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**Meet Pebbles, the guard dog which saved a score of soldiers from death or injury when the IRA tried to plant a bomb in Langenhagen Barracks, Hanover, Germany. He was walking with his civilian handler in the early hours of the morning when he barked at shadowy figures near the sleeping quarters of soldiers of 1 Postal and Courier Regiment Royal Engineers. A barbed wire barrier prevented him pursuing them and after firing shots the intruders escaped leaving behind bags of explosive which could have demolished the target building.**

**LCpl Baggie Gordon (above right)**

## Pebbles put the bombers to flight

and Spr Nobby Noble were among those sleeping in it at the time. Both agreed how lucky they had been. Pebbles is held here by uniformed security guard Stephen Hope (not involved in the incident) ex-Royal Signals.

He revealed Pebble's weakness. "He can't resist chasing rabbits."



In the next issue we will be featuring an interview with Commander 1st (British) Corps, Lt Gen Sir Charles Guthrie, and a visit to the 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery. We reveal the secret of the RSM's hammer and bicycle pump. PLUS the Army Air Corps in Hong Kong and B Coy, 1 Green Howards in Cyprus. PLUS a lot more.

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## Suez troops deserved a medal

THE lack of a medal for those who served in the Suez Canal Zone is considered by those who served there to be typical of the parsimonious attitude of a so-called grateful government to its Servicemen. Kipling was right when he wrote, "It's Tommy this and Tommy that and Tommy go away, but

thank you Mister Atkins when the bands begin to play."

I am not saying that later awards were not well deserved, but those who served in the Canal Zone were mostly National Servicemen living in lousy conditions.

Is it not time that the Ministry of Defence took up

the cause rather than push it under the table on the grounds that those who would qualify for such an award are mostly discharged, dead or disorganised? — **A D Bell, 27 Bailey Crescent, Fleetsbridge, Poole, Dorset (Disorganised, yes; dead, no; discharged, no — still in the TA).**

## United — by a death's head symbol

THE "death-or-glory" pennon of Portugal's 2nd Cavalry Regiment (SOLDIER, May 14) is not really so much of a surprise.

It was in 1832 that Anthony Bacon was asked by Donna Maria du Gloria, the Queen of Portugal, to raise a regiment of lancers to help put down civil

unrest in her country.

The regiment, numbering about 400 men, was duly raised but Bacon required a symbol to

unite the many nationalities he now had under his command.

He had previously served as a major in the 17th Lancers — so what better symbol than the skull and crossbones of his old regiment? He also used the motto "Death or Glory", translating it into Portuguese as *Morte ou Gloria*.

Bacon, by then a colonel, led his regiment for the next two years, serving the Queen with distinction. He eventually retired as a general and died in 1864 at Crondall, in Hampshire.

The regiment is now a unit of Military Police numbering about 550 men. It is interesting to note that the regiment charged with the lance as recently as 1915 in Angola and was not mechanised until after the Second World War. — **WO2 (SSMI) P Breakspear, 17/21 Lancers, RAC Gunnery Wing BAOR, BFPO 30.**

## This nickname is not funny

MAY I make a few points about "The Cutting Edge" article (April 30). First, Maj Gen Hobart was irascible and ingenious, but also admired and highly respected. He was **never** nicknamed "Hobo" and his equipment was nicknamed "Hobart's Funnies" — **never** "Hobo's Funnies".

Secondly, Armoured engineers were first seen long before 1940. Tanks with fascines and prototype Royal Engineer tanks were first tried out in 1918 (see *Vanguard of Victory*, David Fletcher, HMSO). No mention was made in this work of an assault engineer brigade in Italy. I

would be grateful for more detail, including the title of the brigade and its constituent regiments and squadrons.

Now a plea — where can I get hold of a couple of 79 Div flashes as worn on the battle dress during the war, and is it possible to obtain enamelled lapel badges and/or ties for this division? — **F McLellan, 26 Norwich Avenue, Lowton, Warrington.**

● **Kenneth Macksey, who wrote Armoured Crusade, the definitive biography of Hobart, says specifically that he was nicknamed Hobo.**

## Salutes meant so much

WHILE passing through Aldershot Military Town at about 2.15pm on April 5 the funeral procession of Cecil James Mortimer was saluted by two soldiers on horseback.

My mother, Mrs Margaret Mortimer, of Basingstoke, wishes to thank these two soldiers for their kind respect to her late husband. It meant a lot to her, particularly as her husband Jim was himself in the Royal Horse Guards in his earlier years. — **Miss A Alderton, Enfield.**

## Reunions

● **The Maritime Royal Artillery OCA** will be holding its second reunion and AGM at the Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London on August 18. Details from C H Holder, 55 Wilsmere Drive, Northolt, Middx UB5 4JA (tel 081-422 6943).

● **Royal Pioneer Corps Association** annual reunion, Northampton, June 23 and 24. Details from General Secretary, 51 St George's Drive, London SW1 4DE (tel: 071-834 0415).

## Searchline

● **Dickson Section 1st Boys Battery RD 1935:** Former members are asked to contact Mr D G Deacon (ex-WO2), 19 Redhall Place, Edinburgh EH14 2DL.

● **The Royal Canadian Regiment**, which passed through Great Britain during the Boer, First, and Second World Wars, is compiling a list of all members' memorials and graves, especially in remote areas, for the Regimental Museum. Please contact The Royal Canadian Regiment Heritage Committee, Wolseley Barracks, RCR Museum, London, Ontario, Canada N5Y 4T7.

Owing to a transcription error, correspondent Tom Sloman's surname was misspelt in our Letters pages in the April 30 edition ("Enlightened old soldier").

## Explanation warranted?

PLEASE can someone explain why cavalry standards are carried by WOs (RQMS) while infantry colours are still paraded by subalterns?

I understand that in 1822 "His Majesty was pleased to command that the standards in cavalry regiments shall be carried by troop sergeant-majors." I wonder why? — **George Percival, ex-RTR, East Dean, Old Damsen Lane, Solihull.**



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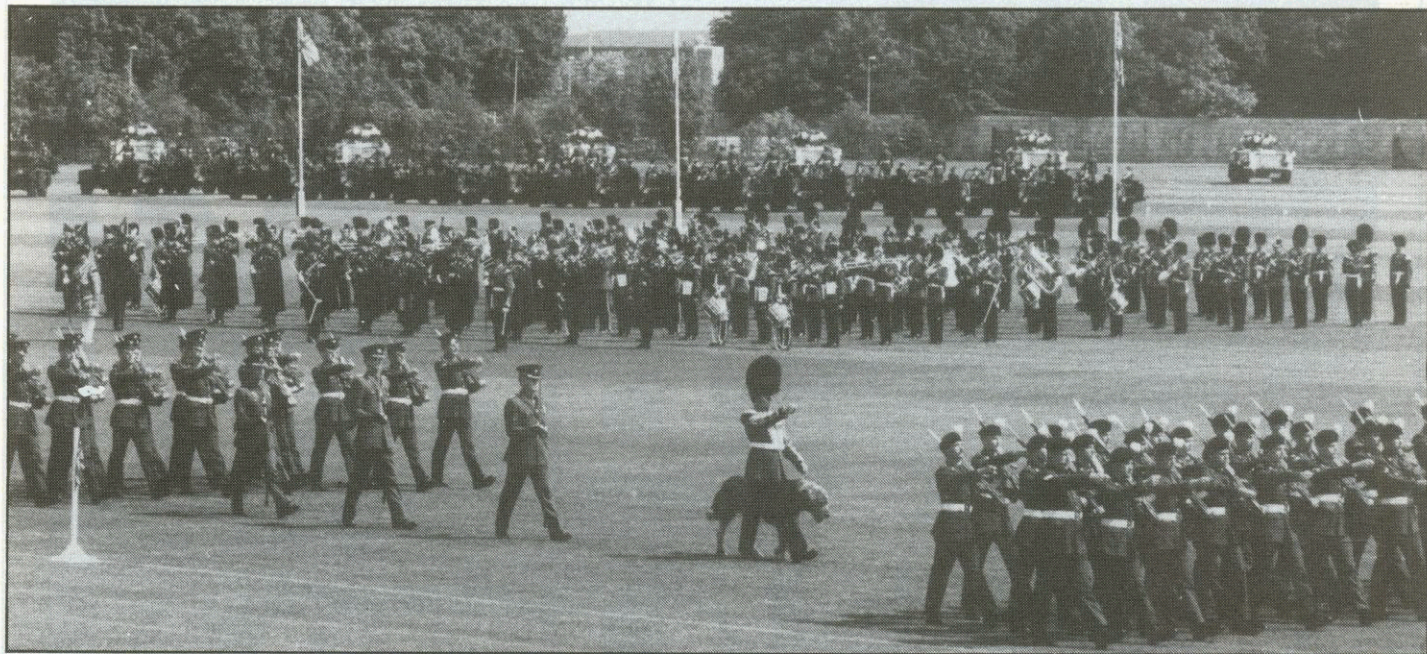
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Above – The Irish Wolfhound mascot of 1 IG passes the royal dais  
Right – Berlin's three infantry battalions fire a feu de joie

## Berlin's royal salute

PRINCESS Alexandra took the salute at the annual Queen's Birthday Parade in Berlin on May 19. Held on the Maifeld arena next to the 1936 Olympic Stadium, the occasion drew thousands of spectators from both East and West Berlin.

On parade were members of Berlin Garrison, including three infantry battalions, supporting arms, massed bands and the crews and tanks of the Berlin armoured squadron.

Regiments on parade included the 1st Battalions, The Light Infantry, The Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Irish Guards, and C Squadron, 14th/20th King's Hussars.

1 LI, marching at their traditional 140 paces a minute, Trooped their Colour – a memorable event for the battalion whose Deputy Colonel, Princess Alexandra, had given them the Colour ten years ago.

Crowds were treated to the unusual spectacle of two regimental mascots on parade at the same time – the Irish Wolfhound mascot of 1 IG and the regimental goat of 1 RWF.



## Car bomb rescue pair commended

TWO soldiers who rescued SSgt Andrew Mudd, RMP, from a blazing car after a terrorist attack in Colchester last year have been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Lt Michael Simpson and Sgt Martin Snook, both of 45 Field Regiment RA, were driving in Colchester when they heard an explosion from the direction of the Drury Meadows married quarters and went to investigate.

Finding the remains of SSgt Mudd's car, Sgt Snook helped to lead away Mrs Margaret Mudd, the injured and distressed passenger, then returned to help Lt Simpson who was trying to remove SSgt Mudd.

Throughout this time the driver's compartment was burning and flames were rising from the rear of the car. Soon after SSgt Mudd was removed the petrol tank exploded and the car was engulfed in flames.

The citation says that Lt Simpson's resolute leadership and the considerable personal courage he displayed in entering the burning car were instrumental in saving SSgt Mudd's life. Sgt Snook's calmness and presence of mind in applying first aid to the casualties ensured both victims were as well cared for as possible until medical help arrived.

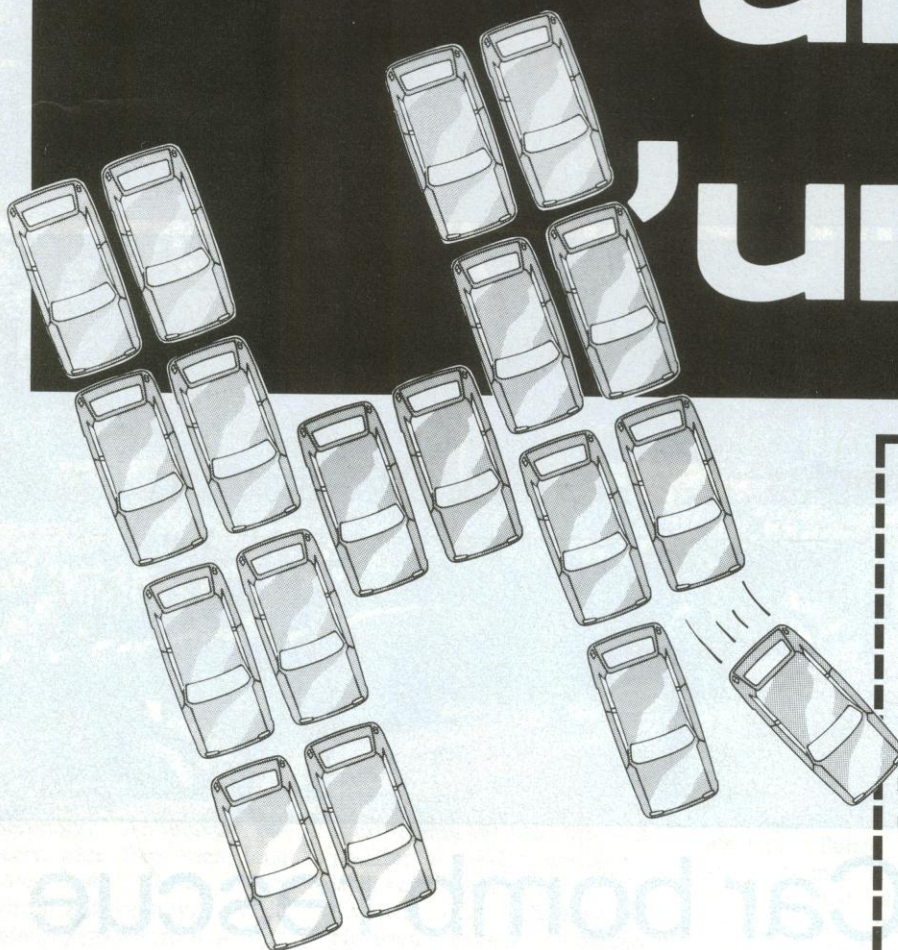
## Cyprus sappers recover mystery cannon

A 600kg bronze cannon has been lifted from the seabed off the west coast of the Akamas Peninsula by drivers from 62 Cyprus Support Squadron RE based at Dhekelia.

The mystery cannon, which will be displayed in Paphos Museum, was moved

from the seabed on air-filled bags, then placed by the sappers on a submerged raft of oil drums. The drums were then filled with air and the cannon raised for towing to Akamas. The age and origin of the weapon has not yet been established.

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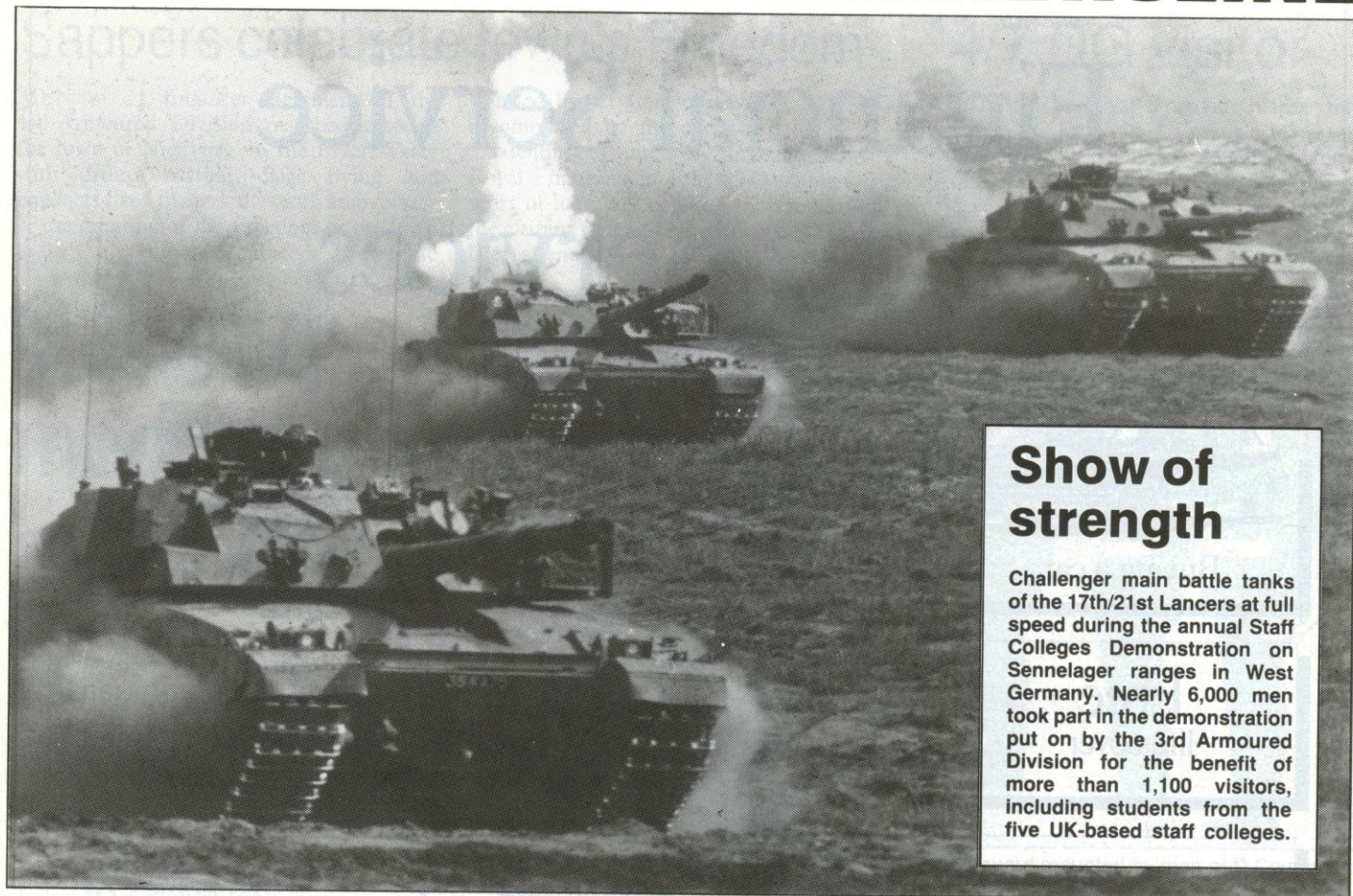
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## Show of strength

Challenger main battle tanks of the 17th/21st Lancers at full speed during the annual Staff Colleges Demonstration on Sennelager ranges in West Germany. Nearly 6,000 men took part in the demonstration put on by the 3rd Armoured Division for the benefit of more than 1,100 visitors, including students from the five UK-based staff colleges.

