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3 Div returns to Bulford



Five signallers from Korbecke in Germany deliver the 3rd Armoured Division flag to Bulford, Wilts, headquarters of the new 3rd (UK) Division. It was received by Maj Gen Hew Pike, who will command the re-formed Iron Division.

The flag was struck at San Sebastian Barracks, Korbecke on September 15 in the presence of the Adjutant General, Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, who commanded the Division from 1984 to 1987, and the present commander, Maj Gen Christopher

Wallace. HQ 3 Armd Div marched on as The Light Infantry Corunna Band played "Wellington", a fitting accompaniment to a division formed under the Iron Duke's command in 1809 during the Peninsular War. The 3rd (UK) Division, which has inherited the title, history and heritage, will form part of Nato's new Rapid Reaction Corps.

The flag was carried in relay to Bulford by a 3 ADSR team led by SSgt (YoS) Mark Harris

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ARRC to be new force for peace

NATO's British-led Rapid Reaction Corps, which came into being at Bielefeld this month, will have a humanitarian and peacekeeping role as part of its "crisis management" mission.

Although as yet it has only a limited operational capability based principally on its British element, chief aim of the 12-nation Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) is to be prepared to deploy forces of up to four divisions on military operations by 1995. It is envisaged that in many cases smaller deployments would be used.

In addition to those of deterrence, reinforcement and

combat, the force will have related roles including humanitarian aid and peacekeeping. The latter will depend on the agreement of all Nato nations and on the yet-to-be-defined boundaries within which ARRC will be able to deploy.

The ceremonial inauguration of the ARRC headquarters with a colourful parade in Bielefeld on October 2 marked the end of a significant episode in British military history as well as a transformation in Nato strategy.

It coincided with the disbandment after 39 years of the 1st (British) Corps, whose commander, Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, took over com-

mand of the new corps.

Gen John M Shalikashvili, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, said at the inauguration ceremony: "The force is not a war-fighting force in the old Cold War sense.

"It will stand ready to tackle a whole mix of missions ranging from humanitarian aid, through peacekeeping and peacemaking to - if all else fails - high-intensity conflict."

One aspect of the new structure will be a close co-operation between Britain and Germany.

In welcoming the establishment of the corps, Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said: "As well as marking a significant change for British forces in Germany, it will help to continue the close working relationship which already exists between the British Army and the Bundeswehr."

By virtue of its lead or "framework" role, Britain will

FRONT COVER (main picture): Tpr Jason Wilkinson and Cpl Dave Wragg of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers paint the SHQ Troop ambulance in United Nations colours in preparation for Operation Grapple. See also Pages 16-17.

(Picture: SSgt John Pullen, 4 Armd Div PlInfo) Inset: A soldier of 3 RRW stays alert during night-time tunnel exercises in Gibraltar. Story and more pictures in Pages 24-25

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Soldiers of 1 QO Hldrs are inspected by Gen Sir Peter Inge during the parade to mark the tenth anniversary of the granting of Münster's Freedom to the 4th Armoured Brigade

Münster parade marks 4 Bde HQ move

THE 4th Armoured Brigade celebrated the tenth anniversary of the granting of the Freedom of Münster by parading through the city.

Sadly, the parade also marked the departure of Brigade Headquarters, due to move to Osnabrück early next year, and the beginning of the reduction of British troops stationed in Münster.

Massed Bands of the Royal Hussars, 14th/20th King's Hussars and the Royal Artillery's Alanbrooke Band led marching contingents from the Royal Hussars; 14/20 H; 2nd Field Regiment RA; 204 Signal Squadron; 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards; 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders; 5 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC and 6 Armoured Workshop REME.

Commemorative pennants (fahnenbaeder) were presented to the garrison's six units – RH, 14/20 H, 2 Fd Regt RA, 1 QO Hldrs, 8 Regt RCT and 5 Armd Fd Amb RAMC – by Frau Hannelore Roitzsch, the German Parliamentary Secretary for Defence.

Commanded by Lt Col Michael Syms, CO 8 Regt RCT, the Freedom parade marched through the city to the Rathaus where the salute was taken by the Lord Mayor and the Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge, himself a former commander of the 4th Armoured Brigade.

PWO on parade

REGIMENTAL association banners paraded alongside the battalion Colours when more than 150 serving and former members of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire paid a weekend visit to 1 PWO at Osnabrück.

During the parade Maj Gen Tony Crowfoot, Colonel of the regiment, presented Gulf Medals to a selection of the 150 members who served on Operation Granby.

'Right to defend' confirmed

DEFENCE Secretary Malcolm Rifkind has confirmed again that British soldiers in Bosnia-Herzegovina will have the means – and the authority – to defend themselves.

Speaking at the end of the debate on the United Nations operation, he told the House of Commons that British forces would have the right to defend their lives and the lives of those for whom they were responsible.

"The convoys that will be carrying goods to various parts of the former Yugoslavia will, of course, be armed convoys. It is an armoured battalion that is going.

"They will have not only personal weapons, but they will also have Warrior armoured personnel carriers that have their own cannon and their own guns.

"Mortars will be carried within the vehicles. If the circumstances require it, in order to protect life, it is appropriate that the rules of engagement should allow persons to take such action as is necessary for that purpose."

It would not be necessary to consult headquarters many miles away if the delay increased the risk, said Mr Rifkind.

"None of us know what level of danger is going to be faced, but as far as the British

Government are concerned, we have no doubt that it is appropriate for these military convoys to proceed only if they have reason to assume in advance that they are going to be able to make safe passage."

The Secretary of State said that since the United Nations had accepted Britain's offer of reinforcements, a reconnaissance party had been in Bosnia to identify convoy routes.

He revealed that difficulties were being experienced in ensuring there could be

1,000 vehicles and an estimated 600 tonnes of stores will have to be sent to Bosnia," he said.

He defined the main role of the Cheshire group as escorting convoys of medical and food supplies as winter brought additional hardship to the area. British soldiers may also escort detainees released from camps.

Mr Rifkind said British troops would not be used to impose safe corridors in Bosnia. "We would need a much greater deployment than is currently contemplated, and it would imply a far more substantial and worrying military commitment than it would be appropriate to make now."

He said that changes to the United Nations command structure in theatre were necessary. It was proposed that under Gen Satish Nambiar, Indian Army, the UN Force commander, there should be a new two-star headquarters commanded by his deputy, Maj Gen Philippe Marillon, French Army.

The latter would have a British chief of staff and there would be a number of British Army personnel in important positions in the command responsible for the Bosnia area.

● Cheshire group – see Pages 16-17

reasonable safe passage to Tuzla or Doboj, two towns in north-east Bosnia identified as possible destinations for aid convoys escorted by British troops.

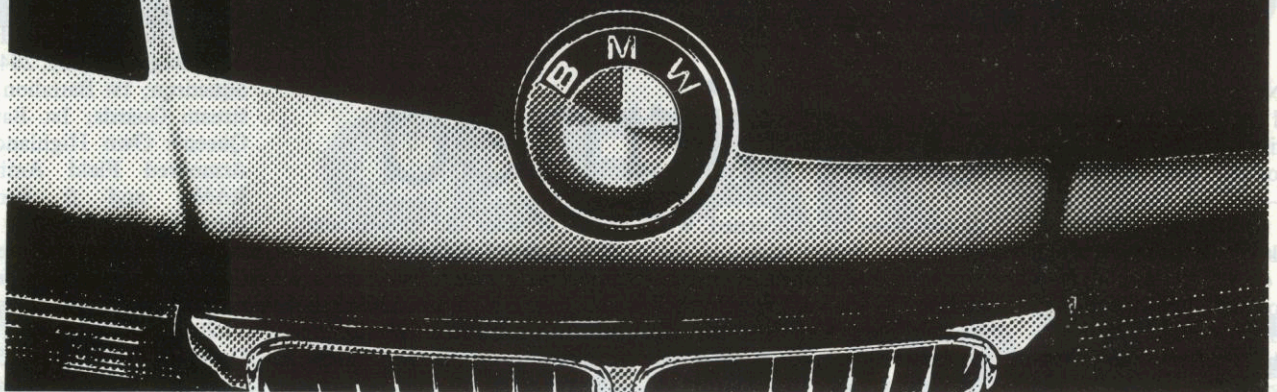
Only when the reconnaissance party was satisfied supplies could be got through without unreasonable difficulty and danger would the deployment take place.

Mr Rifkind hoped British forces would be available and deployed by early November.

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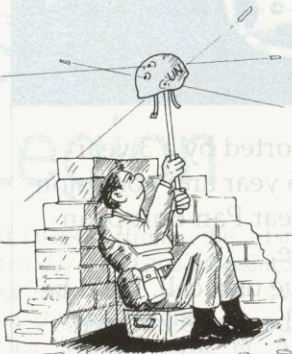
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Army driving champions Cpl Nick Beline, LCpl Julian Ridgewell and Dvr Jake Duffy of 42 Sqn RCT

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● From Page 3

LCPL JULIAN Ridgewell of Bulford-based 42 Squadron RCT carried off an armful of prizes at the finals of the 1992 UKLF road safety and skilled driving competition staged by the Army School of Mechanical Transport at Leconfield.

Ridgewell scooped the best Land Rover skills, champion Land Rover driver, and best overall driver awards - and his unit won the overall team prize for the fourth consecutive year.

The squadron is currently on Exercise Alley Express in Turkey in its main role of providing logistic support to the Allied Command Europe (ACE) Mobile Force.

Captain of the team was Cpl Nick Beline, and the third member was Bedford four-tonner driver Dvr Jake Duffy.

Territorial Army honours were taken by a team from Wales, 224 Squadron RCT (V), an all-women team from Blackdown-based 41 Squadron RCT won the best vehicle husbandry award, and the best mixed team prize went to the 1st/51st Highland Volunteers from Perth.

The two-day finals at Leconfield and Driffield were

the culmination of months of preliminary competitions held throughout the United Kingdom. Standards achieved reflected the aim of the competition to promote safe, skilled and well managed driving within the Army.

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Results: Skills LGV, Cpl Davies, 224 Sqn RCT (V); skills L/R LCpl Ridgewell, 42 Sqn RCT; road drive LGV, LCpl Longstaff, 20 Sqn RCT; road drive L/R Dvr Pennell, 41 Sqn RCT; LGV cross country, Pte Mercer, 3 R Anglian; L/R cross country, LCpl Rees, 224 Sqn RCT (V); spirit of competition, 3 R Anglian.

Best team captain, Cpl Hallam, 220 Fd Amb RAMC (V); best LGV driver Cpl Brown, 2 IDTR; best L/R driver, LCpl Ridgewell; best overall driver and RoSPA Cup, LCpl Ridgewell; vehicle husbandry, 41 Sqn RCT.

Best Regular team - 1, 42 Sqn RCT; 2, 8 Sqn RCT; 3, 19 Fd Amb RAMC.

Best TA team - 224 Sqn RCT (V); best theory team, 224 Sqn RCT (V); best mixed team, 1/5 Highland.

make a major contribution to the land force structure - including two divisions, an airmobile brigade and elements of a central division.

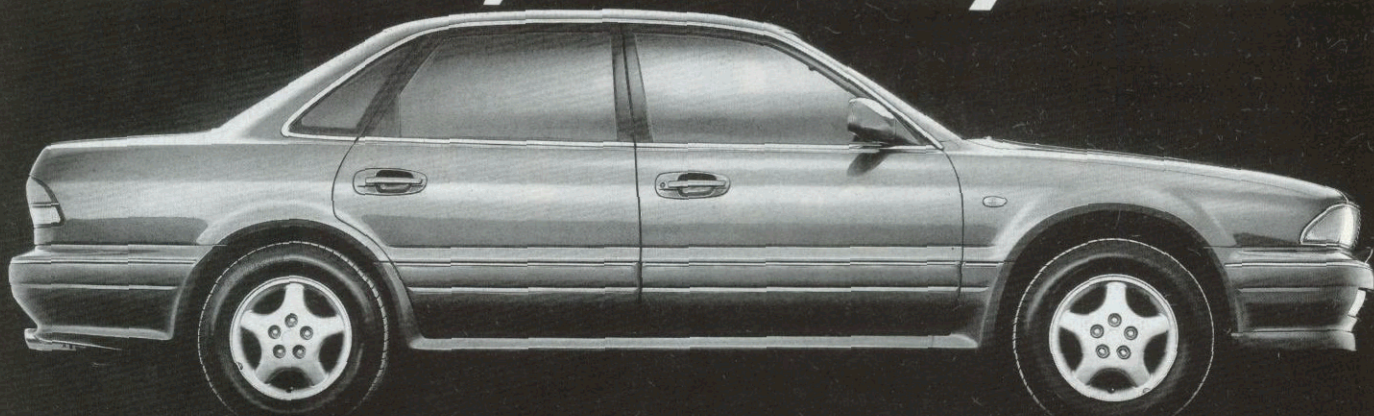
The 1st (UK) Armoured Division is already in place. The central multinational division is due to become operational in April 1994 and the southern multinational division the following year, by which time the corps will have reached full operational capability. Britain will also provide 60 per cent of the overall HQ staff as well as corps equipment infrastructure and communications.

In a crisis, once readiness levels had been established, an ARRC force would aim to be deployed to a target area within 30 days. Notice-to-move times would be seven days for a recce party and signals element and two weeks for the remainder of the deploying force.

As part of the Nato calendar, ARRC field exercises will be held at brigade and divisional level. At corps level the programme will consist of computer-assisted command post exercises. First major command post exercise is planned for next year.

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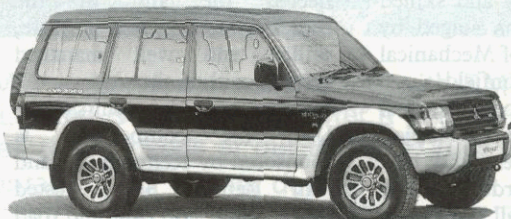
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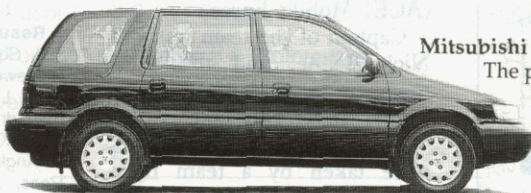
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Grenadiers get full value from Cyprus exercise

MEMBERS of 3 Company, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards and the battalion's recce platoon have returned from a month in Cyprus during which they carried out live firing and grenade-throwing and practised

platoon and company battle drills.

Exercise Lion Sun was a welcome change for the guardsmen after a hectic summer during which both Grenadier battalions were pre-

sented with new Colours by the Queen and the Colour of the 1st Battalion was trooped on Horse Guards Parade.

Lion Sun ended with a dawn attack on Paramali village and an opposed embarkation on to a

landing craft. The company also enjoyed a full leadership and adventurous training programme, and there was a chance for everyone to canoe, dive, sail, windsurf and cycle in the Troodos mountains.

Glosters to host Spanish Legion

SOLDIERS from the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment are set for a globe-trotting October.

One hundred men of A Company are deploying to Spain to take part in a two-week exercise with the elite Spanish Legion, while C Company travels to southern France to train with elements of the French Army.

Another 50 men from the Catterick-based regiment are due to travel to New Zealand at the end of October for a two-week exercise involving troops from Australia, Malaysia and Singapore.

Eighty men from the Spanish Army's crack Spanish Legion based at Almeria near the Costa del Sol are to spend three weeks with the Glosters at Catterick Garrison this month. The visit will end in a three-day exercise involving the use of helicopters.

It is believed to be the first time Spanish troops have trained in Britain.

The Legion will form part of Nato's Rapid Reaction Corps.

Dambuster bomb bounces back

DIVERS from 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) based at Chattenden teamed up with a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter to recover a prototype bouncing bomb from the seabed off Chesil Beach, Dorset. The bomb was developed by the late Sir Barnes Wallis for the Dambusters operation in May 1943. The 33 Engr Regt diving team was led by WO2 Gary Mort.



B Company, 4th Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment based in Kendal parades through the town for the last time on September 13 before disbanding. The battalion will retain its links with the town when newly acquired support weapons are based there

Welsh Gunners return

THE QUEEN has sent her best wishes to the Welsh Gunners on their return to the United Kingdom after 14 years stationed at Dortmund in Germany.

Responding to a loyal greeting from the 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery, the Queen wrote: "As Captain-General I was delighted to receive this message and send my best wishes to you all."

The Welsh Gunners took over duties from the 16th Regiment at Rapier Barracks, Kirton in Lindsey near Gainsborough on August 17. The 22nd is the first to have all its Rapier batteries equipped with the latest Field Standard B2 equipments.

