

Bill Lindfield's secret hideout discovery

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After World War Two, Bill worked on the WARAG farming scheme. This brought him to a farm where with his mates they came upon the escape tunnel from what he later learned to be a Special Home Guard Auxiliary (Churchill's Secret Resistance) hideout, in the woods near Warningcamp. You can read his report of the event in the following leaf from his manuscript:

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matches to illuminate the interior of that black passage. The air was clean as we pulled ourselves through that pipe and ten must have travelled what seemed about thirty feet when he commanded "Hold it, there a bloody hole in front of me."

We lay on the bottom of that pipe like a line of worms, each I suspect aware of their own heart beats, which in my case at least, had quickened because of the anticipation of the unknown. Then a ladder fixed to the wall. "I'm going down," called he, the excitement falling in his voice. A couple of seconds later, and about ten rings lower, he added "come on down". We crawled the remaining length of that pipe, and descended that ladder. The light from another match not only illuminated the area around us, but enabled a small bit of a candle to be raised, that was standing on a piece of wood, lighting the unit we stood together, our eyes getting used to the more permanent, but flickering light.

Looking about us we found ourselves in an underground living abode. There was against one side half a dozen bunks crated into permanent positions with boards of foot by two. Against the far wall were half a dozen water tanks in which to contain drinking water. It couldn't be called a cupboard, and I suppose alcove would be a better word to describe the other part of abode. Within this alcove we found, pots, stoves, forks, plates and table utensils. Above our heads was a cord line dropping across the interior, on which we found the remnants of a tea towel. A book with quite legible writing was discovered, and written on its faded yellowing pages were menus that would spread over several days. The air was not dank as one would expect because an open ended pipe proceeded through the top, and was in fact the same that we tried to move under the

The extract below is from the website of CART (Coleshill Auxiliary Research Team) and it tells how the base, which had by now collapsed, was rediscovered and Bill taken back to renew his memories.

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Warning Camp Auxiliary Unit Patrol and Operational Base

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An extract from a diary recorded by the late Bill Lindfield as a young farm worker around 1950, which he allowed his friend Bob Brown to copy and use for historical research purposes. Bob has kindly permitted us to reproduce it here.

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Below is a picture of Bill making his unsteady but determined way through the trees to the dugout, where he became visibly moved.





Above is the candleholder Bill found in the hideout

Further reading:

1. Read about the Auxiliary Units that created these bunkers on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Auxiliary_Units
2. Stewart Angell, *The Secret Sussex Resistance* (Middleton Press) [ISBN 1-873793-82-0](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9781873793820)