## It pays to be a recruiter

SOLDIERS serving in the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, which recruits in south east England, are being given leave and cash for every man they persuade to join the battalion. Already four Queensmen have earned the bonuses.

The scheme was introduced by commanding officer Lt Col Andrew Barrett to encourage a steady influx of recruits. Unlike its 1st and 2nd Battalions, which are both measurably undermanned, 3 Queens is only 30 soldiers below its establishment strength of 630. The battalion has recently completed a two-year tour of duty in Northern Ireland.

Lt Col Barrett explained: "My new scheme is principally a means of concentrating minds on the great importance of recruiting and retention in this battalion."

The battalion also gives extra leave to trained and experienced soldiers who opt to extend their engagements.

After basic training at the regiment's depot at Basingbourn, Herts, soldiers joining up over the next two years can expect an immediate sunshine posting – 3 Queens is based in Cyprus until 1992.



Pictured aboard the P&O ferry *Pride of Calais* at the beginning of their attempt to drive around the world in less than 69 days are members of the RAOC's Transworld Venture project. Showing the ship's master, Capt Graham Boxall (right), their route are (from left) Capt Samantha Steele, 2nd Lt Margaret Campbell, Pte Simon

Carwood, LCpl Olive Kerr, Cpl Neil Shaw, 2nd Lt Rachel Cooper, SSgt Malcolm Biggs, Sgt Mark Parker and 2nd Lt Gerald Morgan.

After crossing Europe, the teams were flown to Australia which they were scheduled to cross by June 3 before flying on to Los Angeles to take on the Americas.

## Italians patrol border with Rangers

A PATROL along the Inner German Border was one of the activities arranged by the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers based at Osnabrück when they played host to a party

of Italian soldiers from the 9th Mechanised Battalion. Last year A Coy of 1 R Irish spent two weeks with the Italian battalion at their barracks in Trani.

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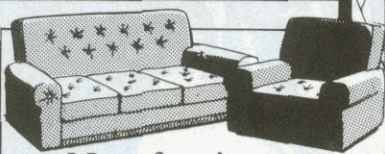


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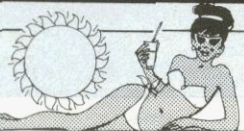
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## Sappers celebrate town's Freedom

MEN of 21 Engineer Regiment of the 1st Armoured Division marched through the town of Nienburg on the River Weser with drums beating, flags flying and bayonets fixed to mark the tenth anniversary of the granting of the Freedom of the town to the Corps of Royal Engineers. The parade

was led by Lt Col John Moore-Bick and accompanied by the corps band.

Nienburg granted its Freedom to the Royal Engineers in June 1980 to mark 30 years of harmony between the sappers and the citizens of the Stadt. Officers and NCOs later attended a civic reception.

## 4/7 DG visitor

THE 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards were visited at Detmold, West Germany by Turkish General Asir Ozozer, Commander Allied Land Forces South Eastern Europe, 75 years to the day after Gallipoli. He was accompanied by Maj Gen Jeremy Mackenzie, GOC 4th Armoured Division.

## Gallantry medals announced

FOUR Queen's Gallantry Medals are among the latest awards for gallant and meritorious service in Northern Ireland. QGMs have been awarded to LSgt Steven Chappell WG, Spr Frank Griffiths RE, Sgt Ian Mapp RAOC and Sgt (now SSgt) Neil Menzies RAOC. Maj Sam Drennan AAC receives the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

**CBE** - Brig B H Dutton, late D and D.

**OBE** - Lt Col F J Allen, R Irish; Lt Col A D Ball, REME; Lt Col N J Cottam, RGJ; Lt Col D R Dixon, Glosters; Lt Col B J Fairman, RA; Lt Col D N Furness-Gibson, RAOC; Lt Col T Longland, R Anglian; Lt Col (now acting Col) P D Macintyre, RS; Lt Col I H McNeil, Coldm Gds.

**MBE** - Maj C G Allison, RHF; Maj R I Baird-Fraser, Int Corps; WO1 M D Brighton, Int Corps; Rev P G Cattermole, RAOC; Maj M J Courage, Int Corps; Lt R J Ferraby, Int Corps; Capt S A Fordham, R Irish; Maj (now Lt Col) C S Grant, QO Hldrs; Capt H Jellard, D and D; WO2 N P Jones, RAOC; Maj J L Kelly, RHF; Maj A Russell, R Signals; WO1 J W Storey, RCT; WO2 I M Walker, Glosters.

**Bar to BEM** - SSgt J M Higgs, DERR.

**BEM** - SSgt (acting (now sub) WO2) D A Atki, REME; Cpl R A Butt, Glosters; Sgt J P Gaughan, RE; Cpl S J Hutin, Int Corps; SSgt R J Jones, RWF; Sgt D A Lund, RA; Cpl A J Maciver, RE; Sgt M New, RWF; Sgt (now acting SSgt) A D Pearson, RE.

**QGM** - LSgt S Chappell, WG; Spr F C Griffiths, RE; Sgt I Mapp, RAOC; Sgt (acting (now sub) SSgt) N P Menzies, RAOC.

**QCVSA** - Maj S M Drennan, AAC.

### MENTION IN DESPATCHES

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In addition one MBE and eight Mentions in Despatches have been awarded to members of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

## Heston unit third

A TEAM from 55 Ordnance Company RAOC based at Heston, Middlesex was third for the second year running in London District's Courage Cup competition. The report (SOLDIER, May 14) stated that 22 Ord Coy had finished third.



Maj Gen Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard inspects the guard mounted by men of D Company, 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment before opening the unit's new £1.5m TA centre in Blackburn. The centre includes an indoor firing range. A new £820,000 TA centre for D Coy and the Recce Platoon of the 8th Yorkshire Battalion, The Light Infantry, was opened in Barnsley by former Secretary of State for Defence Lord Mason and Lt Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, Inspector General of the TA.

## Broken mast slows British Defender



A BRAVE effort by the crew of Satquote British Defender, the tri-Service entry in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, brightened her passage on the last unlucky leg of the voyage.

Hopes had been raised when she came in 6th on the previous leg from Punta del Este, Uruguay, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that she would finish in the top six. She was lightened of all surplus sails and rations and was making good time when, with 2,600 miles to go, somewhere near where the Titanic went down, part of the rigging broke and she lost a third of her mast.

This also carried away her radio antennae and little was heard of her for two days.

When contact was made again British Defender was battling on under a jury rig.

Cdr Colin Watkins RN, the skipper,

managed to coax her up to ten knots on occasions but the handicap was too great to overcome completely and she was lying 20th, 500 miles off shore when the winner - the New Zealand entry Steinlager 2 - sailed into Southampton.

A number of yachts reported fractures in the rigging rods (solid stays), but only SBD lost part of her mast.

Her record on the previous legs was Southampton-Punta del Este 9th; Punta - Fremantle (Australia) 11th; Fremantle - Auckland (New Zealand) 8th; Auckland to Punta 11th; Punta to Fort Lauderdale, 6th.

On the last leg Defender was carrying a crew of 15 (including a journalist from *The Independent* newspaper).

She set sail from Southampton on September 2.

## Man of the mountains

Alpine mountaineer WO2 (RQMS) **Fred Salt** has been nominated for the Embassy award of excellence in his sport.

RQMS of 3 Regiment AAC at Soest, West Germany, Fred has been a major force in mountaineering in BAOR. Although he holds no official position in the Army Mountaineering Association, he has made a huge contribution to its organisation and running.

Since 1988 RQMS Salt has led a number of successful expeditions, including Exercise McKinley Triangle which put six out of eight climbers on the summit of the world's coldest mountain. This autumn he is due to lead Exercise Khumba Triangle.

Although capable of high grade climbing, he always has time for novices and a knack of getting climbers to exceed their own expectations.



Smokers at 35 Engineer Regiment based at Hamelin, West Germany eased their way into the regiment's "no smoking day" - by promising to cut down to just one ciggy (its size was not stipulated!). From left to right are LCpl **Pete Melhuish**, LCpl **Ginge King**, Cpl **Andy Wotton**, Cpl **Pete Warburton** and Spr **Pete Swinton**.

## Dortmund's 'heavy' schedule

Lots of comings and goings at 32 Heavy Regiment RA! The Dortmund gunners recently welcomed Gen Sir **Martin Farndale**, the Master Gunner, to their barracks, and in the same week said farewell to Lt Col **Barrie Fairman**, their popular and flamboyant commanding officer for the past 2½ years.

When **SOLDIER** visited the regiment last year we were introduced to the cardboard cutout of himself that Col Fairman installed at his desk while he was



away from his office.

Our pictures show the Master Gunner chatting to

soldiers in the new JNCOs' mess and Col Fairman with his "deputy".

## Royal aide

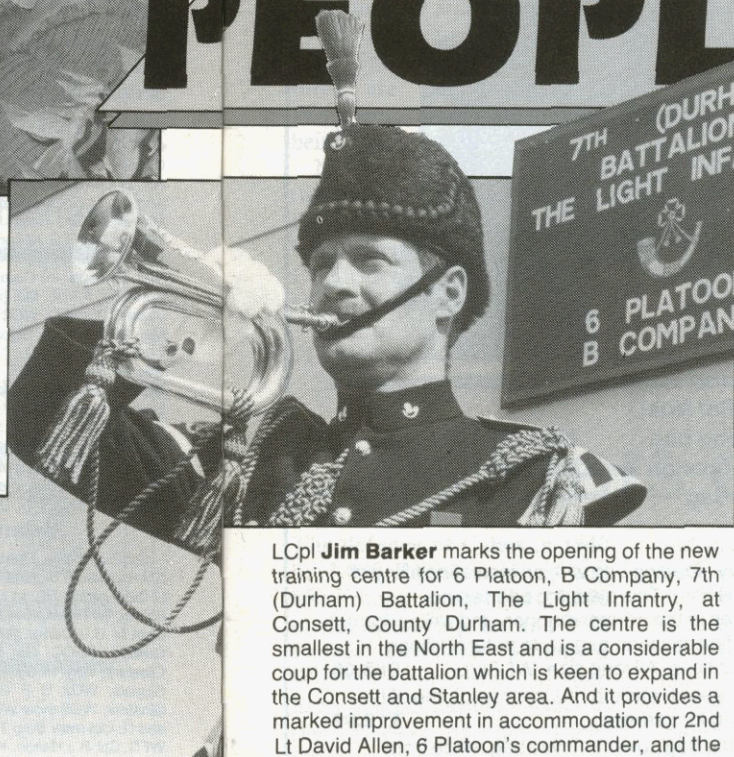
Col **Alan Jolley**, Territorial Army Colonel for North West District, has been appointed aide-de-camp to the Queen. Based at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, Col Jolley joined the TA in 1964 and his service included a two-year period on a short service volunteer commission with the Regular Army in Germany, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Belize. He commanded 103 Air Defence Regiment, based in Liverpool, from 1985 to 1987.



## Watch the birdie

Night observation equipment came in handy for Pte

**Andy Gibson** when the 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers took up birdwatching (of the feathered variety) to help the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the Nature Conservancy Council. The battalion "set up stall" in the Wheldrake Ings Nature Reserve to monitor wildlife and bird activity in the Lower Derwent Valley.



LCpl **Jim Barker** marks the opening of the new training centre for 6 Platoon, B Company, 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry, at Consett, County Durham. The centre is the smallest in the North East and is a considerable coup for the battalion which is keen to expand in the Consett and Stanley area. And it provides a marked improvement in accommodation for 2nd Lt David Allen, 6 Platoon's commander, and the 18 members of his unit. They used to share a wooden hut with local cadets.

## Well connected

New CO of the 6th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers is Lt Col **Derek Smail**, the fourth generation of his family to be connected with the Fusiliers. His father, Col **Jim Smail**, commanded the 7th Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, from 1960 to 1963. Derek is managing director of the family business, the Tweeddale Press Group in Berwick.



Exactly 60 years on from the day he enlisted there as a boy apprentice with the Royal Army Service Corps, Dr **Eric Cole** returned to Buller Barracks, Aldershot to see how the Royal Corps of Transport trains its recruits in the 1990s and have lunch in the officers' mess. Eric, who spent 15 happy years with the RASC before leaving as a captain, is pictured being given a short DROPS course by Bdr **Mick Barker**.



## Cheshire chairman

New chairman of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation is Gen Sir **Geoffrey Howlett**, a former Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe. Gen Howlett (left), who retired from the Army last year, joined The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment after Sandhurst and subsequently won the Military Cross in Malaya. He took part in the parachute assault on Port Said in 1956 and served with 2 Para in Cyprus, Kuwait, Bahrain, Malaya and Hong Kong.

**ROCK ROLE:** Maj Gary Compson who has a long association with Gibraltar

## GARY IS FIRST IN, LAST OUT

Helped by an unusual mid-career change of direction, Maj **Gary Compson**, paymaster with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets has the distinction of having served with both the first and the last resident battalions to occupy Lathbury Barracks, Gibraltar.

Having joined The Worcestershire Regiment on boy service, he was a bandsman lance corporal in 1967 when the 1st Battalion became the first inhabitants of Lathbury. Ten years later he was appointed bandmaster of The

Queen's Own Highlanders and after being commissioned into the regiment he was commander of the Scottish Division free fall parachute display team for a while before doing a career jump and transferring to the Royal Army Pay Corps in 1986.

Now, as 3 RGJ's paymaster, the Gibraltar Garrison's last resident battalion, he will leave Lathbury with them in 1991, 24 years after helping "christen" the barracks with the Worcesters. Gary met his Gibraltarian wife, Marie, on the Rock.

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## Little Ship in the best of spirits

A touching story attaches to the yacht *Windsong* (right), selected to represent BAOR in the convoy that crossed the Channel to commemorate the part played by "the Little Ships" at Dunkirk.

She is said to possess a ghost. Though the ship's bell (the original) will remain silent in the roughest of seas, it has twice rung out clearly, alerting the crew on both occasions to the fact that they were in imminent danger.

Once was during a flat calm.

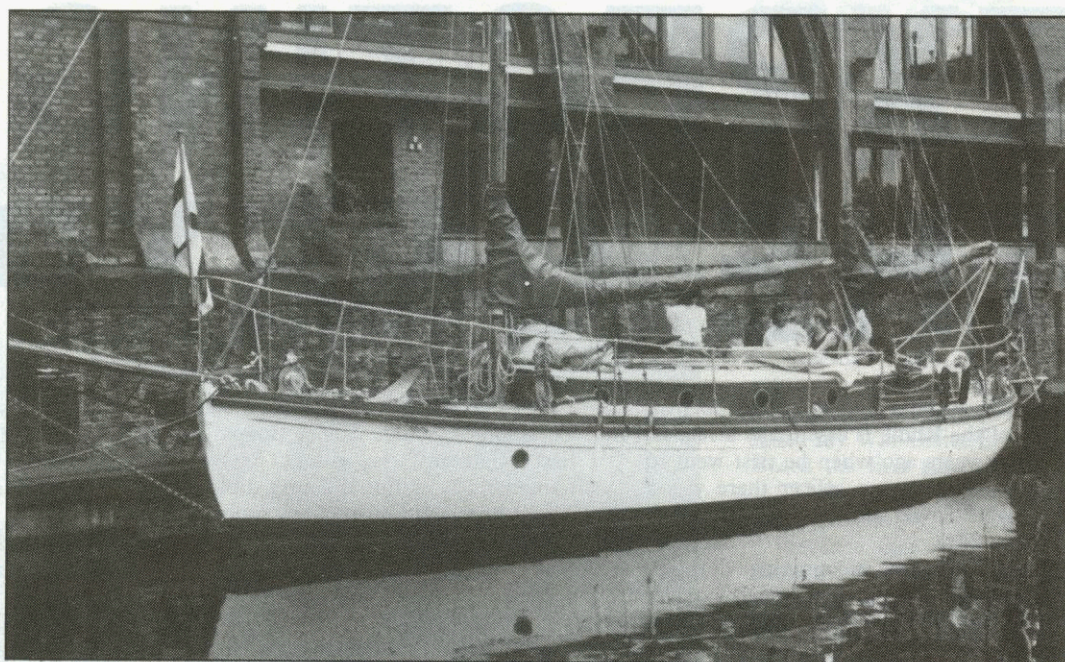
Owner/skipper Col (Retd) Mike Duddridge is confident that with such a benign spirit on board, *Windsong* will be available for the centenary anniversary of Dunkirk.

Of the 170 small craft listed by the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships as seaworthy, only three are sailing yachts – *Windsong*, 36½ft overall, being the smallest of the trio.

Normally she is berthed on the Maas at Roermond, close to Rheindahlen, where the colonel lives with his wife, Maj Daphne Duddridge WRAC, serving at HQ 4 Signal Group.

Built in 1931, *Windsong* is a 13-ton wooden ketch.

She had been laid-up at the



beginning of the Second World War but when he heard of the evacuation her then owner, Gordon Dalton, sailed her from Littlehampton, Sussex, to Dover where he reported on May 31 that she was "ready for sea and able to take 30 passengers."

*Windsong* has in fact six berths. The next day she was operating off the beaches to which she had been towed by a trawler.

Air attacks were so heavy

that for the following four days of the evacuation ship movements were restricted to darkness.

*Windsong* was formally requisitioned by the Royal Navy after the evacuation and patrolled the Thames estuary for the rest of the war.

Her present owner found her neglected and forlorn on the Cledau, in Wales. She was refitted and sailed back to Holland where he has worked on her ever since.

## Larkhill big guns on show

Members of the public will get a rare chance to see the big guns in action when the Royal School of Artillery at Larkhill, Wiltshire opens its doors on June 30 for the first Artillery Open Day for four years.

More than 50 guns will take part in a firepower demonstration during the afternoon, and the other main attraction will be a display by The King's Troop RHA.

