

MONTANARO, Brig Gerald Charles Stokes (1916-1979)

Box List

Box One

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- Standing Orders for the “Stand-to Period” for 101 Troop written 16th December 1941. Detailing procedures for standing-to, rations to be provided and the make-up of the Operational crews to be used.
- Letter to General Montanaro dated 20th July 1941 written from the Caledonian Hotel Edinburgh. The letter is personal correspondence about their previous meeting.
- A training report dated 30th March 1942, regarding 16 members of 101 Troop sent for training in Davis Submerged Escape Apparatus at H.M.S Dolphin.
- An exercise report dated 14th January 1942 on a landing exercise in Dover written by General Montanaro while Captain Commanding 101 Troop. The report includes the exercises objectives which centred on testing the vigilance of harbour defences and the methods used during the exercise with individual sections covering the different parties involved and the reactions of the defenders.
- Report on an Anti-Invasion exercise on the night of 13/14 April 1942 in Dover Harbour. Report includes individual reports from the commanders of the two parties about the actions they took, a hand-drawn map detailing the route taken by the parties and a hand-written report by a Sergeant of the R.E involved in the exercise.
- Operation Order Amendments No.1 regarding the Anti-Invasion exercise of 13/14 April 1942, written on the 10th April 1942. Includes details on actions to be taken in rough weather and for the treatment of civilians and defences crossed during the exercise.
- Naval Message dated 10th April 1942 to B.M. 219 Inf. Bde. Message regards confirmation of a change of Operational Orders presumably for the exercise of the 13/14 April 1942
- A message regarding the exercise of 13/14 April 1942 from B.M. 219 Inf. Bde to Montanaro regarding his plans submitted to the exercise dated 9th April 1942. The message includes reaffirmation regarding the role of Dockyard Police.
- Extract from exercise orders for 13/14 April 1942 outlining who will have copies of the plan and instructions on minefields.
- A Special Idea issued to troops defending the dockyard in the exercise 13/14 April 1942. The Special Idea outlines the next phase of the exercise.
- Two copies of the Operational Orders for Dover Harbour Night Exercise 13th/14th April 1942 dated 8th April 1942 written by Montanaro while Captain Commanding 101 Troop. The first copy includes pencil alterations made to the plan. The plan itself includes Information about the target, the intention of the attackers, methods to be used, points of landing and actions on landing. Also included is a copy of Operation Order Amendments No.1.

- Orders for a Night Compass Scheme on the 14th June 1941 written by Montanaro while Captain Commanding 101 Troop. Orders include starting point, 1st and 2nd objectives, finishing point and instructions for reports from the soldiers taking part. Down the right hand side is a list of names (those taking part) and a tick indicating they finished the exercise.
- Orders for a Map-Reading Course dated 9th June 1941 outlining the stages of the course and the practical tests to be undertaken after completion of the course.
- Copy of a note from Lt. Col Ely at the War Cabinet to the headquarters of the S.S. Brigade dated 8th August 1941. Note contains thanks to the commander of 101 Troop for a report of a route by Rannoch Moor.
- Copy of Orders for the Night Compass Scheme on the 14th June 1941.
- Handwritten report signed J. A. Russell dated 15th June 1941 on route IV used on the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941 including map references and reference points.
- Handwritten report dated 15th June 1941 regarding route IV of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941. Report includes compass bearings used to navigate.
- Handwritten report relating to route V of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941 signed Giles. Report contains corrections to timings and notes relating to lack of bearings or locations either written by the Troop Sergeant or Captain Montanaro.
- Handwritten report relating to route V of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941. Report includes compass bearings and notes made by either the Troop Sergeant or Captain Montanaro.
- Handwritten report after viewing by the Troop Sergeant relating to route IV of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941 by W. Skeggs, dated 15th June 1941. Report includes bearings taken; variation and actual bearing marched on.
- Handwritten report relating to route IV of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941 signed by W. Skeggs. Report contains grid references of objectives reached.
- Handwritten report after viewing by the Troop Sergeant relating to route IV of the Night Compass Scheme 14th June 1941 signed J Evans and dated 15th June 1941. Report includes objectives, bearings and remarks on what he had observed.
- Orders dated 9th June 1941 for 101 Troop Canoe Navigational Exercise. Orders include bearings for each leg, finishing points and a remarks space left for the input of a final bearing for each leg.
- Spoof Proclamation regarding a Japanese spy in Kent.
- Two copies of a letter to the Brigade Commander S.S Brigade dated 14th February 1942 from Captain Montanaro regarding a training report for the period 10th January 1942 to 14th February 1942.
- A letter to The Brigade Commander S.S Brigade from Captain Montanaro dated 21st February 1941 regarding the same training report giving reasons for lack of a more detailed report.
- Report detailing the training undertaken between 10th January 1942 and 14th February 1942. Report is divided into three sections, Land Training, Sea and Naval Training and Miscellaneous Work Done.

- Note regarding Protection of V.Ps to the 11 Surreys and 101 Special Troop. Dated 21st March 1942
- Firing point register for range practices other than battle shooting dated 13th March 1942. Shows range practice with left hand, right hand, long range and firing at a tin and the number of hits by each of those who took part.
- Trace to cover map sheet 117A detailing minefields in No5 Sector. In the bottom right corner is a key indicating the different types of mine shown on the map.
- Report written by Captain Montanaro on 23rd June 1941 detailing the actions during and the problems that occurred during the Zeebrugge raid 22nd April 1918. Included is a map of the Zeebrugge port.
- Report written by Captain Montanaro on 23rd June 1941 accounting for the damage caused by explosives to the town of Tobemory during an exercise by Assault Demolition parties of 101 Troop.
- Letter dated 13th July 1941 from Captain Montanaro to HQ South Highland Area. The letter is criticising the use of soldiers to rescue climbers who get themselves in trouble.
- Results of a Navigation exam.
- A report written by Sergeant Weatherall dated 4th March 1941 relating to repair work carried out on Mae West jackets and damaged tropical suits. Also included are the Test sheet and results for a code test dated 4th March 1942.
- Handwritten report on a Night Compass Scheme dated 15th June 1941 by Guardsman Thompson.
- Handwritten report on graph paper dated 16th June 1941 and 15th June 1941 (second sheet) regarding Night Compass March 15/16th June 1941. First sheet is a description of the route taken; second sheet is a list of grid references and compass bearings used.
- Handwritten report regarding Night Compass March Serial No.3 dated 15th June 1941. Report includes map references for objectives and compass bearings.
- Handwritten report on Night Exercise dated 15th June 1941. Report includes starting point and timings for arrival at objectives.
- Two page handwritten report for Night Exercise written by L/C Blewett, includes bearings and grid references and a description of movement.
- Handwritten report for Night Exercise No1. Report describes movements and includes additions by Captain Montanaro citing omissions.
- Official report on Night Compass Scheme 14/15th June 1941 dated 14th June 1941 and written by L/C Russell. Report includes grid references for objectives and bearings used for marching.
- Handwritten report of Night Compass March by L/C Harrison. Report includes grid references of objectives and the bearings used between them.
- Handwritten report of Night Compass March 15th June 1941 by L/C Thompson.
- Handwritten report of Night Compass March 15th June 1941 written by N. Thompson. Report contains bearings and grid references for locations marched on.
- Handwritten report of Night Compass March 15th June 1941 by L/C Thompson and N. Thompson.

