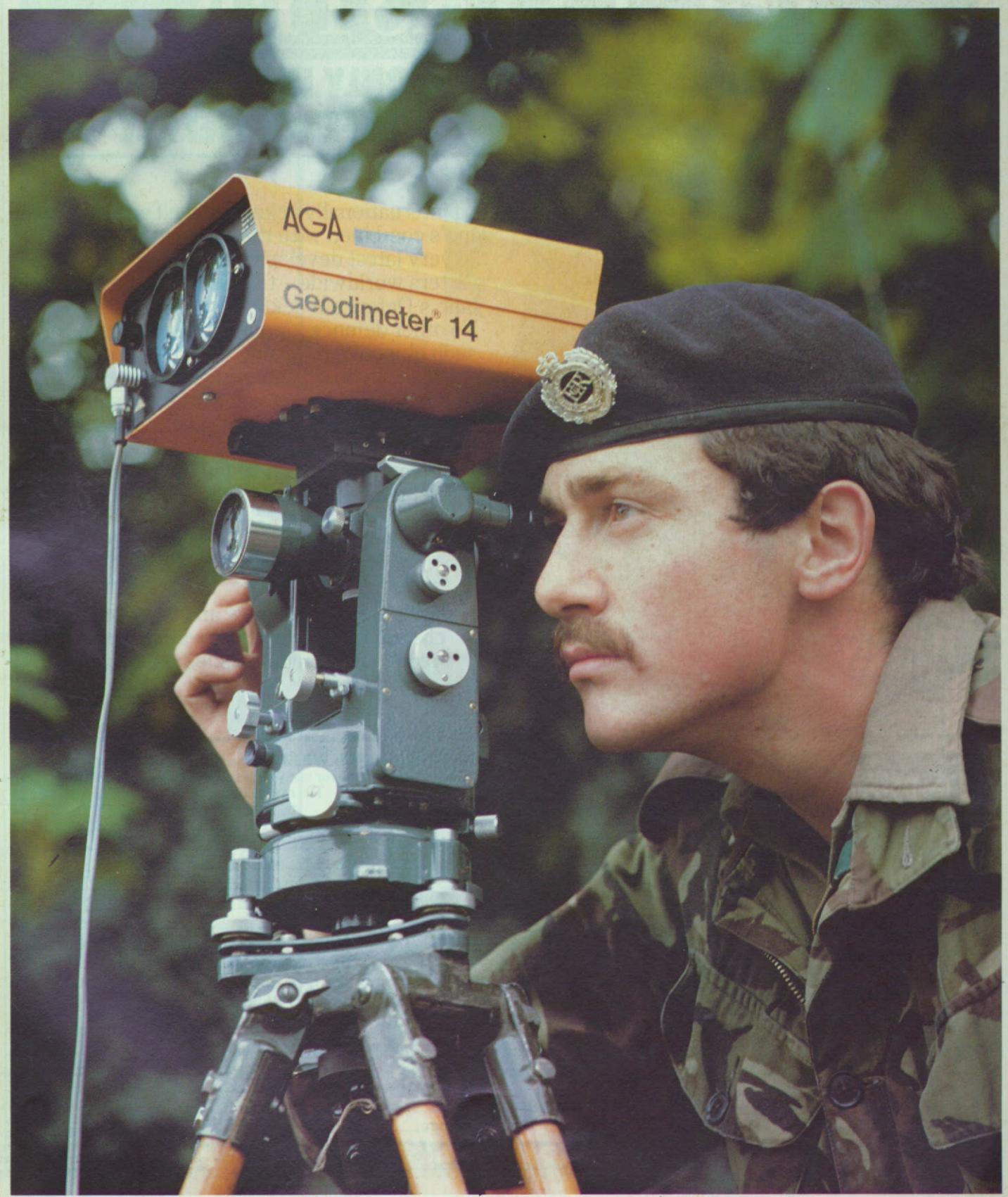


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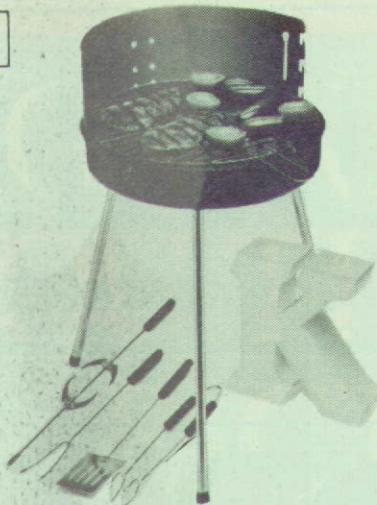
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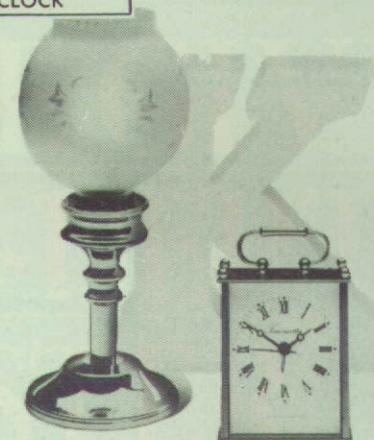
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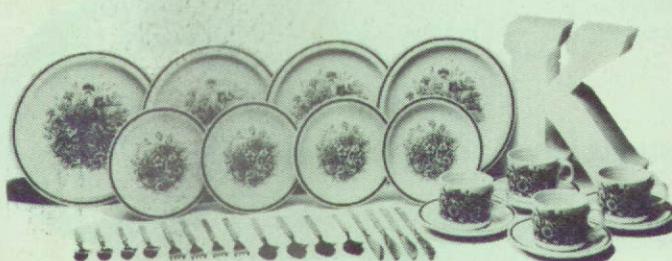
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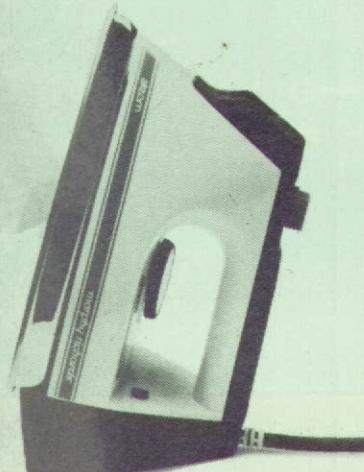
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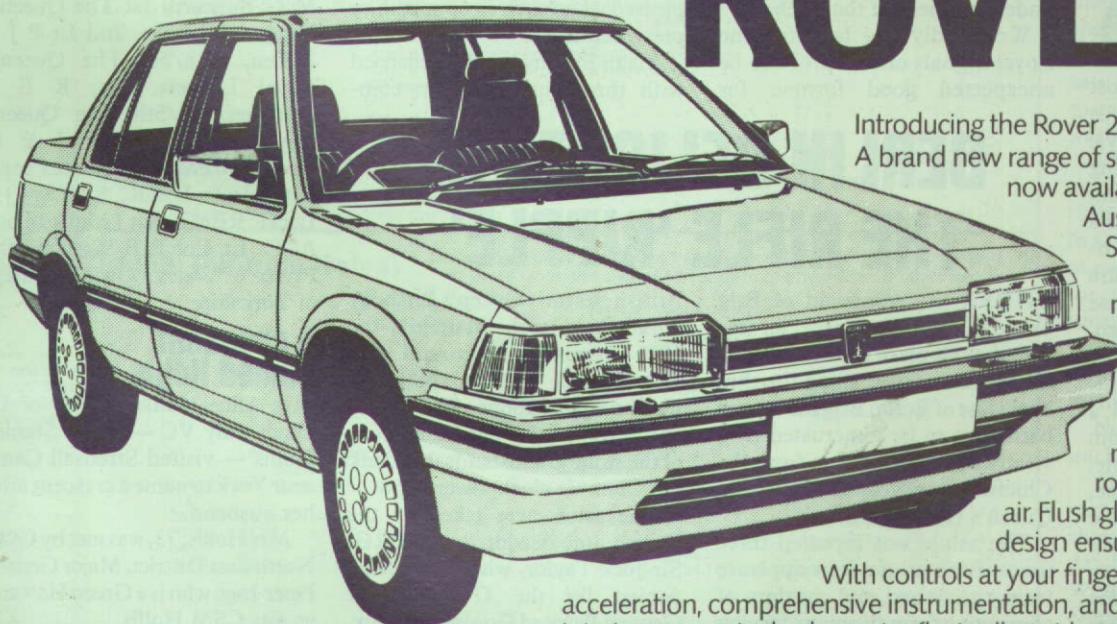
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A piper of The Royal Scots plays a lament

Goose Green remembrance

The second anniversary of the most famous land battle of the Falklands War has been marked by the Royal Scots who are at present serving in the islands. Royal Scots chaplain, the Rev. Alan Knox, organised a remembrance service at the memorial to those members of 2 Para who fell in the battle for Goose Green and Darwin two years ago. Local church and civic leaders attended, including Sir Rex Hunt, the Civil Commissioner, and a message was read out from Lieutenant Colonel Chris Keeble, who was 2 i/c of 2 Para at the time, on behalf of all members of the battalion. It read: "Remember today those who gave their lives to secure the freedom of these settlements and their people. Pray for them and all those who still carry the scars of war."

CANADIANS RETURN TO FAMILIAR VENUES

WHEN 35 veterans of the 1st Canadian Para Battalion Association left the sergeants' mess at Middle Wallop en-route for the D-Day beach reunions in France, they left behind a host of newfound friends.

They also left behind one extremely disgruntled Army Air Corps staff sergeant whose cap badge went AWOL as the "vets" left for their next venue!

Dressed in para-coloured berets and matching blazers festooned with glittering, jangling medals, the wartime paras and their wives were given a conducted tour of the AAC headquarters base and

THE ARMY'S first nominated astronaut has been brought back to earth even before he got to the launch pad. Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Royle, Royal Signals, was to have joined representatives from the two other services and a civilian in training for the space shuttle launch of the British Skynet 4 military communications satellites.

But the colonel's space career has been effectively destroyed by the security case involving eight members 9 Signal Regiment in Cyprus. Two of the eight were in the regiment when he was CO from February 1981 to September last year.

While the Ministry of Defence has been at pains to deny any suggestion of involvement or incompetence, Colonel Boyle has been ordered to be available for consultation as investigations continue.

An understandably dejected Colonel Boyle told a Press conference that to describe him as keenly disappointed would be the understatement of the week.

Wretchedly bad luck for one Royal Signals officer prove to be unexpected good fortune for



Major Farrimond

another — Major Richard Farrimond, who was suddenly summoned from the command of 8 Infantry Brigade Signal Squadron in Northern Ireland and told that he was to be the Army's new man in space. Obviously he could hardly rejoice at the circumstances of his appointment, but it would be impossible for anyone not to be pleased when such an opportunity presented itself.

Major Farrimond, 36, is married with three sons. He was com-

BERLIN DELIGHTS IN THE RIFLE 'RIPPLE'

UNDER the command of Brig Tony Makepeace-Warne, an immaculate ripple of rifle fire of a feu de joie salute sped along the thin khaki line of Berlin Brigade's three battalions to be punctuated by a steady seven gun salute from the Chieftain tanks of D Squadron Queen's Own Hussars.

The salute was repeated three times. Each salute drew applause from the crowd and mutters of admiration from the many foreign dignitaries watching the parade.

The occasion was the Berlin

British Sector's Queen's Birthday Parade held on the Maifeld — the 1936 Olympics polo ground.

A record 10,000 spectators watched 800 troops, 80 vehicles and seven horses parade in front of the stone grandstands that flank the Olympic clock tower.

The salute was taken by the British ambassador to the FRG, Sir Jock Taylor, who was accompanied by the GOC, Major General Bernard Gordon-Lennox. After reviewing the parade, the colours of 3 RRF were trooped.

missioned from Sandhurst in 1967.

He served in Germany and Northern Ireland before taking a degree in telecommunications engineering at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.

Between 1976 and 1978 he was an exchange officer with the 1 CDN Signals Regiment in Kingston, Ontario. On his return to the UK he attended courses at the RMCS, Shrivenham, and the Staff College, Camberley. In 1980 he became GSO (W) for the Military Communication Projects Division of the Procurement executive.

IN BRIEF

Lebanon awards

The Queen has approved the following among awards in recognition of services in the Lebanon between 7 February 1983 and 9 March 1984: Mention in Dispatches: Lt. G. T. Baldwin, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. Maj S L Bennett, RAOC. Maj M G Boissard, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. 2nd Lt P J S Bullen, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. Maj R E S Faulkner, 16/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. Capt J E G Goodall, BEM, Intelligence Corps. Sgt D Hale, RAOC. Staff Sgt J E Locke, REME. Sgt J McDermott, ACC. Lt Col P E Woolley, the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

A crescent named Hollis

Mrs Alice Hollis, widow of D-Day's only VC — CSM Stanley Hollis — visited Strensall Camp near York to name a crescent after her husband.

Mrs Hollis, 73, was met by GOC North East District, Major General Peter Inge who is a Green Howard, as was CSM Hollis.

The crescent is on a new Army estate.

pilot Regiment seeing action in Sicily, on D-Day, at Arnhem and the crossing of the Rhine."

His array of medals were indicative of his involvement and included a DFM and Bar which he modestly declined to talk about.

Reminiscing, he told how he met his wife, Helen, then in the WAAF at Brize Norton, Oxfordshire.

"We met while I was training there," he said. "So we got married and I went off to Sicily."

"She will be returning with me in September for the Arnhem remembrance and we'll combine that with a holiday round Europe," said Andy, now 64 and a retired

major from the Canadian forces.

From all over Canada they came, led by their president former Private Tom Jackson from Toronto: "I was stationed at Bulford for a time, so this area is quite well known to me."

Their former commanding officer Colonel Frazer Eadie, presented to Colonel David Mallow, Commandant of the AAC Centre, three badges for the Centre's museum and an Association tie for his own personal use.

● Because of the pay announcement some news items have had to be held over.

PAY: TWO-STAGE AWARD

THE ARMED FORCES pay award will take the form of two stages; three per cent back dated to 1 April and the balance from 1 November.

The complete details effective from 1 November are published in the special pull-out supplement

in the middle of this issue.

All Service personnel will get the award except officers above the rank of brigadier (or equivalent) and Service doctors and dentists. The Armed Forces Pay Review Board will submit separate recommendations for the latter group

based on the award for the NHS General Medical Practitioner.

But not everyone will get the same percentage award of 7.6 per cent. The average increase over the year is 4.92 per cent after staging compared with 7.6 per cent for the full recommendations.

OFFICERS (Normal Rates) (From 1 April)

		(Including Officers of the Army Legal Corps and Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the new terms of service)	
Rank	Service	Daily Rate of pay	£
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	On appointment	8.05**	
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 1 years service	9.60**	
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 2 years service	11.16**	
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	On commissioning	13.76	
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	After 9 months commissioned service	14.69	
Second Lieutenant	—	18.34	
	On appointment	23.53	
Captain	After 1 year in the rank	24.15	
	After 2 years in the rank	24.77	
	After 3 years in the rank	25.39	
	After 4 years in the rank	26.01	
	On appointment	29.50	
Major	After 1 year in the rank	30.29	
	After 2 years in the rank	31.09	
	After 3 years in the rank	31.88	
	After 4 years in the rank	32.68	
	After 5 years in the rank	33.47	
	After 6 years in the rank	34.27	
	On appointment	37.32	
Lieutenant Colonel	After 1 year in the rank	38.23	
Lieutenant Colonel	After 2 years in the rank	39.15	
	After 3 years in the rank	40.07	
	After 4 years in the rank	40.99	
	After 5 years in the rank	41.91	
	After 6 years in the rank	42.83	
	After 7 years in the rank	43.75	
	After 8 years in the rank	44.67	
	(Special List)	50.33	
Brigadier	On Appointment with less than 19 years service	50.41	
	After 2 years in rank or with 19 years service	51.73	
	After 4 years in rank or with 21 years service	53.06	
	After 6 years in rank or with 23 years service	54.38	
	After 8 years in rank or with 25 years service	55.70	
Colonel	On appointment	58.66	
	After 2 years in the rank	60.20	
	After 4 years in the rank	61.74	
	After 6 years in the rank	63.28	
	After 8 years in the rank	64.82	
	70.55		

*UC = University Cadet

**Includes an element of education grant

***SSLC = Short Service Limited Commission

SERVICEMEN (Normal Rates) (From 1 April)

Daily Rates of pay effective from 1 April 1984 for those committed to serve from the age of 18 (or date of attestation if later) for:

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more				
	Band 1	Scale A	Band 2	Band 1	Scale B	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Scale C	Band 2	Band 3
Private Class 2	14.38	16.25	—	14.68	16.55	—	15.13	17.01	—	—	—
Private Class 1	15.37	17.24	19.39	15.67	17.54	19.69	16.12	17.99	20.14	—	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	17.56	19.43	21.58	17.86	19.73	21.88	18.31	20.18	22.33	—	—
Corporal Class 1	20.05	21.92	24.06	20.35	22.22	24.36	20.80	22.67	24.81	—	—
Less than 6 years											
Scale A											
Sgt.	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6
S.Sgt	21.98	24.01	26.34	—	22.28	24.31	26.64	—	22.73	24.76	27.09
WO2	23.36	25.40	27.72	30.45	23.66	25.70	28.02	30.75	24.11	26.15	28.47
WO1	24.97	27.01	29.33	32.06	25.27	27.31	29.63	32.36	25.72	27.76	30.08
	26.74	28.77	31.10	33.82	27.04	29.07	31.40	34.12	27.49	29.52	31.85
											34.57

Turn to centre page for 1 Nov details

'Unjustified' comments

SOME PRESS stories about forces pay have been described by Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, Vice Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel & Logistics) as 'totally unjustified', concerning comments on Northern Ireland pay and the Falklands allowance.

Members of the Armed Forces Pay Review Board, who, Admiral Herbert points out, were not 'bureaucrats' as described in the Press, but civilians who gave up their own time to ensure that the services receive the right rate for the job, had NOT been under pressure to stop Northern Ireland pay as a cost cutting exercise. NOR had they said that Northern Ireland pay should stop either this year or next.

"They have said that the conditions which led to its introduction in 1974 have changed and that is quite right," says Admiral Herbert. "Northern Ireland pay is not and never has been 'danger money'. The British Armed Services do not receive 'danger money' other than as part of the X Factor."

Admiral Herbert points out that

Northern Ireland pay was introduced as a temporary form of additional pay directly related to the abnormal extent of work during unsocial hours associated with service in Northern Ireland.

That aspect had changed greatly since 1974 and the AFPRB which visited the Province last year and met troops on the ground was aware of that.

The new Falklands allowance was similarly not 'danger money'. It was again a temporary form of pay which recognised that repeated tours in the Falklands under present conditions involved greater disadvantages than were adequately covered in the X Factor. If those circumstances changed the need for such payment would obviously have to be reviewed.

The AFPRB had said that in principle it was a very special payment, and this was also the Principal Personnel Officers' view.

"We believe that the military salary, including the X Factor, should be pitched at a level which makes such payments unnecessary. That means that

our basic pay for our peace time job content needs to be set at the right level. The PPOs and the AFPRB keep both under review and will continue to do so."

Admiral Herbert said there had also been Press comments, again totally misguided, on increased charges. Charges, as much as pay, were part of the comparability exercise which was why the comparatively modest increase in charges would be phased in line with the staging of the pay award.

He added that the AFPRB had always tried to give the Forces a fair deal in a very complicated and difficult area.

STOP PRESS
BAOR's 1st Armoured Division will eventually become an all-Challenger Division, it was announced by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, when he formally opened the British Army Equipment Exhibition at Aldershot.

Full report next issue.

When the full rates of increase come into force the percentage increases range from 7.5 per cent to 8.8 per cent for officers and 6.5 per cent to 7.9 per cent for other ranks.

All privates will receive at least £2.54 a week extra before tax and ERNIC. The new award will affect Service pensions and the new rates of pensions will be based on the pay rates in payment on the date of the award of the pension.

Appropriate increases for Services doctors and dentists will be backdated to 1 April as it is the normal practice for the AFPRB to make a supplementary report on the pay of such personnel which follows soon after the main AFPRB award.

The major forms of additional pay — flying, submarine, parachute, diving and hydrographic — can constitute a significant proportion of the total earnings of those who receive them and the review body has recommended that their value in relation to the military salary should be preserved.

The review body has recommended that a new allowance should be introduced with effect from 1 April this year to compensate servicemen who are required to undertake repeated spells of duty in the Falklands.

The payment would be made to personnel who undertake more than one tour of 80 days duration in a period of 18 months. The level of payment would be £2.15 a day for the second and subsequent tours. This is the same as for Northern Ireland pay which the review body sees as analogous in many respects.

Northern Ireland pay remains unchanged at £2.15 a day.

The review body has recommended that separation allowance should be increased by 10 pence a day for separation within North-West Europe and by 15 pence daily elsewhere.

As for food charges, the review board has recommended single personnel increases from £13.86 a week to £14.42 a week from 1 April and that £6.50 a week should be paid by married men who choose to live away from home and are fed from Service sources.

This charge would replace the previous "interim" charge of £5.50 a week, but those who are separated from their families for Service reasons will continue to receive free food.

The review body has also recommended that married and single accommodation charges go up from 1 April by an average of 5.7 per cent. This increase reflects average increase in local authority rents and rates.

The food and accommodation increases will be by three per cent from 1 April and the balance from 1 November.

Artist Onslow gives PR the brush-off!

THE Army's Directorate of Public Relations has said farewell to yet another of its doyens, writes Graham Smith.

This time to Onslow Dent, based at HQ UKLF, Wilton, who over the years has established himself as an artist in his spare time, as a raconteur at any time and as the untiring organiser all the time over five years of 17 unit press officer courses under the sponsorship of HQ UKLF.

