

October

1976

15p

# Soldier





# Read why Ronnie Barker recommends Natocars

“I recommend anyone in the Forces who is in the market for a new or used car to write to Natocars because I believe that they offer you the best all-round deal available. Whether you are based at home or overseas and want a TAX FREE or TAX PAID motor, I don't think you will do better than Natocars no matter what problems you face with finance, delivery, part-exchange or insurance.

“How do I know that? I made it my business to find out about Natocars before I agreed to appear in their advertising film for SKC Cinemas overseas. I was genuinely impressed with the range of vehicles they offer and their ancillary services, but most of all with the people who run and work for the firm.

“I liked the way that you deal with only one member of staff from start to finish and not a lot of different departments. It was nice to see a firm that dealt with all enquiries and letters the day they arrived. I was pleased that the Information Pack did away with the usual high-pressure motor trade salesmen, and relieved to see that Natocars give you the right advice even if it means losing a sale. Even the workshop staff try that little bit harder to ensure that each car reaches you in as near perfect condition as possible.

“To sum-up, Natocars seemed to me to be a firm that tries very hard to keep faith with its customers, and that's why I recommend them to you.”

*Ronnie Barker*

\*TAX FREE or TAX PAID Ford · Chrysler (Hillman Humber Sunbeam) · Vauxhall · Simca \*NATO DISCOUNTS up to 17½% \*Deposits from 10% and 48 months to pay \*Delivery anywhere anytime, home or abroad \*Part exchange and trade-in against future purchase \*Guaranteed used cars \*Motor caravans \*Rush order service.



**Natocars**  
Miles ahead

**Natocars Limited**  
Wylds Estate  
Bristol Road  
Bridgwater  
Somerset TA6 4BH

Tel: Bridgwater  
(0278) 55555

Telex: 46285

Please send me Natocars Information Pack. *Tick boxes for details.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ S

Car for use in \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) Delivery date \_\_\_\_\_ (approx)

FORD ☐ VAUXHALL ☐ CHRYSLER ☐ HILLMAN SUNBEAM HUMBER ☐ SIMCA ☐

Motor Caravans ☐ Leyland Cars ☐ Used Cars ☐



# Soldier

OCTOBER 1976

Volume 32, No. 10

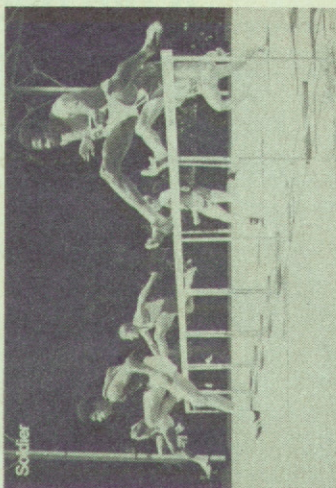
## Contents

- 5 See-the-Army Diary
- 7 SOLDIER to Soldier
- 8 Museums: Royal Hampshire Regiment
- 11 Berlin Wall is 15 years old
- 12 Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts)
- 14 Royal Signals TAVR courses
- 15 How Observant Are You?
- 16 Hong Kong's guard dogs
- 18 Humour: 'War Artists' by Larry  
Soldier NEWS: 20-page pull-out supplement
- 25 Scotland's Veterans' Residences
- 26 Gibraltar's model-making padre
- 28 Record reviews
- 31 Letters
- 31 Reunions
- 32 Collectors' Corner
- 33 Readers' services
- 35 Military models
- 36 'Superstars' in Aldershot
- 39 Prize competition
- 41 Book reviews



### FRONT COVER

Two Red Indian chiefs from the plains of Alberta pose in the flying machine named after one of the greatest Plains Indian nations — the Sioux. In fact, the pair are of the Blackfoot tribe, a part of the Sioux nation that once roamed free in the woods and prairies before the white man came. Picture by WO2 Tom Atkins.



### BACK COVER

Few track events in the athletics field test competitors more than the 110 metres hurdles. Bursts of sprinting strides are interspersed with sinew-stretching leaps over the obstacles. This picture shows the effort involved during this event at the Army's inter-unit athletics meeting this year. Picture by Doug Pratt.

Editor: PETER N WOOD (Ext 2585)  
Deputy Editor: JOHN WALTON (Ext 2586)  
Feature Writer: MICHAEL STARKE (Ext 2590)  
Art Editor: FRANK R FINCH (Ext 2589)  
Picture Editor: LESLIE A WIGGS (Ext 2584)  
Photographers: PAUL R G HALEY, DOUG PRATT (Ext 2584)  
Advertisement Manager: K PEMBERTON WOOD (Ext 2583/2587)  
Circulation Manager: Miss D M W DUFFIELD (Ext 2592)

Editorial, photographic, advertising and circulation enquiries should be addressed to SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 2DU. (Phone: GPO Aldershot 24431, military network Aldershot Military). SOLDIER, the British Army Magazine, is published for the Ministry of Defence by HMSO and printed by Eden Fisher (Southend) Ltd., 555 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Crown copyright 1976.

# Service for the services



## Doves can help you Buy, Sell or Hire a Car

The Dove Service for the Services is efficiently administered by ex-Service men with wide experience of the service-men's motoring needs.

Most makes of cars can be supplied with credit facilities arranged through us or NAAFI or as required.

Personal needs and requirements can be discussed by post and the chosen car will be ready for you when you arrive.

Cut out the coupon below for the free Brochure or write and tell us your requirements, to Services Liaison Dept. The Dove Group, White Rose Lane, Woking, Surrey. Telephone: 04 862 4515

To:- Lieut. Colonel J. H. Walters, O.B.E.,  
Services Liaison Executive,  
The Dove Group, White Rose Lane,  
Woking, Surrey.  
Telephone: 04 862 4515

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

s Home ☐ Export ☐

**Doves look forward .... to serving you**



# What no soldier should be without.



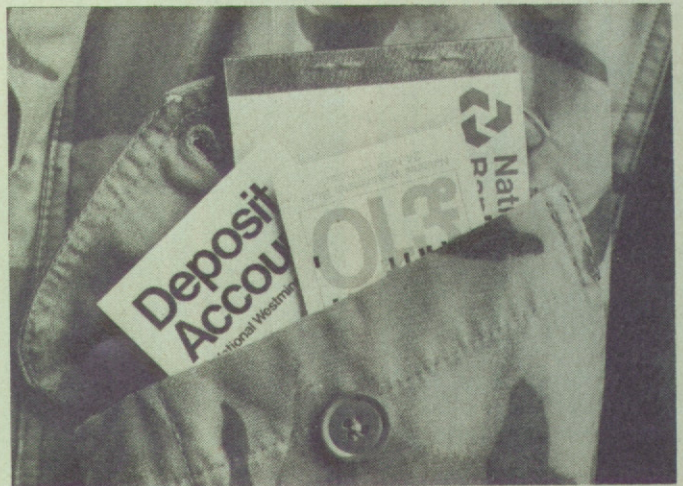
**Good pair of boots**



**A girl back home**



**Week-end pass**



**Money in your pocket**

NatWest have the services for the services. A NatWest current account gives you a chequebook and cashcard, so you can spend your money whenever you want. With NatWest standing orders we will make payments on your behalf. NatWest will even arrange to send money home on a regular basis for you. And a NatWest Deposit Account helps you save.

For your free booklet on NatWest and the Army, post the coupon to: Bryan Connon, National Westminster Bank, 200 Pentonville Road, London N19HL.

 **NatWest**  
National Westminster Bank  
The bank in your pocket.

To: Bryan Connon, National Westminster Bank,  
200 Pentonville Road, London N19HL.

Please send me your free booklet 'A message to the Army.'

Name

Address

S.10.76



In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment. Amendments and additions to previous lists are indicated in bold type.

## See-the-Army Diary



### SEPTEMBER 1976

- 25 Axminster Carnival (junior band).
- 27 Careers Exhibition, Stafford (27-29 September) (Royal Artillery motorcycle display team).

### OCTOBER 1976

- 2 Open Day, Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury (Royal Green Jack-ets freefall team; band).
- 3 National Savings Diamond Anniversary, Stratfield Saye, Hampshire (Royal Military Police 'Red Caps' mounted display team).

### NOVEMBER 1976

- 13 Lord Mayor's Show, London.
- 13 Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.
- 27 Kneller Hall Band and Trumpeters concert (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund), Royal Festival Hall, London.

### MARCH 1977

- 1 Jubilee Concert (in aid of Scottish war-blinded ex-servicemen) by the Scottish Regiments, Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

### MAY 1977

- 27 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (27-28 May).

### JUNE 1977

- 7 Massed bands Prince of Wales's Division beat Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (7-9 June).
- 11 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 30 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund) (30 June-2 July).

### JULY 1977

- 7 Queen reviews British Army of the Rhine.
- 13 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (13-30 July).

**Morcott Hall**

**Boarding School for Girls**

The School is fully Recognised as Efficient by the Department of Education and Science. Boarders are accepted aged 8 to 18 years. There are four separate Boarding Houses arranged according to age. There is a separate Junior School for girls aged 8 to 11 years, and in the Senior School full courses are available for G.C.E. 'O' Level and 'A' Level Examinations. Fees allied to Forces Grants. Apply—The Secretary Morcott Hall School Nr. Uppingham Rutland.

## BADGES, PLAQUES, TIES & SCARVES

We make only the best **BLAZER BADGES** in fine wires and silks, also attractive **WALL PLAQUES** and **CARBADGES**, from £4.25 each. Fine quality **Saxony WRAPS**, in regimental colours (Lengthwise style 60" x 10") from £3.00 each. Regimental **TIES** £2.00 Terylene (R.A. flash £2.25) £3.00 silk reppe; striped design. Please add 8% VAT for UK orders. Send S.A.E. for Services price list.

**D. J. PARKINSON** H.M. Services Hand Embroiderers (Dept. S.) 124, VALLEY DRIVE, BRIGHTON BN5 5FF, SUSSEX  
Callers (a.m. only): 15 Albert Rd., Brighton 1 (Phone 27180)

# Use your new BMW in the UK before taking up your posting!



For a limited period only, BMW Concessionaires GB Ltd will pay UK Import Duty on any new BMW you buy from us!

#### This means:

\* You buy your new BMW not just at the ex-factory price but at **OUR SPECIAL DISCOUNTED NATO PRICE**—and we'll pay the import duty too!

\* You may use your new BMW in the UK for at least 6 months before you take up your posting. The allowed period may be up to 12 months depending on individual circumstances.

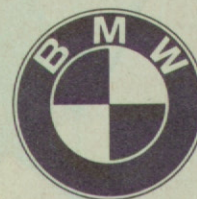
\* No 'wheel-less' time in Germany (or wherever you're posted) waiting for your new car. And you won't be forced to dispose of your present car abroad when you might well get more for it in the UK.

\* Early delivery of the finest sports saloon in Europe in right or left hand drive.

Call us now on 01-629 9277.

**BMW Concessionaires GB Ltd,**  
NATO, Diplomatic and  
Tourist Sales,  
56 Park Lane, London, W1Y 3DA.  
or

c/o NAAFI Car Sales, BFPO 40,  
West Germany, Tel: Mönchengladbach (02161) 59041.



### Special notice

Please refer all enquiries to Park Lane  
or NAAFI HQ pending a new British  
Forces Germany representative.



# WHEN YOU GET OUT, WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.

**W**HEN you've been in the armed forces for a while, you take certain things more or less for granted.

Companionship, for example. Esprit de corps. The feeling of belonging. Call it what you will. It doesn't exist in civvy street.

And many ex-service people who were convinced that they'd be happy when they

got out find it hard to settle and make friends.

Then again, many civilian jobs offer no possibility for people who've been in the forces to exercise the abilities their training has given them.

The Metropolitan Police on the other hand, offers a career which can use the self-discipline, initiative and sense of responsibility that service training bestows.

We also offer companionship and team spirit not far removed from that in the forces. (You'll realise this the first time you witness the response to a radio call for "Constable in need of urgent assistance...")

Everybody turns out.

Another similarity is the feeling of security you get from knowing where your next pay day is coming from. We don't have strikes or lay-offs.

All in all, it's not surprising that a large number of ex-service people make successful careers for themselves in the Met.

We'll be waiting to welcome you when you get out with a place to live and a good starting salary.

And if you're ex-service, you're eligible up to the age of 45.

If you meet the height requirements and are physically fit, talk to your Resettlement Officer or send the coupon for full details today.



## THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

The Chief Inspector, Careers Section, Dept. GA122,  
Metropolitan Police, 7th Floor, 65 Romney Street,  
London SW1P 2AX.

You should be physically fit, aged 18/-45 and just under 5' 8"  
or taller (5' 4" or more for women).

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_



LONDON'S 8,000,000 PEOPLE TAKE A LOT OF LOOKING AFTER. COME AND GIVE US A HAND.



# SOLDIER

## to Soldier

Christmas may seem still a long way ahead but in no time at all Santa Claus will be ubiquitously popping up in seventeen different places at the same time, the prophets of gloom will be forecasting shortages, expectant traders will be harping on so many shopping days left and the Post Office will be telling you that the last posting day for parcels to the Falkland Islands is looming up any minute now.

And before you have time to turn round you've just a week to go and whatever shall I buy for so-and-so.

But you don't need to fray your legs down to the ankles walking the shopping streets or climb flights of stairs only to find that what you're looking for isn't there.

Simple answer — buy a year's subscription to SOLDIER. Save all the messing about by just popping one envelope in the post. Enclose a greeting card if you wish and SOLDIER will send it on with the first issue — the first of not one but 12 Christmas presents, each packed with interest and each a reminder of the thought.

Within the UK and to BFPO addresses, a year's subscription costs £2.97; to other overseas addresses, £3.10.

Send a UK cheque, UK postal order or international money order to Miss Dorothy Duffield, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU, and tell her when you wish the subscription to start and to what address SOLDIER is to be sent.

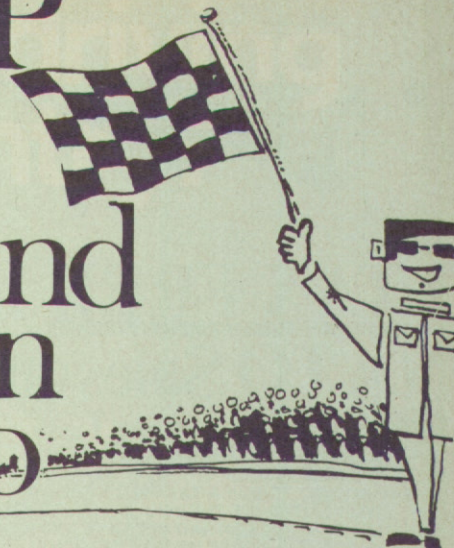
And if a subscription is not the answer to your problem, turn to pages 33 and 34 for the range of ice buckets and pewter figures, both of which make treasured and lasting gifts — and the wide selection of prints.

★

The sudden death in February of colleague Bill Smitherman left a gap in Soldier's services — answering readers' letters. Unfortunately the vacancy has not yet been filled and an editorial staff of five further depleted by the long absence through illness of Art Editor Frank Finch, happily now back at his desk, has not been able to cope with the work involved in handling readers' enquiries. Last month's and this 64-page issue and their predecessors for some years of 48, 52, 56 and up to 60 pages, have all in fact been produced by the same number of editorial and photographic staff which for many years produced a standard 40-page Soldier. Long interregnums of up to six months between staff changes, holidays and absences on duty trips plus the effects of increasing technological sophistication and more rapid communication have meant that a diminished staff has been at full stretch to produce the magazine. But temporary help is now at hand and, in the readers' letters department, 'normal service is being resumed.'

# Naafi HP

## outright winner and winner on points too



**These are the great advantages that put Naafi HP way out in front**

- ☐ Exceptionally low HP charges without strings such as annual subscriptions
- ☐ 10% deposit and up to 48 months credit on new cars for export can generally be arranged
- ☐ BIG DISCOUNTS (up to 17½%) on new cars, caravans and motor cycles, with full dealer after sales services and warranties
- ☐ Delivery to suit your convenience — at the airport when you arrive in UK, to your home town or new UK station or to an overseas port
- ☐ No restrictions on taking the vehicle overseas when you are posted and no premature settlement problems for you on posting
- ☐ Free personal life insurance during the time the agreement is in force
- ☐ First class insurance cover at competitive cost and prompt cover in the UK or if you are posted abroad
- ☐ Easy payment plan for premiums if you wish
- ☐ Cover against most of your liability to tax and duty in the event of your premature repatriation from overseas
- ☐ Naafi will normally finance freight charges and local import duty if you are posted abroad
- ☐ Deposit saving to facilitate future purchase and reduce the HP cost
- ☐ Private sale HP between members of the Services in UK and Germany

Consult Naafi about your next car, caravan, motor cycle, scooter, boat or insurance. Cash or credit.

Your own organisation gives you a better deal.

**Ask your Naafi manager for leaflet or order forms or complete and post the coupon below**

**Manager, Car Sales Branch, Naafi, London SE11 5QX**

Please send me details of Naafi facilities without obligation. I am interested in

New car..... (state model)

For use in..... (state country)

☐ New touring caravan ☐ Deposit savings scheme

☐ Used car ☐ Insurance

☐ New motor cycle ☐ I wish to pay cash

☐ Boat ☐ I wish to use Naafi HP

Please tick whichever applies

Rank

Name

Address

Tel. No.

Please use block letters



S





## TAX FREE N.A.T.O Sales on LANCIA cars!

WHEN YOU WANT TO BUY A TAX FREE NEW LANCIA YOU CAN LEAVE THE WHOLE DEAL TO US. JUST FILL IN THE COUPON AND DETAIL YOUR BRIEF REQUIREMENTS AND WE WILL SEND YOU FULL DETAILS BY RETURN ABOUT BUYING YOUR CAR AND DISPOSING OF YOUR PRESENT CAR. FINANCE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS AND PART EXCHANGES WELCOMED.

TO: WYCH CROSS MOTORS LTD.  
FOREST ROW, SX. TEL: 3864.

Name.....

Address.....

I am interested in..... (state model)

My present car is..... year.....

Mileage.....

**WYCH CROSS MOTORS LTD.**



## 22 SPECIAL AIR SERVICE REGIMENT

Service with the SAS offers you the chance to be trained in a wide variety of skills ranging from languages to free fall parachuting, and also to work on your own and in small groups on interesting exercises and operations.

If you are a trained soldier and interested in a tour with 22 SAS, fill in the coupon below:

Please send details of service with 22 SAS Regiment

NO..... RANK .....

NAME .....

UNIT ADDRESS .....

.....

.....

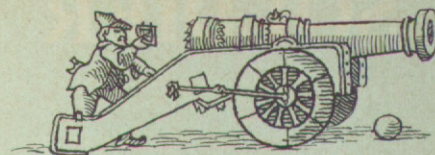
.....

and send to:  
Executive Officer, Training Wing, 22  
SAS Regiment, Bradbury Lines,  
Hereford, HRZ 6HF.

(If you then wish to apply for a tour with 22 SAS, your application must be submitted through your CO.)

## MILITARY MUSEUMS

# 45



## The Royal Hampshire Regiment

SERLE'S HOUSE, Winchester, a handsome Georgian residence listed as a building of historic interest, is home for the museum of The Royal Hampshire Regiment. Here can be seen relics of the old 37th and 67th regiments, forerunners of the Hampshires who in 1946 were accorded the distinction of "Royal" for outstanding service.

The house itself, which also serves as Regimental Headquarters, is fronted by a spacious and peaceful memorial garden surrounding a stone plinth bearing the inscription: 'In peace there's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility but when the blast of war blows in our ears then imitate the action of a tiger' — a reference to the royal tiger of the regimental badge.

Focal point of a pre-1881 display case is the extremely rare Imperial Chinese Order of the Crystal Button or Order of the Imperial Dragon awarded to a few officers and soldiers of the 67th for services against the Taiping rebels in the winter of 1862-63 and for drilling Chinese troops in European tactics. Here too are Indian Mutiny, Indian General Service and China medals and well to the fore are the Victoria Crosses won during the battle for the Taku Forts in 1860 by Lieutenants Nathaniel Burslem and Edmund Lenon, Ensign John Worthy Chaplin and Private Thomas Lane of the 67th.

Other items in this display include the rather clumsy 'housewife' with its cumbersome comb issued to troops in India from 1842 to 1914, a flintlock pistol of 1811 and two full-dress jackets of the old 37th and 67th. Nearby is the scarlet tunic worn by General Sir Richard Haking, Colonel of the Regiment from 1924 to 1945.

A World War One display commemorates the 2nd Battalion's heroic landing at Gallipoli from HMT River Clyde. On show are the Victoria Cross won by Second-Lieutenant George Raymond Dallas Moor and the name plate, port light and helm indicator of the River Clyde. The museum has five of the ten VCs won by members of the regiment.

A fine pair of Colours carried in action by the 2nd Battalion (37th Regiment) in the Netherlands campaign of 1813-14, before the battalion was disbanded in 1817, stands in a quiet corner. The regiment has always

enjoyed a close association with HMS Hampshire and two Hampshires are pictured in the museum — one of them the cruiser which went down in 1916 with Lord Kitchener on board and, from the last HMS Hampshire, are displayed the ship's bell, name plate and a pair of gun tampions.

One of the museum's most prized exhibits is a very rare set of hand-carved wooden Burmese figures showing the various indigenous races of the Shan States. Beautifully executed by a master carver, each coloured figurine is dressed in national costume. Another fascinating item is a mahogany medicine chest and field canteen of 1871 with the contents of its glass medicine jars said to be still in prime condition.

An oil painting of the 2nd/4th Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment, in action at the second and final battle of Monte Cassino in May 1944 and a receipt for Field-Marshal Kesselring and Lieutenant-General Maelzer on the way to their trial, are prominent among World War Two souvenirs.

Uniforms include the 1855 scarlet jackets of two colour-sergeants, a general officer's mess jacket with the badges of rank clearly seen on epaulette and cuff, a drummer's coatee (circa 1840) with the button of the 67th on the sleeve, and a North Hants Militia tunic with black facings (circa 1799). A shako (1816-29) and a Hampshire Carabiniers Yeomanry helmet (1890-1902) are also featured. An interesting collection of badges includes the two different badges worn by The Royal Hampshire Regiment — the regimental badge with its royal tiger above the Lancastrian red rose of Henry V and the officers' seven-pointed star with the same rose in the centre.

**John Jesse**

**Curator:** Lieutenant-Colonel C D Darroch  
**Address:** Regimental Headquarters  
The Royal Hampshire Regiment  
Serle's House  
Winchester

**Telephone:** Winchester 61781 ext 261  
**Open:** Monday to Friday, 1000 to 1230  
and 1400 to 1600

**Closed:** Saturday, Sunday and public  
holidays

**Admission:** Free  
**To get there:** Short walk from Winchester rail-  
way station or bus from city centre.

Next month: The Northamptonshire Regiment.



# What's the Army driving out of the country?



It's probably the tax-free cars, from the Company that's building the Army's Scimitars and Land-Rovers: Leyland.

Because every soldier posted overseas can buy a Leyland car, drive it in Britain, and take it overseas.

At factory tax-free prices.

H.M. Forces' price concessions, and the favourable HP terms that can be arranged through NAAFI, have a lot to do with it too.

So, of course, do Leyland's huge range and comprehensive service and distribution network, in Britain and overseas.

If this isn't enough to drive you to Leyland, send us the coupon and we'll tell you more.

To Leyland International Tax-Free Sales,  
41-46 Piccadilly, London W1V 0BD.  
Tel: 01-734 6080.

Name

Rank

Unit

Contact Address

Tel.

Posting to (Country)

Delivery required (Date)

I'm interested in (Leyland model)



**Leyland International  
Tax Free Sales**

SM/10/76

Austin, Daimler, Jaguar, M.G., Mini, Morris, Princess, Rover, Triumph, Vanden Plas.





## FREEDOM. THAT'S WHAT YOU GET OUT OF A BANK ACCOUNT WITH LLOYDS.

Freedom from so much of the worry, routine and paper work that can surround the business of money.

Lloyds Bank has been associated with the Army for many generations, and in that time we've built up a real understanding of the kind of money problems that service life can sometimes create.

We can help with financial, tax and insurance advice.

We'll take the worry out of remembering to pay regular bills on time—we'll pay them by standing orders.

And of course, we'll give you a cheque book to take away the need to carry a lot of cash around.

All these services, together with our Cashpoint dispenser for instant cash, our savings schemes, and our current and deposit accounts, are examples of what we mean when we say we can give you freedom.

So feel free to find out more about how our services can help people in the Services.

Fill in the coupon below for a copy of our leaflet 'Lloyds Bank Services for the Army,' or call into your nearest Lloyds Bank.



**A LOT MORE THAN MONEY  
AT THE SIGN OF THE BLACK HORSE.**

I would like more information about the freedom a Lloyds bank account can give me.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

To: D.P. Gardiner T.D., Services Liaison Officer,  
Lloyds Bank, 6 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5NH.



# Fifteen years of the Wall

A 'BLACK FRIDAY' in August reminded the world that its most infamous barrier — the Berlin Wall — was 15 years old.

West Berliners needed no reminding of an unnatural boundary with which they have learned to live since Sunday, 13 August 1961, when they awoke to find one of the most concentrated construction tasks ever undertaken, even for that damaged city, beginning behind a wall of flesh of East German border guards.

What had been an internal boundary marked by military police signs was turned in a matter of days into a wall-and-wire bar-

rier covered by armed sentries and vicious guard dogs.

Despite Communist claims to the contrary, this 102-mile obstruction has been built and is continually improved for one purpose only — to stop East Germans from seeking the freedom of the West. Since the building of the Wall, at least 70 people are known to have died attempting to cross. But many more have successfully escaped one way or another to the West.

Today, 15 years later, Royal Military Police — men and women — are still daily patrolling the British Sector side of the

Wall. During the years they have seen a constant strengthening to plug the escape holes. The Wall presents a stark and almost bland face to the West but on the East side its approaches are covered by an intimidating system of watchtowers, raked and ploughed strips, deep ditches, electronic alarms and fierce guard dogs.

Recently the East Germans have been rebuilding the Wall, making it even more difficult to climb. In the process they have painted it a cosmetic white — which is ideal for the protesting slogan writers.

*Army Public Relations, Berlin.*



Above, left: Before Sunday, 13 August 1961, when building of the Wall began, the way to and from East Berlin through the Brandenburg Gate was unimpeded apart from the warning sign.

Above: In this picture, taken on the 15th anniversary of the Wall, a West German policeman takes a look through binoculars. The Wall at the Brandenburg Gate is lower than elsewhere but heavily guarded. Both the Wall and the view over it are a tourist feature of West Berlin.

Left: A reconstructed section of the Wall, higher and more difficult to climb. Corporal Phil Lock of the Royal Military Police, on his daily patrol, checks one of the signs which mark the actual boundary.



# Ashton (soon to be)-on-Line

Story: John Walton/Pictures: Paul Haley

THE BUILDING looks rather like a school. At the front are carefully kept lawns and a putting green. At the side is a cricket field. Yet every officer in the British Army has a constant link with this ordinary looking building at Ashton-under-Lyne, north-east of Manchester, for it is the Army Pay Office.

Among its 25,000 'customers' spread throughout the world are officers of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve, Ulster Defence Regiment, Army Cadet Force and Combined Cadet Force as well as the Regular Army.

It has not always been so. Until 1940, officers were paid by the command paymaster in the command in which they were serving. But then, with an Army expanded to abnormal size by war, the first Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts) was set up in Stockport Road, Manchester. And throughout the war, all officers, except those serving in the Middle or Far East, were paid from Manchester.

The present custom-built premises were opened just 20 years ago and named Rogers House after the 1940 commanding officer, Brigadier T L Rogers. At that time the staff was 400 strong but with increased automation and computerisation this has gradually shrunk to about half that figure.

Although Rogers House does not look in the least bit a military establishment there are reminders in the grounds of its past. It is built on what was a training area for the long-demolished Ladysmith Barracks, one-time depot of The Manchester Regiment. The depot's gates still stand.

Colonel Douglas Millington, commanding the Army Pay Office, is inordinately proud of his staff, a score or more of whom have been with the pay office since Stockport Road days. "The officers' pay is in good hands," he says.

Forty-four soldiers work at Ashton, most of them Royal Army Pay Corps personnel on three-year postings. On arrival, as are civilian staff newcomers, they are given a three-week course on the pay and allowances entitlement of an officer. But the paperwork is diminishing rapidly as the technological age tightens its grip.

Before the link with the computer at Worthy Down, every officer's pay was calculated and maintained manually. In April this year, TAVR officers were put on to the computer and now only the UDR, CCF and ACF officers remain manually administered. Now when an officer is first commissioned his particulars are sorted out and he is speedily placed on the computer. Each



Above: One of the few reminders of the old depot of The Manchester Regiment.

Below left: The buck stops — and pound starts — here as Army pay is calculated.

Below: Mr J Duncan of Central Services lifts a day's tape from a computer deck.





night, magnetic tapes with the day's computer input travel by post to Worthy Down.

Yet even this is not speedy enough for the mid-1970s. Within the next two years the Army Pay Record Office will have a direct telephone link with the computer and the acres of files will be replaced by microfilm records. Although detailed pay records are kept for only six years, there is a card index of every officer who served since they were first given numbers. A battered card at the beginning of the index records British Army officer No. 1 — a man named Clarke.

There is a section dealing with perhaps 250 cases a month of officers in strange locations — on loan service or expeditions or oil rigs. The APO sees that every officer has access to pay and allowances, when physically possible, no matter where he is.

Any idea that the men and women of Rogers House are merely grey, deskbound clerks is speedily dispelled. Their sports record is a good one and in the recent North West District shooting competitions at Altcar the Ashton marksmen took the Regular Army individual rifle title and runner-up place and the team awards for sub-machine-gun and self-loading rifle. The room set by for exercise is well patronised by military and civilian staff alike and Sergeant John Young is a 1st Dan in the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do.

It's an oddity really — the Army Pay Office. As Chief Paymaster Colonel Millington says: "Everyone is affected by us but so few of them know us." But Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Corner, his second-in-command, reports with satisfaction: "Out of every ten letters we receive, nine are saying 'thank you very much' and that's a measure of our achievement." ●



Left: Power in the hands — and feet — of Sergeant John Young, a martial artist.

Above: Mrs Elsie Rearden checks a name.

Below left: Operators at the consoles of the computer input machines at Ashton.

Below: Colonel Douglas Millington is the commander of Army Pay Office, Ashton.





**Catterick  
courses . . .**



## A signal success

**Story: John Walton  
Pictures: Leslie Wiggs**

A NEW TRAINING system for Royal Corps of Signals recruits to the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve recently celebrated its first year of operation. The system, involving two weeks' intensive military training with 11 Signal Regiment at Catterick, is said to be saving the TAVR 15 to 18 months' work in weekly drill hall sessions

up and down the country.

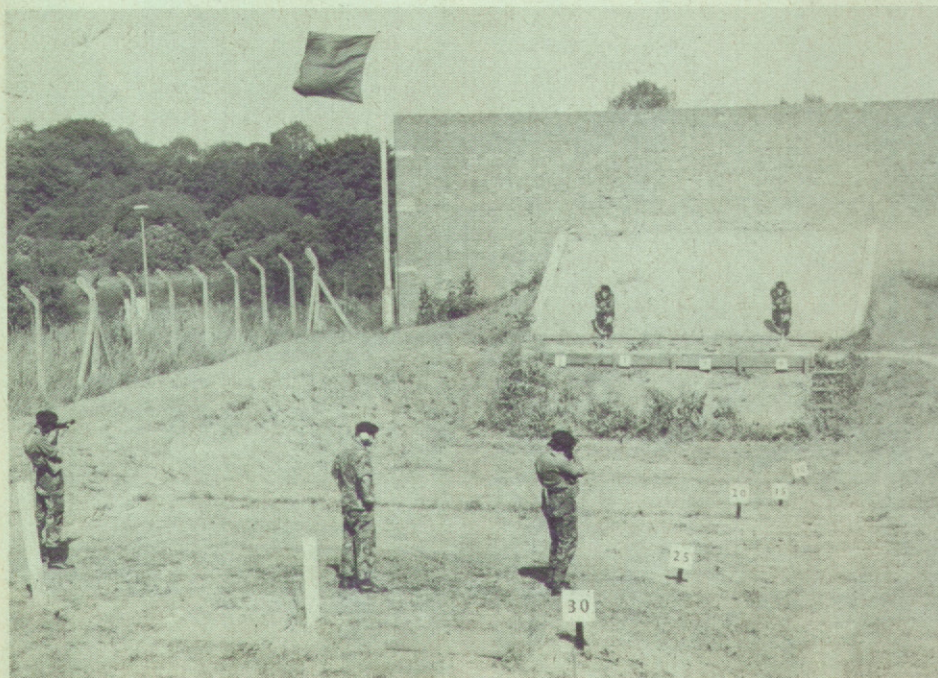
Major Peter Todd, training major of 11 Signal Regiment, told SOLDIER: "Before we started this system each unit was responsible for its own training on drill nights, at weekends and at annual camps. Here we have the facilities to take everybody and we end up with a standard uniformity of turnout, drill and weapon training."

In the first year of the scheme 505 soldiers were trained at Catterick. Some had already received some elementary training with their units but most were completely raw. Major Todd prefers this in order to achieve a more uniform standard.

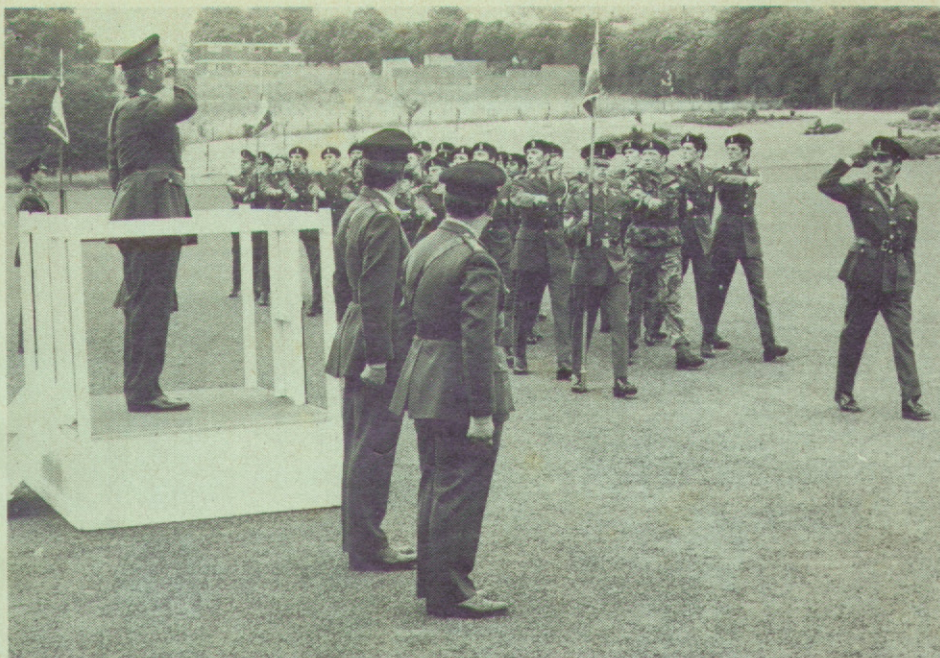
Troop Commander Warrant Officer 1 Tony Pfeiffer broke off from watching some recruits on the parade ground to say: "They come in here as long-haired ragers but in my opinion they put as much effort into a fortnight as Regular recruits do in ten weeks. I would prefer to train TAVR men and so would most of the instructors. You



Above: The new recruits get a taste of weapon drill while (below) they fire sub-machine-guns.







Left: Four faces of men who are enjoying life in the TAVR.

don't have to motivate these chaps."

Advantage of the scheme is that time spent with local TAVR units can be spent on trade training or advanced military training rather than basics. In fact after the Catterick courses units tend to lose some of their men — but in the right direction. Major Todd notes: "It's surprising how many of them say at the end of the course that they want to join full-time. They use these courses as a way of looking at Regular Army life while being completely uncommitted."

