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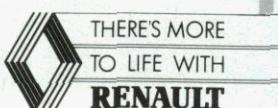
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Dodger tag bestowed in respect

I would like to correct the impression that ex Guardsman G Rowe offered in his letter on who were the D Day Dodgers (SOLDIER May 16).

The true story about how Nancy Astor came to be derided is seldom published, nor did he mention that the term D Day Dodger was a title given in awe and respect. Today there are many Italian Star veterans who are proud to have been labelled 'D Day Dodgers'.

Reunions

● **Italy Star Association** dedication service and parade at Lymington, Hants on July 12. Details from Mr Maurice Cheadle, Little Hyden, 22 Fairfield Road, Barton on Sea, New Milton, Hants BH25 7NL.

● **The Devonshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association** annual reunion, march, cathedral service, and dinner – July 2. Tickets may be obtained in advance from RHQ The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, at £4.

● **Suffolk/East Anglian/Royal Anglian** annual Minden Day reunion at The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Bury St Edmunds on July 31. 1100-1830pm.

Calling . . .

● Any old buddies of ex **Dvr B J King** (now of 37 Woodend Lane, Cam, Dursley, Glos GL11 5LR), who served with 63 Coy RASC, 6th Airborne Div, 716 Coy and 398 Coy RASC, and Army Airborne Experimental Centre at Amesbury Abbey, near Salisbury.

● **Jackie Reed** of 7 Armd Div who came from Liverpool, old comrades of Jack Webster. Please contact Mr D A 'Knocker' Knight, hon secretary of the Ceylon Artillery Association, 23 Atlas Gardens, Anchor and Hope Lane, Charlton SE7 7TB.

According to Lady Astor herself the title D Day Dodger came into being like this:

A young lieutenant in the Hampshire Regt, a personal friend of Lady Astor, was writing home to her as he often did, and he signed the letter "Yours always, the D Day Dodger". Lady Astor duly replied, starting her letter "Dear D Day Dodger".

Unfortunately, the young lieutenant was killed before the letter reached him. It was opened to see if a reply was needed, and that's how Nancy Astor came to be labelled.

The title was first used in an article in the *Crusader* army magazine months earlier.

G Rowe is also wrong to create the impression that British Forces lost 16,000 killed and wounded in one day. Nowhere in the official records can I find such figures.

I have been in contact with the American 36th Texas Division, and they tell me that this September there will be a special gathering at Paestum, Salerno for the installation of a special monument to all who took part in the landings.

Next year from May 12-24 there will be a world and Commonwealth gathering in Cassino. – **J Clarke, Secretary, The Monte Cassino Veterans Association, 41 Aldermany Rd, Manchester M21 2QW.**

Beret smart!

I am writing to you concerning the feature of Powys ACF (SOLDIER May 2). I think it is an excellent idea to have a replica GP rifle. However, I feel that the officers in Powys ACF ought to spend more time teaching cadets how to wear their uniforms smartly, particularly the beret! – **C J Ardon (LCpl, Yorks ACF), 177 Hemsworth Road, Norton, Sheffield S8 8LN.**



The Queen Mother has presented her personal gift of a grey drum horse - Peninsula - to The Queen's Own Hussars. Peninsula was received by Brig James Rucker (left), Colonel of the QOH, and Lt Col Simon Fox, the CO, at a private ceremony at Clarence House, London. Drums on the horse were captured from the French at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

PEAK POINT

In many pictures in your magazine soldiers are seen with the peaks of their caps altered to practically rest on their noses. This is especially noticeable in photos of instructors at training establishments.

My point, as an ex guardsman, is that if these soldiers wish to wear a shortened peak, they should apply to join guards regiments where they will quickly learn that, contrary to popular belief, the shortened peak is not to help keep the head up. By the time they are allowed out in public, they won't need anything to keep

their heads up!

By the same token, if a soldier wishes to alter the peak and his officers and warrant officers turn a blind eye, then at least let him have the courage to shorten the peak properly, instead of cutting the stitching at each side and swivelling the peak down to produce a blindfold.

The feminising of certain appointments causes some concern to me. What happens when a unit with a female adjutant goes on active service? Is the female officer posted out and a male hurriedly pitched in

I have applied for 20 surplus married quarters under the Joint Services Married Quarters Discount Scheme and the highest I got on the reserve list was 20th.

Having completed nearly 23 years service I was amazed to see on the list of successful applicants personnel of the same rank but with up to eight years less service than me. The reason - because I bid for an RAF and Royal Navy quarter they took precedence over me

because they were in one of these Services.

I thought these were supposed to be "joint service" married quarters sales. Having just read Anne Armstrong's article in SOLDIER (May 2) I think it is about time that a change was introduced so that regardless of the Service you are in everyone would stand the same chance.

After all, the first thing you notice when you pick up a bulletin is the fact that there are substantially more RAF and naval quarters available than Army. So let's have a fairer system for all. - Sgt A G Lukins, 7 Squadron RCT, Buller Barracks, Aldershot GU11 2BX.

The Service to which the MQ belongs does get priority. See DCI 34/87. Editor

Unpopular decision

Capt J H Leadson's letter (SOLDIER May 2) is inaccurate in two details regarding the transformation of the Royal Irish Rifles into the Royal Ulster Rifles.

The first inaccuracy, which may not have been intended, is the implication that the change of name was by choice of the regiment. In fact "The Olympian decision . . . was as unwelcome as it was unexpected."

So unpopular was the decision that the 1st Battalion held a funeral for the Royal Irish Rifles at Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight, and a coffin

containing the regimental history was laid to rest and a headstone erected engraved "RIR, RIP, RUC". (See *The Royal Ulster Rifles 1793-1960* by Lt Col M J P M Corbally.)

The second error is in stating that the change of name followed the partition of Ireland.

In fact it preceded partition which did not happen until January 1922 when the Irish Free State broke away from the Union. Northern Ireland's separate Parliament was established in June 1921. - J R Doherty, Londonderry (full address supplied).

to pick up the threads? - R Miles, 3 Larch St, Bury, Lancs BL9 7QN.



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Commenting on SOL-

DIER in the news magazine class, the judge remarked upon "very professional" stories, "skilful and effective" headlines, "lively and varied" design and typography, "good, well used" pictures, and summed it up as "a highly readable and attractive magazine".

Gurkhas to exercise in Brunei

ABOUT 3,000 British Servicemen will be involved in a combined UK-Brunei military exercise in the last week of August. HQ 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, 2/2 GR and 7 GR plus support units are to take part in Exercise Setia Kawan alongside major units from all arms of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces.

The exercise, which will test Brunei's defences and the UK's tri-Service out-of-area capability, will be staged during the Royal Navy's Outback 88 deployment to the Far East involving the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal and the guided missile destroyer HMS Edinburgh.

Heartbreak on Everest

THE British Services Everest Expedition 88 ended in failure when the team making the third and final assault on the summit were forced to abandon their climb.

When they were just 300 metres from their goal a severe snowstorm stopped the climbers in their tracks.

Said one of the climbers via the Everest Satcom link: "We are sorry to disappoint all concerned."

The expedition has now been called off and all its members are climbing down from the mountain. They expect to be back in the UK later this month.

Welsh treat

TOURISTS in West Wales received an unexpected musical treat when the Corps of Drums of The Gibraltar Regiment played at a number of venues there last month. The Territorial Regiment's Air Defence Troop was spending its annual camp at Manorbier, and was accompanied for the first time by the drums.



DEBUT FOR TA PILOTS

Meet the first Territorial Army team to take part in the British helicopter championships being staged at Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire. From the left they are WO Ron Jordan, team leader Capt John Cowie, Capt Graham Keating and Capt Gary Daintry of 666 Squadron AAC (Volunteers). Behind them is one of their Westland Scout helicopters



Danes on attachment

WHEN Hameln based 29 Fd Sqn deployed on 35 Engineer Regiment's annual concentration they had a few more attachments than they were used to - a troop of Danish sappers from 3 Jutland Regiment in Randers. During a week of exercising in the Beverunger-Warburg area the Danes were split up among 29's troops for bridge building, minefield and route denial tasks.

KNOCK, KNOCK!

If they won't let you in the front door... Soldiers from 15 Para, Scotland's TA Parachute Battalion, force an entry into a house in the West German Army's FIBUA training area based on the deserted Bavarian village of Bonnland. More than 200 members of 15 Para took part in Exercise Tartan Vandal during which they were opposed by a platoon of Panzergrenadiers from the local Infantry training school

First and Second and Third of Foot!

WHEN the Infantry's 1st Regiment of Foot hands over to the 2nd and 3rd Regiment of Foot, it is a noteworthy affair! Just such an event occurred in Northern Ireland when the senior Scottish infantry regiment, The

Royal Scots (1st of Foot) handed over tactical responsibility in West Belfast to England's senior regiment, The Queen's Regiment (2nd and 3rd of Foot).

2 Queens were the first battalion to be



Hong Kong police and members of 415 Maritime Troop, RCT assist with the disembarkation of Vietnamese refugees at Kowloon. One of the Troop's RCLs (Ramp Craft Logistic) was tasked to assist the ferrying of 600 refugees as part of the relocation programme

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Fire brigade on the hoof!

"UNLIKELY bedfellows" was how Lt Col Richard Cross, commandant of the Otterburn Training Area in Northumberland described farming and firing to a group of local authority representatives and conservation specialists during a "behind the scenes" view of the Army's 58,000 acre Otterburn facility.

There were 31 tenanted farms within the area with 22,500 breeding ewes, rising to 50,000 sheep during the lambing season. Without sheep grazing the area, said Lt Col Cross, live firing would be seriously impaired by the need to extinguish fires in long grass caused by explosive activity.

ONE of the most important exercises to be held for many years on Salisbury Plain is ushering in a new era for training. By the time it ends on June 16 troops taking part will have a very good idea of their true tactical skills. So will their commanders.

In SIMEX 88 laser simulators are being used on a scale never seen before in Britain.

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Following an American example, such a soldier will have to consult a casualty card which will state whether he is only lightly wounded or hit in a vital spot.

Tanks taking on tanks emit clouds of orange smoke when hit; other vehicles flash an orange light.

Even helicopters play the laser game, though at the moment the equipment is not complete. They can still knock out tanks by firing a control gun through the windscreen. It is used on a tank when it is reckoned the helicopter would have made a kill under active service conditions. For the first time helicopters can be shot down by the infantryman's rifle.

Lt Col Robert Dean, 14/20 H, the SIMEX project officer, who has had experience of organising American exercises in which most weapons were laser equipped and the opposing force manned Soviet vehicles, said:

"I'll give you two examples of what the use of lasers can do. They slow down the pace of action to something approaching reality and they induce in soldiers and their



Brig David Coombe, Comd Med 1 (BR) Corps, accompanied by CO Lt Col Alistair MacMillan, inspects members of A Sqn during his visit to 4 Armd Fd Amb in Minden, West Germany, to mark the unit's tenth anniversary. One young soldier, Dvr Pops Hemmings, was surprised to be singled out for a quick chat with Brig Coombe, and even more surprised to be promoted to lance corporal there and then!

SIMEX ushers in new era of training

commanders an intense desire to survive and win."

The eye-safe low level engagement systems used have been trialled in BAOR and at Suffield, Canada, on a smaller scale in two previous exercises.

The troops involved in SIMEX 88 include the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, supported by Chieftain tanks of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, and Lynx Helicopters of the Army Air Corps (on one side). The 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets will represent the enemy with supporting armour.

As laser beams travel in straight lines special effects teams are being used to simulate artillery fire and indirect fire.

In the view of Lt Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, Commander United Kingdom Field Army, the introduction of this concept of training will significantly increase the combat effectiveness of the Army and provide a much needed stimulus and excitement in training.

R Irish work up on Rock

MORE than 100 Territorial Army soldiers from the 4th and 5th (Volunteer) Battalions of The Royal Irish Rangers concentrated on their wartime role of fighting in built up areas during a two week training exercise on Gibraltar.

The Irish Rangers have a special relationship with the Gibraltarians. The latest visit was the fourth to Gibraltar by a R Irish TA company.

• 4 (V) R Irish made it a hat trick of wins in the Northern Ireland Command road safety quiz competition. They beat 6 UDR in the final of a competition that involved almost every unit in the province.

Porton party



An NBC-clad soldier from 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, under imaginary chemical attack, was among a handful of infantrymen at the centre of glasnost when 13 Soviet officials visited Porton Down Chemical Defence Establishment in Wiltshire.

The smart-suited Soviets, on the first part of an exchange visit between Porton Down and its counterpart at Shikhan, watched the Green Jackets from Warminster demonstrate the use of NAIAD, CAM and RVD, and soldiers from The Life Guards at Windsor decontaminate their Scorpion and themselves.

Among the party who met the visitors was Col Johnny Langlands, senior military officer at Porton.

NEWSLINE Mountain adventure

THIRTY terriers from Londonderry's 69 Signal Squadron (V) will fly to sunny Naples in July to take part in an adventurous training exercise in the mountains of Southern Italy, including a visit to the famous wartime monastery of Monte Cassino.

By coincidence, the squadron is descended from B (North Irish Horse) Squadron who fought alongside the Canadian infantry during the battle in 1944. For their gallantry, the Canadians awarded them the right to wear a silver maple leaf on their service dress, a custom still upheld.

