

## 60 (City of London) HAA Regt

(WO 166/11576)

### January 1943

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. V Unsworth M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hertford	1		The Regiment having commenced Battle Training this was continued.	
	20-22		Each Battery in turn engaged on all-day Regimental exercises.	
	24		169 B.H.Q. left Hertford at 0900 hrs and was established at 72/599932 in the Birmingham area, relieving 362 H.A.A. Bty. 'B' Troop moved similarly to operational site at Rock Ferry in 33 Bde. area.	
	25		'A' Troop 169 Battery took over Rubery site M.R. 72/443977. 168 B.H.Q. and 'A' Troop took over I.W.14 site and 'B' Tp I.W.35 site, Isle of Wight, arriving at Cowes 1500 hours. 206 B.H.Q. moved to Isle of Wight, taking over Chilton Chine B.H.Q. from 354 H.A.A. Battery. 'A' and 'B' Troops took over sites I.W.37 and I.W.44 respectively. The Regt was relieved at Hertford by 109 H.A.A. Regt. R. A. R.H.Q. moved to Winsford, near Crewe, to relieve 90 H.A.A. R.H.Q. at G.O.R. Over Hall.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Isle of Wight	1		168 & 206 Btys still deployed at Sites I.W.14, I.W.35, I.W.37 & I.W.44. on the Island. 169 Bty still deployed at Rubery Site 72/599932 (Birmingham area).	
	3		206 Bty 'A' Tp fired 3 pointer rounds at 2 F.W.190's.	
	4		RHQ moved from Winsford to White Lodge, New Close, Newport, IoW.	
	7		168 Bty 'B' Tp fired 22 rounds at night. One 3.7" HAA mobile gun moved from 206 Bty site I.W.44 for special deployment at I.W.39.	
	9		Confirmation by Bde that an enemy A/C engaged by B Tp 168 Bty on 7.2.43. was credited to them as shot down.	

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	13		Both Tps 168 Bty fired 3 rds each at enemy A/C - no results.	
	15		Sites I.W.14 & I.W.35 taken over from 168 Bty by 353 Bty and Sites I.W.44 & I.W.37 taken over from 206 Bty by 374 Bty.	
	16		168 Bty moved to Canterbury district and took over C.N.6 & C.N.7. 206 Bty moved to Margate district and took over F.1, F.2 & F."X". RHQ moved from Newport IoW to Eastcliffe Lodge, Ramsgate.	
	17		6 new 3.7" guns Mk III HAA taken over by Tp of 206 Bty at F.2 site.	
	19		1 more 3.7" gun Mk III HAA taken over by the Tp at F.2 site.	
	20		3 more 3.7" guns Mk III HAA taken over by the Tp at F.2 site.	
	23		Whole Regt prepared for move to GHQ Exercise "Spartan" concentration area.	
	24		206 Bty moved to Ramsgate as a preliminary to concentration.	
	25		Regtl Convoy of 168 & 206 Btys and RHQ to Northampton ("Spartan concentration point).	
	28		Commencement of "Spartan" exercise.	
			<u>NOTE</u> : Normal training, maintenance, courses, etc. took place during the month.	

### March 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Northampton	1		All Privilege Leave cancelled until end of Exercise "Spartan." First deployments of Exercise. R.H.Q. estab. at Buckingham; 168 Bty deployed near Sandy; 169 Bty deployed in Banbury area; 206 Bty deployed in Aylesbury area.	
	4		R.H.Q. moved to Aylesbury; 169 Bty moved to Sandy area.	
	5		206 Bty moved to Biggleswade area; R.H.Q. moved to Waresley Park, nr Wootton.	
	6		168 Bty moved to Tetworth area; 169 Bty moved near to Potton.	
	7		E Tp. 206 Bty moved twice to new positions in Biggleswade area, while F Tp 206 Bty remained stationary. One gun of E Tp out of action on first of these moves, due to pintle trouble.	
	8		168 Bty now at Caxton; 206 Bty moved to another part of Biggleswade area; 169 Bty moved to St. Neots area.	

