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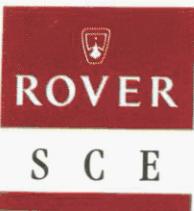
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Loggy line-up: from left are Maj Dan Duffau (France), Maj Clem Maginniss (RLC), Capt Aroldo Lazaro (Spain), Lt Col Jim Morrison (RLC), Maj Marc Huiskes (NL) and Master Cpl Bob Lundy (Canada) – pictured in front of a French tanker at Divulje Barracks, Split

British Loggies go international

From Leslie Burgess, Split

TWO OFFICERS from 27 Transport Regiment RLC, a unit currently providing the UK National Support Element Headquarters and the UK Transport Squadron on Op Grapple, have been given the additional task of running a United Nations International Logistic Co-ordination Centre (ILCC).

This new multi-national organisation was due to form up at Divulje Barracks, Split, on June 1, but it got its seven-nation act together so well that it was up and running a month early on May 3.

For the past six months the national contingents in the Herzegovina Command have each been providing their own logistic support.

Though an unofficial liaison had developed at a local level, there is now a system which



Franco-Canadian connection: From left are Pte James Hentes (Canadian Army) SSgt Gary Illingworth (RLC) and Maj Dan Duffau (French Army) check a French tanker for compatibility with Canadian hoses during an interoperability trial at Split

hopes to provide much closer co-operation between National Support Elements.

Some 1,900 logistics personnel from Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, the

Netherlands and Spain are working together under the direction of Lt Col Jim Morrison and Maj Clem Maginniss to co-ordinate the deployment of the logistic assets offered by the national contingents.

For example, the team is working on a plan to co-ordinate the supply of POL to the whole of the command.

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FRONT COVER: LCpl Mark Duffus, pictured on duty in Northern Ireland with A Coy, Queen's Own Highlanders, is part of a strong family tradition of service to the battalion. Details in special feature on the battalion, Pages 18-21. (Picture: Terry Champion.)

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Loggies

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An important step in this undertaking was to organise an "interoperability" trial to ensure total compatibility between national fuel tankers.

At the successful completion of the trial Maj Marc Huiskes, of the Royal Netherlands Land Army, said he was convinced that operating under the ILCC would "increase cost-effectiveness and efficiency".

With the UN title of Chief Logistic Officer (CLOGO), Lt Col Morrison was enthusiastic about the challenge.

Maj Maginniss, as the Chief of Staff (Logistics), though looking forward to working in an international logistics environment, admits to being relieved at finding that English and not French is the common language.

The loggies will return to the UK in late autumn to carry out another logistic assignment.

They will be guiding 27 Regiment, part of the UK Combat Service Support Group, through another change of role. This involves training the unit to operate fuel tankers, engineer support vehicles and ambulances to provide specialist third line transport for overseas deployments.

Queen at Worthy Down corps day



Picture: Mike Weston

The Queen, escorted by Capt Gary Graham, inspects a quarter guard on her arrival at Worthy Down for the Adjutant General's Corps day. The Queen is Colonel-in-Chief of the corps and was accompanied by the Duchess of Kent and Duchess of Gloucester, the Deputy Colonels-in-Chief. The Queen unveiled a new painting of herself, attended the dedication of a rose garden moved from the WRAC Centre, Guildford, and met past and present members of the AGC

Rescued – by PWO ring of armour

MEN of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire were in the thick of it within days of relieving the 1 Cheshire Battalion Group in Bosnia when Muslim forces launched an offensive against Croats in the Travnik area.

In one high-profile incident played out on television, PWO Warriors under the command of Maj Roy Hunter surrounded a Franciscan monastery at Guca Gora to protect more than 180 Croats trapped inside by a unit of the Muslim Bosnian army.

The Yorkies formed an armoured ring around the 800-year-old Franciscan monastery in the hills north of Travnik and fired hundreds of rounds to deter Muslim gunmen shooting into the ancient buildings.

British Army chaplain Carson Nicholson buried seven

Croats killed in the fighting for the village, his prayers punctuated by the clatter of machine guns. Before leaving, Mr Nicholson had the statue of St Francis carried out of the church at the request of the locals to be transported to safety in a British Army lorry.

The soldiers kept their vigil around the monastery until the refugees' evacuation in 1995. Warriors had been negotiated. They were dropped off at Croat-controlled Novi Bila, four miles from Travnik.

Lt Col Alastair Duncan, commanding officer of the 1 PWO Battalion Group, said: "I've sent every Warrior I can find."

Croat soldiers were digging trenches in Vitez as they awaited the Muslim offensive. The PWO's main base is just outside the town.

From there British soldiers could clearly see nearby villages on fire. One patrolling Warrior came under direct fire, believed to be from Croat forces, and silenced its attackers with about 100 small arms rounds.

Col Duncan said a general Muslim offensive had been launched to secure a food supply route into Travnik, cut off by Croat checkpoints.

Seven drivers from a 450-vehicle civilian aid convoy were murdered near Novi Travnik after the road had been blocked

by Croat women. Six PWO Warrior armoured vehicles provided overnight protection, and Col Duncan sent out 12 more the following day to keep it moving.

The so-called Convoy of Joy, stretching 11km and the largest ever assembled in Bosnia, was attempting to get through to Tuzla from Split. It brought massive congestion to Route Diamond, which Royal Engineers are desperately trying to keep open.

The unescorted convoy is not sanctioned by UNHCR.

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A smiling Princess of Wales inspects men of her regiment at Canterbury on the occasion of their first review day parade

Picture: Mike Perring

Princess reviews her troops

OFFICERS and men from Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Channel Islands and Middlesex stood smartly to attention and later marched side by side at Howe Barracks, Canterbury, on June 9.

The occasion was the first review day parade for the new Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshire) by its Colonel-in-Chief, the Princess herself.

Her review, and taking the salute at their ceremonial march past, officially marked the amalgamation last September of The Queen's and the Royal Hampshire Regiments into the 2,500-strong regiment which is now England's senior infantry regiment of the line.

Approximately 3,000 members of families and regimental associations watched as, under the command of Col Mike Ball, the Colours were lowered to the ground by ensigns and the massed bands played the National Anthem.

Then, to the delight of the assembled children, eight members of the regiment's Flying Dragons freefall display team descended 8,000ft by parachute to make inch-perfect landings on the parade ground.

Team leader Sgt Maj "Brad" Reader presented a diamond-set 18 carat gold brooch in the form of the PWRR cap badge to the Princess - a gift from the skies from the regiment to mark the review day.

After the soldiers had been inspected, each rank consecutively fired a single round of ammunition from their SA 80s, pointed skywards, in a perfectly-executed "feu de joie".

Addressing her own troops, the Princess of Wales said: "New beginnings are not

always easy, but over the last nine months you have already started to show how a proud past heritage can be built into a positive and dynamic future."

A rousing "three cheers", a final royal salute and march past - including the "old and bold", marching four abreast to the immortal tune of *Colonel Bogey*, chests awash with medals - and the Colonel-in-Chief, formalities concluded, went on to meet children of her regiment at the barrack's community centre crèche.

DAC becomes agency

THE Defence Animal Centre at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire has been given agency status under chief executive Col Paul Jepson, late RAVC.

The centre is responsible for the procurement, training and issue of dogs and horses for the Services, and for training personnel to handle and care for the animals. It also provides supporting veterinary services.

Nearly 200 Service personnel

and 43 civilians are stationed at Melton Mowbray.

The Joint Service dog training wing at RAF Newton is included within the boundaries of the new defence agency, Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton told the Commons.

● New Armed Forces Minister is Mr Jeremy Hanley, following the resignation of Mr Hamilton on May 27.

Rescued

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British combat vehicle returned two warning bursts which were ignored. When the Warrior took more hits and was threatened by an RPG7 its crew opened fire with their Hughes chain gun, killing two HVO soldiers.

In another incident six Royal Engineers carrying out a route survey in Spartan armoured vehicles were forced to surrender their weapons at gunpoint near Kiseljak.

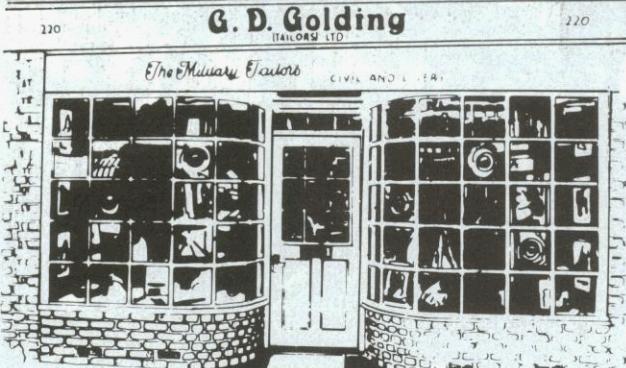
They spoke to "police" after stopping to check maps, and were suddenly surrounded by 30 or more - believed to be Bosnian Muslims wearing police insignia.

The gunmen, armed with an RPG7, forced the sappers to the ground, took weapons, body armour, helmets and personal possessions, and stripped the Spartans of machine guns. The engineers were released unharmed.

● The UN Security Council has authorised the sending of at least another 5,000 troops to Bosnia to protect six safe havens for Muslims. The new troops, expected to come from Pakistan, Russia and Sweden, will reinforce the 23,000 UN troops already in the former Yugoslavia.

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TWO Gazelle helicopters flew into RAF Shawbury on June 3 to mark the formation of a new Territorial Army unit, 6 Flight, Army Air Corps.

The Shawbury-based unit is the second of three TA helicopter flights to form up, the others being in Edinburgh and near Salisbury.

Commanded by Maj Stuart Slade, a 48-year-old Regular Army officer, 6 Flight will have a total of four light helicopters, and will be manned by nine part-time pilots and other volunteers of the Army Air Corps.

The unit, which is due to become fully operational by the end of the year, will provide much needed support for the Army's Wales and Western District which has its headquarters in Shrewsbury.



Toasting the arrival of 6 Flight AAC at RAF Shawbury are (from left) Maj Gen Michael Regan, GOC Wales and Western District; Maj Stuart Slade, OC 6 Flight; and Gp Capt Alan Hooper, station Commander RAF Shawbury

Army got them to St Kilda on time!

From Spencer Gammon, Skye

WITH A helping hand from the Army, the first wedding on the remote Scottish island of St Kilda since 1926 went ahead recently after bad weather had threatened to disrupt matrimonial plans.

On the morning of the wedding Stornoway bridegroom Dr Alasdair Barden arrived with his best man at Loch Carnan on the east coast of South Uist intending to travel to St Kilda as an indulgence passenger on the HMAV *Arakan*.

But a strong north easterly sea was running into Village Bay, the only landing beach on St Kilda, preventing the LCL from beaching and unloading safely. Reluctantly the departure was postponed for at least 24 hours.

Meanwhile, despite heavy seas, the bridal party was already halfway to St Kilda on board two fishing trawlers.

Fortunately help was on hand at the Royal Artillery

Range Hebrides on the nearby island of Benbecula. Quick thinking on the part of the Commander, Brig Bill Strong, and his staff enabled a routine contract flight by Bond Helicopters to be rescheduled and the groom and best man were flown to St Kilda in good time.

The wedding took place in the island church, restored by the Army since it leased part of Hirta, the main island in the St Kilda group, from the National Trust for Scotland in 1957.

After the service a buffet reception was held in the Officers' Mess followed by a lively ceilidh in the Puff Inn, the island's only pub.

As the grey light of dawn broke over the island the newly-weds and their guests made their way to the boats for the eight-hour journey back to Stornoway, leaving behind a million seabirds and the 15 Servicemen and women of the island detachment.

OC St Kilda detachment is Capt Andrew Sigsworth RA.



Alasdair and Donna Barden, the first couple to be married on St Kilda for 67 years

Gurkhas on Beijing rally duty

A TEAM of British Army personnel, Gurkhas and Hong Kong Military Service Corps soldiers is to provide communications for the 3,000km Beijing Rally from October 23 to 29.

The event has attracted huge international interest, and 70 teams including some of the world's best drivers are expected to compete.

Started in 1983, the Hong Kong to Beijing Rally lapsed because of both political and financial pressures. This year's will be the first since 1987.

Rally organisers, the Hong Kong Automobile Association, asked 248 Gurkha Signal Squadron's OC, Maj Sean Dexter, R Signals, to provide radio communications from special stages as part of a safety and statistics network.

Two members of 248 Squadron, Lt (QGO) Kulbahadur Bura and 2nd Lt James Anderson, QG Signals, spent ten days with a recce party identifying relay stations along the 3,000km rally route to Beijing.

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Grapple Lancers on medal parade

LCL proves passage to the Med

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HMAV *Ardennes*, one of two Landing Craft Logistics (LCL) of 17 Port and Maritime Regiment RLC based at the military port of Marchwood, completed the first voyage through the Bay of Biscay in four days.

The weather was not as rough as expected, said Capt Francis Nodder, who as Number One also holds the equivalent naval appointment of first lieutenant.

"It was smooth on the way out and rougher coming back, but nothing like what we have to do round Scotland or when we go to northern Norway," he said.

Now that the ship had completed this voyage, he saw no reason why either the *Ardennes* or her sister ship, the HMAV *Arakan*, could not continue for a further six days

Men of B Squadron, 9th/12th Royal Lancers march past their Colonel, Maj Gen Mike Swindells, at Herford before receiving UN medals to mark their six-month deployment in the former Yugoslavia. Under the command of Maj Alan Abrahams, the men of 9/12th L operated Scimitar armoured reconnaissance vehicles to protect humanitarian aid convoys in Bosnia

IN BRIEF

STAFF of 4th Armoured Division deployed into the field for the final time before being retitled to 1 (UK) Armoured Division. Exercise Taurus Charge tested them in a range of situations, from peacekeeping to high intensity conflict.

The exercise was seen as the first for the fully formed Divisional HQ in its new role which begins on July 4.

Soldiers in the Home Service battalions of The Royal Irish Regiment will not have to register as Service voters following an amendment to the Representation of the People Bill 1993. The Bill applies to personnel whose liability to serve is confined to Northern Ireland.

Total strength of the British Army on April 1 was 134,583 according to latest Government

4 Div HQ in the field

Statistical Service figures - 10,780 down on a year ago.

Maj Gen John Barr, the Engineer-in-Chief (Army), visited all sapper units in Germany during an intense seven-day visit. He was welcomed to BFG by Brig Tony Kerr, Comd Engr BAOR, and JHQ and Brig Alwin Hutchinson, Chief Engineer ARRC, in Bielefeld.

Children from the British Berlin Pony Club won the gymkhana at the city's annual Landesreitschule show. The Service children won the Rhine Army Summer Soho games at Sennelager last year.

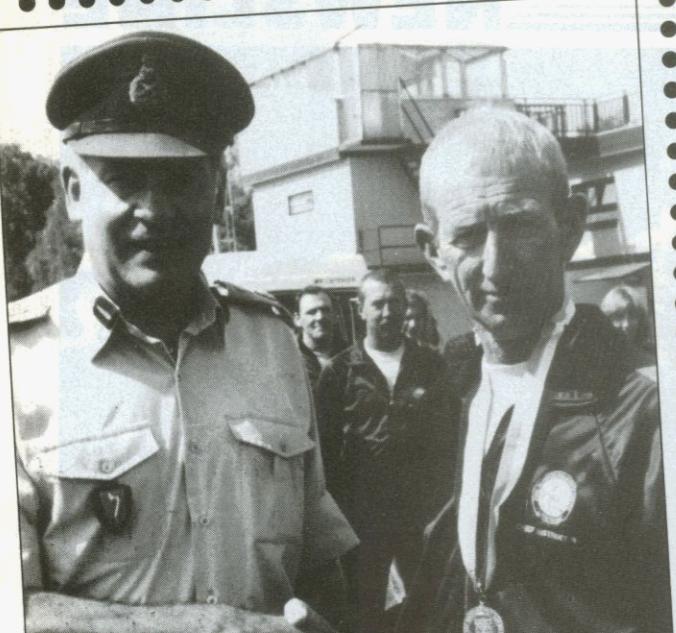
Birmingham stops for 5 RRF

THE CENTRE of Birmingham came to a halt on June 5 when men of the 5th (Warwickshire) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers exercised their Freedom of the city.

