

Clearance Operations 1 January 1973 to 30 June 1973

Information from documents held in the Royal Engineers Archives.

A very comprehensive report of clearance carried out in the period showing the variety of locations, tasks and locations.

Serial	Sub Unit	Location	Map Ref	District	Acreage	UXO Found	Commenced	Completed	Clearance Certificate	Remarks
1	3 Trp	Donkey Town, Chobham, Surrey.	169/936609	SE	0.25	4 SAA	10 Jan 1973	10 June 1973	16 Jan 1973	
2	5 Sec – 2 Trp	Lydden Spout Range, nr Dover, Kent.	173/284389	SE	75	16	15 Dec 72	17 Jan 73	29 Jan 73	
3	6 Sec -2 Trp	Badshot Lee Farm, Farnham, Surrey.	169/865480	SE	15	1	9 Jan 73 15 Mar 73	12 Jan 73 16 Mar 73	28 Mar 73	
4	5 Sec – 2 Trp	Bushy Lease Farm, Ewshot, Surrey.	169/805495	SE	22.5	20	19 Jan 73	20 Mar 73	29 Mar 73	
5	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Mundesley Sea Defences, Norfolk.	126/285388	Eastern	9	Nil	27 Dec 73	5 Jan 73	29 Jan 73	Forster Locator Search
6	2 Sec 1 Trp	Felixstowe Sea Defences, Suffolk.	150/329378	Eastern	1.7	Nil	9 Jan 73	9 Jan 73	29 Jan 73	Forster Locator Search
7	6 Sec – 2 Trp	Slapton Sands, Devon.	188/834452 188/828438 188/825427 188/828444	SW	30 X 30yd 30 X 30yd 30 X 30yd 10 x 10yd	Nil	29 Jan 73	30 Jan 73	7 Feb 73	Forster Locator Search
8	6 Sec -2 Trp	Salisbury Plain, Training Area, Wilts.	167/215509	SW	20	65 & 141 SAA	12 Feb 73	23 Feb 73	28 Feb 73	
9 to 18	Missing									
19	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Otterburn Training Area Northumberland	70/896982	NE	12	23	25 Apr 73	4 May 73	9 May 73	
20	3 Trp	Brickendonbury Estate, Herts.	160/327106	E	1.3	3 x SAA	19 Feb 73	18 Apr 73	18 Apr 73	

21	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Kessingland Sea Defence, Suffolk	137/536849	E	0.4	Nil	7 May 73	11 May 73	11 May 73	
22	3 Trp 49 EOD Sqn	Lodge Hill Training Area, Kent.	172/751733	SE	4	17	23 May 73	25 May 73	25 May 73	
23	3 Sec – 1 Trp	West Farm, Cransford, nr Franlingham, Suffolk.	137/321640	E	3 x 3 x 1 yd	91	22 May 73	31 May 73	31 May 73	Phosph Grenade
24	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.	136/835645	E	2	Nil	22 May 73	24 May 73	24 May 73	
25	2 & 6 Sect, 49 EOD Sqn	Woodbury Common Training Area, Lymptstone, Devon	176/050875	SW	745	7508 x UXO 6542 SAA	11 Apr 73	15 Jun 73	15 Jun 73	
26	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Hopton & Corton, Sea Defences, Suffolk	137/537997 to 137/543980	E	12	12 BTC Mines	4 Jan 73	7 Jun 73	7 Jun 73	
27	3 Sec – 1 Trp	High Street, Southoe, St Neotts, Hunts	134/183643	E	2.75	Nil	19 Jun 73	19 Jun 73	19 Jun 73	
28	3 Trp	17 Langton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire	132/525737	West Midlands	500 Sq yd	500 Sq yd	13 Jun 73	12 Jun 73	13 Jun 73	
29	Not readable									
30	Not readable			NE		693				Further work required
31	2 Section 1 Troop	Orford Training Area, Suffolk		E	59					Further work required
32	1 & 3 Sec 1 Trp	Marsh Farm, Burnham Overby, Norfolk		E	112 5					Further work required
33	6 Sec 2 Trp	Groveley Wood, Former Arms Depot, Wilts	169/015345	SW	11	1				Further work required

