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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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FIVE HEAVY REGT RA (TA) Army Form C.2118.
 INCHCOLM FIRE COMMAND
 Unit 504 (FIVE) COAST REGT RA
 Commanding Officer LIEUT COL N.A. MURLEY MC RA

up to 30/6/41.
 Month and Year FEBRUARY 1940

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			Prior to Mobilization the Five Heavy Regiment consisted of Headquarters at BROUGHTY CASTLE, BROUGHTY FERRY, DUNDEE, 163 HEAVY BATTERY at KIRCALDY and 173 HEAVY BATTERY at CASTLE GREEN, BROUGHTY FERRY.	
BROUGHTY FERRY	25/8/39		The Regiment Embodies and 163 HEAVY BATTERY commenced moving from Six inch guns at KINGHORN and PETTYCUR, FIFESHIRE	
FIRTH OF FORTH	28/8/39		173 HEAVY BTRY joined 163 BTRY at KINGHORN & PETTYCUR Shortly after this, 168 BTRY threw off a cadre and reunited personnel to form a training battery known as 'X' BTRY (later designated 194 HEAVY BTRY) Part of 'X' BTRY went to COASTGUARD and INCHGARVIE BATTERIES where they trained on TWELVE POUNDERS. The remainder staying at KINGHORN where they trained on the TWO POUNDER POM-POM.	
FIRTH OF FORTH	28/10/39		173 HEAVY BATTERY under training at KINGHORN went to Kinross where they commenced improving and later maned a two six inch open battery guarding the convoy anchorages at ELFE 'X' BATTERY went to the Island of INCHCOLM to mount and man two 12 pdrs and one 2 pdr pom-pom which an attachment went to CRAMOND Island to mount and man two 2 pdr pom-poms Two 12 pdrs were later mounted at CRAMOND and 140 HEAVY BATTERY formedly	

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(Rev. 41)

Unit 504 (FIFE) COAST REGIMENT

Commanding Officer LIEUT COL W.W. CONNOR

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1940 UNTIL 8th JANUARY 1940
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			belonging to the FORTH HEAVY REGIMENT came from COASTGUARD BATTERY is	
	DEC 39		man them	
FIRTH OF FORTH	DEC/39 to JAN/40		a training battery consisting of personnel from Infantry Training Centres and Field Training Regiment's RA was formed at CHARLES HILL. Later a party	Dad joined 8th January
	Jan 40		of these were sent to INCHICKERY to mount and man two twin 6 pdrs	
	Feb 40		and the remainder to mount and man two twin 6 pdrs at INCHCOLM	
FIRTH OF FORTH	FEB/40 to 28/MAY/40	May 28	CHARLES HILL TRAINING Battery closed down and opened again on 28 MAY '40 when a party from INCHCOLM was there to mount one 6 pdr twin equipment	
FIRTH OF FORTH	JUNE/40		Training batteries consisting of personnel from Infantry Training Centres and	
	June 40		Anti Tank Training Regt's RA formed at INCHCOLM and CHARLES HILL	
FIRTH OF FORTH	12/6/40		W.O. letter 79/W.E./1211 (AG. I.A.) of 26 June '40 authorised the Reorganization of	
	June 40		FORTH FIXED DEFENCES as follows: 1TB HEAVY BATTERY KINCRAIG to become KINCRAIG FIRE COMMAND, 160 HEAVY BATTERY manning CRANON and INCHICKERY and 194 HEAVY BATTERY manning INCHCOLM and CHARLES HILL to become INCHCOLM FIRE COMMAND	
FIRTH OF FORTH	14/1/40		W.O. letter 20/ANL/5707 (AG. 6 a) INCHCOLM FIRE COMMAND becomes 504 th (FIFE) COAST	
	July 40		REGIMENT RA consisting of 'A' COAST BATTERY (INCHCOLM BTY [6 pdr] + KENT BTY [12 pdr])	

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Army Form C.2118
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Unit

Commanding Officer

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			This reorganization caused all administrative matters to be centralized under the ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER at Regimental Headquarters and took off 173 Battery altogether.	
FORTH OF FORTH.	AUG/40 and SEPT/40		Enemy planes did a considerable amount of parachute mine laying - one of which exploded in the air above Incheon and another exploded on the treshen of Incheon. No great material damage was done and there were no casualties.	
FORTH OF FORTH.	12/4/40		Code word "CATHWELL" issued and all leave stopped.	
do.	4/4/41		Major Billston assumed command	
do.	23/1/41		Lt Col. W.W. Cowan assumed command	
do.	26/3/41		Lt Col. W.A. Musker M.C. assumed command	
do.	29/3/41		Batteries renumbered from 248/249. Incheon 245/246. Incheon 247. Charles Hill 250.	
do.	12/31/5/41		176 Bty from Orkneys changed over with 246 Bty Incheon	
do.	14/6/41		22 ORs posted to complete 6 par establishment	

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Month and Year Aug 40 - June 41

