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**ADMINISTRATION ORDER TO ASSIST THE MOVEMENT OF THE BRITISH FORCES CONTINGENT ON THE 61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE (IMP) TO LOURDES COVERING 16-20 May 2019**

Reference:

A. 2019DIN01-007 dated January 2019

**BACKGROUND**

1. The International Military Pilgrimage (IMP) to Lourdes, begun in 1958 as an act of reconciliation between the French and German nations after the Second World War, celebrates its 61st anniversary this year. Traditionally sailors, soldiers and air personnel gather in the foothills of the Pyrenees every May to celebrate what unites men and women of faith, and to engage in breaking down the barriers of nationalism and language that can divide us. The United Kingdom has supported this activity for many years, responding to the invitation by the French Minister of Defence to our own, through the chain of command via both national Chiefs of Defence Staff.

Whilst the social and military elements are vital components of our time together, the opportunity presented to engage in matters of faith and justice are also crucial. In being members of the British Contingent it is important to remember that we are part of an International Pilgrimage and we should make an effort to participate in as many of the events, both Anglophone and other, that we can. In addition, there will be opportunities to spend time alone, or in small groups, exploring the place, the meaning and the hope that spiritual discovery can engender.

All Military pilgrims, together with those attaching themselves to the British contingent, are reminded that they are first and foremost on Pilgrimage. Every effort has been made to physically get pilgrims to Lourdes and this has not been without its own challenges. Particular attention is drawn to the work of the RC Trustees from each of the Services, as well as other funding sources, that have donated considerable amounts of money to allow this event to continue to take place. We all have reason to be grateful for their generosity and kindness. Pilgrims should be ready to adapt, with good grace, to any changes which are made to the outline programme in order to ensure the smooth running of the IMP. It should be borne in mind that the authorities have more than 40 nations' requests, and tens of thousands of Military Pilgrims, to take into consideration when planning events.

Service Personnel who have been wounded on Operations will be attending as part of the UK Contingent, together with their helpers. It is anticipated that our fellowship and common identity as comrades-in-arms will enable us to engage with them as full members of the IMP.

Our Pilgrimage is led this year by The Rt Revd Paul Mason, Bishop-in-Ordinary to Her Majesty's Forces. It is envisaged, travel delays notwithstanding, that all Pilgrims will be in Lourdes in time for a briefing, together with issue of security passes and badges, on the evening of Thu 16 May 19. This will allow us to begin the spiritual activity in earnest on the first morning of the Pilgrimage. Provisional details of time and place are published at Annex A.

It is a great joy and privilege to have The Waterloo Band under its Director of Music, Maj Lawrence Sale, travelling with and supporting both national and international parts of our Pilgrimage. The Band has attended the IMP previously and is very much looking forward to participating in order to make the event the best that it can for all concerned. The Pilgrimage Organiser (PO) has spent a great deal of time liaising directly with the Band and he is grateful for the generous response of all involved in seeking to make this duty a memorable event for the British Forces Contingent on this year's Military Pilgrimage.

## SITUATION

2. The 61st IMP to Lourdes will take place from Thu 16 to Mon 20 May 19. The IMP comprises national contingents from across the world, totalling in this year approximately 15,000 personnel. The British Contingent consists of groups from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force, Veterans, Civilian Attached and other interested parties. The British Contingent will be representing Her Majesty's Forces at the IMP, Serving Personnel wearing uniform throughout the weekend at all parades and activities. Ref A gives the context of the activity and indicates the duty nature of the event.

## MISSION

3. To administer the British Military Contingent attending the 61st IMP in order to contribute to the smooth running of the Pilgrimage for all personnel.

## TASKS

4. Specified tasks are as follows:

- a. Band tasks are at Annex B.
- b. Colour Party tasks are at Annex C.
- c. Additional tasks are at Annex E. There is a further requirement for Chaplains and their groups to take part in the International events and some individuals will be required for English-speaking roles. Chaplains will inform their groups of their commitment.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

5. All British Contingent Services conducted at Lourdes are under the direction of the PO. He is responsible for the formulating and printing of Orders of Service and Pilgrims booklets for distribution and use in Lourdes. He will act as the Liturgical Master of Ceremonies having selected the music and fully tasked the Band.