The parade, under the command of Lt Col James

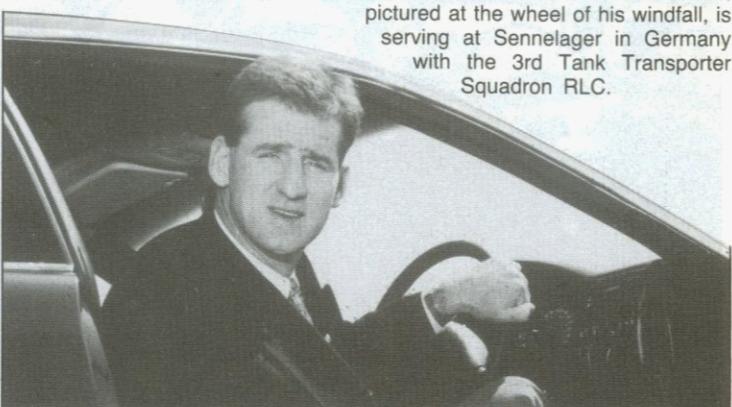
Porter, marched from Temple Row to the Council House on the 25th anniversary of the formation of the regiment.

Birmingham's Lord Mayor, Councillor Paul Tilsley, and Lt Gen Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of the RRF, took the salute.



BILL DIDN'T BUDGET FOR THIS!

SSgt Bill Duncan got a lot more than he bargained for when he applied for a Naafi Budget Card. He won first prize in a promotion run by Financial Services and is now the proud owner of a £12,000 Vauxhall Calibra. Bill, pictured at the wheel of his windfall, is serving at Sennelager in Germany with the 3rd Tank Transporter Squadron RLC.



Par(a) excellence!

BAOR sporting colours and a British Embassy award for excellence have been presented to WO2 Jim Coffey, Para, chief instructor at the Joint Services Parachute Centre at Lippspringe since 1988, by C-in-C BAOR, Gen Sir Charles Guthrie. As well as taking many thousands of students through more than 20,000 safe jumps a year, his expert guidance has helped BAOR parachutists win several championships.

Last of his line

Several positions became vacant when the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment said farewell to Capt Tony Jewell at the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry Mess after his 39 years' TA and National Service. After signing on as 22841992 with 3/4 County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) in November 1954 and being promoted to captain in 1967, he believes he was the Army's senior captain (as 474930) and longest ever serving sharpshooter, as well as being the last serving National Serviceman.



A not-so-quiet life . . .



Picture: Mike Perrin

Former Queen's Regiment officer Bob Bartlett treads a tricky path when he goes home. He is civil administration officer for the United Nations Protection Area Sector South and lives among the fiercely nationalist Serbs in Knin, where the current Balkans civil war started in 1990.

His job entails looking after all civilians, finances, contracts and price negotiations to support French, Kenyan and Czech battalions as well as 25 of the British Medical Battalion. It's a bit like running an HQ company, but more exciting, he says.

It is a challenging prospect for soldiers leaving the British Army, but the United Nations tend to like people from a military background.

Double helping

A double presentation was made to WO2 Norman Yarwood, R Signals, when he was presented with his Gulf and Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. WO2 Yarwood, who is Permanent Staff Instructor at Tayforth University in Dundee, was SQMS for a composite squadron from 14 Signal Regiment (EW) and was also awarded the Commander Royal Artillery's Commendation.



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Over to you, son

PEOPLE



Navys soldier saviours

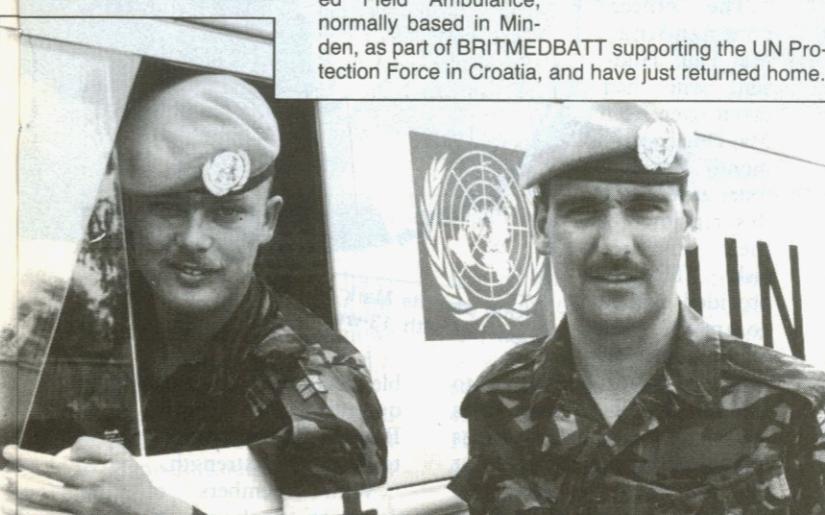


An historical helping hand from the Army to the Royal Navy in 1794 is commemorated with wide smiles by Cpl Andy Stuble (centre left) and LCpl Marc Mills, seen with Wrens Julia Mills and Clare Kelk, from HMS Sherwood.

The lads, from 3rd Battalion, The Worcester and Sherwood Foresters (3 WFR), were continuing a tradition set up by Sherwood, where the regiment's valour in stepping in to save the troopship HMS Brunswick – tangling with the French fleet off Brest with a depleted back-up by Marines, and with the loss of many soldiers during the two-hour engagement – is remembered every year.

Medal-a-year man

After only three years in the Army Pte Andy Marshall (left) has three medals – Gulf, General Service for Northern Ireland, and now United Nations – while SSgt Billy Mc-Arthur, after 13 years, has four, including the Falklands War Medal. Both recently served six months in Zagreb with 4 Armoured Field Ambulance, normally based in Minden, as part of BRITMEDBATT supporting the UN Protection Force in Croatia, and have just returned home.



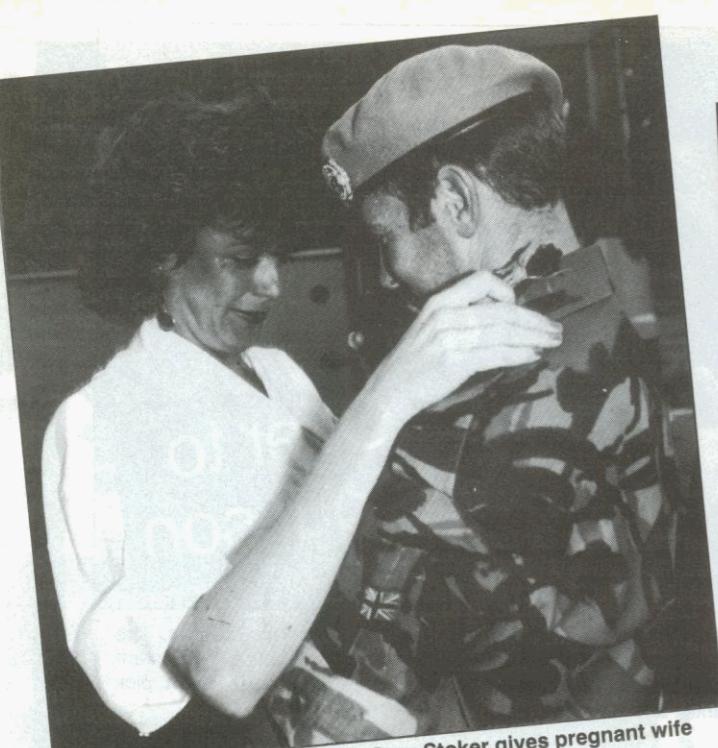
Gulf gongs

Kuwait Liberation Medals were presented to WO2 (Artificer Quartermaster Sergeant) Bob Pickering, REME and SSgts Bob Davies and Barry Milton RE, of 78 (Fortress) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) based in Southampton when the regiment's formation parade and family day was held at Gibraltar Barracks, Aldershot. All three served in the Gulf during Operation Granby.

Most cordial!



Extending the entente cordiale in France were Lt Matt Mack and Sgt Charlie Hill of 26 Regiment, Royal Artillery, who attended an exercise with 8e Regiment d'Artillerie. Lt Mack (left) is pictured with Lt Vincent Kedinger.



Don't squeeze too hard - Ssgt Gary Stoker gives pregnant wife Joni a rose and a hug



If the cap fits ... Sgt Mark Hayward and son Alex enjoy a precious moment together



WELCOME BACK!

Minden lays out red carpet for 'first and last' signallers

KINGSLEY Barracks, Minden had been transformed by lines of yellow ribbons and flags. In the compound of 211 Signal Squadron a lone piper from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders played a rousing welcome. A huge sign adorned the main building. The message was simple - Welcome Home!

The last 85 members of the squadron were returning home from Croatia and Bosnia after an arduous tour lasting more than seven months. They had been the first troops of the Grapple 1 deployment to arrive and were the last to return.

They were met at Hannover airport by the commanding officer of 4 Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment (4 ADSR), Lt Col Cedric Burton and WO1 (RSM) Barry Spiers.

The squadron first deployed to Croatia on October 15 last year after a preparation period

of just nine days. The entire regiment worked in teams, for 24 hours a day to prepare the equipment, including 70 vehicles and trailers. Their numbers were swelled substantially to 149 by attachments from seven other units, including a satellite detachment from 30 Signal Regiment.

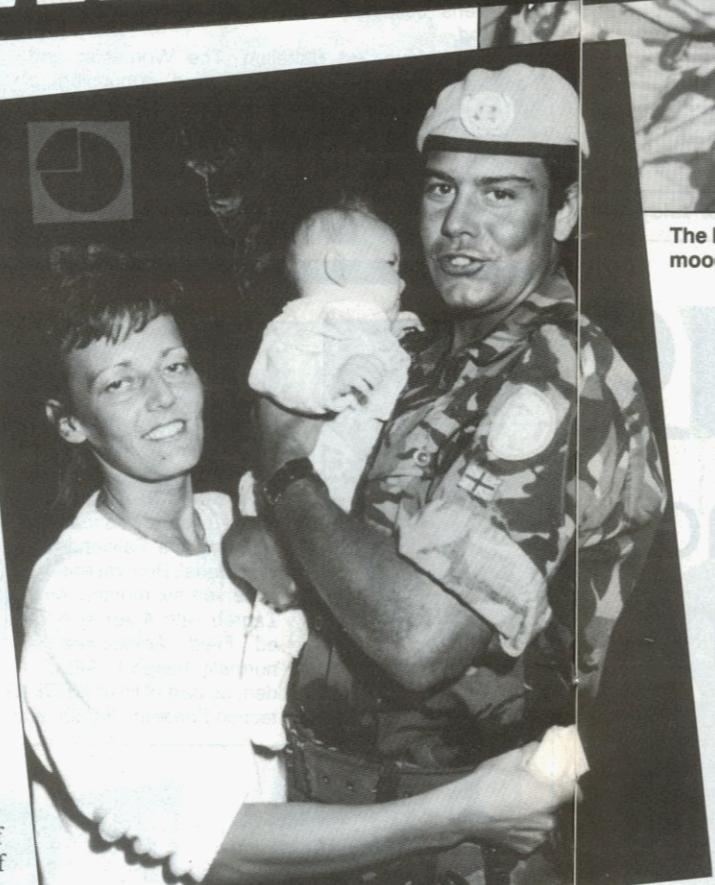
The main body of the squadron arrived in former Yugoslavia on October 28 to be accommodated in a Yugoslavian National Army barracks left in an appalling state after deliberate vandalism. Virtually no windows or roofing remained and all electricity, water and sewage facilities were wrecked.

The squadron was eventually based in an old holiday complex - the headquarters being established in the bowling alley. We even sent a detachment to UNPROFOR HQ in Kiseljak."

and the Commander, Brig Andrew Cumming, even had his own picnic table on which to work.

The officer commanding, Maj Paul Hudson, who had taken over from Maj Don Steele a month into the tour, gave a brief description of their enormous task: "The unit provided strategic communications for the entire British Force - between bases, to UK and BAOR. In many cases we set up the communications before other troops arrived at the bases. We even sent a detachment to UNPROFOR HQ in Kiseljak."

His men were also responsi-



Proud parents Mark and Sonia Jones share their joy with 13-week-old Hannah Louise

ble for administering the headquarters. This began as a Brigade HQ and quickly grew to Divisional strength.

With members of the squadron deployed at every outpost there were some sobering stories on their return



The boys are back in town. The "singlies" of 211 Sig Sqn in jubilant mood after their return to Minden



All the families enjoyed a sparkling welcome



Nice to see you! Scouse Anderson reunited with son Ben and wife Jaquie, after seven long months

to Germany. Cpl Mark Jones was in Tomislavgrad when the base was shelled. "Although we were in bunkers I still found it fairly frightening," he said.

While he was home on R and R, Mark's wife Sonia gave birth to Hannah Louise, their first child.

Sgt Eddie "Scouse" Anderson also had a surprise from his wife Jaquie and son Ben (9 weeks) - whom he had last seen

him with his sergeant's stripes on promotion from corporal. He said he had found his tour very worthwhile - albeit a little confusing. His promotion had come as a complete surprise.

His wife Colette and 16-month-old Michelle seemed pleased.

For Sgt Simon Crowther the homecoming was a double celebration. The CO presented

when Ben was only three days old. "I can hardly believe it, he's grown so much," exclaimed Sgt Anderson.

The mood that permeated the celebration was of a unit grown close and a family atmosphere that only comes with confidence, trust and a job well done.

Before dispersing for their well earned rest, the CO related a message from the

GOC 4th Armoured Division, Maj Gen Anthony Denison-Smith: "As I saw for myself, you have carried out your many duties, following and exemplifying the finest traditions of the British soldier. You can go on leave happy in the knowledge of a job well done."

Words: Rod Tracy
Photographs: John Pullen



The band of the Corps of Royal Signals lead the parade through the town



Lt Col Andy Grey and his soldiers march through Verden for the last time



Chelsea pensioner Albert Judge, 81, who was RQMS with 7 Armd Div in Verden in 1955-58. With him are Sgt Grant Rennie (with cap) and Sgt Raymond Ramsay



Above – Maj Gen Mackay-Dick addresses the crowds outside the Rathaus

Left – Bürgermeister Wolfgang Krippendorff presents a fahnenband to 1 ADSR on behalf of Stadt Verden

We will not forget you

1st Armoured Division says fond farewell to the people of Verden

FORTY-EIGHT years after being occupied by the wartime British Army, Verden bade farewell in a spirit of friendship as the 1st Armoured Division, Headquarters and Signal Regiment marched through its streets for the last time.

Hundreds gathered to watch as the regiment, exercising its Freedom of the town with drums beating, bayonets fixed and music playing, marched into the square accompanied by the Band of the Royal Signals.

Among the onlookers were former GOCs and commanding officers, including Fd Marshal Lord Bramall, GOC in 1972 and 1973.

The regiment will re-title as Lower Saxony Signal Regiment on July 1. Meanwhile, 100 soldiers from 2 Squadron have deployed to Bosnia with Operation Grapple and the remainder will be posted by the end of the year.

During its time in Verden the links between the British Army and the Stadt have grown very close. It has been estimated that about 24,000 British soldiers, their wives and children have lived in the town since the 1st Armoured Division was first there in 1960.

The 5th and 7th Armoured Divisions were there before that. Many soldiers have

married local girls and some have settled there after leaving the Army.