Onslow, who served with the Eighth Army in North Africa and Italy, joined the Army in 1941 as a trooper with a tank unit. Two years later he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers.

In 1960 as a serving major his first job in PR was in Aden. Later, he served at the former HQ Southern Command at Wilton from where he offered PR advice in places like Kuwait, Borneo and Cyprus.

Onslow came out of the Army in 1964 and joined the Ministry of Defence as an assistant information officer with HQ Northern Command in York. Two years later he was posted to HQ Aldershot District and went to Wilton at the time when it was HQ Strategic Command (STRATCO).

A painter of adept brush work — and a capable cartoonist, too — Onslow's retirement at Wilton was marked with the presentation of an easel, canvases, oil paints and brushes.



Onslow Dent: painting time.



WARTIME NURSES: D-Day plus four in France



Mystery man's posy sets nurses a poser

A 'very nice-looking' man entered the office of Mrs Jo Churchill at Aldershot's QARANC Museum. She was writing a letter. He was clutching two potted plants, writes Graham Smith.

'I would like you to have these, on D-Day today, as a token of my thanks for the way the nurses of the QAIMNS looked after me in 1944,' he said.

Mrs Churchill thanked him. 'But who are you...?' she asked the caller, who was dressed in a smart brown suit.

'Oh, I'm nobody special,' he smiled, 'I was just a private in the Black Watch.'

A minute later, the mystery man had left the premises as quickly as he had arrived.

'He must have bought the flowers locally and I suppose he had been wounded in France,' said Mrs Churchill. 'As far as I can remember, the QA girls arrived in Normandy on about the fourth day.'

Assistant Curator of the Museum which moved to Aldershot in 1967 — it had previously

been at Hindhead since 1953 — Mrs Churchill said: 'I was overwhelmed. Words failed me, which is most unusual.'

'He was a nice-looking chap and looked almost too young to have been there in 1944. We would like to know who he is and invite him back to the Museum properly.'

And that dream may not seem as impossible as it sounds. For the two plants — begonias — were to occupy pride of place at the QARANC Association's annual reunion just four days later at London's Cafe Royal where about 70 former Army nurses gathered.

Among them were some who served in the first world war and others who were in France in 1944.

And amid the nostalgic stories being swapped there was one pertinent question: Did any of the former QAs tend any men from the Black Watch?

The aim: to reunite the man who 'was just a private' in that regiment and the girls who tended his wounds 40 years ago.



JO CHURCHILL: flowers from a mysterious stranger.

Sweatshirt wheeze wins sunshine hol

A two-week holiday in sunny Sardinia has been won by Corporal Trevor Davies of Signal Platoon, 1 Royal Hampshire Regiment, in a competition organised jointly by Naafi and Trusthouse Forte.

The competition — which marked the launch of T-shirts and sweatshirts through

Naafi shops and clubs — was open to individuals and units.

As well as taking the overall prize of a 14-night stay at the Forte Holiday Village, Sardinia, Trevor, based at Wavell Barracks, Berlin, also receives £500 worth of THF leisure cheques for his first-place win.

THE Queen gave them a 'ready, steady, go' start when visiting their unit and leading jockey Bob Champion met them to trot the last few yards to the London HQ of the Royal Green Jackets.

The eight runners, from the 2nd Battalion RGJ, had just completed a 480-mile relay from their Celle base in Germany in aid of Cancer Research and the Riflemen's Aid Society.

Brainchild of Rifleman David Eastwood, each runner covered 60 miles and the team completed the whole run in 72 hours.

The venture was organised by Lieutenant Jeremy Legge and Staff Sergeant Hayden Thomas, who beat the 'Big C' as did Bob Champion, who features in a film about his life currently on release.

The runners were: Cpl Ray Johnson; LCpls Alan Leach, George Lawther; Rflmn Kevin Proffitt, Anthony Brogan, Gary Lemin, David Eastwood and Anthony Winterbotham.

Picture: Westminster Press

QUICK

If you can climb mountains covered with snow, or have knowledge of ornithology or photography, then you could join the summer expedition to Brabant Island in the Antarctic. If you know about these things and are interested write to: Lt Cdr C. H. Waghorn, RN, BRNC, Dartmouth, Devon, before July 7.

SPOT

BANG-ON!

The Welsh Guards are BAOR's top shots. Marksmen from the 1st Battalion blazed away at Sennelager to claim the major unit title. Minor unit champs are 1 Ordnance Battalion RAOC.

Individual titles went to Sergeant Evans of the Guards who was named champion at arms, with Lance Corporal Gibbon of their B team taking second place.

The "Young Soldier" award was won by Private Pearson, Green Howards.

QUICK

Mrs Cora Travers, 'mother confessor' to hundreds of soldiers at the Defence Medical Equipment Depot, Ludgershall, has retired after 40 years service.

SPOT

ROB RIDES

Major Rob Hyde-Bales really had the 'hump' when he left as OC 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron, RE.

For outgoing Rob was given his last ride as boss of the outfit on the back of a camel.

Rob, who spent a lot of his young days in Africa and whose squadron recently completed an expedition to Morocco, readily appreciated the 'Red Shadow' touch.

But he's still wondering how his lads managed to get the camel up and down the Helmstedt corridor.

SNOW GO

No cleaners means the Falklands HQ has to be kept tidy by the military. So WO1 Keith Betchley RAOC, together with PO D. Keeling WRNS, Sgt I. Birbeck WRAC, Cpl N. Garland WFR, LCpl K. Fry RGJ and M. O'Connell RAOC and Rngr V. Hewitt R. Irish, patrol the corridors of the condemned building mopping up a snow and mud mix. Says WO1 J Sexton: "Touching up paintwork they don't mind. But snow mixed with mud..."

CHEERS!

Their pals laughed when four lads from 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment motored from their home base at Munsterlager to Lahr, near the Swiss border, for a darts match.

But when Cpls Dave Roach, Mike Parks, Jim Coulthard and 'Kitch' Kitchener returned with a huge 'pot' and four engraved plates, their jeers turned to cheers. For the lads came second, in an open contest which had 64 teams taking part.

THANKS...

Royal Engineers in Cyprus took a bow when the new youth club at Evdhimou was declared open. For they were lads who, in three weeks, built the place for local youngsters.

Led by Cpl Neil Bridges, the team's efforts are now marked by a Corps plaque on the hall wall which was presented at the official opening by Major Simon Douglas, OC 62 Support Squadron.

The whole village turned out for the ceremony including the local policeman and priest.

PEOPLE

FACES and PLACES

Town's Freedom for tiny troop

First they got the Wilkinson Sword of Peace. That was seven months ago. Now they have been awarded the Freedom of Dannenberg.

With the Freedom Scroll safely in their possession, it means that H Troop, 13 Signal Regiment, can march through the town with 'bands playing and flags flying'.

One of the smallest units in BAOR — it is only 48 strong and 50 miles from the nearest Army unit at Munsterlager — they claim to be the only troop to have gained the Freedom of a German town.

War game kicks for cadets

Sapper cadets from the Kent Army Cadet Force Regiment, have made their annual visit to BAOR — this time to 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment at Munsterlager.

Highlights of their ten-day stay included firing the 84mm Carl Gustav anti-tank gun, the Sterling SMG and the SLR reduced to .22 for indoor range shooting.

The Kent youngsters also had a go at demolition charges and square-bashing, courtesy the RSM, who was later reported to be 'impressed' with the young visitors.

CHAMPION!

Top jockey Bob tells the RGJs



BOB CHAMPION AND THE GREEN JACKETS: home at a trot



TOPICS

6/7 Queens triumph yet again

FOR THE sixth year in succession, 6/7 Queens (V) have won the South-East District Skill-at-Arms competition, held, this year, on the Ash Ranges.

Champion Rifle Shot was Colour Sergeant Richard Bicker, of the unit's A Team.

Second place was taken by Lance Corporal John Bishop of B Team; while third placing was by Corporal Peter Brookes, of A Team.

Third place in the Rifle Team event was 6/7 Queen's (V) B Team, taking the same slots in the Section Match, LMG Match and second place in the SMG match.

But it was the A Team which took overall first placing in the SEDSAM with a second position in the Section Match, first placing in the LMG match but taking only 3rd place in the SMG match.

Final placings, A Team took first position and B Team, came third.

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TOP OF THE JOCKS!

THEY HAVE shot their way to the top — literally. That is the honour which has fallen to the men of C (Queen's Own Highlanders) Company of the 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers who took first place in the Army in Scotland Skill at Arms (ASSAM) meeting held at Barry Buddon.

They were, by accounts, the first TA team to achieve such a prestigious placing for several years making for an even greater triumph for the four part-time 'Terriers' from Stornoway in the Isle of Lewis and another from Inverness.

Among the team trophies they proudly carried away were the champion sub-machine gun team, the winning TA team, champion TA team for all weapons and champion team for the whole meeting!

In all, 47 five-man Regular and TA teams took part in ASSAM 84.

Private Donald MacKenzie of Stornoway was champion TA shot in the Highlands, champion B Class TA rifle shot of all Scotland and winner of the Scotland Top 18 competition. Lance Corporal Roddy Martin, also of Stornoway, was runner-up in the Individual Sub-Machine Gun Match and champion B Class Shot of the whole meeting.

In the GPMG, Edinburgh and Heriot Watt UOTC were the winners.

1 WESSEX SHOW THE WAY

1 WESSEX are the Major Unit Champions after the 1984 South West District SAAM, C Coy having won the sub-unit championship, the section match, the SMG match, the GPMG match and 3rd in the ETR match.

Team captain Major Mike Cook is an ex-Regular, having been RSM in the Devonshire and Dorset



We are the champions! The C Company men after their Barry Buddon triumph, from left: Warrant Officer Allan Martin, Privates Donald MacKenzie and Kenneth MacKenzie, Lance Corporal Roddy Martin and Colour Sergeant George Geddes.

NEW EASTERN RECORD



4 (HERTFORDSHIRE) Coy, 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment, established a record in the TA match at the Eastern District Skill-at-Arms Meeting in Colchester, by be-

coming Champion Company for the sixth time in succession.

The record had been held previously by 3 (Essex) Coy, 5 R Anglian. This year's win was also the ninth time that the trophy had been won by 4 Coy in the past ten years, and, above, WO2 Ken Lacey is presented with the trophy.

In achieving their victory, 4 Coy won the rifle match and the section match, came second in the GPMG/LMG match, and fourth in the SMG match.

Best overall rifle shot was Cpl Graham Hornett, while his brother, L/Cpl Colin Hornett was best overall SMG shot — both of 4 Coy.



Major Cook, left, receives the champion rifle section cup from Major General Barry Lane, GOC South West District.

PREPARING FOR LIONHEART IN GERMANY

Newport's Sappers, 100 Field Squadron, Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, led by Major Stuart Webster, have been making good use of their links with German Reserve Engineer Units.

They recently paid a visit to Germany to prepare themselves for the British Army's largest ever exercise, Exercise Lionheart.

Using Germany Army Engineers from the German equivalent of the Territorial Army, they went on a reconnaissance of bridges and roads to see how they could be blown up, or for that matter built

or repaired depending upon the battle.

Whatever happens, Newport's Royal Engineers aim to give a good account of themselves on Lionheart, as they did recently in building a bridge to provide access to Billy Graham's Mission England meeting in Bristol (see SOLDIER 18 June).

Staff Sergeant John Iles (kneeling) and Staff Sergeant Davey Kirton, measure up the lie of the land 'somewhere in Germany' while 'Willi' their German army guide looks on.



North Irish Militia fittest — once again!

Results just released prove 4(V) R Irish (The North Irish Militia) to be the fittest TA Battalion in the Army — and this for the second year in succession!

The Militia achieved their unbeatable score of 98.8% during assessment by the APTC team from UKLF who visited the Battalion's Annual Camp at Dartmoor.

Every individual who attended camp was monitored during a BFT run around a three mile circuit, as part of the TA's annual Tickle Fitness Competition.

From the CO to the 'bottle washers' in the cookhouse every man had to prove himself capable of beating the clock under the

watchful eyes of the Master at Arms and his staff. Muscles weary from an exhausting 60 hour trek over the Dartmoor hills with full equipment, just hours before the test, were forced to make one last



effort, to repeat last year's victory over the rest of the TA.

Throughout the assessment the marathon-running Battalion Headquarters led from the front, with Ranger Hollinger, Ulster's top Army orienteer and his champion TA orienteering team keeping them on track whilst Corporal Dodds, Northern Ireland's top Army runner (Regular and TA), drove the stragglers on from the

rear — with help from the RSM and his RP Staff!

Despite having to wait 10 months for the rest of the TA to complete the competition, it was well worth it as they can now hold heads high — again.

No other unit has ever brought the Trophy home to Ulster, and no other unit TA-wide has won for a staggering two years in a row. 4 R Irish are already looking forward to maintaining their lead in the fitness field — and wondering 'Can we keep the trophy for three in a row?'

It would go nicely with a growing collection for top sporting Company in the TA, Champions of TA Soccer 1984 and winners of most TA sporting and military events in Northern Ireland.

FLASH BACK to last year, with The North Irish Militia on the move. Proving again to be the TA's fittest.

BEM AWARD

At a ceremony at Bulford Camp, Wilts, Staff Sergeant Max Williams was awarded the BEM for his outstanding service with the Territorial Army.

The medal was presented by Major General Barry Lane, General Officer Commanding the Army's South West District. He also gave Max a congratulatory letter on behalf of the Queen.

Max is currently serving with 249 Signal Squadron as a Troop Staff Sergeant at Ward Barracks, Bulford. He received the BEM for his work when he was attached to 67 (Queen's Own Western Warwickshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron at Stratford-on-Avon.

He was born in Lagos, Nigeria and during his 19 years in the Army has served in many countries

overseas, including Germany, Aden, Hong Kong, Canada, Norway and Turkey. He is also fully parachute trained.

Max and his wife, Helen, have a 15 year old son Gary and the family home is in Wellingborough, Northants.

Help for the airfields ...

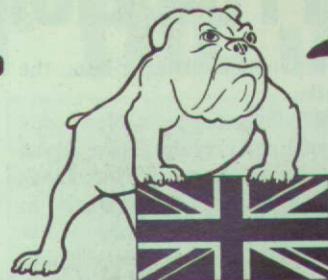
The Commander 12 Engineer Brigade (Airfield Damage Repair), Brigadier A J V Kendall, inspected men on parade to mark the formation of two new Territorial Army squadrons, 218 and 219 Field Squadrons (Airfield Damage Repair) (Volunteers), at Waterbeach, Cambridge.

The squadrons, commanded by Majors Peter Ewing and Derek Wrathall will, after training, be assigned to RAF Honington and RAF Coningsby.



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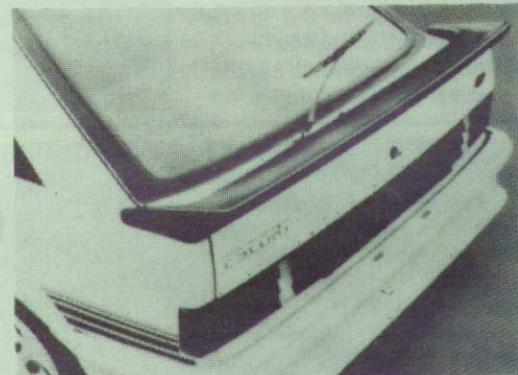
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AMONG THE many events in Normandy to mark the 40th anniversary of D-Day 46 men of 3rd Royal Tank Regiment were involved — but their thinking was to mark Operation Goodwood, which involved 11 Armoured Division.

Flers in Normandy was liberated on 17 August 1944 and 30 years later a Flers Standard was presented to survivors by the Flers section of the Union Nationale des Combattants.

It was then handed to 3RTR for safe-keeping and was paraded, with the regiment represented by three officers, 18 other ranks and a 25-strong band.

Old Comrades were there too, remembering Goodwood — which involved heavy fighting and has since been the subject of considerable debate.

On the subject of '44, one of the more fascinating souvenirs brought to the attention of **SOLDIER** are bone china plates, with the original coloured map of D-Day landings produced by Michelin soon after the war. Lord Holderness, who lost both legs in Libya, formed a company which is marketing the plates made by severely disabled at the Sheltered Workshop of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the disabled.

Each plate will be specially inscribed for the purchaser and further details can be obtained from: Wilton 65, Dorincourt, Oaklawn Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

ACHANCE remark by a British Army Major brought about an unusual addition to the D-Day ceremonies at Arromanches when Major Eddie Lyons of 13 Postal and Courier Squadron from BAOR visited Dr Lecomte, the Mayor of Arromanches to discuss the setting up of FPOs in his town, to sell British commemorative first day covers. He mentioned that The Queen was a keen philatelist and possessed one of the world's finest collections. He then suggested that Dr Lecomte might be interested in presenting copies of the French

THE NAME Sir Galahad, which brings back memories of the sad loss of life off Fitzroy in the Falklands is to live on in the new Brede class lifeboat to be named RNLB RFA Sir Galahad.

The target cost of £145,000 has already been reduced by some £18,000 including £355 raised by the officers and men of RFA Sir Lamorak and £45 from some of the Army's seafarers — 17 Port Regiment Royal Corps of Transport.

SOLDIER to Soldier



Once again a reader has set us a picture puzzle. The photo (looks like a sergeant of the Ayrshire Yeomanry) was one of five sent to the Editor with no covering letter or explanatory note, just marked for '1914-18 Memorial Year'.

Two of the other photos were — like the one shown — of soldiers with members of the fairer sex — and the remaining two of single soldiers, one obviously cavalry, the other a lance corporal.

We think the envelope was postmarked Belfast and we would like to know more about the sender and the individuals in the pictures. It would seem the sender forgot to include a background note so if he (or she) can help we will be delighted.

Particularly as next month marks the 70th anniversary of the start of World War 1.

first day covers.

On the day, the mayor, having presented The Queen with the commemorative medal, suddenly produced a bunch of French first day covers and a sheet of the French stamps. This was seen by

Pictured during a ceremony (right) with the appropriate cheque are Major David Hammett, RCT and Captain Sharon Tait, WRAC.

Other soldiers who may wish to aid this very worthy cause can send donations to Barclays Bank Ltd, 359 Bitterne Road, Southampton — account number 91379364, branch code 20-09-70. If a receipt is required send to Captain P J G Roberts DSO RFA, Branch 74B, Ministry of Defence, Empress State Building Room 606, London SW6 1TR.

millions of TV viewers. BBC commentator David Dimbleby remarked on the gesture, but assumed that they were the ones that Major Lyons' men had been selling all day to the veterans in Arromanches.

SOME time ago, a decision was taken by the Ceredigion Council to donate a commemorative plaque to every person from Ceredigion who served in the Falklands conflict and/or in Northern Ireland during the course of the present troubles.

The process of obtaining the names of the persons concerned has been difficult and lengthy, yet as we went to Press the council was ready to present plaques to about 75 serving and retired servicemen and women.

If you live in Ceredigion District, and served in the Falklands campaign or in Northern Ireland, and the council has not contacted you, you should contact them at: Ceredigion District Council, Department of Administration, Town Hall, Aberystwyth SY23 2EB.

Telephone 0970 617911.



Corporal Lauren Jeffrey, (23) of the Women's Royal Army Corps, who represented Great Britain in the Winter Olympics, was recently presented to the Director of the WRAC, Brigadier Helen Meechie.

Lauren is a physical training instructor with the WRAC and represented Great Britain as part of the winter Olympic team in Yugoslavia at cross country skiing, taking part in the five, 10 and 20 kilometre races.



D-DAY COMMEMORATION

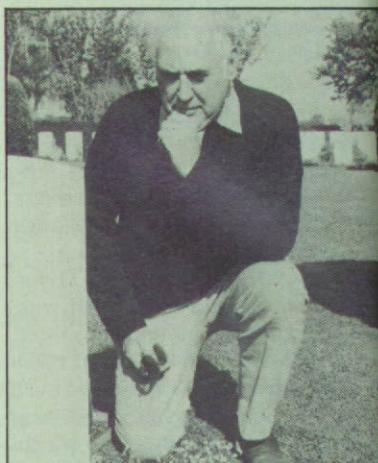
THE REUNIONS

THEY CAME... they saw... they remembered. Thousands of wartime soldiers for whom, forty years later, rank held no privilege nor precise protocol during a milestone week in history as one-time corporals and captains, bombardiers and brigadiers mingled with their memories.

With medals glistening in the bright sunshine and each with his own private recollections of how it was four decades ago to the day, the veterans had returned for the anniversary — some called it a celebration — of Normandy forty years later.

Older and wiser now, each man proudly puffed out his chest and pulled in the midriff as he marched

HMY Britannia — a view from RFA Sir Bedivere.



Derrick Knight: remembering an old comrade.

Sandy Smith, left and Geoff Barkway: reunion.

in commemorative parades through the various French villages and towns: communities where, in June 1944, comrades-in-arms had drawn their last breath not to return to their loved ones in dear Old Blighty.

They were not Royalty but they were treated like it. The veterans — Normandy's most illustrious pilgrims in those forty years and all anonymous in their phalanxes of marching men — were not only justifiably honouring themselves but paying a debt they had perhaps promised a dying 'Chalky', 'Smudger' or 'Nobby' who had landed with them.

Among the men returning to the scene which was to set the liberation of Europe into motion was former 179253 Captain Knight, CDV — now Mr Derrick Knight, MBE, of the Ministry of Defence Public Relations staff in London — who was second-in-command of the Army Film Unit.

Then a 23-year-old captain, Derrick recalls: "I landed at H-plus-10 with the 13th/18th Hussars, part of Third Division at Hermanville. Previously, the ten-strong team and I had been at the marshalling area in Hambledon. We went across in an LCT (Landing Craft Tank).