IN BRIEF

SAPPERS and Territorial Army signallers deployed to Bedfordshire when the River Great Ouse threatened to burst its banks after torrential rain.

Royal Engineers from Waterbeach-based 34 Field Squadron of 39 Engineer Regiment and signallers from 70 Essex Yeomanry Squadron stood by at Kempston near Bedford with four-ton lorries and two assault boats from 320 Engineer Park at Thetford, Norfolk.

Forty military and civilian police teams took part in the 16th annual international shoot organised by 111 Provost Company RMP on Horsten Ranges at Hohne, Germany.

Servicemen, ex-Servicemen and their families have been invited to attend an El Alamein Service of Remembrance at Winchester Cathedral on October 24 in the presence of Prince

Sappers stand by for floods

Michael of Kent. The Service is being sponsored by the Royal Hussars Association and supported by Service and ex-Service organisations.

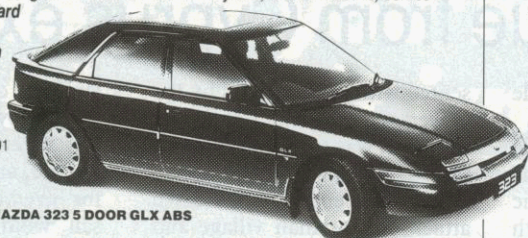
The decision to close 39 (Bridgend), 41 (York) and 42 (Liverpool) District Workshops in March next year and 23 Base Workshop at Wetter, Germany by March 31, 1994 has been confirmed by Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton.

Items of clothing, including regimental jumpers, have been given by the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders to the German Red Cross at Munster.

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DISCOVERY

RAC junior leaders march out at Wareham

THREE hundred members of the Junior Leaders' Regiment of the Royal Armoured Corps exercised their Freedom of Wareham, Dorset for the fifteenth and last time on September 13. The unit is to disband next year.

The junior leaders and 40 members of the permanent staff of JLR, which was granted the Freedom of the borough in 1970, took part in the parade under commanding officer Lt Col Howard Fairman, 14/20 H.

The Freedom scroll was carried at the head of the regiment by JDvr Stephen Mulliner, and two Scorpion armoured fighting vehicles brought up the rear.

Among those on parade were staff members Sqn Sgt Maj Richard Titchener, 16/5 L, and Sqn Sgt Maj Greg Grant, QDG, who, as junior leaders, took



Junior leaders from Bovington parade through Wareham for the last time before the regiment disbands

part in the first Freedom parade in 1970.

The Junior Leaders' Regiment was created as a boys' squadron in 1952 and became a regiment six years later. Originally established for the training of potential RAC leaders, it now provides basic training for young soldiers joining the Army Air Corps, the Adjutant General's Corps

(Provost and Staff and Personnel Support Branches), the Royal Corps of Transport and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Under the current Army reorganisation RAC, AAC and AGC (SPS) junior training will move to Winchester in January, the Household Cavalry to Bramcote

in June, and RCT/RAOC – by then part of the Royal Logistic Corps – to Harrogate and then to Arborfield. AGC (SPS) training moved to Aldershot in September.

Dragoons to move from Westminster



Ninety-one years of squadron service in the City of Westminster was marked by the Royal Yeomanry's Headquarters Squadron, The Westminster Dragoons, during a service at St Margaret's Church on September 5. The squadron, pictured as it was inspected outside the church by the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Gen Sir Simon Cooper, Honorary Colonel of the regiment, is to move to the Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea before the end of the year

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Wheel raise the money

Television presenter **Ann Diamond** meets Sgt **Brian Maddern** of 114 Provost Company RMP at the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham. Brian is preparing a team of six MPs to cycle 650 miles from the company's base at Detmold in Germany to Birmingham to raise money for her Cot Death Research Appeal. The long-distance ride will be the unit's last main charity event before it disbands next year. Ann plans to visit the 114 Pro Coy team in Germany.



IT team on parade

Three men at the centre of a £130m information technology project to put computers into every unit in the British Army have been awarded British Empire Medals in recognition of their exceptional enthusiasm and dedication. Lt Gen Sir **Richard Swinburn**, GOC Southern District, is pictured congratulating Sgt **David Langridge**, R Signals, as SSgt **David Mainprize** (left), 16/5 L, and SSgt **Nigel Grant**, R Signals, look on.



Little Zeena's a big star



Six-year-old **Zeena Gorton** is a big hit in Werl, Germany, where her solo performances on the harp have enchanted concert audiences. Zeena, whose parents are SSgt **David** and Mrs **Wadad Gorton**, plays eight other string and wind instruments. Her father is serving with Werl-based 110 Provost Company RMP.

Top chefs bound for Olympics



Picture Mike Weston

This team of Army chefs will be competing in the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt this month. Pictured making their final preparations at St Omer Barracks in Aldershot are (from left) WO2 (SQMS) **Mick Hunt** (team captain), Sgt **Chris Bool**, WO1 (SSM) **Alan North**, WO2 (SQMS) **Les Penaluna**, SSgt **Dave Oliver**, SSgt **Steve Whitworth** and team manager Capt **Geoff Acott**. The centre-piece, which will accompany the team to Germany, was created by SSgt **Gary Young**.

Height of fashion

Army musicians frequently find themselves on glamorous assignments. That was certainly the case for Piper **Hugh Walker** from Weeton-based 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers when he was asked to provide the right note for the launch of a fashion show at London's Dorchester Hotel. Ballerina **Louise Doming** added her charm to the occasion.



Bearded Herr **Dietmar Engels** receives the keys of Barossa and Peninsular Barracks at Deilinghofen from (from left) Capt **Douglas Coe**, Mr **Roger Dixon**, Mr **Arthur Smith**, Capt **Dennis Stone** and Sgt **Ginge Rogers**. The barracks, homes until recently of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment and the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, were the first major British Army barracks to be handed over to the German authorities since the BAOR drawdown was announced.

Key moment



National Service with The Royal Hampshire Regiment and King's African Rifles will stand Bishop **John Kirkham** (right) in good stead as the new Bishop to the Forces. Bishop John, who is also Bishop of Sherborne, is pictured with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop **George Carey**, who commissioned him at Lambeth Palace during a service attended by senior officers and members of the Forces Synodical Council.

New bishop commissioned



Recruiter sees double!

Recruiter Sgt **Clive Marshall** (inset), Queens – now PWRR – had his work cut out when he signed up identical twins **Duncan** (left) and **John Elson** at ACIO Surbiton. Telling them apart is almost impossible, which caused problems at the interview stage when all their answers seemed to be the same. The two, who will serve together, are joining the Royal Military Police and will go to Chichester after initial training at Bovington.





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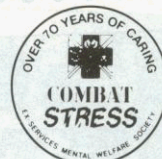
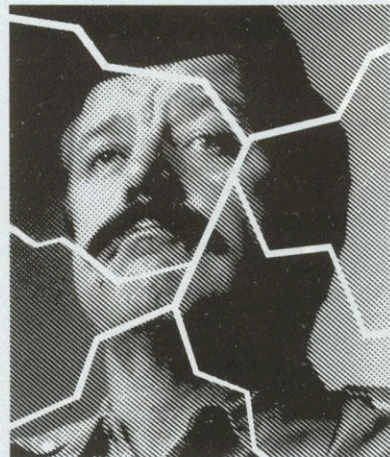
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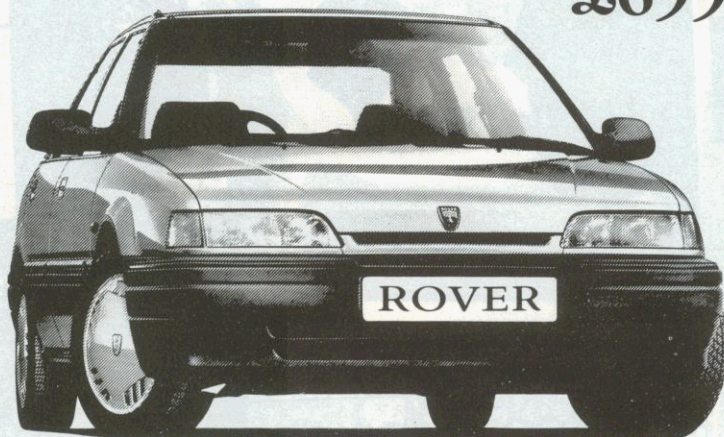
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Quick Reaction Force commander Lt Jim Reid was one of many soldiers who displayed their logistics skills during the open day at Andover

Curtain lifts on new logistic era

THE FIVE Army support corps which will amalgamate in April to form the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) each displayed the individual expertise which they will bring to the new organisation at an RLC "curtain-raiser" held last month at the Quartermaster General's headquarters in Andover, writes Phil Wilcox.

Members of the Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Pioneer Corps, Army Catering Corps and the Postal and Courier Service of the Royal Engineers joined forces to give practical illustrations of the complex logistics skills and equipment needed to support a modern army operating in the field.

Demonstrations of front-line and deep-line supply base expertise covered every aspect, from the humble but essential refreshment wagons run by volunteers from the RAOC-Expeditionary Forces Institute to water drilling, ammunition supply and tank, armoured vehicle, helicopter and guided weapon repair.

As a result of the Army Board's logistic support review – "the most wide-ranging



Gen Sir John Learmont, Quartermaster General

consideration of my department's organisation and responsibilities since 1904," said Gen Sir John Learmont, Quartermaster General – the huge range of functions undertaken by QMG are being re-grouped into two broad areas: logistic support and equipment support.

The new equipment support organisation, with Maj Gen Mike Heath as DGE(A), has been up and running since

April 1. The logistic support element under Maj Gen David Burden, DGLS(A), covers combat supply, distribution, labour, catering and mail and will be effective from April 6 next year.

Responsibilities of the new corps will include:

- Maritime operations
- Explosive ordnance disposal
- Purchase and provision of clothing and individual equipment for the three Services
- Provision of civilian and military labour resources
- Petroleum specialism
- Postal and courier duties
- Driving some of the largest vehicles on the road
- Preparation of food.

"All of this," said Gen Burden, "represents a unique opportunity for young soldiers to acquire skills and trades which will not only be of great value to the Army, but will stand them in good stead on their return to civilian careers."

Logistics, he added, was already an area of considerable complexity and very substantial assets.

"Indeed, the fact that we are re-organising does not diminish

the success and professionalism of the current logistic corps.

"Twice during the last decade they have demonstrated their skills in rapidly moving to a war footing with complete success."

The Army's old logistic support system had been primarily designed for a heavy armoured battle in central Europe, Gen Learmont pointed out.

This allowed it to use various static installations and systems in Germany such as forward storage sites.

Today's security environment required much more flexibility.

To this end, it had been decided that all future base support should be concentrated in UK workshops, allowing the Army's combat service support assets (men, equipment and stores) to be deployed at speed to support a range of force options in any future operation.

"We are an organisation which knows where it is going, and is in the process of dynamic change to get there in the best possible shape while meeting the needs of the customers – the field Army," he said.



Members of the 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment Light Aid Detachment at Fallingbostel. From left are LCpls Andrew Martin, Chris Eddison, Ian Brown and Karl Linstead



Soldiers of 4 Troop, B Squadron, 9th/12th Royal Lancers fit a barrel to Troop Sgt Dave Robinson's Scimitar recce vehicle

Picture: SSgt John Pullen, 4 Div P Info



Men of 42 Field Squadron and 44 HQ and Support Squadron, 35 Engineer Regiment Group, line up for a team photograph

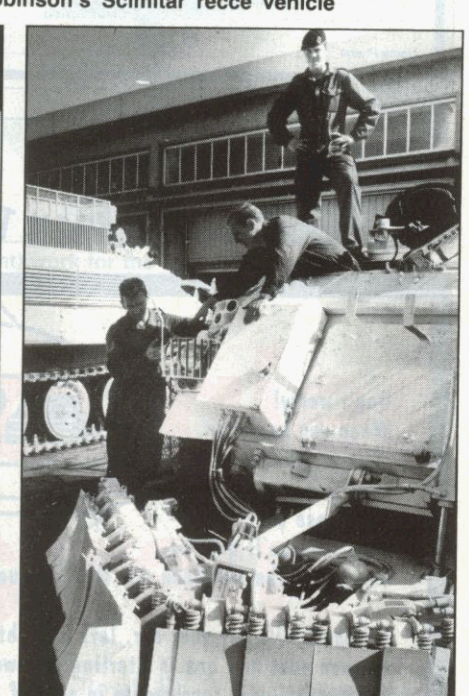
Men of A Coy, 3 Pt, 1 Cheshire wait for their Warrior to be painted United Nations white. Pictured are (back, from left) LCpls Ian McDonald and Wayne Barley and Pte Neil Harrison, (front) 2nd Lt Tudor Ellis and Pte David Dutton



Lt Col Malcolm Wood, commanding officer 5 Ord Bn



WO2 Ian Wright of 35 Engr Regt explains different types of mines recovered from Bosnia to soldiers of 44 HQ and Spt Sqn due to deploy on Op Grapple



Sgt Ralph Beal, LCpl Paul Ogden and Spr Jason Hewitt check a mine plough fitted to a 432 APC

Cheshire group prepares for move

PREPARATIONS for the 1,800-strong British force girding itself to protect United Nations relief convoys in Bosnia-Herzegovina are going ahead, despite uncertainty about the timing and location of the deployment.

The group, spearheaded by Fallingbostel-based 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, is drawn entirely from units in the 1st and 4th Armoured Divisions in Germany.

In support will be a 9th/12th

Royal Lancers' recce squadron from Herford and a strong sapper element from 35 Engineer Regiment at Hameln.

One hundred soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment at Lemgo are reinforcing the battalion group, while the headquarters component of 5 Ordnance Battalion RAOC (Paderborn), and units from 10 Regiment RCT (Bielefeld), REME and the RMP will deploy as a national support element (NSE).

A recce party led by Brig David Jenkins, Director of Military Operations at MoD, Col Mark Cook, Britain's senior commander with the UN force, and Lt Col Bob Stewart, CO 1 Cheshire, visited north-east Bosnia at the end of September.

First indications were that Op Grapple would be centred on Tuzla, with relief convoys approaching from Belgrade or Zagreb. But the recce party met Serb opposition on this front

and a safer southern route from Split on the Dalmatian coast was expected to be favoured.

Vitez, 30 miles north of Sarajevo, was looked at as a possible British HQ site.

After leave, the Cheshires are carrying out battle group training during which their personal weapons and the main armament of their Warrior fighting vehicles will be fired, and health and winter warfare training with the help of mountain and arctic specialists.



Gen Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the General Staff, meets soldiers of 1 Cheshire at Fallingbostel during a two-day tour to brief Operation Grapple commanders and men in BAOR

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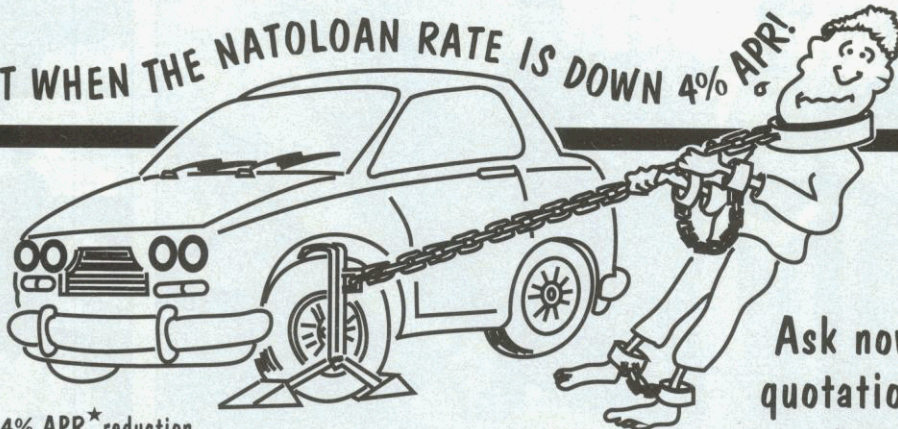
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Writer **Laurie Manton** and photographer **Terry Champion** joined the Logistic Support Company now deployed in Croatia on Operation Hanwood

EFFICIENT logistic support is vital to any military operation, and Operation Hanwood is no exception.

The Logistic Support Company backing the British contingent of sappers, signallers and medics operating with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) is based at Pleso camp in Zagreb.

The company is formed by soldiers drawn from nine United Kingdom units, with the bulk provided by Corsham-based 9 Ordnance Battalion RAOC.

