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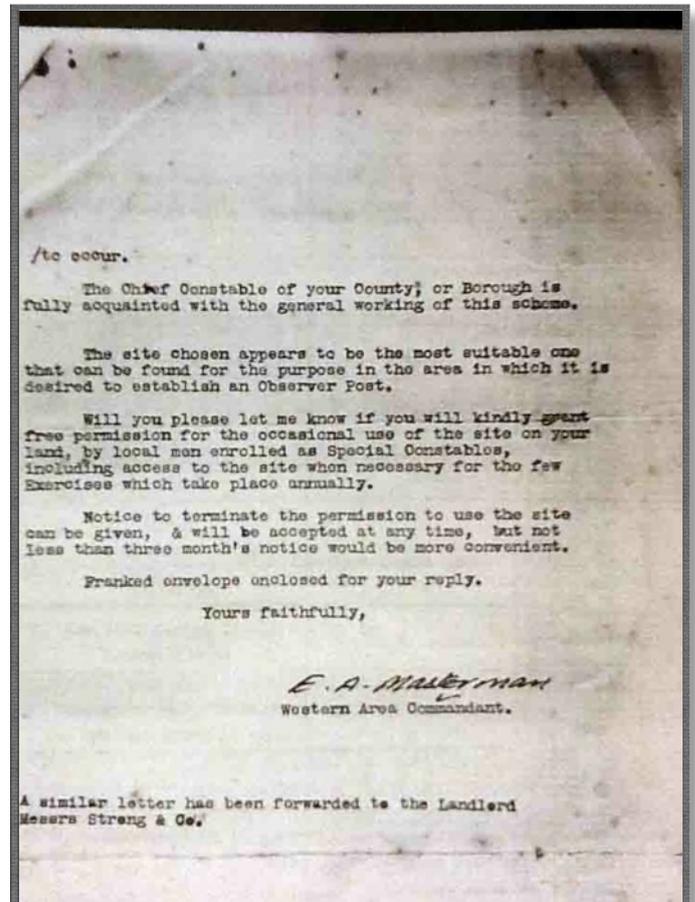
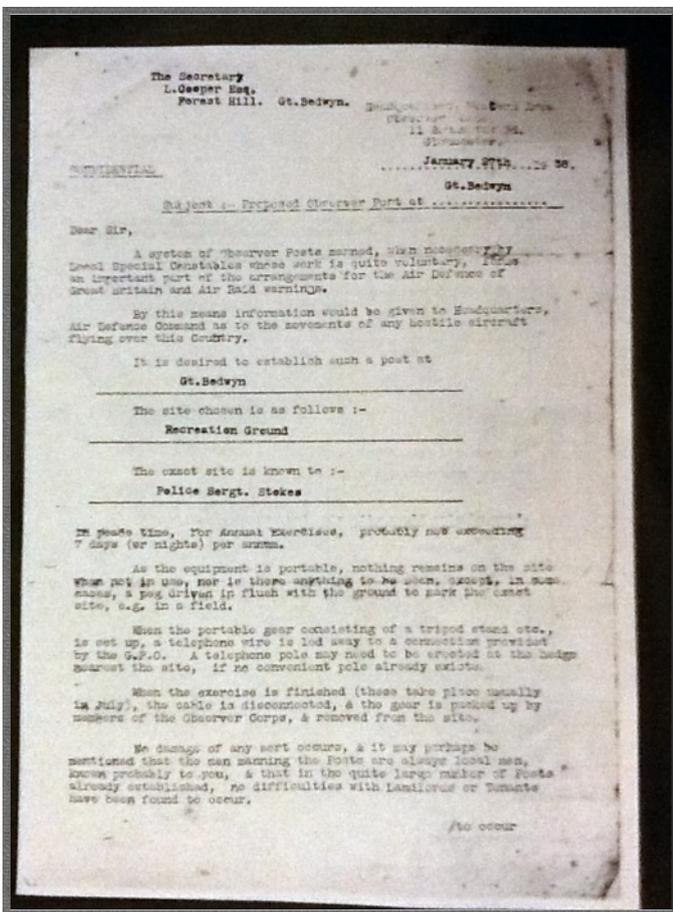
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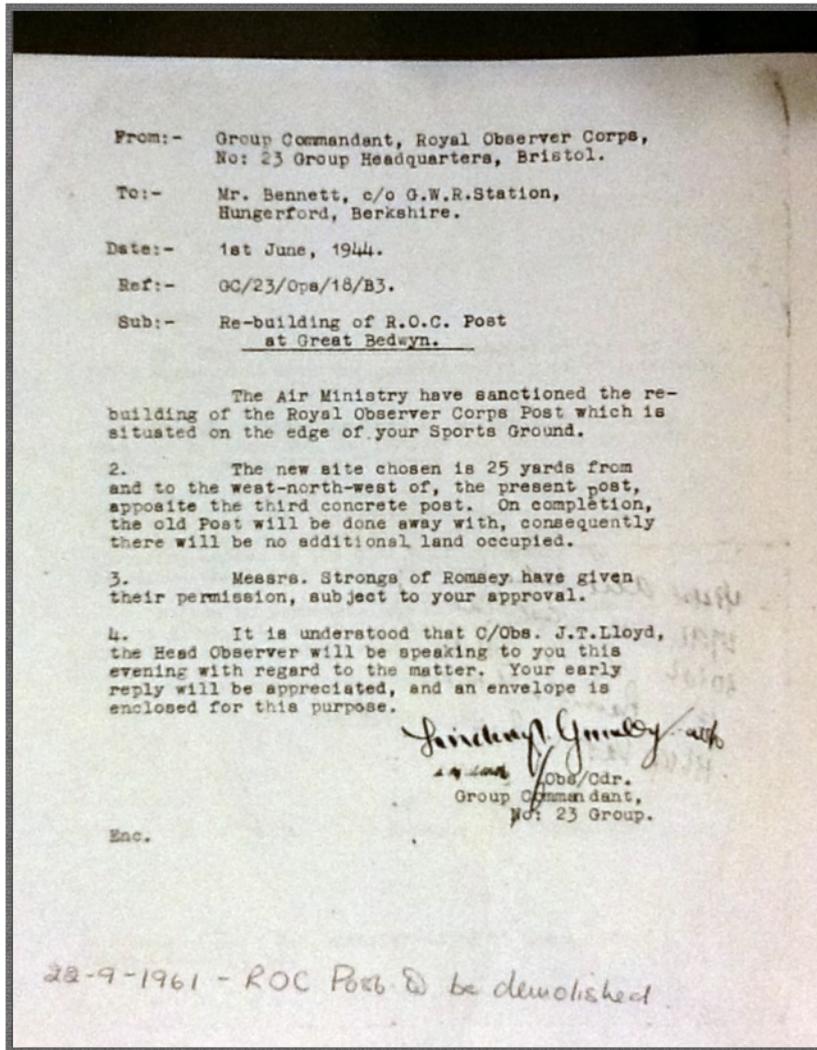