"I was no stranger to beach landings having done Sicily in May 1943 and later at Salerno and I didn't even get my feet wet. I hitched a lift on the back of a Sherman tank which carried me ashore and kept my feet dry. We were armed with pistols but I had my own Schmeisser machine pistol too."

Formerly the assistant film

Brothers Claud, left, and Cyril Larkin: with our D-Day supplement.

director of the old GPO film unit before he donned khaki, Derrick and his men also carried single lens cameras with the remit that they had to take pictures and give full documentation of personnel coming ashore, captured personnel and equipment, burning enemy vehicles and the local populace being looked after.

"There was no television just news-reels on at the cinemas," he reminded. "These news-reels were changed twice a week and there were three or four news-reel companies to be served."

Sadly, one of his team — Sgt Norman Clague — was killed. He was the photographer who took the world-famous news-reel shot of troops leaping from a landing craft on to the beaches, houses in the background. He lies buried at Ranville. Three more of the team were wounded.

Derrick, himself, got 'a packet' in Caen when two 88mm shells demolished a house. He sought refuge under the stairs and was hurled headlong beneath them! A piece of shrapnel in his leg.

"I am normally a sound sleeper but I wasn't on that particular night," he joked.

On a more serious note and down on one knee at the graveside of his former Sergeant Clague, Derrick said: "I feel, looking at this headstone, the tragedy of the whole thing and the age of the young men who were killed. a whole generation of 19- and 20-year-olds. There is even a boy of 18 listed on this gravestone.

"When they played the National Anthem and the Marseillaise it really did bring tears to the eyes of many and lump to my own throat. In the very drama of the situation forty years on, it really made you



THE MEMORIES

count your blessings once again to be alive and to have survived the world's most famous beach landings."

Another surprise reunion was that of former Lieutenant 'Sandy' Smith of the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry who was in a glider during the Pegasus Bridge coup de main operation. He met up with the glider pilot who had dropped him and 28 others to within 50 yards of their destination.

The pilot was Sergeant Geoff Barkway, now living at Bookham in Surrey, who, sadly, lost an arm in the operation. He was shot in the wrist and his right arm had to be amputated.

Mr Smith, until two years ago a director with the Burmah Oil Company, was in the crowd not far from Madam Gondre's cafe when someone yelled out to him: "Sandy! Here's your glider pilot!"

It was, by dual agreement, an emotional reunion. "He was a wonderful guy," said Sandy, "and afterwards we and our wives had a couple of Calvados. I was the only

platoon commander to survive in that three-glider segment of the landing. We have promised to keep in touch."

Mr Barkway — he retired as a London Underground chartered engineer three years ago — who had flown 320 hours on gliders recalled his instructions when he had landed his Horsa at Pegasus Bridge.

He told me: "I had a chit in my pocket which said something to the effect that I was to be returned to England by the most expeditious means possible. Unfortunately, at the Pegasus Bridge landing one of the 29 men in my glider was killed.

"My wife and I happened to be on holiday this year in Lyons and she suggested we move on to Normandy. So, it was purely on the off chance that I met 'Sandy' Smith again. I soon spotted him. I had remembered a robust gentleman from those days. I also met two other glider pilots from our Glider Pilot Regiment — Jim Walark and Oliver Bolan. My co-pilot, Peter Boyle, was there, too."

Two more soldiers who fought together — they landed in the same glider — were the Larkin brothers, Cyril and Claud who live in Lowestoft.

Both were sappers serving with 249 Field Company and had landed at the Orne Bridge attached to the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry. It was their first time back in Normandy.

Former RAOC driver of a breakdown truck, Mr Derek Chapman who landed on D-plus-6, said: "I would not have missed the Caen reception and the Royal Marines band up front during the marching really made me feel ten



Chris Bowly: by cycle to his father's grave.

feet tall. I only wish I had brought my wife."

Mr Chris Bowly, formerly in the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars from 1960-64 was cycling the route round Normandy culminating with a visit to his father's grave in the Bayeux Cemetery. His father was

Major H E Bowly, of The Warwickshire Regiment, attached to the 7th Battalion, The Green Howards, who was killed at Tilley.

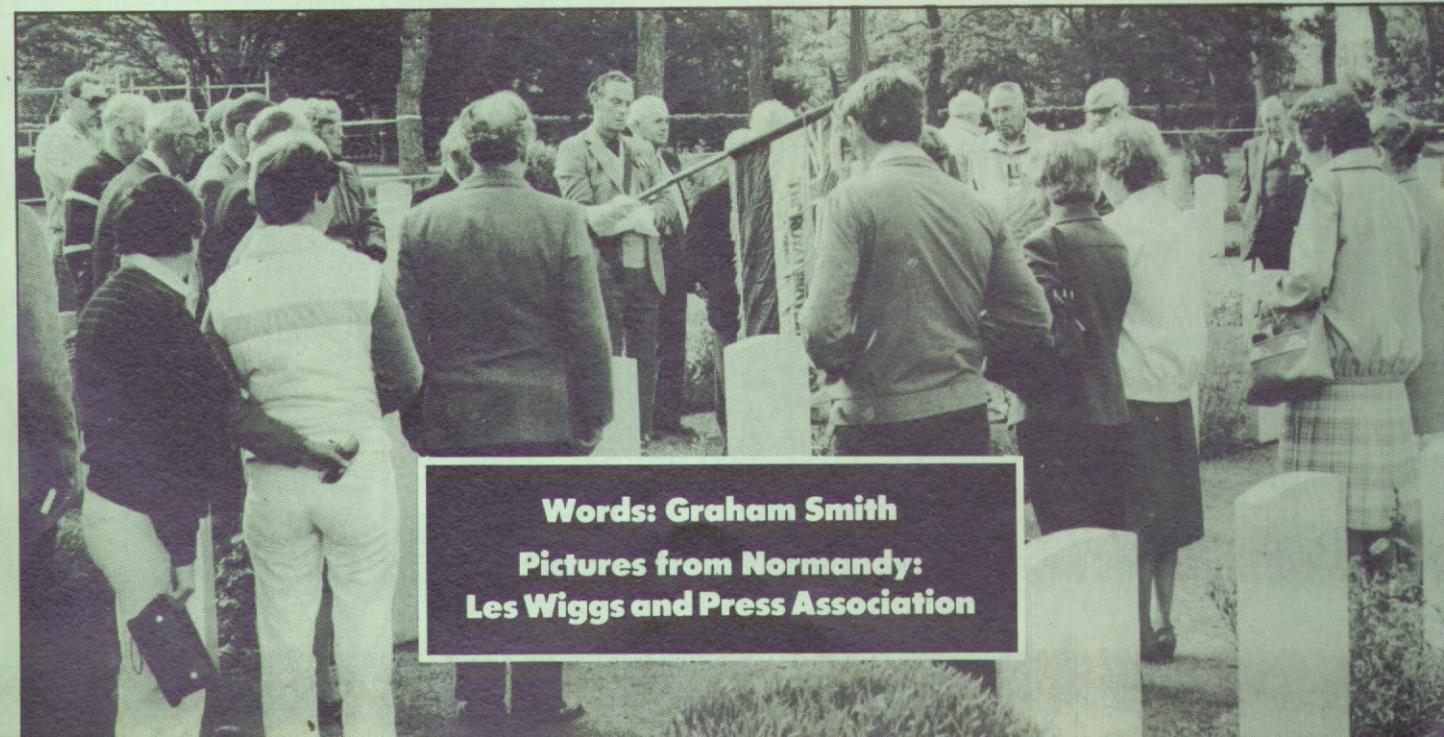
And so it was. Each man with a mission; a mission of respect and remembrance of The Longest Day and its immediate aftermath.

Unknown German lies beside Signalman Colquhoun.



A time to remember at Ranville Cemetery.

Derek Chapman: "Wish I had brought my wife".



Words: Graham Smith
Pictures from Normandy:
Les Wiggs and Press Association

ROYAL TRIBUTE



The Queen among veterans at Arromanches.



Also at Arromanches: The Duke of Edinburgh.



Major John Howard with Madame Therese Gondree: Memories at Ranville.



The Prince of Wales lays a wreath at Ranville.



Arromanches march past: heads held high, medals gleaming.

NINETEEN YEARS ago Colin Stanton made a momentous decision which he has never since regretted. An Army officer who rose through the ranks to become SAS captain he decided to get away from it all on demob and surveyed miles of sewers for London County Council!

He then decided to go further, jumped on his trusty bike — he still has no car — and resolutely pedalled the 85 miles to the cathedral city of Salisbury where, in the last two decades, he has established himself as one of the foremost artists and designers in Wessex.

Mr Stanton joined the Irish Guards as a boy piper in 1939, lying about his age, adding five years to his existing 15; a lad who had learned to make bagpipes and flutes with a Camden, north London firm. He later went on to serve with Commandos before his service with the SAS.

Now, he has compiled and built nine three-dimensional dioramas with an Army Air Corps theme by commission for installation and pride of place in the new Museum of Army Flying which is due to be opened at Middle Wallop by the Duke of Kent on July 2.

Without giving too much away at this stage some of the presentations include casualty evacuation in the Falklands, a scene from the Suez landings, another involving a Beaver fixed-wing aircraft in Aden of about 1962, an episode involving gliders at the heavy water factory in Norway during Operation Freshman and another portraying a Northern Ireland scenario with a descending Sioux helicopter.

Helping him in his quest over the months have been his two sons, Andrew, 15 — a promising painter in his own right — and Cormac, 13, both at the local grammar school who put the finishing touches to nearly 90 miniature soldier figures with deft brushwork and are now both the richer at the rate of £1-an-hour paid by a grateful dad.

Mr Stanton, 59, has already done some paintings for the new museum and is carrying out the diorama project for a fraction of the price normally levied by commercial studios.

He says: "I know museums are always strapped for money. Usually, I get up early and work through until about 10.30, take a break and then return to the task. I have been working from prints, photos, written references and any other material I can get my hands on in the bid for authenticity.

"A great helper in my efforts

SONS FOLLOW THE STANTON MODEL STEPS

has been graphic designer Barry Keel at Middle Wallop, where I was supplied with aircraft models with the exception of a Beaver of the type used in the Aden campaign which I had to modify for purposes of perspective for the viewers.

"The choice of subject has been theirs. The interpretation is virtually mine. Each model diorama has to give a 3-D perspective. Everything is built on a rake."

His model making talents developed, indeed, from his Army days as he explained: "I used to find it easier to make sketches or models, in sand, paper or whatever, to illustrate and amplify the written reports on the findings of my 'recces'. I served in Norway, North Africa, Italy and Yugoslavia."

The Middle Wallop collection — it will be credited 'Stanton and Sons', — has been built up with glue, plaster or scrim (a sort

of very fine mesh) and paints in just one segment of the static exhibition which traces Army aviation through its finest flying years.

On demob, one of his first jobs was as a sewer surveyor. That was not for him.

"I don't like to do things other people do," says Mr Stanton, "and this has manifested itself all the way through my life. I arrived here in Salisbury 19 years ago on my bike, I still don't drive, and I find the tenor of life here so much nicer. I still bike my way round the city and I am well-placed for the Plain, the New Forest and the coast."

Director of the new museum which will have more than 2,000 exhibits, Lieutenant Colonel 'Nick' Nicholls, told me: "It has been very easy working with Colin because of his previous service experience and specialist know-

ledge. If we wanted a particular scene from Aden with emphasis on the mountainous part he has known exactly what we wanted.

"Similarly, where we were talking about Suez and we wanted to make sure there was plenty of action, as there was on that day in 1956, Colin has been able to create it using pictures from books and photographs. We are very pleased with him.

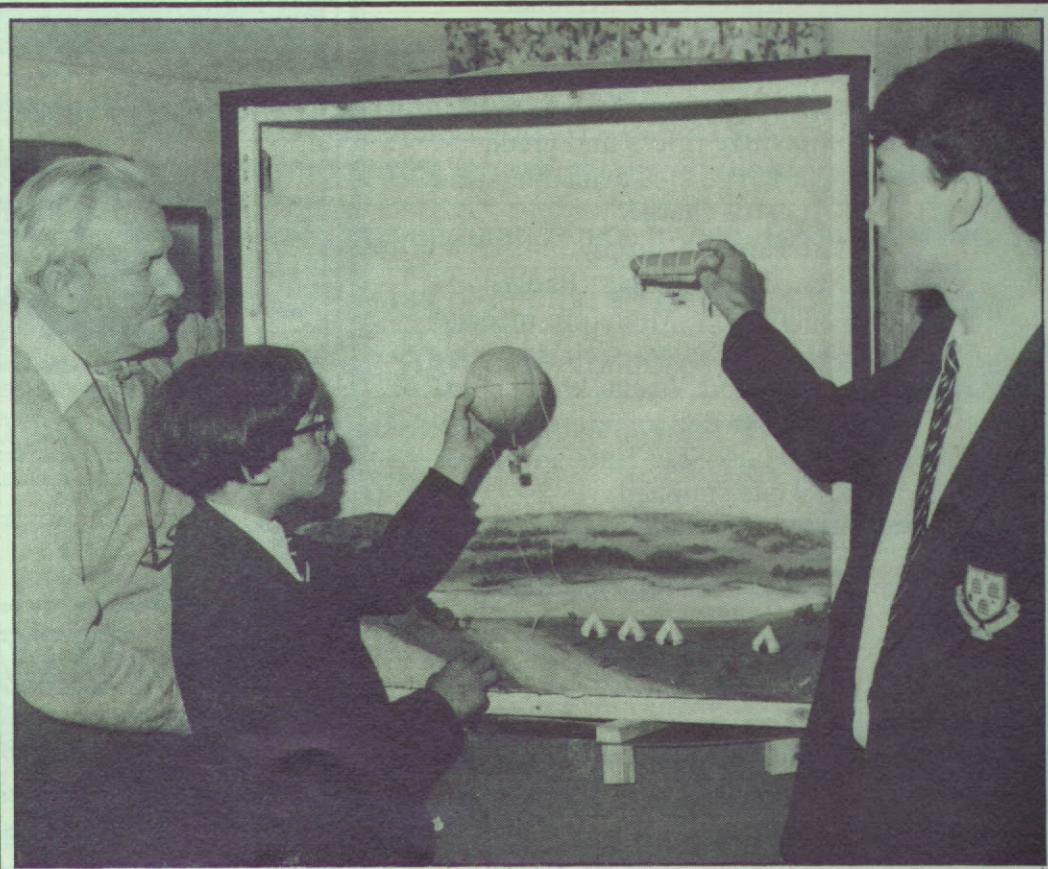
"He is one of the easiest blokes to work with and does not suffer from the normal temperamental fits that some artists have. He is very stable in that respect.

"He is very capable of creating scenes in tableaux apart from his skill as a painter. Two of his paintings already hang in the museum and capture the operational atmosphere vividly."

The Museum which launched an appeal for £600,000 is already half-way there, said Colonel Nicholls.

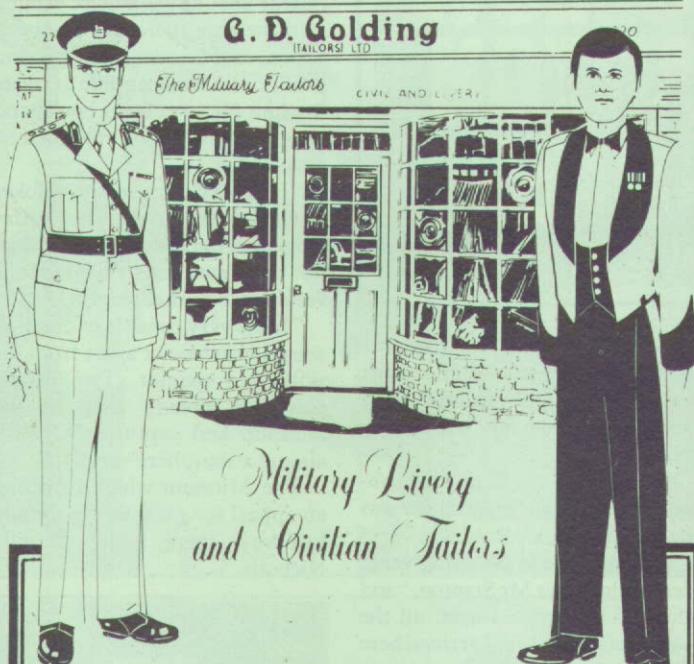
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DAD supervises sons, Cormac, 13 and Andrew, 15, putting final touches to one of the family dioramas.



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John Margetts puts the spotlight on The School of Ordnance at Deepcut and discovers that in the world of vast sums ...



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COMPUTERS MEAN BIG SAVINGS



Not just a talk-in, but a look-in, too, on the RAOC officers' course at Deepcut.

BEANS, bombs, socks, trucks and tanks. Everything, in fact, from base to battlefield. If the Army needs it the Royal Army Ordnance Corps supplies it.

They used to call themselves "The Providers". Not any more. Now they like to be known as "The Suppliers" and to ensure they live up to their self-endowed title, information about everything they supply and can make available to the Army is punched into their master computer at Bicester. They have to do it. It's the only way they can keep track of their multi-million £ bits and pieces.

Talk finance to the higher echelons of the Corps and you are talking their sort of language.

Although numerically fewer than some other corps, they are in a class of their own when it comes to fiscal facts of everyday life in the Army.

For they are the Army's big spenders. They are the money men of last year, this and the foreseeable future, shelling out millions on equipment, clothing, food, fuel, munitions...

They are the really big boys of Army expenditure. Latest figures show the value of their stores and equipment at £2,520 million.

This vast sum puts them in fourth place in the UK big business capital assets league.

Only three major companies top them in this financial table: BP with assets put by the RAOC at £11,400 million; Shell (£7,800 million) and ICI (£4,750 million).

The RAOC's standing in this league not only puts them high up the mega business scale, but substantiates the logo on their own computer viewdata, full-colour service, which proclaims their cap badge to be "The Badge of Big Business".

But handling big business needs knowledge and skill and it is at that point the School of Ordnance at Deepcut comes into its own.

Headed by Commandant Colonel Derek Baughan the school

will, over the next 12 months, run more than 100 supply and management courses turning out 1,700 specialists including a number from Commonwealth and foreign countries.

This level of student output is vital if the Army is to function smoothly and efficiently. And to achieve that happy state computers pave the way.

That's where civilian computer systems instructor Fred Gawthrope comes in. Says Fred: "The plan is eventually to computerise every Army QM store. This means every Army storeman of the future will have to have knowledge of computers. In turn, that means everyone on courses at this school will complete an automatic data processing (ADP) course."

With a list of more than 750,000 different items held in UK, the only way to find out what is where and whether it's available is to "ask" the master computer at Bicester.

Part of a computer system serving BAOR, Berlin, Hong Kong and the two central depots in the UK, the system provides data at the touch of a few buttons.

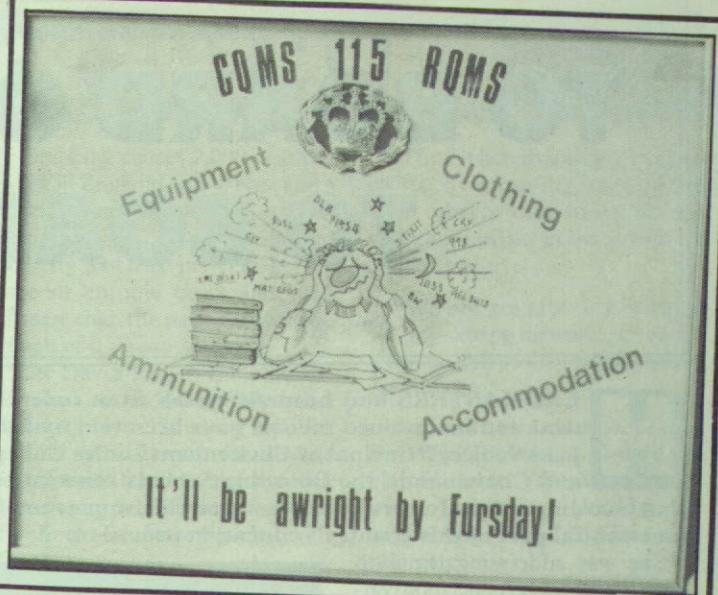
But already plans are being drawn up for the RAOC's third generation of computers which will bring in new equipment and techniques.

Some elements of the new system are already in service with more coming in next year.

Lieutenant Colonel Rodger Davy, who heads the Management Wing at the school, said: "We are sometimes criticised for spending too much money and resources on ADP. But the facts are we (the RAOC) operate the largest computer network in European defence.

"This involves about £12 million in hardware into which has gone about 3,000 man-years of effort.

"Our annual wage bill as a Corps is in the order of £155.3 million and we spend £316 million each year on military spares.



Student's dilemma: one of the many cartoons which adorn the walls of the School.

"Our role is to make people aware of the hazards they face and to educate them into safety."

Since the Corps employs more civilians than it has soldiers — the figure is around 9,000-plus in the UK — safety-first at work has been a "must" since the Health and Safety Act of ten years ago.

Major Catt's and Mr Worthington's teaching formula is a simple one: they teach health and safety officers, who in turn "advise" COs on the safety levels required for all those entering a unit's area.

Their message is simple, too: safety saves money. But while Colonel Davy's courses progress on management concepts, health and safety and quarter mastering, Lieutenant Colonel John Royle, head of the Supply Wing, presses ahead with at least 15 courses on distribution and logistics to ensure the shelves of the Army's megamarket are always fully stocked.

Looking at the staggering sums involved to maintain this level of supply, it becomes increasingly clearer that the RAOC's in-house TV logo, "The Badge of Big Business", really is true and that they live up to it with ease.

Overseas students get the lowdown on big business.



TO BOARD OR NOT TO BOARD

HEADMASTERS and headmistresses from independent and maintained schools have been told by Miss Joan Sadler, Principal of Cheltenham Ladies College and Chairman of the Boarding Schools Association, that boarding is a vital and relevant resource which must remain an essential part of this country's education provision.