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 5th Heavy Regiment RA (TA)
 Incheolm Fire Command Army Form C.2118
 Unit 504 Fire Coast Reg RA
 Commanding Officer _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			This reorganization caused all administrative matters to be centralized under the ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER at Regimental Headquarters and back off 173 Battery altogether.	
FIRTH OF FORTH.	AUG/40		Enemy planes did a considerable amount of parachute mine laying - one of which exploded in the air above Incheolm and another exploded on the treshen of INCHEOLM. No great material damage was done and there were no casualties.	
FIRTH OF FORTH.	12/4/40	Sept 40	Code word "CRIMWELL" received and all leave stopped.	
do.	6/1/41	Jan 41	Major Billston assumed command	
do.	23/1/41		Lt Col W.W. Bowman assumed command	6-13 th 7 days leave
do.	24/3/41	March 41	Lt Col W.A. Purley M.C. assumed command	
do.	27/3/41	March 41	Batteries renumbered from 248/249. Incheolm 245/246. Incheolm 247. Charles Hill 250	18 th April 1941 7 day leave
do.	10/5/41	May 41	176 Bty from Orkneys changed one unit 246 Bty Incheolm	
do.	14/6/41	June 41	72 ORs posted to complete before establishment	
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 504 (Pfe) Coast Army Form C. 2118
 Unit: Regt. R.A.
 Commanding Officer: *[Signature]* Lt Col., R.A.
 504 (Pfe) Coast Regt. R.A.

Month and Year: OCTOBER 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CHARLES HILL	11th		250 Coast Battery R.A., returned from Infantry Training at I.T.C., BERWICK-on-Tweed, with Detachment from 248/9 Coast Batteries (4 officers and 106 Other Ranks).	
INCHMICKERY			247 Coast Battery, R.A., proceeded on Infantry Training at I.T.C., BERWICK-on-Tweed. (2 Officers and 123 Other Ranks).	
INCHMICKERY			196 Coast Battery R.A., relieved 247 Coast Battery R.A.	
	27th			7 days leave.
	31st		Strength of Regiment - 28 Officers. 635 Other Ranks.	see page 3

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504 (FIVE) COAST REGT. R.A.
INCHCOLM
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Month and Year September 1941.

504 Coast Regt. R.A.
Commanding Officer Lt. Col. W. A. Murray M.C. R.A.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	REF. No.	References to Appendices.
Firth of Forth.	10th		3 Officers 104 ORs (196 Bty) posted to this unit from 73rd. Coast Training Regt.		
do	20th		1 Officer 63 ORs (250 Bty) 2 Officers 60 OR (248 Bty) attached to 10 I.F.C. Benwick-on. Trained for 3 weeks infantry training		
do.	8th		75 m/m equipment in action at Grandmanned by 943 Bty personnel.		
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Unit 504 (Pike) Coast
Battal. R.A.

Army Form C. 2118

Lt Col., R.A.

Commanding Officer [Signature]
504 (Pike) Coast Regt. R.A.

14/18

Month and Year OCTOBER 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CHARLES HILL	11th		250 Coast Battery R.A., returned from Infantry Training at I.T.C., BERWICK-on-Tweed, with Detachment from 248/9 Coast Batteries (4 officers and 106 Other Ranks).	
INCHMICKERY			247 Coast Battery, R.A., proceeded on Infantry Training at I.T.C., BERWICK-on-Tweed. (2 Officers and 123 Other Ranks).	
INCHMICKERY			196 Coast Battery R.A., relieved 247 Coast Battery R.A.	
	31st		Strength of Regiment - 28 Officers. 635 Other Ranks.	

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Month and Year November, 1941

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Unit 504 (Fife) Coast Regiment, R.A. Army Form C. 2118
 Commanding Officer [Signature] Lt Col., R.A.
 Comd. 504 (Fife) Co Regt. R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
INCHCOLM	1st.	1215	1 Officer and 74 Other Ranks returned from Infantry Training at No. 10 I.T.C., BERWICK-on-Tweed.	
CRAMOND	1st.	0935	2 Officers and 50 Other Ranks returned from Infantry Training at No. 10, I.T.C., Berwick-on-Tweed.	
CRAMOND	1st.	0800	2 Officers and 50 Other Ranks proceeded on Infantry Training at No. 10 I.T.C., BERWICK-on-TWEED	
INCHCOLM	1st.	0830	1 Officer and 74 Other Ranks proceeded on Infantry Training, at No. 10 I.T.C., BERWICK-on-TWEED.	
BERWICK	8th.	0718	3 Officers and 124 Other Ranks moved from BERWICK to KINGHORN to complete Infantry Training.	
KINGHORN	8th.	1415		
	30th.		Strength of Regiment:- 23 Officers. 544 Other Ranks.	

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504 (Fife) Coast Army Form 2118

Unit Regt. R.A.

18/18

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. R.A.

Comdg. 504 (Fife) Coast Regt. R.A.

Month and Year DECEMBER, 1941

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CRAMOND	8th.	1230	75 mm. Gun ceased to be manned by 47 Other Ranks of 943 Defence Battery, R.A., and manning commenced by personnel of this Regiment.	
INCHCOLM & CRAMOND	9th.	1022	Infantry Training completed and all ranks returned from KINGHORN.	
INCHMICKERY	22nd.	0930	247 Coast Battery R.A., relieved 196 Coast Battery R.A.; 196 Battery formed 3 parties, and each party attached for all purposes at INCHCOLM, CRAMOND, and CHARLES HILL.	
INCHCOLM	29th.	0100	196 Coast Battery R.A., ceased to be attached to this Regiment.	
INCHCOLM	31st.		Strength of Regiment:- 24 Officers. 550 Other Ranks.	