Company 2iC Maj Adrian Betteridge REME believes the unit is unique. "It is the first time that a multi-discipline logistics company has been formed in the British Army.

"It has proved to be a very good conception and quite suited to supporting a single battalion, such as the British Medical Battalion, operating overseas," he said.

Royal Military Police support to BRITMEDBATT is the responsibility of WO2 Barry Woodman and SSgt John Webber. Already they have dealt with a number of provost matters ranging from traffic accidents to robberies and liaison with UN civil police.

The RMPs' reputation for professionalism has not gone unnoticed. "Since the UN Protection Force Provost Marshal heard British RMPs were in theatre, we have been working part-time with the UN military police company," said WO2 Woodham.

WO2 Scouse Parr of the RCT is the movement control warrant officer (MCWO). It was his job to get the British force to Croatia, keep them resupplied and get them home again afterwards.

Anything to do with movement of personnel or cargoes crosses his desk and he also deals with ceasefire line-crossing requests. WO2 Parr is also there to organise the evacuation of British personnel should that be ordered.

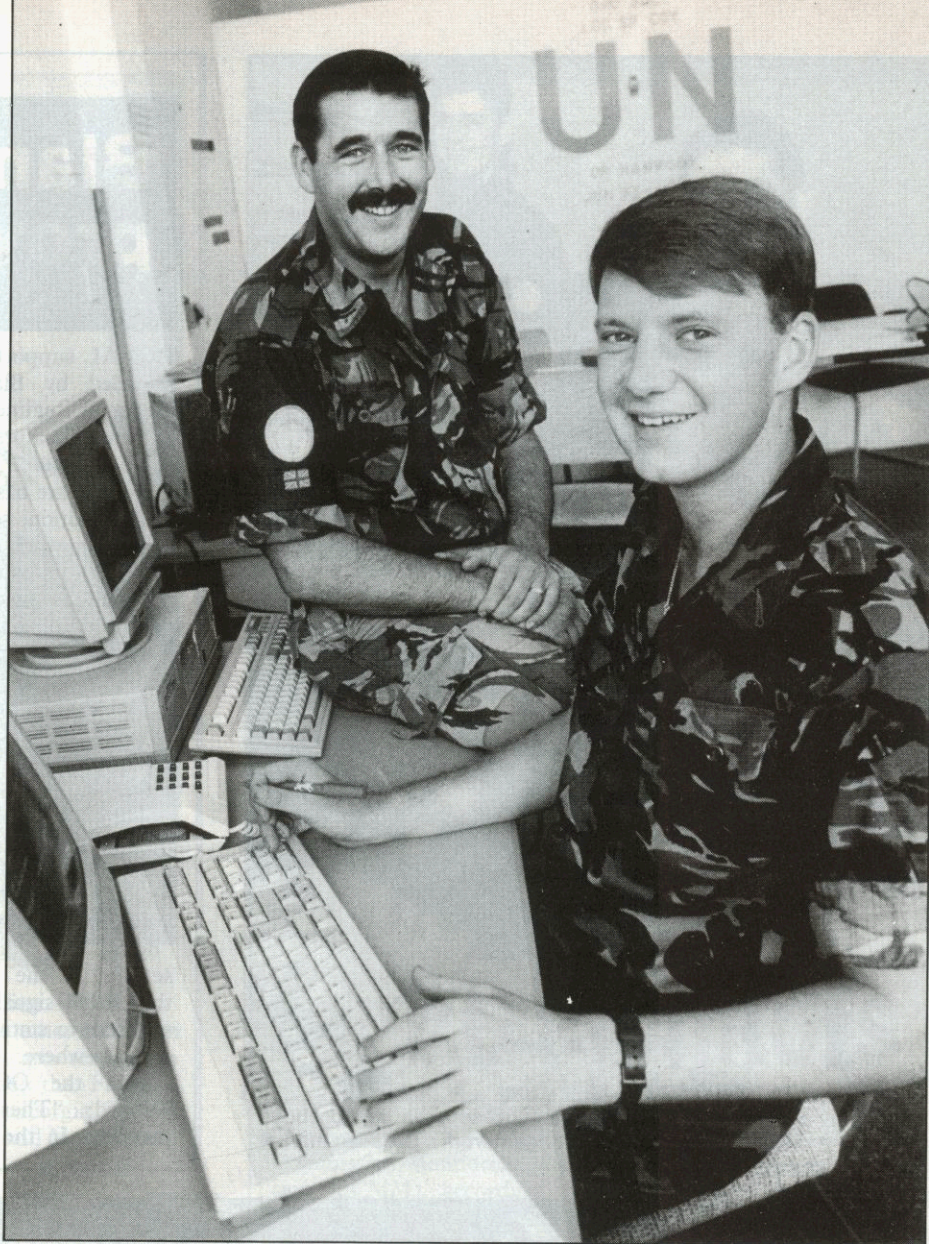
Lt Jules Bastin and SSgt Andy Saunders, both RAOC, have been running the section responsible for local purchases required by the British medics.

Items bought by the section ranged from bungees to brooms and rubber gloves – as well as the all-important Serbo-Croat dictionaries.

"Now things have quietened down we are able to draw off the UN supply system, but there are still a reasonable number of items which it is better to get here and which are not available through the UN supply chain," explained Lt Bastin.

"Much of our time is spent down town with a shopping list, looking for goods that are value for money."

The Ordnance Section is responsible for providing the medics with all MT,



Cpl John Mathias and LCpl Scott Rainsley (right) work for the Ordnance Section providing motor transport, technical and general service spares

Do-it-all loggies take the strain

technical and general service spares. It also holds the British contingent's operational ration packs.

Now the deployment's initial 60-day period has expired, Cpl John Mathias and LCpl Scott Rainsley, both RAOC, are having to adjust to the United Nations supply system.

They were using the British Army's computerised ordering system – OLIVER (On-Line Issues Validation and Enquiry Routines) – to order stores and equipment. Now they use UN order forms which have to be filled in by hand.

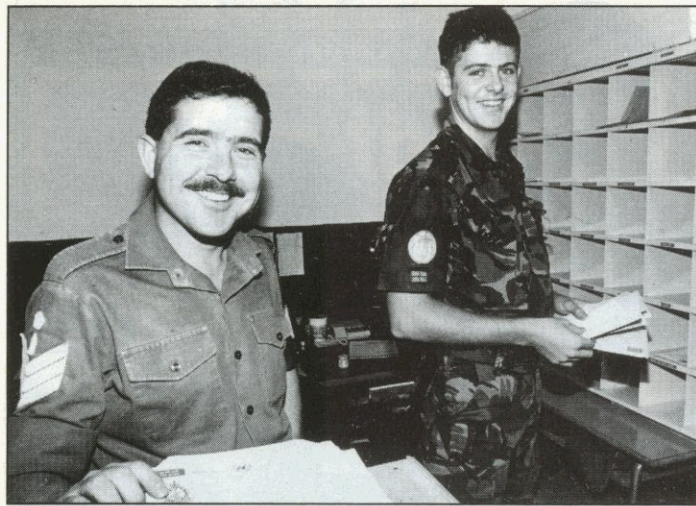
Providing post office facilities are SSgt Fred Prosser and LCpl Mark Branton, attached from 2 Postal and Courier Regiment at South Cerney. The two men handle all the Hanwood mail as well as that

from Royal Air Force personnel taking part in Operation Cheshire – the relief flights to Sarajevo – and letters for British Army personnel serving with the European Community Monitoring Mission.

The Regimental Administrative Officer, Maj John Martin AGC (SPS), is effectively the paymaster for the operation. He and Sgt Glyn Eardley run a field cash office and have had to become familiar with a number of currencies in which the British contingent deals.

Soldiers draw cash in Deutschmarks which they are advised to convert locally to Croatian dinar as required. This method of changing a little at a time is designed to prevent soldiers losing money.

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Sapper posties SSgt Fred Prosser and LCpl Mark Branton process all Operation Hanwood mail at Zagreb



SSgt Andy Saunders RAOC of the local resources section buys potatoes on behalf of the British contingent from a Croatian market trader in Zagreb



Capt Andrew Cowan, RAOC - Expeditionary Forces Institute, has set up shop on behalf of Naafi

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Runaway inflation causes the local currency to be revalued almost on a daily basis.

UN allowances for the troops - an incidental expenses allowance of \$1.28 a day and about \$70 towards leave expenses - are paid in US dollars.

Depending on their location, British troops stationed in the sectors deal in Serbian or Croatian dinar. Part of one UN protection area has been unofficially declared to be the Serbian republic of

Krijina... with its own currency!

Capt Andrew Cowan and SSgt Chris Webb run a joint RAOC-Expeditionary Forces Institute facility, effectively a Naafi shop without refinements. The two men pride themselves on the fact that any item stocked by Naafi can be ordered by the soldiers.

The Logistic Support Company also provides a REME workshop based on 3 Field Workshop from Tidworth, with numbers supplemented by workshop personnel drawn from 24 Airmobile Field

Ambulance, 30 Signal Regiment and 22 Engineer Regiment.

Sgt Clive Sinclair REME told SOLDIER that two mechanics were attached to each sector headquarters. "In addition, a REME mechanic, LCpl Paul Simpson, has been serving in Sarajevo with the Royal Engineers troop," he said.

The loggies are now in the process of transferring their demand system from the UK system to that used by the United Nations. It is a task they reckon will take until the end of the year.

Blandford group provides the link

SIGNAL support in Croatia is provided by Blandford-based 30 Signal Regiment which has 50 communicators in the theatre of operations.

Twenty are based in the four United Nations sectors and the remainder work at Pleso camp to provide strategic communications back to Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces and to operate forward to the sectors.

The signallers also maintain a link to the UK through the global Defence Communications Network.

They have advised the medics how to communicate from their ambulances back to sector headquarters.

In Royal Signals parlance "doing the dishes" means setting up the mobile dishes that beam signals via orbiting satellites to stations in the UK and elsewhere.

Said the OC, Maj Peter Telford: "There have been problems in the sectors where

there is no mains electricity, but we have rectified the situation by providing generators.

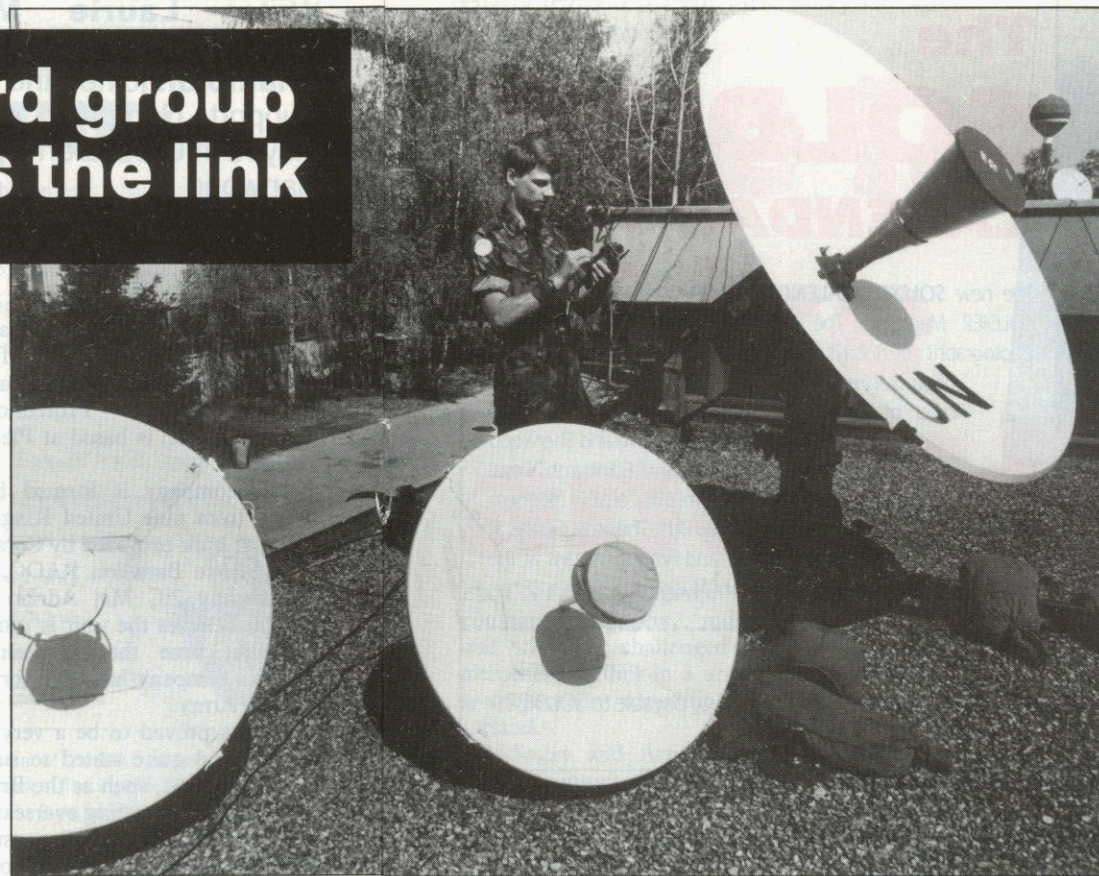
In recent years 30 Signal Regiment soldiers have served

in many of the world's potential trouble spots.

Most of the men deployed on Operation Hanwood saw service in Namibia, the Gulf, and in Turkey and Northern Iraq

during Operation Haven.

"At any one time, men from my squadron are serving in Cyprus, Belize, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Turkey and Ireland," said Maj Telford.



Cpl Robert Bleasdale from 30 Signal Regiment "does the dishes" at Pleso camp in Croatia



Maj John Martin (right) and Sgt Glyn Eardley, both AGC (SPS), run a field cash office dealing in half-a-dozen different currencies



Sgt Clive Sinclair (centre right) with some members of the REME workshop who have built their own log cabin style bar at Zagreb



Neutral white clothing is the dress adopted by European Commission Monitors, including Maj Gen David Cranston (left) and Col Iain Johnstone

Front-line role for EC monitors

FORTY-ONE British officers are serving with the European Commission Monitoring Mission (ECMM), according to its Deputy Head of Mission (Operations), Maj Gen David Cranston, late AAC.

"It is a diplomatic mission, but about two-thirds of its strength are military personnel. Our role here is to act as a neutral third party who can mediate and help calm down a potentially volatile situation in any way we can," he said.

"Our military training does help the ECMM with its work, particularly regarding organising matters and in decision-making.

"We find soldiers can size up a situation, appreciate its main points, and come to a decision very quickly. That is important."

The ECMM is to expand as more teams of monitors deploy along the former Yugoslavian republics' borders with Bulgaria and Hungary, and a small reinforcement of British Army drivers and signallers may be requested by the European Commission Presidency.

Said Gen Cranston: "The main danger faced by the monitors is random attacks from people who are disaffected and drunk - firing

weapons or throwing grenades at us. It is a real problem and something we cannot guard against.

"We do protest, and try everything we can to avoid getting into this sort of situation, but it is something that will keep happening."

Chief of Staff at the mission is Col Iain Johnstone, who commanded the Royal Scots during the Gulf War. His work then has absolutely nothing in common with the diplomatic, non-military role he now finds himself in.

"Our job is to encourage people to stop fighting and produce humanitarian benefits, including ensuring the warring factions abided by the Geneva Convention. We use persuasion rather than force, however tempting that might be.

"Generally speaking, our operations are relatively safe, but we take the same risks as anybody else.

"I think if you are a journalist chasing shells in the middle of Sarajevo, then it is the most dangerous place on earth, but it is not always like that. There are dangers, of course, from mines, snipers and artillery fire. Six monitors have been killed so far," he said.