She was addressing the 19th Boarding Schools Association conference and annual meeting, which had the theme 'Boarding and the Community', held at Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham.

Her statement has particular relevance to our situation as Service parents.

More than 20,000 children were in receipt last year of one of the boarding allowances paid to service parents, costing £57 million. Even so many parents had to find substantial amounts to make up the shortfall between the BSA and the fees.

In spite of this an increase of 600 more pupils from Service parents of all ranks chose to board.

Help for some comes in the form of scholarships, bursaries and grants which rose by eight per cent in 1983. An increase to 4,982 places under the assisted places scheme enabled parents to put their children in boarding schools, many families for the first time. But it

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must be remembered that not every child will settle in a boarding school, and even after a year, some are very homesick. So careful assessment is required before you make the decision 'To Board or Not to Board'.

Tim Devlin, Director of Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) gave me some interesting facts: "Of the 17,000 service children 14,000 are at ISIS member schools, 3,000 at other independent schools. Even with an average eight per cent rise in school fees, the increase in boarding education has risen by eight per cent and it is certainly becoming more popular among Service families."

Fees rose to an average of £1,100 a term, but most of the maintained schools were still within or just over the BSA.

It was obvious that those at the conference were conscious of difficulties Service parents faced.

The maintained sector came in for a good deal of discussion as the threat of closure hung over a number of schools with the possible loss of some 1,357 places. Service parents will undoubtedly be affected should these closures eventually happen. However, it is hoped to save three.

The £800 plus Boarding School Allowance goes a long way to help service parents find stability and continuity of education during our turbulent lifestyle, but by no means covers many extras.

Many parents suddenly decide when faced with an overseas posting to rush to find a place.

I was greatly disturbed that a number of heads said that children are placed without a visit to the school from either parent, guardian or child. It seemed that if friends or colleagues said that their child was happy at a school, that was sufficient recommendation.

Mrs Griffiths from the Royal Soldiers' Daughters School, mentioned another point: "If you are thinking of sending your son or daughter to a Local Authority school, applications for choice will be severely restricted if you leave it to the year of entry." So for September, 84 applications should have been made in November, 83. November, 84 for September, 85 entry.

Another disquieting fact was that some parents were very late in paying their boarding school fees. BSA is not your money; it is for you to pay directly to the school. BSA is paid to you by 31 Dec, 31 Aug and 14 April. By not paying it, you are causing problems.

However, please apply as early as possible for it seemed to be unanimously voiced by the Heads that Service parents flood with requests during April to May for the following September. It is too late. You will probably find a place but not necessarily at your first choice, so why go for your second or third choice because you applied too late?

If you think that boarding is a

possibility at some time, visit the school and place your child on the list as early as possible — a year ahead is not too early.

A plea also came that when you move your office, please remember to give the school your new office contact number. Ringing from UK to Hong Kong, Cyprus or Germany is expensive.

There was a lot of discussion on the difficulties which the maintained sector was facing in some local authority areas. Dr Ewan Anderson of Durham University says that while the BSA remains in its present form, Service families should be considered on equal terms with all other applications for LEA assistance against the criteria of whether or not without boarding the child's educational development was likely to be significantly impaired.

Books and leaflets

The new December 1983 booklet from the Service Children's Education Authority is now available from your Education Office — JSP 342.

'Choosing your Independent School', a guide to more than 1,300 schools, is the best value for money on boarding education I have seen for a long time.

The information is particularly useful for Service parents. The directory of schools and maps is excellent. At a glance you can see an area and surrounding schools, those near airports and ports, motorways etc.

If you are overseas then Chapter 8 is essential for it also has a list of countries where there are ISIS representatives.

Other extremely useful information is about schools which have a religious bias, are progressive, feature music and singing, or accept gifted children. Plenty of help and many questions answered including heads names and entry requirements, plus much more, for just £2.50. An excellent guide, available from ISIS.

The Assisted Places Scheme — information on assisted places at independent schools — a brief guide available from: Dept of Education and Science, Room 3/65 Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH.

Assisted Places Schools, England and Wales, lists schools and information, including schools which offer financial concessions in respect of children of Service parents. Available from ISIS.

Another useful leaflet from ISIS 'Could my son be a Chorister?'

ISIS, 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG, Tel: 01-630 8759.

BOARDING EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?

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LIVERPOOL KICK THE HABIT

AS they celebrate winning the Football League title yet again and the European Cup for the fourth time, Liverpool Football Club have become health champions as well!

Europe's greatest football club has joined the Health Education Council's campaign to discourage schoolchildren from smoking. They will be known as a No-Smoking team in a poster campaign featuring the captain, Graeme Souness.

By setting an example to

impressionable youngsters, the players are helping to tackle the alarming problem of school-age smoking. A national survey last year showed that 19 per cent of all secondary school children in England and Wales are smokers, and by the fifth form that has risen to 37 per cent.

Even at an early age smoking can have a marked effect on children's fitness and capacity to enjoy life to the full, and Liverpool, whose fitness is a key to their success, want children to know the damage smoking can do to them.

Smoking causes 2,000 deaths a week in England and Wales, and a recent report by Dr John Ashton of Liverpool University showed the city had a 20 per cent higher rate of chronic heart and lung disease than the national average, much of it due to smoking.

Dr David Player, the Director General of the Health Education Council, says: "Smoking is public enemy number one for anyone interested in health". It's important that young people who want to be fit should be aware how bad it is for them.

"I find it horrifying that so many sports, by accepting sponsorship from tobacco companies, are associating healthy activity with its biggest enemy."

"We are grateful to Liverpool FC for setting an example which we hope will be followed by many other clubs."

And so it has. At least four other First Division clubs — Manchester United, Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion and Norwich are supporting the No-Smoking Campaign.

Helpful tips

The Boarding Schools Association now sponsors a clearing house for those seeking places in maintained boarding schools. It exists to help parents and LEAs in placing children in the main sector, particularly at short notice. The clearing house maintains a register of vacancies throughout the year. Parents can write to: Clearing House, c/o 3 Ravensworth Terrace, Durham DH11 1QP.

School reports

Department of Education and Science Inspectors have reported on a number of British Forces schools overseas during 1982 and 83. They are British Forces school Naples; the eight primary schools

in the area of Dortmund Garrison; in Munster Oxford, Cambridge primary and infant school, York Junior School; AFCENT international school Brunsuim; sixth form provision at Cornwall school Dortmund and also at Kings School Gutersloh. They also reported on the provision for education for service children in Brunei.

All these reports can be obtained free from The Service Children's Education Authority, Court Road, Eltham, London SE9 5NR, or from the Dept of Education and Science, Publications Despatch Centre, Honeypot Lane, Middlesex HA7 1AZ.

New customs form

The Ministry of Defence have advised that HM Customs and Excise will refuse to accept customs declarations submitted on old form

Advice for two million women

The Health Education Council and the Family Planning Association have joined a group of 11 contraceptive manufacturers in a bid to reduce unintended pregnancies. The consortium aims to provide advice to those at risk of unintended pregnancy, including explaining where advice can be obtained.

The Health Education Council describes the formation of the consortium as the most significant example so far of co-operation between the HEC and industry. It takes place against a background of high numbers of women at risk of unintended pregnancy. Estimates suggest that as many as two million women in Great Britain are sexually active but do not use a reliable method of birth control, and that there are 200,000 unintended pregnancies each year.

As a first step, the consortium is funding research designed to discover who the two million women are, why they do not use contraception, and what kind of advice they need. Activity will be based on the results and likely to be educational rather than persuasive.

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though, to check that you have been issued with the correct (new) form before submitting it for processing.

How observant are you?

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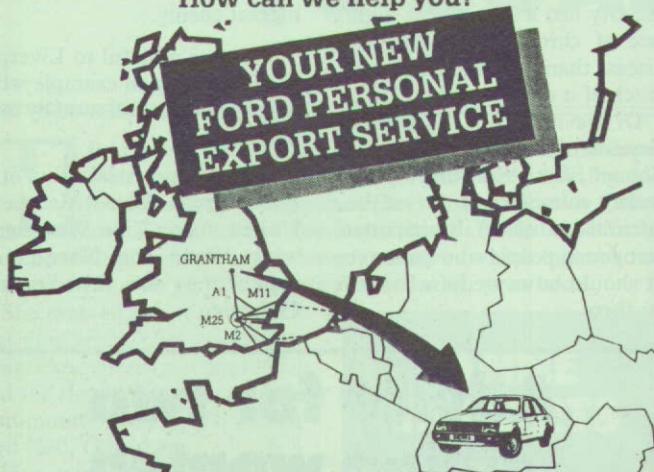
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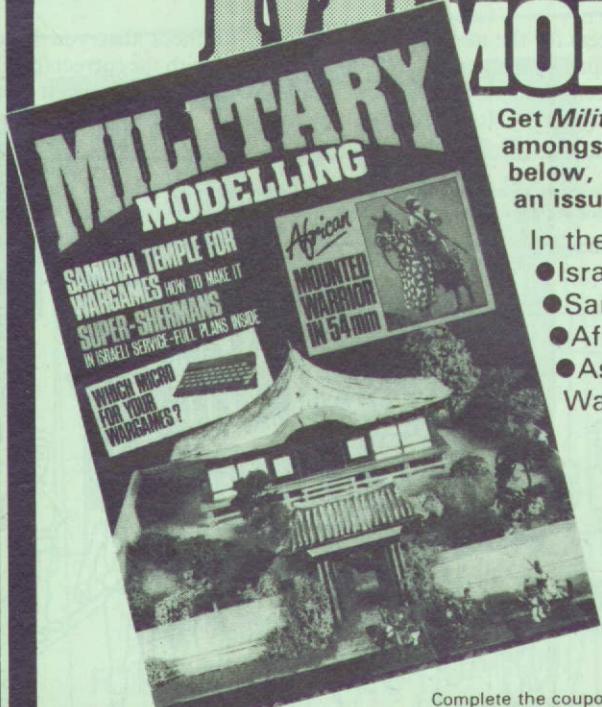
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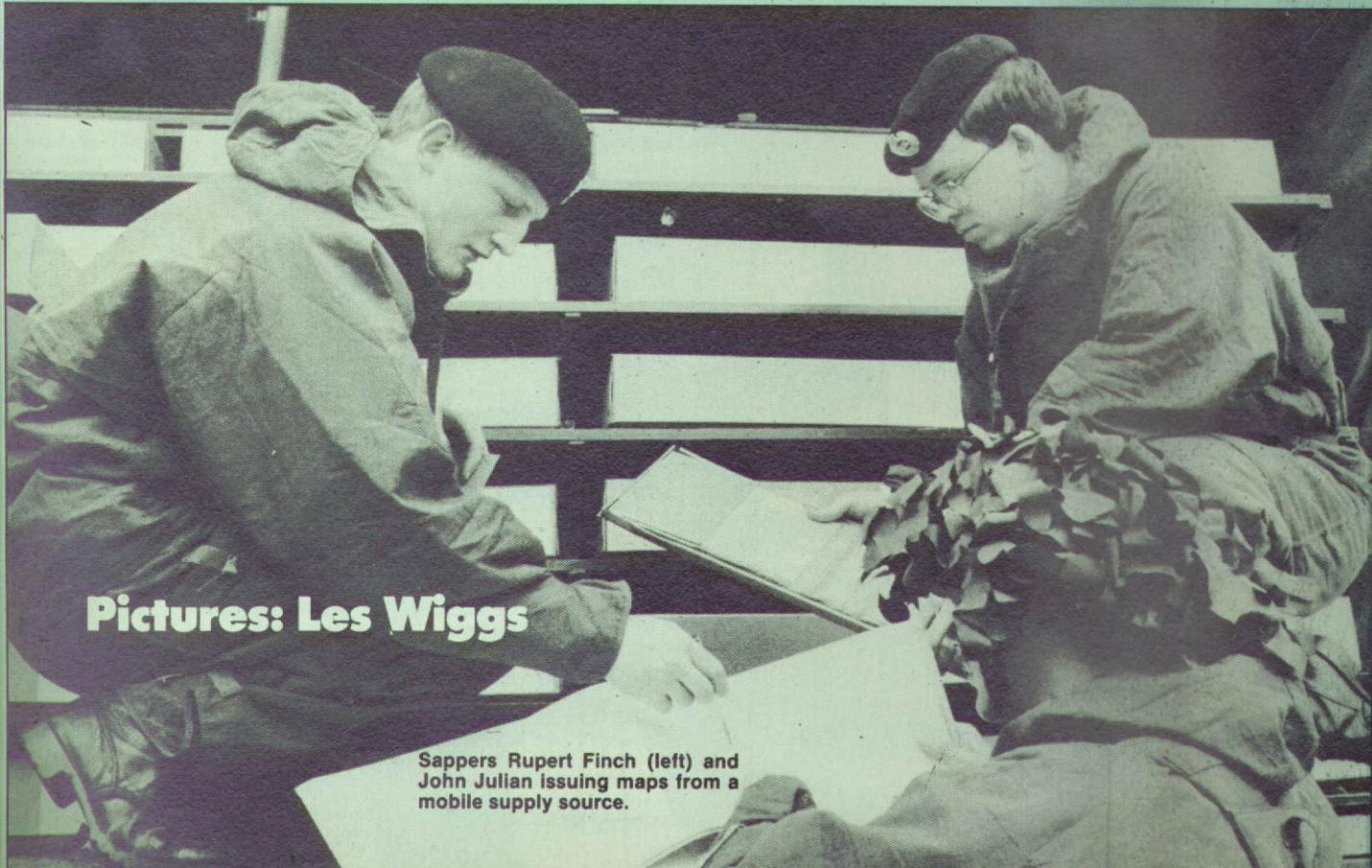
Graham Smith studies the work of part-time map makers who come from as far afield as Truro and Edinburgh to prove they are ...

READY, WILLING AND ABLE

IF, during this autumn's massive BAOR Exercise Lionheart, a two-star general asks a unique Surrey TA unit to produce large numbers of maps for his briefings within any given hour then 135 Field Survey Squadron, Royal Engineers, will be ready, willing and extremely able.

For the squadron which is based at Ewell, near Epsom — it started life as a regiment in 1949 but became a squadron under re-organisation in 1967 — and now even

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Sappers Rupert Finch (left) and John Julian issuing maps from a mobile supply source.

better off resulting from a recent recruiting drive, is revelling in its role as part of the 'one Army' concept, its map makers working alongside the regular sappers of the same trade as fully-integrated battlefield partners.

The squadron with its seven officers — including regular Royal Engineer Permanent Staff Officer, Major Nick Harcourt — 20 senior NCOs and 86 soldiers (plus the recent intake) have already tested their skills of joint co-operation during a BAOR shake-out last autumn in its main role of reinforcement.

And Exercise Lionheart with its 131,565 troops, of which 57,700 (including 1,200 RAF) will have been deployed from the UK, will be the biggest scenario in which 135 Field Survey Squadron, RE, is ever likely to play a prominent part in such numbers.

The squadron recently took on up to two dozen new recruits for the HQ element of its work thus enhancing its in-the-field mobile performance with additional drivers, clerks and cooks. The unit recently held two intensive weekend exercises which brought into full play their range of acquired skills.

The occasions also utilised the full complement of technical equipment, vehicles, G.1098 stores and arms, the latter in defensive position roles.

135 Field Survey Squadron, RE, comprises four Troops: Repro, Field Survey, Maps Troop and, of course, HQ Troop. The Maps Troop was formed from members of HQ Troop, mainly drivers and the re-shuffle took place in 1982 when a tough technical training effort was put into hand during the next 18 months to prepare the squadron for its first overseas training camp under a new role as an augmentee unit to 14 Topographic Squadron, RE, at Rattenberg, BAOR.

As second-in-command, Captain Graham Hodgson — he is a road maintenance engineer with Surrey County Council — explained: "Our role has shifted from a situation where we had a mobile capability for reproducing maps in direct support to HQ AFCENT to a role of direct support for 1 (BR) Corps and the Survey Production Centre at Viersen near Moenchengladbach. We have had that role for about 18 months. Our secondary role is to provide rapid response mapping using TACI-PRINT techniques."

These techniques are carried out from the innards of a four-tonne truck from where 40 maps, if called for by a two-star general for briefing purposes, can be produced within the hour. Each truck is manned by two, maximum three, carto print operators who draw the overprints and annotate them with the

relevant military symbols. The gamut of equipment available to them is impressive — drawing offices, printing plate-making facilities, cameras, darkrooms, a single colour large printing press and paper storage, cutting, packing and despatch vehicle.

The squadron is justifiably proud of the timescales in which it can produce its maps and associated products, mostly the Joint Operations Graphic series 1501 or on M. 745 1/50,000 maps.

Captain Hodgson said: "These are produced very quickly, in less than a few hours in some cases as part of bulk mapping to cover shortfalls in critical areas. Our Map Troop, for instance, is trying to get itself a real job carrying out a nationwide re-stocking for units. It's certainly a task we would like to get going."

A good example of 135's ability in map making was demonstrated in 1972 when the squadron took on the task of producing a new map of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. The aerial photography and photogrammetry was produced by the RAF and 42 Survey Engineer Regiment, RE, respectively.

Captain Hodgson went on: "From that point this squadron designed, drew and printed the current 1/25,000 map on sale to the public on the island. The production took nearly four years

and involved our draughtsmen in some 2,000 hours of work. The Field Troop visited the island three times for field checking and the whole squadron, including all its mobile equipment, carried out their 15-day annual camp in Guernsey in 1975 — coinciding with the maps publication."

And that is not all.

Four years ago the squadron spent its annual camp with HQ AFCENT — located at Brunssum, Holland — when, during eight days' technical work the unit's printing machine registered more than 250,000 impressions. It printed three maps each in 15 colours, two 1/50,000 maps in six colours, a route map and various other tasks required by the NATO HQ. Meanwhile, the Field Troop re-surveyed and field checked a large recreation area. From their plot an orienteering map to 1/10,000 scale was printed in the UK.

The Field Troop has four observing sections equipped with electronic distance-measuring equipment (telerometers), theodolites, levelling equipment and Hewlett Packard hand calculators. Each section is given mobility through a LWB Land Rover and $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton trailer fitted out with C13 radio sets.

Major Robert Dobbie, OC of the squadron and a Ministry of Defence scientist, told me: "Our

Sgt Trevor Jones (left) the Ewell TA drill hall caretaker and Cpl David Jones (no relation) ponder chips with everything.



YOUR NEW PAY SCALES

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SOLDIERS — MALE

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more			Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	
	Band 1	Scale A	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Scale B	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 2	Band 3
Private Class 4	12.87	—	—	—	13.17	—	—	—	13.62	—	—	—	—
Private Class 3	13.86	15.91	—	—	14.16	16.21	—	—	14.61	16.66	—	—	—
Private Class 2	14.92	16.97	—	—	15.22	17.27	—	—	15.67	17.72	—	—	—
Private Class 1	15.94	17.99	20.22	—	16.24	18.29	20.52	—	16.69	18.74	20.97	—	—
Lance Corporal Class 3	15.94	17.99	—	—	16.24	18.29	—	—	16.69	18.74	—	—	—
Lance Corporal Class 2	17.04	19.09	—	—	17.34	19.39	—	—	17.79	19.84	—	—	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	18.22	20.27	22.50	—	18.52	20.57	22.80	—	18.97	21.02	23.25	—	—
Corporal Class 2	19.51	21.56	—	—	19.81	21.86	—	—	20.26	22.31	—	—	—
Corporal Class 1	20.90	22.95	25.18	—	21.20	23.25	25.48	—	21.65	23.70	25.93	—	—

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more			Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	
	Band 4	Scale A	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Scale B	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6
Sergeant	22.91	25.16	27.60	—	23.21	25.46	27.90	—	23.66	25.91	28.35	—	—
Staff Sergeant	24.35	26.60	29.04	31.70	24.65	26.90	29.34	32.00	25.10	27.35	29.79	32.45	—
Warrant Officer Class 2	26.03	28.28	30.72	33.38	26.33	28.58	31.02	33.68	26.78	29.03	31.47	34.13	—
Warrant Officer Class 1	27.87	30.12	32.56	35.22	28.17	30.42	32.86	35.52	28.62	30.87	33.31	35.97	—

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Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
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Private Class 4 Age 17-17½	9.21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private Class 4	*12.57	—	—	12.87	—	—	13.32	—	—
Private Class 3	13.54	15.54	—	13.84	15.84	—	14.29	16.29	—
Private Class 2	14.58	16.58	—	14.88	16.88	—	15.33	17.33	—
Private Class 1	15.57	17.57	19.75	15.87	17.87	20.05	16.32	18.32	20.50
Lance Corporal Class 3	15.57	17.57	—	15.87	17.87	—	16.32	18.32	—
Lance Corporal Class 2	16.65	18.65	—	16.95	18.95	—	17.40	19.40	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	17.80	19.80	21.98	18.10	20.10	22.28	18.55	20.55	22.73
Corporal Class 2	19.06	21.06	—	19.36	21.36	—	19.81	21.81	—
Corporal Class 1	20.42	22.42	24.60	20.72	22.72	24.90	21.17	23.17	25.35

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	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
Sergeant	22.38	24.58	26.96	—	22.68	24.88	27.26	—	23.13	25.33	27.71	—
Staff Sergeant	23.79	25.99	28.37	30.97	24.09	26.29	28.67	31.27	24.54	26.74	29.12	31.72
Warrant Officer Class 2	25.43	27.63	30.01	32.61	25.73	27.93	30.31	32.91	26.18	28.38	30.76	33.36
Warrant Officer Class 1	27.23	29.43	31.81	34.41	27.53	29.73	32.11	34.71	27.98	30.18	32.56	35.16

*At age 17½ years or over, or on posting to a working unit for employment, having completed all necessary basic and post basic (employment) training (whichever is the earlier).