Hi Chris,

Went to our model railway club on Monday of this week & one of our members Chris Valpatrick who's wife Val is secretary on Collingbourne Kingston parish council managed to photo copy these documents (ill send on after this e-mail )before they go back in to storage in the archive. They relate to Great Bedwyn post there are 3 pages the first two pages relate to the very first setting up of Bedwyn post & the third page is the setting up of the brick post & demolishing of the post hut & sandbag one. There is a footnote also of when this was demolished & the move to where our group preserves the underground post. We have had four posts on three sites. The first letter relates to hook up to a pole & report, which then had the hut & sandbag one built on. It then moved to the brick one 25 yards further up in the recreation field which the last letter refers to & then finally to where we are now. I can copy & post these on to you if it's better for you. The first letter is dated to Mr L. Cooper secretary of our parish council at the time & the blurred address is Headquarters western area, observer corps, 11 Brunswick Road? Gloucester. The rest is o.k. For reading I think. Jenny Morris would be interested as we were originally in Bristol group as B3 & Neville Cullingford would as well. But I want our groups newsletter to have the scoop of these letters first, it certainly fills in some info gaps of our post history we knew where they were but no dates to how long they stood.

Thanks for all you do, Regards Gary & June Crook





February saw the hedge cutting carried out at the post site by Gary, Errol and Rod under the supervision of Paul.



Good morning Chris

Attached taken at Filton yesterday, still waiting a roof over it.

Kind regards Len



Thanks Len

**M**arch 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Devizes Toy Fair and Military Meet (pics from Gary and June)



Hi

For those who did the 'Wadsworth' tour, I thought you might like to see Max and Monty 'dressed to impress' at the Shire Horse Show, near Grantham. Max won 1st in the single trade turnout and Best overall trade turnout and Monty and Max won 3rd in the team trade turnout (unfortunately they lost a trace during the final display but still managed 3rd)

Regards

*Errol*



On my recent trip to Lincoln I visited the excellent Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby, which includes a very good guided tour giving the history of the aircraft involved. I also visited Newark Air Museum, again very good although the bitter gale force wind prevented anything but the briefest viewing of the outdoor exhibits! In one of the hangars was a quite detailed exhibit of the ROC including an above/underground post, plotting room and cabinets of equipment etc, we considered a 'smash and grab' but thought better of it!

Regards

*Errol*





Thanks Errol

Friday 17th April was Maurice's dinner at the ever popular Bell at Lacock. A total of thirty Members, family and friends attended making for a very nice atmosphere an pleasant evening. WELL DONE MAURICE.





## Dates for Diary

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Wartime Wallop

July 14<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> annual Canal Trip. (Names to Brian ASAP )

July 19<sup>th</sup> - LMA Cosford

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Post BBQ 12:00 - 17:00 at post site.

(Anyone with dates to note please forward)

Any requests for pdfs of 'Vulcan bits' to me please, could actually copy for donation to funds.