According to Major Todd the trainees lap up the basic military training they receive. "As soon as they arrive I give them a talk and five minutes later they are going at it like a bullet from a gun."

There are usually about 30 men in each course and courses are held for about 40 weeks in the year. The instructors at 11 Signal Regiment thus find themselves working most weekends throughout the year. Training also includes drill, weapon training

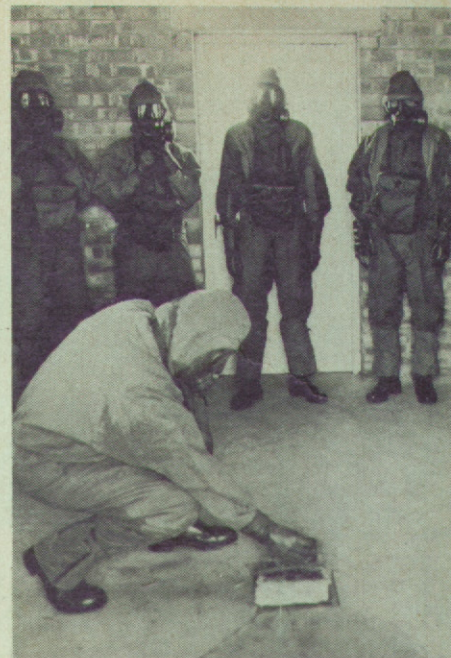
Above: Passing out parade at Catterick. Smart men whom the instructors like to train.

with rifle and sub-machine-gun, a gas chamber trip to get the feel of 'Noddy' protection suits and some fieldcraft.

The course at Catterick during SOLDIER's visit was typical. Ages ranged from 17 to 36 with most men in their late teens and early twenties. Occupations ranged from dartboard maker to student, with several Post Office technicians who are naturally attracted to the Royal Signals.

Talking to the lads, SOLDIER found great enthusiasm. Signalman Patrick Brown, unemployed and from Birmingham, said: "I've learned now to load, strip and clean and use a weapon. You learn discipline and the right way to do things and you make friends from other parts of the country."

Another Birmingham man, Signalman Mohammed Tariq, a student at Aston University, added: "I have learned quite a few things and it has been a great change from university life. I wanted to go to Germany with my unit and it was necessary for me to



In the 'gas chamber'. Instructor prepares to give a display of the effects of a gas.

do this basic training in order to qualify."

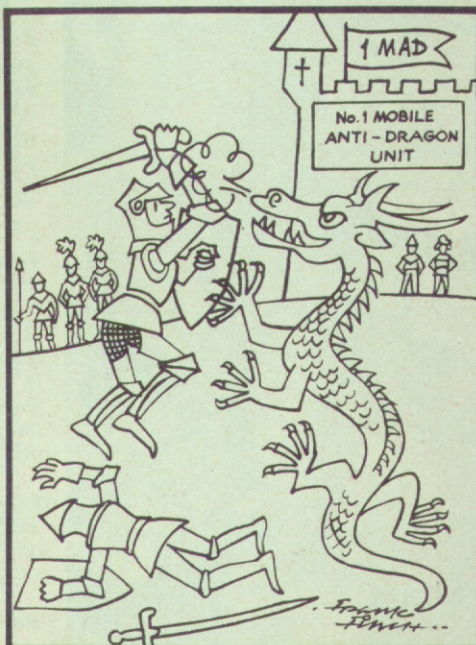
Emerging from the 'gas chamber' with streaming eyes after being asked to briefly remove his respirator while inside, Signalman Terence Burke, from Liverpool, would not have been expected to feel too happy about the course. But after recovering he declared: "It's a great course but I just feel that it should be a bit longer so that we can get a bit more done."

Signalman Michael Collins, from Redcar, agreed: "It's smashing. It is hard work but we are having a good time. Ideally the courses should be about four weeks long although it would be difficult to get employers to give you that amount of time off."

Men from 14 different signals regiments and squadrons as well as Army Catering Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Royal Army Pay Corps men attached to them have already taken part in the Catterick courses — on which the verdict can only be 'a signal success.'

## How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 32.

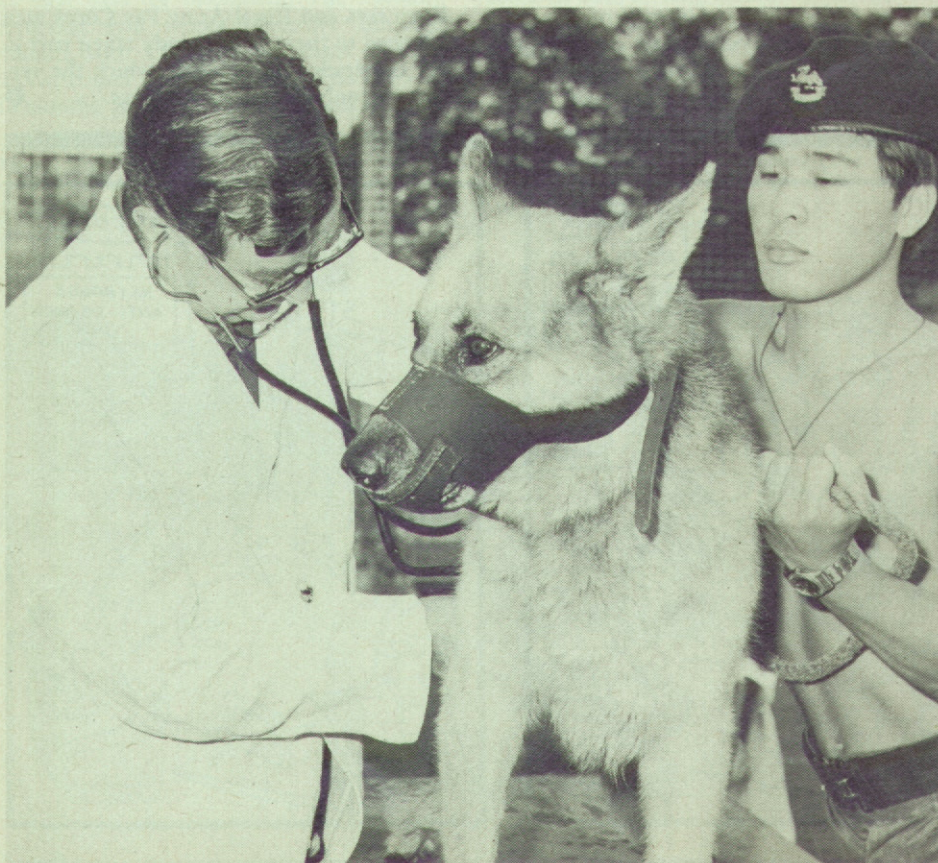




# Hong Kong's guard dogs



Hong Kong Military Service Corps dog handlers take their furry charges for a dip in a quiet bay.



## “Look after Wuffles . . .”

THOSE SNARLING guard dogs patrolling behind barbed wire at military establishments in Hong Kong are just tail-waggers at heart. Or so, it seems, think the Women's Royal Army Corps girls who give them obedience training at the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Centre, Melton Mowbray.

When a dog is released from the aluminium travelling kennel in which it has been flown by VC 10 to Hong Kong, the kennel is often found to hold a little note saying something like “Look after Wuffles. He's a sweet dog really.”

There are nearly 70 guard dogs in Hong Kong, all Alsatian males. They arrive in the Colony at about 18 months old and, after a little acclimatisation and their guard-dog training, become fully fledged members of the Hong Kong Dog Company. This used to be a Royal Military Police unit, but last month the two officers and five senior ranks of the RMP moved out and the Royal Army Veterinary Corps took over. The 140 Hong

Maj Geoffrey Durrant RAVC regularly inspects the dogs. He now commands the dog company.





'Cokey' goes into the attack in training and his 'victim' quickly loses his protective headgear.

Kong soldiers, mostly dog-handlers, had already given up their RMP badges and resumed the dragon badge of their parent Hong Kong Military Service Corps.

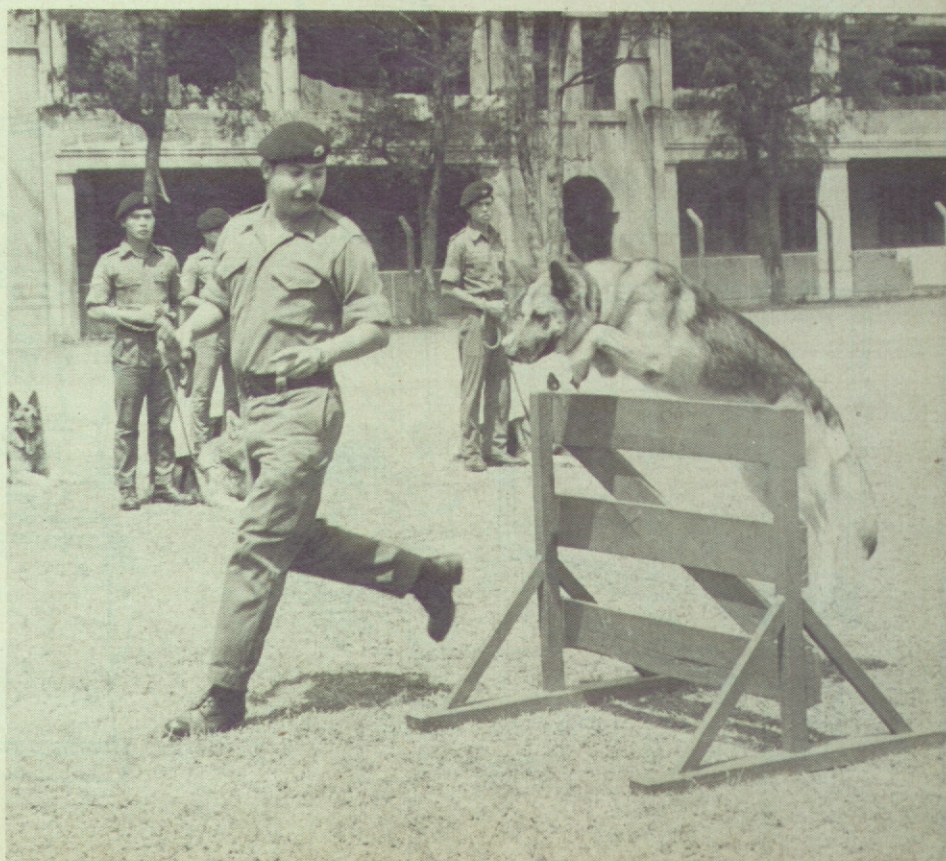
The changeover also reversed the unit's deployment from Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, with a detachment at Sek Kong, to Sek Kong with a detachment at Sham Shui Po. Sham Shui Po camp lies in one of the world's most densely populated areas; Sek Kong is in a rural area of the New Territories and much healthier.

So that a dog is not left idle because a handler is away, each has two handlers. Dog and man patrol closed areas in ammunition depots and other military establishments and nobody else is allowed into the area. If an intruder is seen and fails to stop when called on, the dog takes a running jump at him and knocks him over. About 80 pounds of dog hurtling through the air at 25 miles an hour is usually enough to knock the will to resist out of anybody.

The Alsations are big dogs which need a lot of exercise and two or three times a week they are taken on a five-mile route march. In Hong Kong's sticky summer, they also get a weekly swim in the sea.

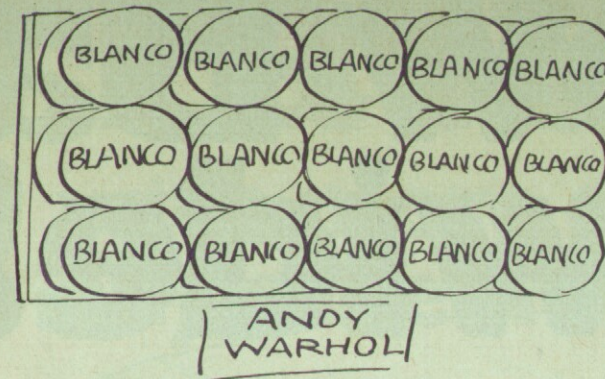
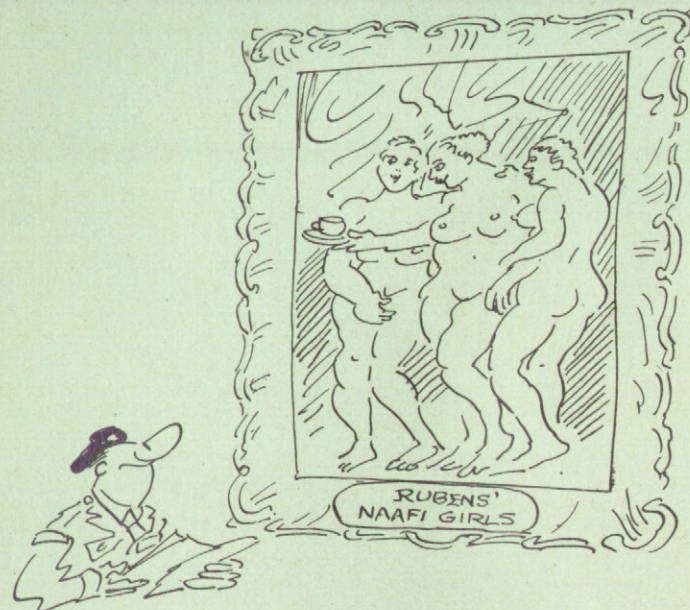
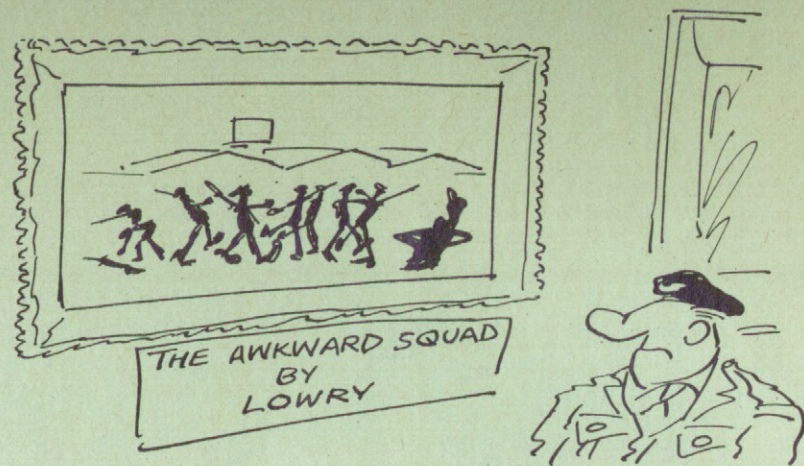
Story and pictures: Joint Service Public Relations Staff, Hong Kong.

'Cokey' in more docile mood is put through a series of obstacles including this high hurdle.

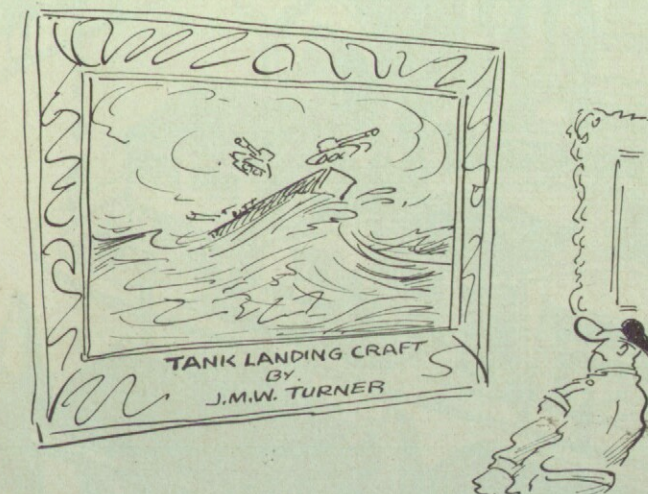




# War Artists



by Larry





# Now Barratt are nationwide!

## with more developments than any other housebuilder.



### \* More than 250 developments.

That's the largest choice in Britain - you'll find a development near to where you want to live.

\* Over 200 fully furnished showhouses open seven days a week and staffed by friendly Barratt people.

\* Now Joint Income Mortgages - You can easily afford a Barratt home if both of you are working! New mortgage terms

allow you to combine your incomes. For example:- if a man earns £2,000 p.a. and his wife earns £1,250 they can qualify for a mortgage of £6,250. That means they could buy a Barratt home of their own for around £10 a week.

\* Mortgages of up to 95% arranged for you.

\* And you can choose from £6,950 bungalows right up to £36,000 5 bedroom,

2 bathroom detached houses.

\* A £60 deposit fixes the price of your house, even though building costs will subsequently rise.

\* Widest choice of house purchase schemes. Ask about our Part Exchange or '£100 and Move In' schemes which operate on most of our developments.

### DROP IN ANYTIME-SHOW HOUSES OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

<b>Bedfordshire</b>		<b>Essex</b>		<b>Norfolk</b>		<b>Somerset</b>	
Biggleswade - Ivel View	9,825	Crook - Thistleflat	6,950	Beetley	†	Coxley	10,205
Harold - The Green	8,475	Esh Winning	6,950	East Dereham - Beetley	†	Milborne Port - Gainsborough	9,630
Kempston	11,655	Stanley - Burnside	8,950	Heacham - Lodge Road	10,200		
Luton - Wigmore Lane	19,820	Sunderland - Wynyard Park	†	North Walsham - Yarmouth Road	9,085	<b>Staffordshire</b>	
Maulden - George Street	9,600				9,680	Uttoxeter - Byrds Lane	5,990
Olny	10,275	<b>Gloucestershire</b>			9,580	<b>Suffolk</b>	
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>		<b>Herefordshire</b>		<b>Northamptonshire</b>		Bury St Edmunds - Northgate Avenue	10,330
Chatteris	8,230	Ross-on-Wye	†	Brixworth	9,450	Bury St Edmunds - Hamner	†
Doddington	†	<b>Hertfordshire</b>		Thrapston - Titmarsh	17,750	Needham Market - Chain House	9,750
Little Paxton - Gordon Road	9,455	St Albans - Ragged Hall	25,000	<b>Northumberland</b>			
Melbourn	8,650	<b>Humberside</b>		Bedlington - Bower Grange	7,300	<b>Sudbury</b>	
Northborough - Castle Drive	8,450	Botolph Claydon	†	Darras Hall - Eastern Way	†	<b>Teesside</b>	
St Ives - Burstellars	8,450	Brundlington - Bampton Park	7,000	Darras Hall - Meadowvale	28,750	Billingham - Grange Park	8,950
Sawston - New Road	†	Goole - Woodland Park	7,900	Heddon Village	25,450	Darlington	12,250
Sawston - Old Forge	9,450	Grimsby	†	Killingworth New Town	25,750	Guisborough	7,600
Waterbeach	†	Hull - Beverley High Road	9,150	Morpeth - Ulgham	7,500	Marton	12,850
<b>Cheshire</b>		Hull - Wilberby Road	11,750	Newcastle - Denton Burn	19,650	Nunthorpe - High Gill	14,950
Broughton (Chester)	7,400	Inningham	†	Wallsend	7,550	Nunthorpe - Runnymede Park	†
Cheadle - Bradshaw Hall	†	Market Weighton	9,150	<b>Nottinghamshire</b>		Yarm - Ingleby Grange	13,350
Congleton - Firs	8,810	Pocklington	7,750	Awsorth	†	Wales - North	†
Elton - Green Acres	7,950	Skirlough - Benningholme Lane	8,200	Eastwood - Derby Road	9,400	Prestatyn - Crud y Craig	6,999
Gresby - Nocktoren	†	<b>Lancashire</b>		Manfield - Forest Town	7,300	<b>Wiltshire</b>	
Irby	†	Barrowford - Church Lane	10,400	Manfield - Old Mill Lane	†	Wootton Bassett	8,350
Marple Hall	†	Bolton - Blackrod	7,850	Newark	7,450	<b>Worcestershire</b>	
Moreton - Garden Hey North	10,750	Bolton - Darcy Lever	7,850	Nottingham - Hucknall	6,500	Redditch	9,395
Moreton - Garden Hey South	8,600	Bolton - Little Lever	7,850	<b>Scotland - Central</b>		<b>Yorkshire - North</b>	
Poynton - Towers Road	14,750	Bolton - Moss House Farm	7,995	Alva	9,500	Askham Bryan	18,995
Runcom - Paddock Moor	7,475	Burnley - Briarcliffe Farm	6,850	Ayr - Doonbank	19,750	Catterick - Oran Lane	8,995
Stockport - Heaton Mersey	7,695	Burnley - Readley	21,950	Blackwood	10,750	East Ayrton	12,950
Walter Farm	†	Chorley - Astley Park	7,250	Carlisle - The Nurseries	9,950	Harrogate - The Dales	13,995
Tattenhall	15,750	Huyton	8,950	Coatbridge	†	Harrogate - Forest View	8,095
Upton - Wirral	9,550	Kirkby	8,250	Dunfermline - Inchtuthie Park	8,995	Heslington - Field Lane	15,950
Warrington - Locking Stumps	†	Manchester - Whitefields	16,500	Dumfries	10,900	Hunmanby	7,995
Whitchurch	8,150	Middleton - Alkington	7,700	Edinburgh - Craigievar	7,950	Malton - Norton	8,950
Winstan	8,550	Orrell - Bell Lane Park	7,200	Edinburgh - South Gyle	13,000	Pickering - Firthland Road	7,495
<b>Cumbria</b>		Preston - Fulwood Park	9,650	Glasgow	12,950	Ripon - Hall Park	12,750
Carlisle - Keld Park	8,100	Preston - Penwortham Gardens	11,250	Kilwinning	10,200	Ripon - Shawgreen	16,500
Carlisle - Lonsdale Grange	7,750	Radcliffe - Cams Lane	7,850	Kilmarnock	†	Stamford Bridge - Beagle Wood	10,950
Cockermouth	8,950	Rochdale - Bamford	12,750	Law	11,700	Stamford Bridge	10,950
Grange-over-Sands	9,450	Rochdale - Thrum Hall	†	Mid Calder	10,300	Thirsk	7,995
High Hamington	7,950	Westhoughton - Green Meadows	7,995	Milton of Campsie - Baldoran	18,400	Whitby	†
Kendal	9,150	Wigan - New Spring Park	7,300	<b>Scotland - North East</b>			
Pennth	†	<b>Leicestershire</b>		Aberdeen - Skene	†	<b>Developed by Barratt Companies - James - Alfred Robinson - Pateman, † Future Developments</b>	
<b>Derbyshire</b>		Measham - Atherston Gardens	7,350	Ashfield - New Elgin	†	<b>Write to the Barratt Company FREEPOST reply service - no postage stamps necessary.</b>	
Buxton	7,950	Melton Mowbray	7,450	Auchterelloch	†	<b>BARRATT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED, FREEPOST, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE3 1RP</b>	
Chapel-en-le-Frith	9,350	<b>Lincolnshire</b>		Banchory	†	<b>I would like all the details of the developments in the areas I have ticked.</b>	
Derby - Breadsall	12,850	Chapel St Leonards - Holiday Village	3,995	Cruden Bay	7,795	NAME	SM 10
Matlock	10,500	Chapel St Leonards - Sea Road	8,330	Elgin - Linkwood Road	13,995	ADDRESS	
South Normanton	7,375	Cranwell - Church View	8,325	Elgin - Linkwood Road West	†		
<b>Durham</b>		Cranwell - Willow Lane	14,550	Elton - Springfield	9,395		
Chester-le-Street	7,150	Fleet - Hargate	†	Ellon - Craighall	†		
Crawcrook Woodside	†	Grantham - Harrowby Lane	8,050	Ellon - Meikemill	7,750		
Crawcrook-Westwood	8,950	Heckington	†	Ellon - Bridge View	11,250		
		Langtoft	9,145	Fraserburgh	9,245		
		Leasingham - St John's Close	15,150	Inverurie - Middlemur	17,550		
				Inverurie - Netherfield	†		
				Kemnay	10,995		
				Lanbryde - Kirkland Hill	†		
				Lanbryde - Gordon Park	†		
				Montrose	7,750		
				Mostodloch	7,750		
				Old Meldrum - Westbank Park	7,750		
				Peterhead	8,175		
				Stuartfield	10,795		
				Turnit	7,750		

Barratt wins  
Homefinder  
House of the Year  
Award  
1976

# Barratt

Building houses to make homes in  
On over 250 developments throughout Britain  
Member group companies established since 1895

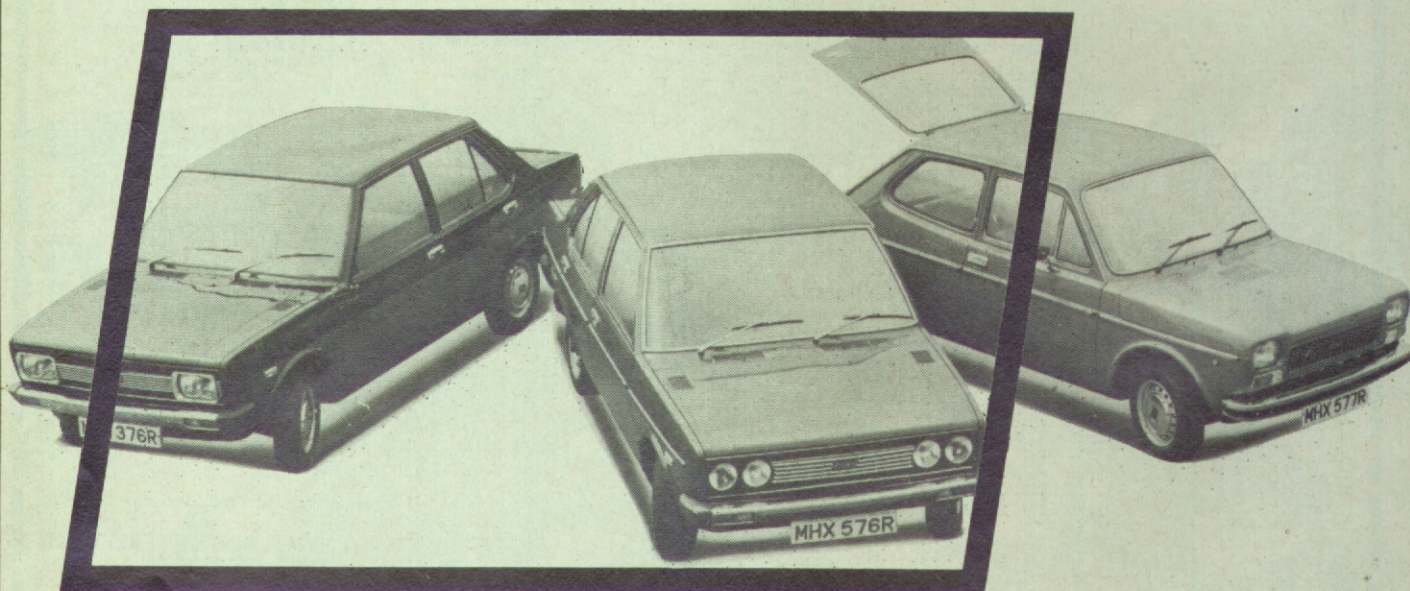


# Attention All Armed Forces. At the present rate of exchange it is probably cheaper to buy a Fiat in the U.K. than anywhere else in the world.

Whether coming home on leave or being posted abroad, there's never been a better time to buy a Fiat in the U.K. Or a better time to visit Fiat Motor Sales.

Here, in our spacious showrooms, you can see the full Fiat range on display. Here, too, we can offer you outstanding after-sales service, a comprehensive range of spares second to none, plus all the expert advice you require.

And, remember, whichever model you choose, it's yours tax free. Special advantageous price list available on request. Call in next time you're off duty. Or post the coupon today.



## **FIAT MOTOR SALES LTD.**

**ON THE A4 AT BRENTFORD TEL: 01-568 8822**

Export Division, Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9DJ.  
Please send full details about the fabulous Fiat range and your very special price list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



S01



# Soldier news

## Rain fizzles out holiday fire threat

Rain over the Bank Holiday may have dampened long-weekend spirits but it certainly gladdened the hearts of the hundreds of soldiers out on fire-fighting details.

Nearly 1000 soldiers in England and Wales had their long-weekend leave cancelled in preparation for what was expected to be the fires climax to a blazing summer. But in the event the threat fizzled out in almost torrential rain.

In all, more than 6400 troops were used in fire teams this summer.

And although the grass is still tinder-dry and sporadic fires are still breaking out, so far as the Army and the local fire brigades are concerned the immediate danger is over.

Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Reeves, Aldershot Garrison adjutant, told SOLDIER that right through the summer he had eight teams of ten men standing by plus the same number again as relief forces.

When the rain started on the holiday Saturday he stood down the reserve, the first-line, and then eventually the South East District fire control centre on the Tuesday.

"We are now working normally," he said, "which means that if the fire brigade wants Army help, they phone the duty room who then call on one of the duty units."

Dorset, with its abundant heath and woodland, was one of the worst-hit counties though Wiltshire and Somerset had their alarms in the last two weeks of August.

Service assistance to county fire brigades, co-ordinated by the Army's South West District HQ at Taunton, mobilised troops on Salisbury Plain and men of the Royal Armoured Corps from Bovington and Royal Signals from Blandford.

The Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force cheerfully added manpower and from neighbouring South-East District came men of 17 Port Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, based at Marchwood, Southampton.

One of the first of the fires was on the Imber training area of Salisbury Plain, used by the School of Infantry. It began from an unknown cause just inside the range boundary and, fanned by a strong north-east wind, soon covered some eight square miles of scrubland.

The School of Infantry, faced with manpower problems in a block leave period, mustered about 80 troops including some from the rear party of 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, and others from the rear party of 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, the two units just exchanging the duty of demonstration battalion at the School.

Then, a blaze in the Quantock Hills of Somerset so strongly threatened the village of Holford that police prepared to evacuate the 500 people and asked for Service help. The Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, at Taunton—though on block leave—responded with a coach and

nine four-tonners. The Training Material Park, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, nearby, and RAF Locking, near Weston-super-Mare, were also on the alert with transport. Mercifully a change of wind relieved the threat to Holford and the crisis passed.

West Moors. The immediate danger was to homes, and 300 people, including families from 17 Army quarters, were evacuated. Then the flames leaped a fire-break and gained a hold on undergrowth inside the depot boundary.

Turn to NEWS 4.



Late on Sunday 22 August came a call from Dorset for help in the area of St Leonard's Hospital near Ringwood—this was the start of a four-day rota in which a beater-and-shovel force of men from all three services worked continuous shifts.

The fire soon threatened the hospital, from which patients were evacuated; an Army liaison officer was stationed on the scene and communications were strengthened by a helicopter from 7 Regiment, Army Air Corps, Netheravon, and mobile radio crews from 32 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, and 3rd Division HQ and Signal Regiment, both from Bulford.

Stand-down came on 26 August, but this was not the end. On the afternoon of that very day, only a mile or two away erupted a blaze—believed to have been started maliciously—which within hours had swept through one-and-a-half square miles of forest and scrubland and formed a horse-shoe of flame round part of the perimeter of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Petroleum Centre at

Soldiers from 1 Parachute Logistic Regiment beat out a fire near RMA Sandhurst.

### Pensions—colonels lose out on £3 rise

Army pensions have been increased by an average £3 for soldiers and officers up to mid-increment colonels. Above that the rate stays the same as last year.

A spokesman in the Ministry of Defence Finance Branch explained that this year's pensions were related to last year's incomes policy.

"Everyone was tied to a £6 rise last year," he said, "which means a half increase in pension this year—about £3 across the board."

But the income policy froze at £8,500-a-year salaries which means that people earning more than that—mid-increment colonels and above—did not get a pay rise and therefore do not get a pensions increase either.

A major retiring with 30 years' service would receive £2792 and a staff-sergeant £1773.

### HOME FEARS 'GROUNDLESS'

Servicemen's fears about being unable to repossess their homes rented during overseas posting may be unfounded, the Department of the Environment claims.

The problem was highlighted when Woking MP, Mr Cranley Onslow, bombarded Defence Minister Mr Mason with questions on the subject in a series of letters.

The Defence Ministry is giving its own views on the working of the Rent Act in relation to Servicemen to the Environment Department. But Mr Onslow maintains that Service personnel who have left their homes during postings abroad have had to use long and expensive legal proceedings to shift tenants unwilling to move.

But a spokesman for the Department of the Environment assured SOLDIER this need not be the case. He asserted: "There should be provision for this under the Rent Act's Case 10, as long as you serve notice on tenants that the house is wanted back on your return."

He went on to warn, though, that such agreements should be drawn up by a solicitor who has a good knowledge of the Act and that it is advisable where possible to make the agreement expire some two months before the property will be needed again by the owner to allow for any legal action to take its course.

The spokesman concluded: "The Act caters for most possibilities. All it needs is someone who knows the law to make out a contract within the terms of the law."

### Fewer recruits this year

The Army was the only major Service with a recruiting figure lower than last year in the April-June quarter.

There was a total of 5554 recruits—3156 adults and young soldiers and 2398 juniors—compared with 5903 during the same quarter last year of 3881 adults and young soldiers and 2022 juniors.

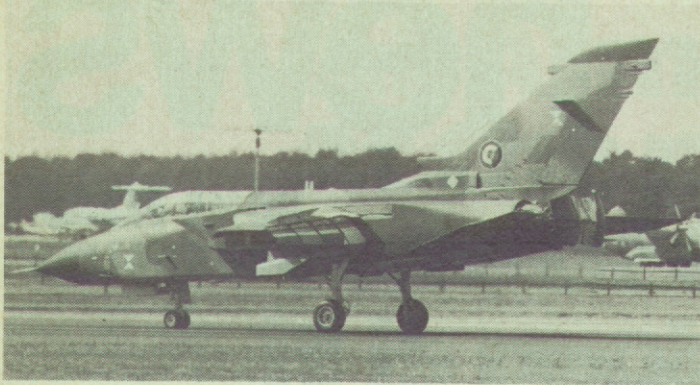
According to the Ministry of Defence, the lower intake of adults and young soldiers is in line with the reduced requirements for 1976-77. The improvement in junior recruiting is mainly due to a mid-term entry of recruits in June who would normally have joined in September but were permitted to join earlier due to changes in the summer school-leaving dates.

Only the Royal Marines, with 253 recruits this quarter and 291 in the corresponding quarter last year, showed an overall drop as well.

The Royal Navy had 1616 recruits this quarter, as compared with 1205 during the same time last year, and the Royal Air Force—reflecting its increased requirements—1133 this quarter against 922 last year.



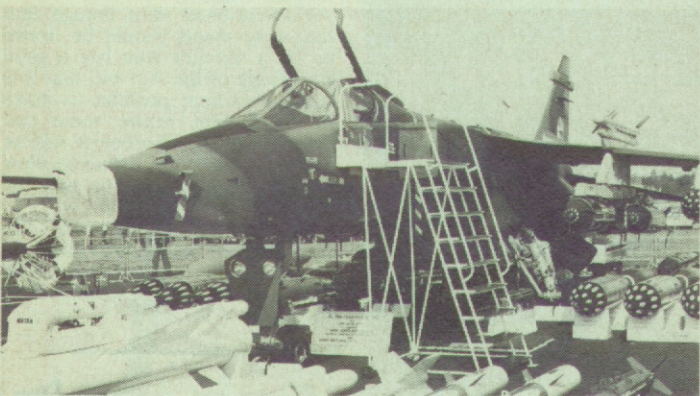
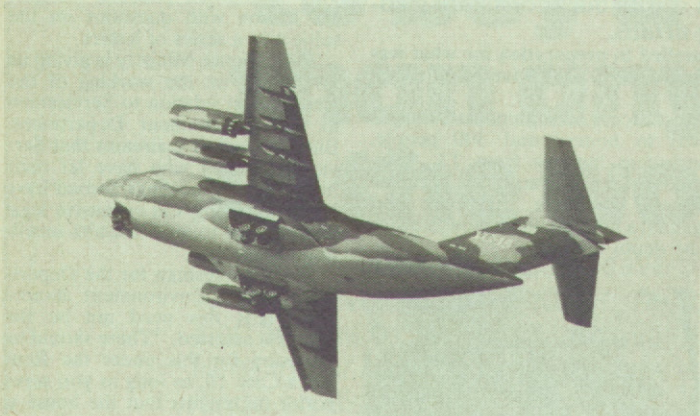
# FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW



Above: Note the reverse fins as Tornado comes in to land.