- Official report on Night Compass March 15th June 1941 by L/C Thompson. Report includes observations on the march.
- Official report on Night Compass March 15th June 1941 by Cpl Weatherall. Report includes observations made on the march.
- Results of a map reading exam dated 27th February 1942.
- A report by Sgt Weatherall dated 25th February 1942 about a road march between Dover and Folkestone. Report includes dress of those on the march and an account of the routes used including rough speed and distance covered.
- An examination paper from 101 Troop Navigation exam dated the 26th February 1942.
- Results of a Navigation exam showing results for each question and markers comments.
- Answer sheet for the navigation exam written on the back of a Naval Message page.
- A report on work carried out on 1-2 March 1942 written by Sgt Weatherall and dated 2nd March 1942. Report includes details of a march undertaken on the 2nd March.
- Results of a Rifle Competition held by 101 Troop on 25th January 1942. Results given based on Application 300* and Rapid 300* 10 rounds in 45 seconds.
- Orders dated 23rd January 1942 regarding 101 Troop Night map reading exercise on the night of 23/24th January 1942. Orders include general instructions and details of timing.
- Second copy of a report on the Zeebrugge raid 22nd April 1918 written by Captain Montanaro.
- List of firing scores on an open range using a Tommy Gun dated 8th May 1941 and carried out at Dorlin. Results based on application 5 rounds 100* and; From Hip. Automatic 20 rounds.
- List of firing scores on an open range with rifles dated 8th May 1941 and carried out at Dorlin. Results were based on 200* Application, 200* Rapid and Running 100* Rapid 200*. Report also includes a description of orders used when running and firing.
- Reports on sub sections within 101 Troop written around 27th February 1941 by all section commanders. Reports rate soldiers on shooting, map reading and compass work, swimming, canoeing, mountaineering, signalling and includes a section for general remarks.
- Report on gunnery practice using an anti-tank rifle at between 300-400 yards, a 2" mortar and a light machine gun at 300 yards. Report shows number of hits registered by each firer and general remarks on each.
- Clues, map references and bearings relating to a navigational challenge set up for 101 Troop.
- Various plans for defending road blocks drawn up between 29th August 1941 and 1st September 1941 by NCOs of 101 Troop. All plans feature diagrams and descriptions showing terrain features, location of defences and in some cases fields of fire and tasking for machine guns.
- Results of a Swimming Test carried out on the 25th January 1942 sent to Captain Montanaro. Results show number on lengths covered by each man and the average for the unit.

- A letter from B.M Special Service Brigade to Captain Montanaro regarding training. Attached is the report sent back by Captain Montanaro detailing the training programme that will be followed.

File 2

- Letter dated 8th April 1942 detailing change of the location of HQ Special Service Brigade.
- Report dated 27th December 1941 from Captain Montanaro to Senior Officer (Planning), Vice-Admiral, Dover. The report contains the operational and training programme for 101 Troop listing the proposed scheme, the objectives, the method and the advantages and disadvantages.
- Letter dated 11th September 1941 to Captain Montanaro regarding the submission of training programmes.
- Note dated 29th March 1941 from Captain S.C Special Service Brigade to Captain Montanaro regarding monthly progress reports for 101 Troop.
- Letter dated 3rd April 1941 from Captain Montanaro to O.C Special Service Brigade regarding training reports.
- Training report dated 2nd May 1941 from Captain Montanaro to O.C Special Service Brigade. Report includes details of unit training, individual and section training, training junior NCOs, physical fitness, individual instruction and experimental equipment.
- Letter dated 13th July 1941 from Captain Montanaro to C.O. No.12 Commando. The letter relates to an offer of providing training for 101 Troop in street fighting and sea training in Ayr.
- Letter dated 23rd April 1941 from Colonel Herbert to various Battalion and depot commanders. The letter sets out the standards required for eligibility for the commandos and the need for greater care when sending volunteers to the Special Training Centre.
- Letter detailing the conditions of service for all personnel of Special Service Units. The letter includes responsibilities, service requirements, special allowance and pay allowance for both officers and other ranks.
- Training notes dated 25th May 1941 from the Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade. The notes regard the training areas to be concentrated on when soldiers return from leave.
- Letter dated 22nd August 1941 from Captain S.C Special Service Brigade to all COs in the brigade regarding the roll of S.S units in the event of an invasion of the United Kingdom. Letter makes references to those S.S officers and other ranks away from their units and the procedures for obtaining reinforcements.
- Letter from Captain Wollett No.6 Commando to Captain Montanaro dated 16th September 1941. The letter is regarding gas training for soldiers in the S.S brigade.
- Newspaper clipping containing a story about a Royal Army Ordnance Corps officer moving large quantities of gelignite.
- Part 1 Orders dated 2nd November 1941 by Captain Montanaro. These are orders regarding discipline to be observed by 101 Troop.