In his speech outside the Rathaus, Maj Gen Iain Mackay-Dick, GOC 1 Armd Div, thanked Bürgermeister Wolfgang Krippendorff and the people of Verden for the friendship and kindness shown to the British in their thousands over the years.

“It is perhaps ironic,” he said, “that it was our successful co-operation and understanding within Nato during the Cold War that has now resulted in the reduction in the size of the British Army stationed in Germany and in particular to

our departure from Verden after so many years.

“Fortunately, however, British units will remain elsewhere in Lower Saxony after we have gone and I am sure that we will continue to work together within Nato to make Europe a safe place in which to live.”

His sentiments were echoed by Generalmajor Behrendt, Commander of the Wehrbereichskommando 2.

“To say goodbye to friends is not an easy task and it is difficult for me personally to say farewell to the 1st British Division from Lower Saxony.

“The close co-operation with the 1st German Armoured



Division in Hannover and the lively partnership, not just between the commanding officers but also between the young soldiers, has been unprecedented.

“Rest assured that we, the Germans, will not forget what you have done for our country.”

Gen Behrendt presented a fahnenband (friendship ribbon)

on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Headquarters of 1 Armd Div and its HQ and Signal Regiment.

The citation was signed by

Defence Minister Volker Rühe in recognition of the contribution to the preservation of peace in Europe.

Bürgermeister Krippendorff presented a Fahnenband on behalf of the Stadt Verden. At a reception in the Rathaus, the regiment's CO, Lt Col Andy Grey spoke of Verden being unsurpassed among garrison towns in Germany as he returned the Freedom scroll to the Bürgermeister for safe keeping.

In the words of the Bürgermeister: “In April 1945 the British Army occupied Verden. That was 48 years ago. Today we are saying goodbye to friends.”



Sgt Terry Pearson checks the weapons of an A Coy team

Experience shows as Highlanders return to Belfast

DEATH stared Sgt Terry Pearson in the face as he led his 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) multiple down a Belfast road.

He looked through a window, saw the net curtain move and the glass shatter, heard the bang.

Across the street, shotgun pellets and glass hit Pte Paul Ogilvy in the hand. As the gunmen fled, Sgt Pearson's satellite teams were already reacting to the message which had come over the net: "Contact".

He knew there was a high risk of a close-quarter assassination attempt, and made his contingency plans accordingly.

One team dashing to cordon its sector spotted two men

scurrying up a back alley and disappearing into another house.

The Highlanders' quick reaction foiled the escape and soon the Jocks were standing over two men. The RUC later made arrests and took away discarded balaclavas, jackets and the shotgun for forensic tests.

Queen's Own Highlanders have been the Belfast Roulement Battalion (BRB) since late 1992. They carried out the same duty in 1990 and, in between, fought in the Gulf War.

They can handle anything which comes their way – even the second amalgamation in the lifetime of the quartermaster, Maj Murdo MacLeod, who joined the Army as a Seaforth,

merged with the Camerons in 1961, and is due to merge with the Gordons next year.

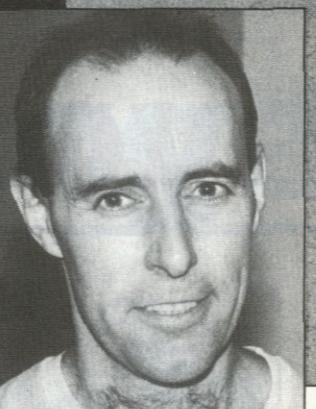
Based in Munster, the battalion will be returning to the UK later this year.

In Belfast, Tactical HQ and A Company were located in North Howard Street Mill, with "The Bonnie Bee" and "Clan MacDelta" (B and C Companies) at Fort Whiterock.

The fourth company, provided by the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment based in Palace Barracks, operated from Woodburn RUC station. The essential Echelon support was from Musgrave Park.

Experience and excellence came from both old and young.

Many young Jocks who had first encountered the streets of west Belfast two years before



Lt Col Graeme Lamb, CO

returned as JNCOs and this paid enormous dividends, said operations officer Capt Duggie Hay. From private to colonel they understood urban patrolling, remembered the alleys and noticed changes in attitude.

"It is amazing how many of the same cries are being made as when I was here 21 years ago," said Maj Hugh Young, OC Echelon, "but the military situation is improving."

As a young assault pioneer platoon commander, Maj Young captained John Fleming and Sandy Wilson in the regiment's hockey team. Their sons, Sandy and Dan, now serve under him.

LCpl Peter Manson was

LCpls Eddie Rao and Jason Knights with their Saxon provide cover for a house search in the Ballymurphy estate

almost more upset at the danger to civilians when two coffee-jar bombs exploded near him.

"Last time people gave us a lot of abuse, but they are changing," said LCpl Manson, one of three brothers in the battalion. "After Warrington people came up and said: 'Sorry, we're not all like that'. An old woman offered me a cup of tea once. This never happened before."

The commanding officer, Lt Col Graeme Lamb, feels no wind of change blowing through the Province, but detects the occasional breeze. "We have crossed the Rubicon," he said. "In the 70s we fought our way through

barricades. Now we patrol areas which look like Bristol or Guildford."

But it was a difficult balance for the younger soldier to maintain, with the constant danger of the shoot and the bomb, not knowing whether the coffee jar being flung would go "tinkle" or "bang". Their actions would be interpreted in the worst possible light, and every time circumstances created a situation for a camera, they became potential recruiters for the terrorist.

"On the one hand they are walking about the streets more like a Salvation Army, then are suddenly under attack and have to turn into the professional

which the country has come to expect as the hallmark of the British Army," said Col Lamb.

He did not measure success in the number of weapons, pounds of Semtex or number of criminals caught. That was what soldiers were paid to do. There were more substantial markers – such as complaints numbering only eight instead of hundreds.

Col Lamb took satisfaction in the quick action of a young soldier who cleared the blockage when a girl choked on a sweet, and the young officer who saved an old man from a burning house.

The RSM, WO1 Brian Ross, said the Jocks gave excellent

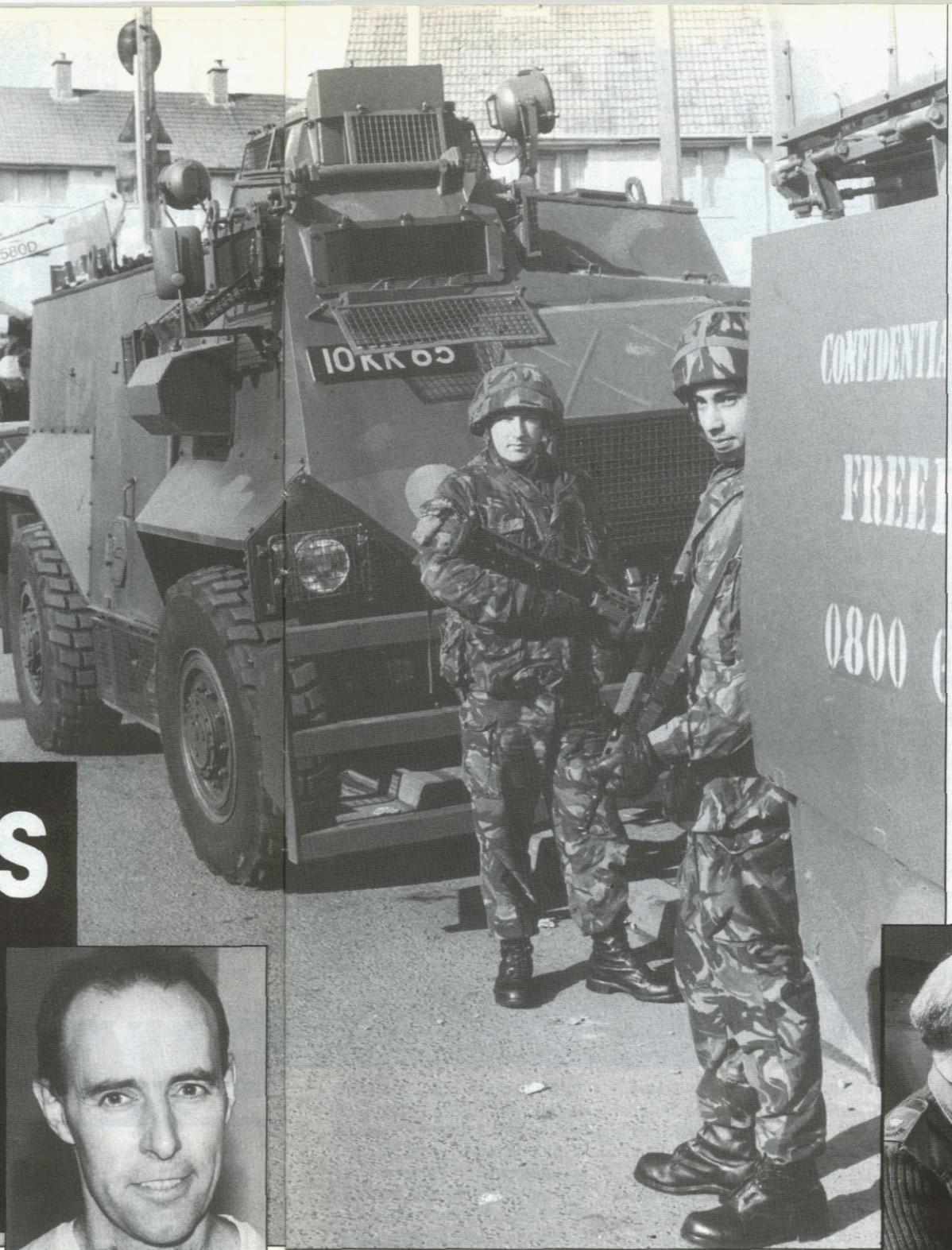
value for money, whether in community relations or neutralising terrorists.

"There was one riot situation which could have resulted in severe injury or fatality, but quick action by Pte Anthony Moore stopped it boiling over."

The battalion is specially blessed in its pipe band which, unlike its established military band, is not affected by the recently announced reorganisation. Its pipers and drummers are primarily soldiers, forming 5 Platoon of B Company.

Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies is probably the top piper in the world today, said Pipe Band President Maj Hugh MacNair.

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Above – Maj Hugh MacNair, OC B Coy and Pipe Band President, and Cpl Donald McIntyre, a piper, provide cover during a search



Right – RSM Brian Ross

Below – Sign of the times: Maj Hugh Young chats to Ptes Sandy Fleming and Dan Wilson, whose fathers he captained in the battalion hockey team in the 60s

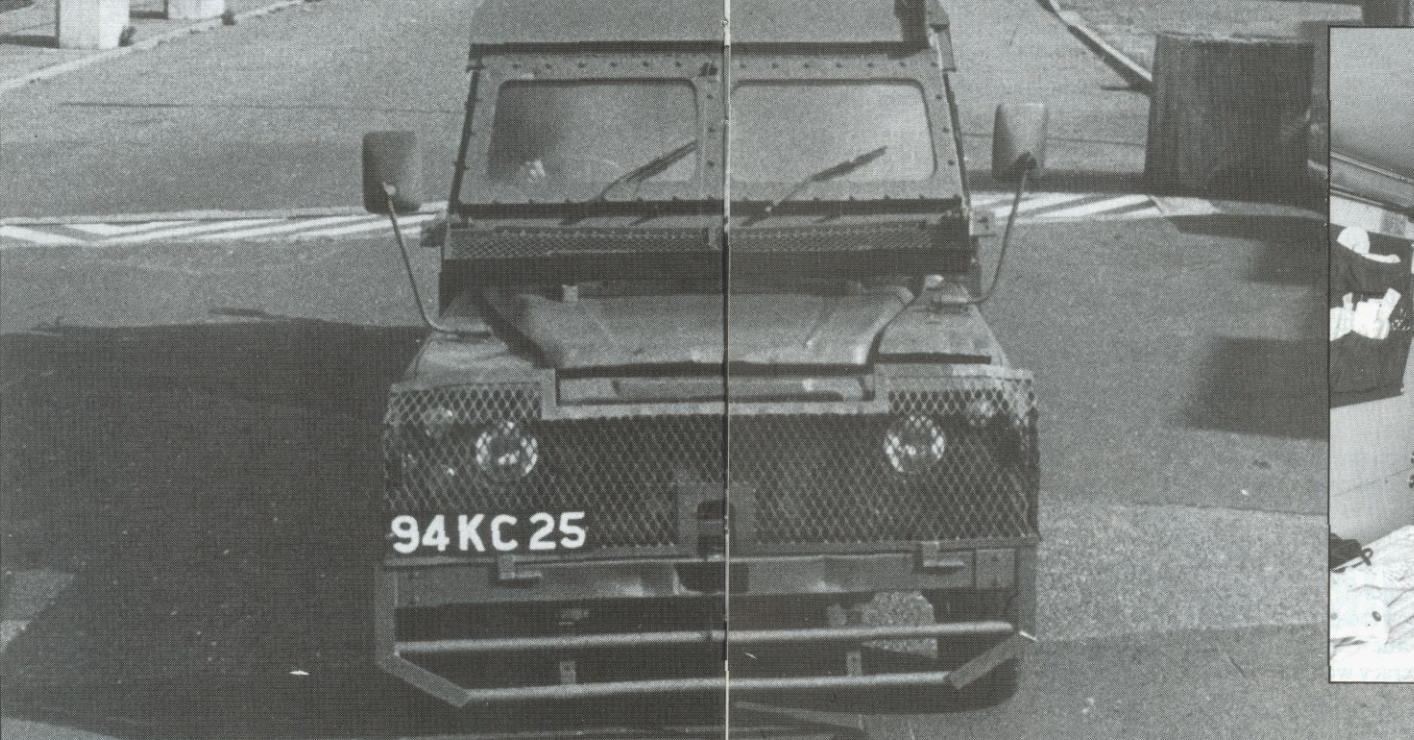


Above - Some of 14 Platoon of "Clan MacDelta" at North Howard Street Mill

Left - The Duffus family has a strong connection with the Queen's Own Highlanders. LCpl Mark (picture) joined the first battalion in 1988, and serves with A Company, in which his father also served, and his brother Michael is also a lance corporal, with the Recce platoon.

Their father, Albert, is a WO2 at JHQ, Rheindahlen, one uncle is garrison sergeant major in Hong Kong, two uncles, Sandy and David, were RSMs, another uncle is a cook with the battalion and another uncle, James, also served.

Right - A patrol leaves North Howard Street Mill



Above - Lt Guy Jarvis, adopted Highlander

Right - Cpl James Campbell found drugs as well as explosives in his searches



Highlanders

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"Other than the only established post of pipe major, the Pipes and Drums are entirely self-generated," he said.

Cpl David Yerrick found Semtex unexpectedly. He was ensuring his team was doing its initial damage check properly when he discovered the explosive in the attic of a house they were searched. His father served with the battalion for 24 years.

Being nosy pays off, said Capt Gregor Tait, Ops Officer from Clan MacDelta (D Coy).

"It is difficult identifying harmless components which are lethal when combined. There is nothing wrong with having a coffee jar, but when it has a hole in the bottom and there is steel sheeting nearby, it pays to look around."

These components were found in the back of a car; when a manhole cover was

lifted, a bag was uncovered with more bomb-making equipment. Among the company's finds were 1,000 rounds of ammunition, two coffee jar bombs, a Mark 15 mortar and a Mark 12 horizontal mortar, set up and ready, plus half a ton of fertilizer under a bed. More than was needed for the window-box, reckoned Cpl James Campbell, who discovered it.

Not all the follow-ups were as successful as that of Sgt Pearson, but they were as aggressive and as professional as they could have been. Pte Shaun Pryde of B Coy was not seriously injured when he was caught in an explosion. He ignored the pain and went chasing 30 yards along a hedge before his wounded legs decided for him that he really should sit down.

Although this could cause retention problems, there were still opportunities to see the world and do adventure training, he said.