Royal opening for 5 RGJ HQ

BLAKELANDS TA Centre on the outskirts of Milton Keynes, home of E Coy, 5th Bn (V) The Royal Green Jackets, has been opened by the Princess Royal. The centre was purpose built by Eastern Wessex TAVRA.

The Princess Royal inspected a guard of honour, met many 5 RGJ families and was shown around the centre by the CO, Lt Col David Innes and the battalion's Honorary Colonel, Lt Gen Sir Peter Hudson.

• A platoon under the command of Lt Chris Pringle from D Coy 5 RGJ based at Aylesbury won the inter-platoon Godley Cup during a weekend exercise at Stanford Training Area. The trophy, awarded for the first time since 1920, was previously owned by The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

DOUBLE TAKE

THERE was a surprise in store for the Master General of the Ordnance Lt Gen Sir John Stibbs when he paid a visit to 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment at Hameln, a regiment he commanded in the mid 1970s, and was met by a quarter guard composed of soldiers who had served in the regiment during his time in command.

Leading the contingent was his ex-RSM, now Maj (QM) Lampard RE, who, to the general's amusement, was wearing a uniform which was RSM on the right side and major on the left - a tribute to the tailor's ingenuity!

Brigade's 'big blow'

THE massed military bands and Pipes and Drums of 52nd Lowland Brigade Beat Retreat on Edinburgh Castle Esplanade. About 200 musicians drawn from Regular and TA units of the brigade took place in the "big blow".



It does suit you!

ARMY Air Corps are required to wear an all-in-one drysuit when flying over water. Which explains the sartorial elegance displayed by GOC Scotland and his party on a visit to the RA range detachment

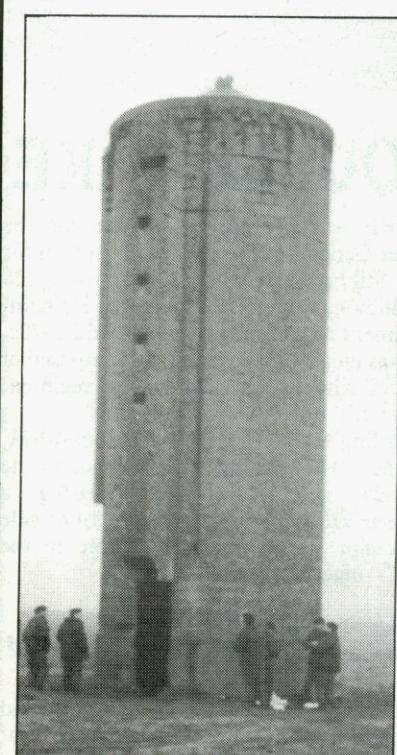
on St Kilda. From left to right are Lt Gen John Macmillan (the GOC), and Mrs Belinda Macmillan, Brig Bugs Hughes (Comd RA Hebrides), Mrs Janet Hughes, and Capt Peter Hobbs (ADC).

PEOPLE



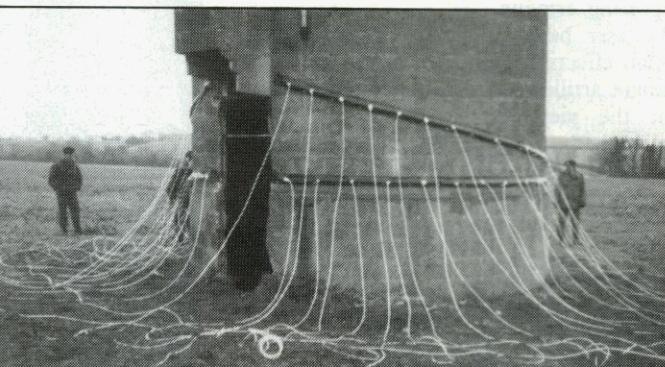
Royal sapling?

BRIG David Chaudler, Commander of Aldershot Garrison, plants a young oak at Caesar's Camp overlooking the Aldershot training area to mark the replacement of a stand of trees established to mark Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887. The old Corsican pines on the site from which royalty traditionally watched manoeuvres had diminished in number and condition.



Thar she blows!

MEN of 129 (East Riding) Fd Sqn (V) based at Hull combine training with a spot of community work to demolish a concrete silo at Grantham, Lincs. The TA sappers attached PE 4 cartridges to blast a wedge shaped cut in the base of the silo. The explosive was moulded into a continuous tube and, as the pictures reveal, did the job perfectly. Result: A squadron of satisfied sappers and one very chuffed local farmer!



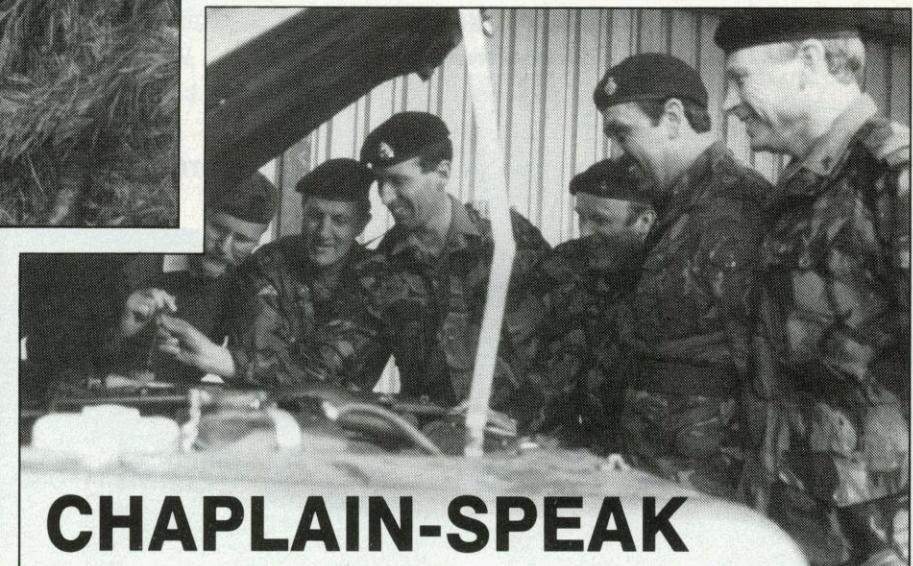
16/5 L wives Wendy Ellis and Margaret Gardner

WHO is that lurking in the undergrowth? Why, it's B Sqn 16/5 L wives Wendy Ellis and Margaret Gardner enjoying the rural delights of Exercise Lady Lancer on Achmer training area near Osnabrück, West Germany.

The two wives, with 15 other Lancer wives discovered at first hand why their husbands return from exercises tired, wet, dirty, smelly and cold.

With a little bit of organisation by SSgt Jim Kershaw, the SQMS, the ladies proved themselves equal to every obstacle placed in their paths during a night of ambushes, patrols and counter attacks.

And most of them looked far better in their borrowed military kit than their husbands ever did!



CHAPLAIN-SPEAK

CHAPLAINS of 4 Armd Div in West Germany congregated in ecclesiastical formation for a refresher in military skills during a visit to 4 Armd Fd Amb at Minden. The chaplains marked the event by presenting the CO, Lt Col Alistair Macmillan RAMC with a Royal

Army Chaplains Department plaque which paraphrased certain Army terminology.

For example, voice procedure becomes "O Lord, open these our lips" while NBC drill is translated into "And there was wailing and gnashing of teeth"!



PWO on march in Yorkshire

THE Lord Mayor of York, Coun Malcolm Heppel, accompanied by the regimental secretary, Brig Malcolm Cubiss, takes the salute as the Band and Drums lead a contingent of the 1st Bn The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire through York's crowded streets.

The 1st Bn is based (at Catterick) in its home county for the first time in its history and was exercising its Freedom of York. It enjoys similar privileges in Leeds, Bradford, Hull, Beverley and Harrogate, through each of which it will be marching with fixed bayonets and swords drawn.



COL Keith Calder, one of the TA's top dentists, has retired. For the past three years he has commanded 201 (Northern) General Hospital, RAMC. Taking over is Col Ram Banerjee, formerly CO of the Duchess of Kent's Military Hospital in Catterick.

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Prototype bayonet

A strange object unearthed in Zimbabwe led to a lively debate in recent **SOLDIER** letters columns on the subject of bayonet fencing.

Now Maj Leslie Lambert, curator of the APTC Museum in Queen's Avenue, Aldershot has been doing some research on the history of the weapon.

Apparently Col G M Fox, later Sir Malcolm Fox (after whom the famous gymnasium in Aldershot is named) introduced and patented a new form of spring bayonet while he was Assistant Inspector of Gymnasia from 1881-1888.

He believed the ability of soldiers to fight in battle with the bayonet was of paramount importance, and the use of the spring bayonet allowed for new methods and forms of attack and defence to be developed without danger of injury.

Col Fox's original patented spring bayonet is in the APTC Museum.

Newell VC auctioned

A Victoria Cross awarded to Pte Robert Newell, 9th Lancers during the Indian Mutiny, has been sold with his other medals at auction by Wallis and Wallis for £8,750.

The VC was for conspicuous gallantry at Lucknow on March 19, 1858 when he went to the assistance of a comrade whose horse had fallen on bad ground. Pte Newell rescued him "under a heavy fire of musketry, from a large body of the enemy".

SOLDIER to Soldier

Back to Pegasus Bridge

Normandy Veterans Association members from Birmingham were returning to a cafe at Pegasus Bridge on the Caen Canal to mark the 44th anniversary of a small but significant step on their long road to victory.

The Cafe Gondrée was reckoned to be the first building liberated by British soldiers and the old comrades were going back with a gift - a special cabinet displaying the insignia and cap badges of all the services represented in the Birmingham NVA.

R Mon RE (M) candelabra returned

Three pairs of candelabra have been given back to the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) by the Mayor of Bath. They were originally presented by the city to 43 Wessex Division RE to mark the efforts of the TA sappers in building an emergency bridge over the Avon in Bath after the floods of 1961.

On the reorganisation of the Territorial Army in 1967 the then commanding officer of 43 Division Engineers prematurely arranged for the disposal of regimental and mess property and the candelabra were returned to the council. But a sub unit was retained and became 3 Tp 100 Fd Sqn of the R Mon RE (M).



A reader is trying to establish the identity of this tattooed soldier pictured in our November 30, 1987 issue. He was one of a group of British soldiers photographed on their repatriation from prison camps in North Korea. Does anyone recognise him - or the tattoo?

14/20 H past on display

The new regimental museum of Lancashire's Cavalry Regiment, the 14th/20th Kings Hussars, has been opened in Preston by the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, the Princess Royal.

The opening of the new museum makes Preston the most important centre of military history in the north west and one of the most important in the country. It is the third museum to be established in the complex, joining those of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry and The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

BBGT toast

Happy birthday dear BBGT (BAOR), happy birthday to you!

The words might have been different, but that was the sentiment when Col Gavin Peebles and his staff raised a glass to celebrate the second anniversary of the Brigade and Battlegroup Trainer at Sennelager, West Germany.

The facility is recognised as the most cost effective trainer of its type in Nato. In its brief life it has exercised 12 brigade and 43 battlegroup HQs in all arms battle.

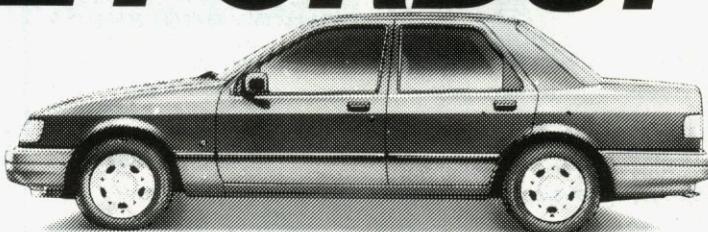
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ON THE TEN TORS TRAIL

TEN TORS fever begins some distance from Okehampton Camp with an unusual amount of activity on roads leading to the area on the eve of the annual "invasion" of Dartmoor.

It is Friday the 13th – but as things turned out this is not an unlucky omen for the 29th staging of this annual test of endurance organised by the Army's South West District.

Signs of the trek westwards increase until, climbing the steep hill to Okehampton Camp, there is a steady stream of vehicles heading for the Ten Tors camp site where the green of the moors is rapidly giving way to a rash of gaily coloured tents.

The air of anticipation in Okehampton Camp itself is almost audible. Bustle everywhere... officers with clip boards striding purposefully... T-shirts sporting the Ten Tors logo proliferate... and there is still more than 12 hours to the start!

EVERY year on the second weekend in May, Dartmoor is "invaded" by 2,500 teenagers taking part in the annual Ten Tors Expedition in which they undertake to cover distances ranging from 35 to 55 miles in just under 48 hours, visiting ten different Dartmoor tors and spending a night under canvas on the moor.

The event, which is organised by the Army, has now been established for 29 years and its popularity shows no sign of diminishing. In fact, many teams have to be turned away each year because the maximum number of permitted teams (400) has been reached. This figure was agreed ten years ago with conservationists worried about the effects of the event on Dartmoor.

Held in conjunction with the main event is a special event for physically and mentally handicapped young people who cover distances ranging from 7½ to 15 miles over roads or across country according to their disability.

John Turner has been associated with the event for the past three years and gives a personal view of the Ten Tors.