## GENERAL

6. In Lourdes all Military Personnel will march to, and attend, the formal services and events as an integral part of the British Contingent. A detailed programme for the IMP is made available on arrival in Lourdes. Orders will be published and placed in hotels after the IMP authorities' meeting at 1700hrs daily. At these meetings there may be amendments made to our programme in response to the changing security situation or pastoral need, and these will be published in Pilgrimage Daily Orders (PDO). These will be available each day before dinner with an updated programme detailed for the following day. Any questions or concerns should be passed to the PO for clarification. To keep things simple the start point for all events will be the Hotel Alba. The emergency RV will be the Hotel Alba (see Annex F for full risk assessment).

## MATERIAL AND SERVICES

7. Material and services are listed below.

- a. **Accommodation.** Full-board hotel accommodation is provided in the centre of Lourdes. The British Contingent will be accommodated in the Hotel Alba and if required Hotel St Georges.
- b. **Catering.** All Meals during the IMP will be provided by the hotels in which Pilgrims are accommodated. The first meal will be dinner on Thu 16 May 19 and the last meal will be breakfast on Mon 20 May 19. Any variation will be notified on PDOs.
- c. **Meals.** Timings are as stated on PDOs. The hotel staff will only start serving once a table is full, so the quicker the table is occupied the quicker that table will be served. This allows the staff to cater for us within the set times they are given. Any changes to meal times will be

alerted through PDOs. Please be encouraged to use these opportunities to sit with other British Contingent pilgrims, especially those of another Service to yours.

d. **Transport.** Individual transport to the Point of Embarkation will be a unit or individual responsibility. Transport from Lourdes airport or other airports will be included in the Tangney Tours Package. **It should be noted that pilgrims travelling outside the Tangney Tours package cannot be collected from the airport/station and must make their own way to/from the hotel of their choice. Each individual will also be required to pay the Military Pilgrimage levy of £30.** The main body train and flight movements are:

- (1) **15 May 19 outbound: BFG Contingent.** The Bundeswehr train will depart mid-morning from Hamm Bahnhof and arrive in Lourdes around midday on Thu 16 May 19. where a coach transfer to Hotel Basilique will be waiting. Timings will be confirmed by Senior Chaplain BFG when known.
- (2) **16 May 19 outbound: EZY7077** easyJet flight check-in at Liverpool opens at 0740hrs with the flight departing at 0940hrs. **Military Personnel on this flight are to travel in smart civilian attire.** Tangney Tours will provide coach transfer from Bordeaux Airport to hotel (appx 2 hours).
- (3) **16 May 19 outbound: ZT101** IMP charter flight check-in at Stansted opens at 0800hrs with the flight departing at 1000hrs. Report as directed by flight tickets/itinerary. **Military Personnel are to travel in uniform, as cleared through Service and Civil Aviation sources.** A Tangney Tours representative will be on site for last minute changes and issue of tickets/notification of accommodation allocation as necessary. Only light refreshments are served on the flight. Tangney Tours will provide coach transfer from Lourdes Airport to hotel (appx 30 minutes).
- (4) **16 May 19 outbound: EZY6139** easyJet flight check-in at Bristol opens at 0845hrs with the flight departing at 1045hrs. **Military Personnel on this flight are to travel in smart civilian attire.** Tangney Tours will provide coach transfer from Toulouse Airport to hotel (appx 2 hours).
- (5) **19 May 19 inbound (for nominated personnel only): EZY8340** easyJet flight will depart from Toulouse airport at 2155hrs. Coach transfer from Hotel Alba will be at 1700hrs. **Military Personnel on this flight are to travel in smart civilian attire.** Arrival time at Gatwick is scheduled for 2245hrs.
- (6) **20 May 19 inbound: BFG Contingent.** The Bundeswehr train will depart Lourdes mid-morning. Coach transfer from Hotel Basilique will be arranged and notified locally. It is scheduled to arrive at Hamm Bahnhof in the morning of Tue 21 May 19. Timings will be confirmed by Senior Chaplain BFG when known.
- (7) **20 May 19 inbound: EZY6140** easyJet flight will depart from Toulouse airport at 1400hrs. Coach transfer from Hotel Alba will be at 0930hrs. **Military Personnel on this flight are to travel in smart civilian attire.** Arrival time at Bristol is scheduled for 1450hrs.
- (8) **20 May 19 inbound: ZT102** IMP charter flight will depart from Lourdes airport at 1320hrs. Coach transfer from the Hotel Alba will be at 1030hrs. **Military Personnel are to travel in uniform, as cleared through Service and Civil Aviation sources.** Only light refreshments will be served on the flight. All timings are subject to air traffic control changes as Lourdes Airport has a 700% increase in air traffic that day. Arrival time at Stansted is scheduled for 1410hrs.

e. **Medical. Personnel are to be in possession of a European Health Insurance Card (formerly Form E111).** Minor ailments may be treated by the nursing representative to the Contingent. All medical matters requiring treatment should be reported to the PO who can arrange transport, translation services and general support at an appropriate facility.

