

Read the article and guess the rank of the soldier from his daily routines.

A typical day ...

I usually start my day at 6 o'clock. First, I get up and have a wash and a shave. Then I put on my battle dress uniform and my combat boots. I have to make my bed too, in case there is a room inspection in the afternoon. We normally have breakfast at 6.30. We have all our meals in the mess hall. At 7 o'clock there is a parade on the square where we have roll call and morning roster. In the morning we usually have drill. We practice different marching routines on the parade ground. Sometimes we also do rifle drill, but that is only once a month. We have lunch at 1 pm. Then we have another roster and after that I go to the armoury. I take my personal weapon and go on duty. It is usually a 24-hour duty. If I am not on duty I work until 3.15 pm and after I finish I request an afternoon pass, leave the barracks and go for a walk or do what I want. I have to be back in the barracks by 9.30 pm. I have half an hour for my evening routine and after lights out, at 10.00 pm, I usually go to bed and fall asleep immediately.

Answer questions in full sentences:

What is the first thing the soldier does in the morning?

Where does he eat his meals?

What do they do on the parade ground?

How often do they practice with weapons?

What are his typical working hours?

What's the bedtime?

GLOSSARY

make a bed = to tidy your bed

– your covers, pillows

mess hall = a room where
soldiers eat together

roll call = checking presence of
people

roster = a plan the day

armoury = a place for weapons

pass = a card/a ticket to
leave/enter a place

lights out = a bedtime in
military barracks