Back-up for Ten Tors is large and impressive. It has to be with 2,400 entries in the main event, another 200 in the special event for physically and mentally handicapped young people, and all the supporters. There is a real tri-Service look to the occasion – helicopters from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, lorries from the Royal Air Force and medical support from the TA – in this

case 211 Field Hospital, very much Devon-based.

Everyone keeps an eye on the weather. Two years ago gales and rain forced 1,800 trekkers to retire and the system was stretched almost to breaking point.

A small cloud appears in an otherwise bright sky – is this a sign of impending doom? Get on to RAF St Mawgan for a forecast. "Set fair, but possibility of thunder-

storms." All fingers are crossed.

Expedition director, Brig Charles Barnes, who also commands Western Garrison from his headquarters in Exeter, and his controller, Lt Col Hugh Rose, make their last rounds before the light goes.

Ten Tors Saturday at 4.30am is not a time for those of a nervous disposition. The hills are more than alive with the sound of music – the theme from "Chariots of Fire" ("None Shall Sleep" might have been more appropriate!) suddenly booms out from a myriad of strategically placed loudspeakers. Ten Tors 88 has begun courtesy of Plymouth Sound Radio.

In no time at all the 400 teams of six are emerging, having been checked the previous night to ensure they are carrying correct equipment and clothing. There are very good reasons for this because the moor can be a

dangerous place for the ill-prepared.

Those in the special event collect their escorts, who come from the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps from Bovington, Dorset, and from Metropolitan Police cadets.

Over the years, strong links have been forged between the escorts and those they help. Soldiers from Cambrai Troop, C Squadron, Junior Leaders Regiment RAC were looking after students from Martinsgate Further Education Unit from Plymouth.

Cambrai Troop has "adopted" the unit and this year raised £450 to support it. The special event brings its own kind of courage and it is an emotional experience sharing even briefly the lives of these brave youngsters. Few are left untouched by it.

Of 187 starters in this year's event, only two retired.

The massed start is an impressive sight in the still morning air. Off they go down the hill with the Ten Tors prayer and good wishes of the mayors of West Devon and Okehampton ringing in their ears. Soon they are swallowed up in the vastness of the moor and there is hardly a trekker to be seen.

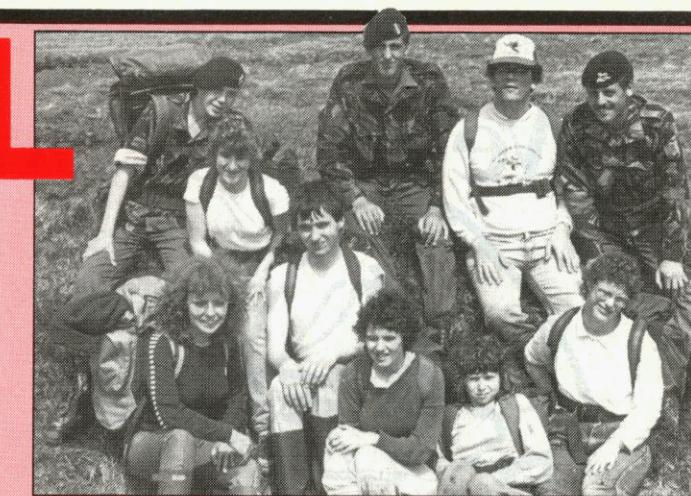
And so it proves, with more

Half an hour later the special event is started by Charlie Hankins, a Second World War veteran who lost both his legs in the desert campaign. He is now a resident of the Royal Star and Garter Home at Richmond, Surrey where he raises thousands of pounds for the home by taking part in marathon fund-raising events in his wheelchair.

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In the main event, the going is good and the fallouts are few. Heat is the main problem, but a sensible approach prevails and there is little for the rescue helicopters to do. Hopes are high for a large number of successful teams to cross the finish on Sunday.



Soldiers from Cambrai Troop, C Squadron, Junior Leaders Regiment, RAC Bovington, Dorset with staff and students from Martinsgate Further Education Unit, Plymouth at the Ten Tors Expedition. The soldiers (from left) are JTp Paul Smith, JTp Alex Veitch (who has climbed mountains in Mexico to raise money for the unit), and Cpl David Tye (Queen's Own Hussars).

than 2,000 walkers arriving triumphant at the finish to collect their medals and team certificates. Although Ten Tors is not a race, there is a certain amount of kudos in being first home. First home is the West Midlands Police Cadets team from Wolverhampton. North Devon College from Barnstaple clock in first in the 45 mile event and the Apprentice Technicians team from RAF

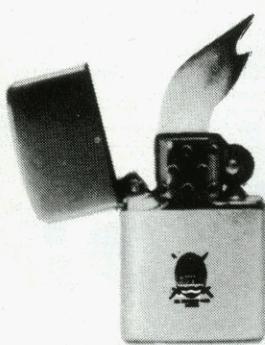
Cosford, Shropshire, arrive first in the 55 mile event. First girls' team is Operation Dartmoor, an Exeter-based group which regularly tramps over Dartmoor.

It is difficult to analyse the particular, peculiar appeal enshrined in Ten Tors – it has to be experienced first-hand to be fully understood.

But one thing is certain – the magic of the event is unlikely to fade.

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Wall is no barrier to KOSB pair

TWO sergeants from The King's Own Scottish Borderers raised nearly £1,000 for the Leukaemia Research Fund by running the full length of the Berlin Wall. They were kept going on five gallons of glucose drinks and many chocolate bars, arriving back at Berlin based KOSB's Brooke Barracks to a pipe welcome.

Sgt Gordon Vevers and Sgt Eddie Mahoney set off from Staaken Border Checkpoint in the evening, pounded away all night and completed their



Wall runners Sgt Eddie Mahoney (left) and Sgt Gordon Vevers

non-stop 107 mile target in an incredible 15 hours and 15 minutes.

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Three alternating teams of TA soldiers from 55 Ord Coy (V) based at Heston, Middlesex set out to see how far they could pull a 25 pounder gun along urban roads.

They achieved 85 miles – and the odd traffic jam! – and collected more than £3,000 for the Mayor of Hounslow's Charity Appeal.



HOW do you get eight men on a bicycle? Build a bike for six then find two people for a lift. Our picture shows men of the Electronics Branch REME at Malvern, Worcs during their 400 mile sponsored ride from Great Malvern to Bristol. They hope to raise up to £3,000 for the Worcester and District scanner appeal and the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London.

From left to right are Sgt Nobby Clarke, Capt Trevor Stippling, WO1 John Kerr, Capt Bill Ferguson, WO1 Steve Portman, Maj Roy McHenry, WO2 Andy Smith and Capt Ron Vance

RCT at Buller Barracks, Aldershot.

Under the direction of SSgt David Scott APTC 273 games were completed during a 24 hour stint. Some of the proceeds will be going to the Bushey Leaze Opportunity Centre in Alton, Hants.



British Olympic athletes bound for Seoul this summer will be benefiting from £600 collected on their behalf by squash playing members of the Depot and Trg Regt

put in an appearance at Fingringhoe Ranges to collect the grand total of £2,000 on behalf of the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The money had been collected over the past year by TA soldiers of the 7th Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment which has headquarters in Leicester and rifle companies in Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Loughborough and Northampton.

Capt Hazan, who now

works as a PRO for St Dunstans, was blinded by a parcel bomb in Londonderry in 1973.

A twelve man team from 321 EOD Coy RAOC made 48,000 strikes in a 24 hour non-stop ten pin bowling session at the Rosebowl, RAF Aldergrove, Northern Ireland and raised £2,500 for the NSPCC. Only three of the 12 had bowled before – but all are used to knocking things down!

A combined RE/WRAC team trained very hard for the 35km Hermannslauf mountain run from Detmold to Bielefeld, West Germany. The runners, from HQ RE 1 (BR) Corps, 4 Sig Sqn, PSA Det Bielefeld and QM's Dept 1 (BR) Corps, completed the run in 4 hours 21 min and hope to raise about £1,050 for an ex-Service couple who need help.

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Making allowances

They even let me in as a reporter!

GEN Sir David Mostyn Adjutant General, hosting his last conference before retiring, continued his theme of communication within the Services as a vital and essential ingredient to the morale of the Army.

This, the 304th conference, made a little bit of history. For the first time I have been allowed to report the proceedings. I remember the first one I attended when my instructions were 'No comments, no questions and no reporting.' I sat searching for another female face. In those days AG conferences were attended by very few Service women and female civil servants and we sat in a sea of male officers.

I remember the disbelief on some faces the first time I asked a question.

Gradually a more open policy has been adopted with the realisation that with the formation of the Wives Federation wives are an integral part of Service life.

Lady Kitson, the first chairman, showed the way and today wives are not only numerous but actually participate in the AG's conference.

For me this year's conference was a milestone, not only because I was allowed to report, but because it endorsed the main aim of Gen Mostyn that communication was top of his list.

He swept aside the arguments that to explain the reasons for decisions would be detrimental to morale and said that Service personnel and their wives must be given both the good and the not-so-good reasons concerning their life within the Armed Forces.

With this in mind, the conference was given the full facts behind the new allowance package announced by the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger, in the House of Commons just two days earlier.

For three years the review team has had to wrestle with producing a major reform with no extra cash.

With Government and Treasury restrictions and out-of-date allowances a

In my view...

major reform was desperately needed.

What was to go, what to stay, what to change?

Over the years dissatisfaction has grown over the totally inadequate disturbance and baggage allowances.

What was to happen to these?

The situation is that though major changes have been announced the small print has yet to be written.

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Meanwhile any comments would be welcome.

What with the Armed



Wives welcomed the new Review of Allowances leaflet at the Hive, Aldershot, but they are going to study the small print before they pronounce on it. Around Joyce Bellwood with the leaflet are Rosemary Taylor, Annette Smyth, Mandy Goldsmith and Lynne Edwards

Forces Pay Review Body Report, the pay award, allowance changes and pending LOA reviews, individual or family financial planning is now more important than ever.

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GENERAL'S LINE

IN HIS presentation at the AG's conference Maj Gen Patrick Stone, the new Director General of Personal Services, covered a number of important topics including the review of allowances, the de-furnishing study, the community charge, the GCSE, special educational needs, the management of the soldier, schemes to help those wishing to buy a house and let it, and the possibility of travel discounts.

His aim, in line with that of the Adjutant General, is to improve communications and he gave me the feeling of being an approachable person who appreciates the difficulties of all concerned.

He emphasised the importance of the new allowance leaflet and said that every Service person and family should have one — or at least access to one.

I asked him about the financial worries that some families might have, considering that the small print on the allowances package may not be available until August.

Maj Gen Stone: "We are very aware that a lot of people have to make

Hot potato

"De-furnishing is a hot potato and wives have known for some time that the study was under way."

As far as the wharf scheme was concerned many of the previous ceilings had been increased.

With contract removal about to be implemented in the UK most people would have adequate van

LOA: 'Misunderstood'

Shortly after the announcement in Parliament of the Allowances Review the Armed Forces Minister, Mr Roger Freeman, discussed it with me and spoke about the following points

SINGLE SOLDIERS

There were two aspects. First of all single soldiers over 30 were treated very fairly in terms of disturbance allowance and the House Owners' Package.

A line had to be drawn somewhere.

"Some people might say there are advantages for the single soldier over 30 if he owns his own home ...

ments or changes were not a specific inducement or assistance to buy a house.

"This is not the aim or the objective as we believe that the Serviceman is well paid and has enjoyed pay comparability for nine years."

It was up to them to make their arrangements like any young married couple, single man or woman in any other walk of life were travelling.

Single soldiers also gained in terms of the increased baggage allowance and their accommodation charges had been altered.

For a person over 30, single and owner of a flat or house, the accommodation charges would be waived if he was posted away, for example, on a course.

The existing waiver was for only 21 days and this had been increased to 12 months.

An individual could go on many courses and pay no accommodation charges.

He said it would be worth looking at but it was premature.

HOUSE OWNERS PACKAGE

Mr Freeman said one had to look at it in the context of baggage scales and disturbance allowances.

He was "reasonably optimistic" that the problem had been defined. "We have now got to get on to the stage where a few hard decisions have got to be made. It will not be easy as we cannot please everybody."

"I think a sensible solution can be reached but it is not imminent."

I also asked Maj Gen Stone: "Do you think the single soldier has come out of this review any better off, in view of the problem over recruiting the young men?"

He replied: "There is not very much in it for him. As a first step we must spotlight his needs."

These three enhance-

"What we are trying to do is to make it easier for those (and this includes the single person) who own their own property and have their own belongings to move."

The aim was to enable people to move with as little financial penalty as possible.

The underlying theme for the three packages, the disturbance allowance, baggage allowance and the House Owner's Package was to make it easier financially for people to move abroad or in the UK within 50 miles of their new duty station.

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"It is a specific mathematical calculation which comes out of a formula, to reflect the higher, and not lower, costs of living abroad, taking into account exchange rates, high or low rates of domestic inflation in the country in which one is serving."

It was not, he said, an addition to pay which compensated for working

in Germany.