34	6 Sec 2 Trp	Upper Hill Barn, Aston Tirrald, Berks	158/550825	SE	38	317	15 Jun 1973	16 Feb 1973		Further work required
35	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Sea Defences, Salthouse, Norfolk	134/183643	E	Not estimated	Nil	18 June 73	19 June 73		Task in Hand
36	2 Sec -1 Trp	Stanford PTA, Thetford, Norfolk	136/912957	E	14	?? 58 SAA	18 Jun 1973	29 Jun 1973		Task in Hand
37	6 Sec 2 Trp	Mateley Camping Site, Lindhurst, Hants	180/322075	SE	53	228	18 Jun 73	29 June 73		Task in Hand
38	5 Sec 2 Trp	Braunton Burrows, Barnstaple	163/460331	SW	12	35	11 Jun 1973	29 Jun 1973		Task in Hand
39	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Catterick Ranges, Yorks	90/103073	NE	10	2673	18 Jun 1973	29 Jun 1973		Task in Hand

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1	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Catterick Ranges Yorks	90/121030	NE	28.5	3,512	18 Jun 1973	4 July 1973	12 Jul 1973	Further Work Required
2	6 Sec – 2 Trp	Matley Camp Site Lyndhurst, Hants	180/322075	SE	89	422	27 Mar 1973	27 Mar 1973	6 July 1973	
3	5 Sec – 2 Trp	Braunton Burrows, Barnstaple, Devon	163/460331	SE	30	50	11 Jun 1973	20 June 1973	25 Jul 1973	
4	3 Sec -1 Trp	Sea Defences, Salthouse, Norfolk	125/054452	E	43	Nil	18 Jun 1973	13 Jul 1973	1 Aug 1973	
5	6 Sec – 2 Trp	Bombardment Construction Site, Larkhill Ranges, Salisbury, Wilts.	167/075497	SW	20	48 + 60 SAA	9 Jul 1973	23 Jul 1973	30 Jul 1973	
6	2 Sec – 1 Trp	5 Thorney Road, Capel Street Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk	149/088384	E	16ft X 28ft	Nil	28 Jun 1973	11 Jul 1973	18 Jul 1973	

7	3 Trp 49 EOD Sqn	15 Whitfield Close, Wandsworth, London SW15		London	13yd x 6 yd	Nil	20 Jul 1973	20 Jul 1973	30 Jul 1973	
8	6 Sect -2 Trp	Lansdown Estate, Milton Ltd, Milton, Berks	158/495916	SE	.25	6000	20 Jul 1973	24 Jul 1973	9 Aug 1973	
9	6 Sect -2 Trp	Stones Ground Farm, Whitchurch, Bucks	146/802138	SE	20	22	23 Jul 1973	3 Aug 1973	9 Aug 1973	
10	3 Trp 49 EOD Sqn	Building Site, Virgo Village, Meopham, Kent	171/647610	SE	0.25	20 SAA	31 Jul 1973	31 Jul 1973	31 Jul 1973	
11	6 Sect -2 Trp	Lavington Folly A/Tk Range, Larkhill, Wilts	167/115500	SE	25	675	6 Aug 1973	17 Sep 1973	26 Sep 1973	
12	6 Sec – 2 Trp	? ? ? Salisbury, Wilts		SW						
13	3 Trp 49 EOD Sqn	Ladywell Barn, Salisbury, Wilts	167/937405	SW	9	108	13 Aug 1973	25 Aug 1973	3 Sep 1973	
14	6 Sec 2 Trp	Pirbright Ranges, Surrey	169/919575	SW	8	48	7 Aug 1973	31 Au 1973	4 Sep 1973	
15	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Purfleet Ranges, Essex	161/546792	E	20	2	14 Aug 1973	31 Aug 1973	4 Sep 1973	
16	1 Set – 1 Trp	Ladyfield Farm, Ardanmurchan, Argyll	53/000144	Highland Area	257	5 SAA	23 Jul 1973	2 Aug 1973	14 Sep 1973	Visual search only further work required
17	5 Sec – 2 Trp	Conford Heath, Poole, Dorset.	179/024945	SW	13	46	6 Aug 1973	24 Aug 1973	14 Sep 1973	Further work required
18	2 Sec – 1 Trp	Chorleywood Common, Herts	160/035962	E	170	173 & 915 SAA	4 Oct 1973	27 Nov 1973	3 Dec 1973	75 acres not checked only
19	6 Sec – 2 Trp	Pirbright Ranges (Fences), Surrey	169/919575	SE	6	179 & 49 SAA	3 Sep 1973	14 Dec 1973		Further work required
20	6 Sec – 2 Trp	RAF Oakhanger, Bordon, Hants	169/771354	SE	1	Nil	19 Sep 1973	20 Sep 1973	26 Sep 1973	