There will also be a parachute drop by 7 Para RHA, and a battery of 29 Cdo Regt – the Commando Gunners – will deploy by helicopter. Rapier and Javelin will also be on show. The fun starts at 10am, entry is free, but there are parking charges for cars (£7), minibuses (£30) and coaches (£75).

## SSAFA air spectacular

Service charities will gain from SSAFA's spectacular international air display at RAF Church Fenton, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, on June 10.

The display will mark the golden jubilee of the Battle of Britain and the formation of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces.

## Defenders of Calais return

The defence of Calais in 1940 by 3,000 British soldiers and 800 French against the 24,000 of the advancing 1st and 10th Panzer Divisions prompted Winston Churchill to say they had "added another page to the glories of the Light Division".

The Germans were impressed, too – the War Diary of 10th Panzers recorded: "The enemy fights with a hitherto unheard of obstinacy. They are English, extremely brave and tenacious. The enemy fights in a most tough and tenacious manner."

Just back from a visit to commemorate the gallant defence 50 years ago by battalions of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, Rifle Brigade, Queen Victoria's Rifles and Royal Tank Regiment are 650 past

and present Green Jackets and their relatives.

They attended a parade and service on the Calais Mole near the Green Jackets War Memorial.

The Duke of Gloucester inspected the parade, in which more than 100 veterans took part. Also present were Lord Arran, Under Secretary of State

for the Armed Forces, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, and the Adjutant General, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, both former Green Jacket commanding officers. Senior veteran was Maj Gen Alec Williams, who, as adjutant of the 60th – the King's Royal Rifle Corps – was captured but escaped by rowing back across the Channel.

## Arend collection on show

Visitors to a new museum in southern Belgium are now enjoying the chance to see, for the first time under one roof, a rare collection of Second World War uniforms, weapons and vehicles.

Among the exhibits at the Victory Memorial Museum near Arlon are examples of every kind of motorcycle used by the British, Americans and Germans – including the one

and only Belgian Sarolea 1000, with its tractor sidecar and planet gear.

In all, 150 lovingly-restored vehicles and hundreds of uniforms, items of equipment and other pieces are on display on the magnificent 25-acre site.

The museum is a dream come true for retired Luxembourg businessman Guy Franz Arend, who has spent a lifetime collecting relics of war.

Forty-five years ago Field Marshal Montgomery's 21st Army Group became the British Army of the Rhine. It has been on duty ever since. The present Commander-in-Chief, **Gen Sir Peter Inge**, who was commissioned into the Green Howards in 1956 (and is now their Colonel) has been talking to SOLDIER.

# EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

THE Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine is essentially a realist.

Thirty years ago when he first went to Germany as a young officer there was a formidable Soviet army stationed in East Germany.

Today, despite encouraging developments on the international scene, he never forgets that 380,000 Russian soldiers are still there.

Gen Sir Peter Inge does not doubt that the current Soviet leaders are genuine in their declarations of peaceful intent but says "capabilities take years to build up . . . intentions can change very quickly".

Gen Inge: "What has happened recently – and remember it is only six months since the Berlin Wall started to come down – is that the goal-posts have been moved.

"We had a very clear threat in the past. Now, as regards intentions, it is not so clear.

"I believe the potential for instability and friction could be considerable, though what form it might take is very difficult to predict. The one certain lesson of 1989 is that you may expect the unexpected."

The British Army of the Rhine had helped Nato win the Cold War without having to fight a battle and anyone who had served in BAOR had the right to "a tremendous feather in their cap".

However, this victory – a tremendous achievement by the Western Alliance in the broader and not just the military sense – made military planning much more difficult than it had been in the past.

"No one knows what is going to happen. To get the 380,000 Soviet troops out of East Germany is going to require tremendously skilful and firm diplomacy. The sheer administrative problem is formidable."

In the C-in-C's view much press speculation had been superficial and inaccurate.

Because the once clear threat had gone away the continuing need for armed forces was much harder to justify in the minds of many people.

This was partly because they did not view current developments in a historical context.

"There are very few examples of a tyranny or even a benign dictatorship moving smoothly to a liberal democracy.

"They may have got there eventually but there have been hiccups on the way."

The scale of any British strength reductions in the future must inevitably be linked with the timing and scale of Soviet withdrawals.

Should the big pull-out take place then British changes there certainly would be but these could not be made overnight.

*What would he tell a soldier who queried his future professional prospects in the light of events?*

"I would explain the options for change

being studied in London and elsewhere.

"I thoroughly agree with the government's line – that before we take up the proposed options for change we have to have a clearer view of the way ahead and the shape any future threat may take.

"I back totally the principles laid down by the Foreign Secretary, for Nato is going to be fundamentally important in Europe to handle any security problems that arise.

It is right to study possible new security structures but I believe that whatever you end up with should remain Nato-shaped."

The fundamental principles are:

- US strategic commitment.
- A sensible balance of conventional and nuclear forces.
- The integrated military command structure.
- Station forces albeit it at a reduced level.
- At least the present membership (of Nato).

The C-in-C had been impressed by the positive reaction of people in BAOR in recognising there were going to be changes.

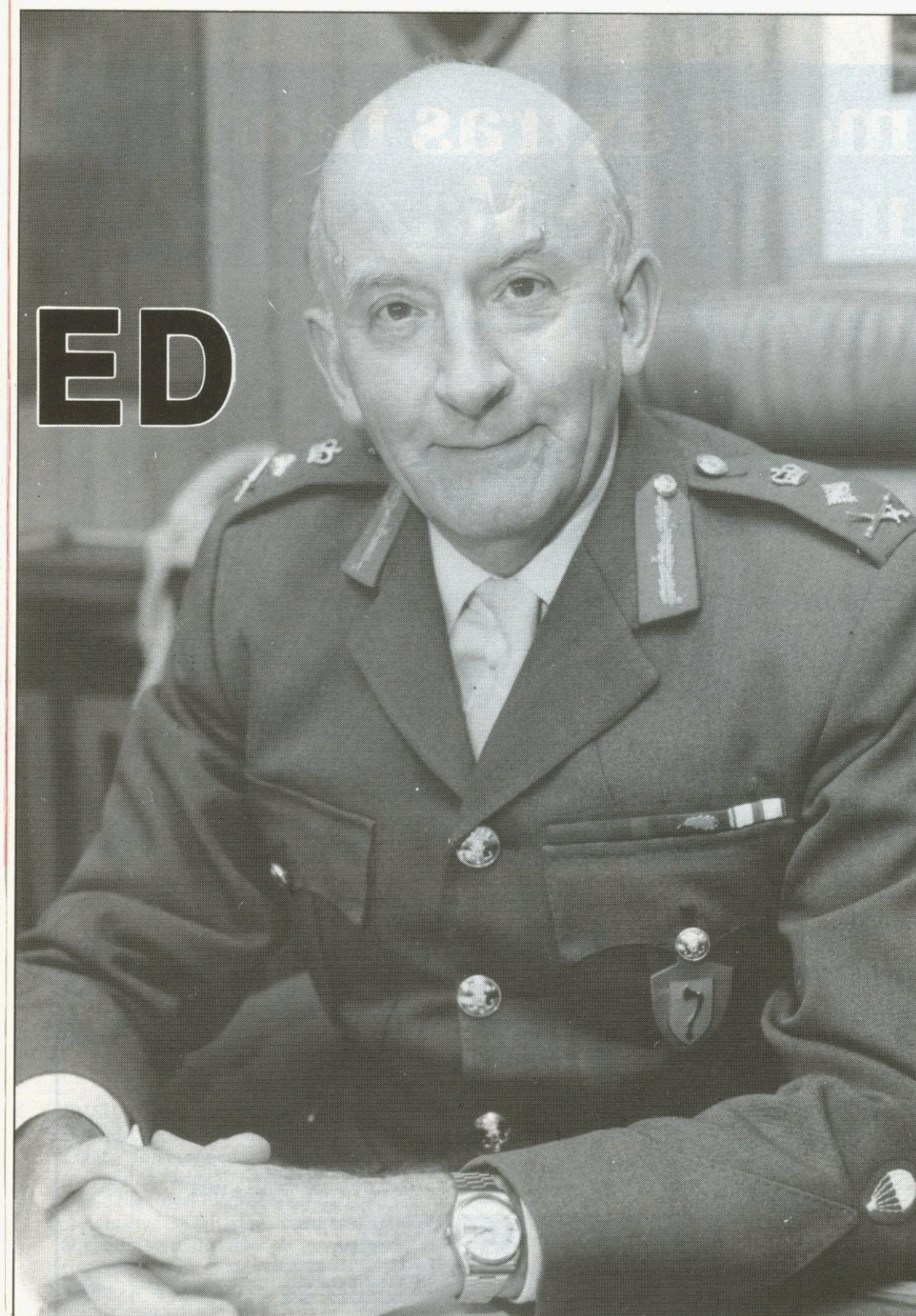
"Of course people are asking questions and I would be worried if they weren't but I am very encouraged by the positive attitude of the commanders on the ground. One cannot fail to admire the high morale."

The Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Tom King, had said the Army was going to be smaller but better and that was important because it showed he understood there were areas open to improvement. It should not be forgotten that he had also said there should be a military as well as a peace dividend.

## Operational concepts

The C-in-C declared that new technology would in any case have forced changes in operational concepts.

"For example we have precision-guided munitions and the increased range of surface-to-surface guided missiles gives us the ability to hit far deeper into an



Gen Sir Peter Inge, Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhine

## Pte Inge didn't impress the Board

"If anyone had told me when I was called up to do my National Service in 1953 that I would become a Regular soldier I'd have laughed them to scorn."

"I actually spent a year as a private soldier in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as I failed my War Office Selection Board the first time.

"They told me not to bother coming back."

Pte Inge then began to see the spirit that was produced in a barrack room he shared with 28 men and how they pulled together as a team. He asked to be given another chance.

Now, as C-in-C, that private wears two hats. In time of war he would command Northern Army Group which would do the fighting in the theatre, and in peacetime he is responsible for its operational planning with five nations – the British, Belgian, Dutch, a German corps and III US Corps – plus possibly the French First Army.

At Rheindalen his office sits over twin headquarters – a British HQ with a British major general as chief of staff to deal with national business, and a multi-national HQ with a German COS to deal with Army Group Affairs. There is also a political dimension – meetings with ambassadors and dealings with the German Defence Ministry.

Gen Inge took over in BAOR not three weeks after the Berlin Wall was first breached. His comment: "It all adds to the interest of the job."

by Bill Moore

aggressor's forces as they advance – what is called the follow-on forces attack battle.

"That plus a greater capability in surveillance and target acquisition means we can fight a deep battle far more effectively than before."

Air mechanised forces would become increasingly important.

"We also have a barrier capability . . . mines which can switch themselves on and off can be delivered remotely. And there are many other devices.

"In my opinion because we are going to have fewer forces, changes in the concept of operations will accelerate, though a lot of thinking has to be done."

## Adventurous training

The C-in-C is a whole-hearted supporter of the programme of adventurous training promoted by his predecessor, Gen Sir Brian Kenny.

He is convinced he gets value for money in the development of character and team spirit it induces. Last year 13,000 soldiers attended challenge pursuit camps, 5,000 went on expeditions worldwide and 800 within the Federal Republic.

Gen Inge wishes, however, adventurous training to be seen in perspective.

"There is a danger of people saying that adventurous training can take the place of proper military training.

"An Army will only have high morale if it feels it is well trained and well equipped.

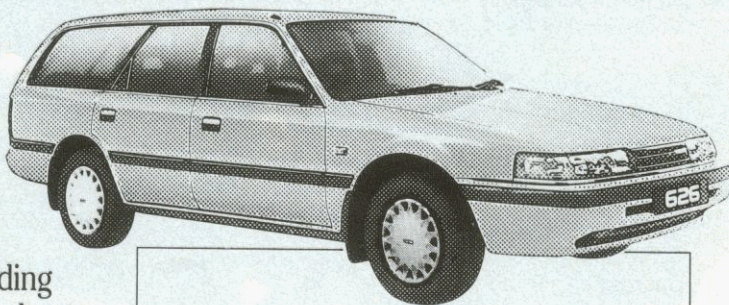
"Our prime role is to make sure that troops are operationally capable of going to war by providing simulation aids, tactical engagement simulation and computer-assisted exercises. And we ensure our equipment is of the highest standard and is robust and reliable.

"No matter what you pay the army, no matter how well you house the troops, unless they feel they are properly trained that army will not have high morale."



The Brandenburg Gate pictured in the week the Wall came down. Now the goal-posts have moved . . .

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The cap badges give the game away! WO2 Pat Lavery (left) and WO2 Steve Granger, 1st Bn Irish Guards, go to work on a simulated minefield, courtesy of 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron, Royal Engineers

# Berlin Guards cast in sapper role

IRISH Guardsmen using a detector to find a mine? A Light Infantryman helping to build a bridge? Whatever would the Royal Engineers say?

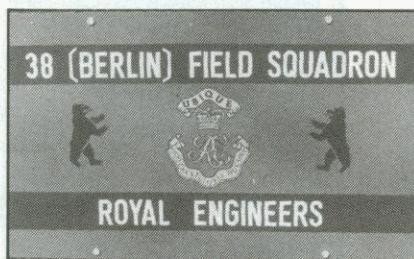
Actually, 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron were delighted to see comrades from other arms having a go at tasks more readily associated with sappers.

It was their idea to put on view their talents and facilities so that other units in the Berlin Brigade could learn what they are all about and, when necessary, call on their skills.

A wide range of services were illustrated, ranging from mine-laying and detection to detonation of explosives and the use of a chain-saw.

The squadron, formed in 1861, has served in all major conflicts since. It built the first Bailey bridge – 120 ft long – on mainland Europe at Bagnara, Italy in August 1943.

Permanently posted in BAOR, it moved to Berlin in 1957. "Berlin" was incorpo-



rated into the title in 1962 when the then mayor, Herr Willy Brandt, presented the squadron with a flag depicting its new Berlin Bear emblem, and a commemorative porcelain Berlin Bear for services to the city. The squadron also enjoys the Freedom of Spandau and Tiergarten.

Main role is to provide engineer support – such as bridge demolitions, mine-laying and plant digging – for

Brigade. It is an independent squadron, but instead of the usual complement of 200, has 82 soldiers and five officers.

It is involved in most exercises that take place in Berlin and supports infantry battalions on exercise elsewhere in BAOR.

It has one field troop – the main workforce – and other, smaller departments. These include a plant detachment with 11 machines and four military operators. An engineer park with two SNCOs and 35 civilians provides resources for the British Sector, such as boats, timber and concrete.

The squadron's special skills were in demand for the influx of East Germans. The British

sappers improved an administrative building, and at RAF Gatow put up a new security fence around an area used as temporary accommodation by re-settlers.

They have also done work for the local community, such as levelling ground for sports pitches. After Rudolf Hess's death they removed the roof of Spandau Prison and supervised its secret burial.

Despite their small number, they take part in a full range of sports.

Accommodation is particularly good at Smuts Barracks, where single soldiers have individual rooms in a large, modern block known locally as The Hilton.

Their OC, Maj Allan Dennis, said: "We are spoiled rotten here."

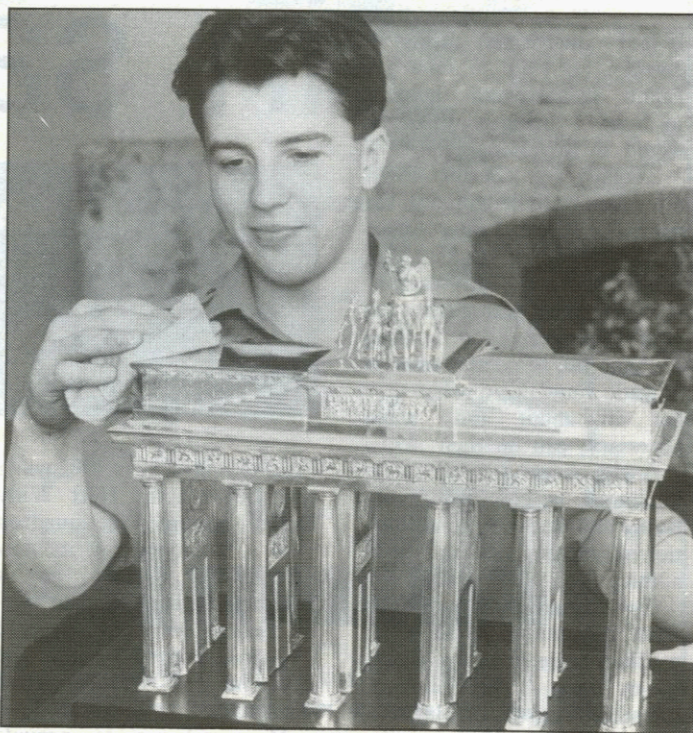


What makes this different from the usual bridge-building photograph? The soldiers flexing their muscles are not sappers!