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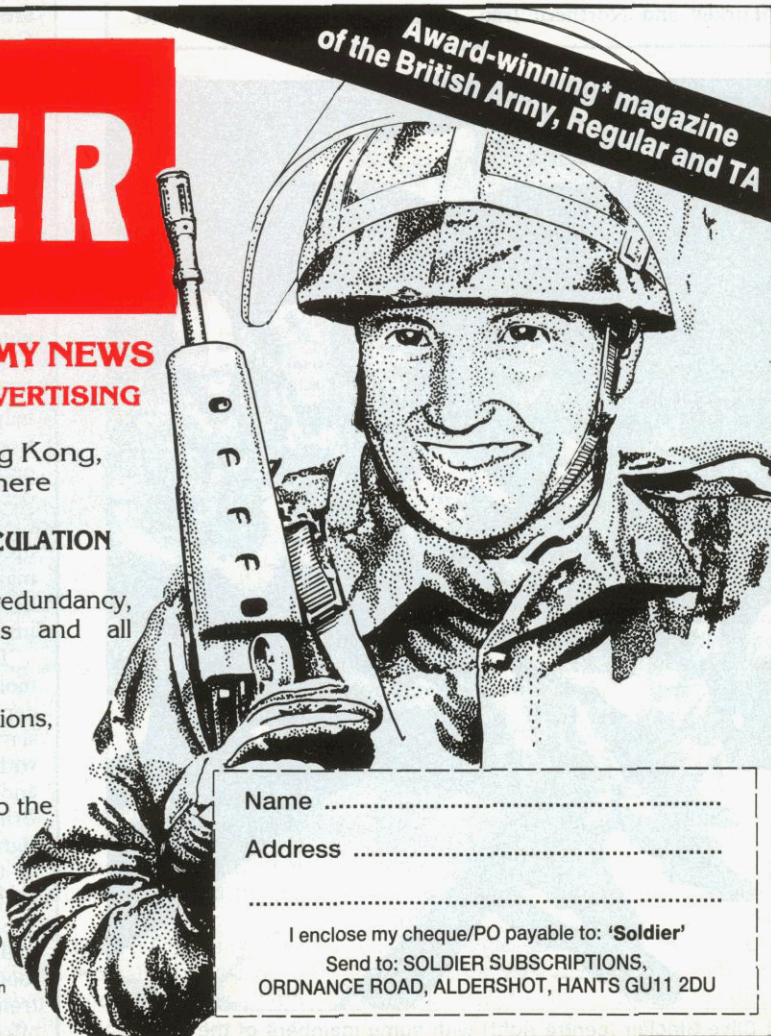
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Army teams up with industry for an expedition to . . .

The land of ice and fire

MOUNTAIN experts and company managers, military and civilian, challenged the elements together in a uniquely-sponsored expedition to Iceland.

Industry and Army pooled their resources and expertise for the week-long trip and organisers are hoping that others in commerce and the Reserve Forces will follow their lead.

Members of the Manchester-based Territorial Army 75 Engineer Regiment (V) teamed up with staff of express delivery company DHL International (UK) for Exercise Icelandic Rock 1992.

Following the success of a similar venture last year, the MoD's Greater Manchester County Employers' Liaison Team (CELT) – one of a number of groups set up to foster relations between industry and the Reserve Forces – steered the two parties together again this summer.

Marrying the outdoors expertise and practical and equipment input of the military with DHL's financial backing, the expedition set off from Glasgow airport for Iceland at the end of August.

The party – both male and female – was made up of eight military, including the regiment's adjutant and two Army-trained mountain expedition leaders, and 16 members of DHL including representatives from Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Belgium and the chairman of the company's UK division, Mr David Allen.

All had spent two strenuous mountain-walking and abseiling weekends in the Lake District to ensure they were fit enough to tackle the project.

After a night in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, the party made a seven-hour, 150 mile journey by cross-country coach

through spectacular volcanic terrain to a drop-off point far to the east in the shadow of the huge Myrdasjokull icecap.

In a keen Arctic wind, and far from any habitation, the party started the 70-mile trek westward.

Iceland, land of fire and ice, boasts a landscape of spectacular variety forged by volcanic activity and ravaged by glaciers and melt-water rivers and it was across this type of terrain that the route meandered. The weather was unseasonably cold.

The Myrdasjokull icecap dominated the landscape throughout, even while the group made a 20-mile traverse of a bleak, grey, windswept lava desert used by NASA for training astronauts during its moonshot programme.

Capt Harry Wright, expedition planner and mountain leader, said: "It is a tough walk, designed to stretch all the participants.

"We have introduced them to bivouacking and walking across rough country and they have done well. Theirs is an achievement to be proud of."

Bearing tents, camping equipment and Army-supplied Arctic rations for five days, most were carrying bergens of about 45lb. It was adventurous walking in one of Europe's great wildernesses, where aching feet could be bathed in hot thermal pools among hills capped with snow.

David Allen had had little previous contact with the Reserve Forces and was impressed with what he saw.

"They have a lot of skills similar to those required in basic management. I feel DHL can gain from this and I would have no hesitation in urging my staff to join and helping them with time off to do it," he said.

Expedition leader Capt Shaun Sheppard said: "I am really impressed at the way they have all come together, the stronger members of the teams helping the weaker ones.

"The party have hopefully picked up some useful management training and learnt something of the benefits of membership of the TA, and we have been able to mount an exercise which we would not otherwise have been able to without the company's help."

by Mervyn Wynne Jones



DHL's Susan Phillips gets a hand across an ice cold river from Cpl David Fulton



The Army team (from left to right) Capt Ian Johnson, Capt Eric Larmett, Cpl Derek Smith, Lt Caroline Lloyd-Langston, Cpl David Fulton, Capt Shaun Sheppard and Capt Harry Wright, all of 75 Engineer Regiment, and Capt Mervyn Wynne Jones, 3 RWF

Territorial Army units using Gibraltar's unique training quickly find themselves involved in

A little bit of this, a little bit of that...

TAKE ONE bank manager. Mix liberally with sundry civil servants, policemen and the odd warehouseman and builder or two. Finally, stir in plenty of hard work, sweat and a sprinkling of sunshine...

That's the recipe for Exercise Marble Tor 6, recently undertaken in Gibraltar by the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales.

The bank manager in question is company CO Maj Gareth Pennell ("I'm a Rhonda boy"), in charge of four platoons normally based in South Wales, plus an element from 3 RRW's Cardiff headquarters.

"During the two weeks of the exercise, each platoon rotates through four two-day packages, consisting of a mixture of military training, adventurous and recreational training and educational activities," he explained.

The final phase of the programme is a combined company exercise.

Co-ordinating officer for the Marble Tor series of exercises – of which 3 RRW's was the last for this year – is Capt Kevin Duhig, SO3 G3 (Operations and Training) at HQ British Forces in Gibraltar.

"These exercises are fabulous training for a company size group," he said. "They give the company commander a marvellous opportunity to implement command and work out his own exercise: they are very valuable to him."

"The facilities offered here are totally unique. There are more miles of tunnels within the Rock than roads."

Indeed, the SOLDIER team was able to watch B Company Platoon getting its first taste of night-time tunnel clearance.

Some way past such evocative thoroughfares as "Maida Vale" and "The Great North Road", Capt Peter Lennon and his company – drawn from the Newport and Pontypool areas – had their collective ears pricked for any sign of enemy activity.

"Tunnel work is a bit

different, a totally new skill for us," Capt Lennon said. "This is the part of the package that the platoon has been looking forward to. We have not been involved in a conflict yet, but I have a strange suspicion we are about to be hit..."

Moments later, seven minutes after midnight, all hell was let loose.

A short distance down the tunnel, to the accompaniment of a great deal of shouting and the unmistakable sound of bleeping from the electronic sensors on the equipment of several "dead" soldiers, the enemy had made a surprise attack.

Leaving Capt Andy Wong, Maj Pennell's 2iC, to call a temporary halt to the proceedings and analyse with platoon members just what they had done right and wrong, SOLDIER travelled deeper into the tunnel to seek out the next defensive position.

At the entrance to "Brigade Headquarters" – in reality a deep cave off the main tunnel – a challenge, issued in a strong Welsh accent, duly rang out.

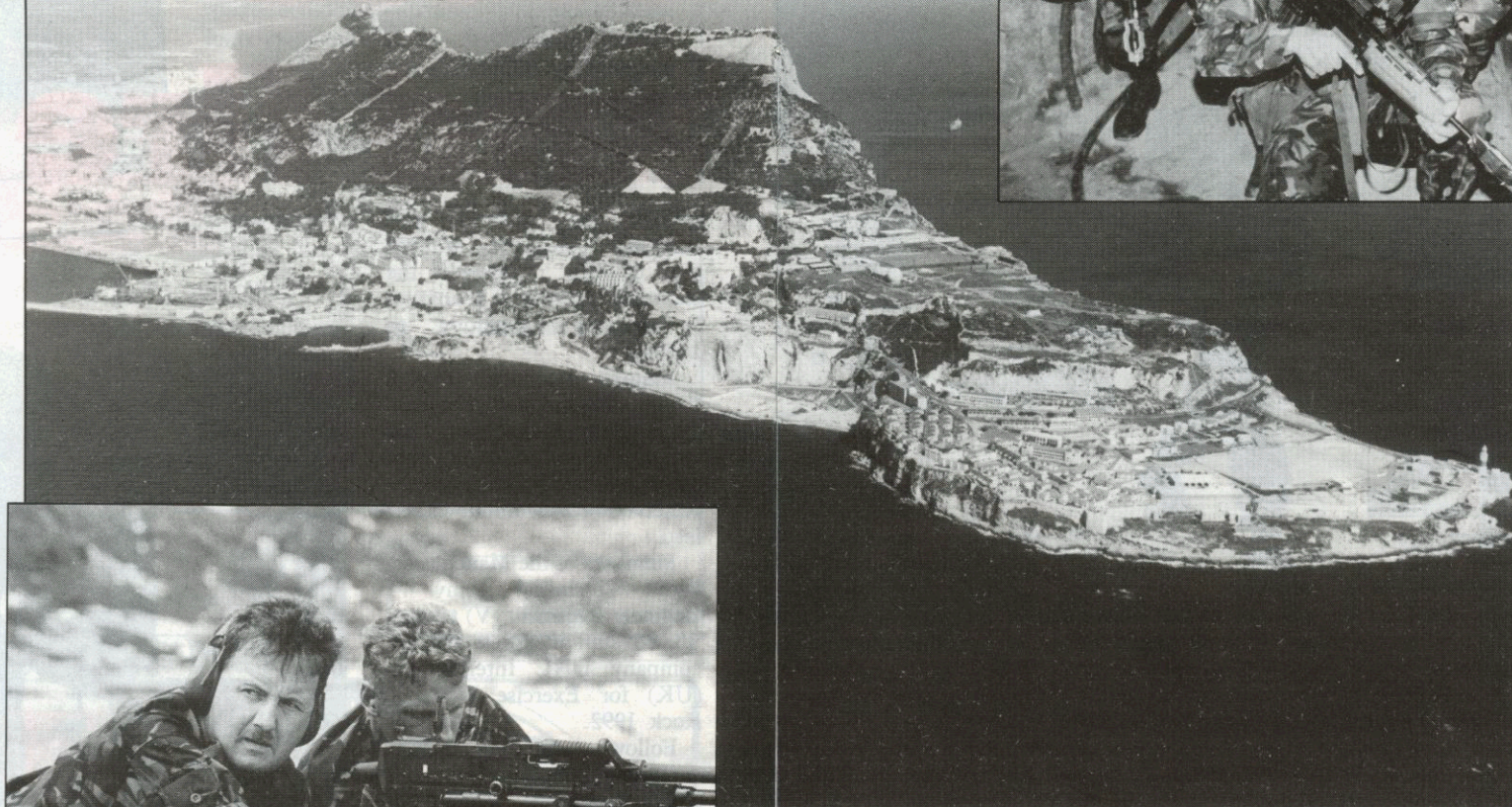
Nobody asleep on duty here...

"This time last week, my heart was going like the clappers," said A Company's Pte Neil Kerby, a sometime jokester.

"It's much easier being on the defending side. When you are the enemy, moving forward in the pitch darkness and expecting someone to jump out of every nook and cranny, your adrenalin is going like crazy. And if you put a torch on, you are a prime target..."

Less than seven hours later, having cleared the tunnels, B Platoon was into the next phase of its training – the rigid raiders.

In the eerie half-light, made all the more atmospheric by screeching seagulls, a sonorous foghorn and, not least, regular forays a short distance away by the incredibly fast speedboats being used by cigarette smugglers, the dim shapes of soldiers



Company CO Maj Gareth Pennell (left) proving that he is not averse to a spot of sea target practice

moving along the jetty could be discerned.

"This is the exciting part of the exercise," said Maj Pennell. "The rest has been hard work. We don't get a chance to practise using raiders at home, and in a demanding environment like this it is an added challenge."

"Of course, we have to balance realism and safety. Everyone wears a lifejacket: the last thing we want to do is lose somebody."

Embarkation completed, the raiders sped away to carry out a simulated beach landing.

Children playing in the small swimming pool just above the beach a few hours later would have been amazed had they seen the stealthy figures

gradually inching their way along its perimeter to reach the road...

Next on the agenda was a clearance of the FIBUA (Fighting In Built-Up Areas) village at the top of the cliffs and a transfer by rigid raiders to the Royal Navy's fleet tender, anchored offshore, which returned the troops to the coast.

Other platoons, meanwhile, had reached differing phases of the training rotation.

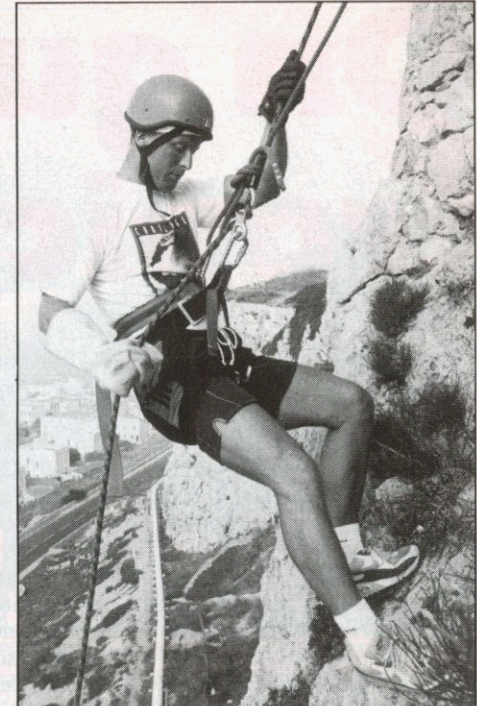
Members of one were being taught the intricacies of top roping and abseiling.

"It's the best laxative in the world," said one intrepid abseiler as he lowered himself over the cliff face.

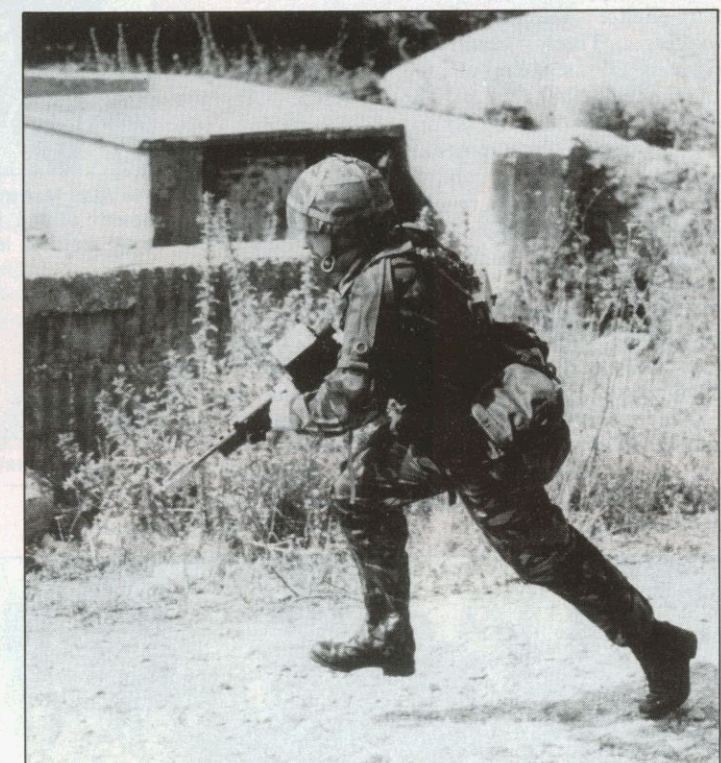
"When you get down there,



Members of 3 RRW 'B' Coy on tenterhooks for imminent attack in a tunnel in Gibraltar's Rock



Easy does it. Abseiler on the way down



Breaking cover: Pte Simon Day in the FIBUA village

overgrown with rubbish and vegetation.

Under the direction of Air Commodore Spike Milligan, Deputy Commander British Forces Gibraltar, community relations officer and keen conservationist down to the last carelessly-discarded soft drinks can, the steps were rapidly being returned to their original state.

As Col Tony Reed Screen, Land Forces Commander, put it: "Any TA soldiers who come out here for a fortnight's training will find themselves involved in a little bit of this and a little bit of that. They go back to the UK well tested in a multitude of disciplines."

Maj Pennell, with more than

Two square miles of military history: Gibraltar

you want to do it again: the worst part about it is walking back up," said another.

At the Gibraltar Services Recreation Centre down in the town, those taking part in the adventurous training element of the package were being introduced to the basics of dinghy sailing, among other activities.