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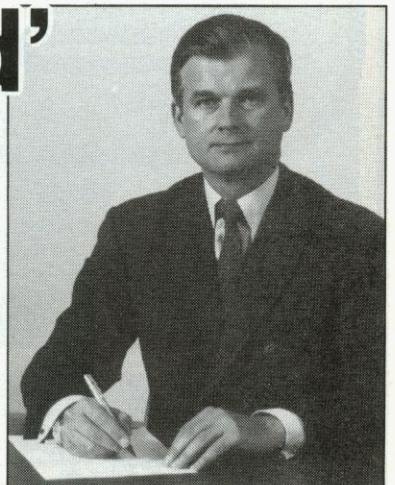
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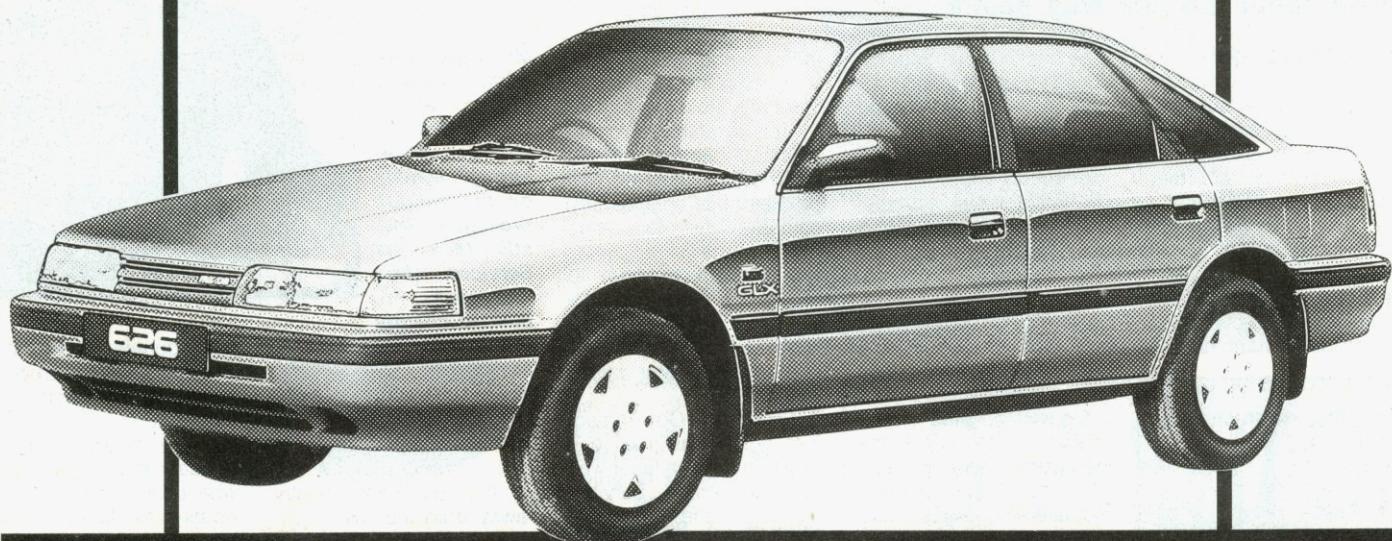
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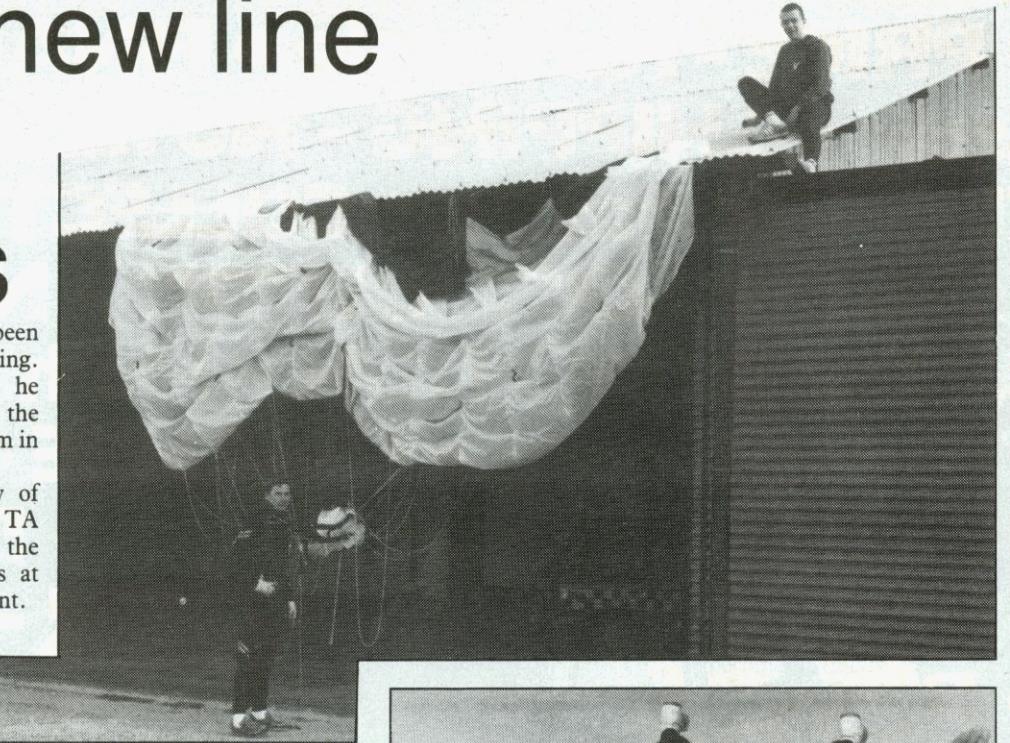
Nigel's new line in net curtains

OOPS! LCpl Nigel Allen has really been caught up in the sport of parachuting. But no damage was done when he snagged a shed while training with the ten man sapper freefall parachute team in the south of France.

With them there were a variety of other cap badges - both Regular and TA - also intent on making the most of the near perfect parachuting conditions at the French parachute club in Pujant.

Dubbed Exercise Market Rouge, the adventurous training exercise proved to be a complete success with some expedition members achieving 50 jumps.

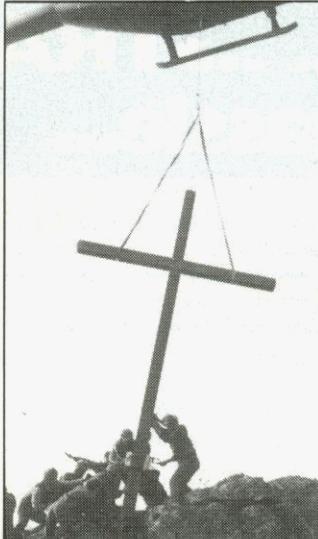
While the display team were training hard in preparation for the 1989 British eight man freefall event and others were developing skills for this year's national championships in canopy contact, Spr Daz Hitchon and LCpl 'Mac' McIntyre of HQ UKMF made their first ever jumps and progressed to free fall.



Above - A slight technical hitch! LCpl Nigel Allen makes a less than tidy landing
Right - His first 50 second freefall delay from 12,000 feet. Cfn Roger Moore, REME, centre is watched closely by instructors SSgt Bryan Dyas REME (left) and Capt Ian Rosenvinge RE during the freefall phase



Picture: Cpl P Applegate REME



A LYNX helicopter from 4 Regt AAC at Detmold carefully lowers a ten metre wooden cross on to the Feldstein, highest point of the rocky Bruchhausern Stein in the Sauerland, West Germany.

After vandals cut down the old cross, villagers in nearby Bruchhausen were stuck when it came to lifting the replacement to the summit.

Maj Gen Willie Rous, Commander 4 Arm Div, said the Army would be delighted to help and Capt Nick Ball, Sgt Dave Tombs, LCpl Simon Benwell and Air Tpr John Sweeney from 4 Regt AAC duly dropped the weighty cross into its prepared socket at the first attempt.

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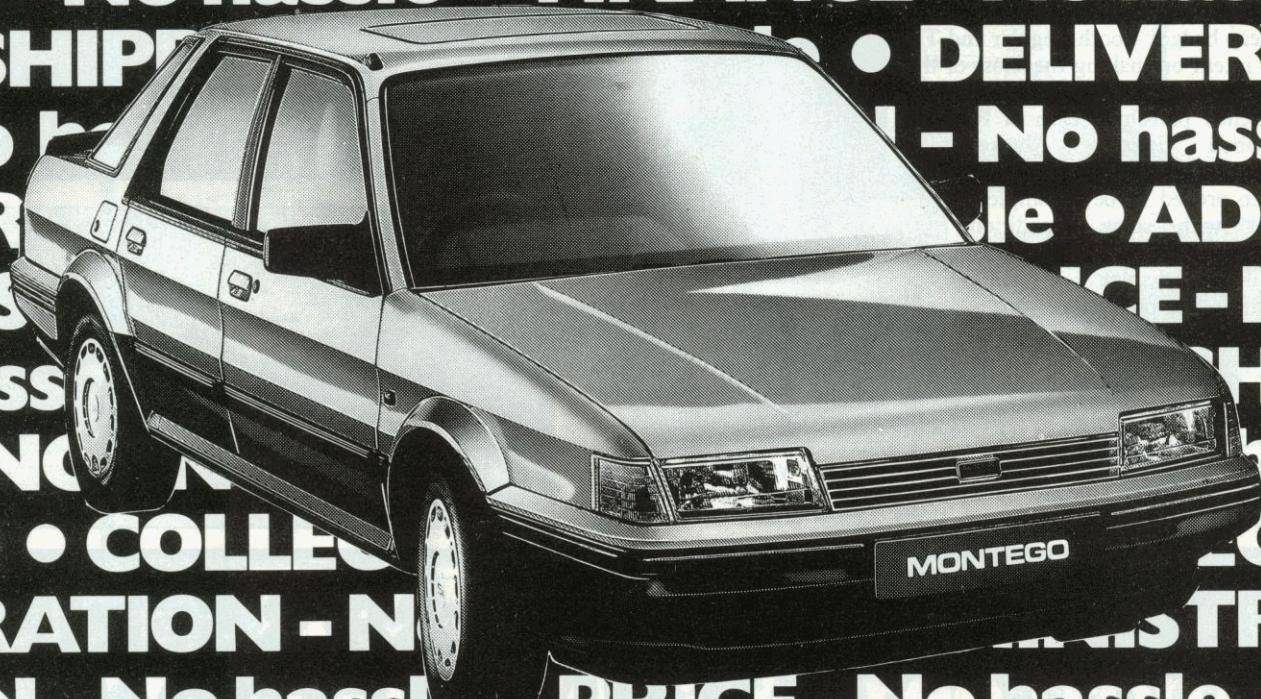
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Dunster Castle, and fought in Ulster (and at the Boyne) soon afterwards.

One hundred years later the Howards, armed with Brown Bess, were in Jamaica.

They celebrated their next centenary in Egypt where

their personal weapon was a recognisably modern breechloader.

This year they will celebrate their 300th anniversary virtually back where they started their active service life – Northern Ireland. The SA 80 has

succeeded the pike, musket, Brown Bess and the .303 rifle.

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Carry on Up the Creggan!

GRIMY and tired Charlie Company of the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, piled out of their vehicles, hauled out their kit and began checking weapons with the air of men who have a pressing engagement.

It was tea time. Within an hour or so they would be reunited with their families, into the bath and in possession of precious slips of pink paper – leave warrants.

After their first decent night's sleep for a month it would be a case of up at dawn for a bus trip to the plush and plastic of Aldergrove or to the homely Belfast Port airfield which serves Teesside.

As far as they were concerned Bravo Company were welcome to Carry on Up the Creggan.

Meanwhile back at Masonic...

"Masonic" is one of those "temporary" Security Forces bases which seem destined to go on and on accumulating corrugated iron sheets, barbed wire, building blocks... and memories.

No 7 Platoon had hardly settled into the familiar routine than a Land Rover came back from patrol with a vivid white splash on its side.

Pte Darryl Headland got out and began cleaning his spattered helmet. He and Pte Stephen Brown (both are from Middlesbrough) had been acting as top cover with head and shoulders out of the vehicle's hatch when a youngster hurled a paint bomb.

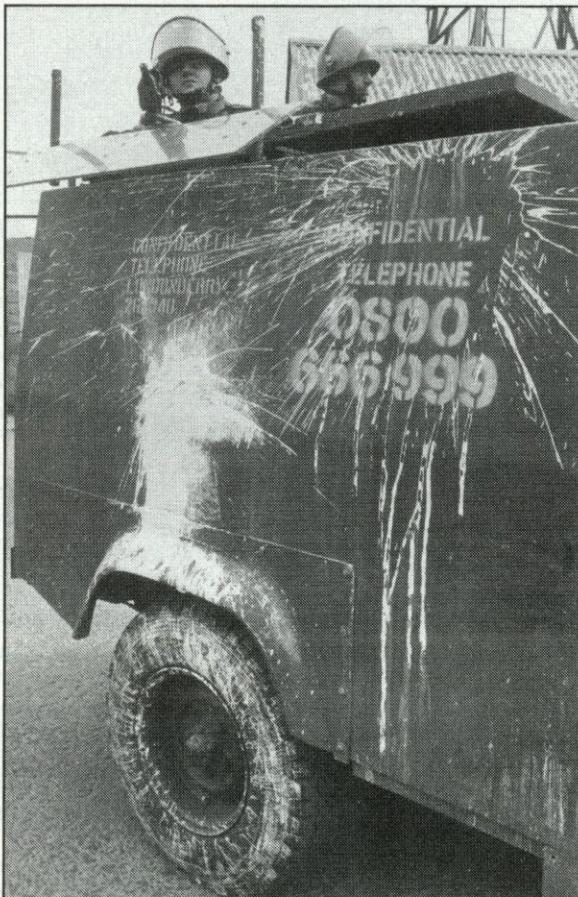
"It's his way of saying welcome back to the Bogside," said Col Sgt David Jackson, commanding the platoon and the post.