Right: Harrier makes a breathtaking vertical ascent.

Below: The American YC15 cargo plane, taking off in about 200 yards.



Jaguar and some of its vast payload array.

## Canvas hospital didn't want patients

All eyes were on the sky at the Farnborough International Air Show but back on the ground an Army unit stood by for a very down-to-earth task — and hoped it would never have to go into action.

For 2 Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps, was deployed under canvas at the Laffans Plain end of the famous runway on standby in case of a major air disaster.

The hospital is now maintained in Aldershot on a cadre basis and for deployments such as to Farn-

borough the staff is drawn from Army medical establishments nationwide. The air show provided good training for the hospital which prides itself on its worldwide standby readiness which means it can be fully operational anywhere given seven days' notice.

### Second

This is only the second time the Farnborough duty has been manned by 2 Field Hospital. The commander, Lieutenant-Colonel MacKeith, explained that it was decided that if there was a big accident at Farnborough the casualties would get better and quicker treatment if the hospital were on the spot to "filter" victims and feed them into the permanent hospital network in the area by ambulance and even helicopters provided by the RAF airmedical organisation.

The tented hospital was equipped for reception and resuscitation with a ward of some fifty beds and an evacuation area for dispersing processed casualties to the appropriate hospital if further treatment was required.

Royal Aircraft Establishment ambulances covered the north side of the main runway and the Red Cross the south. Close liaison with the county ambulance service ensured that the best cover possible was on hand should it be needed. But, for once, soldiers in the field were hoping *not* to have to do their job, an ambition they happily achieved.

## CAPTAINS DECANTER SET

**£29.95**

THE SET  
(incl p&p)

LEAD  
CRYSTAL

Includes 2 Decanters & 24 Glasses  
(wine labels extra)

**SAVE  
POUNDS**

### Special Offer

Captain's Decanter Set  
26 pieces in Lead Crystal **£29.95**

Or build up a set at the following special prices:

Captain's	) Each	£7.75
Decanter	) Pair	£14.00
Spirit	) Each	£6.75
Decanter	) Pair	£12.00
6 Sherry glasses		£4.50
6 Wine glasses		£4.98
6 Gin & Tonic glasses		£5.34
6 Large Whisky glasses		£5.34

Wine Labels S/plate  
Each **£2.75**

Sherry/Port/Gin/Whisky/Brandy

Or send stamp for Gift

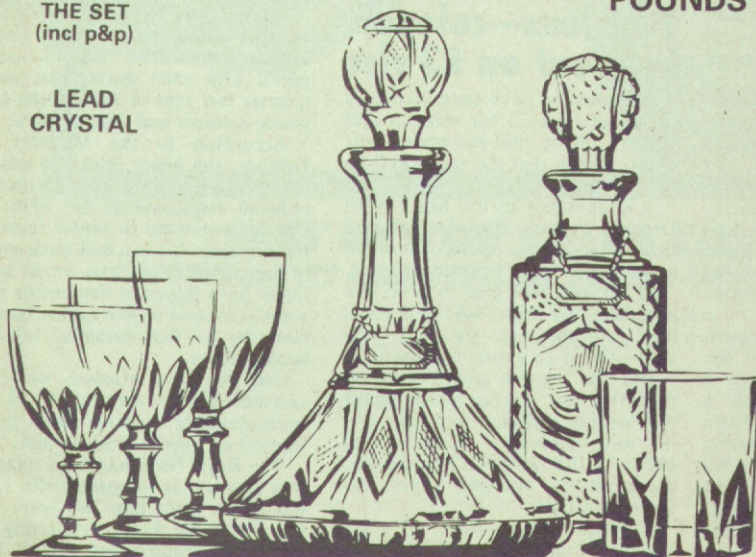
Catalogue

Name/address/cheque/PO

to:

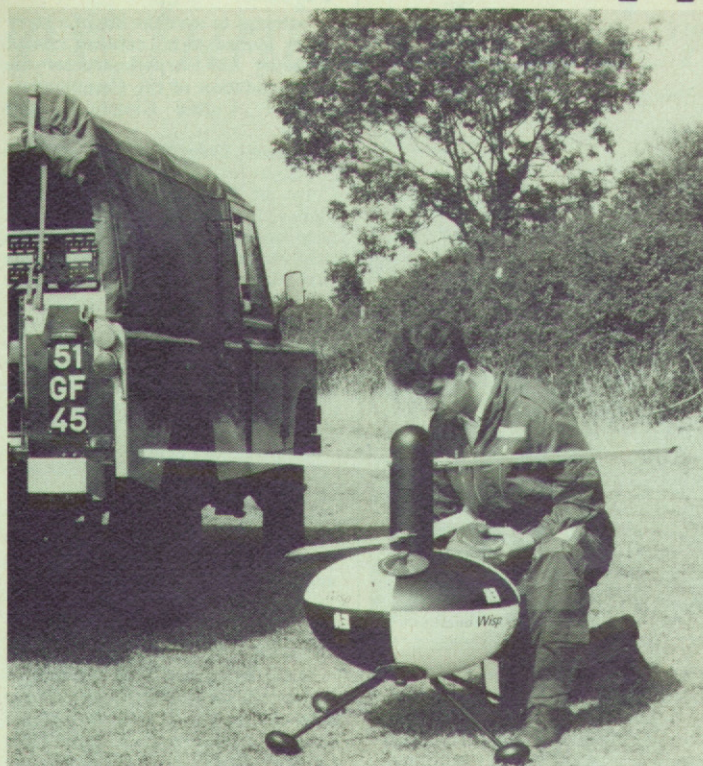
**HAMPTON CRYSTAL  
COMPANY**

Dept S, 73 Station Road,  
Hampton, Middlesex TW12  
2BJ





# Spy in the sky steals the show



Farnborough International Air Show was stolen by one of the tiniest flying exhibits ever — a Westland remotely piloted helicopter, the Wisp, which could enter service with the Army. The firm has entered into a development contract with the Ministry of Defence.

Wisp, a hush-hush "spy-in-the-sky" concept designed to observe behind enemy lines, has already been undergoing trials at Larkhill. But it came as a complete shock to the trade and Press when it was unveiled at Farnborough.

Looking like some science fiction space-craft, Wisp has a five-foot span co-axial rotor system and an egg-shaped body two feet wide and 16 inches deep. It has a fixed four-legged undercarriage and is powered by two small piston engines. Spokesmen for the Yeovil helicopter firm were tight-lipped about revealing any further details of the craft but were clearly delighted with the impact of the new machine.

Westland began work on the project as far back as 1968 and experimental work began in 1972. Much of the ground work had been completed by 1974 and flight development was undertaken last year.

Wisp can undertake a variety of

military roles including reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and fire control. It has possible civilian application for traffic control and even fire fighting.

## Contract

The contracts won by Westland with MoD were in competition with Shorts — who make a turbine vectored thrust machine, Skyspy — and Canadair. Wisp is a long way from series production but some reports suggest that it might be in service within five years if all goes well.

There is Army interest too in another Farnborough exhibit, the Euromissile anti-tank system Milan which is to be taken into service. Troops in Germany have recently been exercising with simulators.

## Infantry

Milan is a light system designed for infantry use. The missile is directly fired from a tubular container which is also for transport and storage. The firing unit comprises the firing control system and remote wire-guidance mechanism. The weapon is in service with the French and German force.

In the air there was little new in the winged support world for the soldier to see. Tornado — the multi-role combat aircraft — gave an impressive display of its swing-wing capabilities and Westland's other worthy contributions from the full-sized helicopter world were there to bob and dance before the stands.

Jaguar was put through its paces and the ever-popular Harrier gave an astounding vertical take-off and landing display by imitating a rocket. A variety of military transports on show, mostly from across the Atlantic. The show-stealer here was the Canadian de Havilland Buffalo with as short a take off and landing as anything comparable at Farnborough.

Among the American exhibits was the top-secret twin-tailed Grumman F-14A Tom Cat, the same type of aircraft which toppled into the sea from a carrier on exercise off the north of Scotland.



Jaguar comes in to land.

## T-Shirts

SHORT SLEEVED



## EXCLUSIVE

Promote your Unit/Club with Shirts designed to your Personal Requirements

**Free Art Service**  
**Top Class Merchandise**  
**Minimum Order Only 3 Dozen**

## Sweat Shirts

LONG SLEEVED

- \* Heavyweight - Fleecy Lined
- \* Ideal Casual or Sportswear

**NEW**



Write or Phone for Brochure to **MILLSHORE DESIGNS LTD.**

**38/42 Meyrick Road, London, NW10 2EJ 01-459 0697**



# Above the Arctic Circle

An 18-man team from the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, has completed a 270-mile trek across the Arctic north of Norway and Sweden.

Called Exercise Northern Lights, the walk was planned to show up leadership and self-reliance among the 17-year-olds of Ironside Troop, 39 Battery. As a direct contrast to the almost tropical conditions they left behind in Warwickshire, the lads walked and camped in almost constant rain and wind in temperatures which compared with a British winter.

Each lad took a turn leading the party by map and compass through the desolate and mountainous country between Abisko in north Sweden and Fauske, above the Arctic Circle, in Norway. Only two remote roads came close to the route, and the team bought food at isolated Lapp settlements along the way.

On the upper slopes, the team plodded through icy mountain streams and, in places, thick falls of snow. Sweden's highest mountain, Kebnekaise, was five miles off their route. In the valley bottoms, mosquitoes swarmed.

Leader of the three-week trip was Lieutenant Freddie Wiggers (25) who said "No-one thought this would be an easy exercise but we took every sensible precaution and trained hard for the walking. Each man carried emergency rations and a first-aid kit, ropes and survival bags just in case."

The regiment is based at Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote.

Picture shows Lieutenant Wiggers leading the way up an icy stream.



## Fire fizzles out

(continued from News 1)

Once again the call was for troops to reinforce the depot's own resources of soldiers and civilians and the 200 firemen who brought 29 fire engines to the scene. Altogether 220 soldiers were mustered, including men of the 14th/20 King's Hussars from Bovington, 30 Signal Regiment from Blandford, 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, and 3rd Division Airhead Ordnance Company RAOC from Salisbury Plain, while 7 Regiment, Army Corps, sent a helicopter.

More than 250 soldiers in Wales helped hard-pressed firemen tackle at least four major heathland and forest fires in the Principality before the Bank Holiday rain dampened the danger.

The greatest number came from the Depot, Prince of Wales Division, Crickhowell, which provided some 30 men a day for over a week on Bloreng mountain, near Blaenavon, where seven weeks of fire had burned deep into parched peat. Territorials from 104 Light Air Defence Regiment (V) also helped at weekends.

To mid-Wales the Crickhowell depot sent men to help fight the massive fire which threatened thousands of acres of the Radnor Forest. Volunteers of 3rd Battalion

(V), The Royal Regiment of Wales, from Cardiff, also turned out.

But it was in North Wales that most men were involved. For several days men from 52 Port Squadron RCT, Marchwood, in camp at Capel Curig in Snowdonia, found that for them adventure training meant fire-fighting high in the mountains. Help here to hard-pressed firemen and forestry workers took the form of communications and transport as well as actually fighting the flames. More than 150 volunteer soldiers joined in on Bank Holiday weekend.

Leave for Regular soldiers was cancelled three weekends running while volunteer units were placed on standby and in many cases relieved tired Regular troops.

Troops backed-up fire services in West Midlands District where the two most serious blazes were in Staffordshire and eventually led to county authorities declaring a state of emergency.

On 16 August the Prince of Wales's Division Depot at Lichfield rushed 150 young soldiers to Hopwas Hay Wood, about a mile east of the depot. Three hours of hard work had the fire apparently under control and the troops were withdrawn except for a 30-man night picket. But the blaze had eaten down to peat beds beneath the foliage and flared up again the following day.

## Rescue bid fails

An attempt to save the life of a lorry driver pinned in his cab has earned an Army Air Corps instructor the Commendation of the Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces.

Sergeant Colin Westcott, who was attached to the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington, and another soldier, were travelling along a road near Sennybridge in Wales when they found the 20-ton lorry on its side with the driver trapped inside with head and leg injuries.

Sergeant Westcott gave first aid, supervised the cutting free of the driver with a farmer's power saw and travelled with the ambulance to hospital, giving the kiss of life on the way.

Despite Sergeant Westcott's efforts, the driver died, but the jury at the inquest which followed, praised his attempts to save the man's life, and the commendation he was given recognised his "unselfish and courageous action."

Staffordshire Fire Brigade requested an Army bulldozer to help clear a fire-break through the scrub and this was rushed from the Central Engineer Park at Long Marston, Warwickshire.

The Hopwas fire continued to draw troops until the Bank Holiday rains came, the last fire-fighters not being stood down until the 30th.

Another beauty-spot, Haughmond Hill near Shrewsbury, was ablaze on the 17th and 40 men from the Light Infantry Depot in Shrewsbury helped out in a five-hour battle until midnight.

By the 18th, the Hopwas Wood fire-fighters were working a shift system as the peat beds continued to smoulder and burst into flame.

On the 22nd, 14 Signal Regiment from Norton Barracks, Worcester, sent 40 soldiers to help deal with a blaze at the edge of the Bewdley-Kidderminster Safari Park, attracting some curious gnus which ambled through their ranks.

Staffordshire authorities declared a state of emergency on 26 August when fire took a massive hold on Cannock Chase. About 50 soldiers from Long Marston, Donnington and Central Ammunition Depot, Kineton, joined 140 men from RAF Cosford and RAF Stafford backing up the fire brigade.

The Cannock fire-fighters were not stood down completely until 30 August.

## Top Comcen unit

For the second time in succession the Sennelager Comcen Detachment of 4 Squadron, 16 Signal Regiment, has won the coveted Defence Communication (Teleprinter) Network 'Gold Comstar' award for its speed and accuracy.

The (COMMendation for Signals Transmitted Accurately and Rapidly) was presented to the NCO in charge of the detachment, Corporal Peter Hall, by the Chief Signals Officer BAOR, Major-General John Sturge.

It is the detachment's fourth COMSTAR achievement — it won bronze awards in 1973 and 1975.

## PROTECT YOUR WATCH

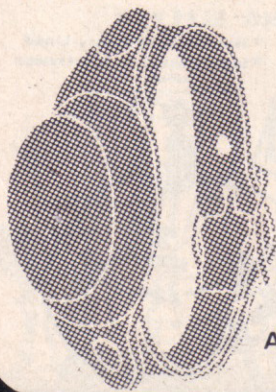
with the **PROTO**

Heavy duty leather watch straps with watch face protective cover in black or brown.

**£1.25 inc p&p**

APPLECART INVESTMENTS(B)

69 South End Croydon CR0 1BF  
01-681 3177



## EMBROIDERED BLAZER BADGES

in Wire or Silk, any design

WOVEN MOTIF CLUB TIES  
a speciality

Handpainted

WALL PLAQUES

Prices from £4.30

Packing and postage to U.K. address 25p extra



SEND S.A.E. FOR ILLUSTRATED BROCHURE

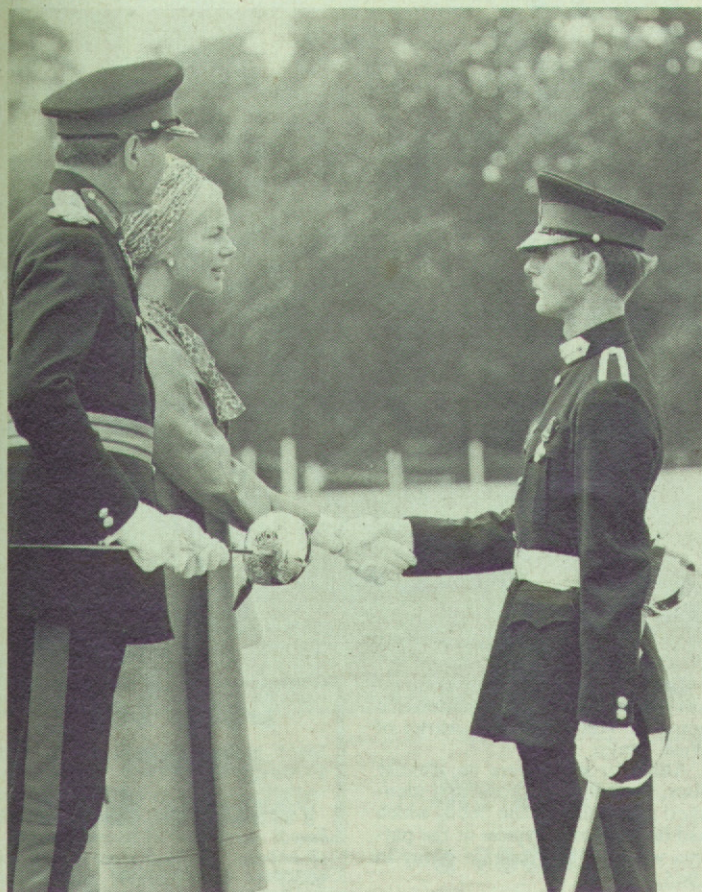
**GREENBURGH (Gosport) Ltd.**

Tel. 81804

47, HIGH STREET, GOSPORT, HANTS.



# Top honour for ex-Junior Leader



An ex-junior leader has been awarded the Royal Military Academy's highest honour.

Senior Under-Officer David Simpson, who joined the Royal Armoured Corps as a junior leader in 1962, was presented with the Sword of Honour, awarded to the cadet judged the best of his intake. The presentation (above) was made by the Duchess of Kent at August's Sandhurst passing-out parade.

David Simpson (30) is married with two children. Before going to Sandhurst he was a staff-sergeant with the 17th/21st Lancers; after commissioning he will stay on for a Regular career course.

The Duchess reviewed nearly 430 men on parade and saw the old tradition revived of handing over the King George V banner to the champion platoon.

## Jubilee parade

For Staff-Sergeant Alan Lewis (right), bass drummer in the Royal Military Academy Band, this was also a special parade.

It was his fiftieth Sovereign's Parade and on it he was presented with the British Empire Medal by the Duchess of Kent.

Staff-Sergeant Lewis enlisted as a band boy in The King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1943. After ten years' service he transferred to the RMA Band Corps.

For the past 20 years he has been parade bass drummer and also plays the oboe in the concert band and orchestra. He has been the band music librarian for 18 years and is recognised throughout the Army as one of the leading authorities on band music.

## Family

He was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal in 1974 and now the BEM makes him the

third member of his family to be awarded the medal. Both his father-in-law and brother-in-law hold it.

Corporal Bill Thain was awarded the Long Service Good Conduct Medal. He and Staff Lewis have been instrumental in building up a music library at the academy.

Musician Brian McGrath was also presented with a Long Service Good Conduct medal and Mr Douglas Coombes, mess supervisor, with the BEM. Mr Coombes was a groundsman at Sandhurst before the war and returned as a batman, after service in the Royal Navy, before taking on the mess supervisor job.

## Killer Whirlpool

An eight-man Kenyan British expedition, led by Captain Paul Turner of The Queen's Own Hussars, had a lucky escape when one of its boats capsized in rapids.

The accident happened on the River Tana in Kenya and all the men escaped with cuts and bruises.

According to a report from base camp, one of the men, Mr Christopher Portway from Brighton, was hurled from the boat and dragged down by a whirlpool but managed to swim ashore. Then, at the next set of rapids, another boat capsized spilling out Mr Portway and Captain Turner. Two other occupants of the boat managed to cling on and bring it into the bank.

# What a great holiday!

A party of 25 mentally and physically handicapped children aged between eight and 15 enjoyed a fortnight's holiday recently with the Infantry Junior Leaders' Battalion at Shorncliffe.

The holiday was made possible by the ladies of the Guild of St Helena, a Service charity founded in 1875. They financed the holiday and the Service Children's Education Authority arranged it.

Launched by the Guild last year to celebrate its centenary, the holiday scheme was such a success that it has now become an annual event.

This year's party consisted of 18 boys and seven girls. The children's parents are all Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force personnel or civilians working with the Services, and the Guild is run mainly by Service or ex-Service wives.

Highlight of the programme was a day trip across the Channel with a picnic in France. There were also outings to Canterbury Cathedral,

Margate and Folkestone. And the children spent a day with the Navy at Portsmouth, visiting Nelson's flagship HMS Victory and the missile destroyer HMS London.

Activities at Shorncliffe included riding, swimming in the Olympic-size pool, use of the gymnasium and indoor games.

The Guild's assistance was not limited to financial support. Two of its members stayed at Shorncliffe too — Mrs Joy Allen, wife of a Royal Artillery major at Woolwich, and Mrs Nan Shaw, whose husband is a lance-corporal in the Royal Signals at Tidworth.

Other helpers included Private Tony Nuttall, Royal Army Medical Corps, and his wife, who gave up their leave to be there. Private Nuttall works at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

In overall charge of the proceedings was Major Bill Lynam of the Service Children's Education Authority, assisted by his wife.



## Fantastic FUND RAISERS

Raise money for your club, charity or organisation

**GOOD PRIZES, GOOD PROFITS**

**INSTANT PAYOUT — NO WAITING**

Write or phone for new **FREE BROCHURES** and samples of our established range of over 20 different types of tickets selling at 5p & 10p. Pontoon, Super Pontoon, Green Shield Stamps Pontoon, Bandit, Jackpots, 13 Football Results, Poker, Mini Bingo, Beer, Lucky 7, Tenner Bingo, Winning Post and Six Shot Bandit.

Gross profits from £25 to £81 per set.

Guarantee: All sets of tickets are guaranteed to contain the appropriate quantity of winners

**LAKELAND INVESTMENTS**

THE DISTRIBUTORS & WHOLESALE

DEPT SO 5-7 NEW YORK ROAD, LEEDS LS2 7PL

Tel: Leeds 34230 Answering Service when closed

Leeds (0532) 706821



**trans euro**

**For specialist door to door household removals throughout Europe. Regular groupage services**

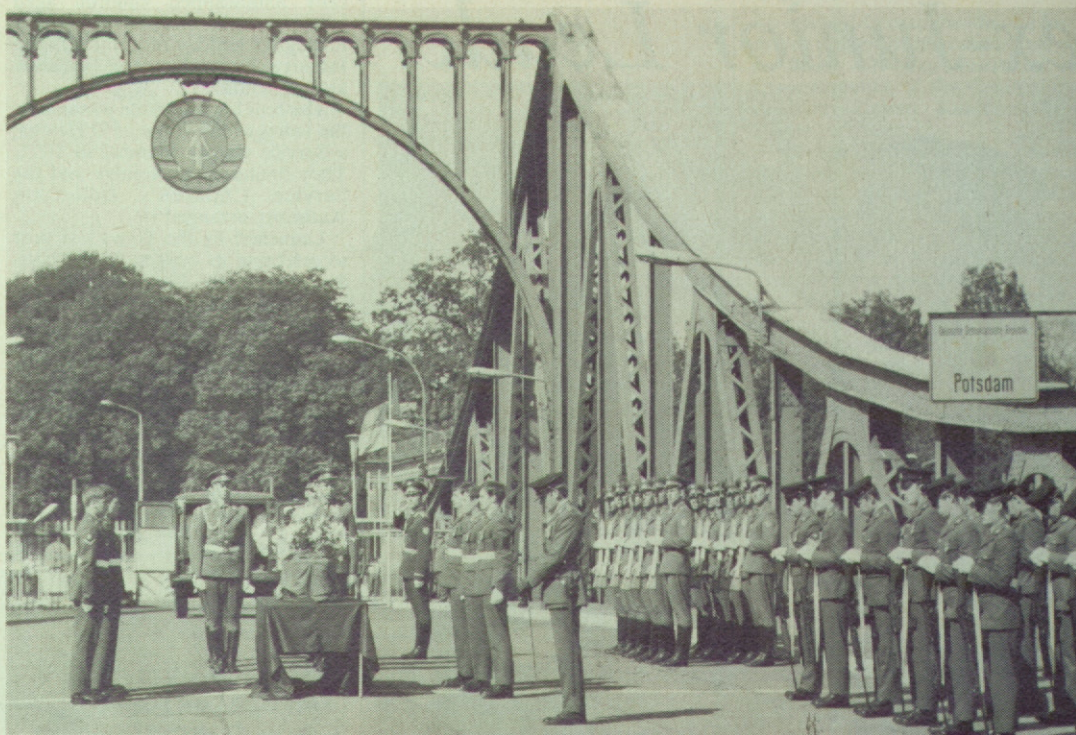
TRANS EURO  
ROAD SERVICES LTD  
Second Way, Wembley, Middlesex  
Tel: 01 903 6731 Telex: 923368

**Sunspel**

uniquely comfortable  
100% cotton  
**BUTTON FRONTED UNDERSHORTS**  
Sizes 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42", 44", 46".  
WHITE OR BLUE  
Elastic insert on sides  
**ONLY £2.50 ea. POST FREE**  
Money refunded if not completely satisfied

Send your remittance stating size and colour to:-  
Dept 4, Sunspel Boxer Ltd.,  
Granville House, Canal St, Notts.  
FOR IMMEDIATE DESPATCH

# Unknown soldier goes home



The body of a Russian soldier who died in 1945 during the battle for Berlin was handed over to the Soviet Army during a short ceremony at the city's Glienicker Bridge.

The 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, provided the bearer party and formed a guard commanded by Captain Richard Dannatt.

The body was found by contractors working in the front garden of a house in Wilmsdorf, a district of West Berlin.

Although there were no identity discs, the body was positively identified as Russian by the boots, which had linen uppers, typical of the pattern worn by the Russian Army in 1945.

## Deep sea gunner rescues diver

Calmness, self-discipline and personal courage deep beneath the sea has earned a commendation from the Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces, for Gunner Barry Lockley.

Barry, of 32 Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, stationed at Wing Barracks, Bulford, at the time, earned his commendation while diving on a wreck believed to be lying at about 120 feet just off Marseilles.

The team included a civilian who was less experienced than the other two team members. When they arrived at the sea-bed, the depth was found to be 135 feet.

The civilian grew apprehensive as he knew this depth was beyond his experience and, as he was getting short of air, he started a controlled ascent ahead of the other two.

At 110 feet, however, he ran out of air and hurriedly swam down to the others, indicating his difficulty.

### Hazardous

"Without hesitation," Gunner Lockley gave the man his own demand valve. But the man began to panic and "finned" urgently to the surface — an extremely hazardous operation.

"Gunner Lockley, showing great calmness and discipline," says the Commendation, "and at great risk to himself, ascended with him so that the civilian could continue to use Lockley's valve."

"Twice during the ascent Lockley took the valve in order to breathe and then gave it back, all the time trying to calm him and slow down the rate of ascent."

"When they reached the surface, the civilian began hysterically to scream and thrash about. Gunner Lockley calmly turned him on his back and towed him to the rescue launch."

## MILITARY BOOKS



**Small Wars** — Their Principles and Practice  
by C. E. Callwell

Now reprinted (from the final edition of 1906) is this extremely rare manual of military warfare. The military problems of small wars have for long been neglected and this book will be particularly welcomed by the military historian and wargamer. **£8.50**

**Wellington's Men** edited by W. H. Fitchett

This volume contains a selection of soldierly autobiographies and presents a picture of famous battles as seen by the men who actually fought in them. A valuable work for the historian and general reader alike. **£5.50**

EP Publishing Limited, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF3 2JN

### WE DESPATCH XMAS GIFTS

to any U.K. address.  
Send for brochure of Food Hampers:—

**Ferndale Gifts Ltd.,**  
4 The Fairway,  
Huddersfield, HD2 2HU.

### COMBINED SERVICES WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE (RC)

1400 23 October 1976

Families welcome  
Details: DCI (Gen) J 62/76

### BAGPIPE OR BRASS BAND INSTRUMENTS AND ANYTHING IN UNIFORM NEEDS OR EMBROIDERED REGALIA

#### Competitive Rates

Write for free catalogue to

**GEOFFREY ENTERPRISES,**  
RAILWAY ROAD,  
SIALKOT PAKISTAN

### GOC II

on 1946 Austin 10.

(60,000 miles from new, sun-roof, opening screen, hand book and tools).

**£800 o.n.o.**

Tel. 021-472 4859



# The mercy team



Men of 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry, hurriedly unload emergency supplies after the Philippine earthquake disaster.

A Hercules of 70 Squadron, Royal Air Force, on a training mission in the Pacific, was diverted to Hong Kong to collect supplies donated by the British and Hong Kong governments and deliver them to Manila Airport in the Philippines.

The relief stores, which included medical supplies, blankets, tents and a water purification plant, were needed to help alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake and the subsequent massive tidal wave which struck the Philippine island of Mindanao in August. They were drawn from emergency stocks held in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Government and the British military forces stationed there.

The British soldiers, whose battalion is stationed in Hong Kong, joined the aircraft to help in the loading and unloading of the supplies. Unloading with them are men of the Philippine armed forces.

## Tattoo scrubbed next year

Defence cuts and manpower reductions have meant that there will be no Tidworth Tattoo next year.

Major-General Bob Lyon, GOC South West District, said he had taken the decision very reluctantly knowing how popular the tattoo has become.

As a result of manpower reductions and a major reorganisation, stemming from cuts in defence spending announced both last year and more recently, he said, the Army finds itself fully extended in meeting all its present operational and training commitments.

It is hoped to stage the tattoo again in 1978.

About 40,000 people saw it this year, and it has raised large sums for Service charities.



IN PARLIAMENT

## Chaplains are blessed by staying single

A bid by a member of Parliament to get the chaplaincy departments of the three Services combined has been turned down.

Farnworth's MP, Mr John Roper, raised the matter in a Parliamentary question time but was told each Service had been found to need its own chaplain's department to cater for its different role. Answering Mr Roper, Dr Patrick Duffy, Under-Secretary of State for the Navy, added that integration had been considered last year.

In another question, Mr Roper asked about the courses run for non-chaplains at the Army Chaplain's Department Centre at Bagshot and for how long it was not used for courses.

He was told the centre was used for character training courses for officers, non-commissioned officers, other ranks, junior soldiers and the Women's Services, plus courses in marriage guidance; for lay readers and ordinands; the Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers Scripture Association and theological students' courses.

The centre was not open for courses for just 51 days in the year.

□ □ □ □

Estimated cost of centralising the Army's wheeled vehicle driver training in Yorkshire at Leconfield and Driffield was in the order of £1,000,000, Mr Robert Brown, Under-Secretary of State for the Army, told Mr Tom King (Conservative, Bridgwater), Mr Brown added that the move from the present locations would achieve a capital saving of at least £9,000,000, together with continued savings in manpower and running costs and greater efficiency.

Sir John Rodgers (Conservative, Sevenoaks) asked what were the

reasons for moving the Royal Artillery Manning and Records Office to York after a link with Woolwich since 1862. Mr Brown said the lease of the office at Footscray expired in 1980 and it was proposed to move to York in 1978 as part of the Army's plans to relocate the Army's manning and records offices and regimental pay offices on four sites. The whole reorganisation was expected to achieve substantial savings in running costs and greater efficiency and was currently the subject of consultations with the departmental staff side and trade unions.

□ □ □ □

A new anti-flame, anti-burn aerosol issued to some Israeli armoured units is not to be used by the British Army, it was revealed in Parliament.

Answering a question from Aldershot's MP, Mr Julian Critchley, on the possibility of introducing the new aerosols, Mr Brown said: "We prefer to rely on established techniques."

He explained that these included both automatic and manual fire extinguishers and water-jacketed containers for shell charges.

Mr Brown concluded: "We are carrying out trials of fire-resistant clothing and any new prospects of technological improvement are carefully explored."

□ □ □ □


So far this year in Northern Ireland some 600 people had been arrested and charged with terrorist activity, Mr Brown told Mr John Biggs-Davison (Conservative, Epping Forest). He added that there had been a number of good finds of terrorists' arms, ammunition and explosives material.

### My oath, a record breaker!


So far as the Army is concerned, Leicester must be a record breaker, because in August no fewer than 100 boys between the ages of 16 and 17 formally took the oath of allegiance in one mass ceremony.

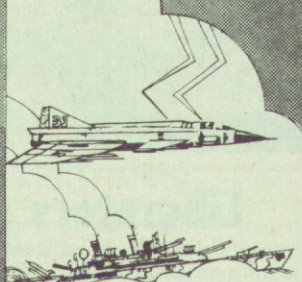
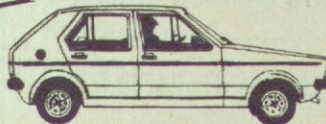
The new recruits were sworn in at the Grand Hotel by Lieutenant-Colonel H S Allwright, commanding 16 Signal Regiment at Kraefeld, Leicester's German twin town.


It is thought that this was the largest number of recruits sworn in at a single ceremony.



## HOW DO YOU GET TO WORK?






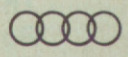
## GO BY WALTON

PART OF THE WEIR LODGE GROUP

**TAX FREE OR TAX PAID**  
you can be sure of the keenest prices from us — and we part exchange — write to Doreen Winter for further information.

name \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
home ☐ export ☐ used ☒

Walton Lodge Garage,  
Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames,  
Surrey. Tel: 42881



# Defence cuts drop RAOC units

Defence cuts have struck again. This time it was the turn of two relatively new units of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps to feel the knife.

Coincidentally both units, 16 Parachute Heavy Drop Company and the Training Battalion, RAOC, both held their final parades on the same day, Wednesday 1 September, the Heavy Drop Company at Hullavington and the Training Battalion at Blackdown Barracks, Deepcut.

The company was formed in 1961 at Watchfield, near Swindon, and since 1972 had been at RAF Hullavington, near Chippenham.

As part of 16th Parachute Brigade the company's role was to drop guns, vehicles and equipment in support of the paras on opera-

tions; its men were specialists in the art of preparing platform-mounted loads and then stowing them in RAF Hercules aircraft for aerial delivery.

The 90 men of the company are being posted to other units of the RAOC.

An aerial delivery role in the Army is retained by 47 Air Despatch Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, at Lyneham.

Fifty men of 16 Company were on parade under the command of Major David Nisbet. This number was doubled by the presence of

former members of the company invited to march in the disbandment parade.

The band and drums of 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, from Aldershot, played for the parade.

General Sir Roland Gibbs, who has just taken over the appointment of Chief of the General Staff and is Colonel Commandant of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces, watched the parade. The salute was taken by Major-General Norman Speller, Director of Ordnance Services.

A freefall parachute display was given by four past members of the unit led by a former officer commanding, Major Jim Steel. During their descent they passed from hand to hand a baton which Major Steel presented to General Speller.

The company marched off in slow time to the strains of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

## Merged unit only three years old

One of the shortest-lived units in the Army must be Training Battalion, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. It was formed in 1973 and last month was amalgamated with the corps regimental depot.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jeffrey Morton commanded the Training Battalion and is now in charge of the RAOC Employment Training School. The school teaches basic skills to would-be storemen, printers, tailors, clerks and textile refitters.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Grant, who commanded the regimental depot, goes to the new Training Battalion and Depot.



Above: Major-General Speller takes the salute as company ex-members march past.

Below: Lieutenant-Colonel Morton (left) receives a scroll bearing the names of the permanent staff of the Training Battalion from Lieutenant-Colonel Grant.



## THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SCHOOLS

offer Scottish servicemen a stable educational environment with a homely atmosphere for their children age 3½ to 16, boys and girls.

### LINK WITH SERVICES

The Royal Caledonian Schools founded in 1815 and since then closely linked with the Services provide accommodation including a modern Nursery Unit for 150 boys and girls who are educated at local schools.

### SPECIAL TUTORIAL SERVICES

A special feature of the Schools is the tutorial service provided in the evenings by the staff who are fully qualified teachers and this greatly helps children who have suffered educationally through attending different schools in a short period of time as a result of their fathers' postings.