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	9		The gun with pintle trouble returned to 206 Bty - in action. Seven "prisoners" - first of Exercise - taken by E Tp 206 Bty.	
	10		R.H.Q. and three Btys deployed in Newmarket area.	
	11		Whole of Regt less 206 Bty moved to Bedford; 206 Bty remained in Biggleswade area.	
	12		Exercise "Spartan" terminated. Regt in Bedford in billets for 3 days, awaiting dispersal orders.	
	15		Regt moved from Bedford by R.H.Q. and Bty convoys to billets in Ramsgate. R.H.Q. estab. at 2 Florence Terrace.	
Ramsgate	16		Post-exercise inspection and maintenance of all equipment.	
	17		Adjutant left R.H.Q. to attend W.O.S.B.	
	18		Continuance of maintenance, overhaul, etc. of equipment. Privilege Leave resumed. Capt. R.E. Barham assumed Cmd of 206 Bty while O.C. was on leave.	
	20		Adjutant in hospital with fractured tibia and fibula.	
	21 to end of month		Concentrated Training Programme commenced. Subjects covered included:- Marching and Rifle drill, Guard Mounting drill, Fire Control drill, Dvr/Op and Gnr (Line) further training, Gun and Predictor drill, Recreational training, P.T., Lectures on Small Arms, Mobile A.A. theory and Instruments, Driving tuition. Gas and P.A.D., Recognition of Aircraft, Rifle Range practice. Lectures by Bde Comdr.	
	28		Major Reeve resumed Cmd of 206 Bty on return from Leave.	
	29 to 31		Two guns of 206 Bty sent away each day to be fitted with A/Tk sights.	

## April 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ramsgate	1 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Training Programme continued at R.H.Q. and all Btys. as at end of March 1943.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Sea Target Shoot by each Bty. with 3.7" H.A.A. guns from a position about 3 miles inland to a point in the sea off Ramsgate coast.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		206 Bty prepared to move to Larkhill.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>		206 Bty left Ramsgate for Larkhill to take up duties as Depot Battery at the Gunnery School there.	

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	10 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of Btys. by M.G.R.A.	
	13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>		206 Bty fired 3.7" H.A.A. Guns at School on ground targets controlled O.P. Shoots.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Whole Regiment prepared to move to Practice Camp.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Regt. moved to 16 Lt and H.A.A. Practice Camp. Clacton-on-Sea Essex, for firing practice and gunnery training in general.	
			During the month the weather was fine and sunny with only a few dull periods and showers.	

### May 1943

Commanding Officer: Lt Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CLACTON	1.5.43 to 8.5.43		Skeleton RHQ and Btys at Practice Camp, Clacton for Gunnery, Firing Practice, Training for Officers and men.	
	8.5.43		Manning Section of 168 Bty engaged a hostile Ju 88 in the morning with no visible results.	
CLACTON	12.5.43		Preparation for move back to Ramsgate – Advance parties left.	
	13.5.43		Main body moved to Ramsgate by road as a Regtl. Column.	
RAMSGATE	14.5.43		All Btys began preparation for Sea Target Practice off Ramsgate Coast.	
RAMSGATE	17.5.43 to 22.5.43		Gunnery firing and training in general on a towed Sea Target with 3.7 in. HAA equipment by all Btys.	
	22.5.43		Regt. received orders to Mobilise for Overseas.	
	28.5.43		Lt.-Col. V. Unsworth, M.C., R.A. posted to Woolwich Depot.	
	31.5.43		Lt. Col. M.B. Turner, R.A. assumed Command of the Regt.	
	23.5.43 to 31.5.43		Regt. Mobilising, training and maintaining equipment etc.	
			Weather during the month mostly fine, but with some showers.	