One young officer had just returned from Zimbabwe, one was off to Bosnia and another to Cambodia. "You don't pick up these opportunities working in a bank," he said.

ON LT Jamie Campbell's second birthday his father, a major in the Cameronians,

resigned when the regiment disbanded in 1969 rather than face amalgamation.

Making a new regiment out of Seaforth, Cameron and Gordon traditions will not be as traumatic, though when Lt Campbell and two other Queen's Own Highlanders heard the news in Canada, they had to sit down and have a dram.

"It is quite clear and fundamental to the way we do things that we crack on and make it happen in the most positive way," said the CO, Lt Col Graeme Lamb.

It was for the old and bold of the regimental association to fight any political battle.

Queen's Own Highlanders and Gordon Highlanders are men of the same calibre and there has been no blood-letting, although deciding on the trappings of the Highland soldier had been particularly difficult.

Apart from the name, cap badge and facings, there were other emotive items - the tartan

(Camerons and Seaforths having the Army's last family tartans), hose and skean-dhu.

Each commanding officer had visited the other regiment, and a platoon of Gordons operated with B Coy, QO Hldrs at Fort Whiterock.

"They're a great bunch of guys," said Cpl John Greecham who plays football for the battalion. "They visited us in Munster, and when we went to Berlin one weekend, we kicked them out of the Infantry Cup on the Saturday and on the Sunday they knocked us out of the Army Cup."

The Mark 6 helmet was much preferred by the Jocks, even though the tam-o'-shanter and blue hackle would have presented a softer image to the community.

Unfortunately, shrapnel presents a hard image, and at least two soldiers are still healthy because their helmets absorbed missiles intended to maim.

CAPT ROY Bishop swears he is not paranoid. He is one of the few doctors who moves between surgeries with a gun to protect himself. As regimental medical officer

for the Queen's Own Highlanders in west Belfast, he is also MO for the Girdwood Roulement Battalion in north Belfast - 2nd Field Regiment - which, like the Queen's Own, is also based in Munster. He is required to carry a pistol or sometimes an SA 80.

With a staff of 11, plus one Parachute Regiment medic, his main work is dealing with skin infections caused by dusty buildings.

Minor injuries are common, among them one sustained by a platoon commander who fell off a wall and fractured his collar bone.

On a short term commission, Capt Bishop spent six years with the Argylls in the 3rd Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers before going to 205 (Scottish) General Hospital in the Gulf and serving with the 13th/18th Royal Hussars.

A SASSENACH musician from the Life Guards who knew nothing of the men of the

Highlands and Islands became their bandmaster and fell in love with their heartland.

Lt Guy Jarvis, who hails from "InverBournemouth", was bandmaster for five years before taking a commission into the regiment which he adopted.

Now assistant adjutant, he proved his credentials early on when he made a special arrangement of *The March of the Cameron Men* for the clarsach (Celtic harp) and had singers from the band learn it in Gaelic, instead of the English which had been used till he arrived.

"To come was a shock but I had wonderful support and I'm sure that helped us become the first band of 21 to get an outstanding grade after the band review of 1985," he said.

His father, Maj Bob Jarvis, was originally with the Northamptonshire Regiment, formed the Rhine Staff Band of the Royal Tank Regiment and was latterly Director of Music and lecturer at the Junior Leaders' Regiment for 16 years.



Capt Roy Bishop RMO, with LCpl David Kaszics of 5 Field Ambulance and Dvr Mick Belford RCT, in the new Saxon ambulance.

Compassionate nursing against brutal backdrop

CAPT Chris Townend did not have a happy birthday this year.

It fell on the day the Croats attacked the Maslenica bridge to reopen the road to Split.

He was nursing officer for Sector South, and the OC, Capt John Johnston, was in the middle of his speech during the medics' Burns' Night celebrations when news came of the attack. A team went out to recover the remains of two French soldiers killed during an artillery bombardment.

It was an ironic interruption to the meal – something like the gruesome appearance of Banquo during Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, which they were preparing to stage.

"We were picking up more dead bodies than live," said LCpl Karl White, the murdered Banquo in the play, "though we also treated a lot of local Croats in the Serbian enclave.

"There are so many who cannot get about and are

isolated, that the UN asked us to treat more and more. We are their last hope."

The soldiers had some horrific tasks. One old lady had been scalped and the skin removed from her face; an old couple had been shot dead in their bed; and an old woman battered to death.

At Vukovar, Maj Ian Lane RADC was involved in identifying the bodies from a mass grave – said to include patients taken from the hospital and murdered.

It is a brutal culture, in which small men strut with the arrogant authority of a gun and ignore higher jurisdiction. When they get awkward or drunk it makes freedom of movement a problem, said Capt Townend.

"It is like throwing a pebble into water – the ripples only go so far. You may have a piece of paper from the prime minister giving you permission to move through an area, but the local warlords still refuse to let you

pass."

When they did reach their destination, they were often presented with problems they were in no position to solve. All they could do was give low-level assistance, compassionate nursing care, and pass on their observations to the UN bodies.

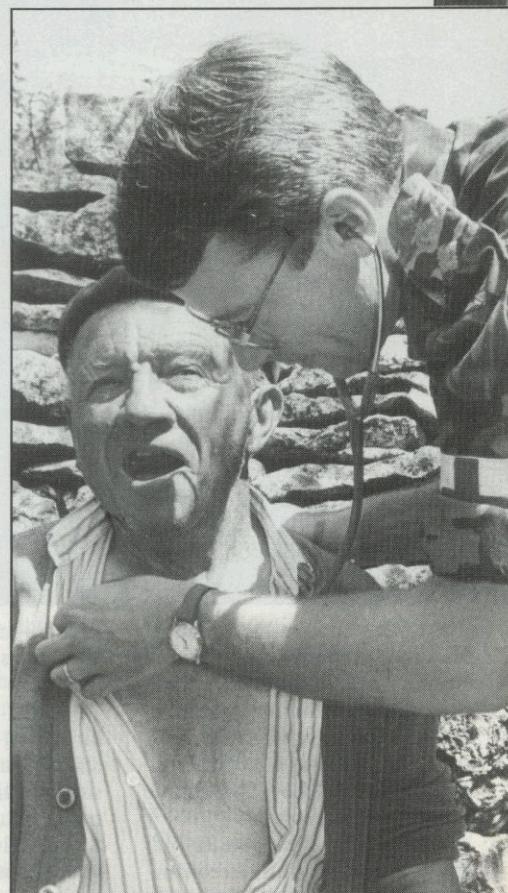
At one refugee camp there was plenty of food – if only the local bureaucracy would release it. Every time food was wanted, a letter had to be sent to the local authority, which was never quick to respond.

Conditions were not as bad as Capt John Johnston had expected, and after visiting a number of refugee camps and protected villages, he found it remarkable that displaced Croats were no worse off than displaced Serbs.

A former environmental health instructor, he said it was important to look at aspects such as water supply, waste and refuse disposal, but there had to be care about changing a centuries-old way of life.

"There have been worries about polio and infected hepatitis, but there has been no problem with epidemic disease in any of the camps – it is mainly old people with normal old people's problems."

UN forces have not been specifically targeted, and its troops are healthy, so numer-



Capt Chris Townend QARANC sounds out a refugee

ous requests to the British medics to use their expertise in the community extended the narrow margins of their mandate to provide second-line medical support only to the peace-keeping forces.

Soldiers derived much more job satisfaction and coped better with the trauma than was expected. Many had experience of the Gulf, some were deployed during the ambulance strikes in the UK and others had worked in Northern Ireland.

Although there was no training which could prepare them for such a potentially

Sherman tanks used as targets were a more familiar sight than British ambulances at the former Yugoslav Army camp which houses medics of the BRITMEDBATT detachment at Sector South in Knin. Vintage T34s are on the opposing forces' orders of battle

distressing job, counselling was available to negate possible post-traumatic stress disorders in the future.

"A soldier unable to talk about what he has seen will contain it within himself and suffer because of it," said Capt Johnston. "It is important to be able to talk it over and share the experience and understand that what they are feeling is not unusual."

Each sector had a nurse, and there was a psychiatrist at headquarters.

At Knin, Capt Townend did a psychological debrief on everyone who encountered anything horrific and made clear that their reactions were normal.

"The soldiers have been exposed to very harrowing sights, but I gave them an opportunity to sit and talk about it in a 'safe' environment," he said.

"They have done very well and it is unlikely that they should have problems, but it is good to be armed with this information because if problems do occur later on, they can relate them to what they have seen and get professional help."

But as "Malcolm" lifted his sword for his last lines, he was seen to turn it over to look for the lines he had written there,



But this tragedy was all an act...

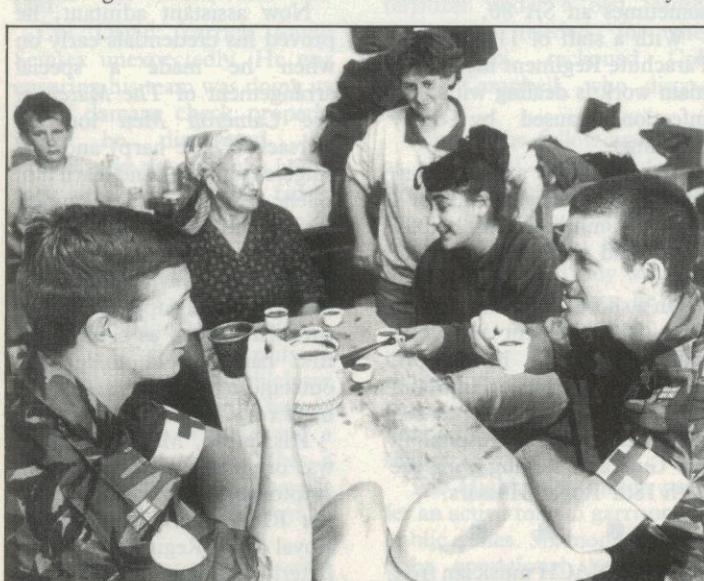


"Is this a dagger I see before me?" reflects Sgt Nigel Sweeny, who played Macbeth in Sector South's outstanding production. Inset – LCpl Karl White, who played the ghost

medics raised nearly £2,000 for the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh, much of the money coming from hospitals in Germany.

"It showed the British soldier at his best, being faced with a difficult task, overcoming it and doing it extremely well," said Capt Townend.

WO2 Knott is not so sure, but Sgt Sweeny attested to the phenomenal amount of work the soldiers put in. "It took a lot of courage by young soldiers who had never done a lecture in front of ten people, never mind 200 under the spotlight."



LCpl Rob Hughes and Pte Paul Cornish have a cup of coffee with refugees who have been expelled three times



A raft race was one of the events staged by medics on the river at Knin

They really are United Nations!

OLD ENEMIES have become new friends working together under the auspices of the United Nations in Croatia.

The most remarkable liaison was between British medics and Russian air assault troops, believed by the commanding officer of 4 Armoured Field Ambulance, Lt Col Paul Edmonson-Jones, to be the first time they have worked together as a true component of a multi-national force.

"Other than Brits working at UN headquarters, most of those in Bosnia have been working as a British battalion supported by British troops with a British commander," he said. "In Croatia we are supplied by French food, Finnish transport, Dutch signals and have made some very interesting friendships."

Maj Ian Lane, OC Sector East, had regular contact with the Russians, who guarded his unit in Vukovar. "They are a good bunch of lads," he said. "We do have different standards and difficulty in getting an understanding on an operational level, but that is not

unique to them, and they are a damn sight better than a lot of the other units in theatre."

Many British soldiers who trained in Kenya were glad to work again with a Kenyan battalion. One warrant officer discovered an old friend with whom he had done a course at Arborfield, and who is now an RSM in Croatia.

"We had an unusually good relationship with the French," said Capt Johnson.

The French invited the Brits to their social club to watch the Five Nations rugby competition, the auld alliance of French and Scots coming to the fore as they ganged up to support who ever was playing the English.

He found it a little more difficult with the French and Czechs because of the language barrier, but most key officers spoke English and two of his own officers had fluent French.

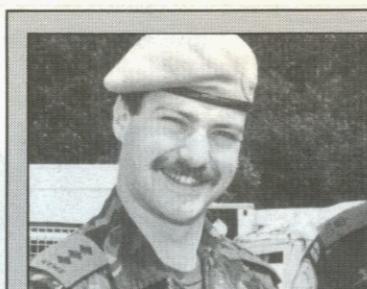
It was easier with traditional Nato allies. At Zagreb the British and Dutch workshop and stores were next door, and the Dutch invited the English to watch the Netherlands-England World Cup soccer match - which fostered great camaraderie when England

scored in the first minute, though the match was eventually drawn.

At Knin, Brits were surprised to learn that many had a detailed knowledge of the English soccer scene, particularly one Serb.

"They are extremely nice people and are very easy to get on with," said Capt John Johnson, OC in Sector South. "Their army is modelled on our own, they have the same system and rank structure and we know how they operate."

The British often led in organising activities such as barbecues and curry nights, ably helped by a Gurkha signaller. One successful venture was a raft race for charity, and another a "One man and his dog" evening with teams entering several "sheep", a "dog" and a "shepherd", to negotiate an obstacle course in their bar. The sight of two blindfolded and barking colonels on all fours will remain with many for a long time.



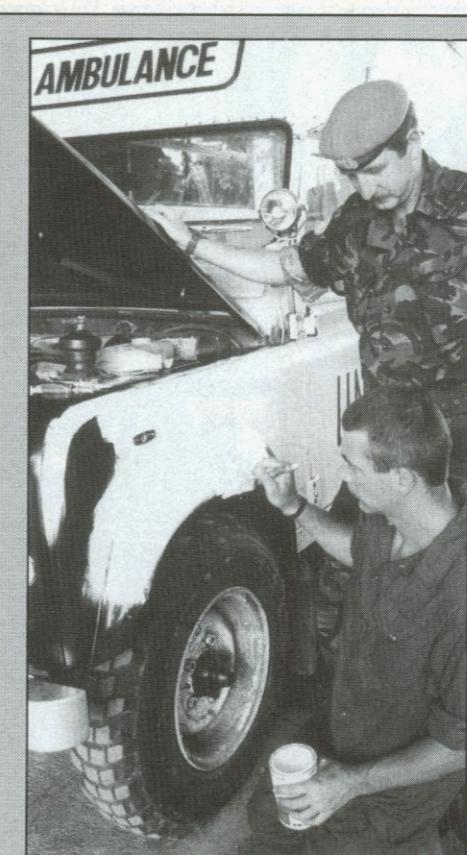
Running the logistic support for the medical support was Maj Matthew Davies and Capt Phil Ingram

Loggies adapt to suit needs

A TAILOR-made logistic support company is necessary to support the operation of the British Medical Battalion in Croatia.

When a field ambulance deploys under normal circumstances, it slots into the divisional or brigade supply system, but a special unit had to be assembled to provide the essential elements in Croatia, said its OC, Maj Matthew Davies.