The stint at the old Masonic hall is four weeks and two days. You can go off a place in that time!

It stands on what was a bastion on the old city walls, two old cannon pointing dumbly over the Nationalist dominated suburb below. Above them is a sangar manned by a sentry with an SA 80.

Wire netting stretched above it sags under the weight of bricks and stones hurled from the base of the walls by arms of iron.

The SF base stands alongside a school



First day back on patrol and a Land Rover returns splattered with paint

and the sound of children's voices echoes over the ramparts where 7 Platoon takes the air.

Fresh Londonderry air commands a high price at Masonic which is simply a large hall partitioned recently to give the occupants a little privacy, though there are still about three beds to each cramped cubbyhole.

Grey issue blankets curtain them off, stifling the constant clump of boots but keeping in the stale atmosphere.

As the days go by the flak jackets



become distinctly "high". And there are 26 of them. You can take them off but you can't escape the smell.

Many of the Green Howards are old hands at the Northern Ireland game. Some have ceased to calculate how long they have spent in the Province.

CSM Brian Southall of Bravo Company (16 years' service) and Col Sgt Jackson (18) scratched their heads and reckoned the sergeant major was on his sixth, the colour sergeant on his seventh tour.

LCpl Michael Calton (19 years' service) said he had been on every NI tour with the battalion – "When I was with A Company in here in 1970 we were in the Guildhall."

Masonic is no Guildhall. But if there are no banquets the food is good, provided by an Army Catering Corps cook who wears a tee shirt marked "Oats". He is ready to feed the troops day and night.

The boys of 7 Platoon were full of praise for him. He doesn't even get out to sample the delights of the Creggan, or Shantallow or Gobnascale.

They too wear tee shirts while on standby but if Col Sgt Jackson gives the word they will be ready for action in minutes – helmet on, combat jacket and body armour.

If it's a mounted patrol – perhaps escorting police serving a summons or investigating a robbery report, the air flow will keep the top cover men cool. Foot patrolling on a warm day is apt to result in a human compost heap. They can't even quench their thirst with a beer at the end of a day. No alcohol is allowed.

East of the Foyle there is only a small

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With the Green Howards in Londonderry

Words: Bill Moore
Pictures: Mike Weston



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Unionist enclave left. Otherwise the Nationalist-inclined housing estates look neat and prosperous despite the city's grinding unemployment problem.

The inhabitants tend to be inscrutable, though not all by any means are antagonistic.

"There are plenty of places we could get a cup of tea but it wouldn't be fair to them," said LCpl Calton.

Some natives are openly resentful of the troops' presence. SOLDIER's scowl of the week prize went to a hairy individual hanging about near the gable end which bears the skilfully painted slogan "You are now entering free Derry."

Murals in both Belfast and Londonderry are a phenomenon of the Troubles.

There are a number on the walls of Masonic itself, and at the larger but equally dreary Rosemount base currently held by 5 Platoon, temporarily under Lt David Hastings RAOC.

Just as the regiments carved their badges on the cliffs of the Khyber Pass in the old days, they have left their marks - the Anglians, the Grenadiers, the Queens.

At Rosemount the similarity is heightened by the presence of a real Afghan, Mr Izzat Khan, the Choggy Wallah who runs a little canteen there.

A member of the Afghani tribe, famous fighters (and thieves) on the North West Frontier, he used to spend a lot of time in the Province but was only standing in for a relative for two months. Then he was off back to Birmingham.

Choggy Wallahs used to abound in Northern Ireland bases but they are a vanishing race. Times are changing . . .

Only the work load for the troops remains the same. And, certainly as far as the Green Howards are concerned, their sense of humour.



Capt Ishbell Thompson, WRAC, 2i/c of HQ Company, 1 Green Howards, has something to smile about. Ishbell has just heard that she has passed both parts of the Staff College qualifying exam. From Stevenston, Strathclyde, she spent four years as a pharmacist after taking an honours degree in chemistry. She was a member of 3/51 Highland Volunteers TA when she decided to join the Regular Army. She passed out from Sandhurst more than two years ago

A subtle struggle

View from over the water . . .

THE impression that the Army's presence in Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry is only temporary is accentuated by the names etched on the buildings in large white letters.

Raleigh, Benbow and Cunningham recall the days when it was a naval base. Notices in the mess point the way to "Cabins". A handsome figure-head brightens up a corner.

Londonderry was a key port in the battle of the Atlantic and in 1945 surrendered U-boats swallowed in the Foyle.

In the 70s, after the troops moved in, IRA snipers took potshots from "across the water". A terrorist managed to plant a bomb under a bed in the sergeants' mess and lighter colour tiles mark the damage done to the roof.

Today the struggle is more subtle, the attacks less frequent but more selective.

Ebrington is the home of the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards (Lt Col John Powell) now soldiering through a two-year tour.

Companies spend a month at a time occupying bases on the east bank. Their task is to support the RUC in countering terrorism.

To this end the average man is likely to spend eight months out of 12 away from his normal bed and, if he is married, from his wife and family.

There are not as many restrictions on families as might be expected, but sensible precautions need to be taken with regard to personal security.

Generally speaking all are looking forward to their next posting - Catterick, Yorks. They can't get nearer to home than that.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: How the Green Howards got the Napoleon snuff box, the Russian drums they beat once a year, and the problems that face the RMO.



RSM Tony Warriner emphasises a point while briefing the CO 1 Green Howards, Lt Col John Powell, before setting out to visit locations on the east bank of the Foyle



Heads down for crossing one of

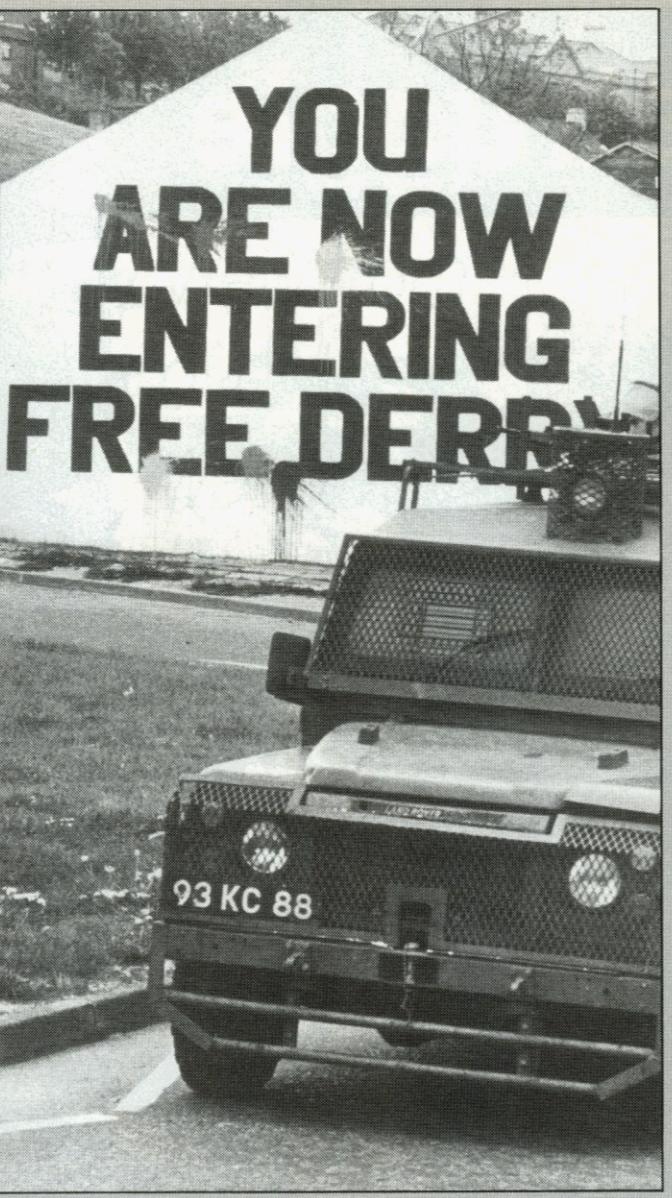


Pte Steve Clayton the Foyle bridges

Time for a cuppa at Rosemount where Mr Izzat Khan, who came originally from the Khyber Pass runs a small canteen



Cpl Stephen Young, the battalion signwriter works on one of the murals inside Masonic SF base. From Manchester, he trained at Rochdale Art College



A protected Land Rover passes an IRA "mural" which has somewhat rebounded on them as it shows that everyone is free in Londonderry to express their views - within the law

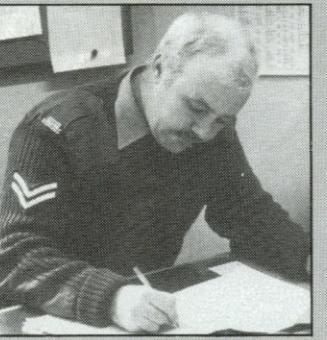
THE FORGOTTEN CITY

LONDONDERRY, flashpoint for the Troubles, is something of a forgotten city where the media are concerned.

It is so much easier for mainland reporters to pop over to Belfast, the hotels are comfortable and Armagh is barely an hour down the motorway and you can say you've been there which sounds good even when it is at its most peaceful.

But Londonderry is an hour and a half from Aldergrove by road. And what happens if reported bombs don't go off. It's a long way to go on spec... And it is not only the media who are said to take the view that what is a long way off is a nuisance.

Staff officers from Headquarters Northern Ireland at Lisburn are sometimes suspected of showing the same



Movements NCO Cpl Ian Metcalfe had to think fast when the seamen's strike caught one company on leave in England. But he coped... the troops flew back on time

reluctance to spend time in Ulster's Maiden City.

The truth is that there is a considerable IRA presence in the area and a high rate of incidents.

Example: At the beginning of May a white van was spotted parked outside the Strand Road police station.

After the Belfast detachment of 321 EOD Company had made it safe the contents of a number of black plastic household dustbins were weighed.

The explosive tipped the scales at 1,600 lbs.

Had the vehicle gone up so would most of the police station and much of the neighbourhood.

Because it didn't go bang it didn't make headlines.

The same goes for the soldiers doing their often thankless job carrying out patrols which require a high degree of alertness and are essential as a deterrent.

The 1st Battalion The Green Howards are just the latest in a

long line of units which have served in the city (at one time there were three battalions stationed there which indicates how things have improved), but their experience is typical.

Lt Col John Powell, the CO: "It is a busy existence and you have to take into consideration the number of hoax devices reported - until declared clear by ATO everyone of them is a serious device.

"Because we are, so to speak, living over the shop, we have considerable restrictions.

"One can't pop down town and have a pint of beer, go to a cinema or even stroll the streets.

"The sheer claustrophobia of living in an environment with a constant IRA threat affects not only the soldiers but the families.

"There is a lot of subliminal



Not a pretty sight you may think but these men of 7 Platoon, 1 Green Howards, are not tourists. They are trained soldiers earning their pay in the unglamorous often unpublicised war against terrorism. They have to snatch what fresh air they can in their base on Londonderry's walls

CITY

pressure on life here which you don't realise until you go to the mainland for a week.

"Families bear quite a lot of stress. I'm mightily impressed by what they put up with."

Lt Col Powell, whose father also served in the regiment, was proud of his battalion's professionalism, the number of finds they had made and the courage shown.

One of his escort, a huge man and a battalion boxer, was involved in an incident and an explosion at quite close range.

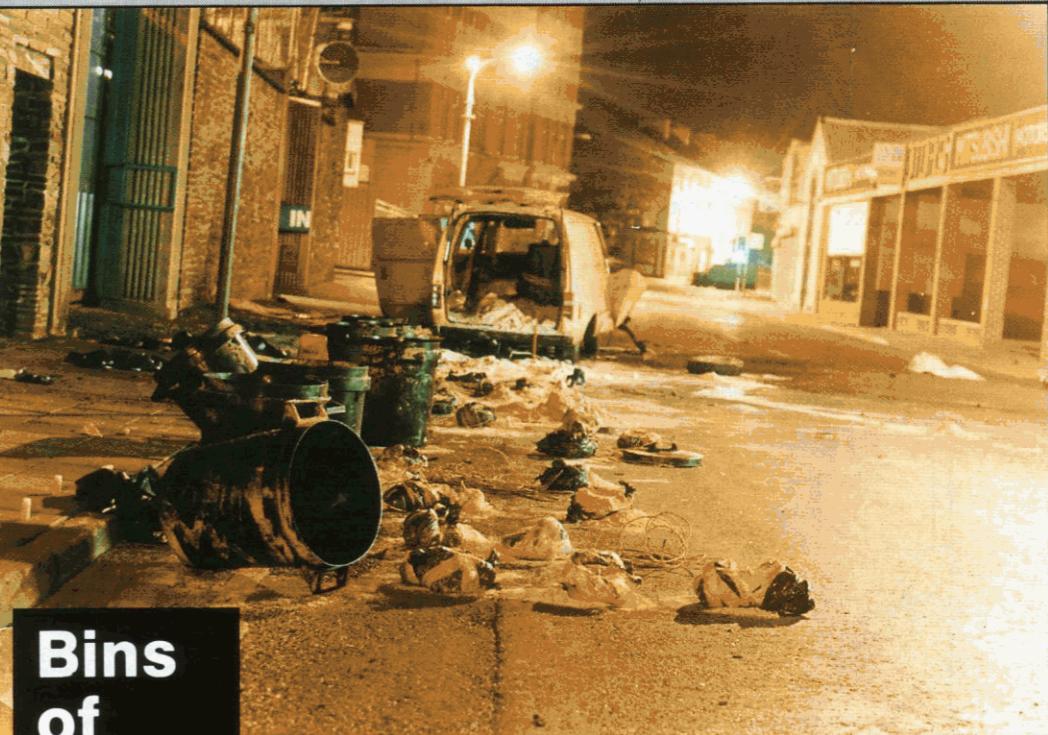
He reported it on his radio finishing with the words "... and one wounded".