### FEES

There are a number of vacancies at present for all ages. Fees are on a scale to meet the financial circumstances of the parents. MoD allowances at Boarding School rate apply to children of school age.

Application form and further details available from:

**The Chief Executive,  
Royal Caledonian Schools,  
Bushey, Hertfordshire, WD2 3TG**

## Liberators return to Paris

Mothballs were dusted off some of the few remaining working vehicles used in the liberation of France for a nostalgic return visit.

About 100 World War Two vehicles assembled at Southampton to cross the Channel at the beginning of a 550-mile tour of the allied lines.

Part of the Military Vehicle Conservation Group, the convoy picked up about 70 more vehicles en route.

The convoy saw the site where the 43rd (Wessex) Division threw Bailey bridges David and Goliath

across the Seine in record time and the war room at Rheims where the final surrender was signed.

World War One was not forgotten either. The convoy visited Compiègne and took part in a special ceremony to mark the occasion.

The highlight of the tour was a drive down the Champs Elysées by the massed convoy on 25 August — the 32nd anniversary of the liberation of Paris. Afterwards eight DUKW amphibians gave a demonstration in the Seine.



# Marie is 'lionised'



Marie Claire Yoward well remembers the day that Corporal Dan MacKinnon dropped in.

For 22-year-old Dan, of The Royal Scots, is chief parachuting instructor to the Golden Lions, the Scottish Division freefall team and, when he dropped at the Lord Mayor's Gala in York, Marie Claire ran into the landing arena — just in time for Dan to land on top of her.

She was kept in hospital overnight for observation after being slightly concussed and released the following day, but even so Dan felt upset about the incident and, with the co-operation of York recruiting office, arranged to go along to Marie Claire's school, Poppleton Road Infants, for morning assembly and give her a suitable memento.

Cpl MacKinnon came from the Golden Lions' base at the Scottish Division Depot, Glencorse, with a talking toy lion and his parachuting equipment to make the presentation.

This was a double thrill for Marie Claire because the presentation was made on her seventh birthday.

Altogether the visit was a roaring success, said Major Ian Frier, Army Careers Office, afterwards: "The only foreseeable drawback is that next time we have any military parachute teams dropping in on York, 150 small children may try to get in the way!"

## Safari training

Between January and April next year three company groups of infantry will train for four weeks each in The Gambia in West Africa — a new overseas training outlet which is helping to offset the continued confinement of training in Cyprus to the sovereign base area. Each exercise will involve 120 infantrymen and 30 sappers and in the first six months of 1978 it is hoped to increase the number of exercises to five company groups.\* (DAT)

## Good day says Herr Niedrich

At least one citizen in West Berlin seems to appreciate the daily intelligence trips by 7 Flight, Army Air Corps, over the 34-mile Wall surrounding the city.

Every day the Army pilots stationed at RAF Gatow fly their Sioux helicopters over the small house belonging to industrial merchant Detlef Niedrich, and they are saluted with the sign 'Good Day' which he has had painted in large white letters on the roof.

Most of the pilots receive only complaints about the inevitable noise of their machines, but they recall the words of District Mayor Dr Kleusberg: "As long as you continue to be noisy above our heads we will be safe down here."

Herr Niedrich bought the house last Spring. When repairing the roof he discovered the faint letters on the black tar. He does not know which of the previous owners had written them there.

Without thinking twice, he fetched a bucket of paint and repainted the words so that now they can be clearly distinguished from the air.

## How interesting

The interest rate on HM Forces Savings Committee Premium Savings Bond Scheme has been raised from 5½ per cent to 5¾ per cent a year. The value of the top monthly prize will be increased from £75,000 to £100,000 and there will be some adjustment in the number of £50 and £25 prizes.

# OMEGA

WITH FREE CREDIT FROM

# PRESTONS

SAVES UP TO 20% ON USUAL CREDIT TERMS!

Fact! Prestons of Bolton give you free credit to own the precision and prestige of Omega — with free, insured, fast delivery from stock. Huge selection of chronometers, dress, quartz digital, ladies models from the guaranteed Omega range. Yes — Omega ownership is yours from only £6.25 deposit and nine equal payments over 38 weeks.

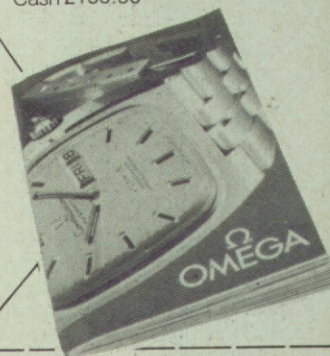


ST1980030

**ELECTRONIC F300** chronometer individually checked by Swiss Institute. Stainless steel, water resistant, calendar model with handsome bracelet. £9.70 dep. followed by 9 equal instalments of £9.70 over 38 weeks. Cash £97.00.

**ST1880002 SPEEDSONIC F300** in stainless steel. Electro-chronometric accuracy, day/date, stop watch, tachymeter, Second/minute/hour totalisator. Water resistant to 60 metres. Developed from Omega's moonshot watches, £19.05 dep. followed by 9 equal instalments of £19.95 over 38 weeks. Cash £199.50

AN OMEGA for everyone in your **FREE** 50 PAGE COLOUR BROCHURE



Please send me **Omega ST1980030** ☐  
Please send me **Omega ST1880002** ☐  
Please send me Omega Catalogue ☐

for which I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_  
as 1/10th deposit, or cash.

Mr/Mrs/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SO/D10

**PRESTONS**  
TIMER DIVISION

Post to Prestons Timer Division, Capitol House, Churchgate, Bolton BL1 1LY. Tel 0204-25022 & 27035. Registered in England 541349.



# Ardoyne memories....

After six tours in Northern Ireland a unit may be in no mood to remember the place.

Not so 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, which had commissioned two paintings of duty in the Province for its officers mess.

Artist David Shepherd has already visited the battalion at its new location in Berlin to deliver the first of his works. This depicts a routine patrol in the Ardoyne in 1971 and faithfully captures the desolate atmosphere of urban Ireland. The

section commander, Corporal Kevin Chambers, shown clearly in the painting and currently serving in Berlin as a regimental policeman, was one of the first to see the finished work (below).

The second picture will show the battalion in a rural setting during one of its recent operational tours in South Armagh. Prints of the paintings can be obtained from PRI, 1 Green Howards, BFPO 45, at (per print) £5.25 plus 40p for postage and packing.



# NURSES' NEW HOME

Spring next year should see 100 members of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps moving out of their 40-year-old timber huts near the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, into a brand-new hostel.

Two 50-bedroom, two-storey blocks, are being built on the narrow valley site partly occupied by the existing huts, by the Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency.

## Doubles

The bedrooms will be fitted with built-in wardrobes, a dressing table which doubles as a writing desk, and vanity units. Each block will have its own range of ancillary accommodation comprising laundry rooms, kitchenettes (which will allow the nurses to prepare their own snack meals), baggage rooms and other essential accommodation.

A common room and visitors will be housed in a separate single-storey wing next to the main en-

trance. The development has gas-fired central heating and all interiors will be decorated and furnished by PSA Supplies.

The cost of the project is just under £430,000.\* (PSA)

# Silver cuts

One infantry regiment has begun defence cuts of its own... in the hallowed recesses of the regimental silver cabinet.

The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment is to sell some of its silver, considered surplus to its needs, in order to raise the money needed to cover repairs to the remaining silver. At least £7500 is estimated to be the cost of the work over the next five years.

The surplus silver was first offered to past members of the regiment. Written bids were sought and unsold items will be put on the open market.

# A cuckoo way to travel!



**Oil! Who loaded a boat aboard that tank transporter? Men of 19 Tank Transporter Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, that's who!**

And the chaps discussing the route from Salisbury Plain to the RAF Museum in London — destination of the unusual load — are (left to right) Major Chris Mahon (officer commanding), Driver Ian Byers, Lance-Corporal Paul Hettmann and Lieutenant Paul Palmer (transport control officer).

The squadron went to the rescue with its mighty Antar tank transporters after the museum had made an approach with its unusual problem.

Keeper of exhibits Mr R Lee was over the moon when he heard that a rare RAF survival craft not yet in the museum's possession was going begging down at Portland Harbour.

Determined to save it from the scrapyard, Mr Lee stumbled into a problem — how to convey the 12-

ton, 33-foot craft, code-named Cuckoo, from Portland to the museum 120 miles away.

Then he hit on the idea of a tank transporter. The squadron, based at Bulford Camp on Salisbury Plain, agreed to help and, following a reconnaissance at the harbour, dispatched one of its vehicles.

## Eased

The strange, submarine-like craft was eased aboard and started on its painstaking journey via Bulford Camp to London. A week later Major Mahon was at Hendon for the official handing-over ceremony.

Mr Lee is delighted with the Cuckoo, which is believed to be the only survivor of 16 made early in World War Two. Fitted with emergency equipment and rations, the Cuckoos anchored off the South Coast to assist ditched airmen.

# "Civvy-street? Rat-race? They meant the same to me"



Now, working for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. at their Windscale & Calder Works, he has a secure job in one of the most picturesque corners of England.

Set on the beautiful Cumbrian Coast, with the Lake District practically on the doorstep, Windscale offers you a satisfying, well-paid career with unrivalled opportunities for outdoor activities and a terrific social life.

**Make a fresh start — move up to Windscale**

## We now have vacancies for men and women as:

### \* INSTRUMENT MECHANICS

required for a wide range of work covering the maintenance of flow, level and pressure measuring instruments, electronic and nucleonic instruments, and complex pneumatic and electronic control systems and computers.

### \* FITTERS

maintenance fitters, bench fitters and machinists are required for general chemical plant and reactor maintenance work.

\* Rate of pay — £57.70 per 40 hours, 5 day week

\* Good holidays \* Assisted Travel Scheme

\* Contributory Pension Scheme \* Housing at Economic Rate

\* Hostel Accommodation

Write for an application form quoting ref: SEP 7/A Works Labour Manager or ring Seascale 333, Extension 6228 between 8.30 and 4.00 p.m. on any weekday.

**BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LTD BNF**

Windscale and Calder Works, Sellafield, Nr. Seascale, Cumbria

## THORNLOW SCHOOL

Buxton Road, Weymouth, Dorset.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOOLS

Recognised by The Department of Education and Science.

An efficient boys' independent school for day and boarding pupils on the Dorset coast. Junior School from 5 (boarding from 7) and Senior School from 11 to 17. Pupils must satisfy entrance requirement standard. Very good results at G.C.E. Modern classrooms plus carpenters' shop, library, well-equipped science laboratory and large gymnasium. There are seven acres of grounds and sportsfields affording good facilities for Soccer, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics. There is a fencing club with a first class coach and a sailing club owning its own boats. Prospectus from Secretary. (Tel: Weymouth 2977).



## Chevrons Club under new ownership

The Chevrons Club, one of the latest victims of inflation, has been sold to Arabs for £225,000.

The club, in Dorset Square, Marylebone, was founded in 1918 to provide accommodation for non-commissioned officers and had 20,000 members from all three Services, the Commonwealth and Nato.

The Queen was patron of the club.

The doors closed last Spring and Mr Edward Terrell, chairman of the company which ran the institution, said: "We put the premises up for sale freehold and had several offers but this one came out of the blue."

The buildings — magnificent adjoining George III houses — are listed by the Department of the Environment and have accommodation for 100 guests in single and double rooms and dormitories, two bars, games rooms and a sprung-floor ballroom.

### Lord's

The club also owned two more houses at the back and the square garden, once part of the original Lord's cricket ground.

Mr Terrell said that the buyers "from Kuwait" wanted to maintain the building at the highest standard and keep its character although they had not said what its eventual use will be.

The hundreds of shields of units from all over the world which hung round the bar, the signed picture of the Queen and Prince Philip and other mementoes will go to the Union Jack Club, which caters for all ranks.

Chief steward Mr Leslie Williams and his wife Shelagh, secretary, who have served the club for 17 years, have been asked by the buyers to stay.

### Open day

The British Army Training Unit, Suffield, which for the last four years has been using a vast tract of Canadian prairie for tank training, recently showed off its skills to the local Albertans.

The show included freefall parachuting and helicopter displays, an infantry demonstration, artillery firing and Chieftain tank demonstration. Units taking part included men of The Blues and Royals, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, The Royal Irish Rangers and O Battery, Royal Artillery.

# Latest in style, Noddy suits



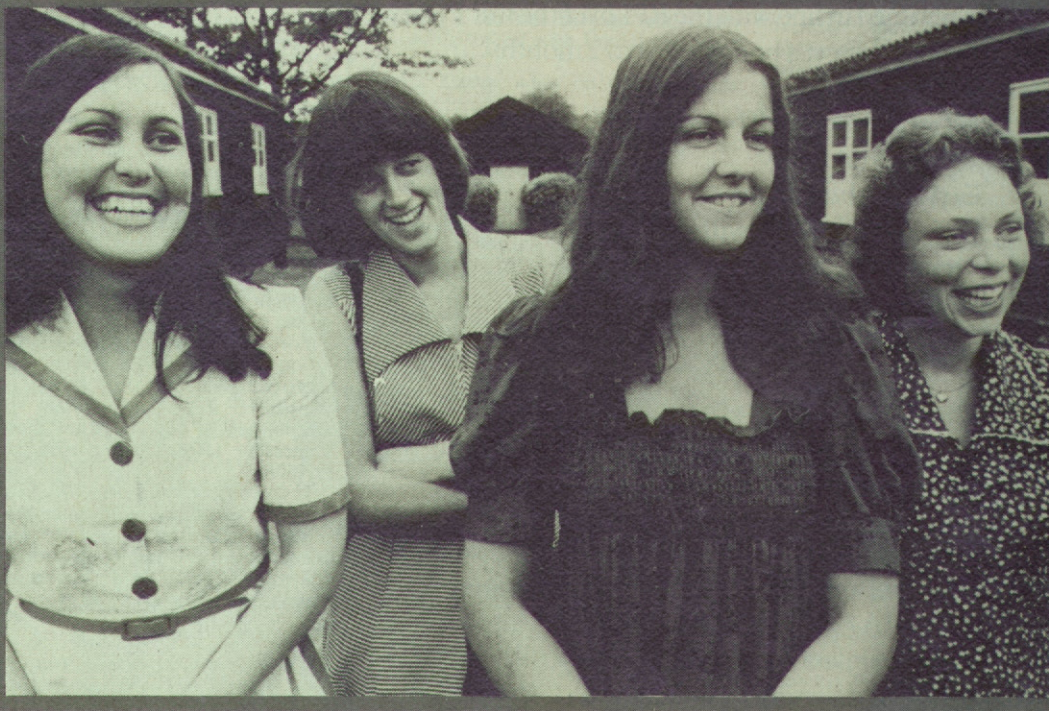
You wouldn't like to bump into this lot on a dark night. Not if you didn't know what was inside those sinister-looking protective suits, that is.

But this squad, looking like something out of 1984, are all young girl students from Birmingham University. Members of the Officers Training Corps, they were wearing the NBC suits for an exercise during their annual camp at Aldershot.

Afterwards they emerged as, from left, students Yvonne Mallaburn (19), Pat Williams (20), Gillian Lawson (20) and Elizabeth Taylor (19).

Birmingham OTC's commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Glanville-Jones, said: "The girls don't do combat tasks, of course, but in their own jobs they can be just as tough and resolute as the men."

But in those 'noddy' suits, nobody knows who's who anyway.

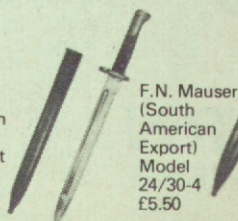


## BAYONET BARGAINS

Send cash/cheque/P.O. with order to:

### THE SUSSEX ARMOURY

DEPT. SDR, 34 NORTH ST · HAILSHAM · SUSSEX



All prices are Post Free and include VAT



# HOW SAYE CAN HELP PRESERVE YOUR STANDARD OF LIVING.

Save As You Earn Third Issue is the one way of saving regularly which guarantees that the money you put away now will buy as much in five or seven years as it does today.

Because the return you receive on your savings is linked directly to the Retail Price Index.

## How RPI Works

Every month the Government collects average prices for such things as food, clothing, rents, transport, heating, tobacco etc. and compares these with the prices of the previous month.

If these prices rise, the RPI will rise. If they fall, so does the RPI.

## Regular Savings

With SAYE you make 60 monthly contributions of any fixed sum you like, in round pounds from £4 to £20.

Having made 60 contributions to your contract, you may withdraw your savings revalued in line with the RPI on the 5th anniversary. Or leave them for a further 2 years. No further contributions are made during this period.

The value of your contract will then remain the same until the 7th anniversary when your contributions will be revalued in line with the RPI over the full 7 years and you will also get a bonus equal to 2 months' contributions.

All repayments will be free of UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

## Early Withdrawals

Should you wish to withdraw your money before completion of the five year term, it will be arranged as quickly as possible and provided your contract is at least one year old, you will receive tax-free interest of 6% p.a.

You can join this scheme by deduction from your service pay. You can also make contributions by bankers order, by cash at a Post Office or FPO or by Giro standing order. Ask at your Pay Office, or write to: The Secretary, HM Forces Savings Committee, Block B, Government Buildings, London Road, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4PX.

It's the painless way of putting away a little cash each month and preserving its value.



## SAVE AS YOU EARN

Your return is linked to the cost of living

Issued by the Department for National Savings London.

# Advice helps a handicap

Recently I visited the Royal Army Educational Corps centre at Eltham Palace in South East London where I saw Major Bill Lynam of the Handicapped Childrens' Branch. He explained to me that this branch is there to help and advise all parents who have handicapped children with either small or major disabilities.

By disabilities he means a delicate child or a child with a more severe handicap such as deafness or who is a spastic.

Major Lynam stresses the importance of the following action being taken by parents in the Army who have a child with a disability. When they have registered their child with the doctor or local authority, ensure that the authority notifies the Service Children Education Authority (SCEA), Special Education Section, Institute of Army Education, Court Road, Eltham, London SE1.

Doctors or parents can write direct to SCEA and all correspondence is treated as confidential.

These points are borne out by Mrs Fielden, from Aldershot Garri-

son, who has three charming daughters, Susan, Helen and Andrea. Andrea is spastic.

## Register

Mrs Fielden urges parents to register with the Schools Branch as so much help and advice is available to parents. She told me that Andrea has been at White Lodge Day Centre since she was two months old and that it is a wonderful place. She said that she had had help and advice over applying for grants, for example the DHSS Attendance Allowance.

Major Lynam gave me other examples of help, such as day and residential allowance, handicapped children's grant, travel and school holiday visits.

## Rowntree

Mrs Fielden was most enthusiastic about the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust as it helped her husband to buy a car to enable them to take Andrea out.

SCEA can put you in touch with all the voluntary and statutory agencies to benefit your children, so do write to them.

The DHSS publishes a free leaflet, 'Help for Handicapped People' (HB1).

## Anne's view

Wherever you are, at home or abroad, this concerns you. The new child benefit starts on 4 April 1977, replacing family allowances.

As from that time, the first child entitles benefit of £1 a week, and £1.50 a week for other children.

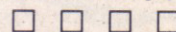
Department of Health and Social Security leaflet CH1(T), available at all Post Offices, has all the information.

All one-child families NOT drawing family allowance should make out their claim as set out in the leaflet; families already drawing family allowance do nothing at this stage.

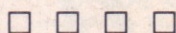
There will be more than 3,000,000 applications so to help the DHSS it is essential to claim at the right time — and this depends on the child's age.

For the 13-19 age group (under 19 on 4 April 1977), claim in September; 8-12 years, claim in October; 2-7 years claim in December, and born after December 1976, claim as soon as possible.

If you miss the right date, claim at once to avoid delay. Remember, birth or adoption certificates are needed to claim, but if you are in doubt contact the local DHSS office, families officer or unit pay office.



You won't believe this! You are now allowed to paint your quarter under Department of the Environment supervision. But please do not rush off and start stripping walls. Full details will be revealed next month.



Now that Christmas once again draws near, I will be making some suggestions for fund raising. If you have any novel ideas, write to me, Anne Armstrong, c/o Soldier, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2DU.

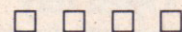
The much-publicised new legislation for the once-and-for-all registration of Service personnel and their wives will not become law in time to affect the next register of electors in 1977.

So if you wish to exercise your right to vote next year it is essential that the householder fills in the registration card sent out recently. And make sure that your name is on the form.

Latest date for completion is 10 October and 15 September for Northern Ireland.

Check at your public library to see if your name is on the electoral roll. If not, ask there how to get it on.

**Families overseas have a special form which should be available in all Army centres. The form, F/Vote/34, registers you as a Service voter while you are abroad.**



It seems that the newspaper idea is catching. Ssaafa News is the bright modern successor to Ssaafa Magazine.

The new eight-page publication has a newspaper layout and covers the whole field of Ssaafa's activities.

The circulation of the newspaper is already five times that of the magazine and growing fast. And at least one copy goes to every unit in the fighting Services.

Individual commands and voluntary Ssaafa committees overseas are also distributing thousands of extra copies. Any Service persons who have not yet seen Ssaafa News and wish to do so should contact their unit commander or write direct to Ssaafa News, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BZ, and ask for a copy to be sent direct.

The first-ever Ssaafa TV appeal has raised more than £3400. The appeal was made by Jack Warner, alias Sergeant Dixon of Dock Green.



There has not been much time for me to receive many comments on our first families page in *Soldier News* because the school holidays were upon us, and I know that most parents were endeavouring to find ways to keep their children occupied and happy.

Unfortunately many of the popular holiday play schemes, which were becoming an established activity with local authorities, had to be curtailed because of the economic climate. However, garrisons and regiments at home and abroad ran schemes, camps and sporting activities organised by enthusiastic volunteers to whom we are all very grateful.

Two excellent articles on the subject of play can be found in the August 1976 edition of *WHICH?* magazine. The first, 'How Safe are Children's Playgrounds,' emphasises the hazards.

I hope that parents and the planners of new Army housing estates will read this article and bear in mind that as many as 150,000 children are treated by doctors or in hospital each year because of accidents in playgrounds.

The second article refers to the *WHICH?* handbook 'Outings and In things for Children,' covering the age group 5-12 years.

The ideas range from activities and games which children can do themselves, how to join holiday play schemes and town trials. Under the heading 'Clubbing Together' explains the well-established activities, how to join and what goes on in various organisations, also a host of ideas on sport, museums, art galleries, and there is plenty for those who enjoy nature and wildlife.

This handbook costs £1.50 if ordered through *WHICH?* or £1.75 if bought at bookstalls. Perhaps wives clubs could buy a copy.

There are worthwhile hints for those overseas too and at least you will be in the picture when you return to the UK.

*Anne Armstrong*

# All in the family with Anne Armstrong

## Fred is part of the family

Cathy Larby likes to live life to the full. Her favourite sport is riding, her squash is improving and she has an active family life.

Her husband Barry, a corporal in the Army Catering Corps, says that just looking after their quarter and their attractive four-year-old daughter Justine, not to mention Bow-wow the dog, would be enough without sports as well.

For Cathy has a kidney complaint which means that on three days a week — for seven hours at a time — she is connected to a kidney machine known to the family as Fred.

Riding is Cathy's main sport and even though her favourite horse Mick the Second once deposited her knee-deep in manure she is an accomplished horse-woman with the RMA Saddle Club.

She also plays squash, managing to break her collar bone during her first game with Barry.

### Strength

"I don't like to be defeated" is the great strength of Cathy's character, for after helping with the children's

holiday swimming she returned to her quarter in Camberley for another seven-hour session with Fred.

For the past four years, Fred the kidney machine, has occupied the second bedroom. He weighs 1½ tons and uses 500 gallons of water a week.

"It looks a very complicated piece of machinery," I remarked to Barry, who is i/c Fred.

"Once I had been taught to manage and control him it was alright," he said.

"It takes about five hours to prepare each time and I must confess that I did not bargain with Cathy going to bed with Fred three nights a week."

"Cathy, what do you do whilst

you are connected to Fred?" I asked.

"Eat! I get very hungry so Barry cooks me two meals. I am allowed 3500 calories a day but I still do not put on any weight. I am terribly lucky — no slimming problems for me."

"This does mean that we don't get away very often, luckily our relations are near, but to go away for a holiday is difficult as the only place with a holiday kidney machine is Bournemouth."

"We try to go away for long weekends. A portable kidney machine costs £3000 and would usually be bought by charities."

### Interest

"I have so much more to live for than just myself. One must have lots of outside interests apart from babies, cooking and cleaning."

"We both enjoy Army life and so try to make the best of all the facilities that are available, but above all I have Barry who would win any Husband of the Year competition!"

"If there are any other Army wives who are renal patients and would like to drop me a line — no medical problems please — write to me c/o Anne Armstrong."

At the end of the year Barry would have been posted to Germany but, because of his wife's treatment, he is now going to Aldershot to the ACC at St Omer Barracks and a married quarter is being prepared to receive Fred.

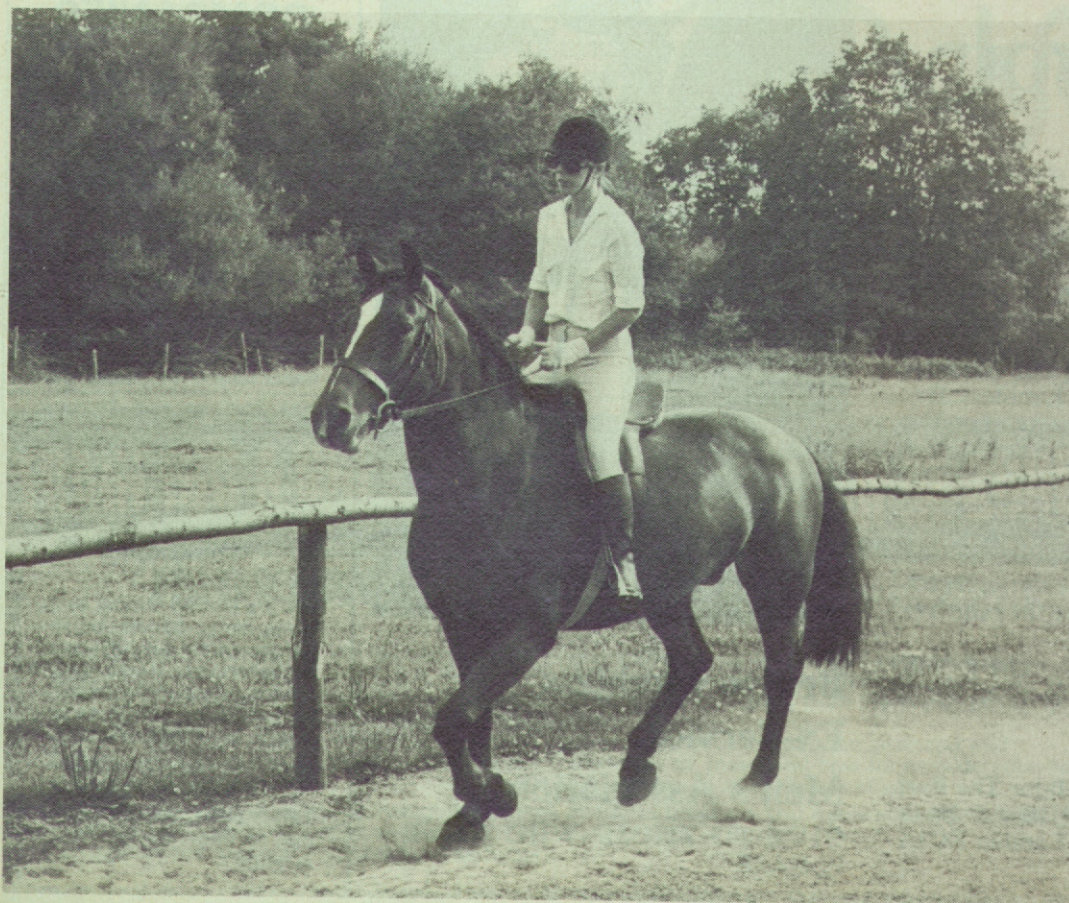
## Brunei House

A substantial donation by the Sultan of Brunei to an Army Benevolent Fund appeal provided most of the money to build a further 'house' for the MacIntyre Schools for the mentally handicapped at Westoning Manor, in Bedfordshire. Brunei House was officially opened on behalf of the Sultan by Sir Dennis White.

MacIntyre Schools, a registered charity, was founded by Kenneth Newton-Wright, a serving officer in the Royal Marines who was made aware of the problem of bringing up his own mentally handicapped child while pursuing a Service career.

The first school, Westoning Manor, opened in 1970 and now houses 48 children. Sixteen beds have been sponsored by Army by charities and St Helena House, largely sponsored by the Guild of St Helena, was opened by Princess Anne in May 1975.

Left: Riding is Cathy's favourite sport.





# Militia stamp 'returned to sender'

The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), which celebrates its 400th anniversary next year of raising a trained band, is up in arms — because the Post Office has refused to issue a commemorative stamp.

Colonel Edward Smeeden, of Ross-on-Wye, honorary colonel of the regiment, wrote a personal letter to Post Office boss Sir William Ryland, asking him to intervene — but without success.

Colonel Smeeden told SOLDIER: "We thought a special stamp would show appreciation for what the Reserve Army does for the country. But the Post Office has already selected its issues for next year."

A Post Office spokesman said that to get into the 1977 special stamp programme an idea would have had to be forwarded to the Post Office by late 1975 or at the very latest early this year.

## Issue

"We very seldom make more than six special issues in a year. Special issues are aimed mainly at the philatelic market and to issue more would probably be to flood the market. And the six selected are from perhaps 100 ideas which have been put forward."

So it looks as though the old campaigners have lost this battle. British stamps next year will commemorate, among others, the Queen's Silver Jubilee and the Centenary of Wimbledon — but not the regimental anniversary.

But the Post Office spokesman held out one ray of hope: "They

could apply through their local head postmaster for a special handstamp to commemorate their 400th anniversary. But again it would be advisable for them to do this as quickly as possible."

# PAT IS THE FIRST

The first commissioned pharmacist to serve with the Royal Army Medical Corps has started her Sandhurst officer training.

Miss Pat Purdy (26) will be the first of seven plus another two who will take over from retiring civilian pharmacists now employed by the Army.

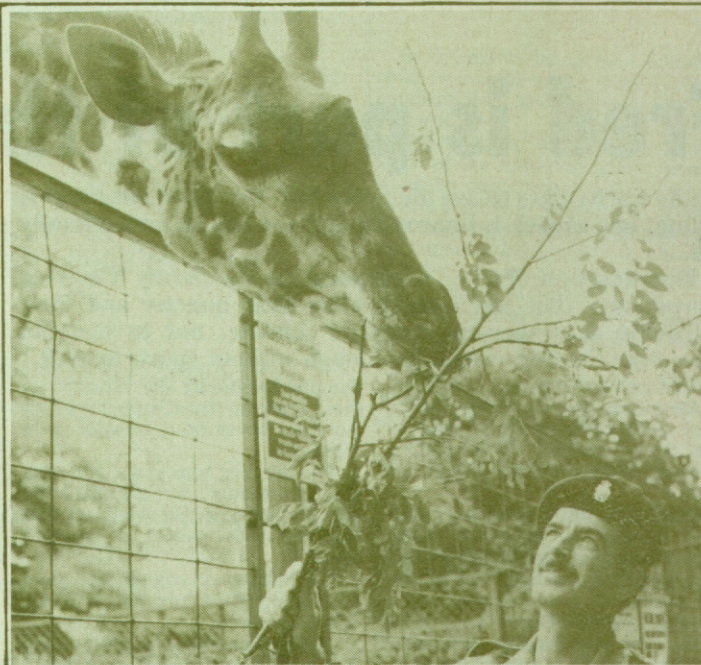
Major John Harvey, who is responsible for the initiation of non-doctor commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps, explained that so far the Army has

employed civilians as pharmacists with trained RAMC dispensers.

"The dispensers will be phased out," he said, "and the pharmacists will accept a greater responsibility in supervising and administering drugs."

"So far we have had well over 30 applicants for this new job, and they are all being considered."

"Some of them will have to go on the waiting list either because they are not yet registered or fully qualified."



## Trees, eating, for the use of....

Supplying anything from paperclips to tanks is part of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps role in Berlin, but the Spandau depot was slightly taken aback recently when asked if it could help supply the Berlin Zoo with some food for the giraffes.

Like all Berliners the depot personnel are very conscientious about the maintenance of their trees, but when they decided to prune them by cutting back the summer growth they didn't realise the acacia leaves would provide valuable food for the zoo's giraffe family.

Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant John Kearney, RAOC, who was in charge of the project, normally deals with the supply of ammunition, but undeterred about his latest task he said: "I have supplied some big guns in my time in the Army, but these animals can certainly put away the fodder."

# WE, THE LIMBLESS, LOOK TO YOU FOR HELP

We come from both world wars. We come from Kenya, Malaya, Aden, Cyprus . . . and from Ulster. From keeping the peace no less than from war we limbless look to you for help.

And you *can* help, by helping our Association. BLESMA (the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association) looks after the limbless from all the Services. It helps, with advice and encouragement, to overcome the shock of losing arms, or legs or an eye. It sees that red-tape does not stand in the way of the right entitlement to pension. And, for the severely handicapped and the elderly, it provides Residential Homes where they can live in peace and dignity.

Help, BLESMA, please. We need money desperately. And, we promise you, not a penny of it will be wasted.

**Donations and information: Major The Earl of Ancaster, KCVO, TD, Midland Bank Limited, 60 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9DX.**



## British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association

GIVE TO THOSE WHO GAVE—  
PLEASE

## L.I.S. GROUP OF COMPANIES

Specialists in

Life Assurance  
Finance Investment  
Mortgages  
House Purchase  
Pensions  
General Business

*Represented on most Service Stations and Bases in the United Kingdom as well as Germany*

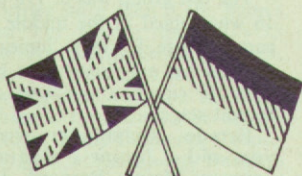
A personal service without obligation

We are staffed almost exclusively by ex-Service personnel for whom we have regular vacancies—if you require advice or are interested in a second career, write or telephone our Head Office:

Coltishall Hall, Coltishall, Nr. Norwich, Norfolk.  
Telephone Coltishall 771 and an interview will be arranged.



# Pickfords have opened an office in Germany to bring you home.



We've just opened an office providing storage, collection and delivery services in Germany with a number of advantages for you.

Firstly we can arrive to collect your goods on whichever day suits you best. (Instead of your having to fit in with the schedule of the incoming pantechicon.)

Your goods are then taken to our warehouse, where they are loaded onto a Pickfords pantechicon returning to the UK.

After customs clearance at our Head Office we will forward your goods to whichever of our 170 branches in the UK is most convenient for you.

With such a fast service, it's possible your goods may arrive at the branch serving your new camp before you've been assigned service quarters.

In which case we can store them nearby to you, ready to be brought to you as soon as you move in.

Without doubt, this is the most convenient removals service.

Your belongings get all the care in packing and handling that Pickfords is famous for. And you have the security of dealing with

Britain's largest and most experienced overseas removals company.

Yet the price is highly competitive. And with the added advantage that you can take out very competitive insurance (check our rates) so your goods can be covered from door to door for peace of mind.

For a free estimate, or further details of our service, contact our branch manager, Mr. R.V. Viney. He's ex-RAF Supply so he knows your problems, and the best way for us to solve them.

There is a telephone recording service, so you can call to leave a message at any time.

In the UK, of course, you simply phone your nearest Pickfords branch for service (we're in virtually every local directory). And we serve Her Majesty's Armed Forces world-wide.

## Pickfords

Pickfords Removals Ltd, BAOR Branch,  
Carl Bertelsmannstrasse 26-32,  
4830 Gütersloh 1, Western Germany.  
Telephone Gütersloh (05241) 20763.