MALE OFFICERS (Main Scale)

(Includes Officers of the Army Legal Corps and Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977 and part time members of the UDR)

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay		
		£	£	£
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	On appointment	8.36**	—	—
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 1 years service	9.95**	—	—
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 2 years service	11.55**	—	—
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	On commissioning	14.36	—	—
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	After 9 months commissioned service	15.33	—	—
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	On appointment	24.67	—	—
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	25.32	—	—
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	After 2 years in the rank	25.97	—	—
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	After 3 years in the rank	26.62	—	—
Second Lieutenant Lieutenant	After 4 years in the rank	27.27	—	—
Captain	On appointment	31.04	—	—
Captain	After 1 year in the rank	31.88	—	—
Captain	After 2 years in the rank	32.72	—	—
Captain	After 3 years in the rank	33.56	—	—
Captain	After 4 years in the rank	34.40	—	—
Captain	After 5 years in the rank	35.24	—	—
Captain	After 6 years in the rank	36.08	—	—
Major	On appointment	39.13	—	—
Major	After 1 year in the rank	40.10	—	—
Major	After 2 years in the rank	41.07	—	—
Major	After 3 years in the rank	42.04	—	—
Major	After 4 years in the rank	43.01	—	—
Major	After 5 years in the rank	43.98	—	—
Major	After 6 years in the rank	44.95	—	—
Major	After 7 years in the rank	45.92	—	—
Major	After 8 years in the rank	46.89	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel (Special List)	On appointment	53.01	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel	O/A with less than 19 years service	53.23	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel	After 2 years in rank or with 19 years service	54.63	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel	After 4 years in rank or with 21 years service	56.03	—	—
Lieutenant Colonel	After 6 years in rank or with 23 years service	57.43	—	—
Colonel	On appointment	61.69	—	—
Colonel	After 2 years in the rank	63.31	—	—
Colonel	After 4 years in the rank	64.93	—	—
Colonel	After 6 years in the rank	66.55	—	—
Colonel	After 8 years in the rank	68.17	—	—
Brigadier	On appointment	74.25	—	—

*UC = University Cadet
**An education grant of £4.86 a day is payable in addition under Article 630 of the Pay Warrant 1964
***SSLC = Short Service Limited Commission

MALE OFFICERS COMMISSIONED FROM THE RANKS

Years of Commissioned service	Years of soldier service			Daily rate of pay
	Lieutenants and captains only	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
On commissioning	34.26	35.86	37.46	£
After 1 years service	35.06	36.66	38.06	
After 2 years service	35.86	37.46	38.66	
After 3 years service	36.66	38.06	39.26	
After 4 years service	37.46	38.66	39.86	
After 5 years service	38.06	39.26	40.46	
After 6 years service	38.66	39.86	41.06	
After 8 years service	39.26	40.46	41.66	
After 10 years service	39.86	41.06	41.66	
After 12 years service	40.46	41.66	41.66	
After 14 years service	41.06	41.66	41.66	
After 16 years service	41.66	41.66	41.66	

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding SRCs and SSCs awarded following the normal Royal Military Academy Sandhurst course.

OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
	On entry	31.04
	After 2 years service	33.13
	After 4 years service	35.22
	After 6 years service	37.31
	After 8 years service	39.39
	After 10 years service	41.47
	After 12 years service	43.55
	After 14 years service	45.63
	After 16 years service	47.71
	After 18 years service	49.79
	After 20 years service	51.87
	After 22 years service	53.95
	After 24 years service	56.03
	After 26 years service	58.11
Chaplains Class 1 (Colonel)	On appointment with less than 24 years service	56.03
	After 2 years in rank or with 24 years service	58.11
Principal Chaplain (Colonel)		61.69
Deputy Chaplain General (Brigadier)		64.93
Chaplain General (Major-General)		74.25

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS — MAIN SCALE

(Includes female officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977 and part time members of the UDR)

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
Second Lieutenant	On appointment	18.70
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	24.11
	After 2 years in the rank	24.74
	After 3 years in the rank	25.38
	After 4 years in the rank	26.01
	After 5 years in the rank	26.65
	On appointment	30.33
Captain	After 1 year in the rank	31.16
	After 2 years in the rank	31.98
	After 3 years in the rank	32.80
	After 4 years in the rank	33.62
	After 5 years in the rank	34.44
	After 6 years in the rank	35.26
	On appointment	38.24
Major	After 1 year in the rank	39.19
	After 2 years in the rank	40.14
	After 3 years in the rank	41.08
	After 4 years in the rank	42.03
	After 5 years in the rank	42.98
	After 6 years in the rank	43.93
	After 7 years in the rank	44.88
	After 8 years in the rank	45.82
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment with less than 19 years service	52.02
	With 19 years service or after 2 years in rank	53.39
	With 21 years service or after 4 years in rank	54.76
	With 23 years service or after 6 years in rank	56.16
Colonel	With 25 years service or after 8 years in rank	57.56
	On appointment	60.85
	After 2 years in the rank	62.47
	After 4 years in the rank	64.09
	After 6 years in the rank	65.71
	After 8 years in the rank	67.33
Brigadier		73.84

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category

QUARTERMASTER CATEGORY

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
	On appointment	36.61
	After 1 years service	37.19
	After 2 years service	37.78
	After 3 years service	38.37
	After 4 years service	38.95
Captain and Major	After 5 years service	39.54
	After 6 years service	40.13
	After 8 years service	40.71
	After 10 years service	41.30
	After 12 years service	41.88
	After 14 years service	42.47
	After 16 years service	43.06
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment	48.52
	After 3 years in the rank	49.20

Commissioned from the ranks* (includes female officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on 21 April 1977)

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12 years	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lieutenants and Captains only			
On commissioning	33.48	35.04	36.61
After 1 years service	34.26	35.83	37.19
After 2 years service	35.04	36.61	37.78
After 3 years service	35.83	37.19	38.37
After 4 years service	36.61	37.78	38.95
After 5 years service	37.19	38.37	39.54
After 6 years service	37.78	38.95	40.13
After 8 years service	38.37	39.54	40.71
After 10 years service	38.95	40.13	40.71
After 12 years service	39.54	40.71	40.71
After 14 years service	40.13	40.71	40.71
After 16 years service	40.71	40.71	40.71

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding special regular commissions and short service commissions awarded following the normal WRAC commissioning course.

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF THE ARMY VETERINARY AND REMOUNT SERVICES

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
Capt, Maj & Lt-Col	On entry	31.04
	After 1 years service	33.19
	After 3 years service	35.35
	After 5 years service	37.51
	After 7 years service	39.67
	After 9 years service	41.83
Colonel	After 11 years service	43.99
	After 13 years service	45.97
	After 15 years service	47.95
	After 17 years service	49.93
	After 19 years service	51.91
	After 21 years service	53.64
	After 23 years service	55.37
	After 25 years service	57.10
	After 27 years service	58.83
Brigadier	On appointment	61.69
	After 2 years	63.31
	After 4 years	64.93
	After 6 years	66.55
	After 8 years	68.17

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS — NURSING* AND NON-NURSING OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
Second Lieutenant	On appointment	18.70
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	24.11
	After 2 years in the rank	24.74
	After 3 years in the rank	25.38
	After 4 years in the rank	26.01
	On appointment	30.33
Captain	After 1 year in the rank	31.16
	After 2 years in the rank	31.98
	After 3 years in the rank	32.80
	After 4 years in the rank	33.62
	After 5 years in the rank	34.44
	After 6 years in the rank	35.26
Major	On appointment	38.24
	After 1 year in the rank	39.19
	After 2 years in the rank	40.14
	After 3 years in the rank	41.08
	After 4 years in the rank	42.03
	After 5 years in the rank	42.98
	After 6 years in the rank	43.93
	After 7 years in the rank	44.88
	After 8 years in the rank	45.82
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment with less than 19 years service	52.02
	With 19 years service or after 2 years in the rank	53.39
	With 21 years service or after 4 years in the rank	54.76
	With 23 years service or after 6 years in the rank	56.16
Colonel	With 25 years service or after 8 years in the rank	57.56
	On appointment	60.85
	After 2 years in the rank	62.47
	After 4 years in the rank	64.09
	After 6 years in the rank	65.71
	After 8 years in the rank	67.33
Brigadier		73.84

*Includes officers aged under 29 on commissioning from the ranks.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS

Nursing Officers aged 29 and over on commissioning from the ranks, and Non-Nursing Officers commissioned from the ranks

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lieutenants and captains only			
On commissioning	33.48	35.04	36.61
After 1 years service	34.26	35.83	37.19
After 2 years service	35.04	36.61	37.78
After 3 years service	35.83	37.19	38.37
After 4 years service	36.61	37.78	38.95
After 5 years service	37.19	38.37	39.54
After 6 years service	37.78	38.95	40.13
After 8 years service	38.37	39.54	40.71
After 10 years service	38.95	40.13	40.71
After 12 years service	39.54	40.71	40.71
After 14 years service	40.13	40.71	40.71
After 16 years service	40.71	40.71	40.71

*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding special regular commissions and short service commissions awarded following the normal WRAC commissioning course.

QARANC/WRAC — TYPE 'R' ENGAGEMENTS

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
Private Class 4 Age 17-17½	8.76	—	—	12.26	—	—	12.71	—	—
Private Class 4	*11.96	—	—	13.17	15.08	—	13.62	15.53	—
Private Class 3	12.87	14.78	—	14.16	16.07	—	14.61	16.52	—
Private Class 2	13.86	15.77	—	15.11	17.02	19.10	15.56	17.47	19.55
Private Class 1	14.81	16.72	18.80	17.23	19.14	21.22	17.68	19.59	21.67
Lance Corporal Class 3	14.81	16.72	—	16.14	18.05	—	16.59	18.50	—
Lance Corporal Class 2	15.84	17.75	—	18.44	20.35	—	18.89	20.80	—
Lance Corporal Class 1	16.93	18.84	20.92	19.73	21.64	23.72	20.18	22.09	24.17
Corporal Class 2	18.14	20.05	—	21.34	23.42	—	22.09	24.17	—
Corporal Class 1	19.43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*At age 17½ years or over, or on posting to a working unit for employment, having completed all necessary basic and post basic (employment) training (whichever is the earlier).

UDR OFFICERS — PERMANENT CADRE

(Male Officers serving before 21 April 1977 who opted not to transfer to the revised financial terms of service)

Rank	Service	Daily Rate of Pay	
		£	£
Captain	On appointment	24.83	
	After 1 year in the rank	25.50	
	After 2 years in the rank	26.18	
	After 3 years in the rank	26.85	
	After 4 years in the rank	27.52	
	After 5 years in the rank	28.19	
	After 6 years in the rank	28.86	
	On appointment	31.30	
Major	After 1 year in the rank	32.08	
	After 2 years in the rank	32.86	
	After 3 years in the rank	33.63	
	After 4 years in the rank	34.41	
	After 5 years in the rank	35.18	
	After 6 years in the rank	35.96	
	After 7 years in the rank	36.74	
	After 8 years in the rank	37.51	
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment	42.58	
	After 2 years in the rank	43.70	
	After 4 years in the rank	44.82	
	After 6 years in the rank	45.94	
	After 8 years in the rank	47.06	

UDR SOLDIERS — PERMANENT CADRE

(Male soldiers serving before 21 April 1977 who opted not to transfer to the revised financial terms of service).

Rank	Service	Daily Rate of Pay	
		£	£
Pte B (aged 19 and below)	12.87	13.17	13.62
Pte B (aged 20)	14.24	14.54	14.99
Pte B (aged 21 and over)	15.60	15.90	16.35
Pte A	17.25	17.55	18.00
L Cpl	19.03	19.33	19.78
Cpl	22.95	23.25	23.70
Sgt	25.16	25.46	25.91
SSgt	26.60	26.90	27.35
WO2	30.72	31.02	31.47

The length of service increments shown in Regulations for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1980, (Annex E/9), remain unchanged.

UDR SOLDIERS — PERMANENT CADRE

(Male soldiers enrolled on or after 21 April 1977, and Male Soldiers enrolled before that date who opted to transfer to the revised financial terms of service.)

Rank	Scale A (UDR)		
	£	£	£
Pte B (aged 19 or below)	12.87	13.17	13.62
Pte B (aged 20)	14.24	14.54	14.99
Pte B (aged 21 and above)	15.60	15.90	16.35
Pte A	17.25	17.55	18.00
L Cpl	19.03	19.33	19.78
Cpl	22.95	23.25	23.70
Sgt	25.16	25.46	25.91
SSgt	26.60	26.90	27.35
WO2	30.72	31.02	31.47

The length of service increments at Regular Army rates will be payable on completion of 9, 12, 15, 18 and 22 years service.

UDR SERVICEWOMEN — PERMANENT CADRE

(Servicewomen enrolled on or after 21 April 1977, and servicewomen enrolled before that date who opted to transfer to the revised financial terms of service.)

Rank	Scale A (UDR)		
	£	£	£
Pte B (aged 19 or below)	12.57	12.87	13.32
Pte B (aged 20)	13.91	14.21	14.66
Pte B (aged 21 and above)	15.24	15.54	15.99
Pte A	16.85	17.15	17.60
L Cpl	18.59	18.89	19.34
Cpl	22.42	22.72	23.17
Sgt	24.58	24.88	25.33
SSgt	25.99	26.29	26.74
WO2	30.01	30.31	30.76

The length of service increments at Regular Army rates will be payable on completion of 9, 12, 15, 18 and 22 years service.

MALE JUNIOR ENTRANTS

(All categories, including young soldiers, but excluding officer cadets)

Age	Daily Rate	
	£	£
16 but under 16½	7.17	
16½ but under 17	8.01	
17 but under 17½	9.73	
17½ or posted to Adult Service	12.87	
Plus committal pay if appropriate		

MALE OFFICER CADETS

(In lieu of the rate laid down in Pay Warrant 1964, Article 465)

On entry	£	On entry	£
Plus committal pay if appropriate			

FEMALE OFFICER CADETS

(In lieu of the rate laid down in Pay Warrant 1964, Article 591)

On entry	£	On entry	£
Plus committal pay if appropriate			

ADDITIONAL PAY

Maximum rates of Additional Pay		Parachutists (other than Gurkhas)	
	£		£
All ranks lower rate	5.09	All ranks	1.76
2Lt-Lt Col higher rate*	7.83	Parachute Jumping Instructors	
Officer Pilots and Flying Instructors		All ranks	2.00
While under training	1.62	Air Despatch Pay	
All ranks lower rate	5.09	While under training lower rate	1.62
2Lt-Lt Col higher rate*	7.83	Higher Rate*	2.62
Colonel	5.88	Royal Corps of Transport, Helicopter Crews	
Brigadier	3.92	All ranks	1.62
Soldier pilots and Flying Instructors and REME Servicing Test Pilots		Aircrewmen	
All ranks while under training	1.62	All ranks while under training	1.62
Lower rate	3.32	Lower Rate	3.32
Higher rate*	5.09	Higher Rate*	5.09
See paragraph of the commanded letter.		*Higher Rate payable after Lower Rate has been in issue for 4 years.	
Work of an Objectionable Nature		**Aircrew who were formerly air observers and who have not passed the Aircrewmen's Course are to be paid at the rate of £1.62 a day.	
All ranks	0.70	Gurkha Service Pay for Regular Officers of Gurkha Rifle Regiments	
Hard Lying Money		Lieutenant Colonel and above	2.69
All ranks	0.65	Major	2.36
Divers		Captain	2.02
All ranks Category 1	1.35	Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant	1.69
Category 2	2.67	Gurkha Language Pay for Personnel serving with Gurkha Troops	
Category 3	4.95	All ranks higher rate (for proficiency to both written and oral standards)	0.40
Experimental Pay		Lower Rate (for proficiency to oral standard only)	0.25
All ranks — for each test	0.90	Northern Ireland Pay	
Sea Command Money		All ranks up to and including Brigadier	2.15
All Officers and Warrant Officers	1.00	Academy Sergeant Major, Sandhurst	

CHARGES: WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY

DAILY CHARGES FOR FOOD, CASUAL MEAL RATES AND MISSED MEALS PAYMENTS

FOOD CHARGE

The revised food charge with effect from 1 November 84
 Married unaccompanied officers and soldiers in marital status categories 1 and 2
 Officers and soldiers in marital status categories 3, 4 and 5

93 per day
 206p per day

CASUAL MEALS

The rates for casual meals in the UK are shown below:

Meal	Revised Rate wef 1 May 1984 34p + 5p VAT
Breakfast	
Main Meal of the Day (Either midday or evening meal)	115p + 17p VAT
EITHER: Third meal (Midday or evening meal)	80p + 12p VAT
OR: (High Tea or Supper (Late Snack or Light Tea)	57p + 9p VAT 23p + 3p VAT
All meals in one day	229p + 34p VAT

OVERSEAS

With the exception of Gurkha and Chinese troops — Hong Kong, the above UK rates (excluding VAT) will be implemented in all overseas locations wef 1 May 1984.

MISSED MEALS PAYMENTS*

The rates for the UK and overseas are as follows:

Meal	Revised Rate wef 1 May 1984 34p
Breakfast	
Main Meal of the Day (Either midday or evening meal)	115p
EITHER: Third Meal (Midday or evening meal)	80p
OR: (High Tea or supper (Late Snack or light tea)	57p 23p
All meals in one day	229p

*No retrospective adjustment may be made to claims settled before 1 May 1984

SINGLE ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

	Daily Rate £
a. Standard	
Officers: Captains and below Majors and above	2.07 2.47
Soldiers: Junior entrants receiving less than the minimum adult rate of pay (ie Private Class IV Scale A)	.57
Corporals and below	.77
Sergeants and above	1.46
B. Sub-standard	
Officers: Captains and below Majors and above	1.13 1.33
Soldiers: Junior entrants receiving less than the minimum adult rate of pay (ie Private Class IV Scale A)	.31
Corporals and below	.41
Sergeants and above	.78
c. Junior officers accommodation occupied by Senior Officers	
(1) Standard Majors and above	2.07
(2) Sub-Standard Majors and above	1.13

*NB: Civilians paying single accommodation charges in accordance with Army Material Regulations, Volume 6, Pamphlet 1 are also to be charged at the revised rates (+VAT)

CHARGES FOR ACCOMMODATION AT THE LYPIATT FAMILIES CENTRE, CORSHAM

	Daily Rate £
Wife	1.38
Each additional member of the family other than a child in paid employment	0.17
Each child in paid employment	0.83
Each additional room where more than 2 rooms are occupied	0.16
Husband, when staying temporarily, fuel and light charge	0.17
When family is absent for 48 hours or more basic accommodation charge	1.21

TERRITORIAL ARMY PAY

BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF SPACE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE THE PAY SCALE FOR THE TERRITORIAL ARMY.

THESE DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN OUR NEXT ISSUE ON 16 JULY.

MARRIED SOLDIERS QUARTERS AND HIRINGS CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

Furnished Quarters	Standard Daily Rate £	Sub Standard Daily Rate £	Below Standard Daily Rate £
Type A	1.58	0.91	0.82
Type B	2.26	1.21	1.09
Type C	2.57	1.37	1.23
Type D/WO	2.89	1.56	1.40

Unfurnished Quarters (with carpets and curtains)	Standard Daily Rate £	Sub Standard Daily Rate £	Below Standard Daily Rate £
Type A	1.49	0.86	0.77
Type B	2.14	1.15	1.03
Type C	2.42	1.29	1.16
Type D/WO	2.72	1.47	1.32

Additional Bedroom Charge	Daily Rate £
Furnished	0.16
Unfurnished	0.15

NOTES:
 a. Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.
 b. Sub-standard and below standard charges are not applicable to hirings.

MARRIED OFFICERS QUARTERS AND HIRINGS CHARGES

(Exclusive of Garage Charges)

Standard Quarters and Hirings	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
Type V	1346.85	3.69
Type IV	1536.65	4.21
Type III	1744.70	4.78
Type II	1992.90	5.46
Type I	2222.85	6.09

Unfurnished Quarters (with Carpets and curtains)	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
Type V	1259.25	3.45
Type IV	1438.10	3.94
Type III	1635.20	4.48
Type II	1865.15	5.11
Type I	2080.50	5.70

Substandard Quarters	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
Furnished	726.35	1.99
Unfurnished	679.11	1.86

Below Standard Quarters	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
Furnished	653.72	1.79
Unfurnished	739.13	2.03

3 bedrooms or less	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
4 bedrooms or more	653.72	1.79

3 bedrooms or less	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
4 bedrooms or more	611.20	1.67

3 bedrooms or less	Annual Rate £	Daily Rate £
4 bedrooms or more	698.01	1.91

NOTES: a. Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.

b. Sub-standard and below standard charges are not applicable to hirings.

RENT AND RATES REBATE

Combined Basic Weekly Rent and Rates Element of Married Quarter Charges

Furnished MQ	Standard £	Sub-Standard £	Below Standard £
Type A	9.19	5.29	4.76
Type B	13.41	7.18	6.46
Type C	15.24	8.12	7.31
Type D/WO	17.20	9.28	8.35
Type V	20.96	11.31	10.18

Unfurnished MQ	Standard £	Sub-Standard £	Below Standard £
Type A	8.52	4.91	4.43
Type B	12.57	6.73	6.06
Type C	14.24	7.59	6.83
Type D/WO	15.98	8.63	7.77
Type V	19.28	10.40	9.36

Rent/Rates Rebate is reviewed

a. whenever an officer or soldier notifies changes in personal circumstances which would increase his existing rebate. In these cases the effective date of the adjusted rebate is to be the date of the change in circumstances.

b. quarterly, effective from the first day of February, May, August and November of each year. Exceptionally, these review dates may be varied by the Ministry of Defence. The review date for changes arising from the 1984 Pay Review is to be Nov.

initial task in war will be map supply but we could be given other Field tasks such as re-surveying existing ground marks and re-coordinating them or the establishing of bearing pickets for missile and artillery sites, identifying terrain or setting up pre-positioned air marks by cross for correcting air photography.