"Who's that?"

"It's me..."

The big man had severe leg lacerations but carried on until given first aid and evacuated.

He is still part of the CO's escort.



Bins of death

Plastic dustbins which contained 1,600lb of explosives were removed from a van parked outside Strand Road police station, Londonderry. The removal men were the Londonderry detachment of 321 EOD Coy RAOC

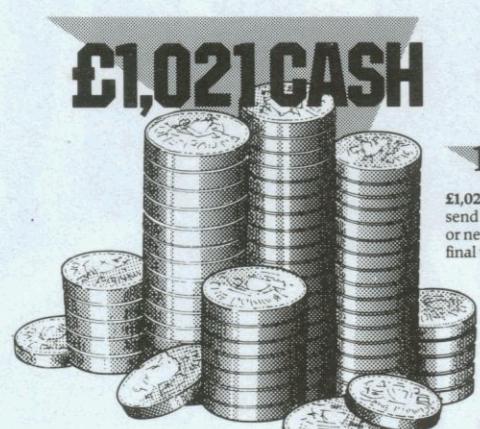
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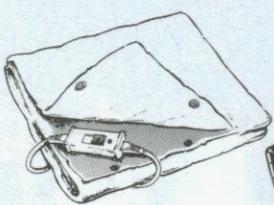
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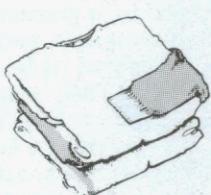
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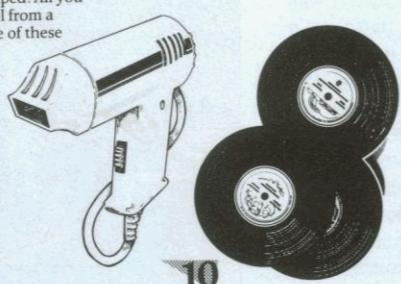
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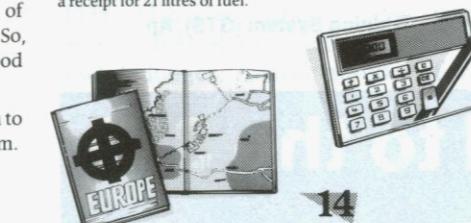
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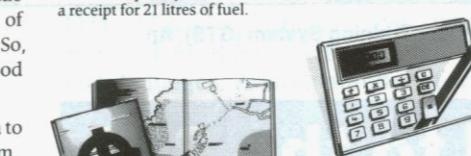
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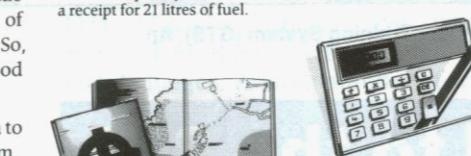
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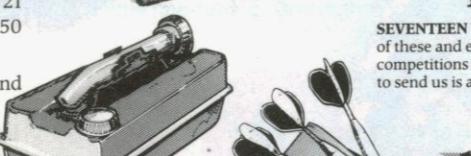
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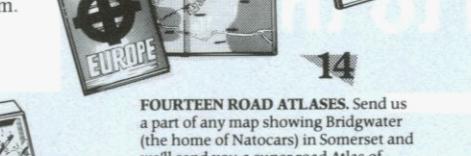
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From his control console, a gunnery instructor analyses the performance of a tank crew on the Gunnery Training System (GTS). An improvement in gunnery standards has been attributed to the system

Tank gunners look forward to the 3-D simulated battlefield

SWINTON BARRACKS on the outskirts of Munster, West Germany is the home of one of the British Army's crack Challenger regiments - the 17th/21st Lancers.

It's a high morale unit which sets great store in fast, accurate shooting. Hence the regiment's interest in the Gunnery Training System.

GTS, as it is known, is a realistic mock-up of a tank turret which fires dummy rounds at a projected screen. Targets shown can be static or moving, appear or disappear, and it gives crews the chance to practise basic gunnery 365 days a year on a simulated battlefield and to have their performances assessed at the end.

The console of this remarkable system allows the instructors to control everything from the fall of shot to the performance of the crew, and to monitor all that happens for a detailed debrief afterwards.

"It's a marvellous machine that allows us, in the run up to annual firing at

Hohne, to build up progressively," said 2nd Lt Alex Mackey, a troop leader in A Squadron.

An idea presently being mooted is to replace the two-dimensional screen with a 3D video image which will give crews a chance to fire head on against targets moving towards them.

It will also give crews a feel for false crests and distances denied them by firing at flat targets on the present screen.

Said Lt Mackey: "Our role is that of counter stroke. In the event of war the regiment would act as the first wave of counter stroke after the enemy crossed the border.

"Consequently our gunnery has to be that much better because we would be expected to move offensively against numerically superior forces.

"I believe over recent years our gunnery has proved itself and a lot of that can be attributed to GTS!"



An inside view of GTS - the gunnery training system that's adding to crews' accuracy



A little fine-tuning. One of the Hohne based team of gunnery specialists checks out the accuracy of Challenger's sighting system

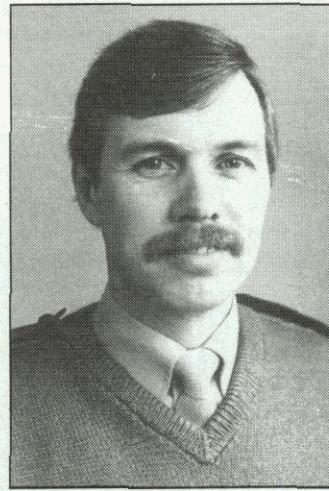
SOLDIERS OF EUROPE

THE 17th/21st Lancers have spent eight years in BAOR and seem set to remain there a while longer. A large number of wives are German and the RSM, WO1 Paul Brothers, (who has spent 17 of his 22 years' service in Germany) told SOLDIER about the effects of "Europeanisation" on the regiment.

"Having been here for so many years, most of the troopers who came across with the regiment are in their mid-twenties - a time when if they were working in the UK they would be thinking about marriage.

"The fact that they do not go to the UK except on leave means that their whole way of life, including girlfriends, is based here. Hence the high proportion of German wives."

The long term stay means the troops become Europeanised in their outlook. It is a situation fast becoming the norm for armoured regiments because, except for the occasional two-year tour in the UK at training units, the role of the armoured is in Europe.



WO1 Paul Brothers - the Regimental Sergeant Major

"A soldier who joins the Royal Armoured Corps very

quickly realises he is going to spend a lot of time in Germany," said WO1 Brothers.

"I think the men unconsciously do switch to being Europeans because you cannot be in a country for eight years without actually stopping at some stage converting the local currency into pounds and pence."

"It is not a reversal you can control, it just happens."

"When you come out for a two-year tour and know you are going back to the United Kingdom it is different to when you know you are coming out for X number of years - in our case probably ten. You tend to have a very different outlook on life."

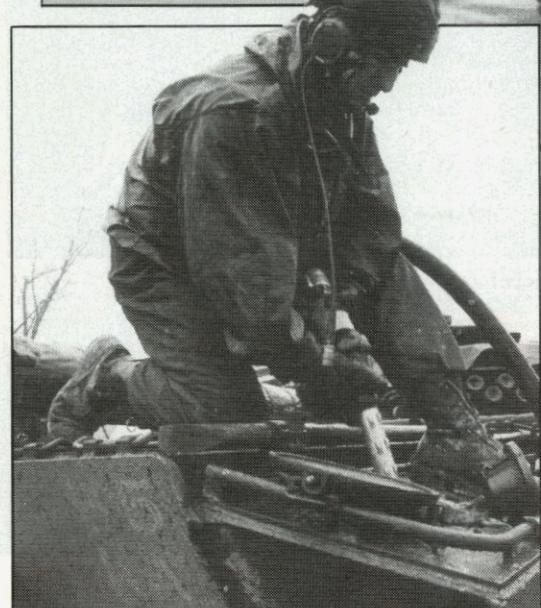
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Woofer joins Death or Glory Boys

CHALLENGER, the British Army's main battle wagon, is a big hit with the Death or Glory Boys. They call it "The Beast"!

Challenger's reliability has allowed the regiment to reduce significantly the number of hours crews spend on the tank park, which allows them to spend extra time on important things like gunnery.

Compared to Chieftain, Challenger is superior in terms of speed, armour and mobility, but when it comes to gunnery it is difficult to assess the differences because both tanks kill targets effectively!



Feeding the Beast! A tank crewman refuels Challenger after a day on the training area



Capt Charles Fattorini cycles past Challenger. The tank park at Swinton Barracks is so large that bicycles are the preferred mode of transport to get from place to place

Swinton Barracks, Munster



LCpl Andy Galloway (left) and Sgt Gary Bray REME pictured after returning with their ARV (armoured recovery vehicle) from a rainy day on Dorbaum training area

An ear bashing?

For years the whine of tank engines has been a hazard for tank crews. Today, every effort is made to protect the men's ears.

Besides the introduction of the new crewguard helmet, ear defenders are now on personal issue and compulsory hearing tests are carried out on a regular basis.

Said RSM Paul Brothers: "I have been working on tanks for 22 years and my hearing is still perfect. A lot of it is down to the individual. The equipment is there for the men's protection - it's up to them to use it."

Woofer joins Death or Glory Boys

MAJOR Geoff Silk WFR has been on exchange with 17th/21st Lancers for just over a year. Although experienced on armoured personnel carriers he found himself in a completely different ball-game when he was put in charge of a 62 tonne monster.

Maj Silk's attachment to the Lancers followed the Chief of the General Staff's proposal that there should be more cross-fertilisation between the Royal Armoured Corps and the infantry so that officers at squadron or company level could gain experience they might be able to put to use later in their careers.

All smiles as Maj Geoff Silk WFR (left) discusses Challenger with the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Andrew Cumming 17/21 L

Said Maj Silk: "My predecessor in this squadron has gone off to the D and D and we've been able to compare notes already. I think he's finding the infantry side of life a little more intense than it was with the RAC.

"In the same way I'm finding that the equipment side of life here is more intense than it was in the infantry."

The newness of the scheme means there is no norm for badges. Maj Silk has adopted

17/21 L shoulder titles but retained his own cap badge.

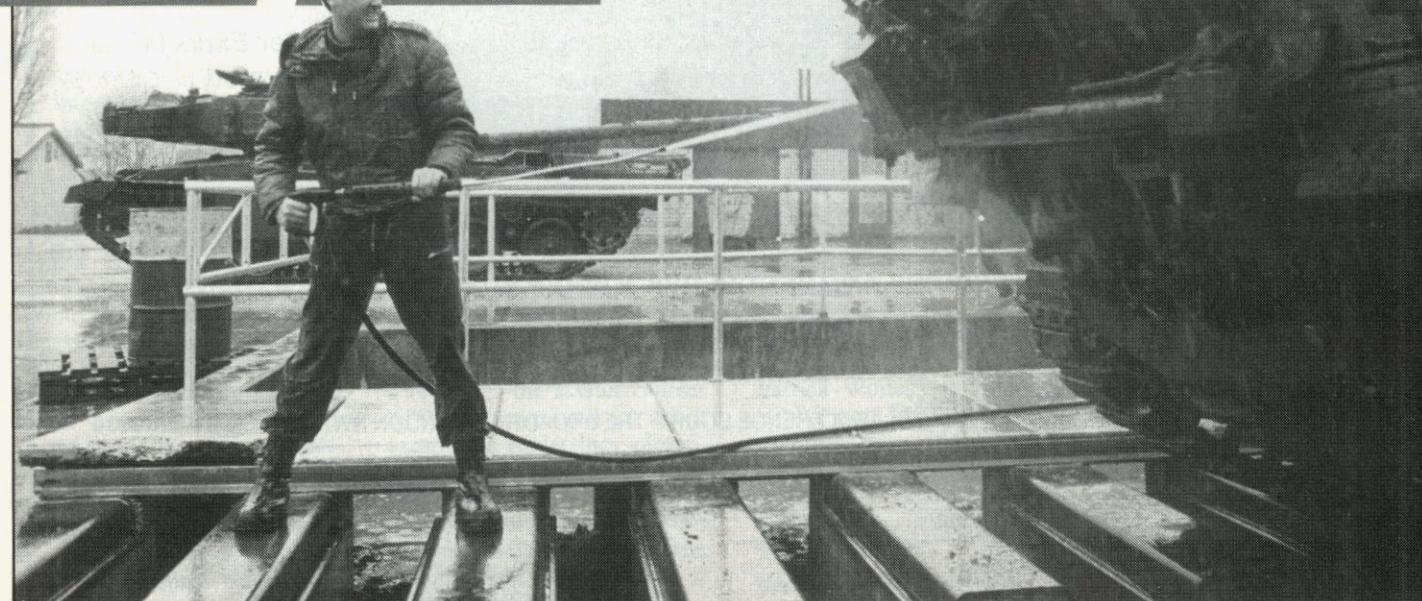
"I haven't actually been invited to wear a motto so until such time I will continue to wear my own regimental cap badge. I think that is not a bad idea as it does alert people to the fact that you are an attached officer," he said.