## TRAIN FOR A CAREER IN YOUR LAST YEAR AT SCHOOL

**INDEFATIGABLE** (Founded 1864, School No. 573/5000)  
PLAS LLANFAIR, LLANFAIR P.G. ANGLESEY.

Here is a splendid opportunity to continue your academic studies to G.C.E. and C.S.E. level in addition to training for a career in the Royal and Merchant Navy. Subjects include English, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Technical Drawing and Scripture, in classes averaging not more than 20 boys each.

Training is given in seamanship including handling boats etc., with an introduction to Decca Navigation and practical engineering. The School

is not affected by the Direct Grant Grammar Schools (Cessation of Grant) Regulations, 1975 and is in receipt of a grant from the Welsh Education Office.

Boys aged 14 years, of good character and medically fit, may enrol now for consideration for entry between 15/15½ years of age.

Write for brochure and Application Form, stating date of birth of applicant to:-



The Registrar (Dept. JA 20)  
**INDEFATIGABLE**,  
Oriel Chambers, 14 Water Street,  
Liverpool L2 8TD. 'Phone  
051-227 3417/8. Patron: H.R.H.  
The Duke of Edinburgh.



# Volunteers follow the Panzers

Jock volunteers climb aboard an RAF Wessex helicopter during Exercise Lowland Chase at annual camp at Vogelsang, near the Ardennes in West Germany, where once the Panzer divisions rolled.

The men from the Glasgow-based 1st Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers, were members of a 500-strong battalion at the camp. They have been on overseas training fortnights to West Germany, Cyprus and Gibraltar in recent years.

# Records smashed by Junior Leaders

Both the Royal Armoured Corps and Royal Corps of Transport junior leaders regiments have broken their summer-term passing-out records.

A record number of 586 boys marched off the Corps of Transport

square at Norton Manor, Taunton, and 339 boys at the Bovington home of the Royal Armoured Corps.

The senior division of 17-year-olds who have completed four terms of training and have now been posted to RCT units is 157 strong — 61 more than last term.

But the biggest RCT group is of 259 boys who have completed three terms and still have some training, including driving, to do. Under a new system these will not leave en bloc at the end of the fourth term but will be posted individually when they have finished their training.

The last group was of 170 boys of 16 who joined in the middle of the summer term. For them, junior leader training has only just begun but the pass-off signifies the end of the recruit stage.

Parade commander was 17-year-old Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major Bernard Slaney. About 2000 parents and friends stayed for the regiment's annual At Home after the parade.

The Armoured Corps parade was 800 strong, which included 173 boys in their first term and 70 members of the band. Parade commander was 17-year-old Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major Roger Robinson.

Among the 339 passing-out were eight members of the Royal Military Police and two of the Army Air Corps. The rest were boys of the Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps.



## YOU'VE JOINED "THE PROFESSIONALS" SO BUY FROM "THE PROFESSIONALS"

### HUNTERS-AVENGERS-SCEPTRES-SIMCAS-RAPIERS

Look at these Savings

	U.K. Price £	German Military Price £	Saving you £
Humber Sceptre Sln.	2666.00	1902.00	764.00
Hunter Super Sln.	2176.00	1698.00	478.00
Avenger GLS 4 dr Sln.	2321.00	1810.00	511.00
Hunter D/L Saloon	1895.00	1482.00	413.00
Avenger 4 dr Super 1300cc	1889.00	1478.00	411.00
Avenger G.T. 2 dr Sln.	2020.00	1579.00	441.00
Hunter G.L. Estate	2363.00	1842.00	521.00
Avenger 4 dr D/L 1300cc	1690.00	1325.00	365.00
Chrysler 'Alpine' S.	2541.00	2199.00	342.00

OUR PRICES ARE MOST COMPETITIVE AND CHALLENGING

Up to 17<sup>10</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% discount off; Large stocks to draw from; Up to 4 years to pay; From 10% deposit; Car radios and stereos; Part exchange your present car.

For personal service:  
Contact

**I. W. V. HILL,**

EUROCARS

WINKWORTH MOTORS (SOM) LTD.,

PO Box 98,

London SW1V 3PU.

Telephone Office and Work/s:  
01-821 0021

- ☐ Brit. Ley.
- ☐ Chrysler
- ☐ Ford
- ☐ Simca

### BUY BRITISH

For full details of how to get your new export car, fill in the coupon below and post to us.

**TODAY!**

**Try us for PRICE -  
SERVICE -  
COST CUTTING  
with our unchanged  
BACK UP!**

**WE BELIEVE  
IN BRITAIN**

I. W. V. HILL, Winkworth Motors (Som) Ltd.

Please send details

Name..... Rank.....

Address.....

I am interested in .....

for use in.....Country

Have you a part exchange ☐



# Sport into the

## Budgie dives prizes

A broken leg put paid to an unbroken record for an Army girl diving champion who has retained her title again this year.

Women's Royal Army Corps Corporal "Budgie" Rosewell once more won the Army individual women's diving championship one-metre springboard and five-metre firmboard events.

She first won the title in 1970 and would have had an unbroken string of victories since then if she hadn't broken her leg in the 1974-75 season. An accomplished gymnast, Budgie was the coach for the winning women's unit athletic team this year from D Company, 16th Battalion, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

But, back at the diving, Budgie's nearest rival, Second-Lieutenant J Bennett (WRAC Centre), was way behind her 25.34 points with 17.03. She was the only other entrant in the five-metre dive.

### Dragoons

The inter-unit men's team championship for major units was won by 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards with 67 points. Second was 21 Engineer Regiment (46) and third 36 Engineer Regiment (33).

Minor units winner was 229 Signal Squadron from Berlin (48), second 8th Infantry Brigade HQ and Signal Squadron (28), and third RAMC Training Centre (27).

The individual freestyle events were dominated by Trooper Dave Heron of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards — also once the victim of a broken leg that kept him from swimming for a while.

He won the 800, 400, 200 and 100 yards freestyle events. Pentathlete Second-Lieutenant Mike Mumford, 36 Engineer Regiment, broke the record in the 100 yards backstroke with a time of 59.5 seconds and Signalman R Steel from the

winning minor units team broke the 100 yards breaststroke record in one minute 9.1 seconds. Steel went on to win the 200 yards breaststroke too, while Mumford scored again for the sappers in the 100 yards butterfly and 266½ yards individual medley.

The Army's men emerged clear winners of the inter-Service diving championships. They scored 18 points with the RAF second with 14 and Royal Navy third on ten. But the women did not do so well, finishing third in the table with nine points.

The RAF women won (17 points) with the Navy second (16).

The Army's men won the swimming section too for the second year running while the women swimmers were again beaten by the RAF.

## Cambridge Blues boost Army rowing team

The Army entry in this year's Joint Services rowing regatta at Holme Pierrepont accounted for 55 of the 150 competitors and won five of the 14 events.

Star attractions for the Army were Cambridge University Officer Training Corps oarsmen Lieutenants R Harpum and M R Gritten, both Royal Engineers and Cambridge Blues. They won the coxless pairs, the open sculls and the senior C sculls between them.

Their technique of rowing through the opposition in the closing stages of races made a breathtaking spectacle for the watching fans and excitement on the water for contestants.

The Staff College won the novice VIIIs by only .13 of a second from RAF Cranwell after leading all the way. They only just managed to hold out in the face of a strong last-minute challenge by the RAF with the number three Staff College oarsman's sliding seat jammed for the last 400 metres of the race.

Colonel J R A McMillan won the veteran sculls for the second year running.

## Switch round pays off

A first in the Land-Rover class and overall second place went to a Royal Corps of Transport rally team competing against Hong Kong's best in the Rothmans rally series there.

The team started out as Captains Robin Crossleigh (navigator) and Graham Atkins (driver). They came fifth overall in the first round. Then Captain Atkins left Hong Kong on posting and his place at the wheel was taken by Captain John Scruton. In the second round the team came second and won the novice driver and navigator award.

They were fourth overall in the third round but fell back to seventh in the last. But the aggregate scoring gave them second overall in the end.



## Do-it-yourself to sail-it-yourself

Army apprentices mean to get their sea legs — thanks to a project they undertook on dry land. The Royal Army Ordnance Corps youngsters from Deepcut, Surrey, have built a 23-foot offshore cruising yacht which has now been officially commissioned and named Thunderbolt.

The scheme took two-and-a-half years to complete, working from a basic hull, with a number of apprentices taking part under the overseeing eye of civilian instructor Mr Jim Watson. To celebrate the commissioning (left), three lads went on a four-day cruise in Thunderbolt by way of a maiden voyage.



## THE SWEAT SHOP

### WORLD WIDE MAIL ORDER SERVICE

Despatch by return is our aim. Order your kit in comfort at home from our lists, and we'll do the rest. We have listed below just a few of our lines. For full description as well as our recommendations please send a 9" x 4" S.A.E.

#### RACING/TRAINING SHOES

ADIDAS: Marathon (racing) £19.60, SL76 £13.50, Country £13.20, Gazelle £12.50, Jean £11.95, Rom £8.95, The Jogger £7.70  
TIGER: Jayhawk (racing) £13.65  
GOLA: Lynx £9.50  
STYLO: Streaker £6.60

#### SPIKES

ADIDAS: Adistar £25.95, Racer £23.00, Tokyo £18.75, Interval £16.70, Jet £10.95, Apollo £8.80  
GOLA: Wasp £7.95, Hawk £6.95

#### STUDS FOR CROSS COUNTRY AND ORIENTEERING

Nokia Hermes (Hector) £5.75, Adidas Cross £8.50, Compass Rose Standard £7.95, Compass Rose Wedge £8.50

#### FOOTBALL AND FOOTBALL TRAINING

FOOTBALL TRAINING SHOES (ALL ADIDAS): Samba £12.35, Bamba £9.80, Kick £6.80

MOULDED SOLE FOOTBALL BOOTS: Uruguay £9.60, Kidd £6.60

INTERCHANGEABLE STUD SOLE: Santiago £11.30, Europa Cup £11.95, Penarol £14.30, Athletico £7.70

Ask for our catalogue with full description and pictures.

#### KARRIMOR RUCSACS

Bambaino I (cotton) £3.95, Bambaino II £4.95, Edelweiss £7.60, Fiorland £10.95, Fellman 40 £11.95, Tote-em Senior £13.30, Annapurna £11.95, Orienteer (Ski) £15.80. Frames: Tote-em £7.80, K.2 £8.80 (padded hip belt £2.00 extra), Orienteer £13.95

#### KARRIMOR TENTS

Marathon Mk II £32.75 (red or green)

#### CLOTHING

Yngve Ek Orienteering Suits £9.40, Sweat Shop Special Orienteering Suits £7.25 (colours: Royal, Navy or Green), Freedom Shorts £1.95, Gola Tracksuits £11.95, Yngve Ek Tracksuits from Sweden £19.95, Adidas Rainsuits £7.95 jacket, £7.95 trousers, Adidas T-shirts £2.70, Adidas Sweat Tops £5.50, Plain Sweat Tops £4.25

"RUN BY SPORTSMEN FOR SPORTSMEN"

HOW TO ORDER: Many of our shoes are in Continental sizes and all lasts vary. So please send your foot outline (draw around foot when you have your weight on it). If outside UK deduct 8p in the £ (no VAT for export). Add 40p for postage on shoes, 20p on other items. Cash/cheque/PO with order please, payable 'The Sweat Shop'. Unit PRIs may use credit terms. Special terms for bulk orders.

Once you've tried us you'll stay with us! We all run (over 250 miles a week between us).

The Sweat Shop  
76 Broad Street  
Teddington  
Middlesex TW11 8QT  
Telephone 01-943 0239

For specialist advice, contact:  
Graham Tuck



# Bowling sinks RAF and Navy

The Army retained the inter-Services cricket championship this year by defeating both the RAF and Royal Navy at Uxbridge.

Combined Services cap Captain Bill Dover, Royal Corps of Transport, set the tone of the Army play with his off-spinners which demolished the RAF batting and left the Army with a comfortable 65-run win. The RAF's target of 189 runs to beat the Army in 55 overs was made impossible as their wickets fell steadily.

The Navy, too, found it could make little impression on the Army XI, now with its sights firmly set on retaining the title. Eventually the Army won by 59 runs after both sides had matched each other well with good fielding. The Army clocked up 213 for six in 55 overs with another RCT player, Lance-Corporal L M Sanderson, making 57.

Spin bowling from Lance-Corporal N Scott, Royal Signals, accounted for six wickets for 45 in just 15 overs and Dover's efforts completed the sinking of the Navy's hopes as they finished 154 for nine after their 55 overs.

The Army XI has been busy elsewhere too, putting up creditable performances as the season draws to a close.

In a match with the Hong Kong Cricket Association — touring England for the first time — the Army was not at full strength, and lost the first six wickets for only 104.

## Hitting

But stout hitting by Sergeant V E Nurse, Royal Engineers, and an unfinished stand of 46 for the last wicket by Sharland and Curate enabled the Army to declare.

By close of play Hong Kong were 137 for four. They batted very slowly on the second day and were eventually all out for 254 in 97 overs.

Scott and Sanderson bowled steadily for long spells. After losing four wickets for 61, the Army's Daniel and Nurse added a further 90 in quick time. The Army declared, leaving Hong Kong to get 127 in 14 overs. But they declined to bat and the result was a draw.

Result: Army 229 for nine declared and 151 for four declared. Hong Kong CA 254. Match drawn.

## Useful

When the Army met Sussex 2nd XI at Aldershot, Brooks and Dove-Dixon made a useful start and the Army captain, Major Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle, Royal Corps of Transport, found a touch of his true form. But a total of 160 in 54.3 overs seemed hardly enough. However, excellent bowling supported by tight fielding saw Sussex all out for 140 in the 47th over. Scott and Sanderson bowled particularly well on a less than perfect wicket. Nevertheless, the Army scored a good win over a side with seven players in it with 1st XI experience.

Result: Army 160 (54.3 overs), Sussex 140 (46.2 overs). Army won by 20 runs.

Thanks largely to a century by Lance-Corporal R J Davies, Royal Corps of Transport, and a partnership between him and Nurse of 66 for the sixth wicket, the Army averaged four runs an over against Dorset at Tidworth. Davies's 100 was enhanced by the fact that his second 50 came in just 28 minutes. Tight bowling and excellent fielding by the Army strangled Dorset's winning chances and the result was a convincing win.

Result: Army 229 (54.5 overs), Dorset 129 for five (55 overs). Army won by 100 runs.

## Sports shorts

### PENTATHLON

The Army's modern pentathletes came second in the team placings in the British championships to carry on the scoring tradition of veteran Sergeant Jim Fox, the Army's Olympic gold medallist, who has now retired from his sport. Second-Lieutenant Mike Mumford gained second place in the individual table with 5263 points. He was beaten by another of Fox's Olympians, Danny Nightingale, with 5304. Sergeant Steve Brierley and Pete Twine — competitors of considerable experience — were also in the running but failed to reach the top placings.

### WATER POLO

The Army was runner-up in the inter-Service water polo championships this year with ten points to the RAF's 12½. The Navy was third with 7½.

In the Army championships 36 Engineer Regiment was the winner with 21 Engineer Regiment second and 1st Royal Tank Regiment third.

### ATHLETICS

A combined Army/Royal Navy team of athletes put up a spirited performance against a strong Welsh national squad to finish much closer to their rivals than last year in this annual clash. The final score in the all-under-20-year-old match was Wales 204 points, Army/Navy 187. The 18-point difference was a vast improvement on last year's 102-point gap.

The combined Army and Navy under-20 athletes met as rivals in their own match and the Army won with a convincing 131 points to the Navy's 67.

In a Combined Services versus Surrey Women's Amateur Athletic Association match, the Surrey team won 118 to 103.

## CANOEING

Results of the Army Canoe Union spring championships on the River Wye at Monmouth. —

Senior K1 100 metres: 1st Sgt R Evans (4 Div Regt RCT), 2nd Cpl A Wheeler (JLR RCT), 3rd Cpl R Fisher (16 Para Bde). Senior K2 1000m: 1st Capt M Davis (MVEE)/Cpl Fisher, 2nd Cpl C A Haskey (28 Amphib Regt RE)/L/Cpl G Mitchell (21 Engr Regt). Senior K1 500m: 1st Sgt G N Jackson (8 Sig Regt), 2nd Sgt Evans, 3rd Capt Davis. Senior K2 500m: 1st Capt Davis/Cpl Fisher, 2nd Cpl Haskey/L/Cpl Mitchell, 3rd Cpl R Gill (JLR RCT)/Sgt Evans.

Intermediate K1 1000m: 1st A/T Sgt J H M P Wilkie (AAC Arborfield), 2nd S/Sgt W Dean (MVEE), 3rd A/T Sgt C J Ford (AAC Chepstow). Intermediate K2 1000m: 1st S/Sgt P Battley (2 Div Regt RCT)/Sgt C B Elsey (JSMTC Wales), 2nd A/T R G Hatrey/A/T Sgt C J Ford (AAC Chepstow), 3rd Cpl D Jones/Spr R Self (RSME). Intermediate K1 500m: 1st S/Sgt Battley, 2nd Cpl J G Smith (8 Sig Regt), 3rd L/Cpl P McIlveen (36 Engr Regt). Intermediate K2 500m: 1st A/T Hatrey/A/T Sgt Ford, 2nd Capt D Howie (RAEC)/S/Sgt Battley, 3rd S/Sgt Dean/Spr A Rumney (RSME). Intermediate Class 3 500m: 1st A/T Sgt Wilkie, 2nd L/Cpl R C Baxter (R Sigs), 3rd L/Cpl M J Holman (1 RWF).

Intermediate Class 4 500m: 1st Cpl Jones/Spr Self, 2nd Sigs T Roland/G Mann (R Sigs), 3rd L/Cpl H K Horton/Spr I Coloquhoun (RSME). Junior K1 500m: 1st A/T R Bray (AAC Harrogate), 2nd J/Ldr J Lake (JLR RE), 3rd A/T L/Cpl N C Adnitt (AAC Chepstow). Junior K2 500m: 1st A/Ts A K Pritchard/P Marsden (Harrogate), 2nd A/Ts J H Speck/I M Askey (AAC Arborfield), 3rd (equal) A/Ts T M Brash/I M Reid (Arborfield) and I P Roberts/P C Blake (Arborfield).

Senior team trophy: 1st RSME (21 points), 2nd MVEE (18), 3rd (equal) 2 Div Regt RCT and JLR RCT (13 each).

Junior team trophy: 1st Arborfield (56), 2nd (equal) Harrogate and Chepstow (15 each).

## NORDIC SKI-ING

*Nordic Ski-ing is a popular and rapidly growing area of recreation in modern society. It is an efficient form of winter transportation, developed over many years. Various aspects of Nordic Ski-ing (Langlauf, Cross Country or XC) include competitive sport up to Olympic level, family enjoyment, isolated wandering and tough mountaineering activities. Many branches of the Services and Polar Research groups use Nordic equipment, both in training and on expeditions.*

*YHA offer the following exciting range of Nordic Ski Gear:*

*Skis at £25 to £55 from Fischer, Kneissl, Gresshoppa and Kahru of Finland. Boots at £12 to £20 from Italy, Austria and Sweden.*

*Bindings at £4 to £12 from Kneissl, Kahru and Rottefella.*

*Plus a complete range of functional, stylish and colourful clothing.*

*Enquiries welcomed from Nordic Ski Clubs, Training Organisations and Government Service Groups.*

*Please write or call for the free Nordic Ski Leaflet.*

## YHA everyone's ski centre

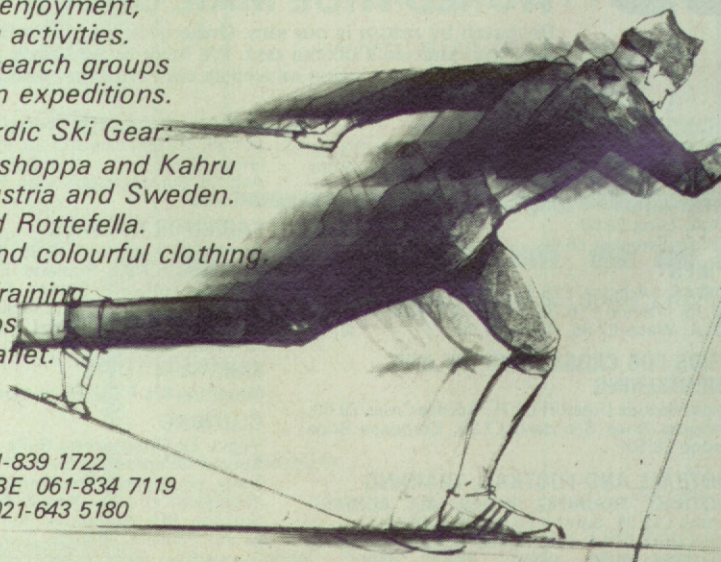
London: 29 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6JE 01-839 1722

Manchester: 36/38 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2BE 061-834 7119

Birmingham: 35 Cannon Street, Birmingham B2 5EE 021-643 5180



**YHA Services Ltd**





# Soldier-sailors take the Atlantic honours

A harrowing 10,000-mile race across the Atlantic and back. It would have been enough just to have completed the course, but the two Army entries in the Tall Ships Race also managed to romp home first and second. The two Army entries, Sabre entered by the Royal Artillery Yacht Club, and Kukri by the Royal Armoured Corps, are almost identical 55-foot Camper and Nicholson yachts of the Joint Services Sailing Centre.

The race was run in four legs, from Plymouth to Tenerife, from there to Bermuda, and then on to New York, coinciding with the American Bicentennial celebrations, and then back to Plymouth again from Boston.

Sabre and Kukri had different crews on each of the three legs. Because of the interest in the race, selection of crews from the hundreds of applicants was extremely difficult, particularly because half had to be aged under 26. As it turned out, few of the crew members had ever sailed across the Atlantic and, although most had done some inshore sailing, the experience of one member was limited to a trip across the Thames.

Major Christopher Barne, of The Blues and Royals, who skippered Kukri on the last leg, explained that selection finally rested on "secondary skills" such as medical or radio expertise.

Battery sergeant-major Mike Thompson, of 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, who was mate on Sabre on the last leg, agreed with Major Barne that one of the 'hairiest' incidents was leaving the American coast in dense fog in seas infested with icebergs.

"We kept a good lookout," he said, "but did not see one at all."

Both yachts reported seeing large amounts of sealife. In fact one

inquisitive whale gave the Kukri crew a bad time when it came right up to the yacht and then submerged, reappearing on the side and jumping clear out of the sea.

A ripped spinnaker slowed Sabre down when only three days out from New York, but the crew knew that for most of the race they were lying either third or fourth. They received daily reports with up-to-date corrected positions. At this stage, the opposition for Sabre came from Gladan, the Swedish merchant marine training yacht, Germania (the Krupps family yacht) and Kukri.

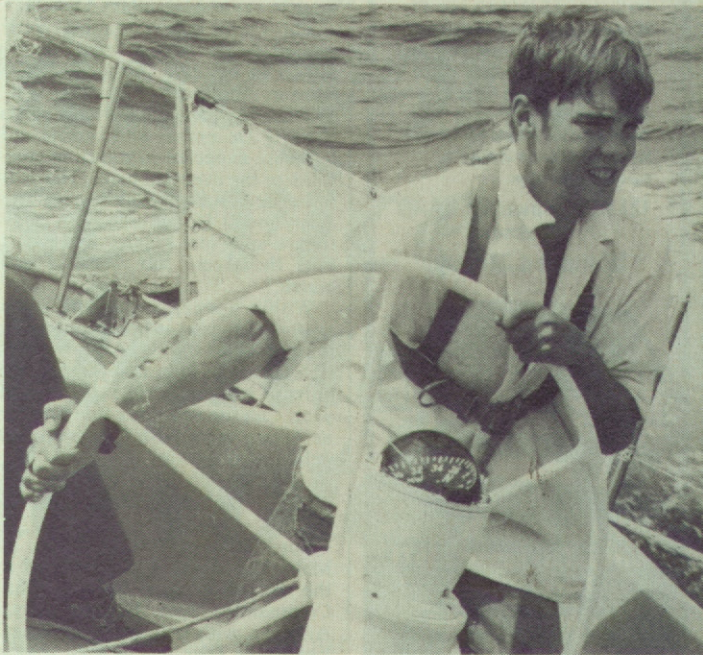
Great Britain II, a much bigger yacht, had swung further south rather than go through the icebergs with a much younger crew, and quickly overhauled the smaller yachts to actually cross the finish line first.

But the trip was not without incident for the Kukri crew on that last leg. The first aid box got more than its fair share of attention, particularly when Major Barne was elected (as the skipper) to double as ship's dentist.

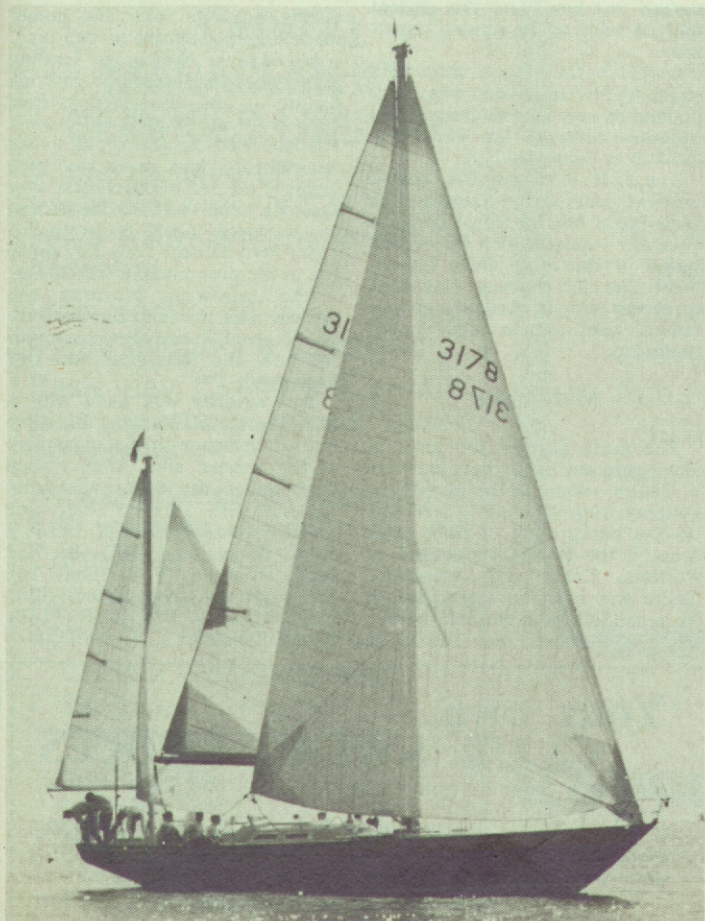
Lance-Corporal Harry Robertson had complained of toothache for some days so Major Barne gave him a local anaesthetic then, after cleaning the tooth, filled it just as if they were in a dental surgery on terra firma.

Then only a day or so later Lance-Corporal Ian Salt from 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, walked into a loose halliard and had to have two stitches put in his head. Again this was while the patient braced himself against the side of the yacht and in the middle of the rolling Atlantic.

"It was a very exciting trip," said Major Barne, "but I suppose that because we never experienced a real gale we got a slightly false impression. Before and after there were hurricanes, so really, weather-wise we were very lucky."



Left: Sabre under sail. Above: Corporal Harry Robertson, Blues and Royals, at the helm of Kukri.



## Leaving the Service?

Come into Off-licence Management.

Threshers, you probably know us well. We are found in most good shopping areas. We are one of the country's leading off-Licence chains with over 300 branches. We are traditional wine merchants with a high reputation for giving good service.

But our good name depends on our Managers, on selecting the right people to run our shops. They come from many walks of life and are chosen for their qualities — the ability to think for themselves; to work on their own; to get on with people; and to turn good ideas into workable schemes. The know-how comes from us. We give them a really thorough training. We give them the chance to work as relief manager in a number of shops.

Then we give them a branch to run and build up into a really good business. And when success is reflected in salary, then it's a job where it is worth working hard.

Accommodation is generally provided at a nominal rent, we run a good pension scheme, and there may be opportunities for wives or husbands to join the staff, full or part-time, depending on the level of business in the Branch. So the family income can reach the £4,500 mark.

We're looking for Trainee Managers in several parts of the Country now. Ring Jacci Precey and find out more about managing a Threshers store on 01-352 6411 or write to her at Thresher Ltd, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3.

**THRESHERS**



**Wine Merchants**



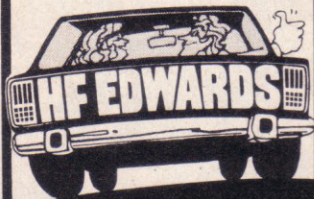


Care free  
Car Hire

If you are home-based, or coming home on leave and wish to hire a car — let us hear from you. We have a wide choice of saloons, estates, mini-buses and vans. We will meet you on arrival at the Airport and you can leave it there when you return. Write now for details before your leave begins and ensure a care-free vacation.

12½% Discount for NAAFI customers

Unlimited Mileage



28-38 Upper High St, Epsom, Surrey. Tel: Epsom 25611  
Telex: 929908

The Arrival Lounge,  
RAF Brize Norton,  
Oxon. Tel: Carterton 325

## GENUINE SURPLUS

- COMBAT CLOTHING
- PARA SMOCKS
- FLYING SUITS
- SLEEPING BAGS
- '58 WEBBING
- BERGENS

'Almost anything in genuine govt. surplus'

Call 'phone or write (S.A.E.)

**SILVERMAN'S**  
(Department S)

28, Harford Street,  
London, E.1.  
Tel. 01-790 5257.

Personal callers Mon.-Fri.  
Nearest Tube — Mile End.

# Army hunting for the laurels

As Service champions, the Army rugby side is looking forward to a season in which success will spill over into the civilian club fixture list.

For although the Army did well in the Services championship and was well represented in Combined Services matches, the record against clubs up and down the country was not so good last season — with the notable exception of the win against legendary Llanelli.

But there is a crusading spirit abroad in the Army camp, determined to emulate its inter-Service form in other games.

Trials for the new XV take place in early December and several old faces are expected to return to consolidate the eventual team. The season proper starts with a bang as the Army meets Harlequins in an away fixture on New Year's Day. Last year the Army lost 7-44 in this match.

Within a week comes the game against Saracens at home and a few matches later the Army meets Blackheath to whom they lost by the narrow margin of two points last year. Can the new-look side find the necessary extra push to recoup that deficit next season?

### Thrives

Rugby thrives overseas too. In Malta the Army is represented in the Island League by 8 (Alma) Commando Light Battery, Royal Artillery, with help from the Royal Engineers. Highlight of their season was an England versus Scotland/Ireland/Wales/Fiji match which ended in a 30-0 win for England.

Even on Gibraltar the resident Army units have managed to field sides — although "field" is a word out of place in the Gibraltarian vocabulary. The 1st Fortress Squadron, Royal Engineers, with only 70 people to choose from, managed to summon up a side as did the resident infanteers, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets.

### Support

A handful of minor unit players found themselves picked for Gibraltar RFC which did not win a game without Army support. In the league season, the RAF topped the table with Royal Navy Gibraltar second, Gibraltar RFC third and 1st Fortress Squadron and 2 RGJ bringing up the rear. The inter-Service tournament ended in a draw between all three Services.

One of the least likely overseas pitches is in Kuwait where Army Liaison Team members have got their knees brown as members of the Kuwait RFC, sponsored by the Kuwait Oil Company. The club, with some 50 playing members, is truly cosmopolitan and includes an American who is prepared to admit that his country's football is tame after rugby (he broke a leg in his very first game).

The Combined Services rugby XV — with a strong Army representation in it — meets the Japanese national touring side at Devonport on Saturday 2 October.

The Japanese established themselves as firm favourites with English crowds on their previous visit by making up what they lacked in weight and height with astounding speed and agility.

What promises to be an exciting match will be at Devonport's Rectory Road ground. The kick-off is at 1500 hours. And with the 34-strong Combined Services squad including 14 Army players it is hoped that a strong following of fans will make the trip to cheer on the home team.

Tickets for covered stand seats are £1.50 and for the ground stands 50p, from the Combined Services RFC Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel P E Y Dawson, Clayton Barracks, Aldershot, Hampshire.

## 'New' sport hits the bullseye

The first-ever inter-junior leaders regiments archery tournament showed just how much this ancient sport is once again gaining popularity.

Clubs in the senior corps and regiments are now becoming more popular as new arrivals from junior branches continue the sport they took up as young soldiers.

The JLR RAC club — formed only two years ago by Sergeant Bob Melville, of 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards — spearheaded the organisation of the inter-junior tournament. The club challenge was taken up almost without exception as invitations went out to other junior regiments.

### Middle Age

The early part of the meet at Bovington saw the archers seated in a lecture room at the Bovington gunnery wing listening to a lecture on the background to their sport found in the Middle Ages battles of Poitiers, Crècy and Agincourt. There was even an early form of National Service in those days when every able-bodied man had to be

## SOCCER TEAM FIXTURE LIST LOOKS GOOD

The Army soccer season started with a bang as the new side met a Mid-dlesbrough XI including manager and ex-Manchester United star Jack Charlton.

The game was played at Catterick on 29 September. In October the Army plays Essex at Dagenham on the 18th and the Civil Service at Bordon on the 20th.

At the time of going to press, trials for the new side are still going on, but one thing is certain — the



QMSI Alf Coulton

season's skipper is QMSI Alf Coulton whose skill and expertise on the field have spelt success on the field in the past. He was vice-captain last year when Corporal Joe Ramsden skippered the side.

The two weeks of trials are expected to produce other familiar faces in the line-up but the Army is after new blood too.

deadly accurate with his home-made longbow in case of 'call-up.'

Mr Frank White, a leading archery coaching organiser, gave the lecture — and also acted as field captain for the tournament proper. His wife Patricia also spoke to the competitors and presented the prizes at the end of the contest after agreeing to be the Lady Paramount of the event. Local county coach Chief Petty Officer Tony Key spoke too in the pre-match lecture series.

The following morning the archers took the field for the competition itself in two classes, composite bow and fibre-glass bow (for beginners).

The weather was ideal with a slight gusting wind adding that extra bite of challenge to the judgement of the archers' aim. After a good day's archery the team results were: 1st JLR RE, Dover (1708), 2nd AAC Arborfield (1330), 3rd JLR RAC, Bovington (1043), 4th JLR RCT, Taunton (938). Only two teams entered the beginners' fibre-glass class: 1st JLR RCT (1142), 2nd JLR RAC.

### POSTED TO GERMANY?

Our furniture removal vans go every week with part loads. For details of our door to door service and our containerized storage system please write with details of quantity to be moved or telephone

Quidenham 246 (reverse charges). Telex 975147

**WILFRED FOULGER LTD. QUIDENHAM, NORWICH**

## Your own CLUB SWEAT-SHIRTS

printed to order by one of the U.K.'s 1st. and most reliable T-shirt firms.

Choose from 5 sizes, 12 different colours. Minimum order 12 pieces at £3.75p each (inc. p&p). Price reducing with quantity, details from:

**THE RON HOLLAND T-SHIRT CO.**  
P.O. Box 43, Portsmouth, Hants.



INTERESTED IN A FUTURE CAREER IN

## **INDUSTRIAL SECURITY?**

In collaboration with industry, a course has recently been designed to lead to a

## **NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN INDUSTRIAL SECURITY STUDIES**

The course may be taken in Scotland on a part-time basis or on a block release basis.

The block release national certificate course is recognised by the training services agency for training opportunities scheme grant and enrolment purposes.

Further details may be obtained from:

**Chief Officer,  
Scottish Business Education  
Council,  
22 Great King Street,  
Edinburgh EH3 6QH**

## **SALES CONSULTANTS/ AREA MANAGERS — CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED**

A progressive Life Office has vacancies for N.C.O.'s with sales ability and management potential.

Ideal age — 28-40 — car and home telephone essential.

Basic pay £3,640 per annum plus quarterly bonus based on results.

No experience is necessary as full training is given by the Company.