- f. **Passports.** Personnel are to be in possession of a valid passport, NATO Travel Order, Service Identity (MOD 90 or equivalent) and appropriate visas as required.
- g. **Dress.** The forms of dress for various activities have been cleared through single Service authorities and are attached at Annex D to this instruction.
- h. **Insurance.** All pilgrims are to have valid personal travel insurance and the UK Travel Agent, Tangney Tours, will check all applications for validity. They are within their rights to refuse travel if no suitable travel insurance is provided. Personnel authorised by their chain of command as being on duty (and therefore not eligible for any RC Trust Grant as they will be able to claim T&S through JPA) will be covered for insurance purposes by JCCC. In any event, EHIC cards should be carried at all times.

## COMMAND AND SIGNAL

8. Contact details for personalities are as below:

<b>Bishop of the Forces</b>	The Rt Revd Paul Mason <a href="mailto:Paul.Mason111@mod.gov.uk">Paul.Mason111@mod.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Pilgrimage Organiser</b>	Fr Nick Gosnell VG <a href="mailto:stmichael.stgoerge@live.co.uk">stmichael.stgoerge@live.co.uk</a> Civ: 01252 315042 <b>Mobile: +44 7775 237099 (including in Lourdes)</b>

## TIMINGS

9. All timings are local.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

10. A comprehensive assessment of risk has been carried out, in conjunction with the French Military and Civil authorities, and is held by the PO.

## SECURITY

11. The IMP Authorities may impose additional security restrictions during the event. A brief on these restrictions will be given in Lourdes and the British Contingent will fully support the IMP security plan. In the light of current international events, all personnel are reminded of the need to be extra vigilant and implement the necessary measures to protect life and limb. Pilgrims are always to travel at least in pairs when outside their hotel, away from the main body or between mandatory muster and event times.
12. Entrance to military events during the Pilgrimage will only be permitted to those in possession of the official badge/bracelet. This should be worn at all times in order to clearly and quickly identify you as a bona fide member of a recognised IMP Contingent. Checks will be undertaken at all events and refusal of entry is likely to occur if the badge is not presented. Due to the cost of each badge replacements may not be immediately available, but if they can be procured the charge will be passed on. Those with special tasks/privileges are to ensure that the identification label they are supplied with is completed with their details and carried at all times.

## SUMMARY

13. As all participants to the IMP are strongly encouraged to read the attached paperwork, it is requested that addressees distribute the information as widely as possible. This will ensure that a minimum amount of time is spent on administration in Lourdes and a maximum amount of time on enjoying all aspects of the Pilgrimage. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned to clarify any points. The 61<sup>st</sup> International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes is, as in previous years, designed to engage each pilgrim in matters of faith, hope and charity at a profound level, fostering and engendering the moral component in each and every member of the Armed Forces who attend.

14. May Our Lady, Saint Bernadette and the whole company of heaven be our prayerful assistance as we endeavour to seek God's purpose and plan for our lives whilst we're on Pilgrimage together.

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The Revd Fr  
Pilgrimage Organiser

### Annexes:

- A. Provisional programme
- B. Band Tasks
- C. Colour Party Tasks
- D. Dress for Military Pilgrims
- E. Additional Tasks (PO only)
- F. Risk assessment (PO only)
- G. Special Requests (PO only)
- H. Forecast of Income and Expenditure (PO only)

### Distribution:

Bishop of the Forces\*  
PRCC(N)\*  
PRCC(A)\*  
PRCC(RAF)\*  
All Regular RN Chaplains\*  
All Regular Army Chaplains\*  
All Regular RAF Chaplains\*  
Ian Crabtree\*  
DOM The Waterloo Band\*  
BSM The Waterloo Band\*  
David Loftus (for JSHHG)\*  
Tangney Tours\*  
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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE BRITISH CONTINGENT ATTENDING THE  
61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE (IMP) TO LOURDES: 16-20 May 2019**

**THESE DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Thursday 16 May 19**

- 1730 Form up to march to Hemicycle
- 1800 Opening Presentation **(National)**
- 1900 Dinner (first meal) in hotels