With gunnery standards so important to the RAC, Maj Silk said he found 17/21 L an enthusiastic and accurate regiment.

"Challenger has been here two years now and there's a good feeling and good spirit about it.

"Many of the improvements made on the tank since it first came in to service have been included on the tanks we have here. I think any soldier, whether he has the new individual weapon, the new tank, the new helmet or whatever, feels privileged to be among the few who have the new equipment."

At home with the 17th/21st



Wash-down! Capt Mark Hazleton (Lord Strathcona's Horse) gets to grips with hosing down "The Beast". Capt Hazleton is a Canadian officer acting as a squadron 2ic on an exchange posting

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EXECUTIVE STRETCH

YOUNG executives from the Land Rover plant at Solihull are being pitted against the Territorial Army's officer selection course in Western District.

This new experiment in industrial and military co-operation has been launched under the TA's "Profitable Partnership" campaign which aims to show employers that TA training produces a better employee.

"We are certainly not here to recruit anyone," Lt Col Chris Eager explained as Army and Land Rover assessors put 16 young managers through a typical TA officer selection weekend at Swynnerton Training Area, Staffs.

"As far as we are concerned, here are 16 young managers from industry who are now aware that the TA not only exists but is actually doing something very worthwhile.

"For Land Rover, it validates the decision they have made in identifying these people as managers and leaders."

Mike Arthur, Land Rover's manager of Organisation and Personnel Planning, said: "It's a chance for us to swap notes with the Army on both systems of personnel selection.

"We in industry naturally put our potential leaders through quite a battery of tests.

"But we don't yet ask them to do anything physical, although the work of a supervisor can demand tremendous stamina."

The managers and supervisors, aged 22 to 33, all volunteered for the assessment which tested not only their fitness but also their ability to solve a survival problem and present their case to a panel of senior Army officers.

"This is the course that would normally filter out officer candidates to select them for training leading up to Sandhurst," said Col Eager.

The candidates' view?

"We're getting a great deal out of it," said Jon Watkiss, a 27-year-old inspection superin-



Army assessors watch Land Rover executives tackle the rope bridge at Swynnerton

tendent, as his team completed a race over the assault course.

"We're learning a lot about teamwork, leadership, presentation skills and planning at short notice."

The West Midland TA Association plans to invite more companies to test the mettle of the Army selection course.

"The TA depends very much on the goodwill of industry,"

said association secretary Col Patrick Winter.

"We want to show employers that skills learned in the TA are directly transferable to the workplace – in short, that the TA soldier or officer makes a better employee."

**Words and pictures:
Maj Peter Rhodes
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Taste of life in the TA

IN THE first exercise of its kind to be conducted in the North West, some of the region's top junior executives – including two women – have been finding out the hard way what life can be like away from the comfortable, if stressful, world of big business.

During two days of hard physical effort laid on by the Territorial Army, the 23 executives – from companies which included British Aerospace, Plessey, BICC Cables and the Post Office – hiked over the Lancashire Fells, built rafts, forded rivers, fired rifles, and attempted to sleep in the backs of Land Rovers which they later drove down almost sheer cliffs.

Organised by Lancashire's TA cavalry unit, the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, which has its headquarters in Chorley, the exercise ranged from Halton Training Camp near Lancaster in the north, through Chorley (where the cross country driving tests were conducted), to the Altcar rifle ranges near Formby in the south.

Called "Executive Stretch," it was one of a series of similar exercises being planned by the TA all over the country. The aim is to demonstrate to companies and their executives the work of the volunteer reserves and give them a taste of life in the TA.

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Roger Swift is by way of being a skilled composer, and his SSAFA march has had quite an airing lately. Here he opens the programme with a fanfare *Nulli Secundus*, and later includes a very catchy little number he wrote for the wedding of the Princess of Wales called *Royal Celebration*.

Fairly serious items are *La Rejouissance* from Handel's Fireworks Music, Richard Strauss's 1943 composition known as *Festmusik Der Stadt Wien*, a godsend to wind bands from one of music's geniuses, and Elgar's fourth *Pomp and Circumstance March*, all fairly often recorded in recent years.

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Venice payed as a flute solo by Sgt David Morrow, the popular *Marvin Hamlisch Showcase*, and a potpourri *The Movies* which includes the themes from *MASH*, *Star Wars* and others. Remarkable is the playing of Monti's *Czardas* on a trombone. Hard enough on the violin for which it was originally written, but LCpl Andrew Flaxman (he should be Flashman) is nulli secundus in versions I have heard on TV from our brass band brethren. Flight of the Bumble Bee coming up at any moment.

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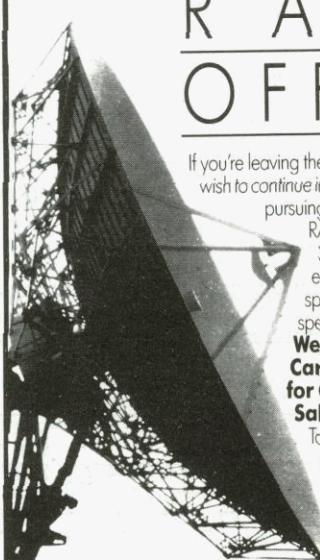
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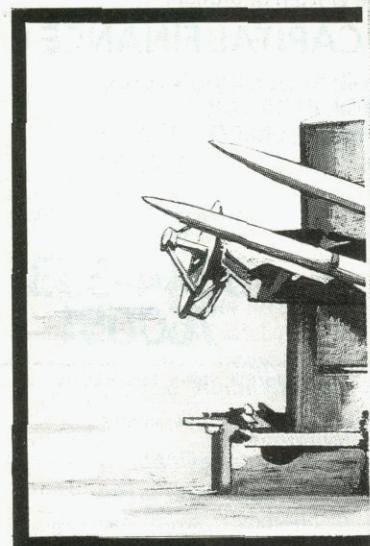
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Each now aged 91, Mr Robert Spencer, Mr George Peake and Mr Cook marched alone past the saluting base. While the Duke of Kent's Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers played tunes from the First World War and the 500-man column stood motionless at attention, the three be-medalled veterans made their way past Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of the Regiment, who took the salute.

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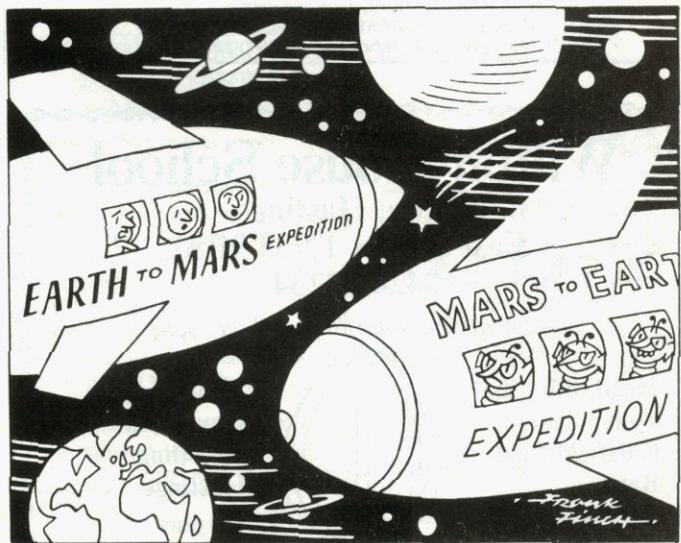
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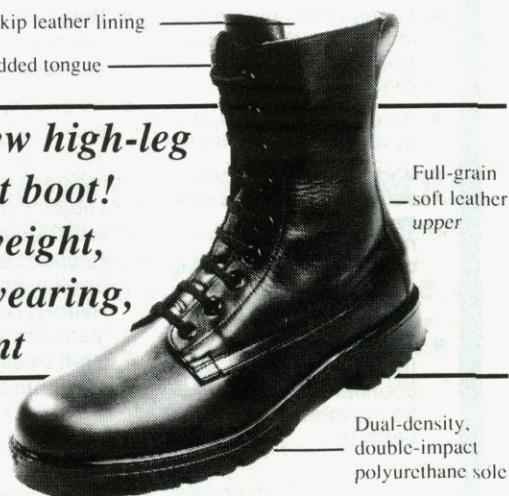
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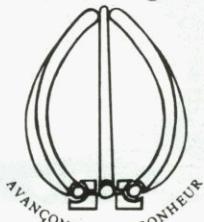
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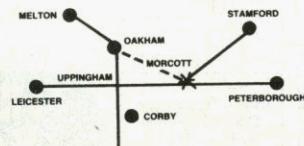
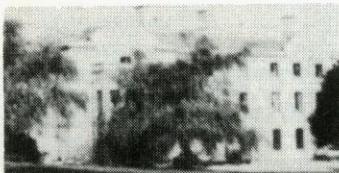
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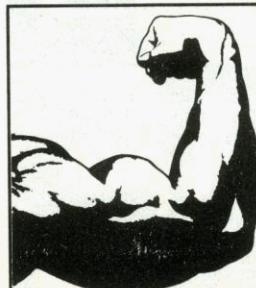
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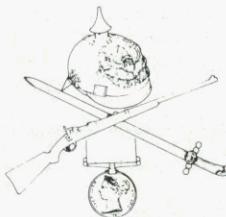
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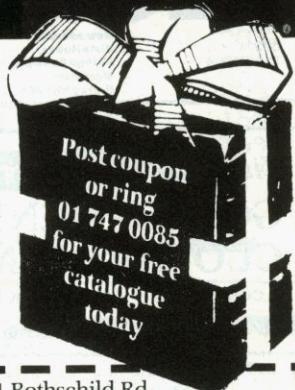
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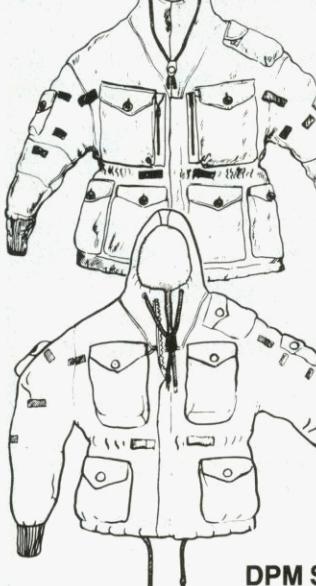
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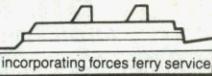
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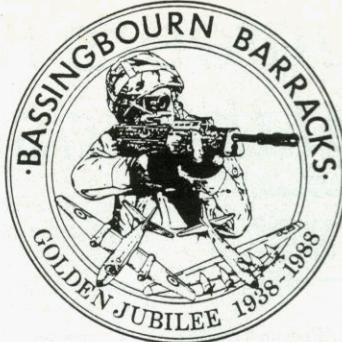
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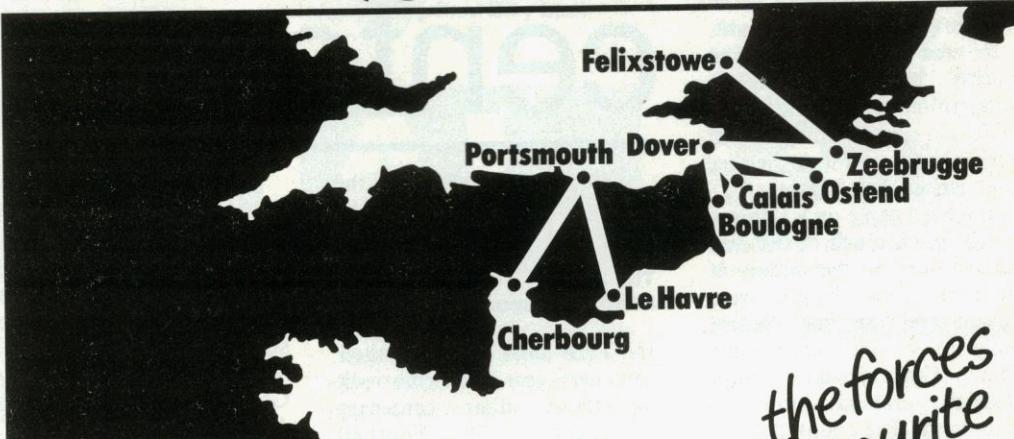
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FESTIVAL HONOURS SHARED

Yorkshire Volunteers hold off challenge of the Irish

D COY 2 Bn Yorks Vols avenged last season's Territorial Army Cup defeat by C Coy 4 (V) Royal Irish Rangers when the same two sides met in this year's final at Catterick Garrison Stadium.