- Letter dated 22nd October 1941 from Captain & Adjutant, No.6 Commando to troop commanders regarding restrictions in the use of Pyrotechnic signals.
- Letter dated 7th October 1941 from Captain & Adjutant No.6 Commando to all troop commanders entitled Signal Instructions No.1. Contains information on using T-Panel code, Ground Strips, Wireless Telegraphy, Radio Telephony and instructions for communication in built-up areas. Also included is an Appendix sheet detailing advantages and disadvantages for signalling in towns.
- Set of instructions dated 26th September 1941. Instructions regard the drill for the troop toggle bridge. They include how to make the bridge, other actions during the bridge making, launching the bridge, anchoring the bridge, crossing the bridge, leaving the bridge, the loads the bridge can take, working out the length of bridge needed, number of toggle ropes needed, how to make a Spanish Windless and average times to make and transit the bridge.
- Part 1 Orders dated 5th November 1941 written by Captain Montanaro regarding leave and conduct while on leave.
- Letter dated 5th November 1941 from B.M Special Service Brigade to all troop commanders. The letter provides the itinerary for the visit of Lt. Colonel Grieg and Canadian Officers to the Special Service Brigade.
- Two copies of a letter dated 21 January 1942 by S.C Special Service Brigade showing the units, their commanders, location and telephone numbers that made up the Brigade.
- Note dated 3rd February 1942 by Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade regarding the change of location of No.9 Commando.
- Message dated 4th February 1942 from Major McDonald to Captain Montanaro regarding confirmation of a meeting between the two.
- Note dated 19th February 1942 from Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade regarding the change of location of No.12 Commando.
- Proposed W/E. dated 28th February 1942. Shows the possible make-up of a commando troop involving an HQ, 4 operational groups and M.T section.
- Diagrams sketching out a possible new form of training establishment, its chain of command and its higher command structure.
- Diagram to Major Courtney from Captain Montanaro detailing the proposed general organisation for small boat operations including combined operations. Includes details of both training and operational establishments in the United Kingdom and North Africa.
- 2nd sheet to the diagram to Major Courtney detailing special pay and allowances for the proposed organisation.
- Notes on proposed establishments for special boat sections RN. Includes numbers of officers and men needed to run the training establishments, the location and function of each establishment as well as details for pay allowances and the stores required to operate.
- Naval message dated 8th March 1942 to Captain Montanaro from Combined Operations HQ regarding a meeting with them in London
- Message dated 27th January 1942 from Brigadier commanding S.S Brigade regarding change of location of No.12 Commando.
- Message dated 4th August 1941 to all troop commanders from Brigadier commanding S.S Brigade. Message subject is discipline and refers to

incidents of live ammunition being used during exercises and the precautions to be taken in the future.

- Message dated 11th July 1941 to all troop commanders from Brigadier commanding S.S Brigade. Message subject is lessons from Crete and contains tactical information to aid commandos in future operations.
- Document dated 5th August 1941 written by the Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade regarding points to be considered in planning and preparing a raid. Information includes ammunition to be taken, training in tactics and equipment to be used, procedures during a night attack, response to certain enemy actions and the ammunition to be taken on a short raid.
- Document "Lessons from Crete" detailing the actions taken by the Germans during their attack on Maleme Aerodrome and the way in which such actions could be countered in the future including references to use of German signals and night bayonet attacks.
- Note from Officer commanding S.S Brigade Signal Troop to Captain Montanaro dated 28th April 1941 regarding the process for transfer to the R.A.F.
- Standing order by Captain Montanaro dated 17th June 1941 regarding the hunting of game and fishing by 101 Troop.
- Army Council Instruction No.1520 of 1940, dated 9th December 1940. Pamphlet outlining the procedure for transfer from the Army to the R.A.F, requirements for service, conditions of service and promotion and rates of pay.
- Message dated 17th April 1941 from Captain S.C Special Service Brigade to all troop commanders regarding the procedures for Leave in the Commando Brigade including instructions for contact in case of recall, maintaining operable staff while on leave and procedures for commanding officers and 2nd in command's leave.
- Message dated 16th April 1941 from Brigadier commanding S.S Brigade to all troop commanders regarding discipline of soldiers on guard duty and the safety procedures to be observed by commanding officers.
- Message dated 9th April 1941 from B.M Special Service Brigade to all troop commanders regarding the submission of training programmes.
- Special Service Brigade Spring Training Instructions 1941, dated 9th April 1941 by Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade. These instructions include a list of Commando standing orders, inspections, promotion and training of N.C.O's, drill, recreation, medical inspections, bathing and relations with both military and civil authorities.
- Commando Training Instruction No.1, dated 15th August 1940. Pamphlet detailing the training to be undertaken by Commandos, the individual qualities that make a good Commando and the use of collective training.
- A Warning order by Captain Montanaro dated 3rd May 1941. Warning order putting 101 Troop at 6 hours notice.
- Message dated 5th April 1941 from B.M Special Service Brigade to all Commandos regarding the proper storage of arms and ammunition.
- 101 Troop Standing Orders dated 3rd March 1941 written by Captain Montanaro. Orders included regarding dress, canoes, arms, ammunition and explosives, stores, demolitions and poaching.

- Three copies of 101 Troop Standing orders dated 17th February 1941 written by Captain Montanaro. Orders included regarding daily orders, sick parade, dress, the library, laundry and purchases at Fort William.
- Two copies of Troop Order for 101 Troop on 1st February 1941 dated 31st January 1941. Orders concerning parade, sick parade and a warning order.
- Troop Orders for 101 Troop on 4th January 1941. Orders concerning parade, the demolition of an Avro-Anson bomber and distribution of ration cards.
- Standing Orders for Fort William excursion party dated 19th February 1941 by Lieutenant Smith R.A. Orders include instructions for parades, dress, passes, discipline and transport with prices included for meals at the hostel.
- Daily Orders for 101 Troop on 18th February 1941, dated 17th February 1941 written by Captain Montanaro. Orders include parades, cleaning material, M.T and kit deficiencies.
- Daily orders for 101 Troop dated 1st March 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Orders involve church and laundry.
- Daily Orders for 101 Troop on 8th February 1941 dated 7th February 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Orders consist of a movement order to Whiting Bay.
- Troop Order for 101 Troop on 3rd February 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Orders involve parades after a climbing exercise and recession of the movement order dated 1st January 1941.
- Special Order of the Day for 101 Troop on 24th November 1940 dated 23rd November 1940 by Lieutenant Montanaro. Order involves a description of injuries to Captain Wollett who commanded the unit and shows lieutenant Montanaro's promotion to command the Troop.
- Newspaper clipping regarding complaints made to G.O.C in C Scottish Command from Rev. Macfarlane of the Free Presbyterian Church about military training on the Sabbath.
- Message forwarded from L.O Special Service Brigade to all Commando units dated 3rd May 1941. The original message is from Surgeon Commander Lovick R.N regarding the proper rations needed and their correct use for operations up to three days.
- Letter to Captain Montanaro from G.L.J Hunt dated 11th March 1941 regarding Hunt's discharge from the Army.
- Inflatable life-belts – Method of wearing dated 30th January 1941 with a note from Brigadier H.A Southcott forwarding it to Captain Montanaro due to it being of interest to his men.
- Message copied to Captain Montanaro from B.M Special Service Brigade regarding a conference about demolition stores for R.E officers in the Commandos to be presided over by Captain Montanaro.
- Special Service Brigade Spring Training Instructions 1941, dated 9th April 1941 from Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade. Instructions include; general objectives, the present situation of the Commandos, Commando cadres, training at Inveralort and Dorlin house, weapons training, field firing, construction of ranges, reports from Inverailort, prevalent faults, setting up of exercises, tasks of the director and umpires on exercises, officer initiative, conferences post-exercise, inter-troop "marches", night training, reconnaissance training, relaying information, sea training, difficult landings, climbing, swimming, signalling, medical training and Commando training instructions.