"The Troop Office is housed in a computing 4-tonne truck with HP 9810 desk-top calculator. It also has a C13 radio to keep in touch with each observing section and squadron HQ. Normally, the troop operates independently of the squadron HQ and could be up to 100 miles or more from it."

He added: "As an independent squadron we have four masters. Firstly, our role is in support of BAOR when they can and do call upon us as their Survey Unit. Obviously we must dovetail our training to their requirements.

"Of our masters, the squadron is under the command for discipline and movement to HQ London District. The Greater London Territorial Association are our landlords who also deal with TA policy and administration. The Survey Directorate at Feltham rules on policy, manning and equipment plus tasking us technically in the UK.

"The average turnover of personnel in any TA unit is usually every three years. Ours is around nine to ten years. Some have been here for 23 years. Once they get hooked on TA field survey, they tend to stay hooked. In the past

Orienteering map production: Left, Cpl Mike Wandby, right, Sgt John Sleeman.

we used to be an independent squadron doing our own independent thing but now we have merged with our Regular counterparts, operationally speaking, both can learn from each other."

This theme was echoed by Major Nick Harcourt, Royal Engineers, a former OC of 13 Map Production Squadron, who is a Permanent Staff Officer (PSO) with the Ewell-based TA unit.

He said: "Often, the Regulars don't know what their TA counterparts can do or even what they do. There is a tremendous image of them moving into a field, throwing up a cam net and saying: 'OK chaps, let's have a nice cup of tea.' We, here, are simply able to demonstrate that our soldiers' capabilities are as good as those of the regulars in keeping with the one-Army concept.

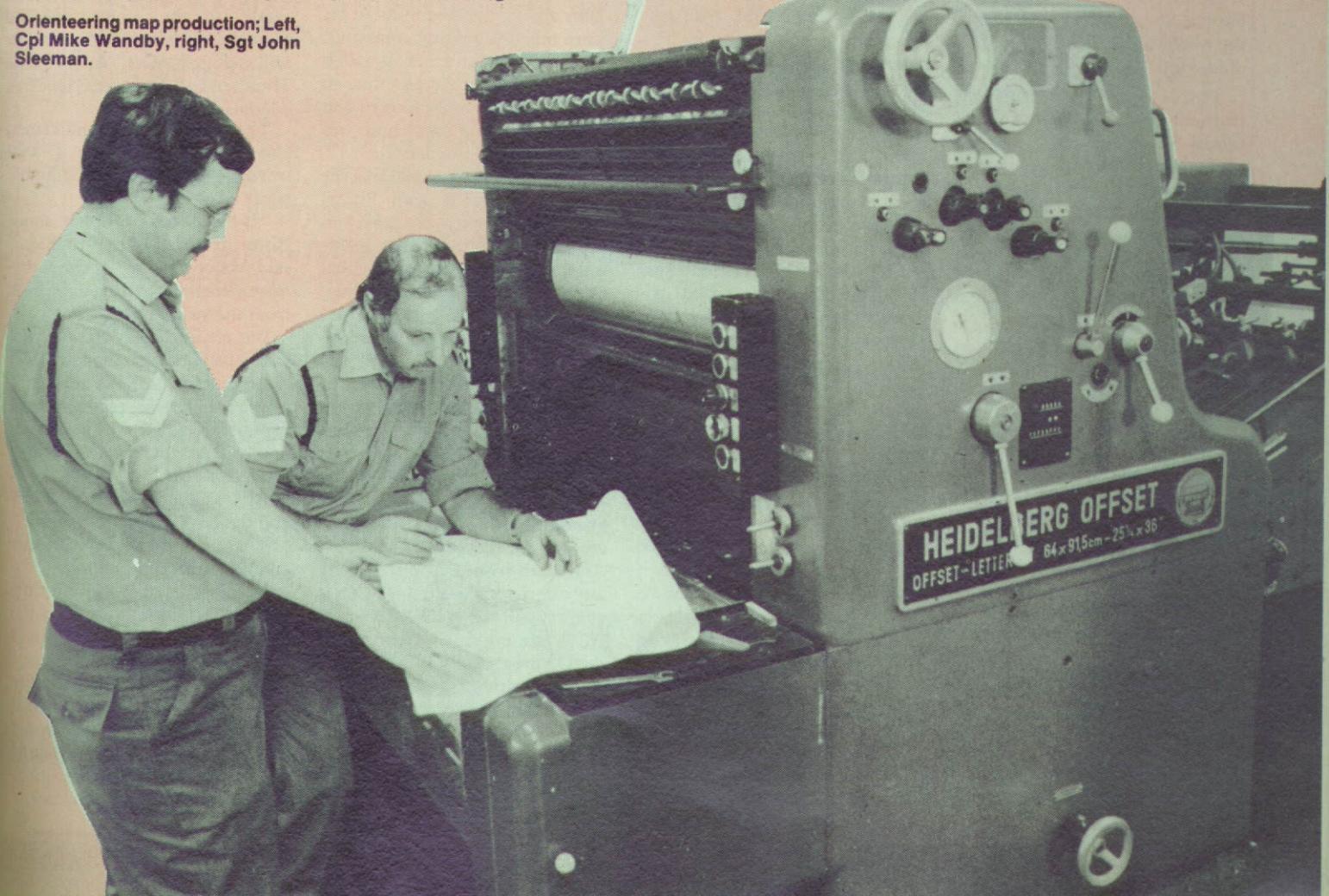
"It was very encouraging to emerge successfully from our autumn exercise in BAOR last year having proved that we can provide the technical and administrative support to our parallel regular unit.

"The squadron in time of peace or war will be split. Repro and Map Troops move to Düsseldorf with 14 Topographic Squadron, Field Survey supports HQ BAOR and the rest of the squadron will support Survey Production Centre at Viersen."

Finally, so popular is the appeal of 135 Field Survey Squadron, RE (V) that their annual camps are patronised by specialist TA map-readers from as far afield as Wigan, Truro and Edinburgh. ■



Observation party in the field: Left to right, Cpl Ron Cole, Sapper Steve Tarling and Lance Corporal Peter Stevens.



'DEBUT' FOR NEW RIFLE



Graham Smith examines the planning for BISLEY 84

Picture: UKLF

FOR THE first time this month, Bisley's two million rounds of expended ammunition loosed off in the quest for supreme marksmanship will include input from the Army's latest rifle currently under trial, the SA 80 or IW (Individual Weapon) version as part of the Service Shooting section of one of the world's premier competitions of its kind.

Two of the SA 80 variants will be in action at firing points on the famed Surrey ranges as another assessment phase of their infantry weapon potential during keen-eyed invigilation of top competitors drawn from the RASAM (Regular Army Skill-at-Arms) qualifiers enhancing a grand small-arms firepower demo of skill for prizes with 720 Regular Army individuals representing not only themselves but up to 65 major units, as last year, and 36 minor units.

This year, again, computers will be brought into prominent play by the organisers, the Army Rifle Association (ARA) — part of the Army training organisation — under the expert eyes of its Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) 'Lofty' Graham, formerly of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, (an Army competitor and captain of the Great Britain Service Rifle Team) and Major Fred Parker, formerly with the Royal Army Pay Corps, the Assistant Secretary (he has represented the Army in target pistol and SMG events).

It is not generally known that

the planning for successive — and successful — Bisley meetings is done in a quiet, two-storey, red-brick building which squats not far from Aldershot Garrison's 160 Provost Company, Royal Military Police.

So honed to near perfection have the procedures become over the years by the two retired Army officers and their four civilian supporting staff that the eagerly-awaited final results at Bisley are available within half-an-hour of the last shot being fired. Furthermore, five hours after that, 250 copies of a fat, 50-page full results book, compiled and collated courtesy of a computer read-out, are available for distribution.

Last year, Bisley attracted a total of 2,680 across-the-board tri-Service entries including regulars, reservists, the TA, cadets and junior soldiers. This year, the Services' Skill-at-Arms fortnight which starts on July 3 and ends with the Queen's Medal competition on July 14 will include 720 regular soldiers, 60 entries from the Royal Navy, 50 from the Royal Marines and 350 from the RAF. Also in contention, will be 600 part-time TA soldiers.

But much of it would not be possible without the essential help of another 450 soldiers, nearly an infantry battalion's worth — this year it is the 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry — who are bid for 15 months in advance!

Called simply the "Military Force" they literally pitch their tents for a six week stay from mid-June to help build the camp

and its associate services to ensure a smooth-running affair from start to finish.

Another streamlining of procedures is one devised by HQ ARA involving the issue, on arrival, of 98 types of some 13,000 "squadron cards", similar in principle to a golfer's score card. These act as a means of control by getting the contestant to the right place at the right point at the right time. They also control the input of his score into the waiting computer. The result: his score is often published before he has time to get back to the Stats Centre and certainly within an hour of completing the practice.

Colonel Graham explaining the ARA involvement with Bisley, said: "The technical direction and running of competitions at Bisley is the responsibility of the School of Infantry's Small Arms Wing, of which we are a part. I am personally responsible for the co-ordinating and planning of the actual meeting which is administered by HQ South East District.

"Every serving officer, senior and junior NCO and soldier is automatically a member of the Army Rifle Association. For example, some of our best shots are from the Army Catering Corps. About ten members of the Army are international shots for their country and two of these, from the ACC, are currently training for the Olympics."

Qualification for the 720 places at Bisley is very competitive. This year, of the 61.5 per cent declaring intent to attend, 281 places have gone to UKLF for UK mainland contestants, 246 to BAOR, 89 to Northern Ireland, 49 to Hong

Kong, 19 to Cyprus and five to Gibraltar.

All will have had to qualify through keen competition among themselves at District and Command small arms meetings.

The first stage of the Services' Rifle Championship consists of four matches involving fire and movement with moving and opportunity targets held over a three-day period. The best 400 individuals qualify for the second stage and from there, the top 100 contenders will contest the Army One Hundred and the coveted Queen's Medal.

The Medal aside, the marksmen also compete for some £3,000 worth of prizes and 60 valuable silver trophies.

"If there is one problem about Bisley, it is that of the trophies," said Major Parker. "It's a nightmare sometimes getting them back from the year before."

But returned they are. And the burnished talismans donated over the 91 years' of the ARA's existence by the many corps, regiments and famous individuals who have taken part will be there for the taking again this year.

And what of next year's Bisley and the RASAM involvement?

There is a possibility of a new combat pistol competition.

Yet, just a few weeks after the riddled butts have fallen silent, the whole process of planning and organisation will start again.

Colonel Graham, Major Parker and their helpers at Aldershot will be busily planning the Services' in-put into Bisley, perhaps one of the most prestigious showpiece events in the marksmanship calendar anywhere.

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On the Record

with Rodney Bashford

Presentation of the Standards

Massed Bands of the Household Cavalry
Conductors: Major A J Richards &
Major B T Keeling
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I hasten to say, because of several complaints from Irates of Islington, that this is a studio-recorded representation of the parade on Horse Guards when Her Majesty presented the new Standards on 19th May 1983. The sleeve notes keep you in touch with what was happening during the musical excerpts, but the listener gets just the music with no added atmosphere or words of command. I have said my piece on this subject many times over the years.

Nevertheless this parade allows of a wider choice of music than does Trooping the Colour, which is restricted to traditional tunes for the most part, and of course has a much longer march past. Here, although one sadly misses the jingle-jangle of harness and the excitement generated by what I always feel (as an infanteer) is a chancy and unpredictable alliance of men, music, and mounts, the parade and additional Service of Consecration provide us with a dozen slow and quick marches, fanfares, anthems, and trots. They include *Children of the Regiment*, *Boots and Saddles* (Alf Young), *Steadfast and True*, *Golden Spurs* (Rhodes), *Eton Boating Song*, *Royal Standard*, *Standard of St George*, *Trumpet Voluntary*, *Soldiers Chorus*, *With Sword and Lance*, *Birdcage Walk*, *Down the Mall*, *Regimental Marches*.

The Vintage British Military Band

Various Bands and Conductors

This disc issued by the International Military Music Society will be an eye and ear opener for those not fortunate enough to own the originals. It comprises 15 items recorded by the most famous bands of the 1920s and 1930s, with their even more famous and revered conductors.

The originals were of course recorded under the then more primitive conditions, when the 10 or 12 inch disc limited what could be performed, and the speed at which it had to be played. This last accounts for many tempi we know find unacceptable, and many an excision making nonsense of the form of a piece of music.

However, nevertheless, and notwithstanding... I for one am always grateful for the summary lessons these old records provide. As a reviewer of modern records one often doubts one's comparisons when thinking back to the old days. All those marvellous bands and all those wonderful gods who stood in front waving their arms. The titans of Brighton Pier and the Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells. Oh my Adkins, Alford and Miller long ago.

There were, alas, as my memory and instincts had already convinced me, merely mortals, journeymen, or outright charlatans. In those days they were able to be, and mostly were, selfish gods — martinetts of no little sadism in



some cases. They demanded perfection of technical performance from the bandsmen but gave little or no thought to their own musical approach, to their interpretations, and their musicality in general. "Beethoven? Who's he? I'm the conductor."

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Bugle Calls of the Army

Corporal J M Mitchell, 1st Bn Royal Green Jackets
Producer: Major A J Richards
CDR 62

Trumpet Calls for the Army were reviewed recently, and here, as promised, are all those evocative bugle calls. What they evoked in most of us who served below the salt was dread. *Band Call* probably threatened a digging fatigue up on Clarendon Hill, *Warning for Parade* extra drills for a dirty belt, *Cook House* a mess of nameless stew, and *Lights Out* always came just as you reached the all-is-revealed chapter of an Agatha Christie; even *Post Call* brought only a football coupon or a Dear John. And yet, and yet. As with those endless summer days of our youth we old uns recall only the welcome sound of *Retreat*, when the day's work was done, and the sad, sweet tones of the *Last Post* drifting across the barrack square, soothing us for the night in our bisquited beds of unyielding iron.

All changed now of course. Who (but he who can recite "64-94 he-won't-never-go-sick-no-more-the-poor-bastard's-dead") could answer the *Sick Call*, or react to the *Quarter Call*. Mnemonics were a great help to the soldiery in recognising the bugle call, so it's a pity that good taste forbids their inclusion with the music.

As with Trumpet Calls this cassette begins with *Last Post* and *Reveille*, suitably spaced and unannounced, for special use at all gatherings where they may be required — funerals, memorial services, Remembrance Day, and many another solemn occasion. The remainder of the calls are announced, and include *Routine Calls* for infantry and mounted infantry, *Field Calls* for mounted corps and dismounted corps.

Orderly sergeants, corporals, cyclists, pioneers, drummers — all are summoned to the holy of holies — and *At The Double* or else. Come and get your order, your forage, your rations (skilly for the troops, pudd'n an' pies for the officers' wives), come here, go there,

lie down, stand up, and do put those bleedin' lights out. Ah, dear dead days not beyond recall.

You all need these gems of history, if only to give them the Harvey Smith or a Reversed Churchill as you sit by the telly, idly boozing, unshaven and long-haired in your uncreased trousers. Commanding Officers (Retd) and ex-RSMs can sit gloating in paroxysms of remembered sadism. For regimental association, the Royal British Legion, borough councils, amateur dramatic societies, and all who must go a-begging when trumpet or bugle calls are needed this is a boon indeed. And a disc of *Regimental Calls* is promised for 1985. Better still, a series of four volumes of *Regimental Marches and music, Vintage 1939*, plus music of more-recently formed corps are due to appear from June onward.

This, and the *Trumpet Calls* cassettes, available from DR Recording Services, 233 Charlton Road, Shepperton, Middx, price £5.30 each, inclusive.

In Concert

The Edinburgh Fiddlers, Conductor J M Calder, Helen McArthur, Soprano Bands of Royal Scots, Scottish Divn. School of Music, 51st Highland Volunteers (TA)

Director of Music: Captain D E Price The fiddle has long been associated with Gaelic and Keltic music, and here we have what seems to me (from the sleeve photograph) a full string orchestra of about sixty players. A real string orchestra I mean, with harp, double basses, cellos — the lot, not two fiddles and an accordion. Unfortunately they are not all Neil Gows, but even so I rather liked the string medium for the performance of the country-dance music they mostly played.

The concert took place in Edinburgh's Usher Hall in December with, in addition to the above performers, the pipes and drums of the Royal Scots and as soloist the now retired Pipe Major Angus MacDonald. The Kevock Choir of mixed voices added to the Scottish mixture.

The set pieces were Trevor Sharpe's march medley *Soldiers*, selections from *My Fair Lady* and *Barnum*, Angus MacDonald in *Crags of Tumbledown*, *Westering Home* and *Scotland the Brave* from Helen McArthur, and three groups of tunes from the Fiddlers. The finale was *The Dark Island* and Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* from all concerned. But for me the gem of the programme was the marvellous *Lament* from the Keltic Suite by John Foulds, a melody I had to perform many times half a century ago, under the fearsome gaze of a fiery Scot named David McBain. He would have enjoyed this record, as I did, and think you will.

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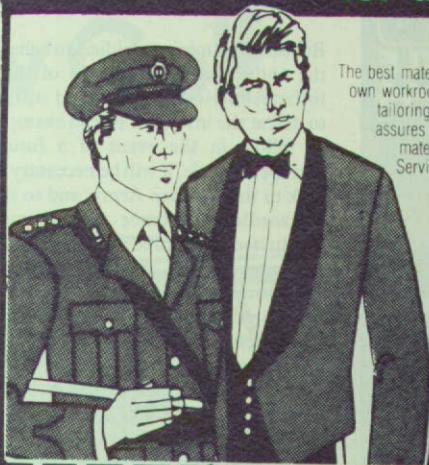
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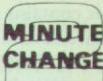
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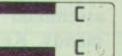
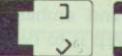
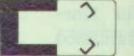
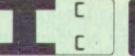
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MAX HASTINGS

In all the many books published around the good marketing time of the 40th anniversary of D-Day the one most likely to arouse interest — and possibly indignation in some quarters is Max Hastings' latest offering, *Overlord: D-Day and the Battle for Normandy*.

Sufficient time has elapsed since that momentous period for a more objective historical study than the initial, and somewhat rosy, books which appeared in the immediate post-war years.

The trouble is that insufficient time has elapsed as far as the men who fought — and survived — are concerned and some of them will be pained by some of the author's assertions. For example:

"Throughout the Second World War, wherever British or American troops met the Germans in anything like equal strength, the Germans prevailed. They possessed an historic reputation as formidable soldiers. Under Hitler their Army attained its zenith. Weapon for weapon and tank for tank, even in 1944, its equipment decisively outclassed that of the Allies in every category save artillery and transport".

Mr Hastings is not alone in admiring the German defence. High and low ranking professional soldiers have done so many times since the war and inland Normandy was ideal for rearguard actions as the author readily stresses.

Of course there were mistakes on both sides, and the rivals each had their elite and lesser quality formations. There is criticism of Montgomery — and also of some leadership at divisional and unit level on the Allied side, not to mention sharp views on individual performances by private soldiers.

Hastings maintains the Germans were better trained, more skilful and more inventive.

He also strives to be fair and mark the good points. Whether or not this book will eventually be regarded by historians as one of the most useful contributions time alone will tell.

Whatever you think of his views, Hastings is a good writer and this book will appeal to the general reader. He brings to life, through contemporary accounts from both sides, the full horror of it all and generally presents a flowing account.

One conclusion puzzles me. Hastings believes we would be wrong — in the event, God forbid, of the Russians moving west — to train and condition

D-DAY

Books

British and American soldiers to believe the endurance and sacrifice of their forbears in Normandy 'would suffice to defeat the invaders. For an example to follow in the event of a future European battle, it will be necessary to look to the German Army; and to the extraordinary defence that its men conducted in Europe in the face of all odds against them, and in spite of their own demented Führer.'

I would have thought just as many useful lessons, if not more, could be gained from the brilliant feats of the BEF in stopping the German gallop at the start of World War I. **PMH**
Overlord: D-Day and the Battle for Normandy, by Max Hastings (Michael Joseph, £12.95).

Airborne Division's arrival there on D-Day.

This book is published by Leo Cooper, price £8.50, having been first published in USA in 1981 and contains an author's note protesting the authenticity of her story which, when first published in France was doubted by some.

At any rate it is a moving story of a simple peasant family suddenly overwhelmed by war and of a girl who was almost mortally wounded by a mine but survived through her great bravery to tell the story.

That her father could have collected ten tons of ammunition and five tons of rations from the flooded fields in a small boat single handed in the dark

Such comments as 'Montgomery has grossly exaggerated the extent to which his holding action in drawing off the Panzer divisions actually succeeded' and 'Never has more historical nonsense been perpetuated over the question of Montgomery and his Caen strategy', will not endear the author to British readers.

He has drawn extensively on Montgomery's evidence. For what it is worth, this reviewer was on Montgomery's Staff and heard General Belchem (then Brigadier) brief Staff Officers on the plan which, as far as I am concerned, held seven Panzer divisions on the East flank.