### June 1943

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ramsgate	1.6.43		Training and mobilisation continued. Two F.W. 190s raided Regtl. area, machine-gunning, house-top height. Guns unable to engage.	
	10.6.43		Mobilisation due to be completed but many items of equipment and personnel outstanding.	
	11.6.43		Skeleton R.H.Q. and all Btys. moved to Redesdale by road for Ground Target practice. Deployment en route.	
Redesdale nr. Rochester	13.6.43		Convoy arrived at Redesdale. Weather mainly wet during the course, which lasted 7 days.	
Northumberland	20.6.43		Redesdale convoy left for Ramsgate by road. Guns again deployed en route.	
	23.6.43		Convoy arrived at Ramsgate from north.	
Ramsgate	24.6.43		Regt. prepared to move to Larkhill (less 168 Bty and a rear R.H.Q.) for exercise "Fortescue". 60 H.A.A. Regt was only H.A.A. unit taking part in this exercise for Field, R.A.	
Larkhill	25.6.43		Regtl. convoy moved to Larkhill by road.	
	27.6.43		Convoy arrived at Larkhill.	
	28.6.43		Regt's guns registered targets for a Field Artillery Concentration.	
	29.6.43		Field Arty. Concentration fired. Regt's guns successful in their new role. Exercise deemed a success for all concerned.	
Ramsgate	28.6.43		168 Bty. proceeded to Larkhill School of Arty. to take over duties as Depot Bty.	
Larkhill	30.6.43		Exercise "Fortescue" concluded. Regt. prepared to return to Ramsgate.	

Exercise "Fortescue" – IWM [MGH 6359](#) ('Training film showing good and bad camouflage practice during Operation Fortescue 22nd - 29th July 1943.') includes B&W stills of guns under nets and covered in tree branches from various angles. Caption - 60 H.A.A. REGT. R. A. (6th Heavy Anti-aircraft Regiment. Royal Artillery).

## July 1943

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Larkhill	1.7.43 to 31.7.43		168 Bty at Larkhill as Depot Bty. Bty personnel & equip. used by School of Arty for deployment by night; winching demonstrations, A/T drills & shoots. Bty trg performed in Drvg Instrn, M/cycle Instrn, Map Reading.	

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	1.7.43		RHQ, 169 Bty & 206 Bty on Exercise "Fortescue". Preparation for return to Ramsgate on 2.7.43.	
Ramsgate	3.7.43		Arrival at Ramsgate from Larkhill.	
	4.7.43 5.7.43		Normal trg continued in Gun Drills, Sea Tgt Drills & Signalling by 169 & 206 Btys.	
	6.7.43 to 10.7.43		Sea Tgt shooting from Ramsgate Promenade (Sea Tgt AA Prac Camp) by 169 & 206 Btys.	
	11.7.43 to 22.7.43		Normal trg. continued viz. Gunnery, Signalling, Small Arms firing, Battle Drill.	
	14-17.7.43		Bulk of 3-ton lorries in Regt. returned to V.R.D.	
	19.7.43		New 3-ton lorries collected from V.R.D.	
	22.7.43		Classification of all ranks began, along with normal trg.	
	23.7.43		Inspection of vehicles, guns and instruments of whole Regt (less 168 Bty) by R.E.M.E. circus under command of Major Wainwright, R.E.M.E.	
	23.7.43 to 31.7.43		Classification and normal trg.	

## August 1943

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ramsgate	1.8.43		RHQ & REME Sectn still at Ramsgate with 169 Bty and 206 Bty. 168 Bty still at Larkhill, School of Arty.	
Larkhill	4.8.43		168 Bty prepared to move to H.12 and H.18 gun posns. Ipswich. 169 Bty moved by road from Ramsgate to Larkhill, School of Arty, to take up duties as Depot Bty.	
Ramsgate	5.8.43		168 Bty moved by road to Ipswich; 206 Bty moved by road to Colchester; RHQ moved by road to Boxted, nr. Colchester; REME Sectn moved by road to Woodbridge.	
Boxted Ipswich Colchester Woodbridge	6.8.43 to 31.8.43		Normal training in gunnery, signalling, etc., etc. with RHQ and Btys. Care and maintenance of equipment.	

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Ipswich	18.8.43 to 24.8.43		168 Bty fired 71 rds 3.7 HAA ammunition from H.12; and 77 rds 3.7 HAA ammunition from H18 at hostile aircraft during this period.	
Colchester	24.8.43		206 Bty fired 9 rds 3.7 HAA ammunition from C.6 gun posn at hostile aircraft.	