- The conditions of service for all personnel of Special Service Units, detailing responsibilities, terms of service and special allowances available.
- Additional Training Notes (to be used in conjunction with spring training instructions, 1941) dated 18th April 1941 from Brigadier Commanding S.S Brigade. The additional notes outline; sequence of training and preparation programmes, training conferences, length and speed of marches, length of marches prior to exercise, protection and withdrawal, HQ's on exercises, recognition signs, parachute troops, useful publications, officer's weeks, demolition training and practice for rapid moves.

File 3

- Map showing Redcar and surrounding area. The rear of the map shows tide times for January 1942. Map reference Geographical General staff, No. 3906, printed at the W.O 1939.
- Map by 521st (Corps Field Survey) Company R.E on 7th January 1942 showing part of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire from Kingston upon Hull to Newark upon Trent. The rear of the map shows tide times for February 1942.
- Notebook of Captain Montanaro containing notes made while on Umpires exercise 4A/13. Notes include things to look for, reports to be made to battalion commanders, problems encountered by different units, immediate requirements and operational questions to be asked
- Series of letters between Major Montanaro while at the R.A.E Farnborough and Lieutenant-General R.P. Pakenham-Walsh dated between 10th September and 2nd November 1950, regarding operations conducted by engineers in the Special Service Brigade for a history of the Corps of Royal Engineers.
- Report on Operations against the enemy in Boulogne Harbour- night 11th/12th April 1942, dated 13th April 1942 from Captain Montanaro to Brigade Commander S.S Brigade. Included in the report are; objectives of the operation, forces allotted to the attack, general plan of attack, the timings anticipated, a detailed breakdown of the events including times for all the events noted and the technical lessons learned from the attack.
- Message dated 22nd November 1941 from Captain Montanaro confirming the sending of a report to S.O.O.
- Chit from Vice-Admiral Dover dated 24th November 1941 confirming the return of intelligence report.
- 101 Troop Reconnaissance report for the night 12th.13th November 1941, near Calais. Report dated 20th November 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Report contains information on the objectives, the force employed, naval events observed from the escorting motor launch, military events of the landing force, results of this reconnaissance and the lessons learned from the mission.
- Chart showing tide times for Dover eastern entrance for the dates 13th/20th October (no year provided.)
- Report dated 6th December 1941 from Captain Montanaro to Brigade Commander S.S Brigade on the subject of a canoe navigation exercise. The report includes the object of the exercise, the methods used and the results of the exercise. The exercise itself is concerned with using coloured lights for navigation and test a copper-wire screen aerial.

- A set of training instructions dated 19th February 1941 from B.M Special Service Brigade to Captain Montanaro regarding 101 Troop becoming an HQ troop. The instructions detail their new role, training they will need, experiments to be undertaken and new training reports and stores for the unit.
- Four copies of a set of orders for 0 i/c attacking part from Captain Montanaro dated 16th September 1941 for a limpet placing exercise in Loch Linnhe on the 17th September 1941. Orders include information on the target, the intention of the exercise and the method to be used during the attack.
- List of soldiers involved on a night exercise for the night 8th/9th September 1941, dated 6th September 1941 by Captain Montanaro.
- Letters between Captain Montanaro and Commodore G.O Stephenson dated 19th/23rd August 1941. The letters regard possible co-operation between the navy and 101 Troop to train the Troop in amphibious warfare and to experiment with new ideas to improve the effectiveness of amphibious assaults.
- A set of orders to Captain Montanaro in relation to a guerrilla warfare exercise to take place on the Island of Skye between the 6th and the 9th July 1941. Orders contain information about the area to be attacked, outline of the situation itself, detailed plan for the movements of the Commando force and Captain Montanaro's own notes on how to carry out the exercise.
- A letter from Captain Montanaro to Brigadier Haydon commanding S.S. Brigade dated 2 July 1941. The letter refers to the proposed amalgamation into No.6 Commando of 101 Troop and the extreme reluctance of many of its members to do so. It also implies the commander of No.6 Commando to be a liar and through references to the Munich Putsch places this commander on the same level as Hitler. The letter also demonstrates the loyalty within the Commando units as it describes many of the Troop wanting to be returned to their previous units rather than join No.6 Commando.
- Letters between Brigadier Haydon and Captain Montanaro dated 21st and 26th March 1941. The letter from Brigadier Haydon requests information concerning the death of one man while canoeing, reports of live rounds fired at 101 Troop by boats they were attacking during an exercise and the lack of a withdrawal scheme during this exercise. Captain Montanaro's letter is a reply to this providing the answers to all questions asked by the Brigadier.
- Message dated 21st February 1941 from Captain Montanaro to S.S Brigade HQ regarding 101 Troop's change in role to Brigade HQ. The Message sets out war establishment including a reorganisation to allow for two dedicated canoe detachments, recruiting to bring the Troop up to full strength and the stores required. Message also includes notes showing the total strength of the reorganised Troop as well as an analysis and diagram showing how the Troop will be made up.
- Orders dated 28th June 1941 from Commander No.6. Commando to Captain Montanaro regarding a reconnaissance to be carried out both on foot and in vehicles by 101 Troop. Order includes the route to be taken.
- A report dated 18th September 1941 written by Corporal Weatherall regarding an experiment firing the 2" mortar from a canoe. The report includes a description of setting up the mortar, descriptions of the 5 (4 smoke, 1 HE) shots made by Cpl Weatherall and his findings concluding with his assessment of the practicability of firing a mortar from a canoe.