So this is  
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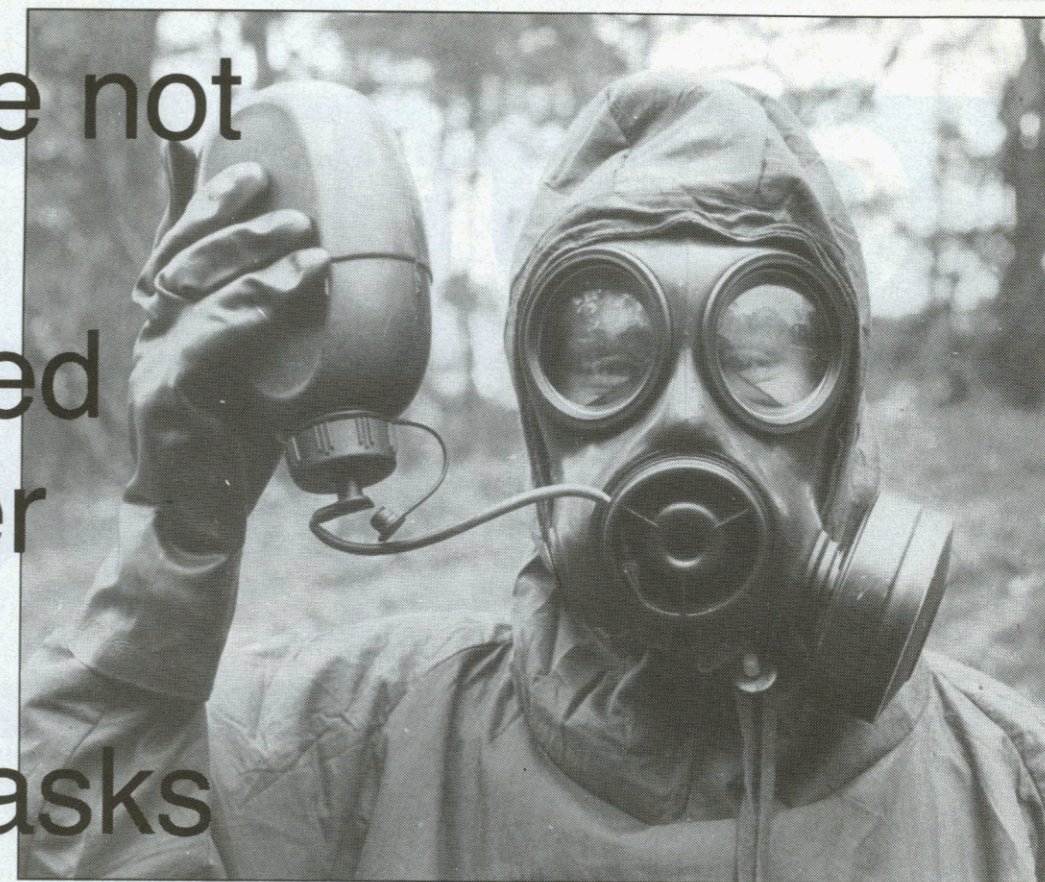


Maj Allan Dennis, OC 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron, with the Berlin Bear presented to the unit by former Mayor Willy Brandt for services to the city



Spr Zach Naylor shows a treasured piece of mess silver depicting the Brandenburg Gate, especially appropriate for display by 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron

# They're not getting steamed up over these gas masks



MEN of the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, who have had the chance to use the new S 10 respirator in NBC warfare training, are well pleased with its modifications.

Biggest advantage is the addition of a special tube for liquids, which means the wearer doesn't have to remove the mask to drink.

Improved air flow reduces steaming-up, and because it is lighter and more comfortable, it gives soldiers more confidence when they go into the gas chamber.

The battalion is based in Smuts Barracks, Berlin, and a SOLDIER team caught up with it during NBC training, followed by a session on the assault course and training in the Fighting in a Built Up Area (FIBUA) facilities at Ruhleben.

Sgt Billy Halliwell, who was instructing and testing in NBC warfare, said: "The modifications to the respirator are very welcome and have made significant improvements."

It was reflected by the standard of drill inside the gas chamber.

"They did well," he said.

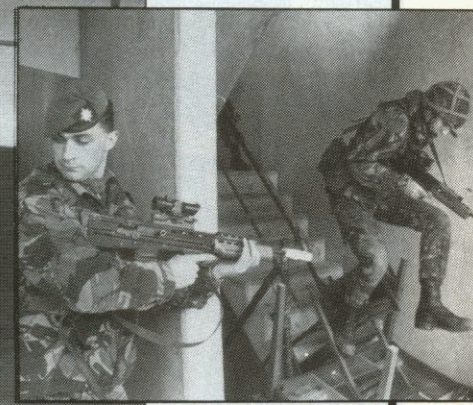
Facilities for day and night video filming in the fighting city provide excellent material for post-exercise discussion. A specially-built block of flats – with the whole of one side open – means exercise skills can be easily monitored from an adjacent open-air, terraced viewing area.



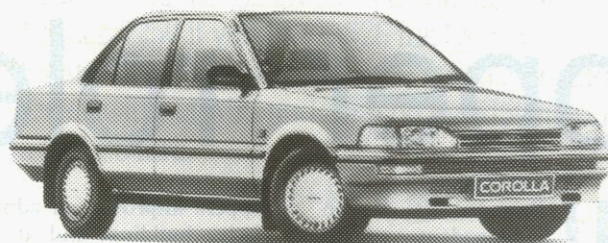
Above – NBC warfare training has become more tolerable, thanks to innovations in the S 10 respirator. This soldier demonstrates how it is possible to drink without removing the mask

Left – It could be a block of flats anywhere – the big difference is that because it is built without one side, there is easy monitoring of Irish Guardsman skills from an adjacent viewing area

Below – The "enemy", recognisable by his beret, is momentarily distracted in the noise and confusion on a staircase at Ruhleben



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Accompanied by the Commander of 5 Airborne Brigade, Brig Nigel Richards, the Queen smiles her approval as she arrives on the DZ

SALISBURY Plain was the chosen location for the launch of the Para 90 celebrations designed to mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of Airborne Forces.

Men of 5 Airborne Brigade taking part in Exercise Stone Warrior celebrated in style by carrying out a massive airborne assault against defended positions on the Plain.

The Queen attended the jump and watched the brigade's Pathfinder Platoon make a high-level freefall drop before eight C130 Hercules aircraft carrying representatives from each unit making up the brigade disgorged their human cargo of more than 500 Paras in front of the royal stand.

Immediately afterwards, seven further Hercules dropped 14 medium-stress platforms carrying vehicles and stores.

Later, the Queen, escorted by the Commander of 5 Airborne Brigade, Brig Nigel Richards, was shown a variety of static displays featuring equipment and techniques

## ... by royal descent

employed by the brigade.

After watching a final live demonstration, a heli-borne assault by the brigade's Gurkha infantry battalion, 1st Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles), the Queen made an informal walkabout among the massed ranks of the brigade.

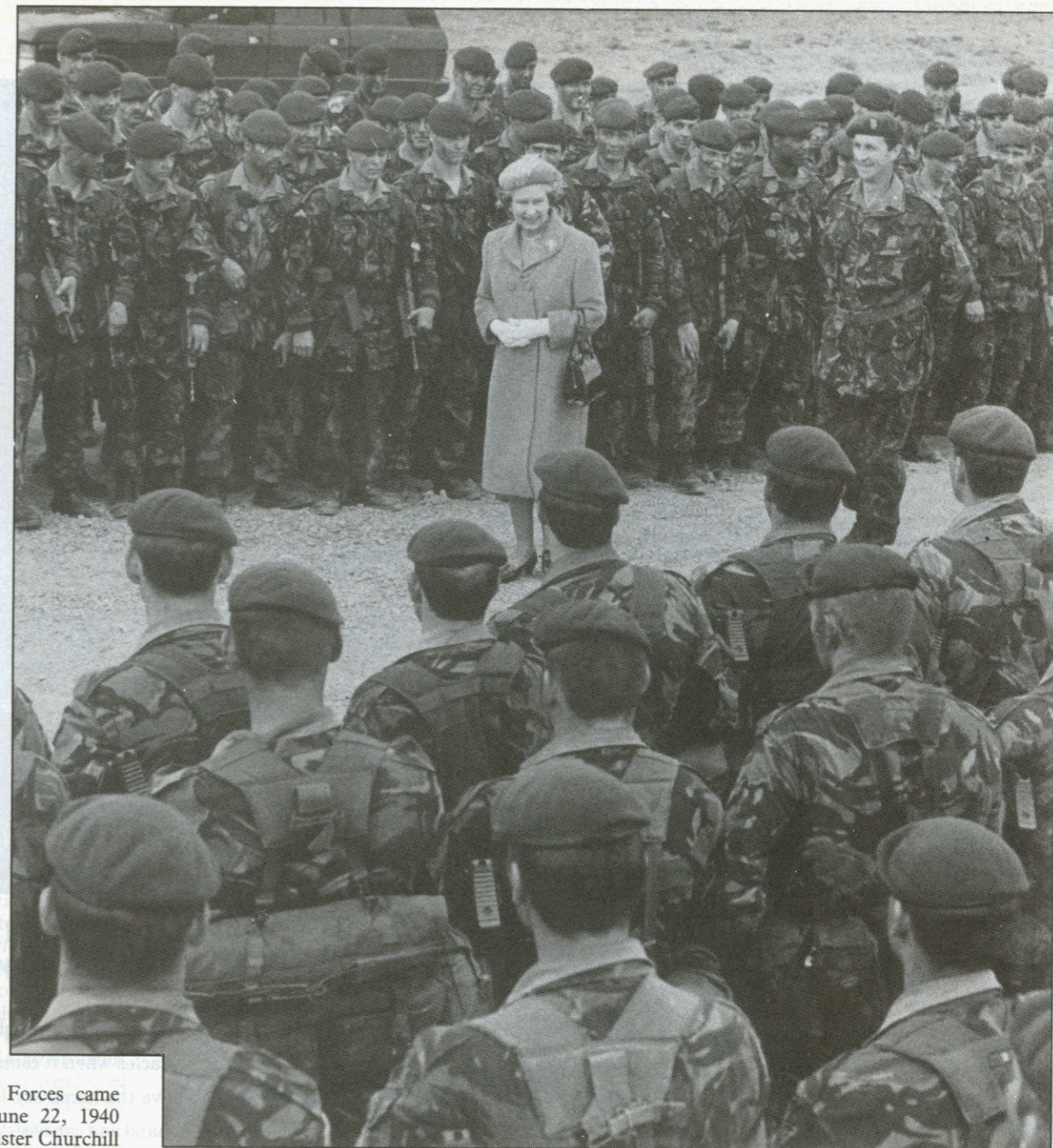
This year is the golden jubilee of Airborne Forces and the milestone is to be celebrated in many ways across the length and breadth of the nation as Para 90, which aims to establish a permanent memorial to Airborne Forces and to raise funds to benefit specified airborne charities and finance a community project.

The Airborne Forces came into being on June 22, 1940 when Prime Minister Churchill sent a memo to Gen Sir Hastings Ismay stating: "We should have a corps of at least five thousand parachute troops . . . Pray let me have a note on the subject."

The first parachute descent by a British soldier took place on July 13, 1940 and since then The Parachute Regiment has gained a number of battle honours including Bruneval, Pegasus Bridge, Arnheim and Goose Green.

Taking part in Exercise Stone Warrior were elements of RHG/D, 7 Para RHA, 36 Engr Regt, 9 Para Sqn RE, 5 AB Bde HQ and Sig Sqn, 1 RRF, 1 Para, 2 Para, 1/2 GR, 658 Sqn AAC, 4 AB Bde Log Bn, 63 AB Sqn RCT, 82 AB Ord Coy RAOC, 10 AB Wksp REME and 23 Para Fd Amb.

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The Queen goes walkabout among her warriors on Salisbury Plain



Heli-borne assault. Men of 1/2 GR disembark from RAF Chinook helicopters as a Puma overflies the landing area



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Challengers of 5 Innis DG lead infantry in 432s to their objective during Exercise Rattling Halberd

# A rattling good workout

ALTHOUGH described as a "bit of a squeeze", Exercise Rattling Halberd managed to fit itself into Soltau and Hohne training area for four days made memorable by glorious weather, writes **Bill Moore**.

All phases of war were carried out – defence, withdrawal, advance to contact and so on, and battle group drills were practised by 11 Armoured Brigade HQ, commanded by Brig Ian McKay-Dick.

The brigade is preparing for 4 Arm'd Div's Exercise Quarter Final, due to take place in October.

The main players were 5 Innis DG and 1 A and SH, with the Recce Troop of 4/7 DG, two companies of 2 Queens and elements of 26 Fd Regt RA, 42 Fd Sqn RE and 659 Sqn AAC also taking part.

In all, 63 heavy tracked, 197 light tracked and 231 wheeled vehicles were deployed.

When the considerable dust had settled, Rattling Halberd was declared by Maj David Eccles, COS 11 Arm'd Bde, as "a rattling success".

"We had a good shake-out with all arms including the logistic elements."

Why "Rattling Halberd"?

Because 11 Arm'd Bde traces its ancestry back to the famous 78th (Battleaxe) Division – in which there was an 11th Infantry Brigade – of Second World War fame.



Men of the Argylls, sweltering in NBC suits, wait to go into the attack



A Lynx of 659 Sqn AAC supports the armour

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Typical Topo types with a row of the famous "semi" trailers



# Where would we be without the map men?



A GOLDEN rule of modern warfare is that no general lowers himself to fight a battle on ground covered by a single map.

Really clever ones manage to overlap the corners of the four map sheets of an area of operations.

Which is what makes 14 Independent Topographic Squadron Royal Engineers one of the most valuable institutions in BAOR.

They are always willing to meet the insatiable and sometimes almost impossible demands of their "customers".

The basic maps come from a variety of sources, including their sister unit, the Survey Production Centre RE at Monchengladbach. "Fourteen Topo" overprints them with such information as terrain going, restricted areas and out of bounds areas.

**Words by  
Bill Moore  
Pictures by  
Mike Weston**

A week before a recent exercise the German authorities declared "no go" for environmental reasons certain areas previously accessible.

In response to an urgent request 14 Topo produced hundreds of maps showing the new out-of-bounds limits and distributed them with time to spare.

The squadron, established for six officers and 86 other ranks, is located at Ratingen on the outskirts of Düsseldorf in Roy Barracks, named after the original "Mr Survey".

As a young man William Roy played a prominent part in mapping the Highlands (two inches to the mile and 34

sheets) after the failure of the Jacobite Rebellion in 1746. Later he saw active service in Germany in the Seven Years War, survived to make important contributions to international survey, and was a major general when he died in 1790.

If the old Red Coat were to visit 14 Topo today he might be surprised by some of the equipment, but one thing he would recognise: even the youngest sappers readily accept heavy responsibility.

The young technicians come from the School of Military Survey at Hermitage, Berkshire, and the Army Apprentice College, Chepstow, equipped with skill and confidence.

Spr Simon Robinson (19) an air survey technician, let SOLDIER peer at an aerial photograph through what looked like opera glasses on

stilts. The three dimensional effect produced enables the trained eye to check old and identify new features on the landscape.

What Spr Robinson locates is transferred to an existing map on his say-so.

"It would be impossible to check everything the lads do," said WO2 Nick Collins, the Squadron Technical Control Warrant Officer, "so they **have** to be good at their trades."

Though the main task of 14 Topo is to provide geographic support to BAOR and RAF (Germany) in terms of maps, air charts, field survey, terrain analysis and map production, the squadron takes a broad view of its duties.

Maj Nick Rigby RE, the OC, explained: "We are very much into the Northern Army

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# Nato's map men on same lines

## They CAN see the trees for the wood!

FOUR troops make up 14 Topo. HQ consists of clerks, MT, REME and cooks, all of whom manage by remarkable means to get into the field whenever they can.

The Map Troop comprises combat surveyors who, in peacetime, issue their products from a huge warehouse. Maps are bulky items – 200 stand an inch high and 1,000 of them weigh 100lb. Fork-lift trucks are much in evidence at Roy Barracks, which issued 4,965,000 maps last year, each one being accounted for.

According to Cpl Scouse Murray, who has been doing the job for five years, "it is mind-blowing at times".

"But that's only because he's an Everton supporter," said Sgt Zip Nolan, the NCO in charge of the War Reserve stocks carefully stacked in their own pen at one end of the main store. Sgt Nolan is a Manchester United fan.

Even more "mind-blowing" was one of the jobs recently carried out by the Survey Troop (which includes field and air surveyors). Using tape measures, SSgt Brian Willis, Cpl Steve Dawson and a team recently recorded the dimensions of 5,000 trees!

Their "Woodland Reconnaissance Report" provides invaluable information about the accessibility of an area – whether the trees are in rows, or undergrowth will hinder movement or stumps will be an obstacle.

Commanders expect a high standard of terrain information on their maps and they get it – down to the depth and width of ditches.

Field surveyors have even carried out tasks underground.

In 1988 14 Topo was asked to chart not only the surface entrenchments and craters preserved on Vimy Ridge (stormed by the Canadians after mining under the enemy defences in 1917) but also the surviving

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Group/Nato aspect of things. On our supply side we provide on an exchange basis mapping for Dutch, Belgian, German and US forces.

"We give a lot of support to the RAF and 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force. Whether

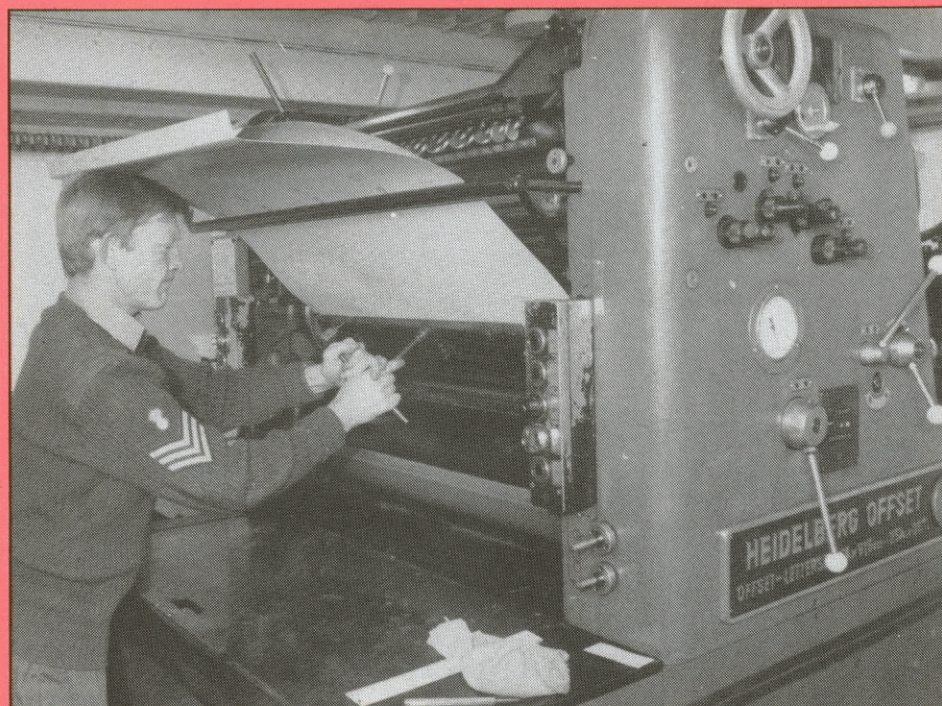
our planes are flying in 1 British Corps area or into the airspace of other nations we have a responsibility to 'map them up'.

