Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Platoon Commander	
Humble	R.	Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Hurst	A.	Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	

Ingram	M. C.	Lieutenant	Signal Platoon	Signals Officer	27
Jolliffe	A. G.	Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Jones	Charles	Lieutenant	B Company	Platoon Commander	
Knapp	F. V.	Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Long	A. J.	Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Martin	A. S.	Captain, M.M.	F. Company	Platoon Commander	
Merrick		Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Newman	G. G.	Lieutenant	Intelligence Platoon	Platoon Commander	
Osborne	R. H.	Captain, D.S.O., M.C.	2nd I/C Battalion	Chief Guide/Liaison Officer	
Padfield	R.	Second Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Palmer	W. L.	Major	F. Company	Company Commander	72
Parsons	W. G. S.	Second Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Pearce	B. R.	Lieutenant	E. Company	Platoon Commander	
Pettifer	S. H.	Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion	Gas and M.T. Officer	
Royston	C. F.	Captain	2nd I/C Battalion	A & Q.	
Shelley	G. N.	Captain	A. Company	2nd I/C Company	
Shores	C. H.	Captain	B Company	2nd I/C Company	
Sisum	G. W.	Lieutenant	D Company	Platoon Commander	
Sleightholme		Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Snelling	E. W.	Major	B Company	Company Commander	211
Starey	H. C.	Lieutenant	B Company	Platoon Commander	
Stoney	H. H.	Lieutenant Colonel, O.B.E, D.S.O.	2nd I/C Battalion	Battalion Commander	70
Tanner	N. R. W.	Lieutenant	G Company (E.K.C.O.) A LA. A. Troop	Platoon Commander	
Thompson	W.	Second Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Thorburn	D. H.	Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Todd	G. C.	Lieutenant	B Company	Platoon Commander	

Vining	W. J.	Second Lieutenant	C Company	Platoon Commander	
Wardle-Smith	F. H.	Second Lieutenant	2nd I/C Battalion	2nd I/C Guides	
Warren	F. C.	Second Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	
Whitaker	V.	Major	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Company Commander	273
Whitehead	F.	Lieutenant	E. Company	Platoon Commander	
Wilson	N. S.	Major	D Company	Company Commander	110
Worrell	W.	Lieutenant	H Company, Hullavington Aerodrome	Platoon Commander	

Battalion strength on Stand down 1,244

Retired Officers

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Appointment	Date of Commission	Date of Retirement	Notes
Baker	Hugh	Major	Commander B Company	1 February 1941	1 July 1942	
Charmen	R. T.	Major	Commander C Company 2nd I/C Battalion	1 February 1941	31 December 1943	
Coke		Captain, Viscount	2nd I/C C Company	1 February 1941	9 April 1942	Posted to 4th Norfolk Battalion
Couzens	E. J.	Second Lieutenant	Platoon Commander	1 February 1941	5 February 1942	
Craig	C. C.	Major	Commander A Company, 2nd I/C Battalion	1 February 1941	31 March 1942	
Deacon	S. F.	Major	Commander H Company	1 December 1941	8 February 1943	
Else	J. A.	Second Lieutenant	Platoon Officer	1 May 1943	19 August 1944	Posted to 6th Norfolk Battalion
Gibson	S.	Captain	2nd I/C H Company	1 December 1941	9 March 1943	
Hirst	S.	Major	Commander A Company	1 Feb 1941	12 July 1944	
Hood	J. J. R.	Captain	2nd I/C H Company	1 December 1941	11 November 1943	
James	F.	Lieutenant	Assistant Guide Officer	1 April 1942	1 February 1944	
Marsh	D.	Major	Commander E	1 February	31 March 1943	

			Company	1941		
Moore	E. Duke	Captain, D.S.O., T.D.		1 August 1941	31 March 1942	
Moore	R. M.	Major	Battalion Medical Officer	1 February 1941	4 December 1942	
Pitter	W. W.	Lieutenant	Platoon Commander	1 February 1942	17 May 1944	
Ratcliffe	E. N.	Second Lieutenant	Platoon Officer	15 March 1943	17 July 1944	
Stanley	A. F.	Lieutenant Colonel, Hon., D.S.O.	Battalion Commander	1 February 1942	1 March 1942	
Tindle	R.	Captain	Platoon Commander	1 Feb 1941	21 Feb 1942	
Van Cutsem	E.	Major. M.C.	Adjutant and 2nd I/C Battalion	1 Feb 1941	10 Dec 1942	

OPC Note

The names in the tables have been sorted alphabetically for ease of research