**Friday 17 May 19**

- 0700 Breakfast in hotels
- 0830 Form up outside Hotel Alba to march to Penitential Service
- 0845 Penitential Service in St Joseph's Chapel **(National)**
- 0930 Meet up with Chaplains for a walkabout of Lourdes in the steps of Bernadette
- 1200 Lunch in hotels
- 1300 **Band Commitment** Form up to March to Opening Mass (Best Uniform) in Upper Basilica  
**JSHHG will be in attendance**
- 1330 Opening Mass **(National)**
- 1500 Group Photographs
- 1900 Dinner in hotels
- 2045 **Band Commitment** Form up to March to International Opening Ceremony in Pius X Basilica
- 2115 Opening Ceremonies begin **(International)**
- 2230 Service of Reconciliation in Pius X Basilica **(International)**

**Saturday 18 May 19**

***Noting the fasting rules re-arranged breakfast timings***

- 0700 **Band commitment** Form up outside Hotel Alba to march to Mass at Grotto
- 0730 Grotto Mass **(USA lead)** **(Anglophone)**
- 0830 Late breakfast in hotels
- 0945 Form up at Hotel Alba with Chaplains to proceed to Stations of the Cross **(National)**
- 1200 Lunch in hotels
- 1400 – 1530 **Band Commitment** Festival of Music **(International)** Location TBA
- 1530 Sports Challenge on the Prairie **(International)**
- 1600 Anglican Eucharist in Hotel Alba Chapel
- 1600 Catholic Catechesis Class in Hotel Alba
- 1700 **RMAS** Commitment at War Memorial **(International)**
- 1700 VIPs to be transported to War Memorial under IMP arrangements **(International)**
- 1830 **Band Commitment** British Reception followed by Marching Musical Display **(National)**
- 1900 Dinner in hotels
- 2030 **Band Commitment** Form up outside Hotel Alba to march to Marian (Torchtlight) Procession
- 2100 **Band Commitment** Marian (Torchtlight) Procession musical lead **(USA coordination)**
- 2100 Marian (Torchtlight) Procession **(International)**
- 2300 Service of Adoration in St Bernadette's Church **(International)**

## Sunday 19 May 19

- 0900 Bishop, VIPs and National Colour to **International** Mass
- 0930 **International** Mass in St Pius X Basilica
- 1000 Anglican Eucharist in Hotel Alba Chapel
- 1000 - 1200 **BRUNCH** for UK Pilgrims in Hotel Alba **JSHHG will be in attendance**
- 1100 Official Photograph of the IMP with Bishop, VIPs and National Colour (**International**)
- 1200 **Band Commitment** Form up outside Hotel Alba to march to Closing Mass
- 1230 Closing Mass (**National**) in Upper Basilica **JSHHG will be in attendance**
- 1400 **Band Commitment** Form up to march to Closing Ceremony
- 1430 Closing Ceremony in St Pius X Basilica (**International**)
- 1700 Transport departs Hotel Alba for Toulouse (to Gatwick) flight EZY8340
- 1800 **JSHHG** Commitment - Hosanna House BBQ  
(nominated Pilgrims only in TT Bus RTU 2200hrs)
- 1800 **Band Commitment** Hosanna House transported by HH Bus RTU 2200hrs
- 1900 Dinner in hotels
- 2030 Music Concert in by German Forces in St Bernadette's Church
- 2030 Music Concert by Belgian Forces in Upper Basilica
- 2100 Music Concert in by Italian Forces in St Pius X Basilica
- 2155 Bordeaux flight EZY8340 departs for Gatwick

## Monday 20 May 19

- 0700 Breakfast in hotels
- 0930 Transport departs Hotel Alba for Toulouse (to Bristol) flight EZY6140
- 1030 Transport departs Hotel Alba for Lourdes (to Stansted) flight ZT102
- 1320 IMP charter flight ZT102 departs for Stansted
- 1400 Toulouse flight EZY6140 departs for Bristol