"Should a large US formation come into the area on exercise we provide maps for them too.

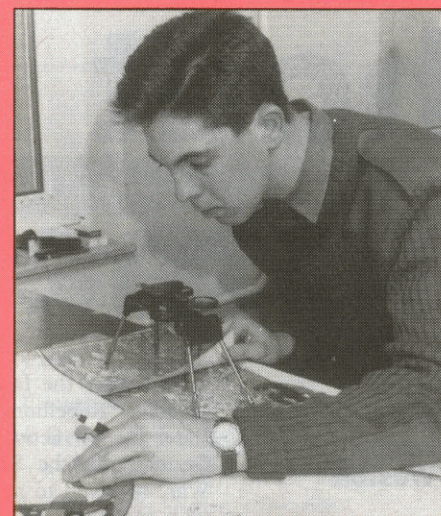
"People in other spheres are

still talking about the need for standardisation . . . whether we should have the same tank, same ammunition supply and so on.

"The mappers of all member countries produce to a Nato standard and we have been down that road for the last 20 years, if not longer."



Preparing the press – Sgt Chips Miller, survey print technician



Air surveyor Spr Simon Robinson

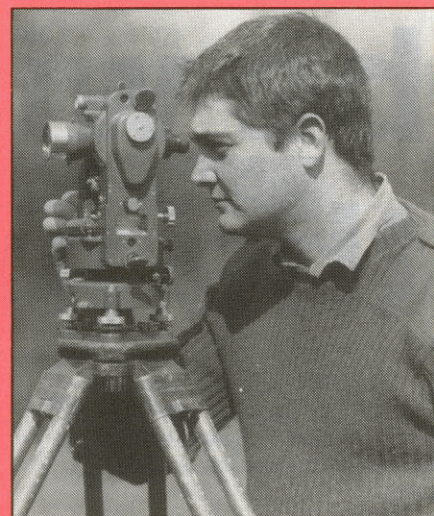
tunnelling system.

"We knew from historical notes and the original plans that there were charges of approximately four tons of ammonal explosive still down there," said SSgt Willis, "and we discovered one of these.

"We had to survey the position of the charge . . . traverse through the tunnels to the surface, then fix the position above ground to show exactly where the charge was below the surface."

Map Reproduction Troop has a different claim to fame. It has in the past been the terror of the Corps commander and his staff. Hearts used to sink when news arrived that *The Print Train* was on the move.

The Train consisted of seven massive 'semi-trailers', though what was "semi" about them has never been explained.



LCpl Steve Jones on the theodolite

Each weighed up to 27 tons and was 29 ft long. Each was pulled by a custom-built Thorneycroft tractor weighing ten tons and measuring 22 ft long. Top speed was a maximum of 25mph.

As all had to travel in convoy to be able to function properly the presence of *The Print Train* was of compelling interest to commanders during exercises, especially when the roads were uphill.

The trailers formed a complete production plant – camera work, plate making, a drawing office, two printing presses and a guillotine and sort-and-dispatch section were all there.

Today they are still there – immobile in a hangar at Roy Barracks. The drawing office has already been relocated in a headquarters building and the other trailers will fall out of use as existing



Down in the map store something stirred. Above – LCpl Shaun Brady counts out an order. Right – Sprs Jason Matthews (steps) and Simon Leake extract a sheet to meet a request

buildings are fitted out as technical working areas.

Rapid response mapping in the field is now done by two men operating from a four-tonne lorry equipped with developing and printing facilities able to produce up to 2,400 maps an hour.

Each armoured division in Germany now has a TACIPRINT (tactical information printing system) lorry which is NBC protected and air-conditioned.

It is remarkable how many senior officers find reasons to be in the TACIPRINT vehicle during NBC play!

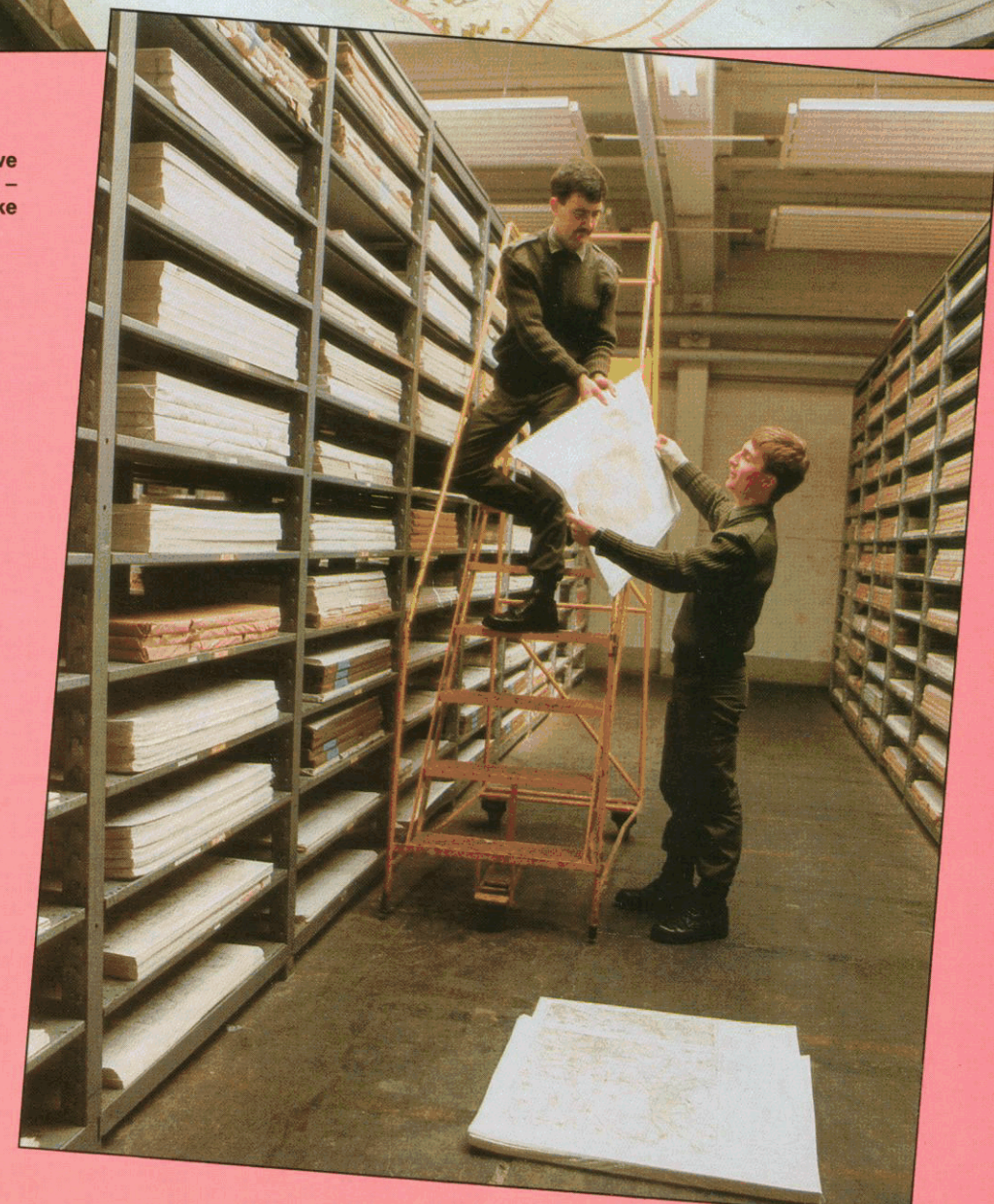
Minefields, soft going, formation boundaries, routes, obstacles and all essential tactical information can be overprinted or produced on maps and charts.

Because they are printed on the same plate the margin for error is eliminated – all users work from the same details produced from the same original.

From receipt of a customers' trace a tacimap can be produced within 12 minutes of delivery at TACIPRINT.

And one of the greatest assets available to a commander is the ability of the crew to reproduce a single square taking into account, say, the relevant details of four maps where they join.

One can truly say of 14 Topo – where would we all be without them?

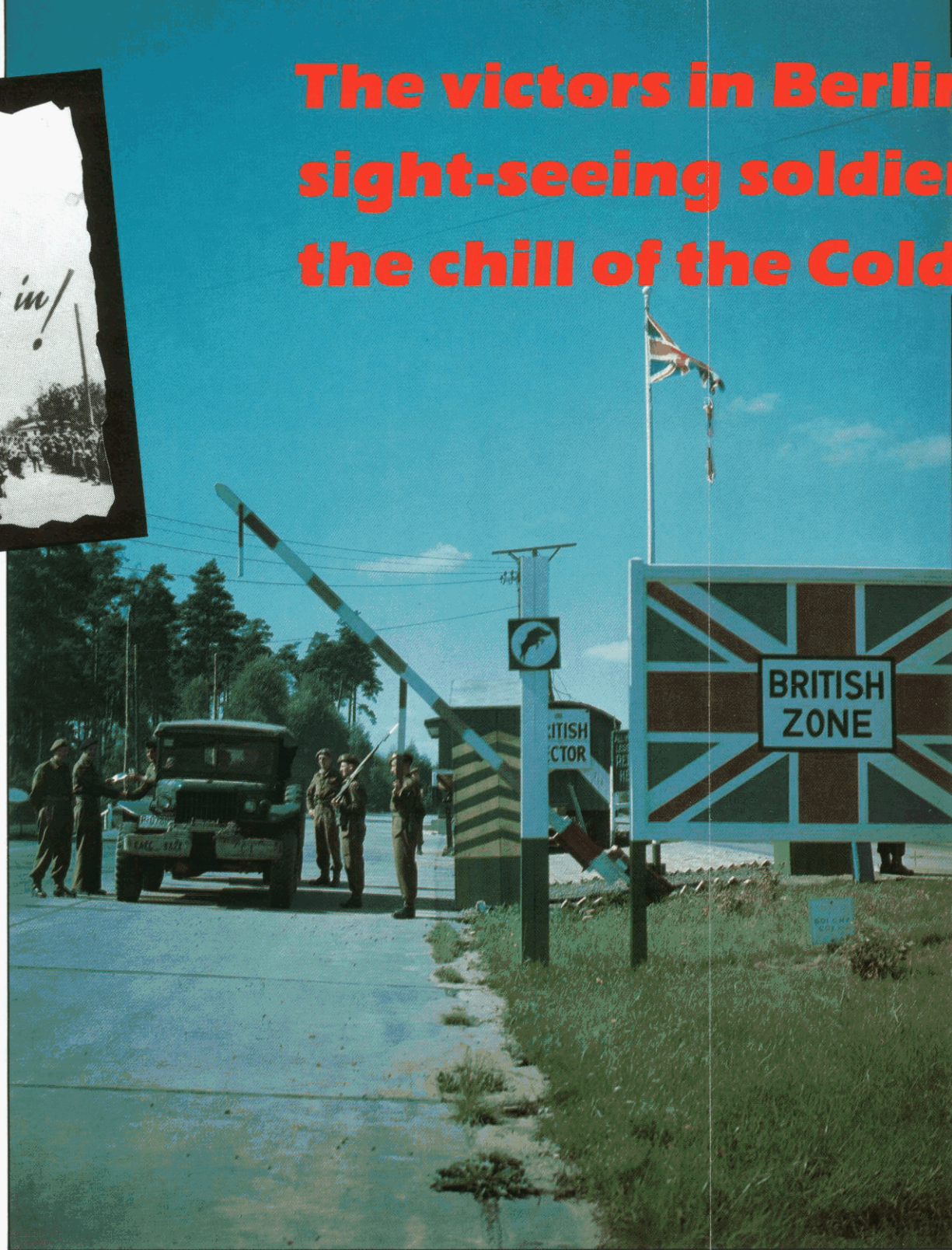




Right - Helmstedt checkpoint 1946. The troops belong to the 2nd Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment. The leaping boar formation sign next to the Union Flag is that of XXX Corps

Far right - The Tiergarten, Berlin, autumn 1946. A Russian interpreter points out the sights to a Russian officer and British soldiers. In the background a French tricolour flies over the 1870 German victory column

Below - Inside the grounds of the Reich Chancellery where Hitler's remains were reported to have been found, an American explores a crater. Note the bullet holes in the wall behind



FORTY-FIVE years ago this month, SOLDIER's front page carried the headline "**We're in**" over a picture of the Canadian Composite Battle Pipe Band marching down the Charlottenburger Allee with the 1870 Franco-Prussian Victory Column in the background, **writes Bill Moore.**

Field Marshal Montgomery was pictured with the Soviet Marshal Zhukov inspecting a Guard of Honour provided by the Grenadier Guards.

For a period afterwards Berlin was a place for sightseeing, with Hitler's weed-covered bunker as the No 1 attraction.



A year later British bulldozers were ripping stumps out of the Tiergarten so that potatoes could be grown for the hungry population. A rusting 88mm anti-aircraft gun still stood outside the ruins of the Reichstag.

A T-34 on a plinth was the first of the Russian war memorials to be installed.

With so much to see, Berlin was regarded as a plum posting.

"There is no curfew for civilians. Troops are allowed out until midnight without a pass and until two o'clock with one. They must, however, be armed after twelve. Service-women must be escorted, unless they're going to be out for only a few minutes, and after nine at night their escort must be armed."

Allied troops walked at will into the various sectors.

As early as 1946 the warmth generated by victory began to evaporate. The ice of the Cold War was forming in

Berlin and all along the other borders.

A unit described one of its tasks as follows:

"It (the battalion) had the unenviable responsibility of operating the famous Helmstedt checkpoint through which all traffic has to pass into the Russian Zone, on the main route to Berlin.

"This checkpoint was only 50 yards apart from that held by glowering, deeply suspicious and trigger-happy Russians and it required much tact and diplomacy on the part of our duty officers to avoid unfortunate incidents. As it was, the checkpoint could be

guaranteed to produce at least one crisis every week."

It was a time of strange and bizarre events. In Operation Woodpecker great areas of German forest were cut down and the timber taken to Britain as war reparations.

At the first Torchlight Tattoo held by the British in the Olympic Stadium the Soviet onlookers were mystified by the means used to drill a squad of 300 men without any commands being given.

They were not told that traffic lights had been erected out of sight of the audience and used to give the cautionary and executive

words of command.

Looking at the smartly-dressed women in any modern German city it is hard to believe their mothers and grandmothers were employed cleaning bricks after the war - resting them on planks laid across oil drums while they knocked off surplus cement.

"Trummer weg!" said the posters of the day. "Baut wieder auf der FDGB" - "Clear the debris ... reconstruct the FDGB."

With the impending unification of the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic, final reconstruction looks just about there.



# You mail it, they'll deliver it

WHAT happens when a "postie" gets a hang glider in the incoming mail? Why . . . he or she delivers it, of course!

That's what happened when one arrived at the Command Distribution Office (CDO) in Caernarvon Barracks, Dusseldorf, Germany.

You have to get up very early to catch out the staff of the biggest military central post office in BAOR, which is run by 3 Postal and Courier Depot RE.

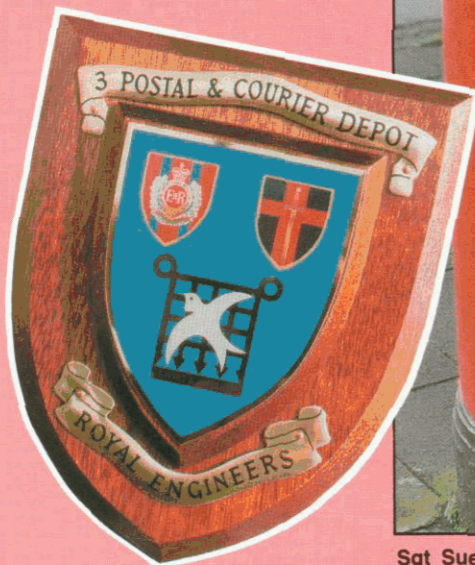
In fact there is little point in trying because they work a three-shift system which keeps the Depot open 24 hours a day.

Not a bad achievement when you learn that because the unit is the largest in "Duss" Station it provides a major share of the manpower needed for guards and other duties.

Which is how SOLDIER recognised a familiar face in the guard room. The night before Sgt Graham Maccoll, 18 years a "postie", had been stacking mailbags in the depths of a large lorry.

It was all part of the "now you see 'em now you don't" system operated in the CDO by 33 PC Sqn.

"No item is in here longer than eight hours at the most,"



said the OC, Maj Wally Damant.

That evening a lorry-load of mail arrived from formations and units in the 1 BR Corps area (Dusseldorf is in the Rear Combat Zone).

In a jiffy some of the staff working in the sorting room were in action.

Pte Jo Brooks, an apple-cheeked little WRAC girl from Worcester, was flinging sacks expertly into relevant containers for onward direction while Pte Agnes Miller, a tall Scot, recorded their details in a ledger.

That done, a conveyor started up and re-loading began.

Pte Brooks, even rosier, deposited the mail on the belt while Sgt Maccoll sorted and stowed the mail in a second lorry so that it would be unloaded with minimum delay at its destination.

The conveyor belt is a new machine installed after the old CDO was damaged by a terrorist bomb. It can be extended right into lorries.

"In the old days you walked miles inside a big vehicle," said Sgt Maccoll.

The loading completed and checked, the doors of the carrier lorry were secured and



Sgt Sue McKay empties her pet pillar box at "Duss"

## POST

the vehicle departed.

Unofficial record time for loading and unloading is 40 containers in 25 minutes. Speed is considered essential in mail-handling.

Lt Col Bill Butt, CO of 3 PCD, is proud of the service each of his three squadrons (two at Dusseldorf and one, 32, at Rheindahlen) provides.