"I've heard that the best pupils are small children and soldiers – because they have no fear, and they are used to doing what they are told," joked Capt Lennon. "Perhaps the only drawback is that we have to pack five days of instruction into five hours."

Near the lighthouse at Europa Point, the instruction taking place was in target practice, with WO2 Tom Thomas explaining the finer points of firing a GPMG out to sea.

Up at the Buffadero FIBUA village, soldiers were experiencing the rigours of NBC testing, including a stint in the gas chamber.

Sgt John Lukens, one of two

members of the US National Guard taking part in Marble Tor alongside their UK counterparts, said that training in both countries was basically the same.

Manager of a pizza restaurant in Kansas, he was more used to exercising on the flat plains of his home state.

"It's been a pretty tough few days of training, we are constantly doing something," he said. "I've found the whole exercise well co-ordinated."

Apart from their military activities, members of 3 RRW were also very much involved in helping improve the aesthetic side of Gibraltar's image.

Carrying on the good work initiated by The Queen's Lancashire Regiment – one of five other TA units who have participated in Marble Tor exercises this year – each platoon participated in the community project of clearing the Mediterranean Steps.

Originally created as an access route to the gun positions on the southern tip of the rock, the steps had become

17 years' TA service tucked under his belt, seemed satisfied with the exercise.

"It's been highly beneficial. Of course, there are several lessons to be learned as a result of Marble Tor, and they will be put into practice."

"But considering that none of the platoons had worked together before, I am delighted with the results."

In the 8th Century, the Moors occupied the rock, led by Tarik-ibn-Zehad, and promptly named the place Tarik's Mountain – or Gibel Tarik.

This time around, under Maj Pennell's leadership, the military occupation was of a slightly more amicable nature.

On guard – in a tropical paradise

GUARDING a tropical island sounds like a dream posting. Men of the 1st Battalion. The Light Infantry do only a week at a time, otherwise it could become too much of a good thing, writes Gordon Skilling.

Those at the Observation Post at Hunting Cay are not expected to fight to the last man for their idyllic Caribbean beaches. Commanded by a subaltern or SNCO are eight men, a sapper coxswain and two Belize Defence Force soldiers. Their beautifully situated OP is 60km off the coast while the rest of the company is at Airport Camp.

One man usually in sports kit is Pte Lee Jenkins, who is spending his six-month tour on another tropical paradise – the adventure training island of St George's Cay. The resident battalion is required to provide a sailing and wind-surfing instructor, and he is also a qualified diver.

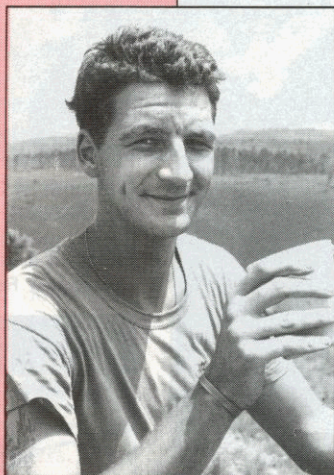
The centre gives soldiers a chance to escape from Army routine and relax on sunbeds or learn to sail in a challenging environment.

The last time 2nd Lt Kevin Beaton was a one-pipper was ten years ago. He did five years with the RCT from 1982 before deciding he wanted to be a doctor, so he had to resign his commission as a captain and go to medical school.

Five years on and he is back in the Army, where he should regain his captaincy when he is registered. At the moment the Army is using his skill as a wind-surfing instructor on St George's Cay.

With Options for Change working through the system his RCT friends are now looking over their shoulders and thinking that 2nd Lt Beaton has made a very astute career move.

San Pedro's Cay is another beautiful island, and a popular place for wives, fiancées and



Pte Alan Matravers drinks the health of his fiancée before their tropical island wedding

girlfriends visiting their men-folk in Belize.

Two soldiers recently enlisted its charms to add weight to their marriage proposals.

First Capt Mike Ghent, troop commander of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal

Lancers proposed, followed the next week at exactly the same spot by Lt Dan McDowell, Gun Position Officer with I Battery, 7 RHA.

"It couldn't have been better," said Lt McDowell. "Popping the question at the

end of a pier in the Caribbean moonlight was gorgeous."

The setting also fired the imagination of a West Country farmer. Pte Alan Matravers of 1 LI plans to marry his sweetheart under the palm trees on the beach.

IT'S JUST LIKE THE BRECONS!

BALDY Beacon is reminiscent of the Brecon Beacons, but with several more degrees of sun and even more rain and mist in the monsoon season.

Sgt John Dawson of 1 LI's training team was supervising the first firing by B Company of the 94mm anti-tank weapon at the ranges high in the Mayan mountains.

"We only get a chance of field firing once or twice a year," said Maj Charlie Lynch-Staunton, OC B Company. "Here the soldier is rushing around outside a clinical range environment, with targets popping up absolutely anywhere, having to think of his tactics and combine his fire and movement with his partner."

Training progressed through pairs, teams, sections and

platoons to a final company attack with the support of its own anti-tank missiles and mortars plus a battery of 105s and a Harrier ground attack.

An additional bonus was the chance to fire the L96 sniper rifle which recently replaced the old L46. Like the old .303 but without any recoil, it demonstrated its value by achieving good scores in the hands of beginners.

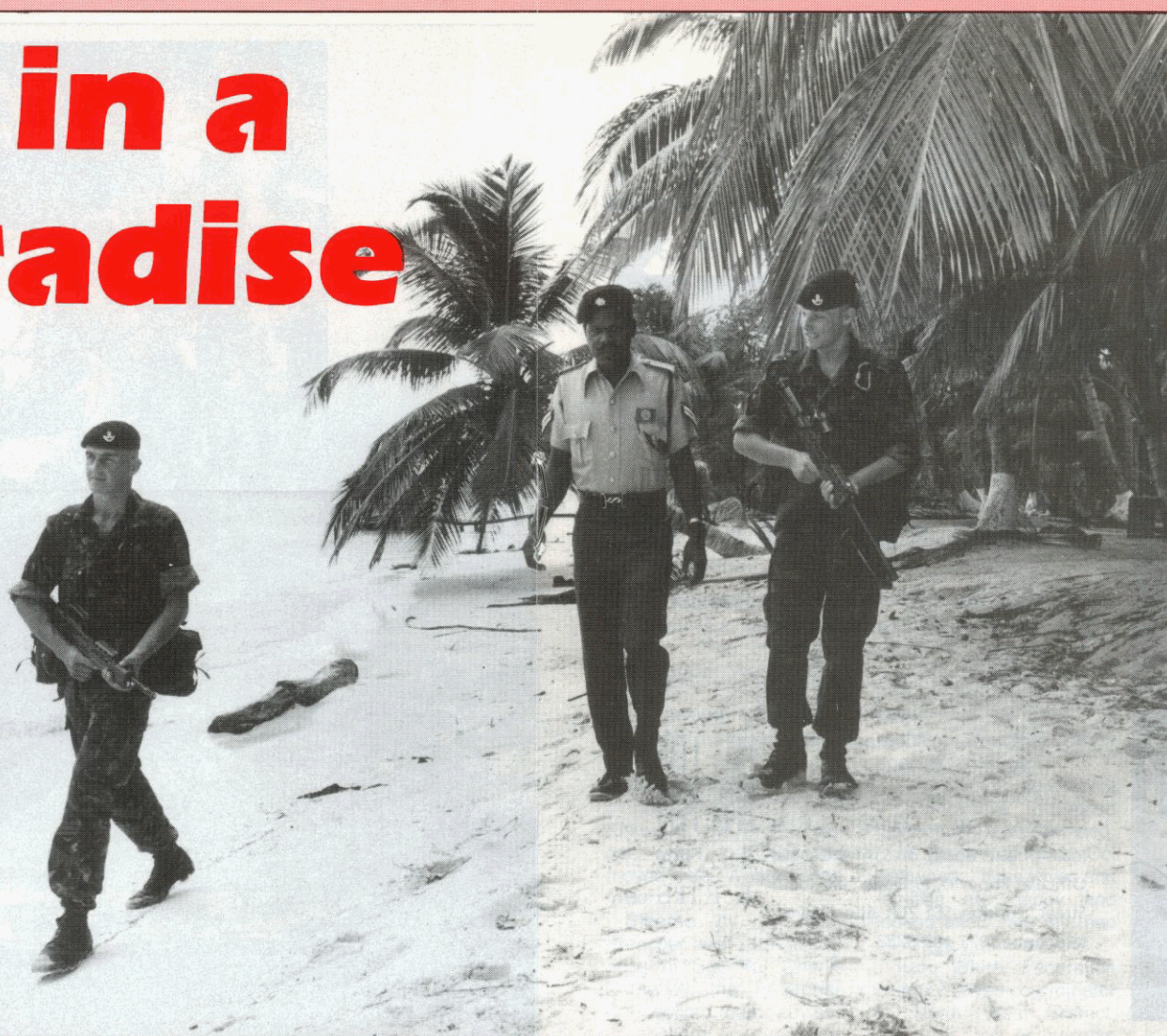
LCpl Darral Mares is one of the battalion's snipers who, operating far in front of their own lines, must have the highest infantry skills.

"Not many pass the eight-week course, but those who do can pin down a company and give their own company a chance to withdraw," he said.

Next issue: Sappers and gunners in Belize



Hunting Cay, one of the Army's more idyllic postings, receives rations



Sgt John Dawson watches as Pte Mark Jones prepares to fire the LAW 94



LCpl Darral Mares gives instructions on the sniper rifle L96/A1



5 Platoon ready for their field firing



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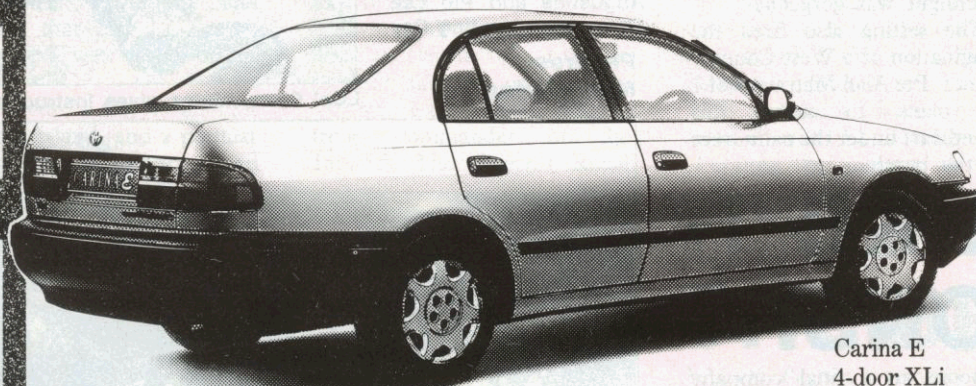
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KOSB opts for home enterprise

A UNIQUE team set up by the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers at Weeton Barracks in Lancashire is providing an invaluable service to the regiment and its wives.

The brainchild of commanding officer Lt Col John Kirkwood, the project began when 1 KOSB first moved into Weeton Barracks.

Steered by Lt Andy Preacher with the assistance of Sgt Maj Charlie Campbell, the Enterprise Connection team advises its soldiers on everything from regimental information to re-enlistment, retention and redundancy, and provides wives with information and help on gaining employment.

So far 40 wives have been found full-time jobs and many more are in part-time employment in the camp itself.

It is the jobs aspect that has proved such an asset to the wives of the regiment.

Contact was made with local job centres, factories and major employers, and interested wives were registered on a computer which also listed qualifications, job preferences and so on. Then the Enterprise Connection team got to work.

It is hoped that as and when they leave the camp or the regiment, their jobs will be passed on to incoming dependants.

Mums with children under school age can confidently leave their little ones in a crèche on camp, and the problem of transport was alleviated when the Enterprise Connection team acquired two minibuses.

They can be hired, complete with drivers, at low rates for travel to work, shopping trips, or a day beside the sea.

The team works closely with the Unit Families Officer, talking over routine and low priority enquiries and leaving the UFO staff more time to deal with problems demanding their specialised skills.

All seem to agree that the innovative Enterprise Connection is a great idea.

In the words of Lt Col Kirkwood: "If the wives and families are happy and looked after, then my men are happy and alert."

Kate White, Federation of Army Wives co-ordinator in North West District, endorses his enthusiasm and believes other regiments might take a leaf out of the KOSB's book.

PT staff at Weeton have set up a revolutionary special needs group gym club for the disabled and handicapped children of serving personnel.

With the permission of parents involved, Sgt Marty Jerrard visited schools to collate information about the physiotherapy given to each child. Then he devised games and exercises to make physio more fun.

The result is a weekly gym club for special needs children, with brothers, sisters and mums to lend a hand, and a trained nurse in attendance.

Holiday horrors

HOLIDAYS are meant to be fun – and most of the time they are. But it is as well to be prepared should tragedy strike.

If a member of the Forces dies while on leave overseas, outside the country of his or her current tour of duty, the next of kin must bear the cost of bringing the body home to the UK or Irish Republic and must pay for the funeral. In such cases it is

SOLDIERS looking towards a second career in civvy street should make a note in their diaries of the Financial Services Jobs Fair to be held at Olympia, London on November 16-18.

Exhibitors will include more than 40 life offices, banks, building societies and tied agents keen to recruit new talent to their sales teams.

Visitors will be given

Fair way to a new career

the chance to discuss in a friendly, informal environment (each stand has a comfortable interview room) the support, training, encouragement and rewards available to would-be recruits.

Mothers' claim

MORE than 3,000 former Servicewomen have so far claimed for compensation against dismissal on the grounds of pregnancy.

But how do you go about filing a claim? Some legal agencies have been referring claimants to me at SOLDIER!

Here are some guidelines:

● Be honest about whether you could have returned to work at the end of your statutory maternity leave. This means your availability to take up your duties 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year – shift work, exercises and overseas postings included.

Beyond insurance

AN ARMY wife has written to tell me that while living in the United Kingdom she took out a personal loan with separate insurance cover should she lose her then well-paid job.

Subsequently she was made redundant and posted to Germany, whereupon General Accident drew to

● You have to satisfy MoD that you applied to rejoin the Service but were refused.

I understand that, in line with current Industrial Tribunal rules, the maximum compensation will be £10,000, and that the MoD does not propose to pay interest or legal or any other costs which a claimant might incur.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) has regional offices throughout the UK and all MoD offers of compensation will be made through them. ACAS can also advise would-be claimants.

her attention an exclusion clause in her policy stating that benefit would not be paid during periods of unemployment while she was outside the UK for a continuous period of more than 30 days.

"Please make other Service wives aware of this," she asked.

application for European travel, a country-by-country guide with a vaccination check list, and advice on AIDS and how to take care in the sun.

The Health Advice Leaflet for Travellers can be obtained by ringing Free-phone 0800 555777 any time. Bulk copies are available from BAPS Health Publicity Unit, Heywood, Manchester Road, Heywood, Lancs OL10 2PZ.

Briefly...

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Written enquiries to SO2 SPS 2d, Staff and Personnel Support Branch, HQ Director General AGC, Worthy Down, Winchester, Hants SO21 2RG.

Financial counselling will be available from November to April for all Phase 2 redundees. The service consists of initial, general counselling by unit AGC (SPS) staff, followed by a two-day seminar including lectures on a wide range of financial topics.

Individual counselling by appointment with the Army Agents will be available during the two-day seminars.

Compensation terms for redundees are authorised by Royal Warrant. Those selected are advised to apply to their unit AGC (SPS) representative for a forecast of non-effective benefits to which they may be entitled.

If you have not got a unit rep apply to Commander AGC of your higher formation or to Commander AGC (SPS) at HQ UKLF or HQ BAOR – but NOT to the Army Pensions Office.

Service personnel are reminded that if their discharge or retirement is ultimately for a reason other than redundancy they will not receive a special capital payment. It may be prudent to take out short term assurance cover to guard against this possibility.

All capital payments to redundees – for example terminal grant, special capital payment, and sums raised under the commutation schemes – are tax free in accordance with Section 188 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.



Lt Joanne Cooper REME briefs her forward repair team before they were airlifted across the battlefield to deal with crippled armour



Below - Maj Nigel Francis, officer commanding 133 Corps Troops Workshop REME

Above - Sappers of 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron prepare for field firing



Gurkha sappers prepare a four-ton tracklayer on Stanford Training Area



A 133 Corps Troops Workshop vehicle is lifted in by a Chinook helicopter during Exercise Second Strike

SECOND'S OUT!

