

Bath 5371 Ext.309

Subject: Destruction of redundant training stores.

To: Officer Commanding Aux.Units.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that at 14.00 hrs, 6/1/45, I was in charge of a party engaged in the destruction of redundant training stores at Bathampton Quarry, having previously given customary notice to the police authorities.

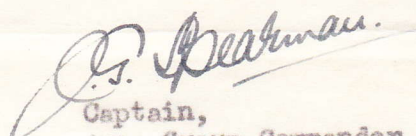
2. During the course of this duty I was approached by a gentleman who gave his name as Lt.Col.Taylor, O/C 5th (Bath City) Battalion H.C., who gave me what he described as "a direct order" to cease operations forthwith. Before complying, I asked the gentleman, who was not in uniform, and was quite unknown to me, to produce his identity card or otherwise supply proof of his authority.

3. This he declined to do, using abusive language to me in the presence of my subordinate officer 2/Lt. L.Mc.G.Phillips.

4. I consider that, in the circumstances it was my duty to disregard the gentleman's "order" and to carry on with my duties as instructed.

Ridgeway House,
Royal School,
Lansdown,
Bath.

8/1/45


Captain,
Area Group Commander,
Group 1, Aux.Units,
Som.Area.