There was little to chose between the teams which between them provided 11 players for the TA's Easter tour of BAOR.

The North East District champions opened the scoring when LCpl Alan Heblitch punished a poor Irish clearance by putting Pte Steve French

D Coy 2 Yorks Vols 2
C Coy 4(V) R Irish 1

through to beat 'keeper Rgr Anthony McCartney.

Rgr Eddie Cunningham had a chance to equalise from the penalty spot but Pte Dave Woodhead in the Yorks goal guessed correctly and saved well to his right.

Injuries to winger Pte Derek Oxley and fullback Pte Kevin Pickard forced the Yorks Vols to use both their substitutes

before the interval, but they went further ahead in the first minute of the second half through a penalty which Pte Ian Kerr cracked past McCartney.

The Ballymena side gradually took control and pulled back a goal ten minutes from time when their captain Rgr Steve Calderwood created a chance which Rgr Dennis Rodgers converted.

Another Irish effort smashed against the Yorkshire crossbar but the men from Scarborough held out for victory.



Fusiliers celebrate

If the trophy fits ... Members of 1 RHF celebrate after hammering 1 Gordons 11-2 in the Infantry Cup football final at Edinburgh. The same two sides contested last year's final at Hemer while both were in BAOR, only the Gordons won that encounter. 1 RHF reached the semi-finals of the centenary Army Cup this year. On the way to the Infantry Cup final they beat 3 RRF, QO Hdr, 3 R Irish and, in the UK semi-final, 22 SAS.

County cup is crown on centenary

Hampshire 0
The Army 1

AN 84th minute goal by Sgt Micky Spencer APTC gave the Army a narrow victory over Hampshire in the final of the South West Counties Cup at Newport on the Isle of Wight.

It was the Army's first success in the prestigious competition since the early 1970s and crowns a magnificent centenary season for the Service side, writes Pat Massey.

In a hard game on a sloping, bumpy pitch much of the play was confined to the middle of the park. Few chances were created and the final looked likely to go into extra time when Cfn Shaun Smith (REME) crossed into the goalmouth. The county keeper parried the ball to Spencer who prodded it home.

Ten counties take part in the competition in addition to the Army and Royal Navy.

The Army 0 Football League 5

IN THE final match of their centenary year the Army took on those other centenary celebrants, the Football League, at the Aldershot Military Stadium.

A powerful League team headed by Jimmy Case and Derek Statham of Southampton carried just too many guns for the Army and won with goals from Portsmouth striker Terry Connor (2), Ian Wright of Crystal Palace, Steve Gritt of Charlton Athletic and Michael Gilkes of Reading.

Princess Marina Col 6 AAC ACC 3 (aet)

THREE extra time goals by Princess Marina College settled a tremendous Army Youth Challenge Cup Final in their favour after they had been held 3-3 by the Army Apprentices College, Army Catering Corps at the end of normal time.

Bertelli and Schorak blasted Princess Marina College into a two goal lead, only for Campbell to hit back with a cracker of a volley from 25 yards and Miller to level it at 2-2 with a thunderous 20 yard free kick.

The college side were the stronger throughout the second

half and only outstanding goalkeeping by Army Youth player Joyce kept the Aldershot lads in the game.

Bertelli made it 3-2 before Miller sent the game into extra time by converting a penalty awarded for a push on an ACC attacker.

Hassall and McLean (2) scored the extra time winners for Princess Marina College, whose skipper Stooks received the new trophy from Mr Brian McCulloch of donors Atlas Hydraulic Loaders Ltd.

School of Signals 2 HMS Sultan 0

GOALS by the skipper Sgt Sandy Brown (penalty) and Cpl Mick Cheetham gave the School of Signals a 2-0 victory over Royal Navy champions HMS Sultan in their Naafi Jubilee Cup clash at Blandford, Dorset.

The result means that the signallers will add the Jubilee Cup to the seven other trophies they have accumulated this season unless either Sultan or RAF Locking can conjure up four goals in their deciding game.

THE Inter-District cricket festival (which doubles as the Army trial) was played on three grounds at Aldershot with three 55 over games each day, writes Peter Salisbury.

Last year's winners, NE/NW/Scotland, were beaten by both South East District and, more surprisingly, by the unfancied Eastern District who had no known stars but who also defeated London District to reach their first ever final.

South West/Wales/Western were the other finalists after beating Northern Ireland and the South East on the first two days.

The final proved to be an exciting affair. A brief thunder storm cut it down by seven overs but this did not detract from either the final or the weekend as a whole which was blessed with excellent weather.

South West/Wales/Western batted first and scored 176-9 in

their 55 overs. Tpr Carl Warn (13/18H) was top scorer with 46 and Pte Keith Thomas (19 Fd Amb) produced impressive bowling figures of 3-11 in 11 overs.

After the storm Eastern's target was reduced to 155 in 48 overs and this they achieved with two wickets remaining and 11 balls to spare. Thomas added to his bowling success with an excellent innings of 48 and Army skipper Lt Matthew Fleming (2 RGJ) returned bowling figures of 4-34 in 11 overs.

Northern Ireland could only manage 137 in reply despite a fine 65 not out by Cpl Graham Summersgill (1 DWR). Northern Ireland had to lend the opposition a player as they were one short. He, Capt Chris Donovan (HQ NI), promptly took five for 27!

South West/Wales/Western went on to beat South East by three wickets on the second day thanks largely to a magnificent 71 by Cpl David Gill who was in the UK on a course from BAOR and playing for his old district.

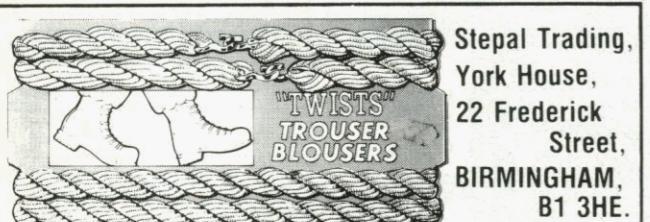
The game between South

ARMY Sport Control Board secretary Lt Col Keith Hitchcock won the singles stableford competition in the inaugural Famous Grouse golf meeting contested by all three Service sport boards and their directors at Tidworth Garrison Golf Club.

Royal Navy secretary Cdr Peter Cantello was second in the stableford, followed by Maj Gen Alan Yeoman, director of the Army board.

East and NE/NW/Scotland was won by 46 runs by the former for whom Lt Jeremy Bird (JLRRE) scored a sound 58. London beat Northern Ireland by 66 runs. Redmayne had another impressive spell, taking 2-1 in seven overs.

On the last day South East hit the highest total of the weekend with 259-6 against London. Lt Alister Lamb (JIB Shorncliffe) was top scorer with 78 and Lts Julian Barrett and Tom Thicknesse (both Light Div Depot) contributed 46 and 40. London could only muster 116 in reply, Thicknesse taking 3-8. The match for the wooden spoon was played on the much softer Buller Barracks wicket and was abandoned following the thunder storm just after the North had started their reply to Northern Ireland's 154-8.



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Crack shot wins with 'old' SLR

A TA soldier firing the SLR beat Regulars using the new SA 80 rifle to become champion shot at Western District's annual Skill at Arms Meeting.

Sgt Graham Cluff (pictured above) serves with the 5th Bn, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (V), based in Coventry.

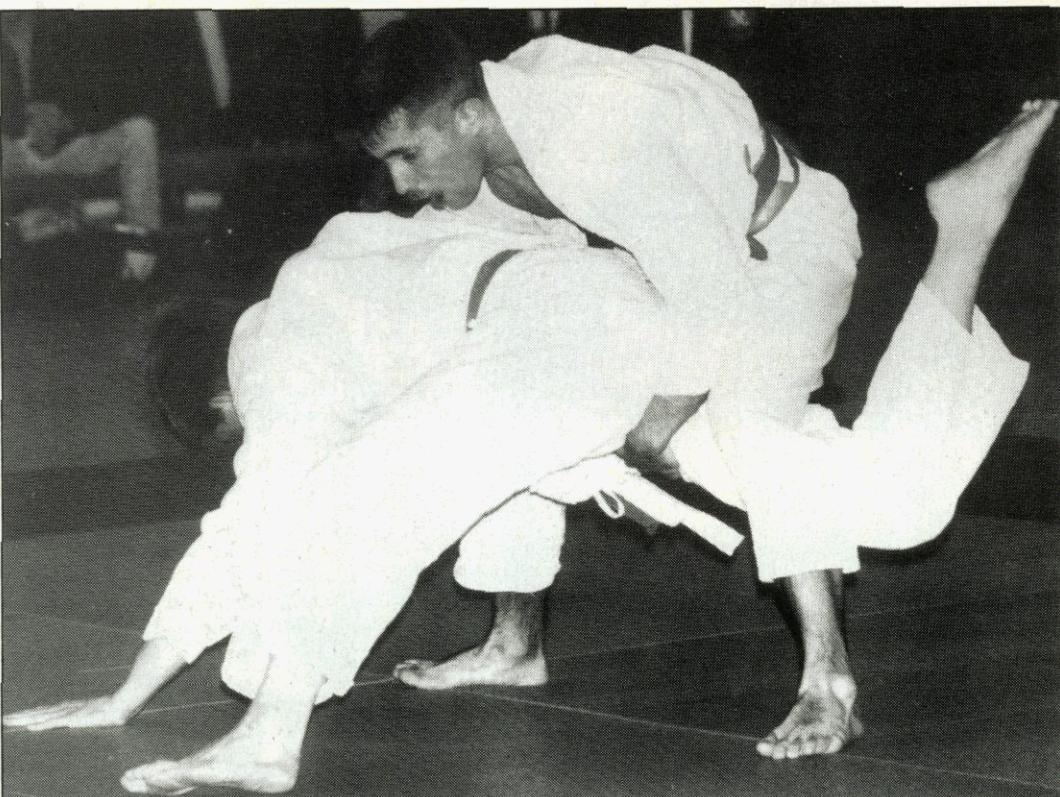
Sgt Cluff outshot Regular infantry from the Prince of Wales's Division Depot, Lichfield, and the sharpshooters of 2 Para to win the event.

In the falling-plates competition, however, the new SA 80 proved its worth in a convincing win for the Paras.

• TA champion unit at the Northern Ireland Skill at Arms meeting on Ballykinler ranges were the 5th (V) Bn of The Royal Irish Rangers.

All rounders

THE Catterick based 3rd Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers have been enjoying some all round sports success. Their soccer team won the Yorkshire Services League Cup and the Yorkshire Services Division 2 championship, the hockey team were runners up in the Infantry Cup final, the water polo team won their Group 5 championship and the swimmers were runners up in their competition.



Pte Kevin Martin of 23 Gp RPC sets himself to pick up Cpl Parlar of the RAF for Ippon (ten points) during the Kyu grade competition at the Inter-Service judo championships

Open and shut!

AFTER a reign of three years the Army abdicated its Kyu grade trophy to the Royal Air Force at the Inter-Service team and individual judo championships at RAF West Drayton, but the open team title remains an exclusive military preserve.

After both Army and RAF had beaten the Royal Navy, Pte Kevin Dorse (23 Gp RPC) and LCpl Luke Stevens (Guards Depot) gave the Army a 2-0 advantage in the decider. Capt Joss Williams (RARDE) was doing well until a skilful armlock forced his submission

and App Tradesman Jim Lewis from AAC ACC, the youngest competitor, had to withdraw when he was injured.

With the match now even, Pte Kevin Martin (23 Gp RPC) scored seven out of ten with one throw against his opponent and followed it up with a throw for Ippon (ten points).

Cpl Graham Hindmarsh (Depot Queen's Div) and Cfn Graham Hill (5 AB Bde Log Bn) were unable to secure wins so the trophy went to the RAF.

In the main competition, the open team championships, the Army remained dominant, winning for the 20th consecutive year.

The RN were defeated 6-1, with victories for LCpl Jim Brown (1 WFR), Cpl Stu Travis, LCpl Steve Lee and Pte Pants Blaylock (all 23 Gp RPC), SSgt Dave Young (APTC) and Sgt John Morton (ASPT).

In the decider against the RAF the huge SAC Devlin threw LCpl Brown for a ten point score but this proved to be the only success for the airmen.

In the individual competitions on the second day Army players took 18 of the 32 medals on offer, including five golds.

The Inter-Service individual champions included Pte Sean O'Loughlin (3 Para) at under 78kg; Cpl Laurie Gibbs (Guards Depot) at under 86kg; Pte Dorse (23 Gp RPC) at over 95kg; and Cpl Travis who won both under 95kg and open categories.

Army coach WO2 QMSI Mal Williams (ASPT) said he was very pleased with the results which reflected a lot of hard work by the Army team during the year. WO2 Williams is also the Combined Services coach.

SEOUL MATES

TWO members of the Army Modern Pentathlon team have been selected to represent Great Britain in the Seoul Olympic Games.

Lt Dominic Mahoney, Life Guards, and Cpl Peter Hart of REME, who were featured in the last issue of SOLDIER, have now had their expected selections confirmed.



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