For further details please apply to: Mr. F. W. Perry

Capital Management  
Services Limited  
Coniston House  
Ring Road  
Chapel Ash  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
WV3 0XA  
West Midlands.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR FORCES

# ***Have you made your service declaration to vote?***

To be sure of your vote, your name has to be on the 1977 voters' list.

So every year you must make a service declaration on Form F/Vote/33, which you should have received by now from your Unit or Ship. If not, ask for one.


(If you are serving abroad and your wife is with you, she should complete Form F/Vote/34.)

The form must be signed and dated not later than 10 October 1976, (15 September 1976 for N. Ireland constituencies).

You should then send it to the Electoral Registration Officer at your local council offices at home,\* using envelope F/Vote/37, to reach him not later than 16 December 1976.

Fill in your form NOW or you may lose your vote.

\*Chief Electoral Officer, Belfast by  
15th December for N. Ireland residents.

**It's your vote  don't lose it!**



Apart from the weather one advantage of an overseas posting is that you'll probably be able to buy a new car absolutely tax free before you go.

Which is a marvellous opportunity for getting a better car without breaking the bank.

And that's where we can help.

Through our Personal Export Sales Dept. at Acton you have a choice of all nineteen models in the Renault range. A range with a world-wide reputation for comfort, versatility, economy and reliability. Which in itself is a pretty good reason for going Renault.

But more than that, our staff at Acton will be happy to help and advise on all motoring matters for any country in the world.

They'll also make sure that your Renault is properly equipped to cope with local laws and conditions. And that means a lot more than simply changing over the steering and the headlamp bulbs.

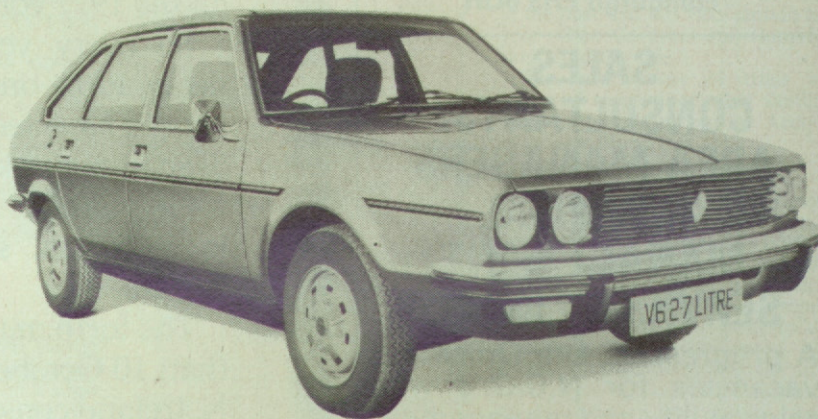
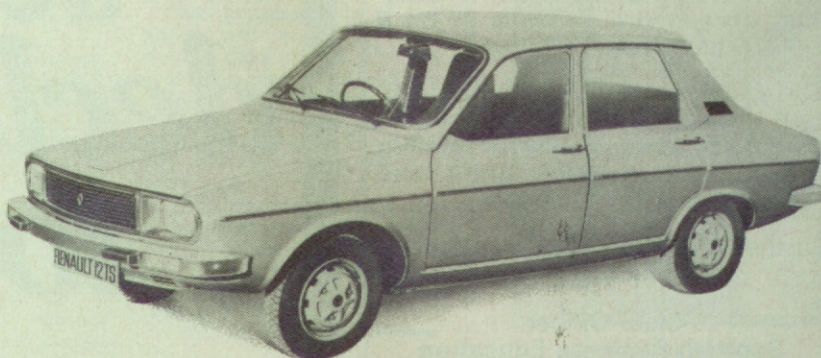
It means things like heavy-duty filters for dusty conditions, beefier suspensions for rough conditions and specially adapted cooling systems for hot conditions. All for absolute dependability.

Another thing you can depend upon with a Renault is a high standard of dealer service. Because with over 8,000 dealers in Europe alone, we have the second largest network in the world. And most of the mechanics are factory trained.

You see, we reckon that when you go abroad you're going to have enough things to do without worrying about your car as well.

So why not give one of our chaps at Acton a ring before you go? Your new Renault will be ship-shape and ready within 6-8 weeks of your call. Or we can arrange to ship it for you.

Either way it'll be a great comfort when you arrive.



To: Renault Personal Export Sales,  
Western Avenue, Acton, London W3 0RZ.

Please send me full details of the Renault  
model(s) I've ticked.

4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 12 ☐ 16 ☐ 15/17 ☐ 30 ☒

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

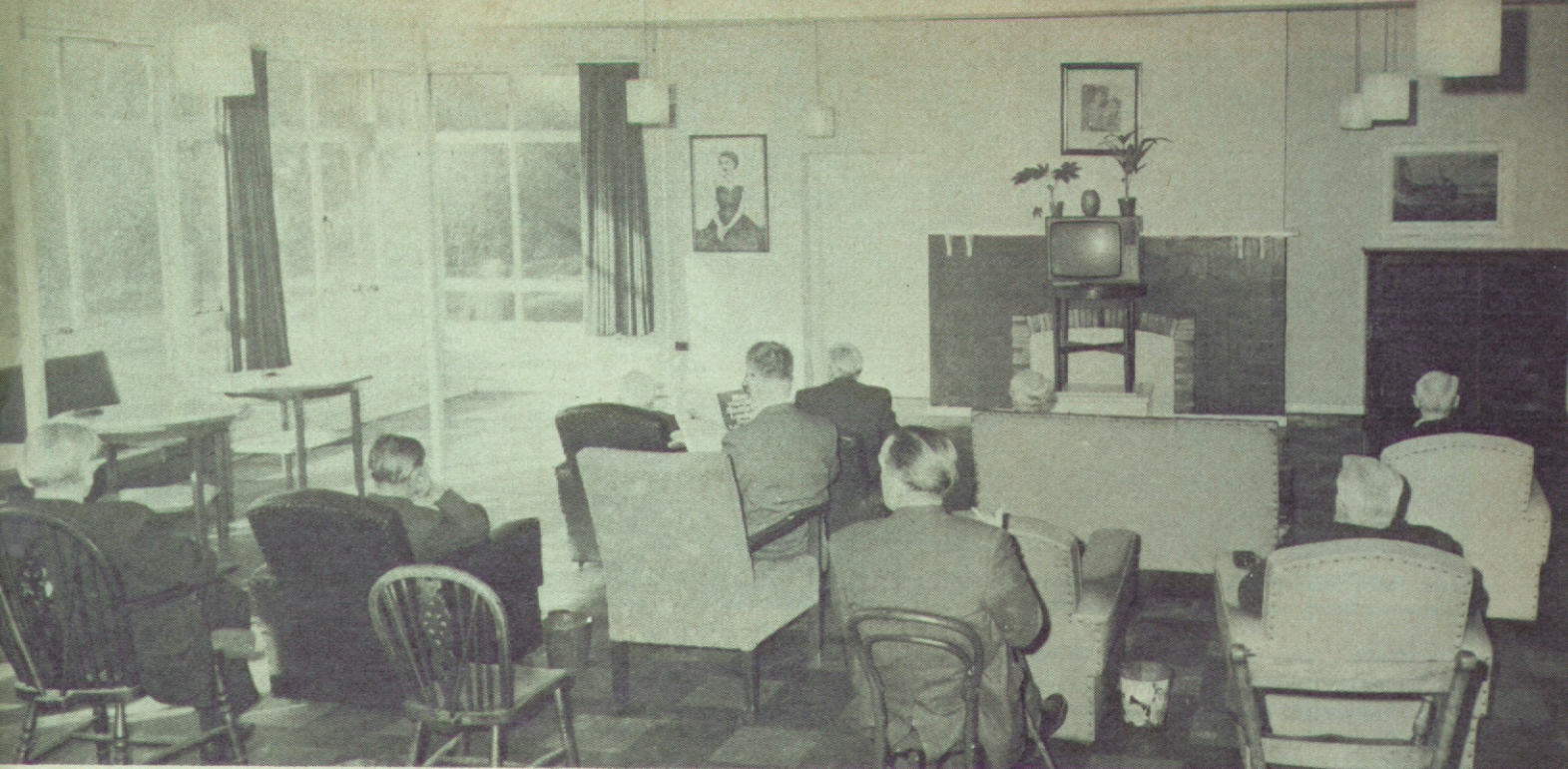
Country of destination \_\_\_\_\_

Renault main showrooms: Western Avenue, Acton, London W3 0RZ.  
Telephone: 01-992 3481

SO 4XB

 **RENAULT**





The airy TV lounge-cum-sitting room where residents can relax, read and chat.

# Rosendael

## Home for Scottish veterans

BUSTLING ocean tugs serving the offshore oil rigs ply back and forth in the Firth of Tay. Overlooking the busy estuary in contrasting mood is a quiet Victorian estate which is home to some of Scotland's old sweats. Rosendael, at Broughty Ferry near Dundee, is one half of the Scottish Naval, Military and Air Force Veterans' Residence. The other is Whitefoord House in Edinburgh.

Here any ex-serviceman aged 45 or more can come to find the rest and companionship he has earned by his work for his country. He need not have been a career soldier, sailor or airman. The oldest resident, Harry Henderson, aged 94, last saw service as a guardsman in World War One. His duties with the Scots Guards lasted only as long as the hostilities.

Residents come on a two-week trial basis at first to see if they like the place . . . and make sure the place likes them. Once accepted, they are free to come and go as they please. Some 54 of the 60 or so residents are permanently there. In Edinburgh there are some 120 residents, some of whom have been known to take country holidays by transferring to Rosendael for a spell.

Many of the rooms are doubles but there are a few single ones too. A games room, a visitors' room, dining room, library, laundry and medical room are among the facilities inside the 105-year-old mansion. The extensive grounds were also part of the bequest to the trustees in 1933 by the Kyd family who owned the estate. And the first residents were found from Whitefoord House to get things going.

A small charge is made for accommodation at Rosendael — about half the residents are on fixed incomes as old-age pensioners — and one way costs can be kept down is by the veterans' own self-help scheme. Some 16 of them assist on a part-time basis in running the residence. They get a grant from the organisation in the form of small amounts of pocket money.

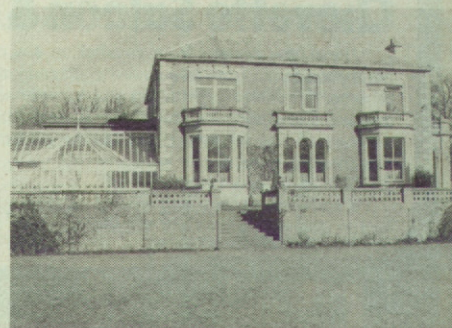
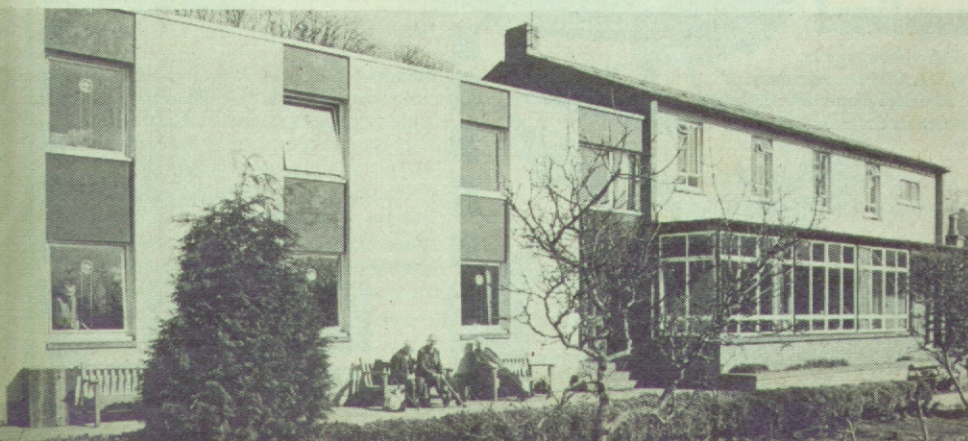
Among this group is 64-year-old Mr Bill Clark, an Army Catering Corps private from 1943 to 1945 after some six years in the Royal Artillery, who is the residence's cook. On the day of SOLDIER's visit, he and his assistant, Mr Steve Carroll, who was in The Black Watch from 1940 to 1945, were busy preparing soup, mince, potatoes and peas followed by fruit and custard. In off-duty

moments Mr Clark turns his hand to other than culinary skills as he sits at the keyboard of the residence's organ or piano.

Major Roy McC Goddard, superintendent of the residence since 1973 after 37 years in the Army, explained that the majority of residents were ex-Army. The largest single representation is from The Black Watch with nearly a dozen men. The Royal Artillery runs a close second followed by the Royal Navy contingent. Among the representatives from other famous Scottish regiments and the corps of the Army is a handful of ex-RAF men.

World War Two veteran Albert Allardice (71) summed up his fellow residents: "They're a friendly mob." Like many others, he enjoys a walk in the Rosendael grounds but likes a trip out too for a pint or shopping. But one resident, 84-year-old Jim Gamble, is so attached to the place that he boasts of never having been outside the grounds since he arrived. He and his Burmese cat Raker ("Raker? . . . 'cos it rakes aroon' ") live contentedly in Rosendael. He explained: "I've stopped boozin', stopped smokin' — I'm no bad for 84 — so if I went out I'd be had up for loitering. I've never been out in 21 years."

As fine a recommendation for the residence as could be hoped for. ●



The rugged lines of Rosendael's front (above) and the extension wing (left) added recently.



GIBRALTAR

# Model Padre

Right: Padre Stanley with two of his soldier models—including one of his great-grandfather.



GILT CROWNS gleam atop the flag-poles bearing twelve laid-up Colours in Gibraltar's King's Chapel. And all but two of them are cast in resin and carefully painted by the Rock's senior Army chaplain, Padre Patrick Stanley.

The task came easier to Padre Stanley than most, for his hobby is model-making and the casting process he used for this job is central to his main preoccupation—1:43 scale racing cars. His particular interest is in

modelling pre-1939 racers. Most die-cast commercial models have evolved at the 1:43 scale and he finds this a convenient size: "I concentrate on this scale because the models are small enough to carry around and are rigid enough to be sturdy."

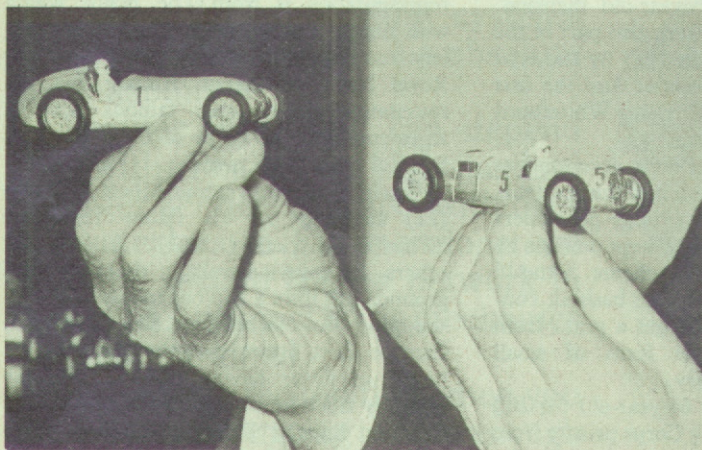
His model way of life started with paper aeroplanes longer ago than he can remember but he did not take up car modelling until he was 16—"You couldn't get the bits and pieces you needed then." Now he produces superbly finished items in limited numbers which he swaps with fellow enthusiasts throughout the world. To make the models he first makes a master from a block of laminated polystyrene sheeting which is

carved to shape using templates and working from pictures.

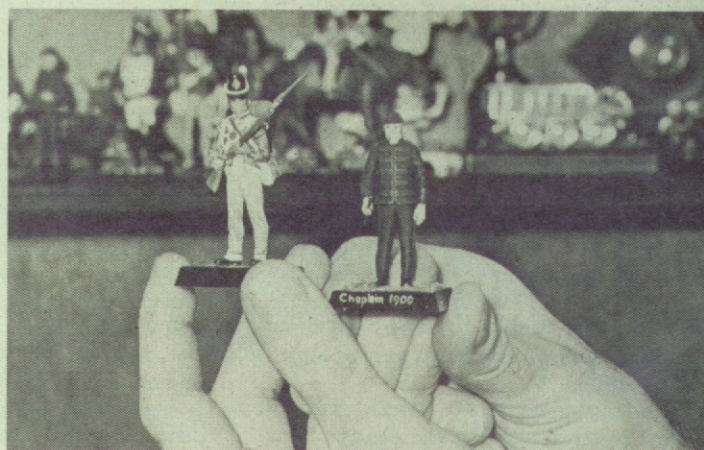
This is then filed and polished to a perfect finish and a silicone-rubber mould is made from it. Model bodies are then cast in either resin or lead from the mould and trim such as axles, wire wheels, headlights and so on are made up from wire or sheet metal and scraps from commercial models. A coat of paint finishes off the model and each tiny detail is picked out in its appropriate colour—a job for only the steadiest of hands.

Each new car takes its place in a glass-fronted wall cabinet the padre has in his living room where examples of a more recently developed modelling fad are found. For

Story: Mike Starke  
Pictures: Doug Pratt



Fingers which are as much at home with model cars as with prayer books.



Two more soldiers and one of them is of a turn-of-the-century chaplain.

## The new Vauxhall Chevette Saloon & Cavalier!

These new winners from Vauxhall, or any other G.M. vehicle can be purchased by you, tax free where applicable, through N.A.A.F.I. car purchase scheme. In addition to allowing you exceptionally good discount we will guarantee you personal after sales service, and for the overseas services we will deliver to the airfield or port of your designation, in the British Isles.

Can we do any more for you?!!

If so fill in the form and we will be pleased to forward you further details of prices and the range of cars available.



To Prestage Ltd., Fleet Sales Dept.,  
Holloway Head, Birmingham B1 1QN.  
Tel: 021-643 9271

Name.....

Address.....

☐ Export ☐ Homes Sales

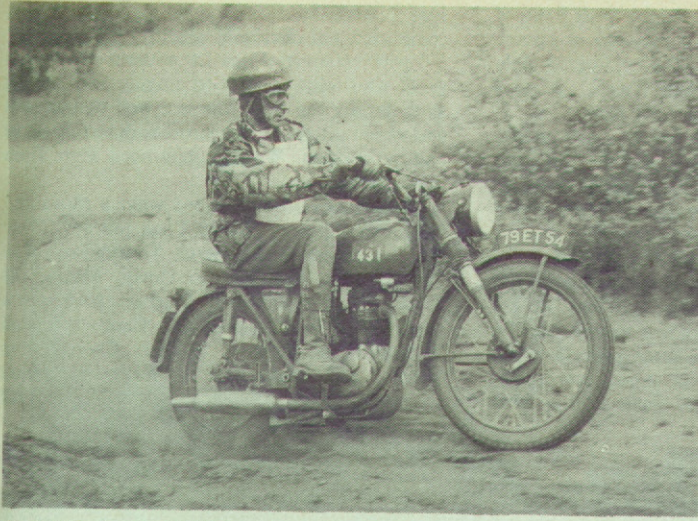
Model of Interest.....

**PRESTAGE**



A member of the Mitchell Cotts Group





No Hell's Angel—it's the motorcycling Padre Stanley rounding a corner.



On the left is Mr Stanley on jungle patrol in Malaya back in 1960.

with the introduction of accurately detailed model soldiers, he has collected and painted examples of all the regiments and corps he has served with in the Army.

Pride of place in the ranks of Padre Stanley's model figures goes to a figure on horseback carrying a wounded comrade over the saddle. This represents his own great-grandfather who was wounded during the charge of the Light Brigade in 1854 when his horse was shot from under him. The padre's ancestor, John Brown, enlisted in the 17th Lancers as a drummer boy when 16 years old. Though only 18 at the time of the

charge he refused to let surgeons amputate his wounded right leg.

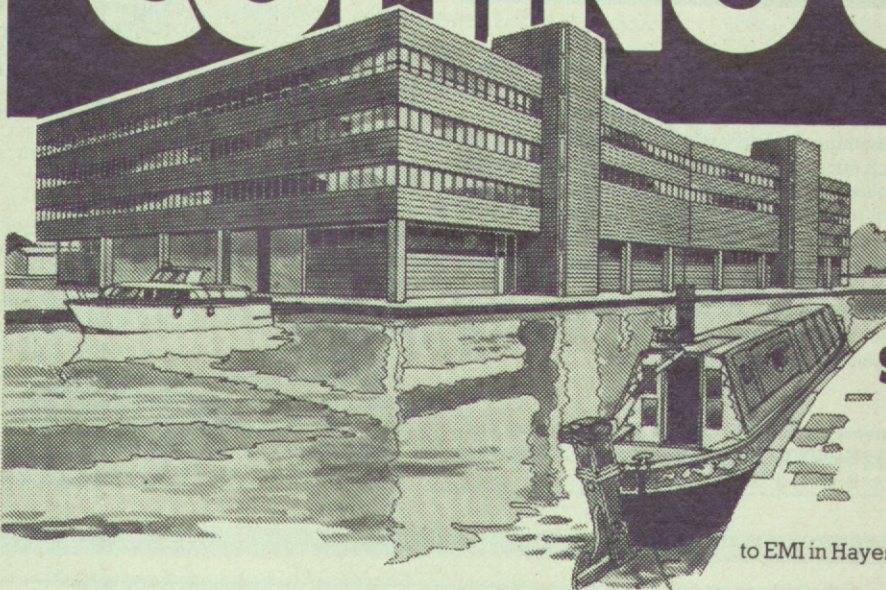
The youngster rose to be regimental sergeant-major and his commission as adjutant was bought for him by his colonel. But he could not afford to live as a cavalry officer and transferred into the Pay Corps where he finished up as a lieutenant-colonel. No small amount of the daring of John Brown has rubbed off on his energetic great-grandson Patrick Stanley who, as well as model making and amateur photography, numbers trials motorcycling among his pastimes. He last rode in the 1971 Army trials but was a

regular entrant before then "whenever I could get a bike to practise."

A newspaper photograph of him in the 1971 championships—in which he came 61st of 114—shows him complete with screwdriver tucked into his spats. 'The vicar's quicker,' announces the headline. But the vicar's slower now, he claims: "It's got a lot tougher since then."

But you've still got to move pretty fast to keep up with this non-stop padre whose life as chaplain would be enough to exhaust most people. For he's on the go all the time after work too... as the model padre.

# COMING OUT?



**Come on in!**  
**COMMERCIAL**  
**PROGRAMMERS**  
**SENIOR PROGRAMMERS**  
**PROGRAM DESIGNERS**  
**SYSTEMS ANALYSTS**

to EMI in Hayes, Middlesex

If you have good solid commercially orientated COBOL programming experience, you could hardly have a better civvy-street start than in EMI's Computer Services Department. Manufacturing some of the world's most advanced electronics, producing a hefty share of the world's recorded music and being responsible for so much of the UK's leisure activities, EMI is—if you'll excuse a military expression advancing on all fronts.

The pace of this expansion has to be

matched in Computer Services. Based on a Honeywell Level 66 facility, current projects include:

- implementing a Honeywell Inventory Management System on behalf of EMI Medical Limited;
- providing a real time air time sales system for Thames TV—an EMI company;
- developing on-line order processing for EMI Records. Currently, we're particularly keen to talk to experienced computer personnel at all levels

To apply, write to or telephone Bill Clark, Personnel Department EMI Limited, 135 Blyth Road, Hayes, Middlesex. Telephone: 01-573 3888, Extension 2887. Or Record-a-Call anytime on 01-573 5524.

The international  
music, electronics  
and leisure Group.







**'Marching Memories' (The Rhine Staff Band of the Royal Tank Regiment)** (Director of Music: Captain Clifford V Wright) (The Lemington Male Voice Choir) (Conductor: Wilf Wright) (Accompanist: Eric W Tutin) (RCA LSA 3249)  
As in so many records of late the title hardly describes the contents, but I see the difficulty producers have in finding new ones. I suppose half a dozen of the fifteen items might revive foot-slogging memories, but at a push.

Ron Goodwin's 'Luftwaffe March' and a rip-roaring medley of marching songs which gives the disc its title make a fine start and later we get 'Mulligan's Musketeers' in a fine arrangement by Captain Wright. In both the latter pieces the choir joins the band, as it does in almost everything, and a great combination they make. Hailing from

near Newcastle, the choir is vigorous, wholly committed and obviously beautifully trained.

I will recommend this LP without reservation to all who relish very good singing and playing and, despite the title, this is a well thought-out and varied programme put across with terrific verve and enthusiasm. We definitely need more from this combination.

Other items are 'My Lord what a Morning,' 'Trumpet Filigree,' 'Speed Your Journey' (Verdi), Seitz's grand old march 'Grandioso,' 'The Old Ark's A-Moving,' 'Go Down, Moses,' 'O Mary, Don't You Weep,' 'Barbara Allen' (as a cornet solo), two Russian airs 'Casatschok' and 'Cavalry of the Steppes,' 'Soldiers' Chorus' from 'Faust,' and finally Harold Walters's 'Instant Concert' lightning switch. **RB**

## On record

**'Arresting Music' (The Band of the Metropolitan Police conducted by Major W Williams)** (Decca SB 712)

The last time I had occasion to observe Major Williams he was proceeding in a north-westerly direction, having just completed a week's engagement with the Metropolitan Police Band at Bournemouth. And he wasn't being chased by the audience. They must have loved lounging in their deckchairs with a load of coppers sweating away for their pleasure.

So resisting all references to taking notes, easy beats, and El CID, I will try to keep what friends I have in the Force by telling the truth, the half truth, or nothing like the truth.

In reverse order the record is dead beat, quite beat, hard to beat.

But seriously (as the would-be comic always says) this LP is right up my street, if a trifle plodding here and there. PC Munday's opening fanfare 'Lindon Castle' is OK but Osterling's march 'Totem Pole' needs playing at break-neck pace to hide its horrors. Other marches are 'The Great Little Army,' a Spanish one called 'Eagle Eye' (ahaah) and Gounod's 'Marche Militaire la Ronde.'

A medley of tunes from Irving Berlin's 'Show Business,' another of Strauss's polkas and waltzes 'A Strauss Garland,' 'Bavarian Polka' by Harry Dexter, 'Wheels Cha Cha' and two solo items complete the military band programme — a cornet trio, 'The Three Boys in Blue,' and a flute solo, 'Happy-Go-Lucky.'

The dance orchestra offers two items — 'Hear-taches' and (even they couldn't resist it) 'Beat Music.' **RB**

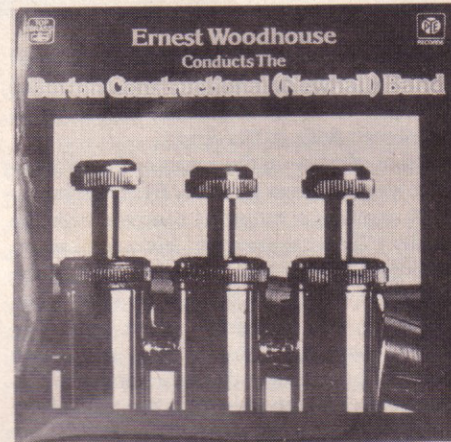


## Brass in brief

**'Ernest Woodhouse conducts the Burton Constructional (Newhall) Band'** (Pye Top Brass TB 3006)

Something for everyone, it says. Hardly, for the Bach offering, 'Prelude and Fugue,' is played as if it were Ball (Eric). The rest, light music, includes two marches, 'Australasian' (W Rimmer) and 'The Elephant' (Ord Hume); two Mancini numbers, 'Moon River' and 'I Love You,' variations on 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,' 'The Girl I Left Behind Me,' two Spanish pieces in 'La Mantella' and 'Hasta La Vista' and a medley of Al Jolson songs. **RB**

**'Sovereign Brass' (Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band)** (Conductor: Major H A Kenney) (Pye Top Brass TB 3007)



All this music is receiving its first recording and, in some cases perhaps, its last. A 'heavy' programme by recent BB standards and including another new overture by Eric Ball, 'Holiday Overture,' a diabolically difficult 'Concerto for Horn' by Major Kenney in which the soloist (Brian Rostrom) deserves a medal, two marches by military band conductors, 'Shrewsbury Fair' (Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Neville) and 'Star of Erin' (Major Gerry Horabin), a flugel solo 'Ven-amair' by P G Weston, tone poem 'King Lear' by Drake Rimmer and an out-of-place 'Judex' by Gounod. **RB**

**'Cornish Festival Brass' (St Dennis Band)** (Conductor: E J Williams) (Pye Top Brass TB 3009)  
Side one is all Cornish — a new march 'Restormel' (new name for the Newquay area), cornet duet 'Golden Rain,' 'Cornish Rock' and a specially commissioned overture by Eric Ball, 'Cornish Festival.' Other items are the march 'Centaur,' 'To a Wild Rose' as a euphonium solo, 'Frolic for Trombones,' the hymn tune 'Angel Voices' and one of those BB specialities, a 'selection' from 'The New World Symphony.' **RB**

## Save on big value Christmas Cards, Presents, Household Novelties and Toys!

Nothing is expensive. You can shop for yourself or order for your friends. Either way, we'll give you £1 in £4 commission on all orders big or small less a 25p carriage contribution. VAT is deducted from all catalogue prices when applicable

**FREE** Our new 88-page bigger than ever catalogue, packed with marvellous value, is yours by return absolutely free. No outlay. No obligation. No risk. See for yourself before you send a single penny.

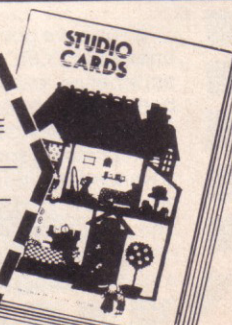
Please send me the latest Studio Cards Catalogue

FW 3E

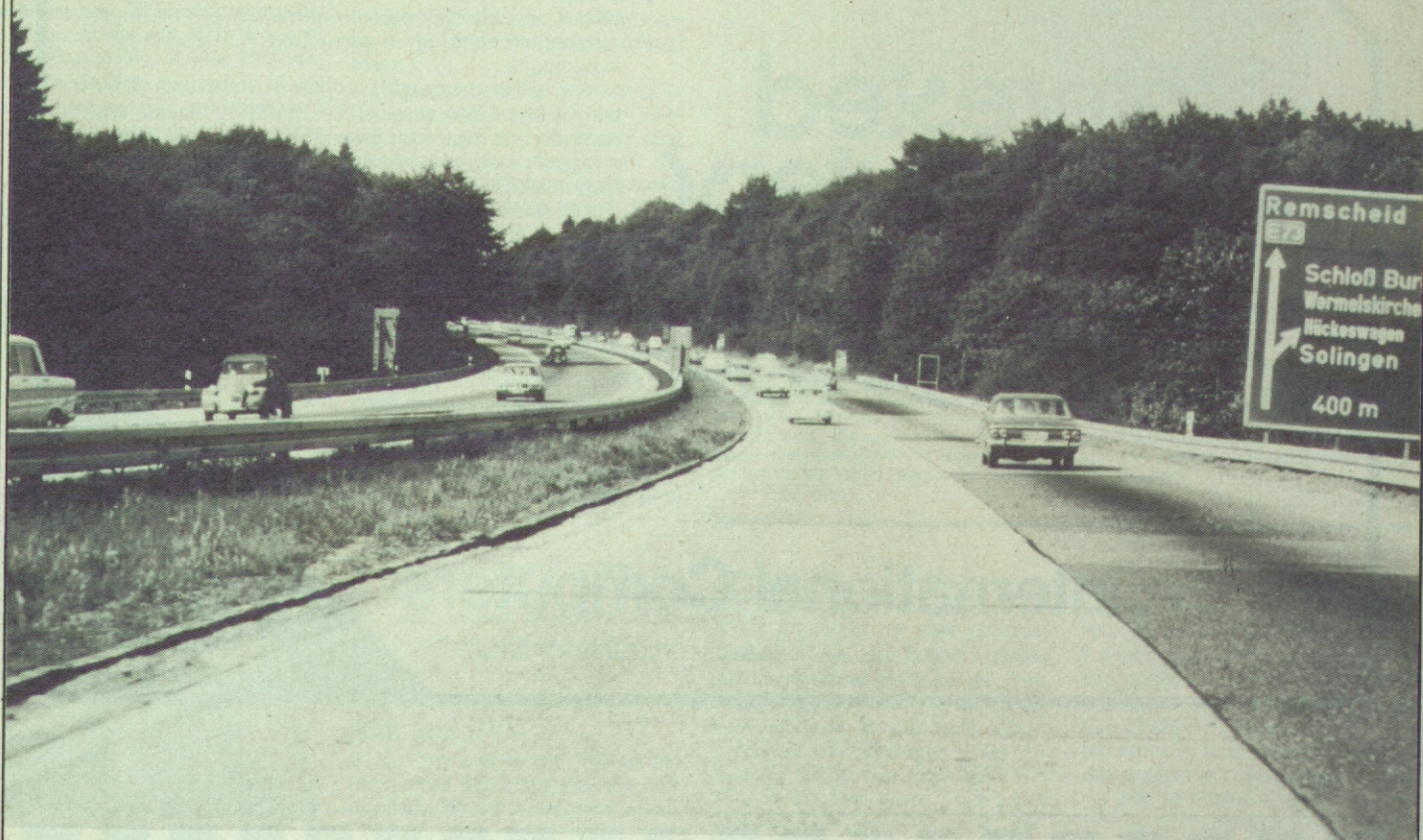
Mr/Mrs/Miss

Address

**Studio Cards Ltd.**  
BIRLEY BANK, PRESTON PR1 4AE







An overseas posting can mean more than just a change of air: it gives you a beautiful opportunity to get yourself a better car, without breaking the bank.

Ford means value for money, even without the tax-free concession you get. And the Ford range gives you the kind of choice you need, with a wide selection of specifications on every model.

Ford also offers expertise on Personal Export. A specialist subsidiary is at the service of your nearest dealer to give expert advice on local practical and legal requirements and can deal with red tape from Customs forms to delivery arrangements.



Then Ford will continue to look after you wherever you are posted, with a world-wide service and parts-supply network. If you are going to be driving overseas, it makes sense to choose a manufacturer which is really international.

When it's time for a change, it will pay you to look to Ford.

For full details of Ford's service to military personnel, write to your local Ford dealer or send the form below to:

Ford Personal Import Export Limited, (Military Sales),  
8 Balderton Street, London W1Y 2BN.  
Telephone: 01-493 4070.

**Our experience will take you a long way.**

Please send me information about Ford military sales.

Name and rank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Ford Personal Import Export Limited, (Military Sales), 8 Balderton Street, London W1Y 2BN. Telephone: 01-493 4070.



# Interested in computers?

## Lecture on Computer Servicing

**International Computers**

think computers—think ICL

**ICL**

We are looking for Lecturers to teach the practicalities of computer servicing.

You will be based at our Engineering Training Centre in Letchworth, Herts – the largest of its kind in Europe. Here you will be given a comprehensive grounding in computer technology in general and ICL equipment in particular.

You will be thoroughly prepared to train engineers to the point where they will be capable of maintaining computers at the optimum operational specification.

Ideally, you will have an HNC or Forces' training in a technical subject. Any experience of digital electronics, computers or instructing on these subjects, while not essential, will be useful.

We'll start you as an Assistant Lecturer on a salary of not less than £3800 a year. You'll be encouraged and expected to progress to the position of Senior Lecturer which carries a salary in excess of £5000.

Relocation expenses will be considered where appropriate.

For an application form write to A E Turner, ICL, 85/91 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 2TE. Please quote reference TS1984.

## Join the Northern Ireland Prison Service and enjoy a good steady job

Your training in the forces is ideally suited to the very worthwhile job of a Prison Officer. Don't let that training go to waste in just any old job in civvy street. You want a job that gives you steady employment with good pay, provides the same sort of comradeship and teamwork you enjoyed in the forces. You will get all that as an officer in the Northern Ireland Prison Service.