A fleet of 55 vehicles is run by 30 PC Sqn - with its own very necessary REME LAD. Last year they covered 848,474 miles.

In 33 PC Sqn the troops meet the public across the counter. In Caernarvon Barracks itself Sgt Sue McKay WRAC was running PO Lohausen, named after the suburb of Dusseldorf where the camp is located.

At her fingertips were all the services you might expect in the UK - stamps, Giro Bank, National Savings and TV and car licences.

But she also controls and

supplies other field post offices, including a mobile post office which serves Cologne, Coblenze and Bonn, where the Embassy staff are always pleased to see the mail arrive.

In fact, 3 PCD operates about 20 detachments in its area of responsibility.

Apart from some which is delivered direct to, for example, Hanover, all air mail, all mail which comes by sea and all parcels are handled at "Duss" along with newspapers and, of late, loads of direct mail order catalogues.

The Army postal service has profitable contracts with all the big firms in the UK and receives the catalogues in bulk, splits them up and labels them before delivering them.

Second only to Mill Hill, London, in size, 3 PCD serves Servicemen and families throughout North West Europe.

Six hundred bags of mail and



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Bill Moore  
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Going with a swing. Pte Jo Brooks checks the mail bags with Pte Agnes Miller before loading them on to a conveyor belt

## HASTE

Though no one wants to add to the mass of initials used in Army Speak a few units are definitely TFG. They do essential jobs so quietly and efficiently they are simply Taken For Granted. The "posties" are one vital cog in BAOR's military machine.

40 containers are handled every day. TV tapes, magazines, bicycles and car tyres are dealt with . . . as is courier and diplomatic mail.

Nearly 112,000 bags of air mail arrived from the UK in the last 12-month period, while 125,000 went out.

More than 147,000 bags of surface mail were handled and 66,000 went out.

And the trouble they take to get the mail to the troops may be seen in the heart of 33 Sqn.

There sits one of the most patient young ladies in the world, locating people who forget to leave a forwarding address.

From a mass of computer printouts Pte Teri Patchett can locate almost everyone, civilian or military, connected with the Army . . . and re-directs 750 letters and parcels a day.

And she says she enjoys it! Hats off to her . . . and hats off to all of them.



Nothing like a darts match to make friends with the locals. Frau Christina Jonas goes for double top watched by Capt Willi Podein, from the local radar station, Lt Col Bill Butt, centre, and Maj Wally Damant OC 33 PC Sqn RE



It takes all sorts . . . LCpl Bob Evans fills mail bags

# SOLDIERS AT SEA

"AND how's the British Navy this morning, captain," asked the jolly German pilot as he came aboard at Brunsbüttel.

"I couldn't really say," came the reply, "but the British Army is all right."

Her Majesty's Army Vessel Arakan (captained by Maj Eddie Bell RCT) was about to enter the Kiel Canal.

The pilot, glancing suspiciously at the helmsman, ordered: "Steer Zero Three Six."

"Steering Zero Three Six. Wheel on, sir," echoed Cpl Sammie Payne briskly.

Half an hour later the pilot whispered conspiratorially to the SOLDIER scribbler, the only other person on the bridge in "civvies": "Are dem fellers really all soldiers?"

And having been assured they were, said approvingly: "Well they seem to know der job."

A succession of pilots (five in all) boarded Arakan as she chugged sedately along the 59 miles of the great waterway linking the North Sea and the Baltic. To a man, they were surprised to find an all-soldier crew. All were complimentary.

It was 9pm when the last of them made a precarious leap on to the heaving deck of the pilot cutter and Arakan steamed into the darkness with foam cascading over her high blunt bows.

As the Fleet Ensign of the Royal Corps of Transport is a rare sight in the Kiel Canal (one of the busiest in Europe since it was completed in 1897) the German pilots can be excused for not recognising it.

Even some members of their own corps are hardly aware of the existence of RCT squadrons in which each soldier is a sailor and each sailor is a soldier.

The 1,500 ton LCL (landing craft logistic) and her sister ship Ardennes are the biggest vessels in the Army's fleet, which also has nine smaller RCLs (ramped craft logistic) and three RPLs (ramped powered lighters) plus a variety of launches.

Arakan and Ardennes are RCT squadrons in their own right and belong to 17 Port and Maritime Regiment based at Marchwood Military Port on

## All aboard a slow boat to Russia

the Solent along with 51 Vessel, 52 Port and 53 Admin Sqns.

The Lowestoft-built ships were commissioned in 1978 to replace Second World War landing craft and can carry five main battle tanks or 350 tons of cargo. Normally they ferry ammunition, stores and equipment to ranges in the Outer Hebrides and to Continental ports serving BAOR.

Having flat bottoms, they are able "to boldly go" on to beaches where other vessels dare not venture.

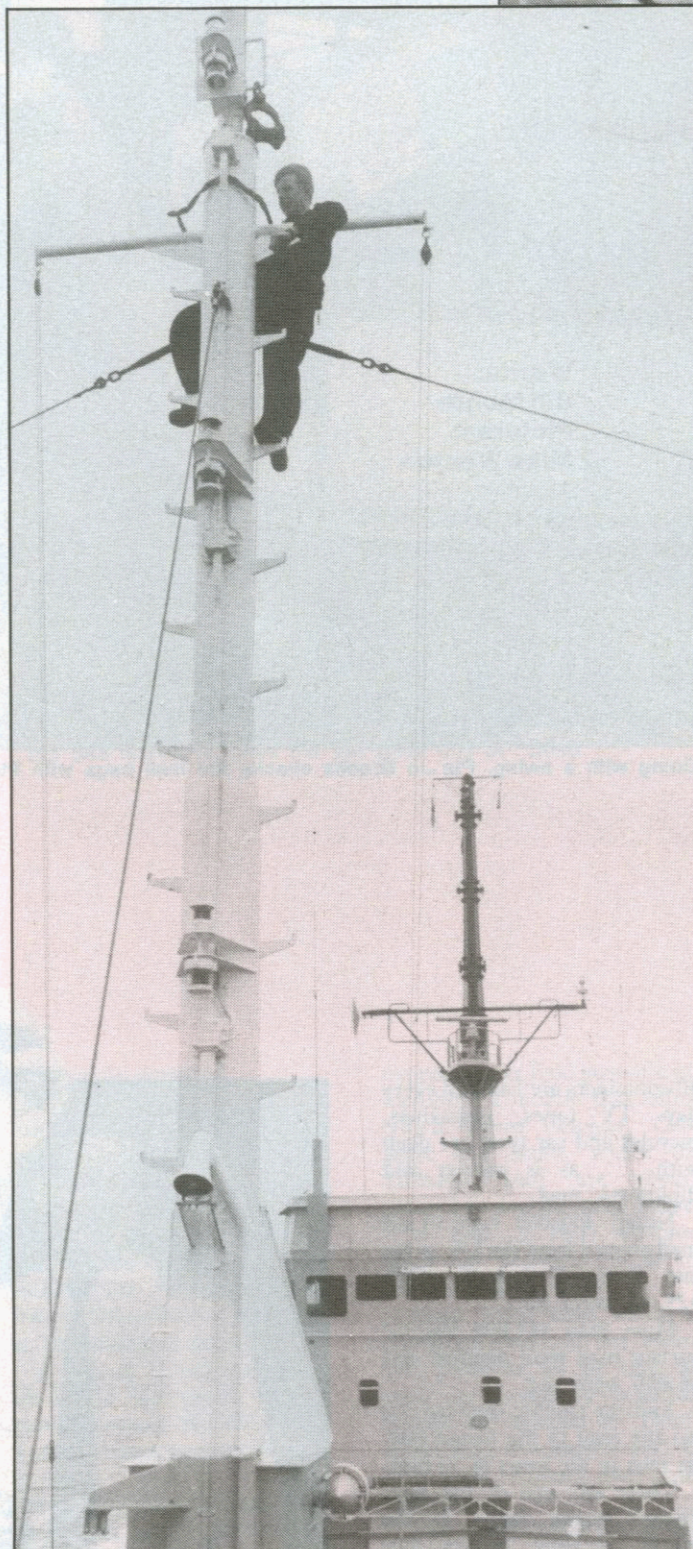
This configuration also allows them to move sideways with a speed that startles seamen (and pilots in particular) used to dealing with conventional ships.

Arakan is full of little mannerisms of her own and in heavy seas appears to twist her length and corkscrew through the waves. The Chief Engineer, Capt Kim Dunstan, swears the stern, where his twin diesels are housed, "does a little shimmy – a sort of a waggle" under certain conditions.

So it may, but the SOLDIER team was more concerned about an ominous "bump, rattle and bump" which periodically shook the ship as if she had run over a submerged object.

They weren't the only ones. Cpl Mark Roy of 2 RTR, travelling as escort to the AFVs, was in the crew's mess watching a video about the Titanic at the time. The SOLDIER snapper, who is supposed to know about things nautical because he used to take pictures for a famous shipyard, likened the noise to the results of driving too fast over a "sleeping policeman".

He wasn't far out, either. Sgt Alan Marchant, clocking-up



Smart as paint from bottom to top. The artist is Cpl 'Laz' Lazell

sea hours to qualify as a watchkeeper, explained that it was all down to the "hogging and the sagging".

The captain was more technical.

"The ship is ballasted so her stern lies deeper than her bows. When she hits a big wave the bow is forced up and the next

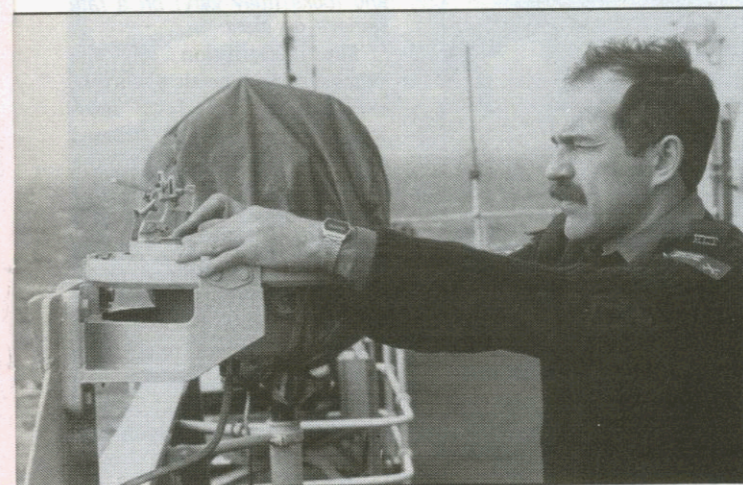
wave rolls under her and she arches her back to get over it. "Rest your chin on the chart table and look at the guard rails on the fo'c'sle."

A big wave obligingly smacked Arakan full in the face, she jerked up her head and another rolled under her belly. The fo'c'sle fell about a



Conning the ship – Maj Eddie Bell, captain of the Arakan

## Deckies and Clankies



Taking a bearing – Sgt Alan Marchant

foot out of the usual alignment with the bridge, then returned to normal.

"If she didn't bend she'd bust," said Sgt Marchant – an earthy phrase coming from one who was once employed to fit burglar alarms to priceless pictures in famous art galleries before he felt the call of the sea.

TWO species share HMAV Arakan – Deckies and Clankies. The first spend a great deal of time gazing hopefully into space, and worship the stars by night, the second pass most of their days staring silently at something called the third generator.

Though rarely showing direct animosity, it is not uncommon for one species to question the reason for the other's existence and its origins.

Deckies, in fact, are bred at Gosport, Hants, where they begin life as B3 seamen – though being RCT they are all

called drivers! They progress through navigation courses and eventually may become a bosun (sergeant), coxswain (WO2), or a watchkeeper (staff sergeant) with 400 hours logged doing the job as a trainee at sea.

Then there is the navigator (WO1).

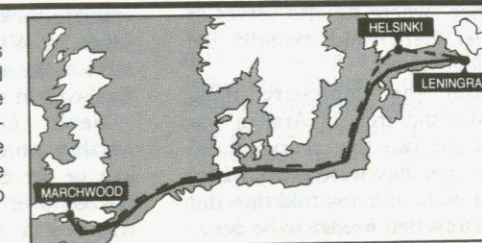
By contrast, Clankies spend their first days training at the Royal Engineers' Army Apprentices College, Chesham, where they qualify as fitters before attending a conversion course at the School of Transportation, Gosport.

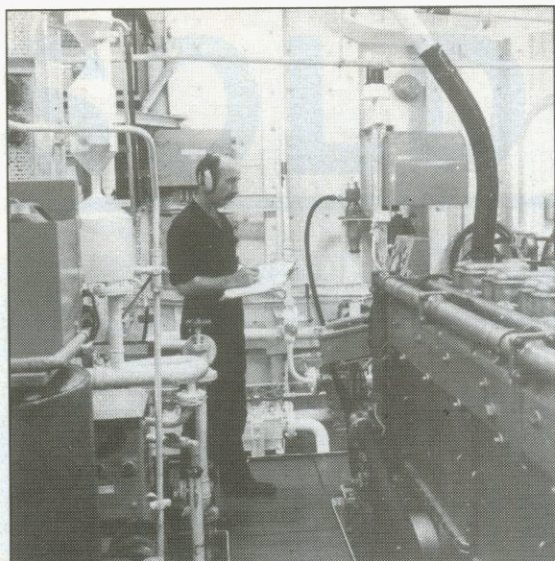
They leave as Marine Engineers (Technician 3rd Class and still drivers, of course) and as a farewell present are given a woebegone expression to wear when worrying about the third generator or the shortage of cleaning cloths.

"Use cleaning rags sparingly" begs a notice in Arakan's

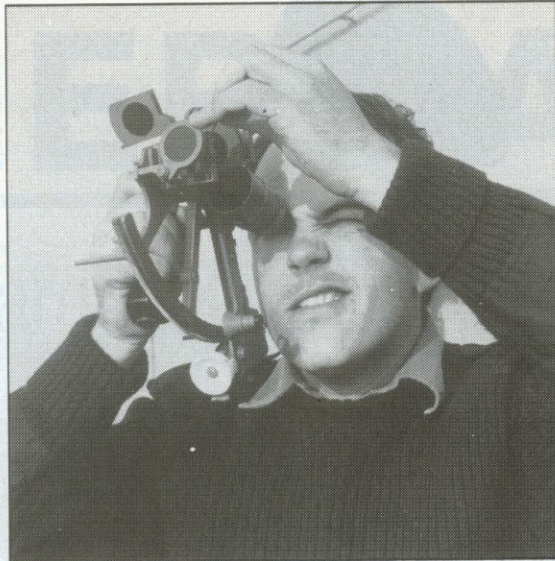
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HMAV Arakan's voyage to Leningrad was recorded in the last issue of SOLDIER. In this feature we take a look at the RCT personnel who go to sea.





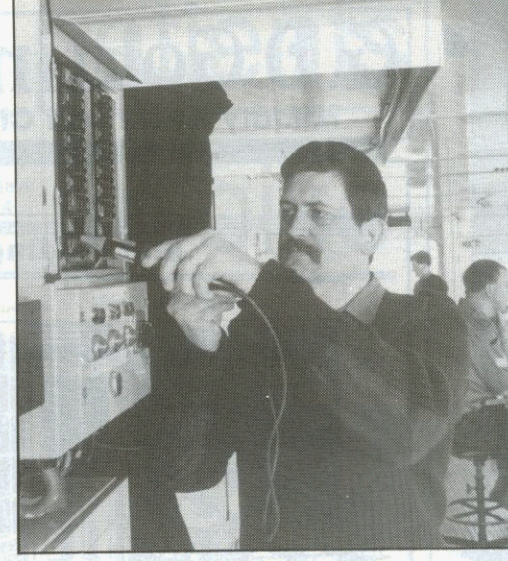
Down among the diesels – WO2 John McGerty



Bosun with sextant – Sgt Mark Evans



Hourly check in engine control room by WO1 Ken Saunders



Wiring check by SSgt Klocker Powell



Washing down – Dvr Paul Dixon



Shipshape – all lines are neatly coiled when not in use

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spotless engine room.

"We use them by the bale to clean oil off the diesel when we're looking for leaks," explained young Dvr Scotty Duncan. Clankies mount the engine-room ladder by a variety of courses, and hope to finish as chiefs.

Though everyone has his specialist trade, most of the crew of the Arakan have at least one other hat. Chief Engineer Kim Dunstan doubles as the paymaster.

When the crew went to "Harbour Stations" the SOL-

DIER team were astonished to see Dvr Colin Jones, the captain's steward, appear on the bridge and take over the engine-room telegraph.

Sgt "Pronto" Sant, the amiable "Siggy Sergeant" and the senior of three members of his corps aboard, left the ship's office (where he also serves as chief clerk) and manned the bridge radio.

But the impressive thing about the crew of Arakan was not the fact that everyone did the jobs they were expected to, but without being told they did the jobs that needed to be done.

As Leningrad drew near, the

First Officer, Lt Andrew Couper, could be seen polishing the woodwork of the wardroom with the best of them; on the bridge the captain was unscrewing brasswork and making it gleam.

And in the alleyway an event some of his peers might emulate took place. Mr 'Jake' Jones, a WO1 with 20 years service, lay in overalls, giving a final coat of paint to a skirting.

Never mind the Soviet warship which shadowed Arakan or the Swedish jet which buzzed overhead. The voyage was worth it for that sight alone.

## Rocks on a raft done to a turn

LANDLUBBERS visiting HMAV Arakan may be puzzled by some of the terms used by old hands at meal times. The following glossary may be of use (in RN ships also):

*Train smash:* streaky bacon and tomatoes; *cackle berries:* fried eggs; *Texas strawberries:* baked beans; *shorters:* sausages; *baby's head:* steak and kidney pudding; and *rocks (may vary) on a raft:* kidneys on toast.

The description of the various messes needs a word of explanation. The crews' mess in the stern is the "forard mess" because it was in the fo'c'sle in the old days.

The officers' mess is, RN style, the wardroom, but the WO's and Sergeants' Mess is . . . the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess.