As Nigel Hamilton, official biographer of Montgomery, said 'This book will keep historians arguing for a decade'. **PSN**

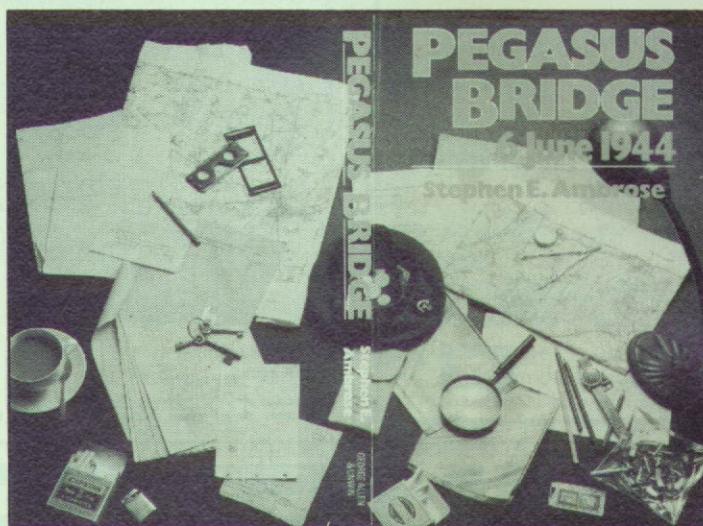
The fighting quality of the troops was, of course, only one aspect of the success of D-Day. Once ashore even the best troops needed all the help they could get to master a well entrenched enemy. *Vanguard of Victory*, by David Fletcher, published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 88 pages, £4.95, gives details of the often ingenious devices that were developed to assist them.

It tells the story of the 79th Armoured Division which came into being under the command of Major General Sir Percy Hobart for the express purpose of deploying specialised tanks and armoured vehicles for clearing mines, laying roads, fording gullies and so forth.

The book is profusely illustrated with pictures from early tests of the famous canvas flotation screens which enabled tanks to swim to shore, right through to the Division's activities at the end of the war.

There is also a collection of technical drawings which will give the connoisseur an invaluable record of some of the technical inventiveness which helped get the allies from the beaches of Normandy to the heart of Germany.

David Fletcher's text is as authoritative as you would expect from someone who works at the Tank Museum in Bovington. **RH**



Among the expected spate of books and guides the variety is extensive ranging from *My Longest Night* by Genevieve Duboscq, recalling her memories of D-Day as a twelve year old girl, to *Normandy... 40 Years On* by Alan Cairns, being a bridge-head guide and to the *Normandy Bridgehead and Springboard for Overlord* by Anthony Kemp, as well as others of more historic consequence also reviewed here.

Anthony Kemp's 74 page booklet, subtitled *Hampshire and the D-Day Landings* published by Milestones Publications, price £1.95, was inspired by his memories as a five year-old evacuee in Hampshire but contains a remarkable amount of detail and many unusual photographs of the docks, landing hards, piers, woods and beaches in Hampshire from which troops assembled and embarked for Normandy. Kemp is to be congratulated on his detailed research and the accuracy of the events he has depicted.

Normandy... 40 Years On published by The Gazette, Basingstoke, price £1.50, is a 30 page booklet written as a guide to the more obvious landmarks within the Allied Bridgehead, rather on the lines of Rose Coombes's *Before Endeavours Fade* but without the same historical accuracy or background.

This is for the casual tourists in Normandy only, who, if they go to Sainte-Mère Eglise, will wish to read the unusual story by Genevieve Duboscq, of her view of 82nd US

during two nights must be doubted but that he was subsequently awarded a US Medal of Honour is a matter of fact.

Also as a matter of fact is Stephen E. Ambrose's *Pegasus Bridge, 6 June 1944* published by George Allen & Unwin, London, 156 pages, price £8.95. This is an admirably reconstructed account from interviews and documents of probably the best planned and executed Company size action during World War II. The success was due to meticulous planning and rehearsal of his Company by Major John Howard of The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, as well as the skill and courage of the pilots of The Glider Pilot Regiment who landed them alongside the canal bridge at Benouville, now known as Pegasus Bridge and, which secured the left flank of the Allied Bridgehead.

Decision in Normandy, the Unwritten Story of Montgomery and The Allied Campaign by Carlo D'Este, published by Pan Books, 555 pages, price £3.95, is an altogether different matter. Written by a former regular US Army lieutenant-colonel who retired to research and write this book, he has drawn evidence from extensive sources, including the Public Record Office, Kew, where he consulted war diaries with, it seems, the primary aim of refuting Montgomery's claim that the Battle of Normandy went according to his over-all plan of holding the German armoured forces on the left flank and breaking out on the right.



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The UK unit will receive 22 of the Commanders and, since April, the Army has been engaged on familiarisation on the type.



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porters have just entered service officially with 414 Tank Transporter Unit, Royal Corps of Transport, part of AMF (L)'s Logistic Support Battalion, based at Bulford — the only unit of its kind in the UK — and a second squad of eight has started service with 16 Tank Transporter Squadron, RCT, part of 7 Tank Transporter Regiment in BAOR.

In all, 125 tractors and 117 semi-trailers will be procured of which BAOR will take 91 tractors and 83 semi-trailers.

Designed to take the everyday strain like its unrelated family member from another firm, the 'Mighty Antar', its predecessor of 21 years' Army service which is due to be phased out, the Commander — it is just over four feet longer — copes quite happily carrying either a 56-tonne Chieftain or its newest main battle tank stablemate, the 60-tonne Challenger.

The UK unit will receive 22 of the Commanders and, since April, the Army has been engaged on familiarisation on the type.

The Commander, thanks to its robust 12-cylinder, turbocharged engine developing 625 horsepower — the equivalent of 20 Minis — will be able to cut journey times significantly as they tote the armour-plated battlefield gladiators along the nation's arteries and the West German autobahns.

Drivers, too, will have an elevated outlook on life behind the 200-lb weight bonnet after their total three days' conversion training. Perched on air-sprung suspension seats, their eyes will be 11 feet above the road surface. Above their heads, provision for a GPMG ring in the roof.

Each Scammell Commander costs £218,000 including semi-trailer. For that type of outlay, the

Lance Corporal Kevin Russell at wheel: Driver Colin Kirkham at rest.

Giant Challenger tanks dwarfed by the new Commander transporters.



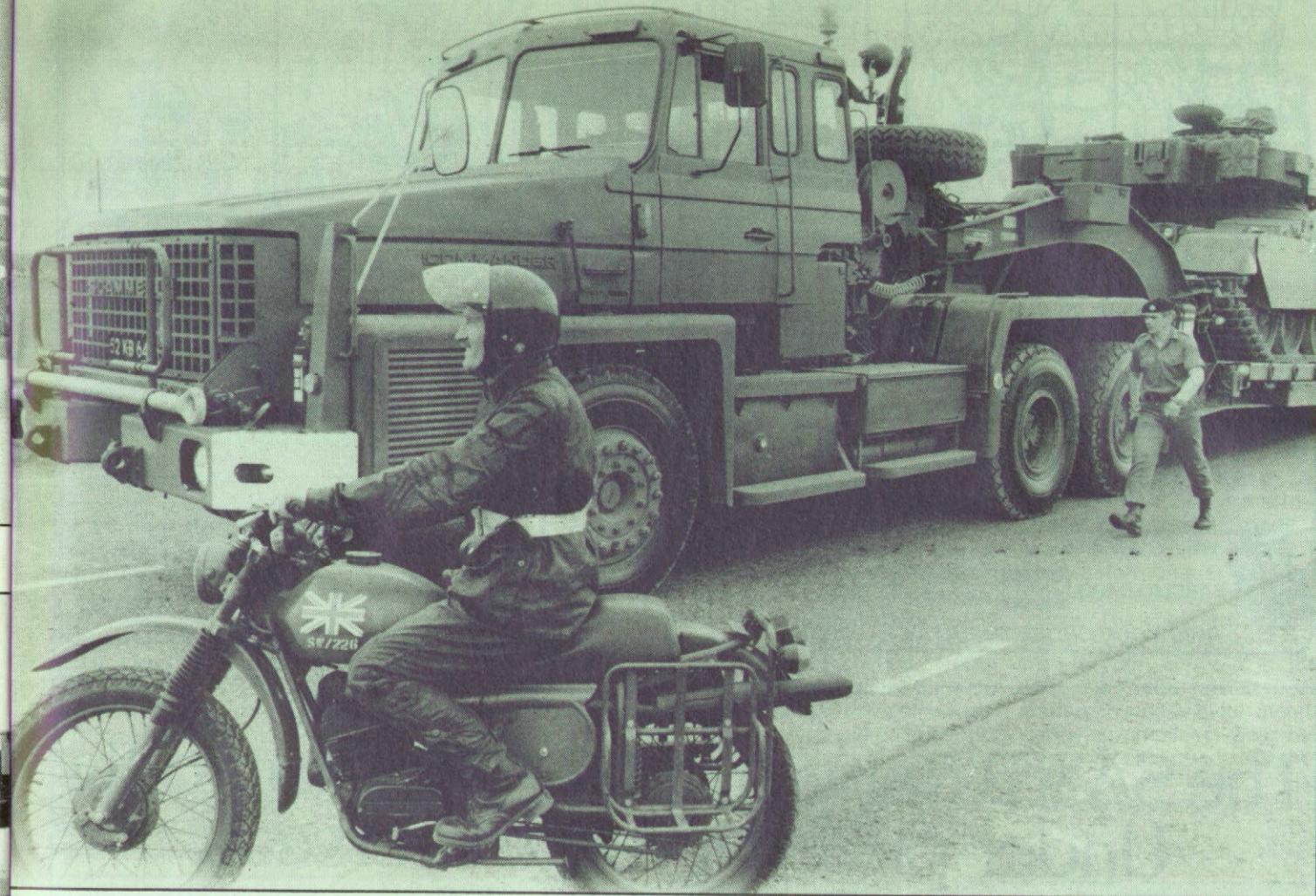
How's that for a king-sized wheel!

vehicle provides its three-man crew with an extremely comfortable cabin with its nine gauges and 16 warning lights.

Behind them, are two bunk beds plus stowage space for their personal kit.

Two of the drivers, Lance Corporal Kevin Russell and Driver Colin Kirkham from 414 Tank Transporter Unit had only one adjective with which to describe the Commander. "It's beautiful," they chorused.

The colossal Commander — it is 64 feet long and 13-feet-five wide — is so reliant, mechanically, that its engine can spring into life at temperatures of minus 24 degrees,



Ready to roll — Commander with Chieftain passenger.

will carry a main battle tank with ease up a 1-in-40 gradient at nearly 22 miles-an-hour and, even fully laden, can stop and re-start for a 1-in-6 gradient climb.

Captain George Henderson, Officer Commanding since last November of 414 Tank Transporter Unit — it has 122 personnel including 66 drivers — said of the new acquisition: "Antar is 20 years old and, unfortunately, they did not have the technology in those days but Commander brings us right up to the present age. It's more sophisticated, easier to drive and more reliable. And, it goes twice as fast at 40 miles-an-hour.

"To get tanks to Castlemartin in Pembroke used to take three days; now it will only take two days. Major servicing on Antar used to take two days; now they will only take one."

He added: "We are going to be taking delivery at the rate of three to four a month and we've already got eight of them. The Commander

is proving to be a very good vehicle. We have had a few minor teething problems but what vehicle doesn't under warranty."

The Commander, with its fully adjustable flaps at the rear and consumption of two miles-a-gallon when fully laden was put through its paces for the media with three of the type loading and unloading three Chieftains from 4 RTR's D Squadron.

Colonel Alf Grevatt, from the Army Logistic Executive's branch dealing with new RCT equipment, told me: "The Commander is designed to load and transport all current AFVs including Challenger at battle weight and it can carry two AFV 430s simultaneously.

"The prime task of the equipment is to move AFVs in peace and war and save wear and tear on the tanks and crews. In the UK they will be used additionally to move tanks from the factory to the vehicle depot and from the depot to the ports.

"Overall, the Scammell Commander tank transporter and

semi-trailer looks efficient and functional and incorporates up-to-date engineering design and should prove a worthy successor

to the Antar.

"It's planned life is 20 years and it will qualify for in-depth repair during the mid-third of that life."

HOW THEY COMPARE

	Commander	Antar
Weight (tractor)	22 tonnes	21 tonnes
(trailer)	16 tonnes	18 tonnes
Length, (total)	64 ft 3½ ins	60 ft
Height	12 ft 5 ins	11 ft
Width	13 ft 3 ins	12 ft
Speed	40 mph	30 mph
Load capacity	62 tonnes	60 tonnes
Fuel consumption	1 km/litre	0.5 km/litre
Speed of loading	10 minutes	20 minutes
Travel time comparison...	Time saving of up to one-third	
Engine	Rolls-Royce CV12	Rolls-Royce STR 8
HP	625 bhp	333 bhp
Number of gears	Six forward one reverse	Six forward one reverse
Gear system	Semi-automatic	Crash gear box
Crew	Three	Three
Sleeping accomm	Two bunks	Nil
Number of tyres	10 plus one spare	10 plus one spare
(tractor)	16 plus one spare	16 plus one spare



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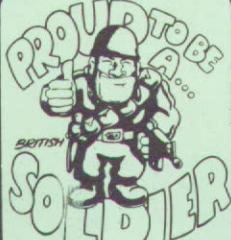
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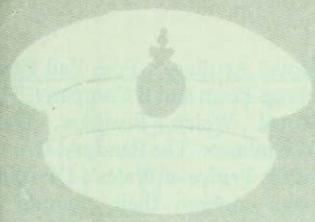
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THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS DEPARTMENT

William, Duke of Normandy, had priests on his staff when he invaded England in 1066 and indeed Bishop Odo of Bayeux was one of his commanders.

However, the role of the clergyman in the Army of today bears no resemblance to that practised in the eleventh century for it is his task to make and sustain Christians, or Jews according to his belief.

It is generally accepted that the Department began on 23 September 1796 when the Army Chaplains' Department was formed under a Chaplain General, the Rev John Gamble.

In 1811 Wellington complained that he had but one chaplain, the Rev. S. Briscall, for his whole Army and as a result of this, officiating chaplains were appointed to military

camps in Britain.

Yet in 1854 there was only one chaplain available to go to the Crimea with an army of 26,000 men. The Army List of 1856 discloses a department with a complement of 56.

At first confined to Church of England clergy, other denominations were admitted as follows, Presbyterians in 1827, Roman Catholics in 1836, Jews in 1842 and Wesleyans 39 years later.

Currently all denominations are catered for in proportion to the Army's needs but it may come as a surprise to learn that there is today but one Jewish chaplain officiating and he is a Territorial.

During the Great War 172

chaplains lost their lives and in the 1939-45 war 96 more laid down theirs, the highest proportion of losses among the many regiments and corps of the British Army.

In the 1860s the badge worn in the forage cap by members of the department was a splendid device in silver wire and green velvet which gave the appearance of a four leafed clover, this being superseded in 1903 by the simple Cross pattee ensigned by the Imperial crown; Jewish chaplains wore the Star of David ensigned in like manner.

This in turn gave way to the design which has remained since its adoption in 1930, then ensigned with the Imperial

crown but now amended to our present Sovereign's St. Edward's crown.

It is described as "Upon a wreath of laurel and oak, in gilt, a Maltese Cross of eight points in silver. In the centre of the Cross, a circle in gilt on a blue enamel ground with the motto "In this sign conquer" pierced, within the corbel a quatrefoil voided. The whole ensigned by the St. Edward's Crown in gilt. This pattern is worn in the forage cap, the service dress pattern in wholly black metal.

Jewish chaplains wear the badge as described save that the Cross and motto in the design are replaced by the Star of David.

HUGH L. KING.



Flashback to a 1968 exercise Chaplain's Chase, with padres V Utterly, left, and T Williams showing their prowess in aiding casualty evacuation.



See-the-Army DIARY

Please remember that events can be altered or cancelled so check locally before setting out.

We also ask organisers to keep us advised of any changes in order that we can help readers.



JULY 1984

- 4 Army Exhibition for Schools Depot Queen's Div, Bassingbourn (1 Royal Anglian Band and CD, 2 Royal Anglian Band and CD, Queen's Div Junior School of Music CHD) (Red Devils Junior Signal Regt Display RA Motorcycles) (4-7 July).
- 5/7 RGJ Week, Winchester (Lt Div Depot Band B, 1 RGJ Band B, 3 LI Band B) (Lt Div Depot Winchester).
- 7/8 International Air Show, Middle Wallop. (Para drop, battle scene, guns, tanks, and flying display).
- 10/11 RSA Massed Bands, Larkhill (Junior RA Band CD B).
- 11 The Royal Tournament, Earls Courts (The Massed Bands of the Royal Marines, The Band of 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets (Resident Band) (The RN Display Team, The RN Field Gun Competition, The King's Tp RHA, The White Helmets, The RAF Police Dogs) (to 28 July).
- 11 Massed Bands, Larkhill (RA Woolwich B, RA Mounted B, JLRRA B, 1 Glosters B, 2 Para B, REME B).
- 11/14 Artillery Day, Larkhill (RA Band).
- 12/14 Army Display, Nottingham Static Display, Red Devils, Combat Display Notts TA.
- 21 Depot Crickhowell Open Day (1 RWF CD, 1 RRW CD) (RA Freefall).
- 21 LI Open Day, Shrewsbury (The Trail Blazers (N)).
- 23/26 Royal Welsh Show (1 RRW CD).
- 25/26 Ilfracombe Tattoo (CD 2GG, Bands: 1 D & D, 3 LI).
- 26/28 St Helen's Show (Band and P 1 R Irish, Band & CD 1 QLR, Band & CD 1 RRF, Band 1 RS, Band Irish Gds) (KDDT, Red Devils, RAMC DT, Junior Leaders, R Sigs, 2 RRF, 25 Eng Regt).
- 27 Farewell to RMABC RMA Sandhurst Beating Retreat (RMABC, RAOC, WRAC and other bands).
- 27/28 Dover Tattoo (1 DERR, 2 R Irish, HAC, 5 Queen's (V) (RAF MCD Team, JLRRE 1 TLB, Pathfinders, 17 Tra Regt RA).
- 28 Rapier Day, Kirton-in-Lindsey (RA Band).
- 28 12 AD Regt RA (Junior RA Gymnastic).
- 29 Bovington Open Day (RA M/C).
- 30 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (QDG Band, RA Band, R Signals Band, RHF Band, Albuhera Band, Queen's Regt & CD, RRF Band & CD, 2 R Anglian Band & CD, D & D Band & CD, 2 R Irish Band & CD, RWF Band & CD, 1 Staffords Band & CD, REME Band, WRAC Band) (Red Caps, Junior Leaders RA Gym Display, RAF Falcons, Royal Norwegian King's Guard, RAF Fly Past) (to 4 August).

AUGUST 1984

(See also Colchester 30 July).

- 3/5 Manchester Show (1 R Irish Band PD, 1 QLR) (Red Devils).
- 5 Edinburgh Military Tattoo (Junior RA Band, CD, B) (Junior RA Gymnastic) (5 August-5 September).
- 10/11 Shrewsbury Flower Show. (CG, RCT, RAOC Bands) (Band Light Div School of Music, White Helmets m/c display team).
- 11/12 Newport Services Spectacular (QDG Band, 1 Staffords Band, R Mon RE(M) CD, 3 RRW (V) Band CD, 157 Regt RCT(V) CD) (RN, RM, RMP, RA MC Display).
- 17/18 Darlington Show (CMD, RCS 34 (N) Band) (RA Para, 34 (N) Sig Regt (V)).
- 26/27 Carlisle Service Tattoo (1 RS Band, 1 King's Own Border Band D, 1 R Irish Band RD, 2 LI Band B, RM Band FOSNI) (RN Display Team, Red Caps, 12 AD Regt RA, 4 King's Own Border (V), RAF Police Dogs Display, Red Devils, RA Para).
- 31 North Wales Tattoo (1 RWF CD, 1 D & D) (RA MC Display, LI PDT) (31 August-1 September).

NOVEMBER 1984

11 Remembrance Sunday.

CRICKHOWELL OPEN DAY

OW IN its second year as a training unit for Junior Soldiers, aged 16-17½, the Prince of Wales's Division Depot, Crickhowell will sponsor an Open Day on Saturday, 21 July, when the public is invited to visit Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp.

The Open Day also coincides with the start of Abergavenny's Heritage Week and to commemorate both events the Bands and Drums of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Prince of Wales's Division, and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Wales, will march through Abergavenny on Friday morning, 20 July.

The Open Day programme will broadly follow those of the successful functions held in previous years. The grounds will be open from 12 noon onwards when visitors will have the chance to view the static displays and stalls, and to take lunch if they wish.

Arena displays begin at 2.30 pm and continue through the afternoon with one long interval. The day ends shortly after 6pm after Evening Muster.

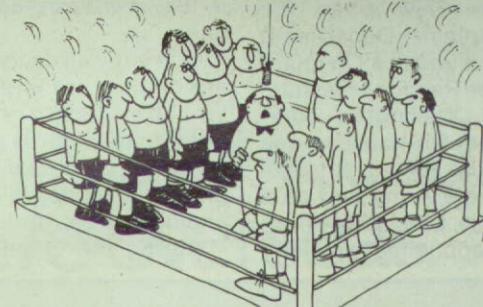
Military units taking part in the arena displays will include the

Royal Artillery's Free Fall Parachute Team and B Company, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, from Warminster. The Band and Drums of the Prince of Wales's Division, who undergo their training at Cwrt-y-Gollen, are mostly in their first year of Army service.

A detachment of Junior Soldiers who joined in September 1983, will give a display of gymnastics and log drill, and many others — including some recently joined young recruits — will provide the administrative support.

As in the last Open Day, in June 1982, there is a police presence, and the Depot will again welcome the South Wales' Police Motor Cycle Display Team.

Representatives of local and national charities will be invited to take part in the Open Day and to sponsor fund-raising activities for their own organisations. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments, from car parking and the sale of souvenir programmes will again be donated to two charities which particularly provide for servicemen — the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association and the Army Benevolent Fund.



Thousands march in Chichester

THOUSANDS of marching enthusiasts are expected at the 1984 Royal Military Police and City of Chichester March on Sunday 12 August.