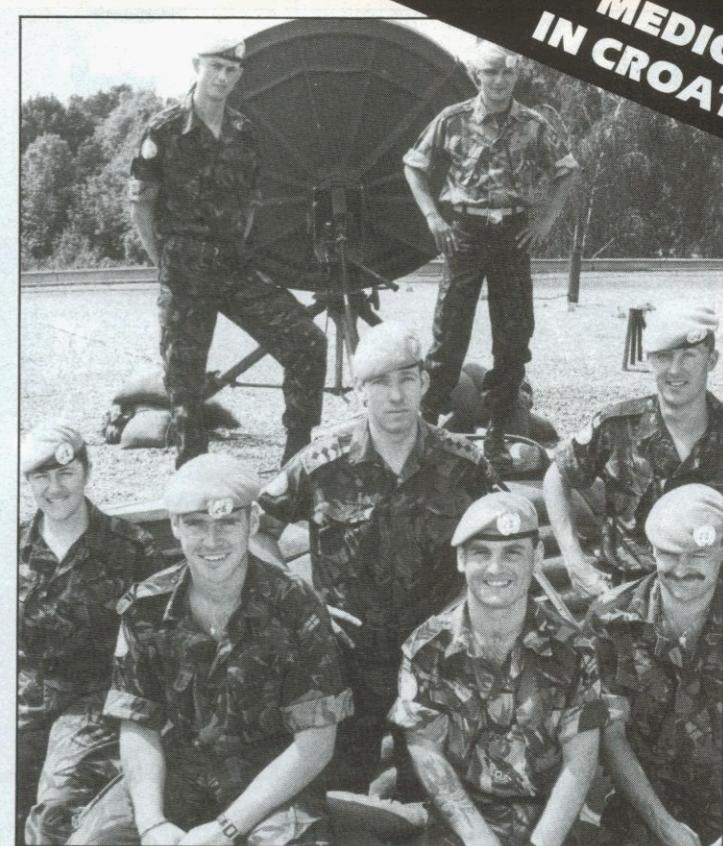
The unit supporting 4 Armoured Field Ambulance was culled from 24 different units and with only 47 men, provided the whole panoply of supply. The largest element was the workshop, commanded



WO2 Nick Palfrey, AQMS, has no need to supervise Cpl Mark Devine as he finishes painting a new wing after an ambulance was damaged in an attempt to avoid colliding with a wild boar

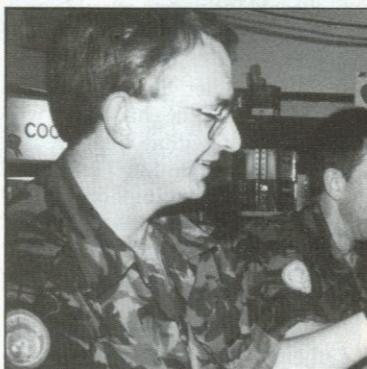
subsequently to Vitez, and the RMP presence also moved to Split.

The local resource section was particularly hard worked supplying whatever could not be obtained from stores.



A variety of units provided the 26 signallers supporting the medics in Croatia, with two detached to each sector. Among the Zagreb contingent were Sgt Ronni Nixon, Cpl Bruce Findlay, Sgt Angus MacPherson, LCpl Taff O'Connor; Capt Neil Fraser and Cpl "Dinga" Bell; with Sig Kev Heaton and LCpl Bob O'Brien

Forget it – just pass the port



Kenyan policemen Julius Langat and Alex Connery of the Naafi's Expeditionary Forces Institute



Naftali Onkoba appreciate the wares offered by SSgt Chris Webb and Cpl

EFI DOES A BRISK TRADE

MEDICS are often a reassuring sight but when United Nations soldiers in Croatia heard that 4 Armoured Field Ambulance was leaving, they were more worried about losing its Expeditionary Forces Institute.

When it was resuscitated to cater for the replacement Field Ambulance, the UN customers were relieved.

The EFI provides everything from TVs and satellite dishes, to "stickies" and Coca Cola,

but its greatest success has been in electrical goods.

"We open every day of the week because Sunday is often the only day some units can manage to visit," said SSgt Chris Webb, a full-time EFI employee who has "done" the Falklands, the Gulf, Op Haven, Iraq, Oman and normal UK exercises as well as Norway every year.

"I have seen battalions with 70 men queueing to buy cameras, and can sell 20 video cameras a month, particularly to the Nepalese, Kenyans and Nigerians."

Aid convoy drivers are also relieved to be able to restock cereals and soup to keep them going on their long journeys.

In the past six months, the EFI has turned over more than DM1m and, with the benefit of the Naafi rebate, has added a considerable amount to the PRI.



RSM Max McLennan with the "fines" which went down well

wanted him in the kitchen.

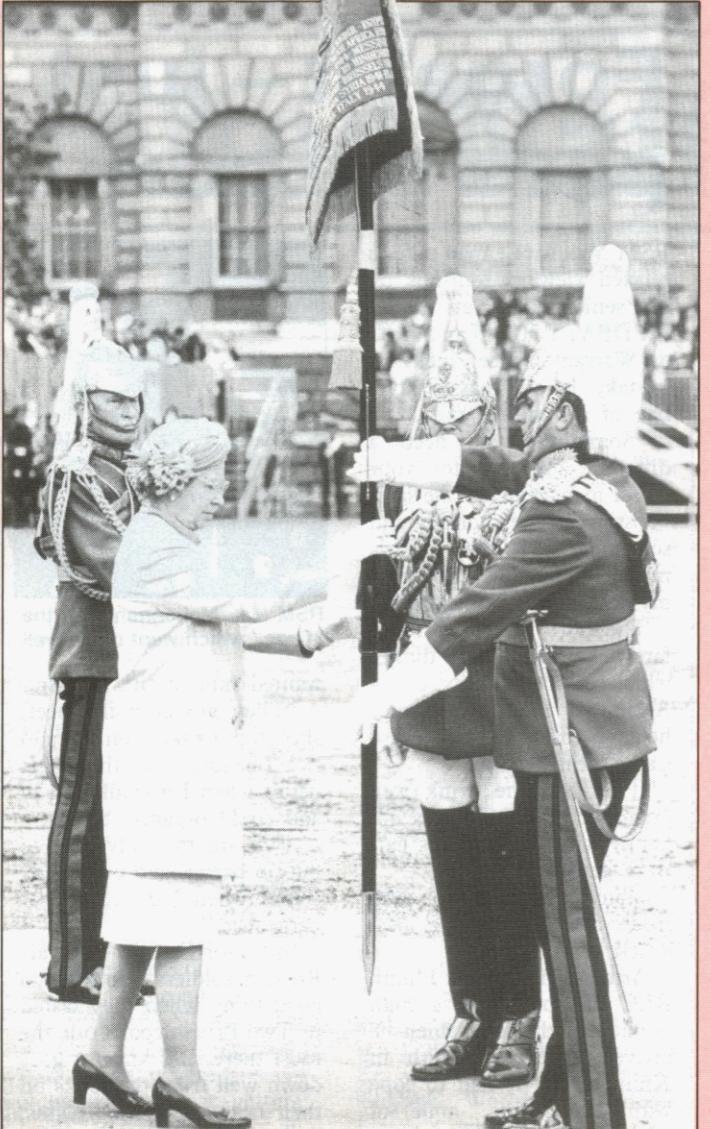
"They only do boiled beef, slice it, put a sauce on and add rice," he said, "but things got better when I was allowed in and could organise things."

"We are the only unit to put on parties and everybody comes when I do curries or barbecues."

In Sector East at Vukovar, Russian soldiers also knew a good thing when they tasted it. Two British cooks rule the roost there, and know it goes down well from the looks on their faces, the empty plates, and the queue for more.



Mounted Standard Bearers of The Life Guards



The Queen presents a new standard to The Life Guards

Standards of excellence receive a royal blessing

THE QUEEN spoke publicly about the effects of Options for Change when she presented new standards to the Household Cavalry Regiment.

The new armoured reconnaissance regiment came into being on October 19 last year as a result of the union between The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals, the senior regiments of the British Army, of whom the Queen is Colonel-in-Chief.

Addressing the parade on Horse Guards on May 27 after the standards presentation, which takes place every ten years, she said: "Like all of the Services you are living through a period which is a difficult one for you and your families.

"It is my wish that my two regiments of Household Cavalry should maintain their traditional and separate identities."

She added that it was important that their "unchang-

ing standards of excellence and achievement" should be preserved.

The Windsor-based Household Cavalry Regiment (HCR) comprises two squadrons of Life Guards, two of Blues and Royals and a composite regimental headquarters and HQ Squadron.

With its armoured reconnaissance role as part of 3 (UK) Division, it is equipped with Scimitar, Striker, Sultan and Spartan, all of which were represented as the Armoured Squadrons joined the parade.

Taking part, too, were the Mounted Squadrons of The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals from the Hyde Park-based Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, which was unaffected by Options, and the two Household Cavalry bands - The Life Guards Band mounted, The Blues and Royals Band dismounted.

The Queen was escorted to



The Ven Alan Dean, Archdeacon to the Army and Deputy Chaplain-General to the Forces, blesses two new standards during the ceremony on Horse Guards

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The Queen and Princess Margaret on Horse Guards. The Blues and Royals escorted the carriage

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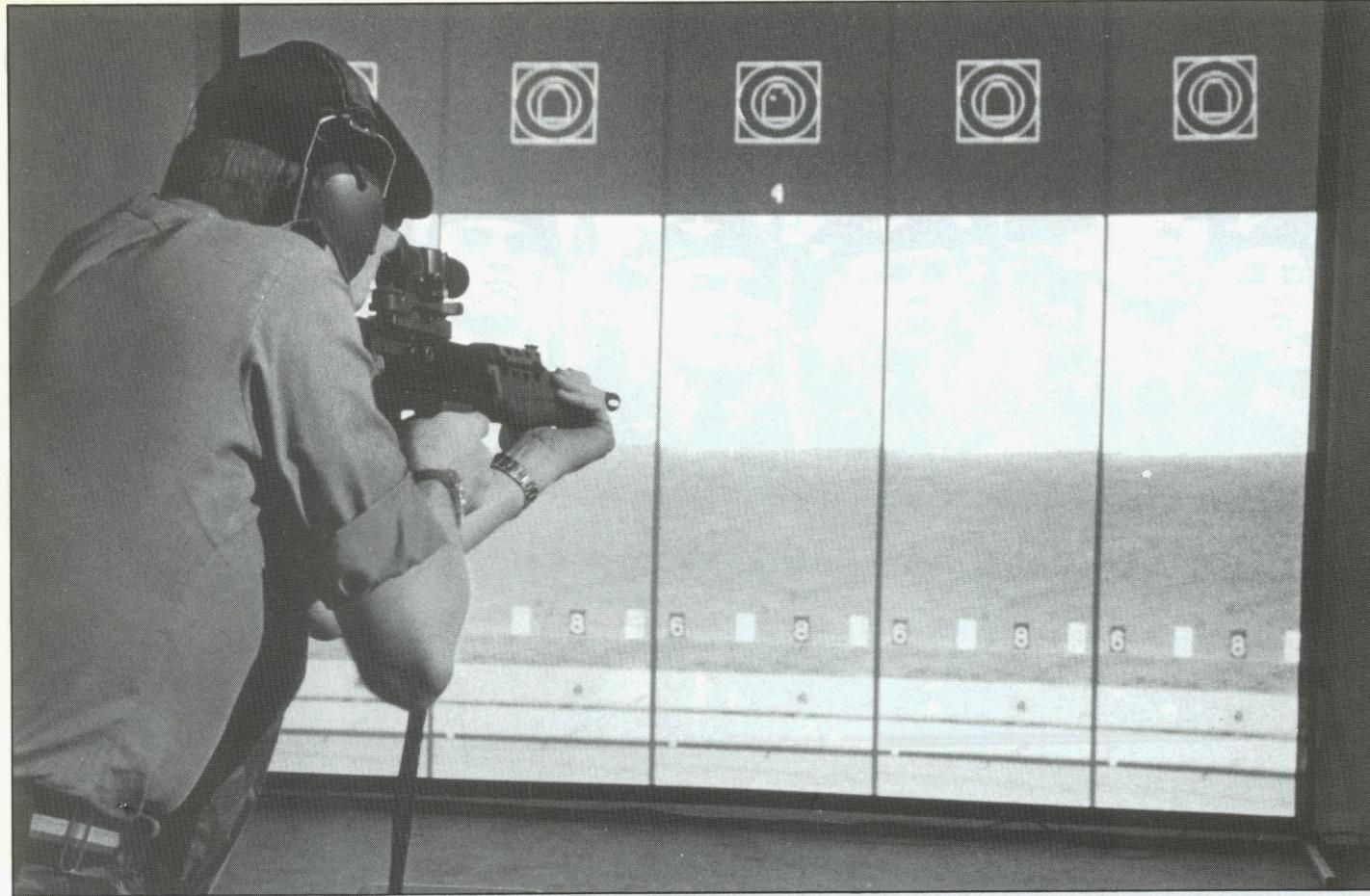
THE FORCE IN FORCES' INSURANCE

*with the exception of wars between the UK against the USA, France or the CIS.



In perspective: console operator, firer and screen

Picture: Mike Perring



Right on target: success rate of firer – who would normally be wearing combats – and number of shots fired are indicated above the screen

Picture: Mike Perring

Virtual reality on the range

ANY TIME now, the first versions of an entirely new form of Stage 1 to 3 marksmanship training for soldiers – doing away with ammunition wastage and physical exposure to the unpredictable vagaries of the elements – are being delivered to units.

The Small Arms Trainer (SAT) is a computer-based simulator which uses adapted SA 80 and LSW to fire a laser at a screen, on to which a high resolution image is projected.

At Stages 1 to 3 level, firers – in anything from four to ten lanes – can aim at digitised images of correctly-scaled targets superimposed on to pictures of actual ranges.

The central processing computer can then replay all shots in sequence, produce scores and group sizes as well as monitoring and recording trigger pressure and the point of aim before and after firing.

All scores and statistics can be stored in the firer's individual file, which can in turn be transferred to another SAT system when he or she is

Small Arms Trainer saves time, money

posted. An advanced marksmanship facility provides additional moving target practice by enabling the soldier to fire at video disc pictures of enemy attacks.

The Army has procured 100 of the American-manufactured systems, which will be issued on the scale of approximately one per garrison/station area from this month until January 1995.

Priority of issue will be: Army Training Organisation; Northern Ireland; UKLF; BAOR; Territorial Army in England.

“As a marksmanship trainer, SAT will help to improve a soldier's shooting and the firing data it can produce will raise the level of interest in shooting, by showing the soldier exactly where he is going wrong,” project officer Capt Ben Bathurst told the SOLDIER team who watched the proto-

type in action at Warminster.

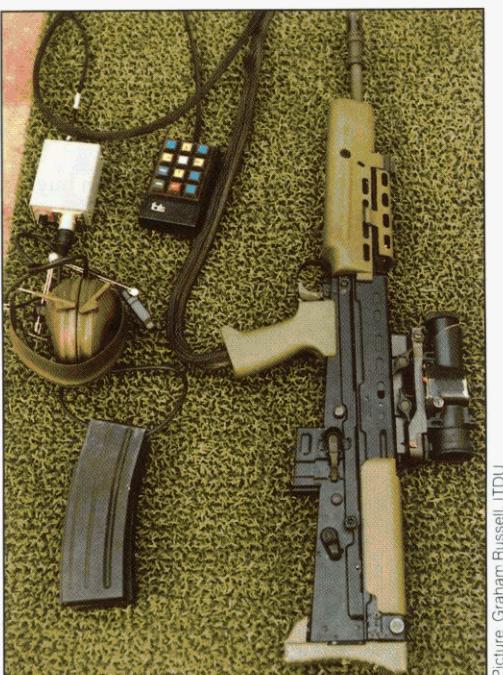
Once in service, he pointed out, recruits and soldiers of all Arms and Services will use SAT before firing live on a range.

It will therefore become a key part in a soldier's weapon training.

“However,” Capt Bathurst stressed, “we see the system very much as an addition to live firing, not as a substitute.”

The advantages of the SAT, however, cannot be totally ignored.

Apart from the economic bonuses such as a large saving



Box of tricks: weapon, keypad and earphones

Picture: Graham Russell/ITDU

on the cost of ammunition, the £14m investment will mean that the time spent travelling to ranges will effectively be reduced from hours to a few minutes.

No additional building will

be necessary: most units will be siting the ranges – which can be used with split or full screens – in their existing indoor training theatres.

A further advantage is that users will be able to design their own shooting practice scenario – prone or otherwise – in a controlled environment, regardless of the weather conditions.