2nd Infantry Brigade exercises at Stanford

MORE THAN 1,500 soldiers took part in Exercise Second Strike, which involved the deployment of Britain's 2nd Infantry Brigade to Stanford Training Area, near Thetford, Norfolk, writes Laurie Manton.

Many of the troops were part-time soldiers from Territorial Army units based throughout the South-East of England, including 2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment, 5th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets and 6th/7th Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

The Regulars of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green

Jackets acted as enemy and 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron provided engineer support, including bridging.

The Territorial Army's pool of public information officers, many of whom served in the Gulf War, deployed media response teams in support of the brigade.

Most are professional journalists or broadcasters, such as Maj Roger Hudson who, in civilian life, runs the radio and television service for the British Forces in Germany.

He is capbadged PWRR. The Horsham-based 6/7th Battalion earned the distinction of starting the exercise as one

unit and completing it as another, deploying as 6/7 Queens before re-badging to 6/7 PWRR.

Battalion commanding officer Lt Col Piers Storie-Pugh said: "When we switched from navy blue to khaki berets and adopted a new cap badge, it seemed, at a stroke, to bury all previous loyalties and any form of disappointment."

"I am confident 6/7 PWRR has emerged as a prime example of an amalgamation under Options for Change that has worked."

Aim of the concentration was to centralise resources across a series of cadres and battle runs.

Individuals were put through cadres for snipers, assault pioneers, driving, NBC and general purpose machine gun (sustained fire). Others rehearsed for the prestigious infantry competition, the Cambrin Patrol.

Units rotated around a series of stands involving fighting in built-up areas (FIBUA), river crossings, demolition and obstacle crossing. They also made full use of the field firing ranges where sections, platoons and companies fired their complement of weapons, including anti-tank missiles.

And 2 Wessex became the first reserve unit ever to take

Gurkhas under its command.

The battalion beefed up its capability with soldiers from Chatham-based 69 Squadron, Queen's Gurkha Engineers, who parked up their earth-movers and picked up their rifles and kukris to take part in an infantry attack.

Said OC 69 Squadron, Maj John Shanahan: "The British troops controlling the range were particularly impressed by the weight of fire my boys put down - and the way they hacked up dummies with their kukris as they went through!"

Soldiers from 133 Corps Troops Workshop REME gave vital mechanical and electrical

engineering support.

Commanding officer Maj Nigel Francis said the exercise provided his soldiers with a number of unusual military training opportunities.

"One of the most exciting was the chance to put theory into practice and lift our forward repair team (FRT) across a battlefield in a helicopter," he said.

Lt Joanne Cooper's 26-strong FRT, plus one Land Rover and a four-ton truck, were lifted by Chinook helicopter to locations where they had to deal with crippled armoured vehicles and equipment.

The exercise culminated in a

three-day field exercise.

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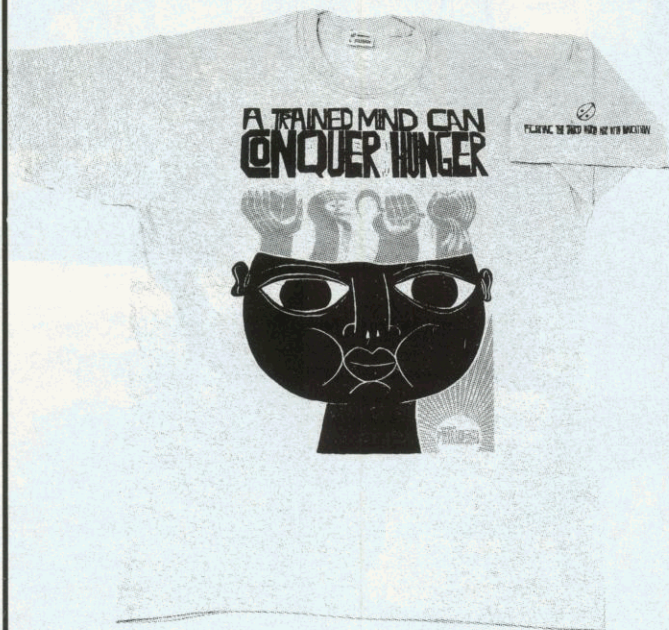
in doubt," said Brig Holman.

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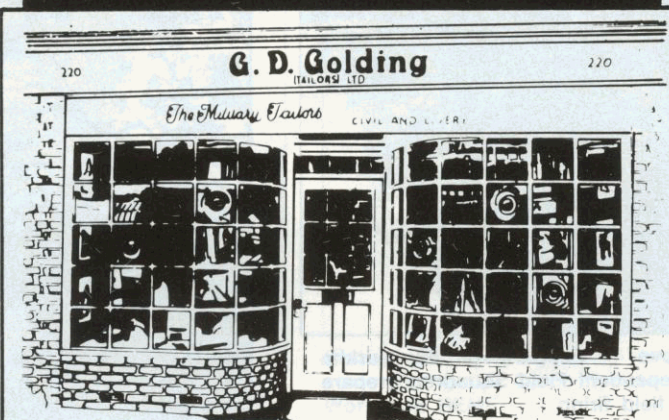
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Women at the sharp end . . .

AT THE risk of making myself unpopular with the advocates of Women's Lib, I think Kate Muir's claim that women could serve "in other combat units like the artillery, armour and engineers" (Book reviews, June 15) is nonsense.

She is obviously unaware of the hardship entailed in serving in these arms of the Service.

I deny that women could pull their weight with men in hard physical situations. Think of building a wet Bailey bridge across a wide river in the middle of winter. How could any women lift heavy pontoons down to the edge of the river?

The employment of women in such work would merely increase both the workload of the men and their discontentment at this unfair division of labour. This is without considering lifting heavy panels, transoms and all the other parts of the bridge.

The same goes for armour and artillery. Could women lift lorry-loads of fuel in five-gallon cans? How about canisters of shells?

Women can do many kinds of work, but it is patent nonsense to put them into jobs at the sharp end. — **Ex-Regular, Belfast.**

Railway could save Sarajevo

WHATEVER our views about the wisdom of sending troops to Bosnia, we have to consider the means to restrict casualties.

Air transport to Sarajevo is vulnerable to rocket fire. There is no sea or river port facility to serve as a supply route. Road journeys are hazardous.

Is rail transport not worth considering? During the Second World War both Germany and Russia used armoured trains extensively.

Britain had at least two series, the first being based on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch railway. The second carried counter-battery

artillery around the Martin Hill loop — in fact, a triangular junction — in East Kent. I believe the guns were called Winnie and Pooh.

The railway line in Bosnia runs up one river valley and down a second. It runs from Dubrovnik's port of Gruz up the river Naretva through Mostar, across the Hercegovina Ridge to the river Milječka and down to Sarajevo.

There are hills along the river valley which would need pill boxes, probably dug-in tanks, to fend off marauders.

Armoured trains usually consist of low loaders with

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I would directly link this problem to the unfortunate selection of the current title in 1959. To rectify this, today's planners appear to have gone back to the county names, but the proposed title will hardly flow off the tongue.

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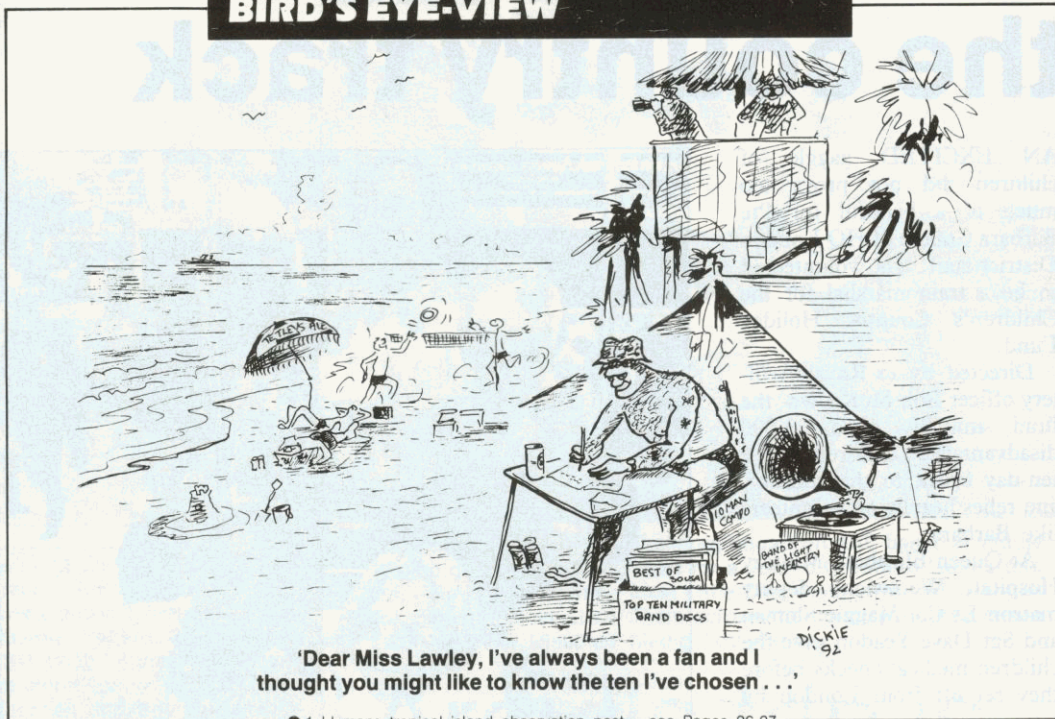
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BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



● 1 LI mans tropical island observation post — see Pages 26-27

Lament for lost title

MR M J Everett (Letters, September 21) refers to the proposal that The Gloucestershire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment should become The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment on amalgamation.

I am an ex-soldier of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) and, as you would expect, consider it to be one of the finest examples of an English county regiment.

We have been told that one of the reasons for our

re-amalgamation is the poor recruiting record, which is understandable when you consider that many people think we are a Scottish regiment and many deep in our recruiting area have never heard of us.

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Barbara's brood on the country track

AN EXCITED gaggle of children did not prove too much of a handful for Pte Barbara Goudie of HQ London District staff, who volunteered to be a train marshal for the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Directed by ex-Royal Artillery officer Bob McKeown, the fund annually sends 3,000 disadvantaged children on a ten-day break to the country, and relies heavily on volunteers like Barbara.

At Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, deputy matron Lt Col Maggie Sloman and Sgt Dave Yeadon gave the children medical checks before they set off from London by train.



Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund when they cycled from John o'Groats to Land's End.

Running the length of Hadrian's Wall was the method eight soldiers from **The Gloucestershire Regiment** chose to help Gloucester Ward of the Stoke Park Hospital, Bristol. They completed a relay over the 75 miles and raised £690.

Bovington bikers Sgt Adrian Pedler, 2 RTR, Sgt Steven Carter, RDG, and Sgt Dave Earp, 16/5 L, all on the training staff of the **Junior Leaders' Regiment RAC** at Bovington, raised £750 for the

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Glider Pilot Regiment, ten enterprising members of **653 Squadron Army Air Corps** based in Soest are cycling 1,800 miles to Sicily to lay a wreath at the Syracuse

war cemetery and visit Ponte-Grande, the objective of the 1st Air Landing Brigade in June 1943.

Money raised will be divided between the Museum of Army Flying in Middle Wallop and Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, near Wattisham where the regiment will be moving next year.

Orthopaedic equipment and

Left - End of the line for train marshal Pte Barbara Goudie (back, centre) as she returns her charges to Elaine Davies of the Children's Country Holidays Fund

a hospital minibus are the targets for four members of **22 Field Hospital RAMC** who are cycling 3,200 miles around the British coastline to raise money for their unit and the Cambridge Military Hospital at Aldershot. The cyclists are Cpl Herbie Herbert, LCpl Gavin Henry, LCpl Kevin Nicholls and LCpl Andy Hardy.



Left - Lt Col "AK" Miller (right) greets Gary Lennox on his arrival at the 1 A and SH HQ in Minden. Behind Gary are the RSM, WO2 Connell Webb, mum Adrienne Lennox and Sgt Dave Meechan and Sgt Helen Shaw



Almost £2,600 was raised by (from left) Cpl Allan Grinham, Queens, WO2 (QMSI) Stuart Woods, SASC, and Cpl George Hayden, R Irish, of the Sennelager-based Armoured Infantry Training and Advisory Team when they cycled 1,880 miles to Gibraltar to help British Cot Death Research and Action Research into Multiple Sclerosis

Above - Members of 668 (Training) Squadron AAC based at Middle Wallop got off to a flying start for a John o'Groats to Land's End run - they tied up with a local Little Chef restaurant and arranged for meals in other Little Chefs across the country as they raised £8,500 for the Disabled Living Foundation

Argylls trip is great for Gary

GLASGOW and Paisley recruiters raised £1,600 by running from Glasgow to Edinburgh Castle to send 12-year-old Gary Lennox to Minden to see his heroes, the 1st Battalion, **The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders**.

Gary suffers from muscular dystrophy but Lt Col "AK" Miller, CO A and SH, ensured that he had a busy time shooting, watching Milan training and brushing up on helicopter skills with the Argylls in Chinooks and Pumas before they left for an exercise

in Denmark. As well as being serenaded by the Pipes and Drums he spent a day with the 9th/12th **Royal Lancers** at Herford.

Gary was accompanied by his mother and Sgts Helen Shaw and Dave Meechan of the **Glasgow and Paisley ACIOs**, who ran to pay for the visit.

Members of **633 Troop Royal Signals** and the **Belize Defence Force** ran 50 miles to raise 5,200 Belize dollars for the Save the Children Fund and the BDF Benevolent Fund.

Divers from **227 Amphibious Engineer Squadron (V)** donned antique costumes during a 24-hour "diveathon" to raise more than £8,000 at Farnborough, Hants for ITV's Telethon appeal.

Nearly 300 entrants paid £2 each to take part in the annual one-mile swim at Dhekelia, Cyprus. The money raised went to the Garrison Welfare Fund, the Army Benevolent Fund, and the Crusade for Life campaign.



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War disabled pensioners get NHS priority

SOME OLD (and not so old) soldiers on war disability pensions may be unaware that they are eligible for priority treatment in NHS hospitals.

Treatment should be specifically for the disability for which the pension was granted, and in some cases it may be possible for it to be carried out in a Service hospital.

A Social Security guide to war pensions and allowances (leaflet FB 16) details the help available, and how to claim. Most of the advice is valid for those who live abroad.

Those granted such a pension qualify for free prescriptions and appliances for the treatment of the disability and expenses for any travel involved.

Last year 34,914 new claims were made for war disablement pensions, a big increase on the 20,189 processed in 1990. In all 260,000 people receive war pensions at a cost of £305m.

Most disabilities (245,000) date from the Second World War, with 4,100 attributed to the 1914-18 war and the remainder from subsequent conflicts.

A helpline has been opened on 0253 858858, and further help is available by writing to the War Pensions Directorate, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA.

National Service medal will help Poppy Fund

FORMER National Service men and women can now buy a medal to commemorate their time in uniform – and help the Poppy Appeal into the bargain.

The National Service Medal, co-sponsored by the Royal British Legion, is available to all who served between 1939 and 1962 under the terms of the National Service Act 1939. They include former members of non-combatant organisations such as the Land Army, ATS and WVS.

Initially the new medal was offered only to Legion members, thousands of whom have applied. Now it is being opened up to all those eligible.

As with other commemorative medals such as those for Dunkirk and Normandy, it can be worn on the left, below official medals.



Gen Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, himself a former National Serviceman, said: "Not all

operations qualified for awards; others included notable events which were not especially commemorated.

"These apart, there were many men – and, for a time, women – whose duty lay outside operational theatres and whose service was not made apparent by badge or medal.

"All who gave a part of their lives to National Service will now be able to manifest this contribution to the country's defence with this new medal."

The medal costs £23.50, with ten per cent going to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Application forms can be obtained by sending an SAE to the co-sponsors: Award Productions Ltd, Dept BL, PO Box 30, Haslemere, Surrey GU26 6UT.

Print depicts RMP in Gulf

SOLDIERS of the Corps of Royal Military Police have been involved in every operational deployment by the British Army since 1945.

Many a soldier whose contact with the RMP is confined to the aftermath of a Saturday night pub crawl might be unfamiliar with their operational role... defined as "getting the Army to the right place, at the right time, in the right order of march."

It means experiencing everything from furious concentrations at ports of entry to the dangers of forward battle areas.

Now retired RMP major Mike Kitchen has produced a limited edition Gulf print depicting the

work of the corps during the Gulf War. A full-time artist, Mike studied hundreds of photographs taken by RMP on Operation Granby and talked to many of the military policemen involved.