Visitors who miss the inscription just above the door should not be misled by the neat little inn sign which says "Jake's Bar". It is NOT a place to drop in for a casual drink. The "Jake" is question is WO1 Hadyn Jones, the mess president and, on the Leningrad trip, the ship's navigator.

All messes on board were served during the voyage by three all-weather jugglers in Army Catering Corps whites. Whatever the conditions, two of them were on duty peeling potatoes by hand (the machine was not satisfactory), produc-



Bridge party – (left to right) Captain, Navigator marking chart, First Officer and Dvs Colin Jones and Allan Purtil, stewards with a different role at "harbour stations".

ing first-class meals and fresh bread for three watches and, rare in this day and age, washing their own pots.

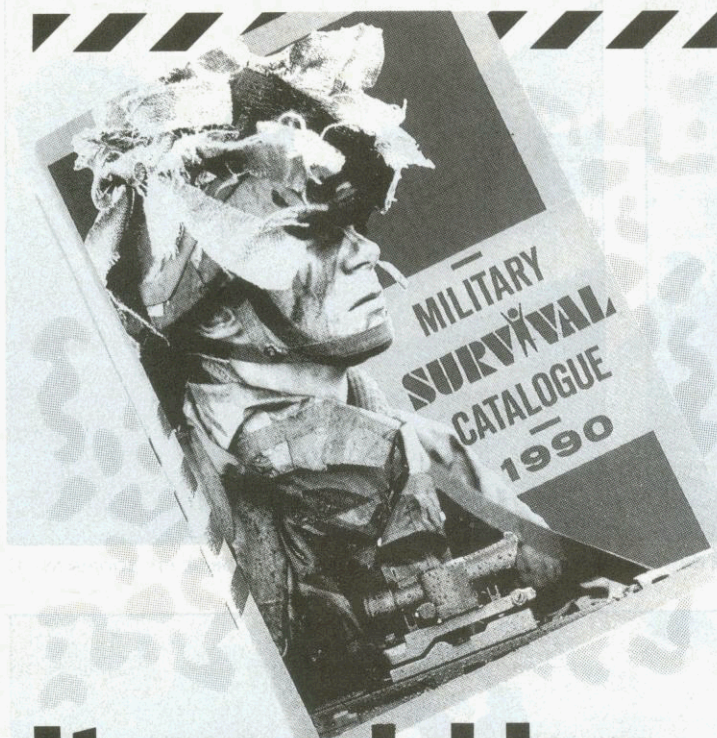
"And we still have to find time to do all the paper work," said Cpl Tim Turner, a lanky Somerset lad who has solved the problem of perpetual motion.

There were no complaints about the food. *Quiche Caldecott* and *steak à la Thornhill* were worthy of the best restaurants. Cpl Turner, more than three years afloat, never misses a chance to add to his repertoire. In France last year escargots were on the menu.

**THE** maritime branch of the RCT is always busy, as the following figures compiled from the Arakan's logs show. The period covered is for the 12 months to April this year.

● Miles travelled: 25,170 (equivalent to one vessel going once round the world).

● Vessel at sea: 214 days  
● Vessel away from home port: 267 days  
● Main engine hours: 3,025.75  
● Cargo carried: 11,135 tons  
Much of the work was done in bad weather, particularly off Norway earlier this year.



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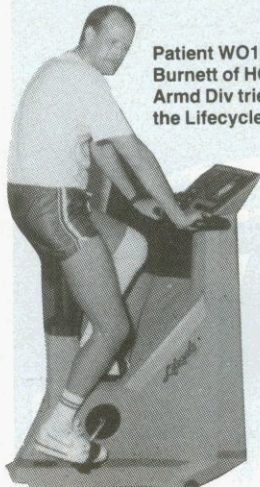
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Cancer Research has been presented with a cheque for £1,500, raised by the **WRAC Staff Band** during a concert at the Guildford Civic Hall.

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Thirty Territorial Army soldiers from **D Company, 6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment** from Cambridge "persuaded" 183 civilians to have a go at abseiling down the outside of the city's University Arms Hotel.

The venture, dreamed up by adjutant Capt Andrew Marsh, was in support of Anglia TV's Telethon 90 charity appeal, and raised an amazing £9,700. Capt Marsh and three of his team later abseiled into the Telethon studio to present their bumper cheque in front of the cameras.

★ ★ ★  
Northampton-based Pioneers "encouraged" more than 600 local people over their assault course at Simpson Barracks, home of the **Royal Pioneer Corps Training Centre**, to boost Anglia TV's

Telethon 90 appeal.

And with the help of a gym work-out organised by Roberta Crossland, wife of Sgt Terry Crossland, who is on the staff, the training centre hopes to have raised more than £6,500.

"The people of Northampton have been incredibly supportive," said WO Ken Smithson, one of the assault course organisers.



Picture: Mike Weston

If the cap fits! **SQMS David Bruce** issues "rookie-for-a-day" **John Webb** with a set of kit at Gibraltar Barracks, Camberley, home of the **Royal Engineers' training regiments**. John, a sales manager from Guildford, completed the sapper basic training course in a single day – and lived to tell about it. His efforts, greatly assisted by the men of 1 and 3 Training Regiments, were in aid of **Romanian Orphanages**.

## Sapper John does it all in one day!

He had his hair cut, was introduced to drill, went on a cross-country run, fired a rifle, learned to lay mines and booby traps, built a bridge and completed an assault course. Phew!



Picture: Mike Perring

Raising their glasses to a successful march from St Omer in France to St Omer Barracks in Aldershot are Lt Col John Smith (centre), CO of the Training Battalion Army Catering Corps, eight other marchers, and their support team. The 145-mile trek was an early starter among ACC fund-raising activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the

## St Omer doubles?

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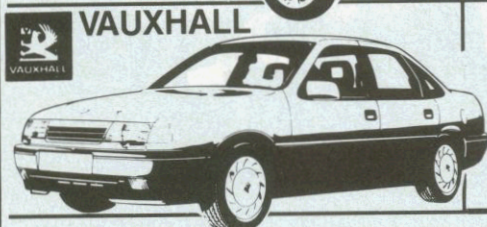


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## More SDA claims likely to succeed

DURING a meeting with Mrs Gillian Shephard, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Security, I raised a number of issues concerning her Department which affect Service families.

In answer to my concern about the unfairness of the residence condition for Severe Disablement Allowance for Service families abroad — a claimant must have resided in Great Britain for ten of the 20 previous years — Mrs Shephard said:

"In future, more SDA claims by Servicemen's families abroad are likely to succeed because of the Social Security Commissioner's decision in the case of Mrs Lewis that she should not be precluded from receiving SDA by the 'ten in 20 years' residence test.

"In looking at the term 'resident', the Commissioner held that members of the Forces are in a special position and concluded that in the case of Mrs Lewis, her settled home since 1976 had been in GB, despite absence abroad with her husband for about 12 years between November 1973 and April 1987. Mr and Mrs Lewis were buying a house in GB from 1976 onwards.

"However, the decision in this case might still result in a small number of claims from Servicemen's families failing to satisfy the 'ten in 20' residence test if they did not, like Mrs Lewis, have a family home in GB.

"We are considering their position and will write to you further about this as soon as possible."

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An update on the long-standing problem facing Service dependants in

their attempts to claim Unemployment Benefit (UB) was given by Mrs Shephard.

"As you know," she said, "the Tribunal of Commissioners found that benefit was not payable in the three 'test' cases involving Servicemen's wives who wished to transfer UB elsewhere in the EC.

"Briefly, this arose because although a Servicemen's wife may demonstrate 'just cause' for leaving her UK employment if it is to accompany her husband on an overseas posting, in giving up her job it becomes extremely hard to demonstrate her availability for work.

"As a person who wishes to transfer UB to another EC country first has to establish entitlement in the UK, these findings alone will make it very difficult for a Service wife to qualify when she has given up a job to accompany her husband on a posting overseas.

"The Commissioners also questioned the ability of women in such circumstances to meet the EC conditions relating to transfer of UB from one Member State to another. The relevant EC provision (Article 69 of Regulation (EEC) 1408/71) covers persons going abroad 'in order to seek employment'.

"The Commissioners commented that they had great difficulty in seeing how someone who has left employment in the United Kingdom to go abroad with a spouse posted overseas



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Mrs Gillian Shephard

have a job to give up in order to accompany a spouse and will continue to look for work on arrival in another EC country, such a person will be regarded as satisfying the EC condition 'in order to seek employment'.

"I appreciate that you may have found the decisions disappointing but I think you will agree that the Tribunal of Commissioners' findings have clarified the position.

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Service personnel and their families are treated as "present" in Great Britain for the purpose of satisfying the presence condition for Attendance Allowance, Invalid Care Allowance and Mobility Allowance, said Mrs Shephard.

"The residence condition for these benefits is that a claimant must be 'ordinarily resident' in Great Britain. We are not aware of any cases where, in practice, this has caused a difficulty for a member of a Service family claiming one of these benefits."

Mrs Shephard said she would like to be told of any cases where Service families had been refused the allowances on residence grounds.

## Statutory Maternity Pay waits on Bill

I ASKED Mrs Shephard if Statutory Maternity Pay to Servicewomen due to be introduced later this year could be backdated to April 1, 1990, the date for independent taxation for women.

She said: "As I believe you know, the Social Security Bill, which had its Second Reading on January 22, contains the promised provision to extend Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) to Servicewomen on the same basis as other women.

"This has been a matter on which you have had discussions in the past and I am pleased that the opportunity has now arisen to enable us to make this welcome change.

"I hope that it will be possible to give effect to the new provision very soon after the Bill gets Royal Assent later this year. The precise date will be the subject of discussion between officials at the Department of Social Security and in the Ministry of Defence."

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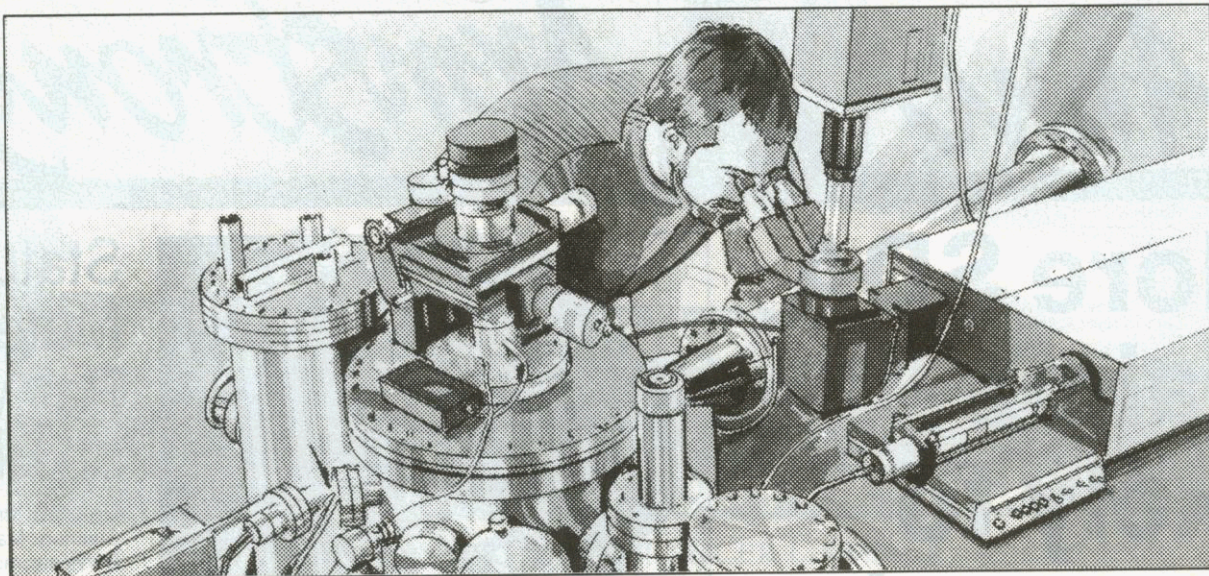
The Government is proposing to introduce two new benefits for disabled people of working age or below.

Although not included in a current Bill, the Disability Allowance and Disability Employment Credit are set out in a Government paper, *The Way Ahead: Benefits for Disabled People*.

Wives and dependants of Service families could be affected if no account is taken of their particular difficulties when overseas.

I asked Mrs Shephard if consideration had been given to Service families.

"Work on these benefits is at an early stage," she said. "In the course of working out our proposals, we shall take account of comments by interested parties."



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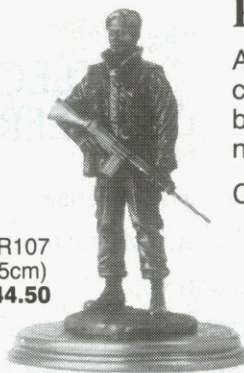
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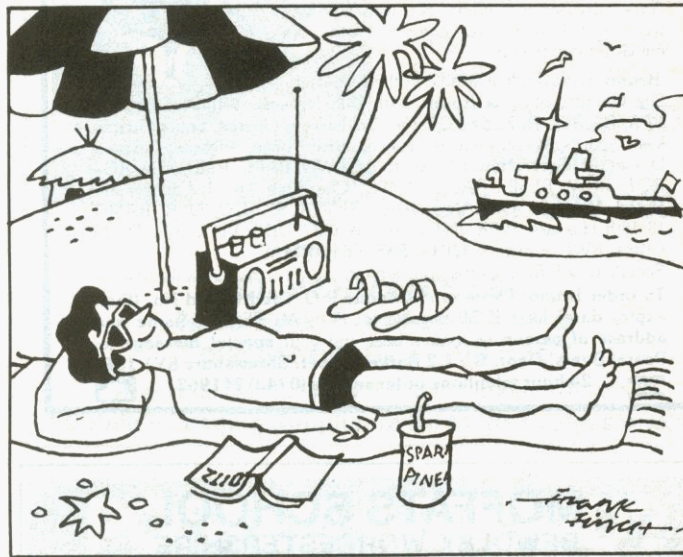
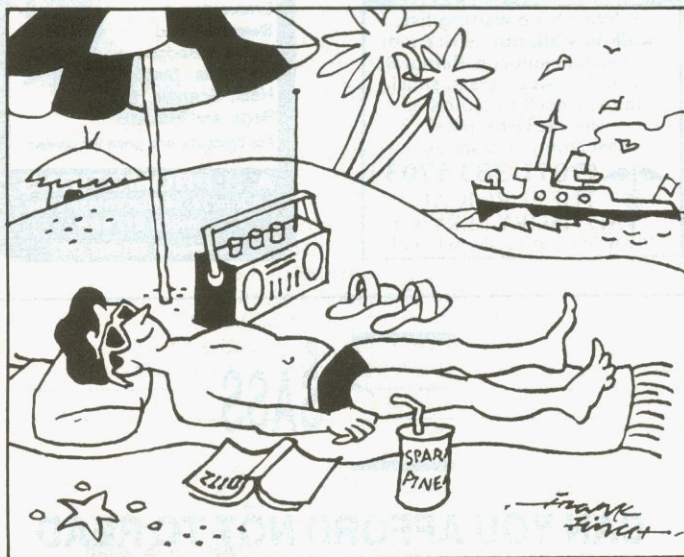
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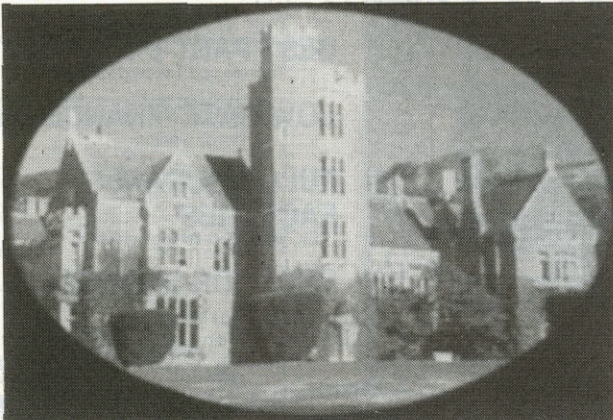
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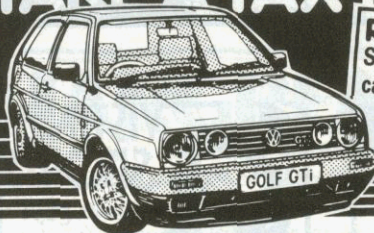
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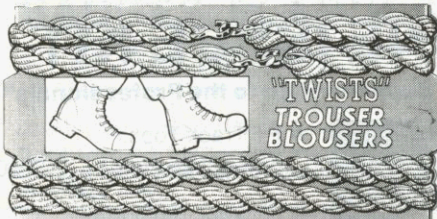
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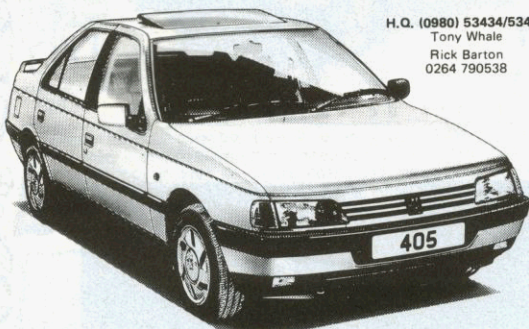
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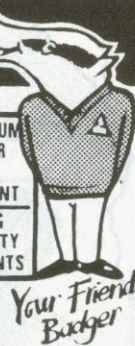
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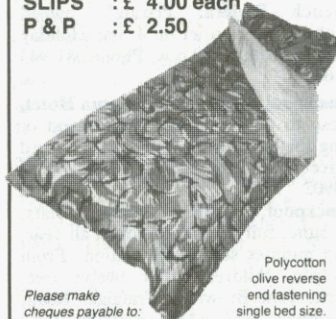
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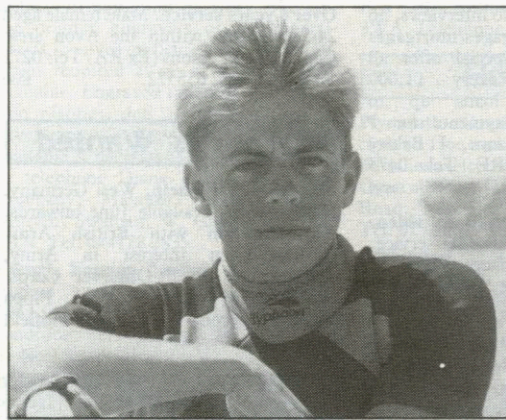
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He succeeds former Grenadier Guardsman Edward Gordon Lennox, who left the Service after leading both the Army and Combined Services last summer.