Even the wind factor can be incorporated: a picture of a range flag on the screen shows the wind level which the instructor has selected, and firers will have to aim off accordingly.

All the drills involved are identical to the real thing, Capt Bathurst explained.

Soldiers will still have to cock the weapons and practise zeroing in to the target.

Recoil is provided courtesy of compressed air.

One main difference, however, is that, unlike his counterpart on the traditional range, the console operator can monitor every participant's firing ability – zooming in on a particular lane if necessary to

study an individual's technique.

He can then replay the firing data, fed back by the electronics contained in the bowdlerised weapon, to analyse exactly when, for example, the firer pulled the trigger and what he is doing wrong – a very useful method of remedial coaching.

Instructions are given through head-sets, language laboratory style.

As an alternative to being operated by the central console, marksmen can use a keypad to cue their own practices.

And, so that the computer knows exactly which weapon has fired which shot, and how many it has fired in its life history, each gun is “registered” in its memory.

Feedback on the whole was complimentary.

“It took them a few days to realise what a marvellous system this is, once they got over their initial fears and suspicions,” said Capt Bathurst.

“We have tried to ensure that the only computer knowledge soldiers need have is how to

press the direction arrow keys

on the pad: everything else is self-contained.”

The Army has an option to

buy another 59 systems in the

future, and there is stretch

potential for conversion to

night sight and pistol use

among other things.

In the meantime, a few

adjustments to the American

instructions were being made

inside Building 61 at War-

minster.

“Lock and load” became

“Load and make ready”, for

example.

This aside, the only proviso

about the simulated trainer

which does not apply to its al

fresco equivalent is that, in the

darkened building, illuminated

only by red-shaded ceiling

lights, there should be no shiny

objects.

“Otherwise, the laser will

bounce back at you,” said Capt

Bathurst.

Serious stuff, as it should be.

We are talking about the

complete Service weapon – not

just another video game.

Words: Phil Wilcox

Para training moves to Catterick



Above – Parachute Regiment recruits march off the Depot square for the last time

Right – Best recruit Pte Ronald Douglas with ex-Para Cecil Wheeler who served with 2 SAS and fought in North Africa, France, Italy and Germany during the Second World War

Depot's last days

THE last recruits to pass out from the Depot of The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces marched off the famous square at Browning Barracks, Aldershot, on May 28 and the Depot itself closed on June 7, 1993.

Inspecting Officer was Lt Gen Sir Michael Gray, who was carrying out one of his last official functions as Colonel Commandant before handing over to Maj Gen Rupert Smith in July.

For 25 years Browning Barracks has been the heart of The Parachute Regiment. Home for the previous 22 years was across the road at Maida Barracks, and when the barracks was built it earned an award.

As the last 28 of Browning



Lt Gen Sir Michael Gray, Commandant General of The Parachute Regiment, receives the Depot flags from the RSM, WO1 Andy Gow

Barracks' recruits marched away, the closing of the traditional home was a sad, but not emotional, occasion. The regiment has already moved its focal point to Catterick and Otterburn, although RHQ,



where it has been replaced by the 2nd Battalion, and 3 Para is also at Aldershot.

Phase One training is now carried out at the Army Training Regiment, Lichfield, before Phase Two special-to-arm training at Catterick.

"We retain cap badge integrity at both these stages of training, with a Parachute Regiment officer and instructors," said former Depot adjutant, Capt James Wilford.

The first two P Company courses at Catterick have seen no slackening of the physical or military standards demanded by the regiment. The present "trainasium" confidence course will be used by 5 Airborne Bde for continuation training, and a new course is being built at Catterick.

staffed by 15 members, remains at Aldershot.

The red beret also remains in strength as part of 5 Airborne Brigade. The 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment has recently returned from Belfast,

Gurkha link was forged in blood

THERE CAN be few enemies who respect each other so much that they became allies.

It was two months before Waterloo that the British won a minor battle in one of those innumerable little wars of the last century. But it had a significance which nobody could then have imagined, because it led to one of the most famous corps in the British Army.

During the savage fighting of the Anglo-Nepal war of 1814-16 against the expansionist warrior Gurkha state, both

British and Gurkhas noticed that neither broke and ran when faced with organised opposition.

Each also treated prisoners honourably and did not indulge in the excesses commonly accepted as the victor's privilege.

Several incidents confirmed the mutual respect. At the height of one battle a Gurkha suddenly appeared through the fire and smoke waving his hands.

Firing stopped as he came through the British lines, but

he was not surrendering. A shot had shattered his jaw and he knew he had a better chance with the British surgeon.

Treatment completed, he then politely asked permission to rejoin the Gurkhas and carry on fighting the British!

Gurkha respect increased after ferocious fighting to gain the main northern Gurkha stronghold of Malaun on April 16, 1815, when the British sent back the body of the legendary warrior commander in a shawl so that he could be cremated according to custom, then

allowed the survivors to march out with full military honours.

Many of these men were among the first four Gurkha battalions which were then raised after the Gurkhas decided they would prefer to fight with the British rather than against them.

The British did well out of the bargain. In each world war more than 100,000 Gurkhas enlisted in addition to those already serving, and their exploits put the fear of a horrible death into the common enemy.

Living legends

GURKHA courage is legendary. Stories of their reckless heroism have inspired the British Army and terrified its enemies, writes Gordon Skilling.

They rank among the bravest of the brave, and four who returned to Britain to attend the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association Reunion called in at the Gurkha Museum, Peninsula Barracks, Winchester to support the launch of a book of their exploits, *The Story of Gurkha VCs* by Maurice Biggs.

They were Hon Capt Gaje Ghale VC and Hon Capt Agnasing Rai VC of 5 GR; Havildar Bhanbhagta Gurung VC of 2 GR; and Hon Capt Rambahadur Limbu VC of 10 GR, whose son Bhaktabahadur has just been commissioned in Hong Kong into his father's regiment.

While a havildar in Burma, Gaje Ghale ignored serious arm leg and chest wounds to lead assault after assault on a Japanese hill position. Acting Naik Agansing Rai's section was down to three but he pressed on through intense fire, clearing one Japanese position before continuing in a subsequent attack, to clear another position, alone.

Also in Burma, Rifleman Bhanbhagta Gurung did not wait for orders before dashing forward, alone, to clear four foxholes and an enemy bunker.

That LCpl Rambahadur



Above - Hon Capt Gaje Ghale VC, Havildar Bhanbhagta Gurung VC and Hon Capt Rambahadur Limbu VC proudly display the new book, *Gurkha VCs*, to the accompaniment of the pipes of Cpl Mangal Singh Tamang, 250 Squadron, Queen's Gurkha Signals



Left - Havildar Bhanbhagta Gurung VC and his company commander, Col Dominic Neill MC, who recommended him for the VC

including two medium machine-guns on fixed lines," said Bhanbhagta Gurung's company commander, Col Dominic Neill MC.

"His friend, Lance Naik Chamsing Gurung MM, was killed inches from the top of the hill, so he put a stop to it by himself, killing seven Japanese either with grenades, kukri or bayonet." After four foxholes, Bhanbhagta Gurung had to crawl into the last bunker and because he could not use his bayonet or kukri, he picked up a rock to kill the last



Acting Naik Agansing Rai VC in Burma

Japanese.

The Gurkha Welfare Trust hopes to raise funds from the sale of the book to help old soldiers.

"A lot who served in the Second World War served only for five or six years, and this is not long enough to earn a pension," said Col

Charles Newton Dunn. "Now we look to their friends in Britain to help us provide them with a monthly income, lodgings, medical care and education for their children."

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Limbu was not hit in rescuing first one then the second of two wounded comrades in Malaysia was described in the London Gazette as miraculous. Having gained the first firm foothold on the objective, under intense automatic fire, he picked up one man and carried him to safety, worked his way back and picked up the second man, carrying him back safely.

Commanders and friends were delighted to meet them again.

"My company was being decimated as the Japanese hit us with everything they had,

When Johnny goes marching home again

While the resettlement traumas brought sharply into focus by Options for Change have exercised the attention of many Service personnel returning to the United Kingdom, soldiers from a different kingdom are experiencing their own problems with making the transition to life as civilians. **Fabian Acker** has seen what is being done to help Gurkhas returning to Nepal.

DILPASSAD RAI is nearly an ex-Gurkha. He's about to become a civilian after 20 years as a soldier in a country where there are no social services, no state pensions and few jobs.

Most Gurkhas are recruited at 18, and, because of the prestige, pay and conditions, will stay on as long as they can, typically 15 years or so.

Like many others in his position, his skills are military ones; he can handle all sorts of weapons, he can lead a platoon through hostile territory and he can walk 20 miles in a day with a back pack.

But he's not at all sure how to be a civilian.

It is a problem faced by thousands of Gurkhas as their

regiments are run down in line with the general reduction in British Forces. There are 6,000 now, but by 1998 there will be only 2,500.

a stranger in his own land.

His pension will barely be enough to live on (certainly not to the standard he's used to) and he will have to find a job.

"The shame is," says a Gurkha welfare officer, "they don't want to be farmers any more. Here in Nepal, 90 per

cent of the people farm at subsistence level, and we need intelligent, motivated people to raise that standard.

It is not through lack of opportunity. Since 1990, the British Army has been pushing a revamped resettlement poli-



cy, of which the biggest element is retraining. There are seven courses a year, covering agriculture, small businesses, and engineering trades.

Many opt for the second, paid for by the Army, but actually run under the auspices of GTZ, a German organisation with more or less philanthropic interests in the developing countries. A large proportion goes for the mechanical trades, run in Pokhara by Nepal University.

The minority chose the agricultural courses, managed by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) in the foothills of Lumle. The ODA's farm was established in 1968 specifically to retrain ex-British Gurkhas at the request of the Nepalese government. It became so successful that it was asked to accept any interested Nepalese. Now the Gurkhas are in the minority.

At the business school, students have been researching business opportunities and preparing tentative business plans. A quartermaster of 16 years' experience is detailing his strategy for setting up a company to supply building materials, while a former captain is considering setting up a stationery shop. But these are plans; what of reality?

The problem is, according to the Deputy Commander of the British Gurkhas in Nepal, Lt Col Paul Gilham, that there is little feedback to show how

school director are determined to find out how their graduates have been managing, and to work out some proposals and costs. It will mean visiting all of them, and a large proportion of those visits will be by trekking.

Curiously, the farmer graduates seem easier to contact. This may be because the ODA has field workers out and around the whole, huge area of its influence, checking on new applications such as improved rice strains or cross-bred cattle. News of farmers is acquired informally and continuously. But the low take-up of places means that getting feedback is not as high a priority as at the business school.

At the engineering trades' school, all was quiet – too quiet. The students were on strike, and the Gurkhas had discreetly withdrawn from the campus until the matter was cleared up.

Although the British Gurkhas are generally liked and respected in Nepal – and are the fourth largest foreign currency earners – it is considered politic to stay out of the public eye. The prestige and benefits of belonging to the Brigade may be resented by outsiders.

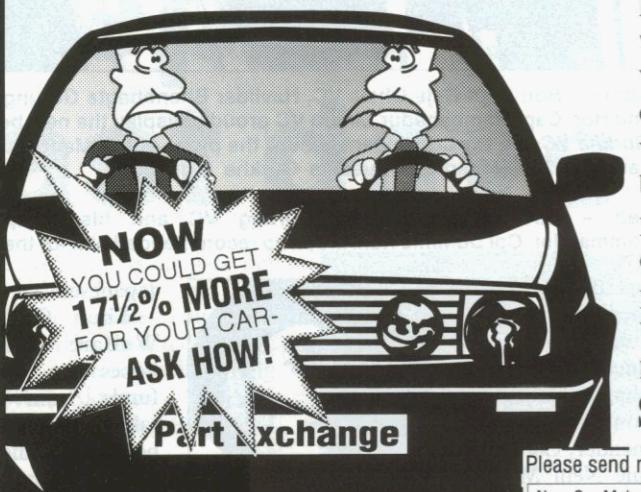
During my visit to a camp at Pokhara, a civilian recruiting official was attacked by a father angry that his son had not been accepted for training. The weapon used was a kukri, the razor-sharp curved dagger carried by all Gurkhas.

Leaving the Brigade is a cause of anxiety. Although the Army tries hard to resettle the Gurkhas, there are not many jobs which can match their working lives abroad, with regular wages and good living standards.

Where possible, they are found jobs as embassy sentries, in security, or as royal body guards, although there are not many of these available. There is talk of persuading the UN to keep the ex-Gurkhas as a permanent fighting force.

Back at the camp, the welfare officer is checking the logistics of paying 3,400 pensioners in cash during his forthcoming annual visit. Next time, Dilpassad Rai might be among them. It might just make being a civilian a little easier.

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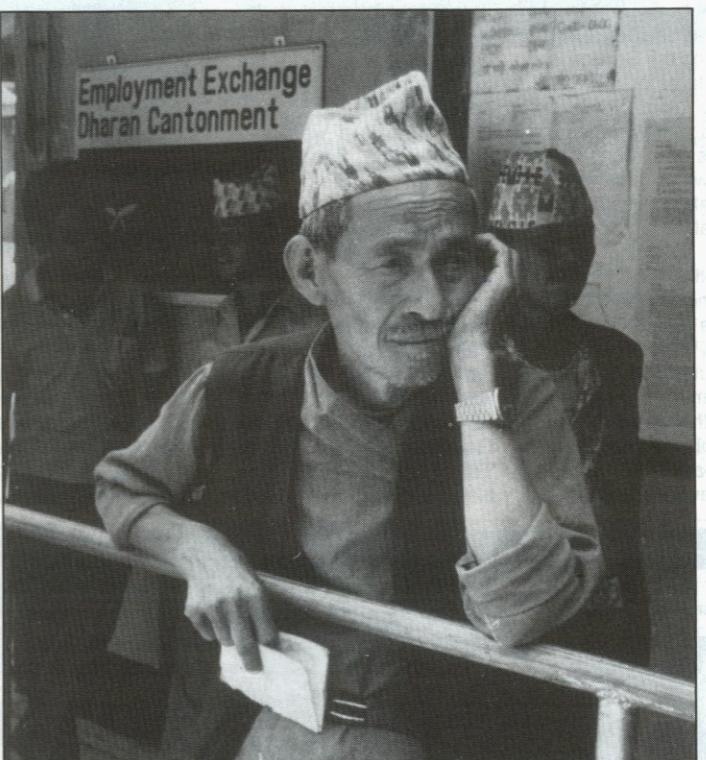
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An old soldier day-dreams as he waits to collect his pension

effective these courses are. And most graduates do not think about starting up a business as soon as they leave the Service.

Their first priority is to build a house, and only when that is finished will they start trying to apply the lessons of the course.

"The flash-to-bang time could easily be a year or two," says Col Gilham.

Even when they have built their house and begun to run a business, there are immense difficulties in finding out how

they are managing. A letter can take ten days to go between two addresses in the capital city, so sending questionnaires by post outside Kathmandu is not even considered.

Some towns or villages where former Gurkhas settle may be many miles from a road. When I asked one soldier on his way home on leave how far he had to travel he said he had to go part of the way by bus and then "just two days' brisk walk".

But Col Gilham and the

Tax change helps expats

THE abolition of the "available accommodation" rule – announced in the Budget earlier this year – means that expatriates with property in the UK no longer risk being treated as resident for tax purposes for any tax year in which they stay in Britain.

With the cost of house purchase in the UK considerably cheaper than any other country in the European Community, expatriates can now make the most of current low interest rates and choice of property, says the spring issue of *Exchange*, the Halifax Building Society's half-yearly newsletter for overseas investors.

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

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There's a warm welcome to be had in Scotland

NOT every husband bothers to tell his other half when he has been made redundant, Lt Col Philip Halford-MacLeod discovered when he became involved with finding careers for Servicemen and women.