The limited edition prints are available by post from RHQ RMP, Roussillon Barracks, Chichester PO19 4BN. They cost £37.58 including post and packing and cheques should be made out to the "RMP Corps Fund."

Monte Cassino date fixed

A DATE has been fixed for the 50th anniversary remembrance service in Italy for British and Commonwealth veterans of the battles of Monte Cassino.

The event, organised by the Monte Cassino Veterans Association (The Impossible Victory) in conjunction with the Royal British Legion Pilgrimage Department, will take place in the Commonwealth Cemetery in the town of Cassino on May 15, 1994.

It is also planned to seek permission for a British and Commonwealth grand parade of veterans on an appropriate day.

Travel or other details can be obtained by sending an SAE to the association's honorary secretary, John Clarke, 41 Aldermay Road, Manchester M21 2QW.

Relatives requiring grave references for those buried at Cassino should send two second-class stamps accompanied by regimental number/regiment and full name. They will receive a map showing the grave's position.

REUNIONS

● **Air Despatchers:** Eighth reunion at Air Mounting Centre, 29 Tpt and Mov Regt RCT on October 17. Past and serving air despatchers wishing to attend should contact WO2 B Lawson, RCT, 47 AD Sqn RCT, RAF Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 4PZ.

● **ACC Old Comrades Day:** October 21, starting 1115 with service of dedication at Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, followed by lunch at St Omer, visit to School of Catering, Apprentice College open day display and reunion tea. Details from Corps Secretary on 0252 348119/348120.

● **3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, 4 Coy 1950-55:** Reunion dinner in Birmingham on

October 31. Details from Harry Westgarth, 49 Rokeby Park, Anlaby Park Road North, Hull HU4 7QE (tel: 0482 503649).

● **Scottish Horsemen:** 79th and 80th (Med) Regiments (The Scottish Horse) RA and pre-1939 and post-1946 Scottish Horsemen will hold a reunion at Dunkeld in early November. Details from Secretary, Scottish Horse Club, 19 Crown Terrace, Aberdeen AB1 2HD.

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● **Windsor School, Hamm, Germany:** Reunion for pupils/teachers planned 1993. Contact Bob Jordan, Greenacre, Shepherds Lane, Compton Down, Winchester, Hants SO21 2AB, for details and newsletter.

DIARY

Until October 18: Falklands War exhibition at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea. Admission free.

Until November 29: Assignment Falklands exhibition depicting role of sappers during the war, Royal Engineers Museum, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

OCTOBER

9-11: Independent Education '92, Business Design Centre, Islington. Information pack from 071-782 6390.

9: Alamein exhibition opens, Imperial War Museum, London.

NOVEMBER

1: Band of The Life Guards concert at Southport Theatre, Southport in aid of Army Benevolent Fund. Box office 0704 540404.

JANUARY 1993

30: Victorian Military Society "British India" fair, Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2 (1030 to 1630). Details from Dan Allen, tel: 0635 48628.

● To include public events in this diary, contact the Editor.

SEARCHLINE

● **Kowloon 1959:** Former US Marine wishes to contact British soldiers, possibly Sherwood Foresters, stationed at Kowloon Barracks during SEATO operation in British North East Borneo. Please contact James D Terry, Box 304A HC02, 29 Palms, California 92277, USA (tel: 619-367-3974).

● **Uniforms:** Author seeks detailed information on two trialled DPM green outer to sand inner reversible jacket and trousers with reversible shirt; the second a four-colour pattern DPM, sand only, 1980-type jacket, plus shirt in cotton, similar to a type sold to UAE. Please contact Ian H Sadler, 63 Manvers Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6DJ.

● **MGB GT – BON 344K:** Mr Michael Jaffé is researching the history of his 1972 flame-red MGB GT sports car, recognised as one of the best current examples of the model. He wishes to trace the

original owner, who was probably serving with the British Forces in BAOB. The registration mark, BON 344K, was issued in Birmingham under the personal export home delivery scheme. Earliest recorded owner was Mrs Rita Phillips, of Basingstoke. Anyone who can help please contact Mr Jaffé at 11b Manor Park Crescent, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7NH (tel: 081-952 1652).

MILITARIA

● Maj (Retd) G W S Brodsky, Elysium, 8598 Moxon Terrace, Sidney, BC, V8L 1K6, Canada, wishes to obtain a copy of the 18th Hussars Regimental History by Col Barnett. Any condition.

● Ian Hayes, 1a King John's Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants RG25 1EE, seeks the loan of photographs for a book on the history of Aldershot Garrison and nearby camps.

APPOINTMENTS

Brigadier – C L Elliott – To Staff Coll, Sept 14.

Colonels – C S Sibun – To HQ AFSOUTH (BAE), Sept 14; M J Ridlington – To MoD, Sept 17; P R Bell – To be DA/MA Nairobi, Sept 26; M H Kefford – To be DA/MA Kathmandu, Sept 28; G L Kerr – To be Comdt Staff Coll, Sept 25; P M Lear – To MoD, Sept 21; R J S Wardle – To Int Mil Staff Brussels, Sept 22.

Lt Cols – P H Blundell, RE – To be Comdt QGE, Sept 16; J H Clough, RCT – To be Comdt Tpt and Mov HQ BFHK, Sept 15; P Davies, RRW – To be CO 1 RRW, Sept 18; C W G Dobbie, KOSB – To MoD, Sept 16; M R M Elliot, QDG – To be CO QDG, Sept 14; A J Faith, RA – To be CO 4 Fd Regt, Sept 18; S J A Flanagan, Kings Own Border – To be CO 4 Kings Own Border, Sept 14; D P Hughes, R Signals – To MoD, Sept 14; J C McColl, R Anglian – To be CO 2 R Anglian, Sept 14; D J McLean, R Signals – To SANGCOM, Sept 14; A C L Potter, PWO – To be Comdt Inf Trials and Dev Unit, Sept 14; J D K Russell, Queens – To MoD, Sept 14; M J Rust, RCT – To be Comdt Tpt and Mov HQ Scotland/1 AFHQ, Sept 14; L A S Abdul-Aziz, RAMC – To BMH Iserlohn and 31 Gen Hosp, Sept 14; S R M Cox,

RADC – To HQ and Technical Svcs BAOR, Sept 14; D A Gaw, RADC – To HQ and Central Group RADC, Sept 15.

R E H Aubrey-Fletcher, Gren Gds – To be CO 2 Gren Gds, Sept 21; M W Burdick, RA – To RSA Larkhill, Sept 21; B A Campbell, QO Hldrs – To UK Mil Rep and Staff Brussels, Sept 21; S J Carruthers, REME – To be CO 71 AC Wksp, Sept 21; M S Marshall, ACC – To ACS (BAOR), Sept 22; H P D Massey, RHG/D – To H CAV MR, Sept 23; M C Parish, Kings – To be CO 5/8 Kings, Sept 26; R J Pook, D and D – To MoD, Sept 21.

Retirements

Brigadier – W R Mundell, late DWR, Sept 17.

Colonels – A F Carter, late R Signals, Sept 18; M H Dru Drury, late LI, Sept 15; D Hunt, late R Signals, Sept 16; M S Loudon, late R Signals, Sept 15; R F Stewart, late RCT, Sept 18; C A Butterfield, late RCT, Sept 28; P D King-Fretts, late D and D, Sept 26; A J Smith, late WRAC, Sept 25.

Honorary appointment

Maj Gen A A Denison-Smith MBE to be Colonel The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) September 9 in a new appointment.

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THE INSIDE STORY

THE CODED message "Zulu 711000" (referring to 0001 hours 17 January 1991) meant what the Americans called Desert Storm and what the British had originally designated Operation Granby had begun.

As the commander of British Forces, Gen Sir Peter de la Billière, says in his personal account of the Gulf War, *Storm Command*: "The trouble with Operation Granby was that nobody could tell how long it might last and because many of the British formations had been specially tailored to take part, replacing them was going to be extremely difficult if not impossible."

The problem was not confined to keeping up the strength of his force; the actual build-up of men and equipment was itself highly dangerous: "If Saddam had managed to hijack a consignment of our tanks . . . or if the Yemenis had fired a Silkworm missile at one of our ships as it passed through the

Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, the whole of our build-up would have been thrown into disarray . . ."

Not the least of the Commander's problems was the difference in culture and religious customs between the Western Force personnel and the Muslim Saudis in whose country the Coalition armies were hosted. These differences became more apparent as Christmas 1990 grew near.

Certainly, for example, the Arab abhorrence of alcohol was not to the Western soldiers' liking, but as the author says, "When nobody can drink and booze isn't available, it's not difficult to live without it."

The British contingent of 45,000, although the third-largest element in the Coalition, was less than a tenth the size of the American force. The Commander-in-Chief therefore was an American, Gen Norman Schwarzkopf.

"The longer I worked with Schwarzkopf, the more I came

to admire him, for I saw he was far more than the rough, tough soldier which he at first appeared to be, and if tact was not one of his virtues, he had many others."

General de la Billière obviously had to be a diplomat in his dealings with the Americans. He managed to infiltrate a British officer into the American central planning team where outsiders were less than welcome.

Throughout his book the author is complimentary about his fellow British officers and, unlike many generals in their memoirs, does not indulge in criticisms of his subordinates. The nearest he gets to anything like a reproach is when he describes how Brig Patrick Cordingley of the 7th Armoured Brigade made an unguarded comment to the press about predicted casualties. In the telling, the general is understanding and sympathetic about the circumstances of the remark.

As an officer with 22 SAS in the 1960s and 70s, Gen de la Billière was obviously anxious to find a worthwhile role for the British Special Forces. Eventually he won over Schwarzkopf who agreed to long-range patrols to cut roads, create diversions and take out Scud missile launchers.

This turned out to be an "absolutely vital role". It is the "superhuman courage and endurance" of one SAS soldier (referred to as Cpl Chris X) that is the subject of one detailed account of contact actions.

The author saw at an early stage the danger of blues-on-blues (accidental attacks on friendly forces). As we all know, this did happen.

"When a terrible event like that occurs, it is all too easy to react emotionally . . . An horrific mistake had been made . . . It would have been all too easy for me, as Commander of the British forces, to make an emotional outburst to the media . . . But

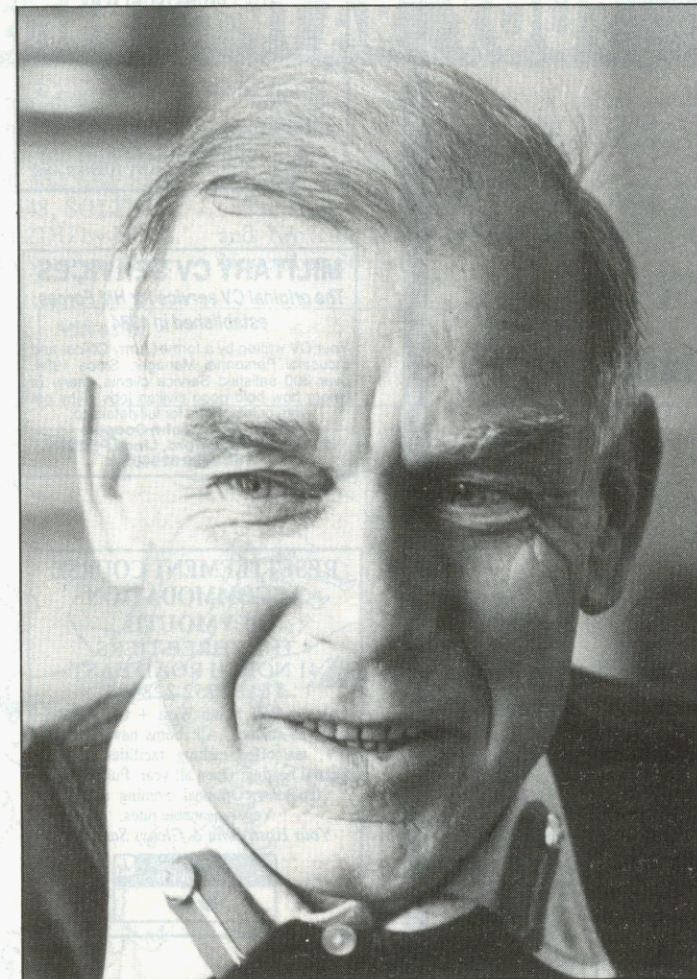
that, in my judgement, would have achieved nothing."

This must have been a very testing time for him, particularly when Lt Gen Charles (Chuck) Horner of the US Air Force was falling over himself to defend his A-110 crews in what seems to have been highly-charged outbursts.

Although it is not actually spelt out, there is an implication that some Americans did consider the pursuit of Iraqis, retreating in any vehicles they could commandeer, as something of a "turkey shoot". Gen de la Billière expresses disapproval and further states: "At no stage of the advance did our Servicemen feel vindictive."

In his foreword, the Prince of Wales accurately calls *Storm Command* "fascinating and immensely readable." — BJ

Storm Command: A Personal Account of the Gulf War by Gen Sir Peter de la Billière. HarperCollins, hardback, £18.



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After receiving a commission, he found the role of artillery subaltern in Germany to be more amusing than demanding but apparently could not appreciate his straight-laced CO.

"At the time, I saw no harm in constantly referring to Regimental Headquarters as 'regimental hindquarters', or the adjutant as 'the asterisk', or the orderly officer as 'the orderly orifice'. In retrospect, however, I can imagine that such things would jar." One is inclined to agree!

Bransby's Army contract expired in 1969 and, after a spell of gardening at Hampton Court, he joined the Royal New Zealand Artillery and was posted to Vietnam to serve as a Forward Observer (FO).

The North Vietnamese employed varied tactics when setting up ambushes and one such engagement forms the main action in the book. It was a battle that must have seemed like the end of the world, but at last close-support air attack won the day and the ANZAC patrol was lifted out.

Later he saw action in the mountains of Kashmir and later still, as a member of the RAF Regiment, he was to come under fire outside Boots and Lloyds Bank in Northern Ireland, and to face jet fighter-bombers and a modern Regular army in the Falklands.

The book is compelling reading, even if it could have been improved by more careful proof-checking. — BJ

Her Majesty's Vietnam Soldier by Guy Bransby. The SPA Limited, Units 7-10 Hanley Workshops, Hanley Road, Hanley Swan, Worcestershire, hardback, £14.95.

AFRICAN ADVENTURE

JOHN Warburton-Lee's account in *Roof in Africa* of a year-long, 40,000-mile journey around 16 African countries is reminiscent of pre-war adventure books and those recruiting posters which urged young men to "Join the Army and See the World".

Ten years in the Army and a captain in the Welsh Guards, the author was recovering from a broken back after a fall in Snowdonia when he conceived the idea of an expedition in the old-fashioned adventure style.

Bureaucracy abounded in the states through which they passed, with paperwork galore and questions from minor officials which had to be answered or else . . .

But none of this created quite the same problems as the time a team member, on the instructions of a local policeman, used a shower cubicle as a toilet. Now that did cause a bit of difficulty. — JM

Roof of Africa by John Warburton-Lee. Swan Hill Press, £18.95.

War artist's view of Belfast

IN 1973 Ken Howard was commissioned by the Imperial War Museum as an artist in Northern Ireland, initially for a five-week stint.

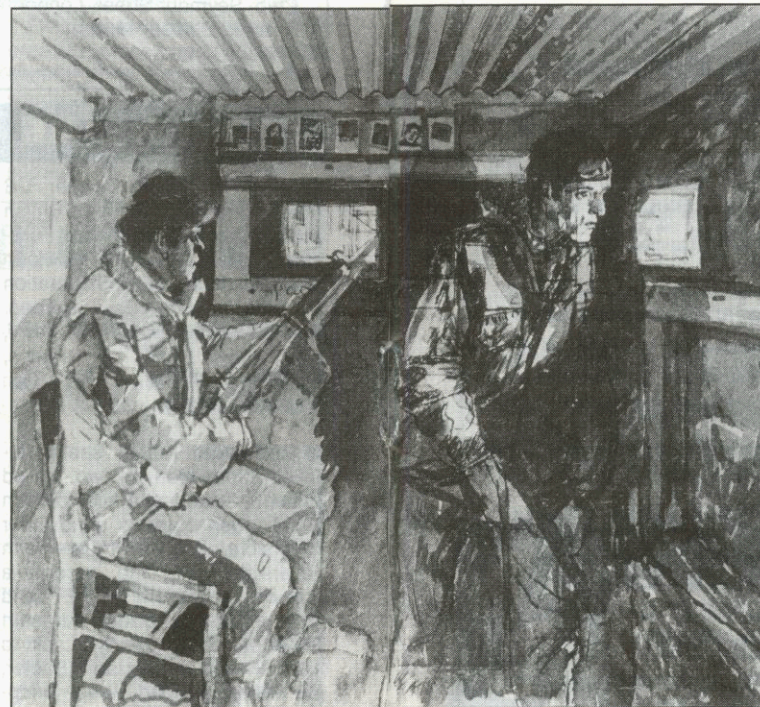
The Sanger, pictured here, was one of the first products of a relationship with the Army and the place which occupied part of his life for the next seven years.