- Exercise orders dated 9th August 1941 from the B.M Special Boat Service for exercise instruction (Leapfrog.) The orders give timings for each stage of the exercise, order of disembarkation of troops from H.M.S “Prince Charles,” the operational boat statistics and the allotment of boats for No.6 Troop – VI Commando.
- Message dated 9th August 1941 from S.C Special Service Brigade regarding the rations to be taken ashore by the landing forces during Exercise Leapfrog. Message details the items to be taken ashore and the amounts for 48 hours compared to a 24 hour ships rations.
- Amendment No.1 to Exercise Leapfrog dated 5th August 1941 from B.M Special Service Brigade.
- Set of Naval Orders dated 6th August 1941 from Captain Kershaw R.N. (ret.) outlining the Naval aspect of Exercise Leapfrog. Orders include the force to be assembled, the Naval objective, the approach to Scapa Flow and the formation to be used, the actions to be taken after entering Scapa Flow by each ship and general information about the exercise.
- Operation Order No.1 dated 9th August 1941 by Captain Commanding No.6 Troop No. VI Commando, for the use of No.6 Troop. Orders present an exercise for recapturing the Orkney Mainland including, map reference for area of operations, information on “enemy” forces, the objectives, the method to be used for landing and regaining possession, administrative set-up, and intercommunication between the different elements of the landing force.
- 101 Troop Operational Order No.1, dated 9th August 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Orders outline 101 Troop’s part in the recapture of the Orkney mainland. Orders include; map reference, information on “enemy” and allied forces in the area, the objective for 101 Troop, the method by which their assault will be carried out, administrative set-up including medical arrangements and “prisoners,” and intercommunication with other elements of the landing forces.
- Complete plans for Exercise Leapfrog dated 2nd August 1941 by B.M Special Service Brigade. The plans include detailed information on objectives for each unit taking part in the exercise as well as the dress, medical facilities and codes to be used during the exercise. The appendices provide information on “enemy” troop movements, topographical information and suitability for landing vehicles around the island. They also provide a detailed breakdown of the units involved obtained through reconnaissance as well as the air situation with information on communicating with the participating air units. The final appendix is a list of all the units taking part in the attacking force.
- Special Service Brigade Training Programme for the 13th and 14th August 1941. Programme shows the training to be undertaken by each unit in the S.S Brigade including any special remarks or actions that need undertaking by a unit.
- Special Service Brigade Re-embarkation Order for Exercise S.1, dated 1st August 1941 by S.C Special Service Brigade. The orders include sections relating to rear parties of units including stores and vehicles, details of mail and censorship to be followed by Troop commanders, security considerations to be observed, arms and ammunition to be carried by each person and the amount allocated to each ship for training, documents to be taken and amount of pay to be carried by units. The appendices show the breakdown of each

units and which ships they will embark on showing total numbers start times and the ships to be used in the exercise.

- Map printed by 521st (Corps Field Survey) Company R.E. on 2nd Dec 1941 showing the Upper Llanfihanel Y Creuddyn and the surrounding area. On the rear of the map are the tide times for January 1942.
- Report on No.2 Section 101 Troop during a night exercise 9th/10th August 1941 by Lieutenant J. K. Smith. The report contains information about the fouling of one of the section boats on a submarine net and the subsequent failure of the section to engage in the exercise.
- “Report on the results of experiments with R. Mine type 1.” Dated 7th March 1942, by an L/Sgt. The report includes descriptions of two different ways of transporting the mine using the canoe and also gives an analysis of these methods. It also contains information about how quickly the mine could be set and sunk for both methods before concluding on the most efficient method for transporting the mine using a canoe.
- A report on “Canoe Operations – Employment of ‘R’ Mines.” Dated 1st April 1942 by Captain Montanaro. This report is largely based on the report above and provides a description of the adaptations made to the mine for this purpose. It also outlines the two methods for transporting and deploying the mine and confirms which would be best as well as predicting its usefulness against shipping. Included is a diagram showing how the mine can be lowered to explode against the weakest part of a ships armour plate and a communication from D.T.M Admiralty requesting resources for Montanaro to carry out more tests.
- Three copies of Exercise Operation Order Night 30th November/ 1st December 1941 by Captain Montanaro. The order outlines an attack against and occupied Dover harbour including information on “enemy” forces, the objectives of the exercise, the method to be used including markers and grid references, intercommunication between elements and the operational administration.
- Operational order for 101 Troop on “Landing and Defence Scheme, Loch Leven (night 1st/2nd September 1941.)” Dated 1st September 1941. Contains brief sections relating to “enemy” information, objectives, methods to be used and intercommunication.
- Two copies of report and diagrams dated 20th November 1941 from an L/Sgt R.E 101 Troop on the results of attaching limpet mines to a blockship. Report is not very clear but the diagrams clearly show the damage done to the ship and the positions the different results for limpets in different positions.
- Two copies of a report on R.A.F Type P.8 Compass dated 5th January 1942, written by Captain Montanaro. The report details the findings of an experiment into the most suitable type of compass for use in canoes full of magnetic equipment and explains the mounting of the compass, the trials, the results and the conclusion of these trials.
- An unsigned, undated document on the subject of combined operations. In the document, the writer stresses the value of combined operations with XII Corps and the need for better training facilities such as those on offer in Scotland to be used in training for combined Operations.
- Minutes of meeting held at C.O.H.Q at 1500 hours 25th February 1942 to discuss the forming of a military Special Boat Section. Attached to these

minutes is a forwarding note to Combined Operations H.Q from Captain I.G Colvin RM. The subjects of the meeting were; proposing the set-up of the Special Boat Section, the location, duration and make-up of the training, number of men trained, how the development of technique and equipment was to be managed, pay and equipment and a system of planning operations to avoid possible clashes of objectives.