21	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Sea Defences, Sheringham, Norfolk	126/155436	E	3	Nil	24 Set 1973	3 Oct 1973	11 Oct 1973	
22	3 Trp – 49 EOD Sqn	Building Site, Vigo Village, Meopham, Kent	171/647618	SE	4	29	3 Sep 1973	12 Oct 1973	18 Oct 1973	
23	6 Sec – 1 Trp	Imber Ranges SPTA, Wiltshire	167/9349	SW	2	3 & 248 SAA	5 Nov 1973	7 Nov 1973	9 Nov 1973	
24	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Tighnablaair Field Firing Range, Comrie, Perth.	54/760160	Highland Area	642	395	17 Oct 1973	20 Nov 1973	9 Nov 1973	Visual Search only
25	6 Sec – 2 Trp	Blackdown Maultway, Bagshot, Surrey.	169/909588	SE	5	9 & 11 SAA	12 Nov 1973	26 Nov 1973	7 Dec 1973	4 lane 1 ¾ mile long and 8 yd wide searched with Forster Locators.
26	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Glenborodale Farm, Adnamurchan, Argyll	45/611611	Highland Area	65	50 & 940 SAA	20 Noc 1973	3 Dec 1973	17 Dec 1973	Further work required
27	1 Sec – 1 Trp	Forest Head, Talkin Fall, Brampton, Cumberland	76/571569	NW	112	30,558 & 1190 SAA	17 Oct 1973	18 Nov 1973	11 Nov 1973	Further work required
28	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Sea Defences, Trimingham, Norfolk	126/190306	E	3	Nil	3 Dec 1973	12 Dec 1973		Further work required
29	2 Sec – 1 Trp	Broxted Estate, Sutton Common, Woodbridge	150/317478	E	20	6	3 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973		Further work required. Task in hand
30	3 Sec – 1 Trp	The Hermitage, 2 Wardie Cres, Edinburgh		Lowland Area	0.25	Nil	28 Nov 1973	28 Nov 1973	5 Dec 73	
31	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Happisburg to Winterton, Sea Defences, Waxham, Norfolk	126/456253 to 126/459249	E	9	Nil	14 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973		Further work required

32	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Sea Defences, Wells -next-the Sea, Norfolk.	125/910457 to 125/915456	E	9	Nil	30 Apr 1973	12 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973	
33	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Sidbury Hill SPTA, Wiltshire	167/218508	SW	10	116 & 415 SAA	17 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973		Further work required. Task in hand
34	5 & 6 Sec	G2 Training Area, Frimley, Surrey	169/900588	SE	152	2,512 & 4,370 SAA	23 Jul 1973	31 Dec 1973		Further work required. Task in hand
35	3 Sec -1 Trp	Stanford PTA, Thetford, Norfolk	136/912957	E	16	634 & 517 SAA	21 Jul 1973 3 Sep 1973	6 Jul 1973 12 Oct 1973		Further work required.
36	2 & 3 Sec	Fingrighoe Range, Colchester, Essex	149/0317	E	26	6,113	24 Jul 1973	31 Aug 1973		Further work required.
37	3 Sec – 1 Trp	Marsh Farm, Burnham Overy, Norfolk	125/0644	E	10	11	16 Jul 1973	23 Jul 1973		Further work required.
38	2 Sec -1 Trp	Orford Training Area, Norfolk	150/426631	E	25	460	10 July 1973	8 Aug 1973		Further work required.
39	5 Sec – 2 Trp	Bisely Ranges, Surrey	169/940582	SE	6	7 & 10 SAA	17 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973		Further work required. Task in hand