Germain, Army wicketkeeper for the past five years and an attacking batsman, got into the swing of it by leading his North East team to victory in the Inter-District festival played on excellent pitches at the Aldershot Officers' Club and Buller Barracks.

His 93 out of a North East total of 179 in 43 overs turned the final against South West after Fus Jerry Jeremias (2 RRF) had shattered the northerners with a 5-14 spell.

Gordon Lennox is one of four of last year's team to leave the Army. The prolific Julian Barrett is trying to carve out a first-class career with Derbyshire, and Charlie Redmayne and quickie Andy Taylor have also departed.

Several newcomers impressed the selectors during the Inter-District festival, not least 19-year-old Cpl Nick Palmer (655 Sqn AAC), a very useful bat and bowler with Somerset 2nd XI experience. He is the son of Somerset's Roy Palmer.

A couple of young fast bowlers marked the selectorial card, and there was a welcome return from BAOR for SSgt Nigel Scott (94 Sig Sqn) whose slow left-arm spin and competent batting should demand an early recall to representative duties.

Also back in the United Kingdom is Sgt Ian Collier (11 Ord Bn) after a spell serving in Hong Kong. He was included in the side meeting the Arabs at Aldershot at the end of May.

Among the more eye-catching performances at Aldershot was the 7-12 returned by Lt Keith Rumbelow (1 Queens) for South West against South East. The "home" side was shot out for 33 in the 16th over and the entire game lasted a total of 29 overs!

Rumbelow was among the familiar names in the Army side against the Arabs. Others were Maj Tim Lerwill (LI), Capt Jim Cotterill (16 AD Regt RA), Capt Paul Presland (657 Sqn AAC), 2nd Lt Richard Greator (27 Regt RCT) and Nigel Scott. Also included were Jerry Jeremias, Pte John Storey (1 Queens), Capt Guy Bishop (LI), Ian Collier, Nick Palmer and fast bowler Pte Kevin Holland (1 Cheshire).

The only hiccup during the districts' tournament was the inability of London to produce a team, not for the first time.

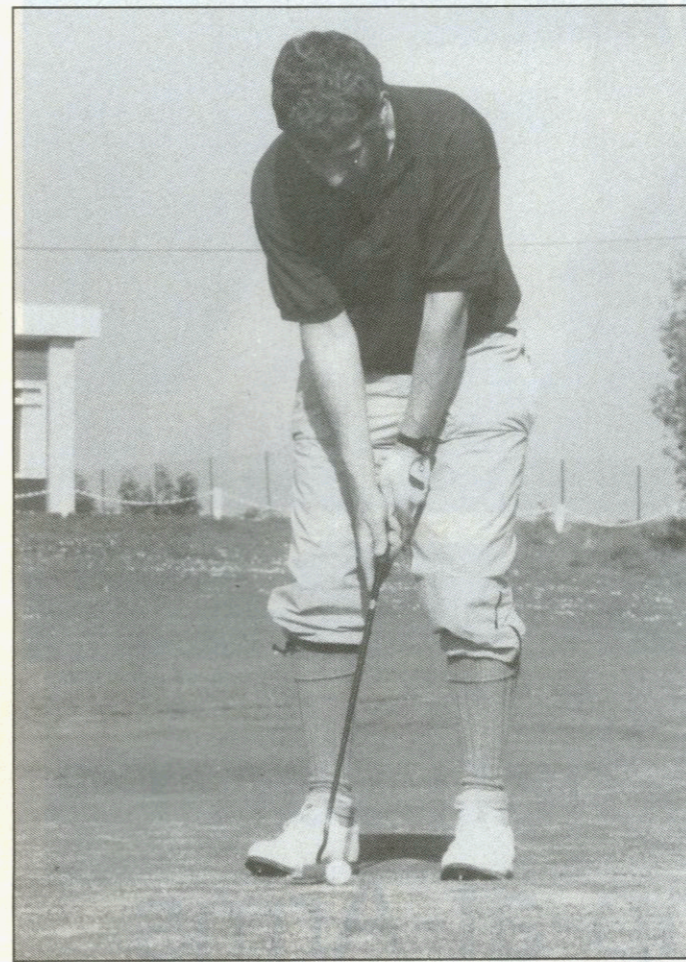


**Lt Jackie Wilson, WRAC, wearing number 16, in action for Scotland against England in an international lacrosse match at St Andrews. Jackie, serving at HQ Scotland, has played for Scotland on many occasions. She scored her side's only goal in a 10-1 defeat.**

Three players turned up on the Friday, and four each on both days of the weekend. Their side had to be made up from other squads, but was never 11 strong.

Details of the Inter-District festival were:  
**London** 154 (Capt Presland 2-11).  
**Eastern** 147-5 (Sgt Williams 40, Sgt Brown 38; Sgt Collier 2-26). Rain reduced match to 45 overs. Eastern won.  
**South East** 33 (Lt Rumbelow 7-12, Cpl Smith 3-1). **South West** 34-1 South West won by 9 wickets.  
**Northern Ireland** 189-7 (Pte D Thompson 80; Sgt J Simpson 5-30). **North East** 157-6. North East won rain-affected match.  
**Eastern** 175 (SSgt Morrison 40; Capt T W House 5-39). **South West** 176-3 (Pte J Storey 68). South West won by 3 wickets.  
**South East** 170 (LCpl Bickel 76, Gnr James 43; Pte K Holland 4-30). **North East** 174-8 (Maj T Lerwill 62; LCpl Joiner 3-35, Sgt I Collier 3-24). North East won by 2 wickets.  
**London** 185-5 (Capt P Krasinski 71, SSgt Neblett 48; Sgt I Collier 3-25). **South East** 159 (Spr Lee 32 no). London won by 26 runs.  
**Northern Ireland** 175 (Pte D Thompson 37; Capt P Presland 3-34). **Eastern** 92 (Capt Presland 51 no; Cpl Palmer 4-5, Pte D Thompson 3-11). Northern Ireland won by 83 runs.  
**Final: North East** 179 (Capt P Germain 93, Maj T Lerwill 41; Fus J Jeremias 5-14). **South West** 169 (Pte J Storey 41, Maj N Russell 34; Capt J Cotterill 4-17). North East won by 10 runs.

Picture: WO2 Arthur Thomson, RAO



**Winner of the 36-hole medal competition at the Army Golf Association (Scotland) spring meeting was Capt Clive Morris from 410 Tp RCT, pictured above lining up a putt. He produced a winning total of 136 to finish two ahead of Maj Graham Paton and three in front of first round leader WO2 Skelton of 15 Para.**

## Sports award for BAOR movers

THE sporting prowess of the 1st Armoured Division Transport Regiment was recognised by the presentation of the Howlett Trophy to the regiment as best sporting major unit in the Division. The regiment

**Army golf stalwart Maj Len Yates of 242 Sig Sqn proved his class in winning the scratch prize with a total of 150. Maj Tony Flood APTC was second and Maj Rod Hill ACC third. Sponsors CCG Catering are to give the winner of this and other AGA Scotland meetings a day of golf and coaching at Gleneagles.**

had already received the Davies Trophy for sporting success with Osnabrück Garrison.

The movers have excelled at a variety of sports, ranging from skiing to shooting and motor-cycling to hockey.

## ARMY JUDO TEAM BACK IN CONTROL

ARMY dominance was reasserted in the open category of the Inter-Services judo championships at ASPT Aldershot when the hosts regained the title they lost to the Royal Navy last year.

In fact, the Navy challenge never materialised and the main opposition came from the Royal Air Force.

Although the Army beat the RAF convincingly in the end, they lost a couple of bouts they had expected to win and the match was rather closer than the scores suggested.

In the graded competition the Army retained their title.

Seven of the eight individual championships were won by Army judo players, and apart from the under 78kg competition there were usually two and sometimes three soldiers contesting the final medal positions.

Army winners were: U-60kg, Sgt MacDonald (gold), Pte Norgate and SSgt Deal (bronze); U-65kg, Sgt Franklin (gold), LBdr Airlie (bronze); U-71kg, Sgt (SI) Kubath (gold), Cpl Barnes (bronze); U-86kg, Cfn Morrison (gold), Sgt Chapman (bronze); U-95kg, Sgt Travis (gold), Sgt Gibb (silver), SSgt Chapple (bronze); 0-95kg, Cpl Brown (gold), Gnr Mills (silver); open, Cfn Morrison (gold), Sgt Travis (silver), Cfn Clarke (bronze).

Sgt Stuart Travis RPC, now with the Army Careers Information Office in Hull, won the under 95kg and open weight categories at the Army senior individual championships at Aldershot, taking



**Sgt Stuart Travis**

his tally to a record 29 Army titles.

A 4th Dan black belt, Travis has been captain of the Army team for the past 14 years and was a long-standing member of the British squad.

Army senior champions: U-60kg, Sgt MacDonald (Depot and Trg Bn RAO); U-65kg, Pte Latus (1 PW); U-71kg, Bdr Barnes (JLR RA); U-78kg, Pte O'Loughlin (1 Para, atn ASPT); U-86kg, Cfn Morrison (SEME Bordon); U-95kg, Sgt Travis (ACIO Hull); 0-95kg, Gnr Mills (2 Fd Regt RA, atn ASPT); open U-71kg, Sgt Kubath (Depot and Trg Bn REME); open U-71kg, Sgt Travis (ACIO Hull).

Army junior champions: 0-61kg, AT Taylor (AA Col Harrogate); U-65kg, AT Tarry (Harrogate); U-71kg, JGnr Jury (JLR RA); U-78kg, JGnr Nelson (JLR RA); U-86kg, AT Digweed (AA Col Chepstow); U-95kg, JS McKee (JIB Shorncliffe).

Women's champions: Novice, LCpl Wooley (Comms and Sy Gp UK); graded, Cpl Burchett-Vass (HQ Lisburn Garrison).

## Army boxers bail out the Navy

ARMY boxers gave the Royal Navy a helping hand when the matelots found themselves short-handed for a match in Scotland.

LCpl Lee Innes (22 Engr Regt), LCpl Neil McCallum (10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT), LSgt Dave Abbot (Gren Gds) and LCpl Sean Gallagher (1 Staffords) stepped into the breach. Gallagher dropped a points decision, but the other three won.

An Army youth (Under 19) team did exceptionally well to

defeat the Midlands 5-2 after just ten days of preparation at Aldershot.

JSprs Winspear and Barnett (both JLR RE) did well against talented club boxers before losing on points, and there were wins for JSpr Wells (JLR RE), local lad JGnr Sinclair, JLdrs Dugin and Burwood (Shorncliffe) and JPte Hindmarch from the Light Division.

ARMY hockey in the United Kingdom is to have the synthetic pitch it so desperately needs. Work was set to begin at the end of May on the new facility near the Military Stadium in Aldershot.

The pitch will be built to international standards and should be ready for the start of the new season in September. Available to all Army units, it will nevertheless create in the garrison a "headquarters" for

## Synthetic pitch to be laid

Army hockey in the same way that the Military Stadium provides a home base for Army football and rugby.

Situated off Prince's Avenue and close to the Military

Stadium and the Army School of Physical Training, the synthetic pitch will cost more than £300,000.

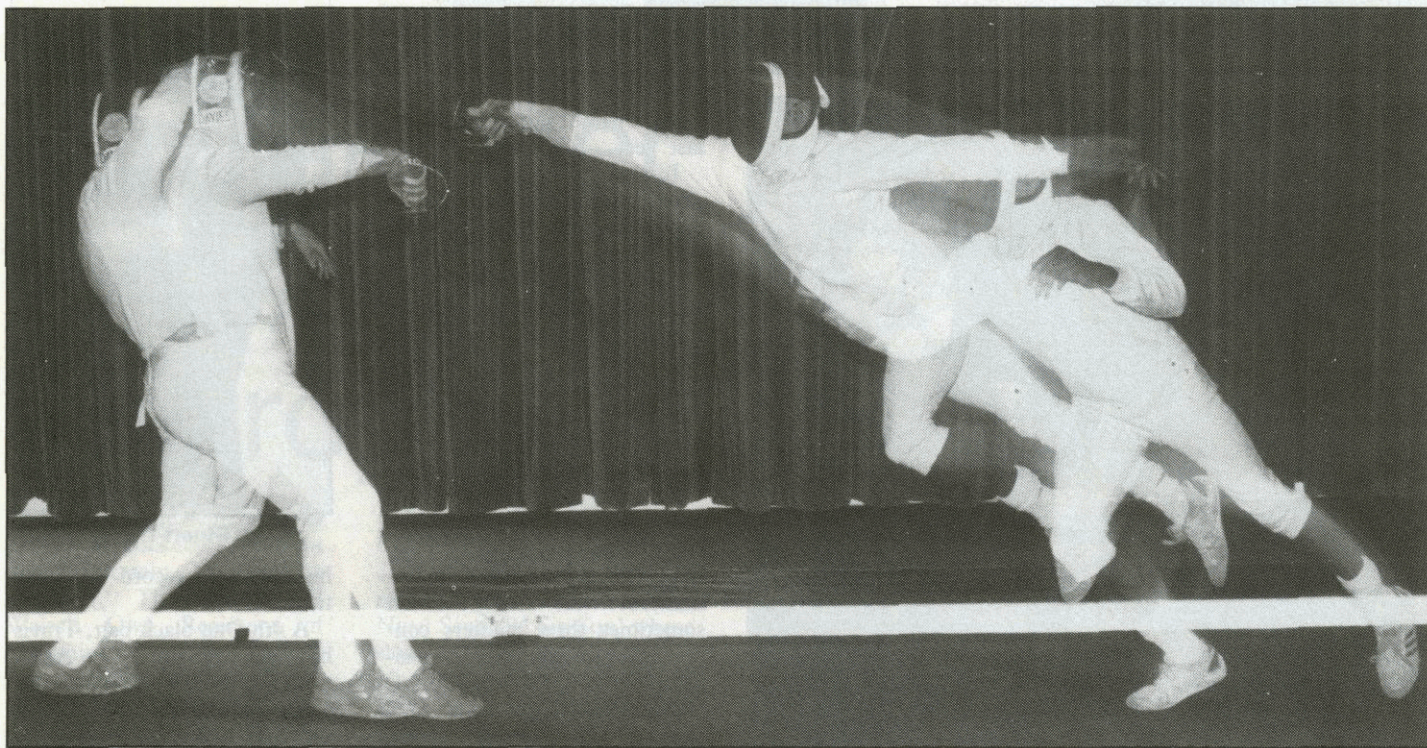
Army Hockey Association secretary Capt Alan Healey described the decision to build the pitch as "great news".

He paid tribute to the Director Army Sport Control Board, Maj Gen Alan Yeoman, and the Director of Army Quartering, Brig Mike Gardner, for their hard work in

securing the new facility.

Army interest in the Hockey Association county championship fell at the first hurdle when the Inter-Service champions were beaten 3-2 by Somerset at Bristol University.

But the Army were forced to field a virtual B team with skipper Capt Peter Boxell, Capt Ian Jolly and Maj Nick Haddock injured and Lt Simon Hazlitt and Pte Carl Bennett unavailable because of duties.



LCpl James Williams, Champion-at-Arms, launches himself at Spr Tony Davies during the sabre competition at the Army fencing championships. Photographer Mike Perring caught the movement of a body fleche attack, countered by a Perry Prime defence, by using strobe lighting

# Sapper swordsman James is Champ-at-Arms

THE Army fencing championships held at APTC Aldershot were organised for the last time by fencing master WO2 (QMSI) Derek Archibald and provided a week of fine swordsmanship in all three weapons.

The junior championships are traditionally dominated by the Royal Engineers, the majority of whom were trained as Junior Leaders by WO1 (Retd) Les Welham. This year the sappers took the first three places in every event, JSpr Paul Bilton winning the epee, and JSpr Darrell Cooper the foil and sabre, and junior Champion-at-Arms award.

The senior championships lasted for four days, one for each individual event and a day of team events. In all cases entries were up on the previous year, notably in the women's

foil, won this year by Pte Grechen of 62 Sqn RCT. As with all the events, successful competitors go forward to the Inter-Service championships at RAF West Drayton on July 6-11.

The men's foil competition ended with a tie and a subsequent knockout barrage for first place. LCpl James Williams finally beat Capt Tony Williams who took second place, with Maj Neil Sutherland third. All three are or were members of 12 Field Squadron RE.

The epee competition was keenly fought. The large entry was increased by a number of pentathletes for whom the epee

is one of their five competitive disciplines. Capt Dominic Mahony of the Life Guards won, displaying some of the ability he exhibited at the Seoul Olympics. Tony Williams and James Williams were second and third.

Sabre competition involves a weapon derived from the cutlass. It is an exciting spectacle because sabre fighting in the Army does not use electrical sensors but relies on accurate judging of point hits, cuts and blows.

The event was won by the adjutant of the PT School, Capt John Larkham APTC, who has fenced for the Army for more than 15 years and is the last

advanced coach in the Services. LCpl Williams was second and so clinched the senior Champion-at-Arms award.

Eight entries for the three-man team event ensured a high standard of fencing. The Royal Military College Shrivenham won with the Royal School of Military Engineering second and 5 Heavy Regiment RA third.

The six-man competition for the magnificent silver Dyer Trophy was won by 25 Engineer Regiment for the fourth successive year from Sandhurst and 3 BAD (RAOC). 16/5 Lancers entered for the first time in 19 years and took a creditable fourth place.

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Ready for anything on the battlefield or parade ground. Men of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards demonstrate Warrior for Staff College students at Sennelager, West Germany. Drummer Martin Hulstone, pictured here in his bearskin, is, with the rest of the "Drums", part of an armoured infantry platoon.

Picture: Mike Weston