- Naval message from Major Courtney to Captain Montanaro requesting help in an experiment and the list of equipment and men required.
- Three copies of a report to Brigade Commander S.S Brigade from Captain Montanaro dated 6th December 1941 regarding an exercise in canoe navigation. The object of the exercise was to test a new copper wire screen-aerial and give navigation practice in a tideway with a continually changing tide. Included in the report is the method used to carry out the exercise, including forces deployed, course and special navigation instructions issued and the results for the aerial, navigation and torch colours used.
- A report to the Brigade Commander S.S Brigade from Captain Montanaro dated 2nd October 1941. The report is on the training for limpet operations and includes details of the daily routine. Also included is a detailed outline of the special training and experiments taking place for the purpose of limpet attacks. The report contains; special training at night, experimental work and maintenance and notes on the results of the training undertaken.
- Orders dated 16th and 17th June 1941 by Captain Montanaro regarding a night exercise Concentration Scheme. The orders include details of objectives, the method to be used, the orders for each group involved and lists of the soldiers in each group. Attached to these orders are the handwritten reports by each of the soldiers who took part including the compass bearings they used and any observations on the nature of the terrain.
- Orders for a navigation exercise dated 16th July 1941 by Captain Montanaro. Orders include a reference for the map to be used, and the bearings to be used along with visual targets and grid references.
- Operation orders for O.C detachment 101 Troop on Demolition Raid Scheme 17th July 1941 dated 15th July 1941. These orders are for a roadblock detachment taking part in a Brigade size exercise and include the objective of the detachment, the method used including landing procedure and assault, the plans for the demolition party and the methods for communication and signalling for the detachment.
- Orders for a night scouting exercise dated 6th September 1941. The orders contain the objectives to be scouted, the methods to be used when observing and stalking the sentries and the administration of the withdrawal.
- Orders for a map reading and assault exercise dated 24th June 1941. The orders involve the capture of an old fort after navigation into shore. The order includes general orders to the NCOs in charge of the attacking party and the "enemy" reinforcements.
- A note dated 21st February 1942 from Captain Montanaro to Brigade Commander S.S Brigade regarding the training undertaken by 101 Troop. Attached to this is a report on the different types of training undertaken by the unit. This includes land training i.e. drill, marching distance judging and weapons firing, Naval training i.e. canoe work and naval gunnery and miscellaneous work i.e. maintenance of stores, film exhibitions and discipline.

- A Naval message dated 26th June 1941 from Captain Colvin to Captain Montanaro regarding an exercise. Attached are the operation general instructions including information and the naval procedure with a note from Captain Colvin regarding meals. Also attached are the operation orders containing information on the troops involved, their landing places and objectives as well as a map showing the location of the landing places on the Island of Skye.
- Report dated 12 March 1941 from Captain Montanaro to No.1 S.S Brigade H.Q. The report regards training instructions previously sent out and contains notes relating to certain sections and reports on the type of training undertaken. These include experiments with climbing, long-distance canoeing, marches on varying terrain and time testing with Folboats. Also included are notes on a Limpet and land attack on Tobermoray harbour and town by two sections dated 11th March 1941. This report includes suggestions on how to make embarkation from cobbles to canoes easier. Also included is a report on a massed canoe Limpet attack on the night of 6th/7th March 1941 on Fort William Harbour. This report outlines the objective to practice boarding ships. The report includes an outline of the method involved the routes to be used and the lessons learned from the exercise.
- Five copies of 101 Troop Operation Order for the night 14th/15th August 1941. The exercise involves a Brigade assault on Mainland Orkney and details 101 Troops role in taking out M.G posts and capturing a distillery. Included in the order is general information, their objectives and the method to be used as well as administrative details such as dress, use of explosives and umpires. Also included are maps of the two objectives showing the landing points of both sections and any “enemy” defences in the area.
- Two copies of orders dated 3rd December 1941 by Captain Montanaro regarding a night navigation scheme in the Folkestone area for the night of 4th/5th December. The orders include the tide strength, tide direction and canoe bearing for different times for each canoe flight. Orders also include the arrangements for collection and S.O.S messages.
- Letter dated 27th December 1941 from Captain Montanaro to Senior Officer (Planning), Vice-Admiral Dover. The letter regards operational and training procedures for 101 Troop and proposes that 101 Troop move to the Folkestone area to obtain better sea training facilities. Included is the method for transporting the Troop and the advantages and disadvantages of having the whole Troop in one place.
- Two copies of a document dated 6th September 1941 detailing equipment to be carried by the men when in canoes with full loads. This document provides the role of the soldier and the weapons, ammunition and equipment to be carried by all soldiers in this role. Also attached is a handwritten document providing the same information for each section within 101 Troop for canoe landings.. This list includes the names of the soldiers, the role they take e.g. scout, Bren team, and the equipment they must carry.
- Orders dated 3rd December 1941 by Captain Montanaro regarding a night navigation scheme in the Folkestone area on the night 3rd/4th December 1941. Orders include sailing orders, tide strength and direction as well as canoe bearing for different times of night and orders relating to extraction and safety procedures.