His remit is to provide information on Scotland to Servicemen looking for their second career and as well as looking after the single soldier, he also considers the needs of families as important.

Scotland has exported its sons and daughters for decades, so he is keen to orchestrate a return for the investment. With the strong soldiering tradition in Scotland, there is a wealth of goodwill for Servicemen and their families; small pockets of scepticism and suspicion are confined to those who fear competition.

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families – provided they make an effort.

"The myth that Scotland is only for the Scots has to be dispelled," he said. "On average between 1,500 and 2,000 Scots are recruited annually into the Army, but only about 1,000 return, and some areas, such as Grampian and Dunbartonshire, specifically encourage Servicemen to settle in their areas."

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David Moore and Bob Shanks of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and Duncan Kennedy of Scottish Enterprise in Glasgow. "I am continually amazed at how businessmen and employers want to know more about Servicemen and women and the procedures for getting access to this valuable asset," said SSgt Rooney. "It is the diversity of skills that Service personnel have to offer which confuses them."

There are about 1,500 records of organisations concerned with employ-



Above – Scotland's Action and Support Team: Front row (left to right), – David Moore, Pte Helen Sturgess AGC, OCdt Maria Gaughan TUOTC, SSgt Tom Rooney RA. Back row – Capt Steve Bolman 52 Lowland, Duncan Kennedy of Scottish Enterprise, Lt Col Philip Halford-MacLeod BW (himself a redundant), Maj James Hope Thompson RHF (another redundant) and Bob Shanks of Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Left – SSgt David Barr 4 RTR, the database's 275th customer since the start of Phase 2, and his daughter, Donna, visit David Moore, the team's database manager

ment training and housing on the team's database. Providing information for Phase 1 was a rush but the team was able to prepare material for Phase 2 which allowed Servicemen and their families to do their homework before hitting the home shores.

This database is available to all headquarters equipped with the DEIMOS system.

Among other information available is a "Home to Scotland" pack with 37 pages on job, training and housing opportunities. Two work books and com-

plementary introductory videos are available on self marketing, writing CVs and job applications, and a third book is designed to help Servicemen who are considering starting their own businesses.

The message the team wants to put across is:

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ARBORFIELD Garrison is well on the way to having the best play amenities for Service children in the south.

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Mrs Eileen Besgrove cuts the tape to open Arborfield's newest playpark. Behind her are designer Steve Ellison (left) and Simon Gibbons, contracts manager for builders SMP Playgrounds Ltd

lies Association. An additional touch is the seats and tables provided for mums and minders who just want to sit and watch. Next project in Arborfield's determined drive to provide adequate facilities for its children will be the installation of three mini play areas on the Baird Road Estate later this year.

SSAFA backs foster homes appeal

A CAMPAIGN to increase the number of foster parents in the Service community in Germany is being launched this summer by SSAFA.

Foster families are needed to look after children while a parent is in hospital, often while a husband is deployed – perhaps in Bosnia – or during domestic emergencies.

As a result of its "Hands Up For Fostering" campaign, SSAFA hopes also to extend support to families with children with special needs, by giving parents the chance for a break from their sometimes stressful lifestyle.

The issue of fostering will feature prominently in the SSAFA tent at the Rhine Army Summer Show under the general theme of "Shared Care", with a "Mr Men" puppet theatre to entertain the family.

Information and advice will be available from SSAFA staff.

Open evenings for interested couples are being held at JHQ Rheindahlen (June 21), Herford (June 23) and Hohne (June 24).

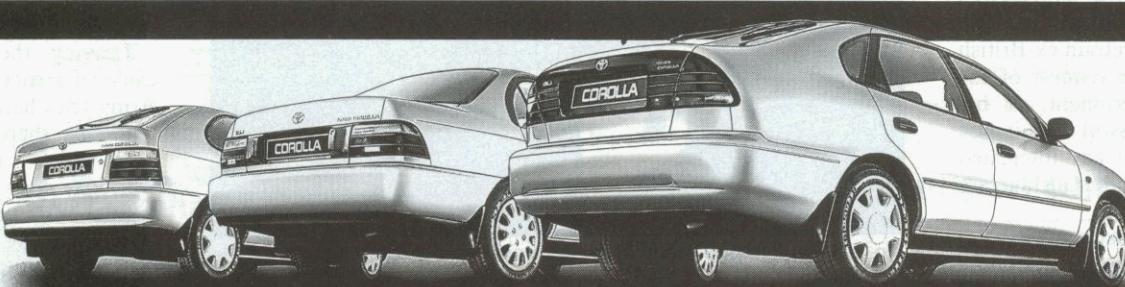
WHY NOT SETTLE FOR THIS

THE Tri-Service Resettlement Organisation has updated the 1A edition of its handbook which lists hundreds of sources of advice and concessions by professional bodies.

Usually revised and re-published every three years, the Services Resettlement Bulletin handbook has been divided into two parts so that the briefings and training guide (Edition 1B) may be corrected and printed annually.

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- Card 3. The Royal Dragoon Guards - Soldier in No 1 Dress (Blues).
- Card 5. Royal Regiment of Artillery - Officer in Service Dress.
- Card 7. Corps of Royal Engineers - Fanfare Trumpeter in Full Dress.
- Card 9. Grenadier Guards - Drum Major in State Clothing.
- Card 11. The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment - Soldier dressed for Operations in Northern Ireland.
- Card 13. The Cheshire Regiment - Soldier dressed for service with the UN in Bosnia.
- Card 15. The Royal Irish Regiment - Piper in Ceremonial Dress.
- Card 17. The Parachute Regiment - Soldier dressed for Free Fall Parachuting.
- Card 19. Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers - Officer in Mess Dress.
- Card 21. Army Air Corps - Pilot dressed in Flying Suit.
- Card 23. Adjutant General's Corps - Lady Musician in No 1 Dress.

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Campaigner Anne 'one of the best'

LOTS OF trained journalists think of themselves as campaigners. Anne Armstrong was not trained to the art but became one of the best campaigners I've met. Her actions spoke as well as her words.

Soldiers and their families have a better living environment as a result. That is quite something to remember as colleagues and friends recover from the loss of Anne, who was always determined - and unfailingly cheerful - Peter Howard (former Editor, **SOLDIER**, now Editor *Jane's Defence Weekly*).

Not quite so unknown

YOUR article headed "A jump into the unknown" (May 31) said an officer from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment was the first westerner to undergo military parachute training with the Hungarian Army.

In fact several British paratroopers jumped with an international group last summer - being the last and first to gain old style and new Hungarian Parachute Qualification Wings respectively. - "Airborne" (name and address withheld).

Saracens on the go

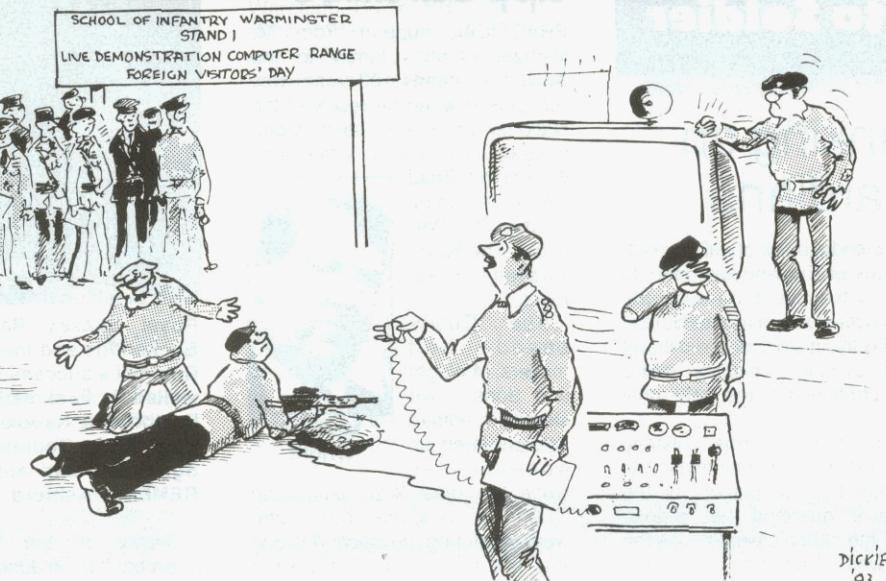
YOU SAID (May 31) that the last Saracens have made their final exit from the British Army after 40 years.

May I point out that there are still Saracens serving, and indeed are so in my particular unit.

The Saracens are used as control vehicles for radio-controlled excavation of pipe mines underneath disused Second World War airfields. The Saracen is ideal as a base for all the control equipment.

They are due to be replaced in the next few months but are currently fighting fit. - Capt T Lardner RE, 33 Engineer Regt (EOD), Chattenden, Kent.

BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



"Sorry, a slight snag... has any of our visitors got a spare 13 amp fuse?"

• Small Arms Trainer - See Page 30

It's the thought that counts . . .

YOUR picture of the Queen with her chaplains (May 17) reminded me of another ecclesiastical occasion some 50 years ago.

The bishop of the local diocese had been invited to address, among others, my battalion waiting to take part in the invasion of Europe.

The service was held in a crowded theatre in a south coast town and the theme of his sermon was, if not exactly to love thine enemy, at least to perform our duty without malice.

We were about to murder, maim and mutilate our fellow men.

But it would be better for our

souls if we did it without hatred.

As he was in full flow there was an almighty crash as part of the scenery set up for an evening ENSA concert fell over.

This was followed by the startled, moonlike face of a squaddie from a fatigue party peering round the edge of the curtain.

The RSM, standing like the rock of ages at the back of the hall, addressed the regimental provost sergeant at the door with one of his favourite expressions of tolerance.

"SARN'T PUGH," he screamed in a voice that would have startled the German defenders on the other side of

the Channel, "KILL THAT MAN!"

Somehow the bishop's sermon didn't have the same impact after that. - Peter Fowle, Plymouth.

1950 link with Gen Gordon?

WHEN I was stationed in Khartoum South Barracks in 1950 there was a regular hawker who carried a long stave and a small tray on his chest containing pathetically insignificant items.

He would typically do a little jig for a coin or two and it seemed that all troops looked on him with favour.

He was said to have been Gen Gordon's runner at the siege of 1885. Does anyone else remember this Sudanese character and was there truth in our belief?

Two points are certain. He was exceedingly aged and he was the only hawker privileged to have the freedom of the British barracks.

Was he indeed a link with the death of Gen Gordon? - J B Adams, Backwell, Bristol.

Let's have a Suez bar

IN MY VIEW the only way a Suez Canal Zone 1950-53 medal could be awarded is by using the precedent of 1847, when Queen Victoria authorised the MGS for all ranks who served in the Peninsular War.

This medal, with 29 Bars, was issued to 25,650 applicants in 1848, 34 years after the last battle.

The Queen, as overall Commander-in-Chief (like Queen Victoria) has the

authority to make this award as she thinks fit. Has anyone presented her with the casualty figures and other statistics of this campaign? Someone should.

The GSM with Bar Suez Canal 50-53 would be appropriate and worthy recognition of our deprivation and loyalty to the Crown and country. - L Clarke (NCO i/c R Sigs MI Room, Fayid, 1951-52), Dinas Powis, S Glamorgan.

SOLDIER to Soldier

Banking on guardians

IN A splendid burst of military red, the Bank of England will open its doors to the public on June 25.

The occasion is a free exhibition charting the history of the picquet – the overnight military guard which continued at the Bank until 1973.

Bright red uniforms, historic photographs and paintings will illustrate the role played by the picquet in guarding the "repository of the nation's wealth", as the bank was described in the 18th century.

The picquet was originally established in 1780 by the Lord Mayor to protect the Bank from attack during the Gordon Riots.

Running until September 23 at the Bank's museum in Threadneedle Street, the exhibition is open from 10 am to 5 pm Mondays to Fridays and on Sundays between 11 am and 5 pm.

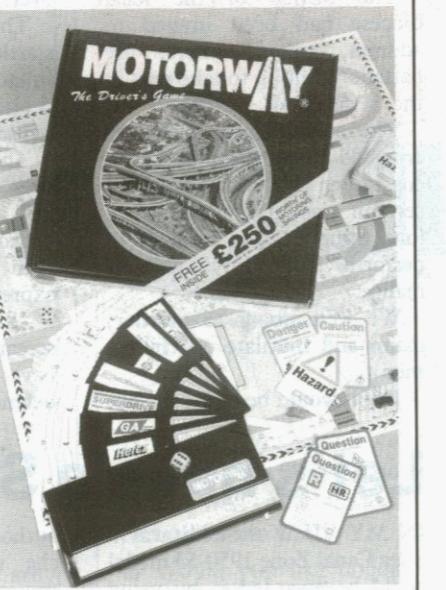
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The Wright appearance

PRACTICAL support from Mr Michael Wright's family to the Army over nearly 100 years was recognised when he received the National Employers Liaison Committee Certificate at Leicester's Ulverscroft Road TA Centre, home of the 7th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The Quorn-based belt makers, M Wright and Sons, have literally helped soldiers keep up appearances since the Boer War, employing 5,000 to produce belts and webbing during the Second World War and today supplying System 90, the latest version of military personal load-carrying equipment.

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Michael Wright

Royal Sussex Regimental Association President Col John Buckeridge and members of the 1st Battalion who helped capture Rommel's successor, General Von Arnim, and his staff car in 1943, visited its final resting place at the regimental museum inside the Eastbourne Napoleonic Redoubt. From left, Maj Bruno Bryant, Capt Goldie Gouldsmith, Col Buckeridge, Col Robin de L King and Sgt Fred Hoad approved of the way 133 Workshop Company REME, at Ashford, refurbished the car

Collection in the Museum of Liverpool Life on June 28, the first objective of the Pals' Appeal Fund has been achieved.

To mark the event, special souvenir covers costing £3.50 plus 35p postage are being sold to raise funds to place a commemorative plaque in St George's Memorial Chapel in Ypres and to erect a monument to the Liverpool and Manchester Pals at Montauban-de-Picardie on the Somme.

Applications should go to D W

Sheard, Western Front Association, Merseyside Branch, 47 Venables Drive, Spital, Bebington, Wirral L63 9LY.

RBL school for cabbies

SOME men and women leaving the Services may be surprised to learn that the Royal British Legion provides complete tuition for aspiring London taxi drivers.

Since 1928 more than 5,500 trainees have graduated through the RBL's Taxi School, including London's first woman cabby.

On May 18 Transport Minister Steven Norris was in Kennington to open the school's new premises, part of the Legion's overall policy of providing free employment training for Service leavers and others who want to become London taxi drivers.

REUNIONS

● **Royal Tigers Association:** The Royal Leicestershire Regimental annual reunion will be held at Leicester on June 19-20. Details from Secretary, TA Centre, Ulverscroft Road, Leicester (tel: 0533 622749).

● **WFR pilgrimage and dinner:** The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regimental Association annual Crich Dinner and pilgrimage to Regimental Memorial will take place on Saturday July 3 at 1800 and Sunday July 4 at 1500 respectively. Contact RHQ WFR, Foresters House, HQ Chilwell Station (tel: 071-219 3213).

● **Northamptonshire Regiment Comrades Association:** Annual reunion will be held at Northampton on July 3-4. Details from Secretary, Gibraltar Barracks, Barrack Road, Northampton (tel: 0604 35412).

SEARCHLINE

● **RASC Jersey Boys:** Joe Gutteridge, New Horizon, 6 Tudor Way, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 6UE (tel: 0278 422806) wishes to contact former 240 RASC Boy Apprentices stationed at St Peter's Barracks, Jersey from October 1938 and evacuated on June 19, 1940. So far 139 have been traced. Third reunion planned in May 1995.

● **1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment:** Would anyone who served in the battalion with 23242238 Cpl Ivan (Dev) Pike between 1955 and 1958 please contact his daughter, Debbie Johnson, 215 High Street,

Honiton, Devon EX14 8LE (tel: 0404 46370).