If you are in good health, between 21 and 50, 5' 6" or over, just fill in and post the coupon. We will send you a colour brochure and further information on the opportunities for you in the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

**Immediately on joining you can be earning over £3000 a year.**

**Stride into a better  
future in the....**

**Northern Ireland  
Prison Service**

To Prison Staffing Officer, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SU.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SOL



# Letters

## All together now . . .

I wonder if the following constitutes a record? The 9th Lancers were stationed in Palestine in 1924-26 and in the band, all on the solo clarinet stand, were Lance-Corporal A Hole (solo clarinet), W Jordan and myself, C King. At the end of 1925 and in 1926 we were all at Kneller Hall and, to mark the 50th anniversary of our being there together, we were given the unique opportunity of playing with the Kneller Hall Band at its summer concert on 1 September. Back there and playing in the band — and all from the same regiment — surely this must be a record? — **Charles King, 32 Richmond Avenue, Shoburness, Essex, SS3 9LG.**

## Eros 'island'

I took the picture (below) in June of the statue of Eros which dominates the 'island' made by British Forces in June-July 1944 when congestion on the roads to and from the Mulberry Harbour was beginning to snarl up



## Christmas cards

Subjects of this year's Army Benevolent Fund Christmas cards are 'A View of the Thames from Waterloo Bridge 1860-61' (Card A), 'Little Peter and the Chelsea Pensioners' (Card B), 'A Winter Scene' (Card C) and 'The Star of Bethlehem' (Card D). Prices of cards and envelopes (postage extra) are: Card A 10p (home), 9p (overseas); Card B 8p, 7p; Card C 6p, 5p; Card D 8p, 7p. Order forms should be sent to The Forces Press (Naafi), Crimea Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 1UF.

all traffic. The 'island,' just outside Tierceville near Creully, was built to ease traffic to and from the beaches at a busy crossroads leading to Creully, Caen, Arromanches, Courseulles, etc

In August or September 1944 some clever artists of 14 Company, Royal Engineers, made the plinth/statue of Eros. It stood there until the people of Tierceville-Creully decided to give it some protection by building steps up to the statue and putting railings round it.

I wonder how many members of 14 Company have been back since 1944 and seen how well their very fine 'monument' has weathered the years.—**L G Pinkey (ex-Second Army Signals), Allen Street, Maidstone, Kent.**

## 'New look'

Congratulations to all concerned on the 'new look' of the magazine. I very much like it and I am sure the majority of your readers will vote it a great improvement on the old style. — **Major F H Blackburn (Retd), 53 Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, London, NW7 1NE.**

★ Thank you, Major Blackburn, and all the other readers who have written. We shall continue to improve SOLDIER in whatever way we can.

## ACF and GVC

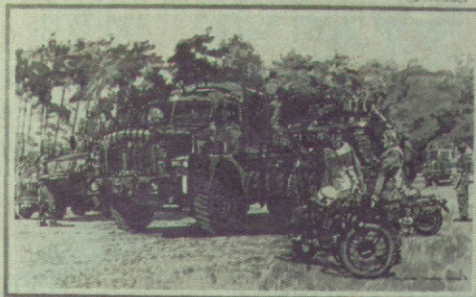
It was very nice to see ('Annie gets their guns,' July) that girls are now members of the Combined Cadet Force but rather sad to read that this is not likely to be extended to the Army Cadet Force because the ACF already has an equivalent female organisation.

I would be glad to know what that equivalent is because quite a number of girls ask if they can join ACF units. —**Sgt-Instr K J Holmes, 216 (Harrow) Cadet Company RAMC, TA Centre, Elmgrove Road, Harrow, Middlesex.**

★ The 'equivalent' is the Girls Venture Corps which has its headquarters at 33 St George's Drive, London

## Mighty Antar

Serving and ex-members of the tank transporter world will be interested in a recent commission completed for 3 Tank Transporter Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, by the Imperial War Museum artist, Ken Howard. His water-colour study of a Chieftain tank of The Royal Hussars being loaded on an Antar transporter is sur-



SW1, and which was formed as the Girls Training Corps just before World War Two. In 1964 the Girls Training Corps and Women's Junior Air Corps joined forces as the Girls Venture Corps with ground wing units affiliated to the Army Cadet Force and air wing units to the Air Training Corps. Age limits are 13 to 18 as in the Army Cadet Force which helps the GVC with the use of drill halls, huts, rifle ranges and training.

## Gog and Magog

The fact that the Army is getting two new vessels, Ardennes and Arakan (SOLDIER NEWS, September), is splendid news.

I would like to add some comments on the gun barges Gog and Magog mentioned in the NEWS story. According to my records, they were built in 1886 and 1900 respectively.

rounded by pen-and-ink sketches depicting other aspects of squadron life including a scene in Belfast where the unit is currently serving its fourth tour.

Prints, of what is thought to be the first Antar study, are available from PRI, 3 Tank Transporter Squadron RCT, BFPO 16. Signed prints, £3.50 plus 45p packing and 35p postage; unsigned, £2.50 plus 45p and 35p postage (postage rate 5p within BAOR only).

Gog lasted until 1948 although she sank in collision with a sailing barge back in 1928 (losing her load — a 9.2-inch piece, I believe) and was later refloated. Magog is still afloat and in use as a floating dock at an East Greenwich barge yard.

Incidentally, large calibre guns were also proofed at the establishment on the Isle of Grain — dismantled in 1959 — and although I have photographs of the site in dereliction I have never seen any taken when it was in commission equipped, so I have been told, with a large cantilever crane known as Nelson.

Needless to say I should be delighted to know if any such photographs exist. — **John D Smale, Forelands, 72 Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, BN4 5HA.**

## South Vietnam

The Imperial War Museum is running until 30 November 1976 — admission free — a small temporary exhibition illustrating the military campaign in Vietnam during March and April 1975 which led to the collapse of the government of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

The exhibition covers the military events of the campaign and includes an introductory background to the political and military situation. The material is largely photographs, graphics and film but also includes exhibits such as uniforms, medals, insignia and posters.

## Reunions

**Boys Battery RA 1151-1157.** 'Badges' reunion 1976, will be held in HQ Sergeants Mess, RA Depot, Woolwich, Saturday 20 November, 1930 for 2000 hrs. Dress lounge suit with 1151-1157 tie. Further details from T C Holden, 6 Ingress Walk, Sholver 2, Moorside, Oldham, Lancashire.

**Royal Army Veterinary Corps Association.** Annual reunion, dinner over ▶

## Soldiers on canvas



Army Headquarters in Northern Ireland has commissioned artist Joan Wanklyn to portray in oils the whole range of operational activities in the Province. Her painting has the ordinary soldier as its central theme and captures in sketches the atmosphere of operations where tiredness and boredom are as much a part of daily life as the dangers of patrols and bomb disposal. Five thousand prints, 27½ x 12 inches with a picture area of 22 x 16½ inches, will be on sale in late October. Five hundred copies, signed and numbered by the artist, will be sold at £5.00 each and the remainder at £2.00 each, the profits going to the GOC Northern Ireland Troops Fund to provide and in some cases maintain welfare items bought solely for the use of soldiers in the Province.

Orders for prints may be placed now with A Branch, HQ Northern Ireland, BFPO 825, and should be accompanied by cheques or postal orders made out to 'GOC Troops Fund.' Those ordering signed copies should state if they are prepared to take an unsigned copy should their bid arrive after the 500 quota has been taken up.



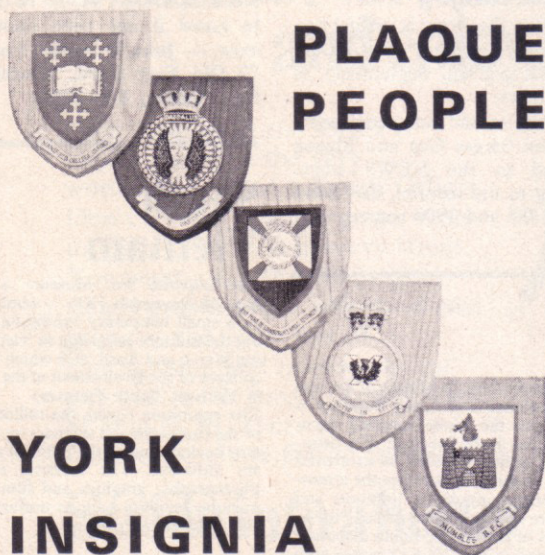
# UK-Cyprus Cyprus-UK

...either way there could be a  
new car waiting for you  
-backed by the HENLY organisation



Contact John Horgan, Inter-Car Centre  
Henlys Ltd, West Street Bedminster Bristol 3 3LH  
Telephone: Bristol 662261

## THE PLAQUE PEOPLE



## YORK INSIGNIA

Specialise in these beautiful hand-painted, embossed 7" x 6" Wall Shields, priced £4.90 each incl. postage (FM), made from thousands of carved dies of most known Badges. FREE BROCHURE

YORK INSIGNIA LTD . YORK . ENGLAND  
Tel. 0904 25522

and annual general meeting, RAVC Training Centre, Melton Mowbray, 2 October. Details from Hon Sec, RAVC Association, Ministry of Defence (AVR), Droitwich, Worcestershire, WR9 8AU.

**14th/20th King's Hussars.** Regimental reunion, Manchester, Saturday 6 November. Details from Home HQ, 14/20H, Lancaster House, Manchester Road, Clifton, Manchester, M27 2PU (Tel: 061-794 2898).

**3rd Parachute Battalion Group.** Commemorative dinner, Aldershot, 5 November, for all ranks who took part in assault on El Gamil airfield, Port Said, in Suez campaign. Contact Col Geoffrey Mullins, Regimental HQ, The Parachute Regiment, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hampshire.

**16 Para Bde Pro Unit and 1 Para Pl (V).** Stag reunion, TAVR Centre, 132 Upper Tulse Hill, London SW2, 25 Mar 77 (units disband 1 Apr 77). Rough and ready accommodation (sleeping bags and camp beds) available; buffet. All personnel who served with the units at any time, whether RMP or not, are invited and should inform OC 16 Para Bde Pro Unit RMP, Provost Barracks, Maida Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, by 31 December.

**14/28 Field Regiment RA.** Annual dinner and reunion 2000 hrs, Saturday 9 October, HQ RA Sergeants Mess, Woolwich. Names and remittances to WO2 T Spurr RA, HQ BAOR, BFPO 40. Overnight accommodation can be arranged.

**301 Bty, 93 SL Regt RA.** Reunion, Connaught Rooms, Holborn, London, 23 October. Details from Mrs P Dakin (Cpl Milling), 6 Lerryn Road, Bridgemark, Gosport, Hampshire, PO13 04G.

**The Welch Regiment Old Comrades.** Reunion dinner 7.30pm, Saturday 16 October, TAVR Centre, Pontypridd. Tickets £2.00 each. Apply (with sae) to Vincent D Williams, 41 Cole Bank Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 8EZ.

## How observant are you?

(see page 15)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Dragon's teeth. 2 Fighting knight's left shin armour. 3 Width of castle's right battlement. 4 Dragon's nostril. 5 Plume of spectator second from left. 6 Second claw of dragon's right hind foot. 7 Fallen knight's right knee. 8 Shape of fallen knight's shield. 9 Top scale of dragon's neck. 10 Waist of spectator third from left.

## Competition

The quotation answer to Competition 216 (June) was "If music be the food of love, play on..." The competition heading of 'Sixth of January' gave a clue to the source — Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'.

The answer was to be found by starting in the middle of the divided concentric circles and proceeding clockwise and anti-clockwise. Letters alternated between the beginning and end of each group and where numbers were given the equivalent Roman letter was taken.

Prizewinners:

- 1 John Messham, 9 Deiniols Road, Mancot, Deeside, Clwyd.
- 2 L L Howells, Careers Office, Mid Glam Co Council, Sunnyside Offices, Bridgend.
- 3 R G Sheldrake, 147 Lordwood Road, Harborne, Birmingham.
- 4 Charles L Downs, 55 Ashley Close, Sudden, Rochdale, Lancashire.
- 5 Tom Kempshall, 36 Glendower Avenue, Coventry, West Midlands.
- 6 L N Smith, Kilbronogue, Ballydehob, Co Cork, Eire.
- 7 Cpl A D Loveridge, 154 FAD, BFPO 44.
- 8 Mrs T M Hodgkinson, 22 Crescent Drive, Helsby, Warrington, Cheshire.

## Collectors' Corner

This column is open to bona-fide collectors, not dealers. Announcements are made free of charge as a service to SOLDIER readers. Subsequent correspondence must be conducted direct between readers and not through SOLDIER.



US paratroop or gliderborne troops wings 75p each.

Stan Adams, 530 Maplehurst Avenue, Oakville, Ontario, Canada. — Requires Royal Irish Rifles QVC cap badge, also Dublin Regiment. Interested in all Irish regiments. Will pay fair price.

Derrick Smart, Bun Machan, 37 Clopton Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6SN. — Wishes purchase or exchange British Army cap badges.

Bill Connor, 24 Dublin Street, Martinborough, Wairarapa, New Zealand. — Seeks military badges, medals, prints and military uniform stamps. Will buy or exchange.

D Pickles, 11 Erlesmere Avenue, Denton, Manchester, M34 3FD. — Requires present-day British Army Air Corps new and old-type collar dogs, beret badge, Blue Eagle patches and titles, also airborne forces printed and embroidered, Pegasus and DZ patches.

Trevor T Bate, 29 Appleton Drive, Wymeswold, Leicestershire. — For sale or exchange offers Northumberland or Inniskilling Fusiliers collar badges 50p pair; rare WW2

F A J Wright, 4280 Dorchester Boulevard W, Westmount H3Z 1V2, Quebec, Canada. — Will exchange Canadian badges (CEF) for WW1 Guards and Yeomanry badges. Has khaki university cap, collar badges, University of Manitoba cap and collar badges (black) c/w COTC titles (brass), Canadian Garrison Regiment (brass Canada G/S).

F Green, 81 Deerlands Avenue, Parsons Cross, Sheffield, S5 7WS. — Will exchange handbook 'Infantry Training,' 1914, illustrated, near mint condition, for British Army cap badges; also wishes buy all badges Brigade of Guards, SAS and RCMP.

S Stockton, 233 Union Road, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire. — Army cadet, requires most British modern Staybrite cap badges, will trade Queen's Lancashire Regiment cap badges.



# SOLDIER's Reader Services

## SUBSCRIPTION

Your own copy of SOLDIER posted direct to you

One year

UK	BFPO	Elsewhere
£2.97 <input type="checkbox"/>	£2.97 <input type="checkbox"/>	£3.10 <input type="checkbox"/>

## EASIBINDER

Holds 12 issues

£1.30 <input type="checkbox"/>	£1.30 <input type="checkbox"/>	£1.36 <input type="checkbox"/>
--------------------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------

## BOUND VOLUMES

Red buckram. Gilt title, vol no., year. 1973, 1974 each 1975

£4.35 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.35 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
£5.05 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5.05 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5.20 <input type="checkbox"/>

## COLOUR PRINTS

Sidi Saleh 1941 (23½ × 18 ins, 597 × 456 mm) (picture area 17¾ × 12¼ ins, 450 × 312 mm)  
 The Leeson Street Patrol (23 × 17 ins, 592 × 442 mm) (picture area 17½ × 11½ ins, 440 × 290 mm)  
 The Germans Surrender (32 × 28 ins, 914 × 750 mm) (picture area 27½ × 21 ins, 692 × 550 mm)  
 Gurkhas Guard the Queen (38 × 29½ ins, 1009 × 760 mm) (picture area 30 × 19½ ins, 763 × 488 mm)  
 Ceremony of the Keys (12¼ × 10½ ins, 310 × 266 mm) (picture area 10¼ × 8 ins, 260 × 204 mm)  
 Queen's Regiment Colours Presentation (25½ × 17½ ins, 635 × 449 mm) (picture area 22½ × 14½ ins, 575 × 375 mm)  
 Sidi Rezegh (26 × 19 ins, 660 × 482 mm) (picture area 24 × 12¼ ins, 607 × 310 mm)

£2.10 <input type="checkbox"/>	£1.96 <input type="checkbox"/>	£2.10 <input type="checkbox"/>
£2.10 <input type="checkbox"/>	£1.96 <input type="checkbox"/>	£2.10 <input type="checkbox"/>
£5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
£4.60 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	£4.50 <input type="checkbox"/>
£0.39 <input type="checkbox"/>	£0.36 <input type="checkbox"/>	£0.40 <input type="checkbox"/>
£3.60 <input type="checkbox"/>	£3.60 <input type="checkbox"/>	£3.66 <input type="checkbox"/>
£3.15 <input type="checkbox"/>	£3.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£3.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

## REGIMENTAL DRUM ICE BUCKETS

Available designs:

Royal Artillery; 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

**Cavalry regiments:** 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards; Royal Scots Dragoon Guards; 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards; 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards; Queen's Royal Irish Hussars; Royal Hussars; 13th/18th Royal

Hussars; 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars; 17th/21st Lancers; 4th Royal Tank Regiment.

**Infantry regiments:** Grenadier Guards (1st Bn or 2nd Bn); Coldstream Guards; Scots Guards; Irish Guards (1st Bn); Welsh Guards (1st Bn); Royal Scots; Royal Highland Fusiliers (1st Bn); King's Own Scottish Borderers (1st Bn); Cameronians; Black Watch (1st Bn); Queen's Own Highlanders; Seaforth Highlanders (1st Bn); Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; Gordon Highlanders; London Scottish; Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (1st Bn or 2nd Bn); Queen's; Queen's Royal Surrey; Buffs; Queen's Own Royal West Kent (4th/5th Bn); Royal Sussex (1st Bn or 4th Bn); Middlesex (1st Bn); Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Royal Warwickshire Regiment; Lancashire Fusiliers; Royal Anglian; Royal Lincolnshire (2nd Bn); Northamptonshire (1st Bn); King's Own Royal Border (1st Bn); Border; King's; Liverpool Scottish; Prince Of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; East Yorkshire; Green Howards (1st Bn); Duke of Wellington's; York and Lancaster (1st Bn); Yorkshire Volunteers; Queen's Lancashire; Loyal (1st Bn); Royal Irish Rangers; Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Royal Ulster Rifles (1st Bn); Royal Irish Fusiliers (1st Bn); North Irish Militia (4th Bn, Royal Irish Rangers); Devonshire and Dorset (1st Bn); Dorsetshire; Cheshire; Royal Welch Fusiliers; Royal Regiment of Wales; Gloucestershire (1st Bn); Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters; Royal Hampshire (1st Bn); Staffordshire (1st Bn); Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment; Durham Light Infantry; Royal Green Jackets; Rifle Brigade; Parachute; 6th QEO Gurkha Rifles; 7th DEO Gurkha Rifles; 10th PMO Gurkha Rifles; Gurkha Engineers; Ulster Defence Regiment (3rd (Co Down) Bn, 6th (Tyrone) Bn, 7th (City of Belfast) Bn, 10th (City of Belfast) Bn, or 11th (Craigavon) Bn).

**Corps:** Royal Engineers; Royal Signals; Royal Corps of Transport; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Royal Military Police; Royal Army Pay Corps; Royal Army Dental Corps; Army Catering Corps; Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

**Miscellaneous:** Honourable Artillery Company; Household Division; Staff College; Royal College of Defence Studies; Army Catering Corps Apprentices College; George IV; Royal Jersey Infantry; Royal Navy; Royal Marines; Royal Air Force; Atholl Highlanders.

**Overseas:** Lord Strathcona's Horse; Royal Montreal Regiment; Highland Fusiliers of Canada; Canadian Scottish Regiment; South Alberta Light Horse; Royal Canadian Regiment; Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada; Royal Military College of Canada; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; United States Marine Corps; Bermuda Regiment; Jamaica Regiment (3rd Bn); Royal New Zealand Infantry; University of New South Wales Regiment; Royal Brunei Malay Regiment.

UK	BFPO	Elsewhere
£7.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£6.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	£8.00 <input type="checkbox"/> ( )

Design required

continued overleaf ▶

## SOLDIER Photographs

Prints of published or unpublished SOLDIER photographs can be supplied in glossy or white fine lustre surfaces, unmounted or mounted as required. Photographic prints can be mounted on white or grey card at an additional charge of £0.25 per print.

The prices listed here apply only to SOLDIER copyright photographs. It is regretted that copies of other pictures cannot be supplied but the source will be given if known.

Size (inches)	Basic price	Post/packing	UK/BFPO	Elsewhere
6 × 4	£0.25	1 to 30	£0.8	£0.44
8 × 6	£0.30	1 to 25	£0.8	£0.44
10 × 8	£0.60	1 to 15	£0.8	£0.44
12 × 10	£0.75	1 to 10	£0.8	£0.44
15 × 12	£0.90	1 to 8	£0.8	£0.44
20 × 16	£1.40	1 to 4	£0.8	£0.82

Plus 8% VAT on total (UK only)

Order from Picture Editor, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU, by UK cheque, postal order or international money order.



### St. John's College

Horsham, Sussex

Independent boarding & day school for boys 7-18. Preparation for G.C.E. 'O' & 'A' Levels, CSE, C.E. by qualified Staff in small classes. The College is set among 75 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside, 1 mile from Horsham, with extensive playing fields and sports facilities. Special provision is made for the sons of parents stationed abroad and an efficient courier service is provided to and from air terminals.

Prospectus: The Secretary, St. John's College, Coolhurst, Horsham, Sussex. Tel: Horsham 2424.

### St. Andrew's School

Girls' Independent Day and



### MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

Boarding School (Recognised)

The School is situated on the outskirts of Malton, within easy reach of the open country, and of Scarborough, York and Leeds. The School is in spacious grounds, with new Laboratory, Domestic Science Department and good sports facilities. Main School 11-18 years, prepares girls for 'O' and 'A' level G.C.E. and University Entrance. Preparatory Department 4-11 years, Day Boys 4-8½ years. Girl Boarders from 7 years of age.



# SOLDIER's Reader Services *continued*

## BACK NUMBERS

Available (with gaps) from 1955 onwards (list and postal charges on application)

November 1975 onwards  
July to October 1975  
January to June 1975  
Up to December 1974

£0.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.15	<input type="checkbox"/>
£0.10	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.10	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.10	<input type="checkbox"/>
£0.07	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.07	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.07	<input type="checkbox"/>
£0.05	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.05	<input type="checkbox"/>	£0.05	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SOLDIER PRINT SOCIETY

Full colour lithographs by Charles Stadden  
(16 x 11 ins, 405 x 278 mm)

- |    |   |                          |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1  | Drum-major, Royal Marines, 1973         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2  | Officer, King's Troop, RHA, 1972        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3  | Officers, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, 1922 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4  | Officer, Royal Artillery, 1772          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5  | Private, Company of Artificers, 1772    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6  | Drum horse, Life Guards, 1972           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7  | Drum horse, Blues and Royals, 1972      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8  | Paratrooper, Parachute Regt, 1975       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9  | Mounted sentry, Life Guards, 1974       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Mounted sentry, Blues and Royals, 1974  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | Pipe-major, Black Watch, 1975           | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- |    |   |                          |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 12 | Drum-major, Queen's Regiment, 1974          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | Fusilier, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, 1975 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | Private, 41st (Welch Regiment), 1854        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | Drum-major, Welsh Guards, 1975              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 | Standard-bearer, Blues and Royals, 1973     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 | Drum-major, Scots Guards, 1975              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 | Sailor, Royal Navy 1975                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 | Piper, Ulster Defence Regiment, 1975        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | Standard-bearer, Life Guards 1973           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21 | Drummer, Royal Anglian Regiment, 1974       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22 | Private, 24th (South Wales Borderers), 1879 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Minimum order two prints. Any two prints, £1.10 (UK/BFPO), £1.16 (elsewhere); three, £1.60/£1.66; four, £2.15/£2.20; five, £2.65/£2.71; six, £3.06/£3.08; seven, £3.56/£3.56; eight, £4.08/£4.10; nine, £4.66/£4.68; ten, £5.16/£5.18; eleven, £5.68/£5.73; twelve, £6.12/£6.16; thirteen, £6.62/£6.66; fourteen, £7.12/£7.12; fifteen, £7.64/£7.66; sixteen, £8.16/£8.20; seventeen, £8.74/£8.80; eighteen, £9.18/£9.26; nineteen, £9.68/£9.76; twenty, £10.18/£10.28; twenty-one, £10.70/£10.90; twenty-two, £11.20/£11.40.

## SOLDIER PRINT SOCIETY PEWTER FIGURES by Charles Stadden, 80 mm scale.

1 Grenadier, Grenadier Guards, 1735 ☐; 2\* Guardsman, Scots Guards, 1820 ☐; 3\* Paratrooper, Parachute Regiment, 1974 ☐; 4\* Guardsman, Coldstream Guards, 1815 ☐; 5 French Grenadier, 1815 ☐; 6 French Hussar, 1809 ☐; 7 American Militiaman, 1775 ☐; 8 Guardsman, Coldstream Guards, 1775 ☐; 9 Officer, Queen's Regiment, 1686 ☐; 10\*\* Private, Queen's Regiment, 1975 ☐; 11 —; 12 3rd New Jersey Blues, 1777 ☐; 13 Pipe-major, Scots Guards, 1937 ☐; 14 Sergeant, 31st (East Surrey), 1846 ☐; 15 Private, Grenadier Guards, 1829 ☐; 16 French Imperial Guard, 1809 ☐; 17 Private, 35th (Royal Sussex), 1775 ☐.

\*Now renumbered.

\*\*Also available, in the same pose of a soldier on duty in Northern Ireland, but with appropriate differences in uniform and different badge on base: 10/UQR/1 Queen's Regiment ☐; 10/USG/2 Scots Guards (previously numbered 11) ☐; 10/URA/3 Royal Anglian Regiment ☐; 10/UDG/4 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards ☐; 10/UCG/5 Coldstream Guards ☐; 10/URF/6 1st Bn, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers ☐; 10/URF/7 2nd Bn, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers ☐; 10/URF/8 3rd Bn, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers ☐; 10/UAS/9 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders ☐; 10/URT/10 1st Royal Tank Regiment ☐; 10/ULG/11 Life Guards ☐.

Each £6.60 (UK/BFPO), £7.25 (elsewhere).

## SOLDIER PRINT SOCIETY POSTCARDS (6 X 4 ins, 152 x 101 mm) by Charles Stadden

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Set 1  | 22 Trooper, 2nd Dragoons, 1805 <input type="checkbox"/>              | Set 4   | 56 Pipe-major, Black Watch, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>                         |
| 1 Sergeant, 95th Foot, 1809 <input type="checkbox"/>           | 23 Bugle-major, 68th Foot, 1846 <input type="checkbox"/>             | 37 Drummer, R Regt of Wales, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>        | 57 Officer, 30th Foot, 1742 <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| 2 Rifleman, 60th Foot, 1812 <input type="checkbox"/>           | 24 Officer, 20th Foot, 1769 <input type="checkbox"/>                 | 38 Private, 19th Foot, 1873 <input type="checkbox"/>              | 58 Sailor, Royal Navy, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| 3 Drummer, 29th Foot, 1694 <input type="checkbox"/>            |  | 39 Piper, 25th Foot, 1770 <input type="checkbox"/>                | 59 Paratrooper, Parachute Regt, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>                     |
| 4 Private, 46th Foot, 1746 <input type="checkbox"/>            | Set 3  | 40 Guardsman, Welsh Guards, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>         | 60 Private, Company of Artificers, 1772 <input type="checkbox"/>                  |
| 5 Officer, R Irish Rifles, 1900 <input type="checkbox"/>       | 25 Drum horse, Blues & Royals, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>         | 41 Mounted trooper, Life Guards, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>    |   |
| 6 Officer, 27th Foot, 1733 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 26 Drum-major, 9th Foot, 1810 <input type="checkbox"/>               | 42 Goat-major, R Regt of Wales, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>     | Set 6   |
| 7 Officer, 87th Foot, 1809 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 27 Officer, King's Troop RHA, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>          | 43 Drum-major, Royal Marines, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>       | 61 4 RM in Zeebrugge raid, 23 Apr 1918 <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| 8 Officer, 82nd Foot, 1829 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 28 Officers, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, 1922 <input type="checkbox"/>  | 44 Officer, Royal Jersey Militia, 1772 <input type="checkbox"/>   | 62 RM Bde in Belgium, Aug 1914 <input type="checkbox"/>                           |
| 9 Corporal, 47th Foot, 1770 <input type="checkbox"/>           | 29 Officer, Royal Artillery, 1772 <input type="checkbox"/>           | 45 Drum-major, Staffordshire Regt, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>  | 63 RM and Light Inf changing sentries, 1855 <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| 10 Private, 5th Foot, 1773 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 30 Pikeman, 1st Foot, 1633 <input type="checkbox"/>                  | 46 Officer, R Irish Rangers, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>        | 64 RM commandos, 1944 <input type="checkbox"/>                                    |
| 11 Drum-major, 6th Foot, 1800 <input type="checkbox"/>         | 31 Drum-major, Devon & Dorsets, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>        | 47 Drum-horse, Life Guards, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>         | 65 Marine marksman, 1799 <input type="checkbox"/>                                 |
| 12 Sergeant, 7th Foot, 1814 <input type="checkbox"/>           |  | 48 Airman, Queen's Colour Sqdn RAF, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/> | 66 RM bugler, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>                                       |
| Set 2  | 32 Standard-bearer, 15th/19th Hussars, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/> | Set 5   | 67 Officer of Marines, 1799 <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| 13 Officer, Argyll & Sutherland, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/> | 33 Officer, 4th/7th Royal Dragoons, 1743 <input type="checkbox"/>    | 49 Officer, 39th Foot, 1757 <input type="checkbox"/>              | 68 RM at Battle of Tamaii, 13 Mar 1884 <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| 14 Bugle-major, R Green Jackets, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/> |  | 50 Drum-major, Welsh Guards, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>        | 69 Grenadier, Villier's Marines, Gibraltar, 24 July 1704 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 Grenadier, 37th Foot, 1759 <input type="checkbox"/>         | 34 Officer, 1st KDG, 1815 <input type="checkbox"/>                   | 51 Private, 41st Foot, 1854 <input type="checkbox"/>              | 70 RM landing craft deckhand, D-Day, 1944 <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| 16 Guardsman, Scots Guards, 1972 <input type="checkbox"/>      | 35 Standard-bearer, Life Guards, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>       | 52 Drum-major, Scots Guards, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>        | 71 RM Forces Volunteer Reserve, 1948 <input type="checkbox"/>                     |
| 17 Private, 33rd Foot, 1702 <input type="checkbox"/>           | 36 Standard-bearer, Blues & Royals, 1973 <input type="checkbox"/>    | 53 Private, 24th Foot, 1879 <input type="checkbox"/>              | 72 RM at capture of Oswego, 5 May 1814 <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| 18 Officer, 34th Foot, 1702 <input type="checkbox"/>           |  | 54 Fusilier, R Regt of Fusiliers, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |
| 19 Private, 31st Foot, 1702 <input type="checkbox"/>           |  | 55 Officer, 23rd Foot, 1854 <input type="checkbox"/>              |   |
| 20 Caliverer, 3rd Foot, 1572 <input type="checkbox"/>          |  |   |   |
| 21 Drum horse, 3 POW Dragoons, 1896 <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |   |   |

Each set £1.10 (UK/BFPO), £1.18 (elsewhere). Single cards (minimum order five), 20p/21p.

## SOLDIER PRINT SOCIETY REGIMENTAL EVENT PRINTS (First edition) by Charles Stadden

- (15 x 8 ins, 380 x 203 mm)
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | The Highland Light Infantry — Gibraltar 1777   |
| 2 | The 31st (East Surrey) Regiment — Sobraon 1846 |
| 3 | Coldstream Guards — Capture of Gibraltar 1704  |

SOLDIER Print Society members may order the above three prints at the special price of £1.35 (BFPO/UK), £1.45 (elsewhere). When members' orders have been met, these prints will be available to non-members at £1.75/£1.85.

Join SOLDIER Print Society and order any three of the Charles Stadden prints listed above at the special introductory price of £1.20 (UK/BFPO), £1.30 (elsewhere). You have then only to agree to take a further six prints during the following 12 months. And you may also join now and at the same time order the set of first edition regimental event prints listed above.

All prices shown except where stated, include postage and packing.

To: SOLDIER (RS12), Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU.

I am already/enrol me as/do not wish to become a member of the Soldier Print Society.

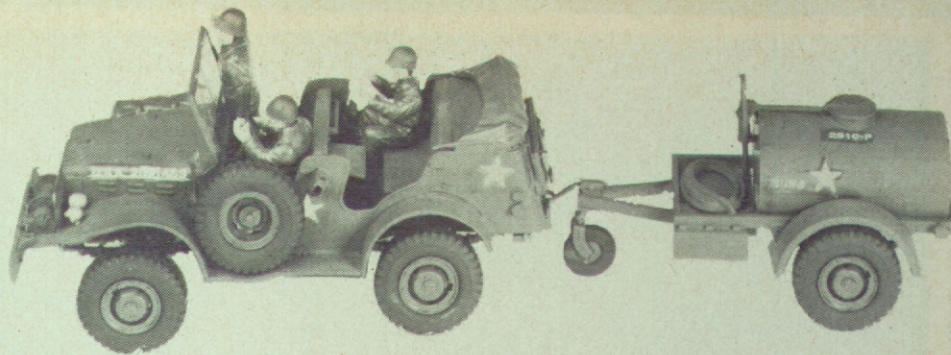
I enclose UK postal order/UK cheque/international money order for .....

Please send items ticked above to .....

The "Famous Regiments" series of histories is listed in SOLDIER from time to time.



## Military models



FOR GUM-CHEWING generals it was a headquarters on wheels. The Dodge 3/4-ton command field sedan had a map table, radio, roof rack, and blackout blinds at the rear window. The Dodge 3/4-ton series of light trucks was officially introduced in 1942 to supersede the 1/2-ton vehicles. They served as weapon carrier, ambulance, radio vehicle, repair truck and command cars.

The command car appeared in two versions — the WC 56 command reconnaissance car (pictured above, with trailer) and WC 53 command field sedan.

Built straight from the box, this month's main model is of the less luxurious vehicle with detachable canvas top and side screens. However it can be fairly easily converted to a command field sedan by building up the side with plastic card, adding windows of transparent plastic and blackout from paper dyed with ink, carving the curved roof from balsa wood (coated with sanding sealer before painting) and attaching a roof rack from scrap plastic sprue stretched and formed into shape over a candle flame.

This model — originally produced by the Japanese firm of Max — is now available in this country under the Airfix brand name. It comes as a kit of plastic parts in 1:35th scale at £1.85. The location of parts is not quite up to the Airfix tradition for precision and modellers will find they have to do some filing and fitting. The kit is complete with three figures, transfer decals for HQ 82nd Airborne Division in Europe, HQ 3rd Army in Europe and HQ 8th Army, 14 Corps, 32

## General's jalopy

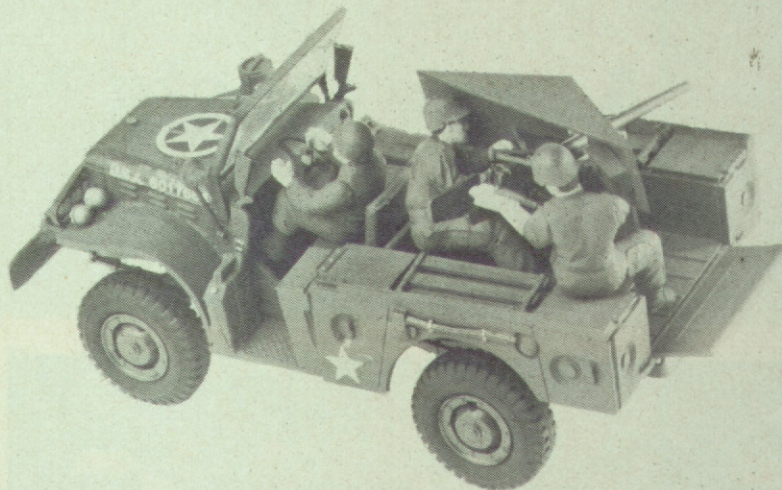
Infantry Division, in the Philippines and Japan, as well as a trailer with 250-gallon liquid container (for water, I should hasten to add, not Bourbon whisky).