**61<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE (IMP) TO LOURDES**  
**BAND TASKS 16-20 MAY 2019**

Ser	Day	Time	Event	Requirement	Dress	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	Fri 17/05	0830	March to Penitential Service	As directed by DOM	DOM to detail	RV Hotel Alba
2	Fri 17/05	0845	Penitential Service	Brass Ensemble	DOM to detail	St Joseph's Chapel
3	Fri 17/05	1300	March to Bishopric Opening Mass	Full Band	Full Dress	RV Hotel Alba
4	Fri 17/05	1330	Bishopric Opening Mass	Full Band	Full Dress	Upper Basilica
5	Fri 17/05	1500	Group and Single Service Photographs	Full Band including non playing members	Full Dress	Esplanade – Rosary Basilica steps
6	Fri 17/05	2045	March to International Opening Ceremony	Full Band	Full Dress	RV TBN
7	Fri 17/05	2115	Opening Ceremony	Full Band	Full Dress	St Pius X Basilica
8	Sat 18/05	0700	March to Grotto Mass	As directed by DOM	Full Dress	RV Hotel Alba
9	Sat 18/05	0730	Grotto Mass (Ireland Lead)	As directed by DOM	Full Dress	Grotto
10	Sat 18/05	1400	Musical Festival	As directed by DOM	Full Dress	TBN
11	Sat 18/05	1800	British Reception and Band Marching display	Full Band (with Irish Pipes and Drums – TBN)	Full Dress	Hotel Alba
12	Sat 18/05	2030	Form up to March to Marian (Torchlight) Procession			
13	Sat 18/05	2100	Marian (Torchlight) Procession	Full Band	Full Dress	Esplanade
14	Sun 19/05	1200	Form up to March to Bishopric Mass	Full Band	Full Dress	RV Hotel Alba
15	Sun 19/05	1230	Bishopric Mass of Pentecost	Full Band	Full Dress	Upper Basilica
16	Sun 19/05	1400	Form up to March to International Closing Ceremony	Full Band	Full Dress	RV Upper Basilica
17	Sun 19/05	1430	International Closing Ceremony	Full Band	Full Dress	St Pius X Basilica
18	Sun 19/05	1800	BBQ @ Hosanna House	As detailed by DOM	DOM to Detail	RV Hotel Alba



**61<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE (IMP) TO LOURDES**  
**COLOUR PARTIES TASKS 116-20 MAY 2019**

Ser	Day	Time	Event	Requirement	Detailed	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	Thu 16/05	1730	Form up to March to Opening Presentation	All	A, B, C, D	No Band
2	Fri 16/05	0830	Form up to March to Penitential Service	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
3	Fri 16/05	1300	Form up to March to Bishopric Opening Mass	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
4	Fri 16/05	1330	Bishopric Opening Mass	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
5	Fri 16/05	1500	Group and Single Service Photographs	All	A, B, C, D	
6	Fri 16/05	2030	Form up to March to International Opening Ceremony	National Flag	A	With Band
7	Fri 16/05	2100	Opening Ceremony	National Flag	A	With Band
8	Sat 17/05	0700	March to Grotto Mass	National Flag	A	With Band
9	Sat 17/05	0730	Grotto Mass	National Flag	A	No Band
10	Sat 17/05	1630	Form up to March to War Memorial	National Flag	A	
11	Sat 17/05	1730	War Memorial	National Flag	A	
12	Sat 17/05	2030	Form up to March to Marian (Torchtlight) Procession	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
13	Sat 17/05	2100	Marian (Torchtlight) Procession	National Flag as briefed Single Service Flag Parties with Pilgrims	A, B, C, D	With Band
14	Sun 17/05	0900	Form up to March to International Mass	National Flag	A	No Band

15	Sun 19/05	0930	International Mass	National Flag	A	No Band
16	Sun 19/05	1200	Form up to March to Bishopric Sunday Mass	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
17	Sun 19/05	1230	Bishopric Sunday Mass	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
18	Sun 19/05	1400	Form up to March to International Closing Ceremony	All	A, B, C, D	With Band
19	Sun 19/05	1430	International Closing Ceremony	National Flag as briefed Single Service Flag Parties with Pilgrims	A	With Band

Colour Party A  
Colour Party B  
Colour Party C  
Colour Party D

National  
Royal Navy  
Army  
Royal Air Force

**61<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PILGRIMAGE (IMP) TO LOURDES**  
**ORDERS OF DRESS 16-20 MAY 2019**

**Royal Navy/Royal Marines**

Pilgrimage Dress A  
RN No 1c  
RM Lovats  
No swords, medals or gloves

Pilgrimage Dress B  
RN No 3b  
RM Half Lovats

Also Foul Weather Jackets

**Army**

Pilgrimage Dress A  
Service Dress / No 2 Dress /FAD  
No swords, medals, gloves, swagger-sticks, pace-sticks (CSM RMAS notwithstanding) or canes  
Pilgrimage Dress B  
MTP / Barrack Dress / Working Dress

Also Combat/Foul Weather Jackets

**RAF**

Pilgrimage Dress A  
No 1 (HD) Uniform  
No swords, medals, gloves

Pilgrimage Dress B  
No 2 Working Dress

Also Foul Weather Jackets