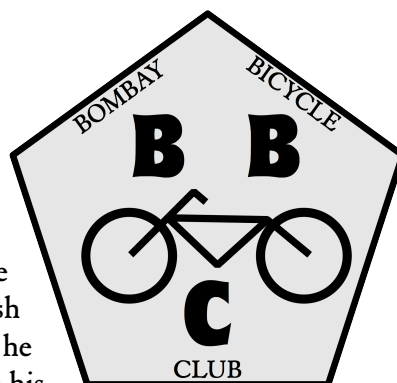


THE BOMBAY BICYCLE CLUB The BBC

This is a more detailed description of the company, and its rather special kind of operations.

The Bombay Bicycle Club is one of the less known companies within the Operation: Fallen Reich. It is headed by a former colonel in the British army that was stationed in India, or more precisely Nepal, where he recruited and trained Ghurka soldiers. He always carry a Khukri knife in his belt and wear an impeccable dark grey suit. The name of the Colonel is known to few, but he goes by the nickname Colonel Cutthroat. His real name is Colonel Marcus Alexander Cumberland.



The Bombay Bicycle Club, internally referred to as The local BBC, has a few fronts, where the main front is in Southampton. Other fronts will be presented upon GMs decision, as they might come handy in the adventure. The company is formed as a countrywide operation, with a handful, well placed local headquarters.

The main body of staff are either former bicycle patrolling police officers, and former military men that sees an opportunity to keep in good shape while serving the country. There are also quite a few women who like the long biking tours across the countryside with picnic baskets, freshly baked scones, ginger and lemon marmalade and of course the thermos with hot water for the tea. No one would ever suspect a birdwatching woman on a bike with binoculars of being anything else but just that.

THE EXCURSION PLANNER

Colonel Cumberland, or Colonel Cutthroat as he is called is a man with a sharp intellect. His many stories about how he used to kill his enemies by using his Khukri knife instead of a pistol or a rifle earned him the nickname Colonel Cutthroat. He fought in Africa and the middle east during the Great War, and has been fighting in India ever since the war ended. He came home to Britain for his retirement from the army just a few years ago, in October of 1936. As he was very found of exercise and bicycling, he founded the Bombay Bicycle Club as a way to get in touch with other former soldiers who spent time in India, to have someone to share the memories with.

Through those contacts, he came in touch with Operation: Fallen Reich, or they rather got in touch with him, and arrangements were made. The arrangements was organised by a rather wealthy British lord, Lord Ashbury of Paxton, who joined the BBC as treasurer, and suddenly the budget for excursions multiplied tenfold. Excursions for birdwatching, flower picking or just plain country trips were organised in several places, not only on the vicinity of Southampton.



RIDE, RIDE, RIDE YOUR BIKE, GENTLY DOWN THE ROAD...

The cover for the operations performed by the BBC is perfect. They now arrange Bicycle rides almost anywhere on the British Isles, and occasionally groups have bicycled in other countries as well. The group all cheerfully bicycle around, taking pictures and making paintings or sketches, and nobody expects a group of middle aged to elderly people to be scrutinising the area for evidence of spies or suspicious activities.

The BBC does much of the scouting, information gathering and spying, building cases and collecting information, so that the other, more specialised companies can act upon more accurate information.

MEMORABLE FOREIGN EXCURSIONS

Springtime in Norway

It was at one of the first bicycle excursions abroad, in Norway, that the BBC was put on the first real test. Intelligence claimed that a German archeology team was scouting the areas around the town of Geiranger, where it was believed that Viking King Olav Høfager had been buried, and with him his legendary drinking horn. The horn, originally brought home to Norway from one of King Olav's many journeys, was said to make the owner force anyone drinking from it to speak the truth. One of the members from that excursion said:

– "It was a very long week. I could not walk properly for month afterwards, and if anyone had told me that it would be an endlessly long uphill bicycle ride in pouring rain, I would probably not have joined the excursion at all."

The BBC did locate the German archeology team before they discovered the true location of the grave, tricked the Germans into believing they had found the correct location several miles away. It was a brilliant operation, well executed.

Louga - Dakar

The African excursion was one of the most dangerous excursions ever taken on by the BBC to this date. It all began with a trip on a French cargo ship to the small port of St Louis on the East coast of French Senegal. From there, a bicycle ride inland to the town of Louga. When we finally got to there, a message had been received that the excursion now was to move down to Dakar, over roads in extremely bad conditions. Why do we even call them roads, they were just paths in the jungle?

It was of course those Germans again, that was trying to locate the traces of an old civilisation, believed to have used an ancient carved wooden bucket to make their crops grow, and they were trying to locate remains of those tribes. We had to track those Germans all the way to Dakar before we could call in the Rams to finish them off. Not much of gentlemen those Germans, fair fighting doesn't seem to be their cup of tea.

Tragically, we lost several men when the ship that was bringing back the bucket and our men from Dakar mysteriously sunk without a trace in the waters outside Morocco. Wreckage was found and a few survivors talked about a huge explosion midship.

BOMBAY BICYCLE CLUB

Counterespionage, covert operations and jolly good bicycle tours in the countryside is what this is all about.

Skills: *Bikes, First Aid, German, Observation, Pistol, Searching, Shadowing, Stealth & Tracking.*

Mandatory: *Orientation and Endurance.*