The march, first staged in 1977 during the Royal Military Police centenary celebrations, aims to encourage physical well-being and a spirit of goodwill and friendship. Last year it attracted some 5,200 entrants — from the UK, Europe, Canada, and the USA.

The march is open to military and civilian teams of not less than six members. There is a choice of three routes — six, 15½ and 25 miles — so even the youngest participant should reach the finish line.

The day will end with a full dress parade through Chichester when the mayor and military officers will take the salute.

All successful marchers will be eligible for medals and diplomas, but the march is not a race, stress the organisers. Team prizes will be awarded for the best turnout, discipline, and behaviour.

Entry forms and further information can be obtained from: The Honorary Secretary, Royal Military Police and City of Chichester March, Roussillon Barracks, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 4BN.



You may spot more birds than anyone else and in that case you win! No, we are not going to tell you the number of birds. That would rather spoil your efforts, wouldn't it.

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is 3 August. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 27 August. More than one entry may be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 341' label. In the case of ties, winners will be drawn by lots and no correspondence can be entered into. Send your answers in by letter or postcard with the 'Competition 341' label to Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

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number of birds — some from the Orient and some from the Occident, some from the north and some from the south, and so on. Some of the birds are rare, some common, some extinct or nearly so (thanks to man).

All YOU have to do is to spot the birds — reading vertically upwards or downwards, horizontally to left or right and diagonally in any direction but always in a straight line. When you have found all the birds you can, list them in alphabetical order and send the list to us.

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PIC POSED?

Reference SOLDIER (7 May) 'Trumpet Sounds High Note' — the picture of the soldier firing the M.60 must be posed as the gun seems to be rejecting not empty cases but live ammo; and those single rounds on the ground look live. Where's his good housekeeping? We never had enough ammo to waste like our friend in the photo — every round counted and cost money. Also, this leaves spare ammo for the enemy. — **D Marriot, 11 Cressington Ave, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead, Wirral, Cheshire L42 6QJ.**

The picture was not posed but was part of the exercise. As for the housekeeping aspect... take that one up with the Americans. The M.60 in this case was not taken, so the enemy was denied. — Ed.

LOW COST

As an erstwhile subscriber to SOLDIER and a follower of all things military, I thought I would write to you on something I feel very strongly about.

I would like to know who, how and by what means military bands are deemed an expense to the Army. It seems to me that if someone wants to do away with something, figures can be arrived at to support getting it scrapped.

My son is a member of one of the Armoured Corps bands and when he was a Junior Bandsman at Bovington, the costs of his ceremonial dress could not have been all that high for the Army. His dress uniform was about fifth-hand and had to be fetched home to his mother to be made decent. Also, like 90% of his fellow-bandsmen, he owned and used his own instrument.

After only about four weeks at Bovington he was out, with the rest, on jobs which, although part of his training, fulfilled requests from various bodies who paid for the band's performance. Sometimes they were out till the small hours yet still had to be up as usual next morning learning to be soldiers. When he joined his regiment, not even then was he issued a new uniform but had to wait twelve months before getting decent kit. He even had to buy his own toe-capped boots. I feel he earned his money but somebody else saved some. Now, as a senior soldier, he doubles as a medic

and happily does many other jobs demanded of him. That is several jobs for the price of one.

The bands that could least afford to lose members seem to have been hit the hardest. The Army should fight hard to keep its bands up to a decent strength by all the means possible. They are the finest advert for the Army. When an Army band is on tour in these parts, you have to be quick to get your ticket or you won't get in.

The RAF with its four bands in this country is trying to get voluntary bands going on stations to try to get back what they lost when the station bands were scrapped. We mustn't let Army banding go the same way as the RAF. — **J Bushell, Warmington Hall, Derwent Road, Grantham.**

BOOTS AMMO

I am wondering whether any of your readers can give me an answer to a question which has puzzled me since my own Service days.

Why were the old type of ankle boots with which we were issued called "Boots ammo"? From my memories of these boots, with their rigid and inflexible leather sole liberally screwed and nailed, to which a plentiful array of studs were added, plus steel toe and heel plates, I can think of no more hazardous footwear to bring near ammunition, if this was indeed what the designation "ammo" meant.

Am I correct in believing that "Boots ammo" are now worn only by the Household Division on ceremonial duties? — **Name and address supplied.**

Can anyone supply the answer? On the question of kit, we have had a number of letters (some from the Falklands) making complaints about the quality and effectiveness of standard issue. We are more than happy to publish these letters anonymously but please remember names and addresses/units must be supplied to the editor so that he can establish their authenticity. If requested, they will not be published. — Ed.

Reunions

The Annual Dinner and Dance of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Regimental Association of **The Staffordshire Regiment** will be held at The Union Jack Club, Waterloo, on Sat 1 December. Tickets £10 from: B J Harris (Secretary), 29 The Square, Pevensey Bay, E Sussex BN24 6SQ. **The Staffordshire Regiment** (The Prince of Wales's) Annual Reunion Dinner, will take place at 8pm on Saturday 8 September, at Whittington Bks, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9PY. Tickets available from RHQ at this address, £3.50 each in advance.

Arborfield. There will be a Reunion of former apprentices and staff, including Carlisle over the weekend 12-14 October at Princess Marina College. Full details from the Hon Sec OBA, Princess Marina College, Arborfield, Reading, Berks.

3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards. A reunion dinner is to be held in London on 13 April 1985. Details are obtainable from: Major (Retd) F P Horsfall MBE, Staff Superintendent, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW.

Can you help?

I am currently researching the history of 80 (Bolton) Squadron, Air Training Corps and would be pleased to hear from any ex-members who are currently serving. — **Mr T A Gowans, 4 Green Bank, Harwood, Bolton, BL2 3NG. Tel: Home 386104; Business 25054.**

I would like to contact my old comrades who served between 1950-1952 with Signal Platoon 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment). My eventual aim is to arrange an annual reunion with ex-members. — **Mr Hugh Martin, c/o WOs & Sgts Mess, 1/52 Lowland, 122 Hotspur St, Glasgow, G20 8LQ.**

I am trying to find anyone who served with my father in WW2. He was T/250542 Driver John Williams (sometimes called Bill or Darkey). He served in the RASC from 6 Mar 41 to 10 Feb 46; his overseas service was Middle East from 26 Sep 41 to 5 Nov 43. His OC was a Captain Cow both at this time and later in North Africa from 6 Nov 43 to 16 Mar 44. He then served in NW Europe from 12 Jul 44 to 27 Sep 45. — **Mrs P Claver, 51 Elmdon Place, Chalkstone Estate, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 0AH.**

I am researching the story of Lance Corporal Frederick William Holmes of 2nd Battalion, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, service number 9376, winner of the Victoria Cross and the Medaille Militaire for his gallant actions during Le Cateau, on 26 August 1914. Can anyone help me with any additional information on this gentleman? — **Martin Tizzard, 11 Pennine Walk, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3NN.**

Collectors' Corner

Mr J Palmer, 17 The Broadway, Whitehawk, Brighton, Sussex. Would like to start collection with some reasonably priced cap badges, metal and cloth (British Forces only).

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I am trying to contact other ranks of 3 Platoon A Coy, 4 Battalion The Dorsets, who served in NW Europe from November 1944 to the end of the war, especially in the areas of Geilenkirchen, Reichswald and Kleve. This is in view of an invitation for a reunion in the Geilenkirchen area from some ex-German soldiers and also some Americans. — **A Sale, 5 Berwick House, Oak Lane, Finchley, London N2 8ND.**

I am putting together a pictorial history book of The 1st Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, commencing from January 1982 to the present day. Have readers any photographs, press cuttings or negatives of the band from our various performances in tattoos, concerts etc; also when the band performed in Canada between June and July 1982? Have any 'ex-Dukes' any photographs, press cuttings etc, of the Band and Drums when 'The Dukes' were last on 'The Rock' in 1953/55? I would be most grateful for any material passed on to me. All material will be treated with respect and care. — **LCpl P Foxton, Band 1 DWR, Lathbury Bks, BFPO 52.**

I am researching a project on the British Army, regular and reserve which I hope to turn into a definitive reference on the subject. To that end I am appealing to all readers (units, branches etc) to write with details of: brief unit histories covering name changes, amalgamations etc; special regimental or sub-unit dates of importance; battle honours, Colours, decorations and awards, regimental marches; traditional titles ie 7 (Sphynx); uniform details (traditional, current and changes); affiliations with non-UK units; and any other details useful for the historical record. — **John Carpenter, 71 Astley Road, Sandwell, Birmingham B21 8DL.**

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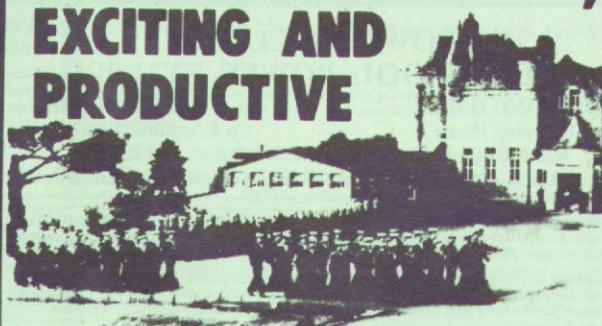
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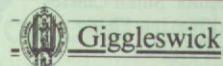
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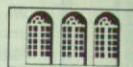
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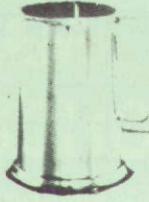
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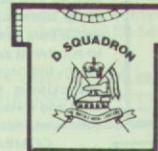
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A DECADE of dinghy sailing was toasted in champagne at Netley Sailing Club's tenth birthday party.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, who conceived the notion of the Army dinghy sail training centre on the Southampton Water site, proposed the continued good health of the club.

Lord Carver has been a member of the club since he performed the official opening ceremony on 11 May, 1974. He sails his tiny Gull dinghy at Netley.

He and the club's other 550 or so members have watched with satisfaction as it has grown from its modest beginnings to the thriving and respected club it is now.

Netley's Commodore, Lieutenant Colonel Roger Grannum, of the Royal Army Pay Corps, gave a brief history of the club to the birthday gathering of club members and special guests.

Once the decision had been made to create a dinghy training centre in what was then the grounds of the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley, sappers of 53 Field Squadron (Airfields), Royal Engineers, moved in to construct the custom-built clubhouse and



the slipway needed to launch the eight Bosun dinghies originally supplied by the Army Sailing Association for use by soldiers on training courses.

The work took six months and was finished by February 1975 in time for the official opening three months later.

Colonel Grannum was among the first to join the club's committee which soon decided to open membership to civilians as well as military personnel.

The club is justifiably proud of the fact that one of the mainstays of its friendly atmosphere is the close bond of co-operation that has

Field Marshal Lord Carver, left, celebrates the first 10 years with Lieutenant Colonel Roger Grannum.

existed right from the start between military and civilian members.

The — literally — concrete manifestation of this has been the self-help construction tasks that have been undertaken by club members during the winter seasons to adapt the original sapper-built clubhouse and its surroundings to accommodate the needs of the dinghy sailors and their families afloat and ashore.

Since the closure of the Royal Victoria Hospital, the club has taken over ownership of its own

premises plus six-and-a-half acres of waterfront grassland and woods.

Netley Sailing Club hosts all the Army's major dinghy events each year on behalf of the Army Sailing Association as well as local and national events up to British championships.

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This has led to the development of a particularly strong team of young competitive helmsmen emerging from the club's ranks. Many were mere toddlers when their parents first joined the club up to ten years ago!

The club's Bosun fleet rose to 20 craft at one time. Some half dozen remain as training craft while the others have been replaced by a dozen new Kestral dinghies for racing.

Among the guests at Netley's tenth anniversary party were the Commodore of the Army Sailing Association, Major General Colin Shortis, Director of Infantry, and the ASA's Rear Commodore (Dinghies), Brigadier Mike Clarke, whose tireless support has always been appreciated by the club.

Also present to represent the local authority was the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor Mrs Margaret Kyrel.

Welsh flavour gives infantry the edge

THE INFANTRY team was based on the known strengths of the Royal Regiment of Wales and Welsh Guards with a representative from 3 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers based in Berlin, giving a distinct Welsh flavour. Warrant Officer 1 (RSM) D T Wiggins, DERR, worked on this combination of the two teams and within a short time produced a mobile and attack minded team. The team was captained by Colour Sergeant Goddard of the RRW and it was his leading from the front that set an example to the rest of his team and established the type of forward, driving game that was to prove so successful.

The first game was probably the hardest against a strong sapper team based on 21 Engineer Regt, but hard work and forward

Pictured right is the successful team that won the Save and Prosper Inter Corps cup for the Infantry at the first attempt. The competition involved four games in four days against RE, RAC, R Sigs and RA.

pressure set up Goddard for two fine tries. This was backed up by two individual runs by Lance Corporal Jones, '20' WG which resulted in two spectacular scores. The Engineers finished the game with a flourish by scoring a try but the Infantry ran out worthy winners by 18-6.

The game against the Royal Armoured Corps saw the score at half time at 6-6 with the Infantry still to face the strong breeze and play up the slope. This really tested the forwards who took the game to the RAC and camped on their line, this allowed Szabo, RRW to crash

over from a well worked short penalty. The Infantry's superior fitness and organisation brought them through to a well deserved, if scrappy, victory of 25-6.

A weak R Sigs team gave the Infantry a chance to run the ball. Corporal Evans '70' RRW scored in the first two minutes. Lance Corporal Morgan '36' scored the best individual try of the tournament with a fine solo 60 metres run. Lance Corporal Jones '75' kept the score flowing along with some fine kicking plus a well taken drop goal. Final score 41-6.

The last game was against a

strong Royal Artillery team, which had also not lost a game. The Infantry front line took the game by the scuff of the neck right from the start and with the strength of Szabo and Mullins, 3 RRF proving decisive the score quickly began to mount. This was the Infantry's finest game to date and was typified when Szabo sprinted 50 metres down the field, slipped the ball to Bartlett WG who in turn fed Mullins to round off a fine forwards try. This was by far the most convincing win and fitting climax to the tournament as the Infantry ran out 40-0 winners.



CAD KINETON'S CLEAN SWEEP

CAD Kineton proved worthy winners of the RAOC Travers Clarke Team Sports Cup by making a clean sweep in the track and field events. They amassed a high total of 78 points with the Training Battalion and Depot gallant runners-up with 54 points.

Private Desmond Grant emerged the Victor Ludorum winner with 21 points gained in the 100m, 200m, 110m hurdles and the long jump. Apprentice Corporal Stephen Magloire from AAC Chepstow won the Junior Soldiers' cup with his win in the 100m. The Corps 400m record was broken by Lance Corporal Colin Anderson of CAD Kineton in 50.89 seconds knocking .71 off the previous record.

Six teams took part in the Tug



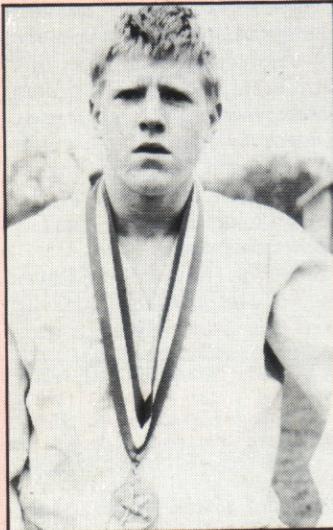
of War competition with CVD Ashchurch proving their superiority in this discipline, its 'A' team winning the event.

Picture: G. Pound.

SENIORS MUST WATCH OUT!

SENIOR judo competitors would do well to mark the recent successes of sixteen-year-old Junior Private Tyrin Whitlock who has already won the Army Under-18 Individual Championship for his weight and who recently came third in the British Schoolboys Under-18 Championship in London.

Currently at the Depot, The Prince of Wales's Division before joining his regiment, The Royal Hampshire in August, Whitlock is now graded a senior blue belt. He represented Hampshire



schoolboys for two years before entering the Army, being trained by his father who runs a young people's judo club. He has also attended monthly coaching sessions with former British and European champion Brian Jacks.

CLOSE-RUN CRICKET

The Army's cricket match against Glamorgan 2nd XI at Tidworth was a close-run thing ... the Welsh visitors winning by two runs!

Glamorgan declared at 171 for nine (Maddock 40, Gelling 3-38, Render 3-43, Willis 3-55).

The hosts seemed to be in trouble at 17 for two but some determined batting by Dean (35), Gordon-Lennox (24), Birchall (36) and a spirited 23 from No 10 Hardman kept Army hopes of victory alive.

Hardman's tally included two

sixes, and with one over left the score was 164 ... eight required and two wickets left. Though the last pair got within two of Glamorgan's total a run out clinched the issue in an exciting finish.

THE DASHING MEN OF 1 RHA

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery are handy at sprinting — as the rest of 1 Armoured Division's athletes found out in the finals.

Gimmer Fitzroy Thomas smashed the Division's 200 metre sprint record, breasting the tape in 22.49 seconds.

TIME OFF IS WORTH WHILE

IF SOME of the faces in the picture look a little dark, it could well be cam cream! Winners of the 1984 Royal Engineers Cross-Country (Major Units) Championships, 26 Field Regiment took literally a few hours off Exercise Stormy Petrel to compete.

Already this year's 3 Armoured Division's League Champions, 26

had to guarantee success to be allowed the time off. Due to the efforts of coach Staff Sergeant Terry Smalley, they had good reason to give such a promise. Quickly replacing steel helmets, combats and APCs for the more appropriate running strip and plimsolls, they won the competition by a clear margin.

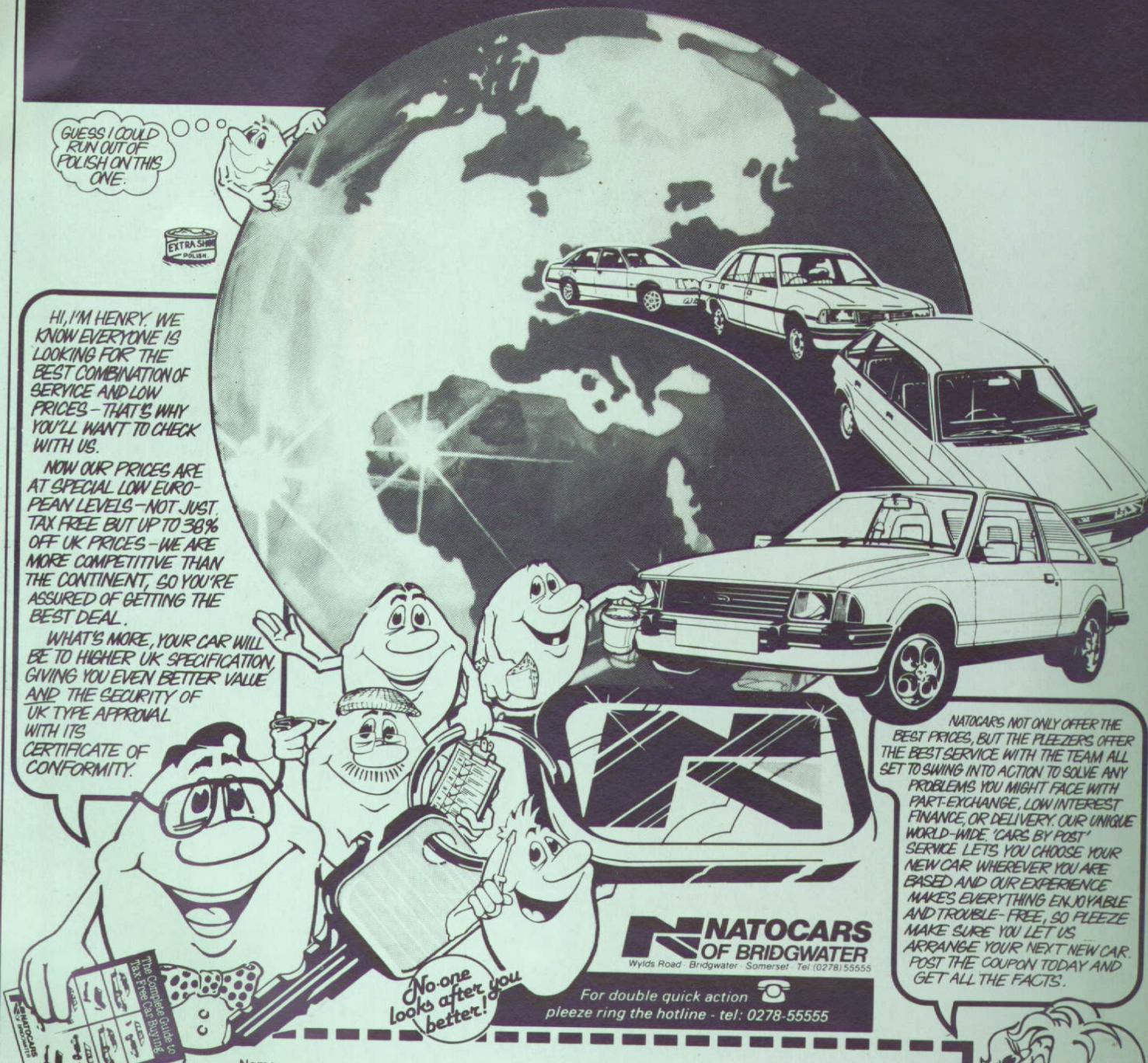


In the B String Gunner Simon Sharples swept to victory and both runners took first place in the A and B strings of the 100 metres. In the 400 metres sprint Sergeant Norman Faichney and Bombardier Owen Carr snatched victory from all the other competitors.

Finally, in the 4 x 100 metre relay the 1 RHA Team (Lance Bombardier Dave Maze and Gunners Sammy Bloomfield, Fitzroy Thomas and Simon Sharples) shattered the previous record of 45.30 seconds with a time of 44.33 seconds.

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