"Finding a rapport with the troops, Howard worked easily in the tense environment," says Michael Spender in the informative text accompanying *The Paintings of Ken Howard*.

"His ink and wash drawings of life under the threat of fire form one of the most comprehensive and objective artistic records of modern soldiery and of civilians accustomed to its presence in their midst."

Howard, a former Royal Marine, modestly saw himself as a "visual journalist" in Northern Ireland, but his drawings and paintings are as real and relevant now as they ever were.

Spender interviewed him at



length for the book and Howard's commentaries, which are revealing about his subjects and the way he operates, make each work spring to life from

the page. "Once I was working for the Welsh Guards, who were on patrol in the Divis Flats," he reports. ". . . Two heavies came up to me and

accused me of being SAS, collecting information.

"I said, if I was SAS and I had been sitting in the middle of the Divis Flats for four hours, I would have to be some sort of nutter. They agreed."

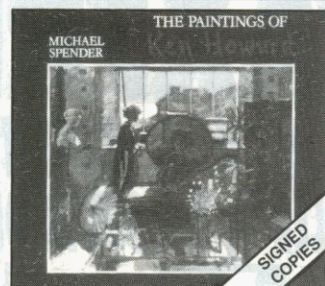
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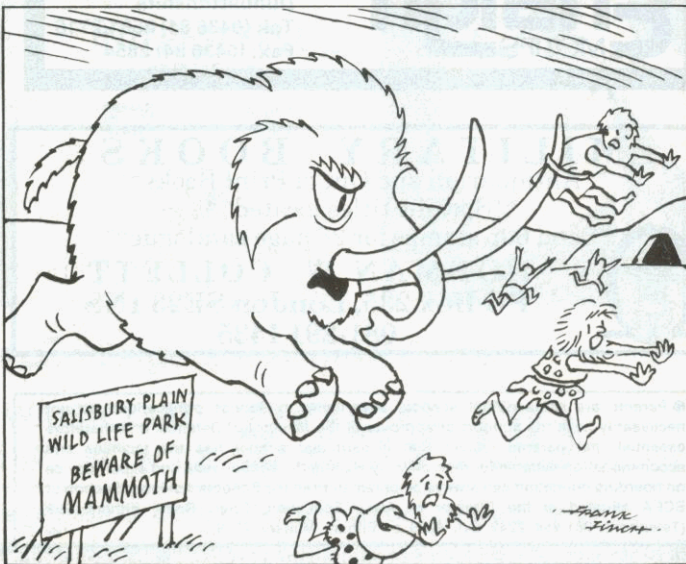
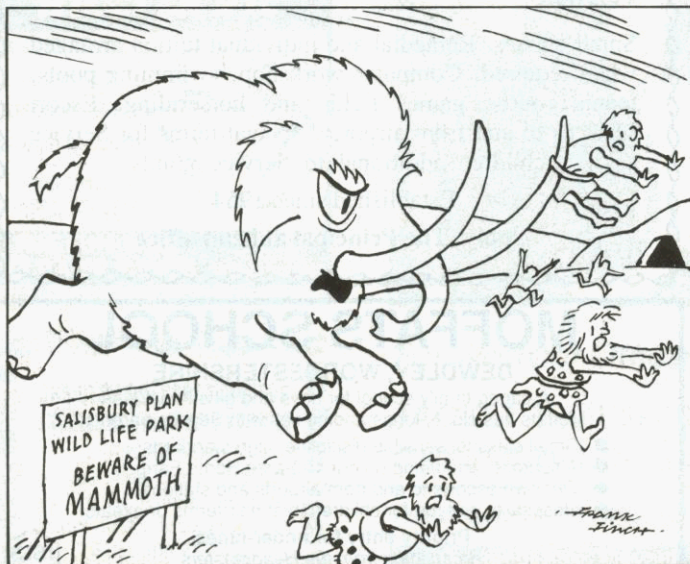
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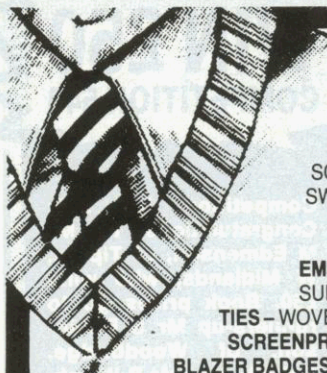
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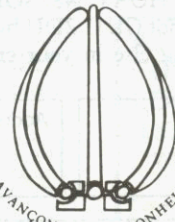


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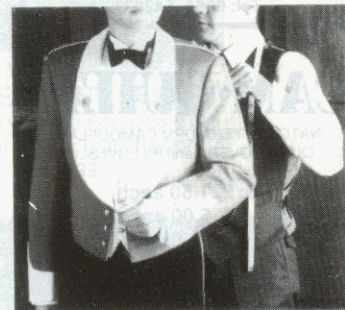
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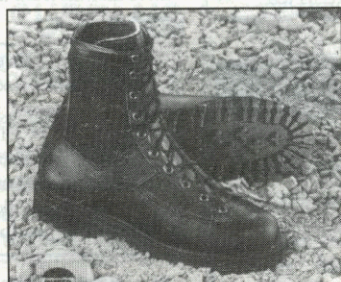
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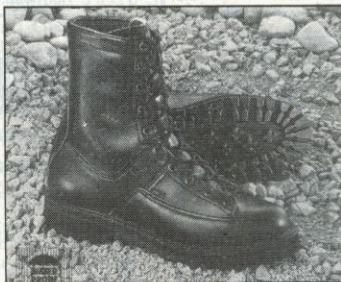
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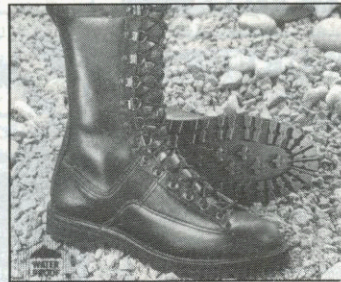
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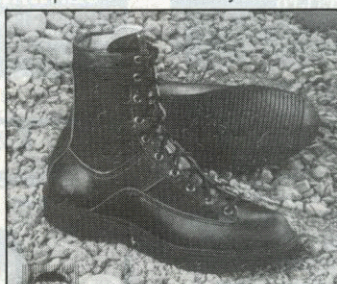
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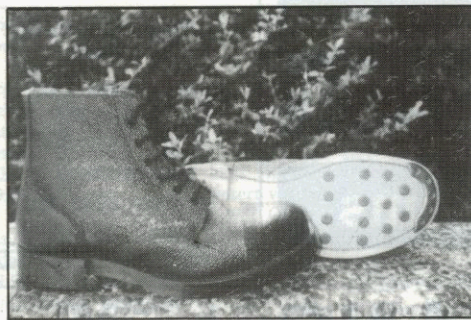
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Kiwi Services will give Army early test

THE ARMY senior rugby XV will be out on the park three times before Christmas after which preparations get fully into gear for the assault on the Inter-Service championships for 1993, writes John Quin.

The reason for their pre-Christmas exertions is the return to these shores of the New Zealand Combined Services, who will be embarking on a similar tour to that led by one CPO Wayne Shelford a few seasons ago.

His side swept all before them on that visit. On the return trip down south a couple of years later, the British Combined Services and Police team did far better than people had dared hope.

After a warm-up game against London Irish on December 2, the Army Rugby Union will be welcoming the All Black Servicemen to Aldershot on the 9th.

It will be the last but one game of their tour, so the New Zealanders are likely to be in full flight by then and the Army XV will know that they have a contest on their hands!

The third match before Christmas is the traditional

pre-festivities clash with the Territorial Army on December 16. The rest of the build-up to Twickenham is very familiar, although in a break with tradition only the Army-Royal Navy game is being held on a Saturday – March 13 – with the RAF game taking place on Wednesday, March 24 and the RAF-Navy game a week later.

Everyone is hoping that the mid-week dates will swell the crowd towards the sort of numbers attracted to the Army-Navy clash.

The Army U21s and the colts are also in action before Christmas, with their involvement in their respective county championships, before they too turn their eyes on their own Inter-Services encounters.

When you add to the Army programme the very full inter-corps battles going on, there is no doubt that some players are going to be much in demand. There is a great deal of rugby going on in the Army, not to mention the Army Cup.

By the time you read this, the second round should have been completed. Let's take a quick look at the names that could be heading towards the final on

April 1 next year in Aldershot: 1 RRW, 1 RWF, 7 Para RHA, the Dukes, maybe even a new name on the trophy in the PWRR. And of course you mustn't forget "you know who" who did so well last year.

In the minor units – the final is in Aldershot on January 14 – could King's Troop RHA take the title or will it rest in the hands of the more familiar name of 5 AB Bdg Log Bn, or even go back to Chatham to 24 Fd Sqn RE?

Finally we have just seen the first of a new series of two-day rugby officers' courses run in Aldershot by the ARU.

These have been arranged to help those appointed as unit rugby officers, steering them in the right direction in the organisation and admin skills needed to run a successful club.

Col Martyn Cubitt, the ARU's Director of Rugby, has drawn in a team from different areas of the ARU and elsewhere.

Next course is due to take place in the middle of November, so if you are interested, get in touch with the Army Secretary, Maj David Murray on Aldershot Mil 3573.

Regulars beat TA small bore challenge

THE Regular Army retained the Gilbert Trophy by winning both three-position (PSK) and 50m matches at the Inter-Service long range small bore championships shot on Ash Ranges, Aldershot.

The Territorial Army came second followed by the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy and the Royal Naval Reserve, but the star of the championships was undoubtedly Cpl Julia Rabjohns of the RAF who became the first woman to win the individual title and with it the Wilkinson Sword Trophy.

Her score of 1,952 (out of a possible 2,000) pushed WO2 Tony Cheese of the Int Corps (1,944) into second place for the fourth consecutive year. Lt Col Alan Glasby (RAOC) was two behind Cheese in third.

Concurrent team matches resulted in wins for the Regular Army over the Police, and the ESSU over Combined Services.

Two days before the Inter-Services the Army small bore target rifle championship and long range and PSK matches were held at Ash.

Glasby led the championship after the first 60-shot stage shot over 25 yards, with Capt Cameron Ferguson (REME) and Cheese two points behind. Cheese opened up a substantial lead over Ferguson in the second stage at 50m and 100 yards, with Maj Peter Underhill (1 D and D) pulling up to third place.

And Underhill continued his improvement, shooting superbly in the prone, standing, kneeling final phase at 50m to overtake the front runners and win the Army championship by 11 points from Ferguson with Glasby a further 16 points behind in third.

Minor positions: 4, WO1 A Aitken (SASC, Sch of Inf); 5, Sgt J Williams (AGC, AGC Centre); 6, WSgt S McNeil (AGC, 114 Pro Coy RMP); 7, WO2 A Cheese (Int Corps); 8, CSgt M Kirkaldie (2 PWRR); 9, 2nd Lt K Frankland (16 Tk Tptr Sqn RCT); 10, SSgt P Quilliam (RE, 1 TRRE).

Army take advantage

Windsor and Eton 0, Army 4

WITH AN FA Cup replay scheduled for the following evening, Windsor and Eton were below strength for the annual fixture with the Army who paraded two of last year's Windsor Diadora League side in skipper Sgt Kevin Parkins (RCT), and Cpl Shaun Gilman (RAOC), the latter returning from the injured list.

Parkins, pushed forward into an unaccustomed role of striker, soon made his presence felt and might have hit a hat-trick in the opening 15 minutes – his final shot being off target on each occasion.

The Army finally took the

lead just before the interval break. Cpl Gary Williams (R Signals), found Parkins in the clear for him to round the goalkeeper and shoot home.

The Army made their superiority count in the second half. After just five minutes, Sig Jim Strouts (R Signals) got on the end of a corner kick to head a second goal. He added a second mid-way through the half, this time sending home a left foot drive from outside the penalty area. Parkins again hit the post before Gilman completed the scoring.

ACC 1, Infantry 3

LCpl Mike Bowskill (Kings) saved a penalty to prevent the

ACC taking an early lead. Early in the second-half Cpl Tony Thorne (PWRR) opened the scoring before Cpl Darren Vincent equalised for the ACC. LCpl Neal Roberts (RWF), netted twice in the last ten minutes for the Infantry.

RAMC/RADC 2, Infantry 3

LCpl Neal Roberts's opening goal in the second minute was equalised by Pte Peter Tagg, who then put the medics ahead. LCpl Lee Ridings (RRF) levelled for the Infantry on the hour and scored the winner 15 minutes from the end of a match played at a furious pace and containing much good football.



These Army canoeists achieved remarkable success at the national marathon championships at Chester and the Inter-Services sprint championships. As reported in the last issue of **SOLDIER**, they won the national title for the first time, beating the best civilian clubs in the country.

Pictured from left to right are (back) LCpl Vinnie Gallagher (RE), Maj Tony Bradborn (Coldm Gds)

and Capt Duncan Capps (RCT); (middle) ACU secretary Capt Sue Dixon (AGC(ETS)), LSgt Ivan Key (Gren Gds), Cpl Nigel Emmerson (D and D), Sgt Alan Heath (RE), LCpl Paul Rossiter (D and D), LCpl Pete Stroud (RE), LCoH Wolfy Woodfenden (LG) and manager SSgt Roy Evans (RCT); (front) LCpl Smudge Smith (RE), Spr Ginge Hazzard (RE), LCpl Andy Beegan (RE), and Cpl Jim Ross (RE).

Welsh sevans success

THE 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales won the Garden Festival of Wales military sevans at the Festival site last month.

Teams were attracted from Welsh Territorial Army units and Welsh-recruited Regular units, and the luck of the draw ensured a Regular-TA final.

The pool competition was played with typical sevans enthusiasm in brilliant sunshine, with 3 (V) RRW's B team getting the better of its A side by 27 points to nil.

In the main semi-finals 22 Regiment RA beat their fellow Regulars from Depot Prince of Wales's Division, Lichfield, by 24 points to nil, and the 4 (V) RRW A team overcame their B seven by 24 points to 12.

The final was a close contest, with the Regular gunners of 22 Regiment taking a half-time lead of 7-0. But 4 (V) RRW ran in three well-worked tries in the second period to win by 17 points to seven.

Marathon man

SSGT Jeff Martin extended his already remarkable record at the Inter-Service marathon championships by winning his fourth consecutive individual title.

The York-based Royal Signaller completed the course at RAF Swinderby in 2hr 24min 18sec, just 19 seconds ahead of WO2 Steve Lonnen of FOD Dulmen.

Martin (2 Signal Regiment) had not had a particularly successful season following his record-breaking third title last year, and went into the race with the result rather than the time uppermost in his mind.

As it was, he completed a wet but mercifully wind-free course nearly three and a half minutes inside his 1991 time.

Lonnen's inspired run, backed up by third-placed SSgt Chris Starbuck (2:28.36) and

Martin runs away with fourth title

Cpl Sean Malone (ninth in 2hr 32min 33sec), gave FOD Dulmen the Army Minor Units trophy with a team time that lowered the Swinderby course record by a massive seven minutes.

All three Dulmen scorers ran personal bests, Starbuck not least because it was his first marathon!

Steve Lonnen has been posted to 5 Ordnance Battalion to become RSM of the National Support Element preparing to deploy to Bosnia with the 1 Cheshire group.

The Major Units race was won by SEME Bordon with 1 and 3 Training Regiments RE close behind in second place.

SEME Bordon (8:45.22) scorers were Sgt Tony Leibrick (2:49.39), who earned himself the REME title in the process, WO2 Al Roberts (2:56.17) and Sgt Mark Griffith (2:59.26), while 1/3 Trg Regts – just a minute behind – were led home by veteran Maj Colin Walker (2:42.44), with Sgt John Jinks (3:01.34) and Cpl William Collins (3:02.1) in attendance.

Capt Peter Marsh (AVSD Ludgershall) won the veterans' race for the third consecutive year despite his intention to drop out at the halfway stage. When his pre-arranged lift home failed to show up at the 13-mile mark he decided to press on rather than wait in the rain, finishing in 2:37.42.



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