The weapon-carrying variant of this vehicle has also been simultaneously released by Airfix. Known as the M6 anti-tank gun car-

riage, it mounted a 37-millimetre gun atop the 3/4-ton chassis. It saw action at the Battle of the Bulge (Ardennes offensive) where its comparatively high profile and poor personnel protection proved a disadvantage in the tree-to-tree, hedgerow-to-hedgerow operations. This kit (made up, below), also in 1:35th scale, costs £1.65.

Also from Airfix comes a 'Forward command post' in HO/OO scale at 79 pence. There are parts for sandbags, corrugated iron sheets, barbed wire entanglements, tables, tools and a bicycle and dispatch rider. In case anyone wonders about the loose slates and crumbling brickwork, the building is supposed to be near the front line and subject to shellfire.

HH





**Securicor have just the job  
for you in Civvy Street.**

**SECURICOR**

Securicor is Britain's largest and fastest growing security organization with more than 290 branches all over the country, this means that when you leave the Service there's a good chance that Securicor can offer you a job that's right up your street. A well-paid job with plenty of activity, variety, security, promotion opportunities, free uniform, sick pay and pension schemes.

Start securing your future now. Read Services Re-settlement Bulletin No. 3/74 and have a chat with your Re-settlement Officer about the excellent career opportunities with Securicor. Then drop a line, giving your age, service career details and where you plan to live, to:  
The Employment Officer, Securicor Ltd., 40 Wilton Road, London, S.W.1  
Phone: 01-834 5411

**SECURICOR**





## Army hosts 'superstars'



This 100-metre dash tests the toughest.

THE FACILITIES of the Army's sports complex in Aldershot were invaded by some of the nation's top sports stars for the recording of the BBC television series 'Superstars' due to be serialised between October and December.

The Army School of Physical Training hosted the event and provided expert staff to umpire, timekeep and score in the multi-event marathon in which each contestant is tested in a series of skills. These include cycling, goal-scoring, weight-lifting, gymnastics and running.

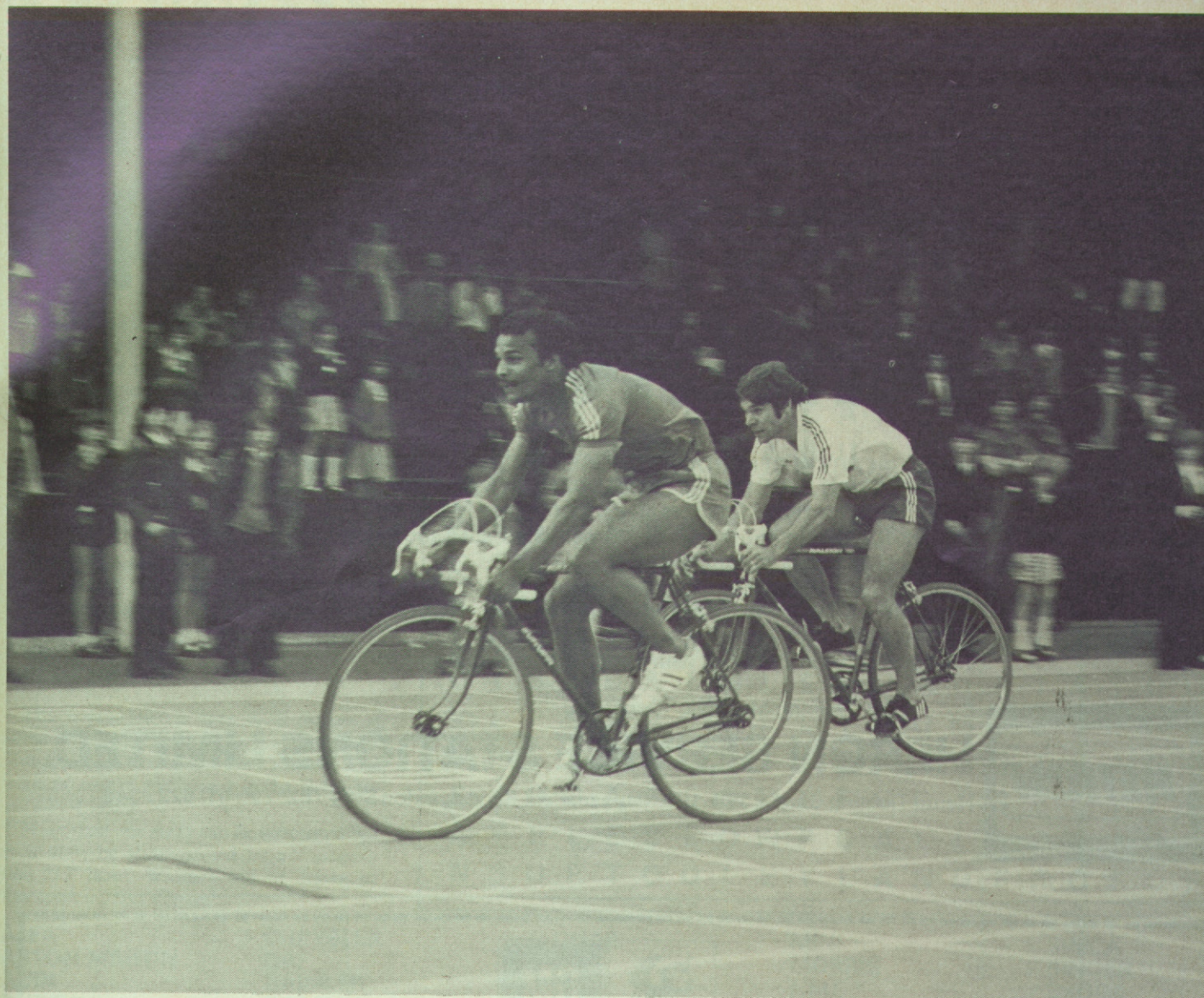
Athlete David Hemery emerged the winner with boxer John Conteh second and racing driver James Hunt third. Among the also-rans were men at the peak of their own sports who gracefully accepted defeat on this occasion instead of the success they are accustomed to.

They include soccer stars Stan Bowles and Malcolm MacDonald, rugby aces Gareth Edwards and J P R Williams plus squash player Jonah Barrington and judo champion Dave Starbrook.

A special Wilkinson Sword was later presented to the Army School of Physical Training (see SOLDIER, August, page 34) in recognition of the help given in staging the event.

◀ Jonah Barrington in the goal-scoring event.





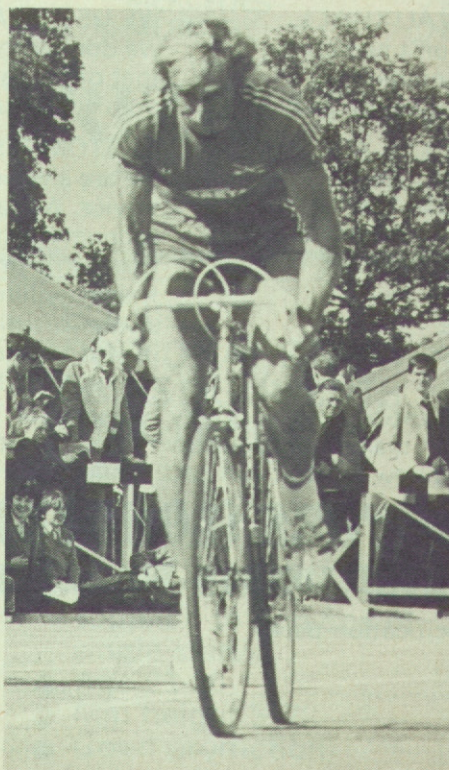
Conteh and MacDonald in the 500-metre ride.

Stan Bowles scoring a few zeds in a break.



Three superstars, led by Dave Hemery, on the winners' dais after the gruelling competition. ▶

Tensed Hemery strains for the line in cycling. ▼





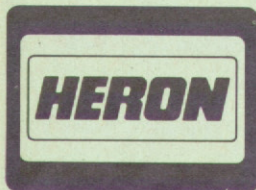
# A FIRST CLASS TRAINING FOR EX-SERVICE MEN & WOMEN IN SERVICE STATION MANAGEMENT

■ TOP SALARY ■ GENEROUS BONUSES ■ PENSION SCHEME ■ PROMOTION PROSPECTS ■ PLUS OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS ■ COMPANY CAR (if you work in London or the Home Counties after 6 months as a Manager)

HERON is young. It's growing fast. It's well established and already sets the pace other petrol retailers must follow.

With 170 service stations in operation and a further hundred planned, we are looking for ambitious determined men and women, aged 21-40. Education and previous experience do not matter.

For a secure job in your area, with a good future, ring or write to:



P. Copping, Training Manager, (Dept SOL)

## HERON SERVICE STATIONS LIMITED

Heron Training Centre, 174-179 Clapham Park Road, London SW4 7EX. Tel: 01-622 2346



## WHY WE ARE BETTER FOR VAUXHALL

- 1. WE ARE MAIN DEALERS FOR VAUXHALL.**  
So we do know about them - we don't just obtain them from a local dealer and then pretend we know all about them. See our specification pack and you'll know what we mean.
- 2. WE ARE EXPERIENCED EXPORTERS.**  
We handle exports for the Diplomatic Service, foreign embassies as well as British servicemen. We know the drill and can save you time and bother.
- 3. OUR PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE**  
They should be, we deal direct with Vauxhall Motors. So you can benefit.
- 4. WE USE NAAFI HIRE PURCHASE SCHEMES.**  
We don't know of a competitive commercial plan that offers so much. Your own organisation really does give you a better deal.
- 5. CUSTOMERS LIKE OUR SERVICE.**  
We are always thinking of ways to improve our service. We race Vauxhall ourselves, we fit fuel economy systems, we prepare comprehensive spares kits (in Egypt that's important), we air-freight willingly to our customers. We are always learning something new and putting it into use for our customer's benefit, maybe that's why they like our service.

Send for our Vauxhall Specification pack. It is easy to complete. It doesn't commit you to anything but assists you in making up your own mind about the car you want, the specification to suit you and how much it will cost. It includes H.P. and insurance too.

**HAMILTON MOTORS (LONDON) LIMITED,**  
**466-490 EDGWARE ROAD, LONDON W2 1EL. Tel. 01 723 0022**

Please send me your Vauxhall Specification pack.

Name: ..... Rank: .....

Address: .....



# MOTOR SHOW

READERS were up in arms because there was no competition in the August issue. Unfortunately it was squeezed out at the last moment. Reader N R Owens not only expressed his disappointment but was prompted by the gap to turn to compiling instead of solving, and here is the result.

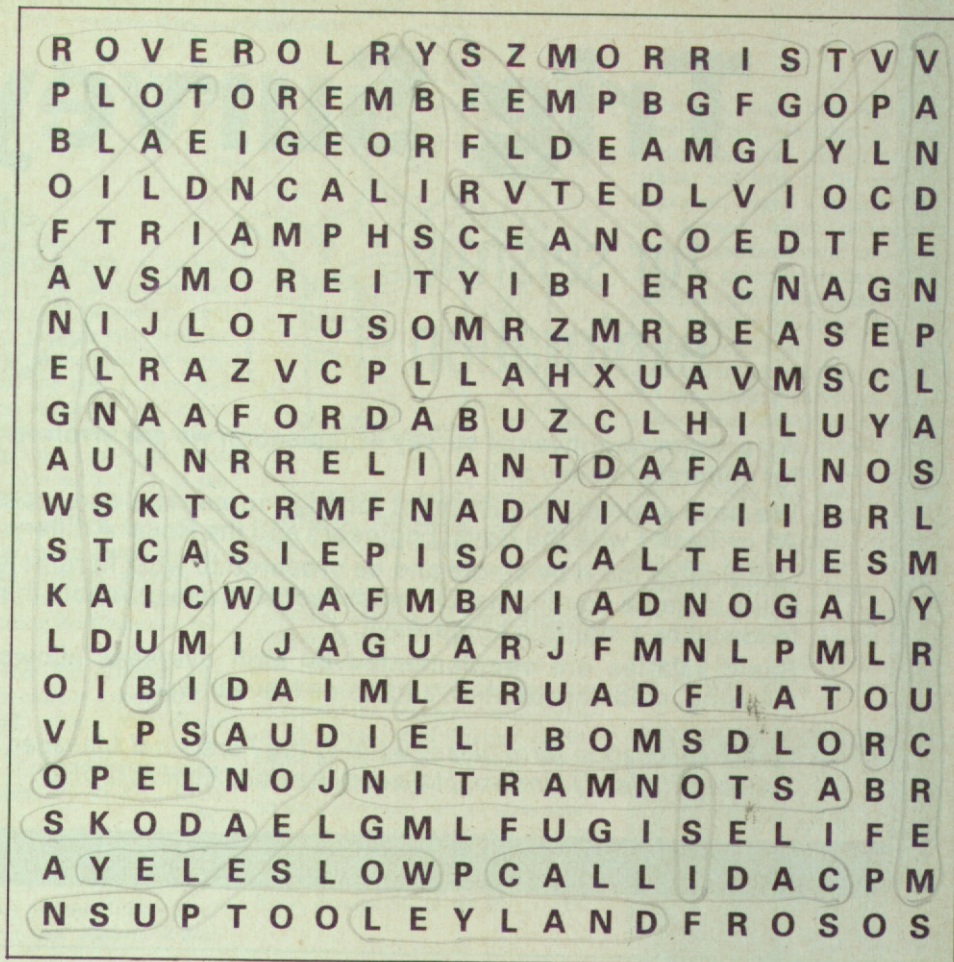
There are 51 names or makes of car in the list and 50 of these are to be found in the square, reading horizontally, vertically, diagonally and both forward and backward. Which one is not to be found in the square and which one appears twice in the square?

Send your answer, on a postcard or by letter, with the 'Competition 219' label from this page, and your name and address, to:

Editor (Comp 219)  
**SOLDIER**  
Ordnance Road  
Aldershot  
Hants  
GU11 2DU.

This competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Monday 13 December. The answers and winners' names will appear in the February 1977 SOLDIER.

More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 219' label. Winners will be drawn by lots from correct entries.



✓ ALFA  
✓ ASTON MARTIN  
✓ AUDI  
✓ AUSTIN  
✓ BENTLEY  
✓ BMW  
✓ BOND  
✓ BRISTOL  
✓ BUICK  
✓ CADILLAC

✓ CHRYSLER  
✓ DAF  
✓ DAIMLER  
✓ DATSUN  
✓ FERRARI  
✓ FIAT  
✓ FORD  
✓ HILLMAN  
✓ HUMBER  
✓ ISO

✓ JAGUAR  
✓ JEEP  
✓ LADA  
✓ LAGONDA  
✓ LANCIA  
✓ LEYLAND  
✓ LOTUS  
✓ MAZDA  
✓ MERCEDES  
✓ MERCURY

✓ MINI  
✓ MORRIS  
✓ NSU  
✓ OLDSMOBILE  
✓ OPEL  
✓ PEUGEOT  
✓ RELIANT  
✓ ROLLS-ROYCE  
✓ ROVER  
✓ SAAB

✓ SIMCA  
✓ SINGER  
✓ SKODA  
✓ SUNBEAM  
✓ TOYOTA  
✓ TVR  
✓ VANDEN PLAS  
✓ VAUXHALL  
✓ VOLKSWAGEN  
✓ VOLVO  
✓ WOLSELEY

## PRIZES

- 1 £10
- 2 £5
- 3-4 £3
- 5-6 SOLDIER free for a year
- 7-8 SOLDIER free for six months



**ABBOT  
SECURITY  
SERVICES  
LTD**

REQUIRE  
ADDITIONAL STAFF  
FOR ASSIGNMENTS  
IN THE LONDON  
AREA

- Accommodation supplied to persons of single status:
- Age 21-50
- Min height 5' 7"
- Good promotion prospects

Ex Service Personnel or Police preferred

For further details write or phone

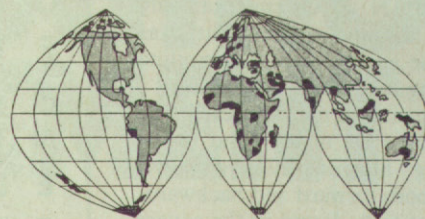
**BRANCH MANAGER**  
**1A HAMLET GRDS.,**  
**HAMMERSMITH,**  
**LONDON W6.**

Telephone 01-748 2869



# Trig Surveyors

for seismic  
exploration



As a major geophysical survey organisation we are involved in worldwide exploration for minerals (mainly oil).

We have a steady requirement for trigonometrical surveyors qualified to the level of A1 or Tech 1 with the Royal Engineers and the Royal Artillery.

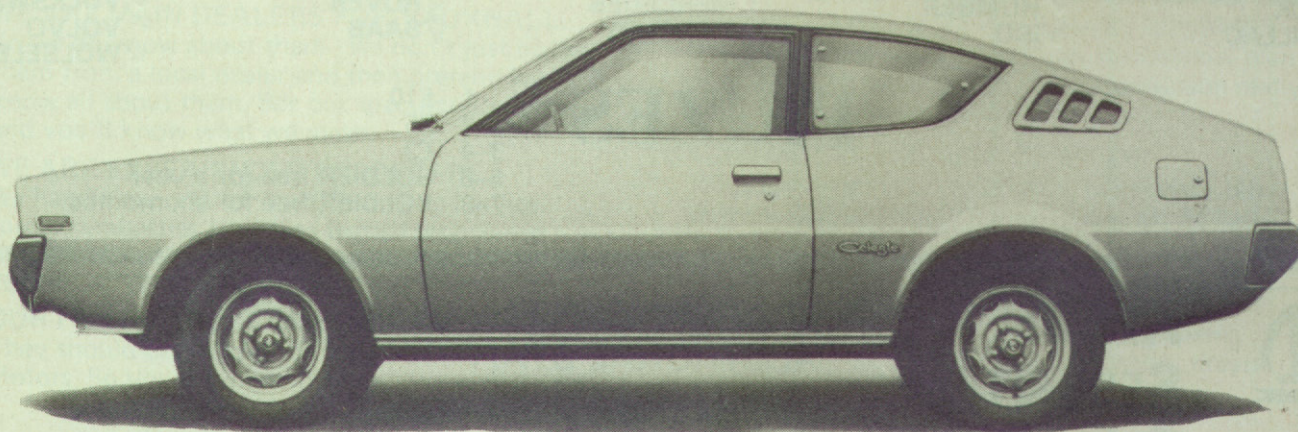
Candidates must be single and be prepared to work in remote areas of the world often living in camp conditions. On most overseas assignments the working tour is 3 months followed by 1 month's home leave.

Basic salaries are supplemented by high overseas allowances together with free messing, medical attention and home leave travel.

*For an application form please write to the Personnel Manager, Seismograph Service (England) Limited, Holwood, Keston, Kent BR2 6HD.*



## Drive something special for under £2,000



### The new Colt Celeste.

The new Celeste's low slung, pacey appearance isn't just for show. The 2 litre model has a top speed of 105 mph and gives you 0-50 mph in 7.7 seconds – the 1.6 litre model isn't far behind.

Common features include – Hatchback. Tinted glass. Laminated windscreen. Folding back seats. Sports wheels. Dual circuit power brakes. 12 month unlimited mileage warranty. And over 35 mpg (at a steady 60 mph) on 2-star petrol.

Please send me full information on the Colt range.

Name .....

Address .....

Tel. No. ....

S.O.C.T

**COLT**   
**EXPORT**  
A tough new breed of car

Colt Export, N.A.T.O. and Diplomatic Sales, 57 Boscombe Rd., London W12 9HT. Tel. 01-749 6061/2.



# Books

The answer is in the longbow's drawbacks. On the battlefield the archer needs space and is apt to make a good target. Rain can make the longbow useless. And whereas almost



## Too efficient

*'The Social History of the Machine Gun' (John Ellis)*

Of the Gatling machine-gun an American journalist said in 1863: "Soldiers do not fancy it . . . it is so foreign to the old familiar action of battle . . . enthusiasm dies out; there is no play to the pulses; it does not seem like soldiers' work."

The machine-gun took a long time to gain favour. It was too efficient. It provided instant death in quantity at a distance. The romantic concept of the heroic soldier in hand-to-hand combat was in jeopardy. The generals chose to ignore or denigrate it,

— a sober man with a natural aptitude for writing. Second, he was a brave man and fortunately very tough. Third, perhaps most remarkable, he lived through all his vicissitudes to tell the tale. Fourth and finally, he was so modest that he forgot to bequeath to history his name.

The tale he told, now republished for the first time since 1835, is the very stuff of campaigning in the very early 19th century. There is a rare account of the South American venture, a most moving account of Waterloo and, in between, his terrible trials during the Peninsular battles.

How sad that this educated man should end his days as a member of a road-mending gang. Marvellous reading.

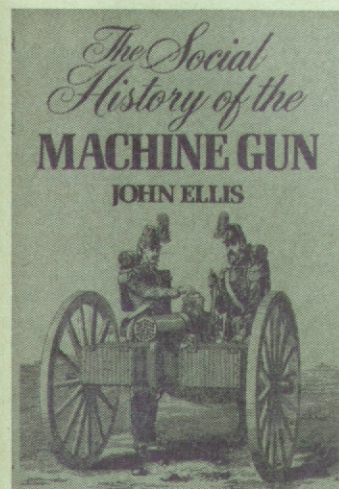
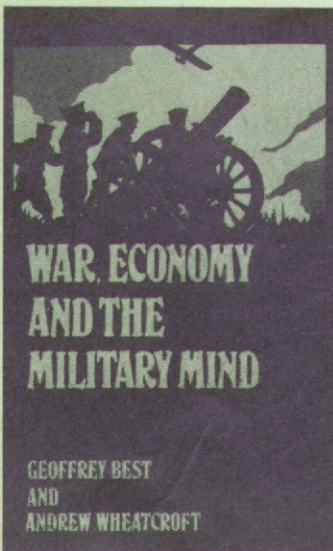
Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £3.95  
PC

## Backdrop

*'War, Economy and the Military Mind' (Geoffrey Best and Andrew Wheatcroft)*

First, take no notice of the title — its dullness deceives. This collection of essays by distinguished experts concerns the backdrop of war — the theories and conclusions made by soldiers and statements that determined the size of battalions, the bore of weapons, the money to be spent on this ship or that aircraft, the policy to be adopted to ensure one safe course or another.

There is a brilliant chapter by John Keegan on the ideology behind the British regimental system. It is not by accident that we have county and cavalry regiments to this day while other world armies have adopted quite different patterns.



even though it was used all over Africa by British soldiers. Good enough to allow small bodies of troops to keep in check great masses of natives, it was hardly the weapon for use again Europeans. War came in 1914 but it still took three years before it was realised that the "ultimate weapon" was no longer the rifle and bayonet coupled with individual and mass heroism.

This book tells why such a "terrible" and terribly efficient death-dealing machine took so long to be accepted.

Croom Helm Ltd, 2-10 St John's Road, London SW11, £5.50  
GRH

## Unnamed

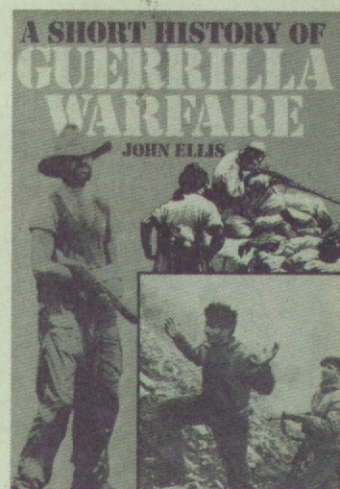
*'A Soldier of the Seventy First' (Edited by Christopher Hibbert)*

For more than eight years a remarkable private soldier served in the ranks of The Highland Light Infantry. He fought with his regiment in South America, in Walcheren, through the Peninsula War and ultimately at Waterloo.

He was remarkable in four respects. First he was wholly literate

hinterland, fought back against King Darius's Persian invaders; in 167 BC, Jewish guerrillas led by one Mattathias, and later by his son, Judas Maccabee, waged a struggle against the Syrians which demonstrated many of the features of an advanced mode of guerrilla warfare. Indeed, guerrilla activity was endemic to the Holy Land, particularly during the Roman occupation.

Mr Ellis presents an interesting and illuminating survey of guerrilla warfare from the earliest times to the present day, from Masada to Khe Sanh, from Caractacus to Patti Hearst. Along the line we meet a galaxy of guerrilla heroes — Owen Glendower, Francis Rakoczi, Andreas Hofer, Juan de Bolas, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Imam Shamil, Von Lettow-Vorbeck, Lawrence of Arabia, Guevara, Abd-el Kader, Abd-el Krim, Louis Botha, Christiaan de Wet, Mulla Mustapha Bar-



Fascinating is the chapter by Clive Trebilcock concerning the British arms industry, a chapter which opens the doors on bribery and international intrigue.

Rather heavy going could describe Volker Berghahn's contribution on the German naval armament programme, but you will find immense interest in the Norman Stone offering on the alleged shell shortage experienced by the Russians during World War One. There was, he concludes, no shell shortage, just an ideas shortage by almost everyone except Brusilov.

Croom Helm Ltd, 2-10 St John's Road, London SW11, £5.95  
PC

## New series

*'Classic AFVs No 1: Their History and How to Model Them—Crusader' (John Milsom, John Sanders and Gerald Scarborough)*

This is the first of a projected series on notable armoured fighting vehicles produced in conjunction with the range of 1:32nd scale plastic construction kits by Airfix Limited. The book is in three parts, the first describing the development of the Crusader, the second about its active operational service and the third about making, detailing and converting the model.

Production figures of more than 5000 made the Crusader one of the most numerous of British tanks in the early part of World War Two. Its advantages (superior speed and suspension system) and disadvantages (thin armour and reputation for mechanical unreliability) are all discussed and analysed.

There is a wealth of photographs and diagrams, unfortunately all in black and white, which would be of particular help for modellers who want to make a super-detailed version of the kit.

Patrick Stephens Ltd, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB3 8EL, £2.50  
HH

## Old art

*'A Short History of Guerrilla Warfare' (John Ellis)*

As long ago as 516 BC, Scythian guerrillas, the nomads of the Balkan

zani, Tito, Zapata, Wingate and, of course, looming very large, Mao Tse-tung. They operated from bases in forests and jungles, mountains and deserts, marshes and swamps. Mr Ellis has omitted most of today's so-called 'urban guerrillas,' whom he classes as half-baked gangsters.

Ian Allan Ltd, Terminal House, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 8AS.  
£4.95  
JCW

## Intrepid

*'A Man Called Intrepid: The Secret War 1939-1945' (William Stevenson)*

The switch took place in the foyer of Warsaw's Bristol Hotel — and Britain, through the efforts of Colonel Colin Gubbins, possessed an Enigma cypher machine on which all the German High Command's signals were coded. It had been stolen by the Polish Secret Service and, says Mr Stevenson, the gesture in passing it to Britain was that of a warrior flinging his sword to an ally before he fell. It was British Intelligence's greatest coup and, throughout the war, a growing army of eavesdroppers listened for the faint murmurings of far



# more Books

distant transmitters, keeping track of German orders and intentions.

Behind it all was Sir William Stephenson whose code-name, personally selected by Churchill, was Intrepid. He was head of British Security Co-ordination. Stephenson was in liaison with Roosevelt long before America entered the war and he helped to set up the American OSS organisation, forerunner of the CIA.

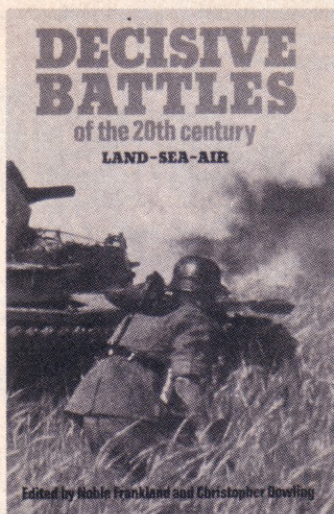
His New York headquarters planned a wide range of clandestine operations — espionage, sabotage, assassination, deception, propaganda, the organisation of Resistance forces, the training of allied agents and the breaking of enemy codes.

The author, having had access to Stephenson's papers, skims off the cream to present an exciting, popular survey.

Macmillan London Ltd, 4 Little Essex Street, London, WC2R 3LF, £4.95  
JCW

## Marne to Tet

*'Decisive Battles of the 20th Century: Land-Sea-Air' (Edited by Noble Frankland and Christopher Dowling)* Jutland and the Marne in World War One are readily accepted as outstanding battles. The Marne was then unique with the immensity of 2,000,000 combatants along a front of 125 miles. At Jutland, Admiral Jellicoe showed that the British Grand Fleet's blockade could not be broken.



Other battles usually accepted as decisive include Tannenberg, Stalingrad, El Alamein and Dien Bien Phu. Some, like France, Britain and the Atlantic, might more correctly be described as campaigns. But who can remember Schweinfurt? On 14 October 1943 the US 8th Air Force launched 291 Flying Fortresses from bases in England to smash the German ball-bearing industry concentrated in Schweinfurt. Fighter planes could support them only halfway to the target.

Sixty bombers were lost and more than 100 damaged — this was a

casualty rate of 61 per cent that could not be repeated.

The bombing damage, though severe, had little effect on armament production but, because of this setback, the long-range fighter was hurriedly developed and extra fuel tanks were fitted to fighters in service. The supremacy which the allies achieved was the decisive result of Schweinfurt.

Among other battles in this book are Verdun, Moscow, Pearl Harbour, Singapore, Midway, Imphal-Kohima, Normandy and the Tet offensive in Vietnam. Excellent maps provide easy reference.

Sidgwick & Jackson Ltd, Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2SG, £7.50  
GRH

## Post-Vichy

*'Our Enemies the French' (Anthony Mockler)*

After France had capitulated to the Germans in 1940 it was expected that the French "Army of the Levant" would fight on with the British — indeed its commander-in-chief, General Mittelhauser, said it would. Yet, under German pressure, Marshal Pétain so influenced the overseas generals that the considerable forces in Syria and the Lebanon decided first to remain neutral and later to oppose their former allies.

Some officers and men came over to General De Gaulle's Free French Forces and it was still believed that in any fighting there would be only token resistance. The British proceeded on this assumption but the French fought almost fanatically.

This book tells of the minor dividing line at first in the minds of the French troops of the Levant, of the division that grew as the orders from Vichy were obeyed, of efforts to set the British and Free French at each other, of the bitterness, intrigues, jealousies and politics involved. The author has done his research well and produced a book of great interest.

Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £7.50  
GRH

## Oldest

*'The Royal Scots' (A M Brander)*

Tradition has it that Scottish mercenaries were serving in the armies of France as early as the 9th century. Certainly after the Auld Alliance between the two countries in 1295 many units served under French colours. One which did so in 1633 was the direct ancestor of The Royal Scots, the oldest regiment in the British Army.

At first the Royal Scots were concerned only with French interests in Italy and against the Spanish but by 1680 they began their long service to the Empire, fighting Moors at Tangier, Cherokees in America, the French at Waterloo, half-caste trappers in Canada, Russians at Inkerman, Chinese at Peking and Boers in South Africa. There were moments of glory and of sadness.

The testing time was World War One with 100,000 men serving in 35

battalions and earning 71 battle honours and six Victoria Crosses — at a cost of 11,000 dead and 40,000 wounded. World War Two began badly with surrender at Le Paradis in France and at Hong Kong but revenge was only a matter of time.

This is a particularly good addition to the 'Famous Regiments' series. With such an 'embarrassment of riches' the writing of this volume could not have been easy.

Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £4.95  
AWH

## In brief

*'Weapons of the Ancient World' (Rivka Gonen)*

Miss Gonen has taken part in excavations at Hazor, Beersheba, Megiddo and Jerusalem, having studied archaeology at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Weapons were perhaps the first inventions of primitive man and she traces their development from the first rough implements of wood, stone and bone to the sophisticated bronze maces and sickle-swords and to the Scythian bow, the most highly perfected composite bow of ancient times. This is a well-illustrated little book — eighth in Cassell's 'Introducing Archaeology' series — which will serve as a useful primer whether one's interest lies in archaeology or ancient wargaming.

Cassell & Co, 35 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4SG, £1.50

## Re-issues

*'A History of the British Army' (Sir John William Fortescue)*

Sir John, librarian at Windsor Castle from 1905 to 1926, started his classic history as a one-volume project and devoted 30 years to extending it to 1870. This first complete reprint, in the United States, runs to 13 volumes plus six atlas volumes (each can be bought separately) and, for the record, contains 7777 pages of text and index, 259 maps and 1,858,500 words of narrative.

AMS Press Inc, 56 East 13th Street, New York, NY 10003, USA, \$510.00 complete

*'The Fall of Hong Kong' (Tim Carew)*

First published 1960 and reviewed in SOLDIER April 1961. Vivid account, as the soldiers saw it, of the bitter campaign which in less than three weeks in December 1941 reduced the British garrison and colonists from the world's most luxurious standard of living to miserable captivity.

White Lion Publishers Ltd, 138 Park Lane, London, W1Y 3DD, £4.25

## Dress Uniforms

to give distinguished service.

Uniformal are the tailors for dress uniforms.

The finest materials are cut by craftsmen, then hand tailored to ensure that your dress uniform gives long distinguished service.

Uniformal supply all branches of the forces.

For example:

jacket, trousers and waistcoat (or cummerbund) for:—

Royal Corps of Transport  
Royal Engineers  
Royal Army Pay Corps

£66  
INC. VAT

Generous discount for multiple orders.

For further information  
tel. Ken Dungey at 0532 826102  
or write to Uniformal,  
101 Commercial St.,  
Rothwell, Yorkshire.



# UNIFORMAL



# HEARD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE GARRARD DIRECT DRIVE? WE'VE KEPT IT QUIET.



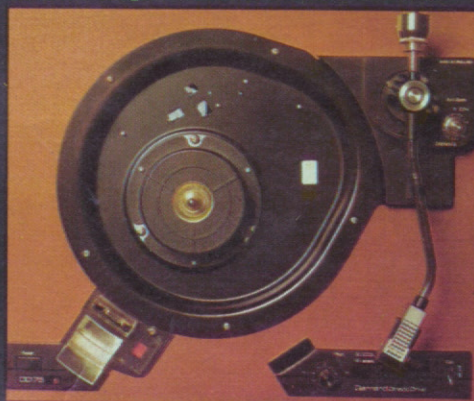
What keeps our DD75 so very quiet is its superb direct drive motor. The rumble figures alone prove just how superb it is (-50dB DIN A, -70dB DIN B, Wow and Flutter 0.06% typical).

More good news. An electronic stop/lift control, so there is no mechanical contact with the arm at any time during the playing of the record. A feature normally found on the more expensive direct drive turntables.

The arm itself is a delight. Counterbalanced, low mass and 'S' shaped. Capable of tracking at 0.75 gm (which means you can use a very high quality magnetic cartridge). And friction is reduced by making the arm pivots a jewel

and ball bearing combination.

The DD75 is semi-automatic, because you asked for it. And the other features are those you would expect from a deck of this



*The heart of the direct drive system. Fewer moving parts than ordinary turntables means increased reliability, coupled with even further reduced mechanical noise level.*

quality. A  $\pm 3\%$  fine speed adjustment, coupled with an illuminated stroboscope, to ensure accurate speed setting. Bias compensation for both elliptical and conical styli. Heavy die-cast turntable.

A cue control—viscous damped in both directions—to protect record and stylus. Micro switch controls. Plus an isolation system in the stylish all-wood teak finished base, to protect the DD75 from external shock and vibrations.

Expect to be impressed by the DD75. Expect to be pleased by the price.

**Garrard**  
A PLESSEY COMPANY  
precision at the heart of Hi-fi



Soldier