- A Report dated 15th November 1941 by Major- General Commanding 44 Division on a reconnaissance carried out by a detachment from 101 Special Service Company between Gravelines and Calais on night 12th/13th November 1941. This report contains the objectives of the mission which involved information concerning the suitability of the beach for landing small reconnaissance parties. It also included the naval events and the Military events as well as a summary of enemy contact and the findings of the mission. Attached is a letter from Captain Montanaro to Brigadier Haydon regarding the two men from 101 Troop lost on the mission. The letter also demonstrates the reaction of the Troop to the losses and request medals for the two men.
- Map showing Redcar and the surrounding area dated 1938. On the rear of the map are the Dover tide times for December 1941.
- Four pages of notes dated 15th November 1941 by Captain Montanaro dealing with a new type of code. The notes include trial messages, methods for decoding and the procedure for using the code.
- Message from D.C.O War Cabinet Office to Commander S.S Brigade and Captain Montanaro dated 8th September 1941. The message is a request for 101 Troop to conduct experiments into the use of Folbots and R.A.F Air Boats for destructive raids upon enemy shipping. The message states the conditions and equipment needed to be tested for and suggests the officer detailed to lead such a raid be in attendance during the experiments.
- Naval message dated 22nd February 1942 from Captain Montanaro to S.O (P) requesting the details of a machine for night-vision testing machine in order to use the machine on his men. On the rear of the message is a reply informing him where the nearest one is located. Also attached is a list of results for the night-blindness test on members of 101 Troop.
- Part of a letter from Captain Montanaro to Brigadier Haydon regarding the progress and nature of training of 101 Troop. As stated in the letter, it is outside the official report and so has examples of training activities not normally found in such reports i.e. hockey games with the WRENs.
- Letter dated 17th March 1942 from Major General Verniers van der Loeff at the Netherlands Colonial Office to Captain Montanaro regarding three officers from the Netherlands East Indies Army to provide information and aid on demolition explosives at night.
- A note dated 30th March 1942 from Chief of Combined Operations to Captain Montanaro regarding good co-operation with the fifth Submarine Flotilla.
- A receipt for 3 photographs dated 24th March 1942 signed for by Captain Montanaro and approved by the Commodore Combined Operations.
- A note dated 1st April 1942 from B.M Special Service Brigade to Captain Montanaro congratulating 101 Troop on their good co-operation with fifth Submarine Flotilla.
- A note dated 11th March 1942 from S.C. Special Service Brigade to Captain Montanaro regarding the receipt of photographs of experiments with underwater explosives.
- A note dated 11th March 1942 from Commodore Combined Operations confirming the sending of the photographs related to experiments with underwater explosives and noting the favourable results.
- Synopsis of six week courses in canoeing for 101 Troop. This programme shows the range of training exercises that were undertaken to ensure the Troop

were competent in their use of canoes. The programme is split into weeks with both practical and theoretical training accounted for.

- 101 Troop Provisional Training programmes dating from 27th December 1940-9th November 1941. These programmes provide details of the training assignments for 101 Troop over a year and also give training details for those detachments from 101 Troop. They demonstrate a range of both practical and theoretical lessons and display the thorough training troops in the Special Service Brigade would receive.
- A letter dated 11th June 1941 from Captain Montanaro to the Brigade Commander concerning training Troop movements. The letter contains information regarding the problems of billeting large numbers of troops at Glencoe and the usefulness of the new canoe school at Salen.
- Two copies of an operation order for an exercise involving 101 Troop detachment sea attack on harbour and shipping-Tobermoray, dated 30th June 1941 by Captain Montanaro. The orders contain information regarding the exercise to sneak into the Naval base from the sea and to “sink” using limpet mines as many ships without being caught. The orders also instruct those taking part on the method to be used as well as the forms of communication to be used.
- Letter dated 22nd April 1941 from Captain Montanaro to Senior Naval Officer Commanding Tobermoray. The letter is requesting help with training 101 Troop how to sabotage submarines and to use them as transport for their canoes.
- Exercise orders dated 29th April 1941 by Captain Montanaro regarding night landing and reconnaissance scheme (night 1st/2nd May.) The exercise involves a night assault on a village on the Isle of Coll and identifies the main features to be captured. Also mentioned are the methods to be used in the attack and the administrative details to be observed.
- A letter dated 21st April 1941 from Brigadier S.S. Brigade to Group Captain R.L Crofton Commanding R.A.F Oban regarding the possibility of using Sunderland flying boats to experiment in dropping troops in collapsible boats. Attached to this is a reply from Group Captain Crofton dated 25th April 1941 stating that no Sunderland flying boats are in the area. Also attached is a letter dated 8th April 1941 from Naval Officer in charge, Oban to Captain Montanaro replying to a request for information regarding experiments with aircraft.
- Two copies of a message dated 29th April 1941 from Commodore, H.M.S “Western Isles” to Captain Montanaro regarding the use of a submarine for training and the accommodation provided for members of 101 Troop during their previous stay in Tobermoray.
- A note dated 14th April 1942 from Brigadier S.S Brigade to Lieutenant Montanaro regarding experiments and a sent report on ‘R’ mines.

- Photographs '42': Collection of photographs include various shots of Montanaro in Naval uniform and taking part in leisure activities. Also included are a few pictures featuring the canoes used by 101 Troop and German Luger pistols also used by the Troop.
- Photographs 'Last': Collection of photographs showing various scenes of soldiers relaxing in rooms of houses or outside playing sports or relaxing around military vehicles. Vehicles include light scout tanks and American "deuce and a half" trucks. Also included are pictures from a party with various women's auxiliary forces represented.
- Photographs '44': Collection of photos, many showing scenes from Royal Navy destroyers or of rough seas from the coast. Also included are a series of pictures showing two men bringing a canoe out of a rough sea.
- Photographs '45': Collection of photographs many showing family scenes and pictures of a new baby. Also included are pictures of Naval Officers, many are portraits but others were taken during leisure time or while working.
- Photographs '39': Collection of photographs many of them pictures of a small child. Also included are pictures of soldiers relaxing during training around military equipment mainly in the form of canoes as well as repair work being done to a small boat. There are also a couple of pictures showing an experimental inflatable type canoe in use.
- Photographs '38': Collection of photographs many involving the building and camouflaging of a small boat by soldiers. Also included are some pictures of various coastlines and one picture of two 'tall' ships from shore.
- Photographs '46': Collection of mainly personal pictures of friends and colleagues. A few pictures of coastlines taken from boats.
- Photographs '56': Collection of photographs mainly of himself and friends in uniform on days out with some family included.
- Photographs '53': Collection of photographs including many of Montanaro with a female Captain of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Also included are pictures of soldiers repairing a damaged wire fence and craters in fields and inspecting road bridges.
- Photographs '51': Collection of photographs showing soldiers at work with a tank chassis converted for use as a bulldozer and the construction of a Bailey bridge. Also included are photos showing an army parade and officers at leisure and visiting a ruined church.
- Photographs: Photographs of Colonel Montanaro's trip to New York.
- Photographs '37': Collection of photographs mainly of a trip involving officers of the Army, Royal Navy and WRENs. One photo includes a hunting/sniper rifle.
- Photographs 'Part film B = 35': A collection of photographs showing a barge being towed before sinking by military personnel. Also included are pictures of friends and colleagues.
- Badge: The shoulder badge worn by Montanaro while serving with 101 Troop, Special Service Brigade.
- Korean War anti-USA propaganda: A series of articles published in both the USA and Korea and cards from the North Koreans inciting desertion in U.S soldiers and hatred for the U.S among British and Black soldiers.
- Photographs '40 A': Series of pictures showing the launching and testing of a small submersible craft belonging to 101 Troop.

