

Introductory Notes for *A Rattle of Pebbles*

Alphabetization of Military Formations

Following the rules for the alphabetization of military formations in an index, all named formations listed are alphabetized as if the numeric part of the name was spelled out. For example, “63 Squadron” is indexed under ‘S’, as if it was spelled “Sixty Three Squadron”.

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