### September 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.9.43		R.H.Q. and 168 Bty, 206 Bty and R.E.M. E. W/shop. Sec. Deployed in area COLCHESTER – IPSWICH. 169 Bty still at LARKHILL.	
	3.9.43		R.H.Q., 168 and 206 Btys moved back to RAMSGATE. 206 Bty diverted en route to OXFORD.	
	4.9.43		168 Bty moved to gun posns around WINCHESTER.	
	7.9.43		R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. W/shop Sec moved from RAMSGATE to Highclere Stud Farm, nr. NEWBURY, Berks.	
	11.9.43		206 Bty took part in Exercise “Blitz” – an exercise to test defences under heavy air, ground and gas attacks.	
	23.9.43		R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. Sec moved to Braunstone Camp, LEICESTER. 206 and 168 Btys moved to Braunstone Camp, LEICESTER. 169 Bty still at LARKHILL.	
	1.9.43 to 30.9.43		General training, site construction by 206 Bty, etc. was carried on during the month throughout the Regt.	

### October 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Leicester	4		Regiment prepared to move. Brig. W.R. Revell-Smith, DSO, MC, AM. and Brig J.M. Smith R.A. visited Unit to inspect transport and equipment.	
Norwich	5		Regiment deployed in ADGB role; R.H.Q.; REME Section, 168 Bty & 169 Bty at Norwich G.D.A.; 206 Bty at Yarmouth & Lowestoft.	
Do	7		168 Bty fired 1 round 3.7" from N.H.2 and 36 rounds 3.7" from N.H.5. N.H.5 awarded a	

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			Cat 111. 206 Bty fired 30 rounds 3.7" from YH4 (Yarmouth)	
Do	23		206 Bty fired 27 rounds from LH4 (Lowestoft) and 157 rounds 3 7" from YH4 (Yarmouth).	
Do	24		206 Bty fired 29 rounds 3.7" from LH4 (Lowestoft) and 115 rounds from YH4 (Yarmouth)	
Do	30		2/Lts Foulds and Leslie posted to Unit and interposted to 206 Bty.	

### November 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Norwich	1		168 Bty moved to HINCKLEY.	
	2		206 Bty moved to ULLESTHORPE, staging night of 2nd at KINGS LYNN.	
	3		R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. moved, to BURBAGE, nr HINCKLEY.	
	4		169 Bty moved to HINCKLEY.	
Hinckley	11		Bde Comd 74 A.A. Bde. visited 168 Bty.	
	17		General Anderson, Army Comd. 2nd Army, and his B.R.A. visited units of 74 A.A. Bde., including 168, 169 & 206 Btys.	
	30		Elements of R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. and 168, 169 and 206 Btys moved to Practice Camp at TONFANAU, Wales, staging overnight at WELLINGTON.	

### December 1943

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hinckley	7		Lt. S. Booth R.A. posted to this unit.	
	10		Lt. D.G. Bevis R.A. posted to this unit.	
	13		2/Lt. A. Scott R. A. posted to this unit.	
Tonfanau, Wales	14		Elements of R.E.M.E. and 168 & 169 Btys returned to Hinckley. 206 Bty returned to Ullesthorpe. These detachments staged night of 14/15 at Wellington. R.H.Q. returned to Burbage, nr Hinckley.	



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Hinckley	17		Lt. G.E. Teverson R.A. posted to this unit.	
	18		Elements of R.H.Q. and R.E.M.E. and 168, 169 & 206 Btys moved to No. 3 Practice Camp, Otterburn, staging night of 18/19 Dec at Catterick.	
	24		Lt. E. Robertson R.A. posted to this unit.	
Otterburn	26		Practising detachments of 168 & 169 Btys and R.E.M.E. returned to Hinckley. Elements of 206 Bty returned to Ullesthorpe. These detachments staged night of 26/27 Dec at Doncaster. R.H.Q. returned to Burbage.	