- Photographs 'film A = 34': Collection of photographs many featuring women. Also included are pictures of coastline taken from a small boat as well as pictures of other soldiers relaxing or at work.
- Photographs '43': Collection of photographs showing a group of WRENS probably on a trip while in Scotland.
- Photographs 'film C=36: Collection of photographs including coastal shots of Skye and one featuring a deck gun on a small boat. Also included are pictures of a WREN on lookout duty and portraits, as well as pictures of the same lady taken when older.
- Pocket book of the Old comrades association of the Army Commandos belonging to General Montanaro. This book shows his membership as starting in 1948 and includes the receipt of his subscription.
- Corps of Royal Engineers Diary from 1948. Diary includes the history and traditions of the Royal Engineers as well as diagrams and notes made by General Montanaro.
- Diary dated 1941 containing references to training exercises and accidents or problems that arose during them.
- Diary dated 1940 containing General Montanaro's movements while still with the Royal Engineers in France and his actions during the Dunkirk operation as well as notes and addresses.
- Diary dated 1942 containing details of General Montanaro's daily activities while with 101 Troop.
- Address Book used as a Diary for 1945 detailing General Montanaro's daily activities. The much of the year has a heavy emphasis on parties and hangovers.
- Diary dated 1938 containing mainly refills of petrol, mileage done in his car and repairs to be made. Also included are references to leisure activities and trips taken while on leave.
- Diary dated 1944 mainly relating to the planning of exercises and preparing troops for deployment to Malaya. Also includes frequent references to visits to London.
- Diary dated 1953 Korea. The diary itself is a piece of propaganda by the North Koreans and features pictures and exhortations to surrender and become a prisoner as well as quotes at the bottom of each page denouncing war and those who participate in them including quotes from the bible and William Shakespeare.
- Diary dated 1943 containing the daily activities of General Montanaro while in charge of 101 Troop S.S. Brigade.
- Dairy dated 1946 containing the daily activities of General Montanaro during his time at the Army Staff College and RMA Sandhurst.

Box 3

- Black, leather- photo album belonging to General Montanaro showing pictures of soldiers during training. Included is pictures during boat training, football games, signalling, rock climbing, rugby games, mountain scenes from cross country marches, stream crossing, soldiers during transportation, winter mountain training, recovery at an aircraft crash site, canoe training as well as personal photographs. All show a range of military equipment including

trucks, assault boats, commando canoes, Lee Enfield .303 rifles, Bren Guns and the personal kit carried by soldiers. All photos are taken during General Montanaro's time with 101 Troop in Scotland before 1943.

Box 4

- Black leather photo album belonging to General Montanaro. The album contains pictures of soldiers training including; Canoe training, small boat training, personal pictures of a trip around the Scottish coast, personal pictures of General Montanaro while relaxing, fishing, pictures of naval officers of the Merchant Navy and other soldiers relaxing and training in and around Dover harbour. The Album provides many pictures of military equipment including canoes, patrol craft, naval destroyers, Tommy guns and uniforms of the Commando units.
- Hard-back black file containing two reports from the RAE in Farnborough, Hants. The first of these is entitled "A method of measuring, by flight experiments, weathercock frequency & aerodynamic damping in the R.T.V.I rocket." Dated September 1950, written by Major Montanaro and W.E Margetson. The report includes explanations of the investigation including equations used to calculate the experiments, diagrams of the missile being tested and graphs showing the results and conclusions of the investigation. The second report is entitled "Interim note on self-destruction devices in the R.T.V.I rocket." Dated February 1950 written by Major Montanaro. This report includes the details of the testing carried out on the rocket, diagrams of the rocket and how the mechanism is fitted, electrical drawings of the device, photographs showing initial tests and aspects of the device as well as detailed graphs of the experiments and the findings of the study.
- Black folder containing a collection of journals, letters and songs belonging to General Montanaro. Included is a map of Chang Duk Place and the Secret Garden from Korea, June 1954 issue of "The Kansas Tract: Journal of the Royal Imjineers" (1st Commonwealth Divisional Engineers), a letter dated 20th February 1943 to Combined Operations Headquarters from Assistant Adjutant General R.E. regarding T/Lieutenant Commander Montanaro R.N. and the date of his return to service with the Royal Engineers and his permanent rank. The folder also includes a letter from Combined Operations Headquarters to Colonel C.A.H Montanaro O.B.E dated 31st December 1943 regarding his son's (G.C.S Montanaro) future in the army after his transfer to the Royal Navy. The folder also includes the score to "Love's Roundabout", a poem signed T.W.C, a silk cloth showing an army cartoon of an American sailor, poems entitled Enchantment, Cathusalum, The Strip Polka, Antony Claire and Grabberwochy, all of which contain typically military humour. Also included is a list of books on witchcraft.
- Red album entitled "653 Squadron Army Air Corps, Annual Administrative Inspection, 24th February 1965. The album shows pictures from Brigadier Montanaro's inspection of 653 Squadron. The pictures show the many different regiments that made up the Army Air Corps as each member has a different cap badge. The album also shows pictures of military equipment including the SLR rifle, STEN sub-machine guns, observation aircraft and a display by and Army helicopter.

Montanaro Albums

- Black leather album showing photos of men training and relaxing as well as personal photographs. Training includes; classroom instruction, parade drill, river crossing, assault training from small boats, weapons firing and bayonet drill. Also included are photos of soldiers relaxing at the beach, undertaking construction work, soldiers out hunting and bringing back a deer. There are also pictures of various ships taken from a transport including one picture with a submarine in the foreground. Included are various on-ship scenes such as picking crates out of the water, a deck gun, Personal photos include other officers on days out with girlfriends, hunting, swimming, relaxing in billets, pictures of posed women, walking trips into the hills, driving trips, many shots of scenery and officers with hunting rifles. These photos show some equipment used by the Commando at the time including their distinctive combat gear such as the felt hat, as well as the .303 rifle, different hunting rifles, side arms and assault boats.
- Red Album containing mainly pictures of family holidays and family members with one page consisting of pictures of soldiers training in small boats.