● **Ex Cpl Dave Ireland RE:** wants sappers from following postings to contact him: 44 Fd Pk Sqn (27 Regt), Minden 1952-57; RHQ 36 Corps Engr Regt, Osnabrück 1957-58; and 24 Fd Sqn RE, Christmas Island Main Camp, Op Grapple 1958-59. Replies to 28 Main Street, Flixton Village, Scarborough, N Yorks YO11 3UB (tel: 0723 890994).

● **Boys Squadron, Royal Armoured Corps 1952-57:** Mr J Welchman, 29 Northmoor Way,

Wareham, Dorset BH20 4EE (tel: 0929 553466) wishes to hear from any ex-Boys Sqn RAC (1952-57) personnel interested in getting together in the Midlands area in September.

● **JIW Canterbury 1972-73 proposed reunion:** Former Junior Soldiers and Permanent Staff of JIW Canterbury who wish to attend a proposed reunion in 1994 should contact SSgt Corcoran, QM Dept, MCTC, Colchester, Essex CO2 9NU (tel: 0206 783506).

● **Desert Rats in NW Europe:** Author Patrick Delaforce (2

Hamilton Road, Brighton, E Sussex BN1 5DL) asks ex-7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats) soldiers who served from Normandy to the Baltic to send him stories and anecdotes. He is preparing a book to link with the 50th anniversary of the Normandy landings.

● **Motoring enthusiasts:** The BBC is looking for eccentric and "obsessive" motoring enthusiasts for a pilot programme. Write with photo if possible to Samantha Bottrell, BBC Motoring Unit, Room 512, BBC Pebble Mill, Birmingham B5 7QQ, or fax her on 021-414 8181.

APPOINTMENTS

Brigadiers – T J Sullivan – To MoD, May 28; A A J R Cumming – To HQ UKLF, June 7.

Colonels – M J Capper – To MoD, June 1; G Kerr – To Ord Bd, June 7; R I Talbot – To HQ DRAC, June 11; R A Field-Smith – To be Comd ETS HQ BAOR, June 10.

Lt Cols – S I Green AGC(ETS) – To HQ ETS UK, May 24; P D McLelland PWRR – To HQ UKLF, May 24; N S Coombe RTR – To MoD, June 1; A J R Jackson, R Irish – To MoD, June 1; R L Jagger REME – To be Comd Maintenance HQ Scotland, May 31; P G J Keating AGC(SPS) – To AG Corps Centre, June 1; R C Lloyd-Williams LI – To be CO 7 LI, June 1; G J J McFall, Para – To be CO 1 Para, June 4; M D Wood RLC – To Staff Coll, May 31; M W B Faulkner RDG – To Staff Coll, June 1; C A Findlay AGC(PRO) – To be CO SIB BAOR, May 31; D

McDowall, R Signals – To be CO 7 Sig Regt, June 1; A F Thomson REME – To Mod, June 1; J S Clements RADC – To HQ and Central Gp RADC, June 9; S J Isherwood RADC – To Berlin Inf Bde, June 9.

M J T Hewetson AAC – To RMCS, June 7; R M R Hunt RE – To MoD, June 7; J D M Ingram, R Signals – To MoD, June 7; S G Kirkham RRF – To RMAS, June 7; T J Minter RRF – To be CO 1 RRF, June 7; R E Preedy RA – To MoD, June 7; R Say AGC(SPS) – To MSAGC MRO, June 7; R P Russell PWRR – To be CO 5 PWRR, June 10.

Colonels – M F Bremridge, late RA, June 1 (Granted hon rank brig); R S B Watson, late RS, June 2; D H Smith, late RADC, June 9. **Lt Col** – R E Nelson RAMC, June 10.

October 9. Personnel who served with the 12th Battalion from 1940-45 please contact social secretary Mrs Ada Follett, Rosemount, Exmouth Road, Exton, nr Ely, Cambs PE17 3JL (tel: 01354 674596).

● **Ex-PoWs:** National Ex-Prisoner-of-War Association reunion takes place at Warners Lakeside Holiday Village, Hayling Island from October 22-25. Ex-PoWs and supporters requiring details should send sae to Charles Jago, 74 Norfolk Road, West Harnham, Salisbury SP2 8HG (tel: 0722 333599).

● **East Surrey Regiment:** All ranks/battalions reunion planned for October 16 at Drill Hall, St John's Hill, Clapham. Ring for details on 081-401 2070, or write to East Surrey Reunion Fund, c/o Mrs K Bedford, 5B Elm Grove, London SW19.

DIARY

UNTIL OCTOBER 15: Forces Sweethearts Exhibition, Imperial War Museum.

JUNE

27: Royal British Legion fund-raising rally, Nostell Priory, Wakefield, Yorkshire, 0924 863892/864287.

JULY

3: 1 Kings host Open Day to mark bicentenary of Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow (2pm to 6pm) with military music and displays, following presentation of Colours to 1 Kings the previous day.

10: SSAFA Tattoo in grounds of Rockingham Castle, Northampton.

10-16: Stoke Mandeville Challenge 93, first international ex-Service wheelchair games. Contact Jonathan Powell 071-973 0633.

20-31: 103rd Royal Tournament, Earls Court, hosted by the Royal Navy. Tickets available from box office on 071-373 0100.

AUGUST

1: Military vehicle rally, Imperial War Museum, Duxford.

6-28: Edinburgh Military Tattoo (credit card and postal bookings from 22 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QB (tel: 031-225 1188).

NOVEMBER

5-7: BAOR Arts and Crafts Society exhibition, Ripon Hall, Bielefeld.

14: Remembrance Day service and parade at the Cenotaph.

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

RHQ Peninsula Barracks (tel: 0962 864176).

● **RN School Tal Handaq, Malta:** Late 50s/early 60s reunion to be held at Northwood, London on September 25. For details contact Rog Wilkin on 0923 837626 or Bernard Hoctor on 071-829 8118.

● **144 Fd Amb RAMC (V) disbandment/reunion:** It is intended to hold a reunion at 144 Field Ambulance RAMC (V) over the weekend September 18-19. All ex-44 and 144 personnel welcome. Details from Capt (Quartermaster) J P Hamill, 144 Fd Amb RAMC (V), 11 Wenlock Street, London N1 7NT (enclose sae), or telephone 071-253 1101 (Military 763 ext 5925).

● **15 Battery/15 Loc LAA Battery RA, Korea:** The fifth reunion for officers and men who served with these batteries in Korea will take place at Sywell Airport Motel on August 21. Details from R Fox, The Gables, Willoughby Road, Cumberworth, Alford, Lincs LN13 9LF (tel: 0507 490661).

● **12th Bn Devonshire Regiment (6th Airborne) (1940-45):** The 47th annual reunion dinner will be held at the Countess Wear Lodge, Topsham Road, Exeter on

Tankies who led from the front

"THE MORNING of 15th September 1916 was fine, although there was a thin ground mist. Zero Hour was set for 0620 hours, but the tanks had to be on the move well before then in order to reach the start line on time.

"It had been planned to precede the main attack with a small operation to clear a pocket of enemy between Ginchy and Delville Wood, where the Germans were occupying a trench called 'Hop Alley'.

"Three tanks were allocated to this task, but unfortunately one broke down and one was ditched while moving forward, so tank D 1, commanded by Capt H W Mortimer, advanced on its own . . ."

This was the debut of a new battlefield weapon as described by Lt Col George Forty, Director and Curator of the Tank Museum, Bovington.

Like the aeroplane, the tank brought forth a new breed of highly individualistic warriors, reminiscent of the mounted knights of old. *Tank Commanders: Knights of the Modern Age* is George Forty's recognition of this similarity.

The book is also a really good concise history of the armoured vehicle in the armies of nations that pioneered their use in the First World War: Britain, France, Germany, the USA, Russia, Italy and Canada.

As the title indicates, the emphasis is on the commanders who foresaw the tank as a mighty weapon, and others

who evolved its strategical and tactical use in war; men like Hugh Elles, Ernest Swinton, Jean Baptiste Estienne, Charles de Gaulle, Samuel D Rockenbach, George S Patton, Heinz Guderian who visualised and executed the Panzer Division's role in *blitzkrieg* - Schnelle (Hurrying) Heinz and Heinz Brauseweter (hothead) were among his appropriate nicknames - and of course Erwin Rommel, the famed "Desert Fox".

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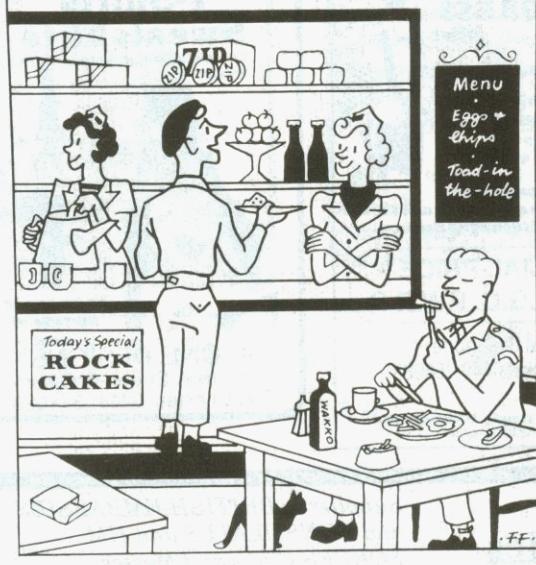
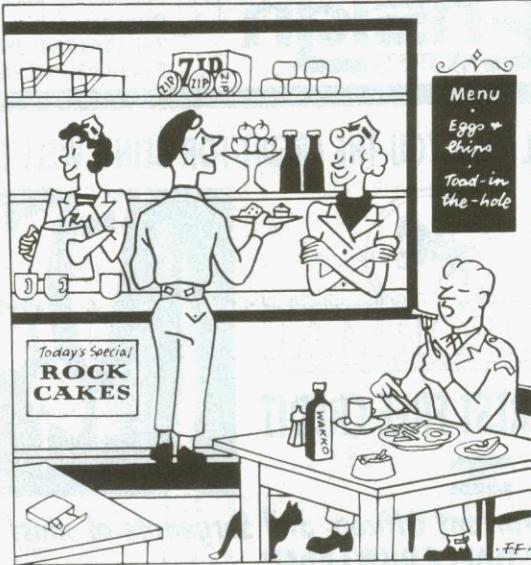
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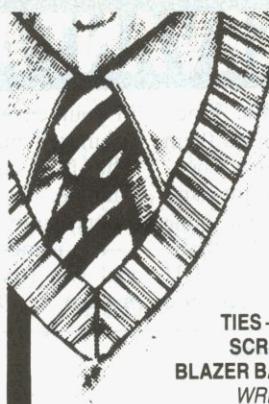
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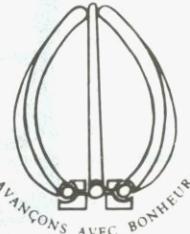
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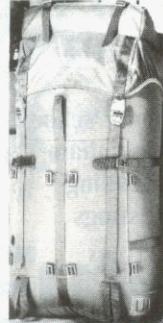
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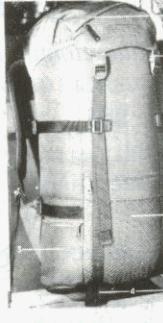
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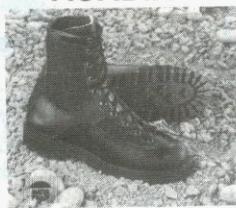
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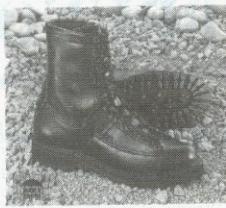
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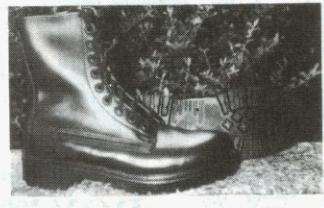
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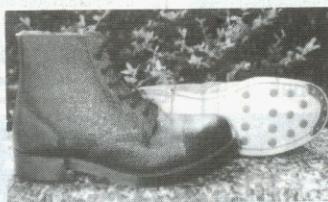
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With half the Army side back in the pavilion and only 27 on the board, the officer cadets had made a dream start.

OCdt Timothy Charlton made the breakthrough, dismissing prolific openers Capt Richard Greatorex (RLC) and Capt Jim Cotterill (RA) for five and nought, and Sgt Graham Summersgill (DWR) for four. Sandhurst-based Capt Peter Germain (PWO) failed to score, dismissed by OCdt Colin Brown, and when 2nd Lt Simon Mason (RGJ) fell to OCdt Jeremy Carr-Smith, the Army innings was in tatters.

But St George (107) and Wilby (75 not out) repaired the damage so effectively that Greatorex was able to declare on the dismissal of the Guards officer in the 58th over.

Richard Smith (68) and Lachy Munro (44 not out) were the mainstays of the RMA innings, with Cotterill taking four for 25 in 11 overs. The declaration came after 50 overs with the cadets on 168 for five.

The third declaration of the match came 45 overs later with the Army on 196 for three, Mason (96 not out) and Cotterill (35) ensuring that their second innings went more smoothly than the first.

A second wicket partnership of 69 between Daniel Wilkinson (38) and Munro (32) was all the cadets had to offer as, chasing a target of 245 for victory, their middle order collapsed and they were bowled out in the 33rd over for 119. 2nd Lt Patrick Logan (AAC) finished with 3-35, Pte David Matthews (RLC) 2-49, and Summersgill 2-8.

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IN THE glorious setting of Arundel Castle, with weather to match, Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI paid Combined Services the compliment of fielding a side containing no fewer than seven players with county experience.

Honours were shared, but not before a see-saw final hour had seen fortunes change over by over, writes **Graham Parsons**.

The hosts won the toss and elected to bat, and with Hutchinson in particular in overdrive, raced to 58 from the first eight overs; new caps Singleton (RAF) and Capt Damien Bush (RAVC) found the task a daunting one, but managed to reduce the flow of runs.

The introduction of spinners Learmouth (RN) and Spiller (RAF) slowed things down a little more, but Middlesex's Hutchinson raced to a half century from only 40 deliveries and was run out with the total on 100, of which he had contributed 73.

After lunch the visitors fared rather better and the spin attack took two more wickets as the run-rate slowed to the extent that, whereas the first 100 runs had taken only 17 overs, at the fall of the fourth wicket on 181, a further 30 overs had been bowled.

The declaration duly came on 246 for five.

Combined Services were asked to score the runs at around five an over, and Capt Richard Greatorex and Capt Jim Cotterill began steadily, putting on 78 either side of tea before Cotterill danced down the wicket to Bredin and was stumped by Bobby Parks, now on Kent's books, for 27.

With Navy skipper Charlie Hobson at the wicket to assist Greatorex, his Army counterpart, the momentum was maintained. At the start of the last 20 overs, the score was 116 for one, with 131 required. Two spinners were operating by this time and an exhilarating period of cricket ensued. Hobson made 27 in quick time before holing out in the 33rd over for 119. 2nd Lt Patrick Logan (AAC) finished with 3-35, Pte David Matthews (RLC) 2-49, and Summersgill 2-8.

Spiller joined Greatorex and they put on 20 in 12 balls before the former skied Sangram. Greatorex by this time had edged ever closer to his century and assisted by Elks (RAF) took the score to 195 for three before he was yorked by Bredin on 99.

The scoring rate had been reduced to just six an over, but in the next over Elks was well caught on the long-on boundary attempting his third big six, and Turner (RAF) was clean bowled next ball.

From 195 for three the score had become 195 for six and with two new batsmen at the crease the challenge was virtually over. Cpl Nick Palmer (AAC) put up a spirited resistance, but as Sangram took

three more wickets including that of Capt Ian Fielding (Kings), to give him seven in all the score reached 230 for nine with just one over remaining.

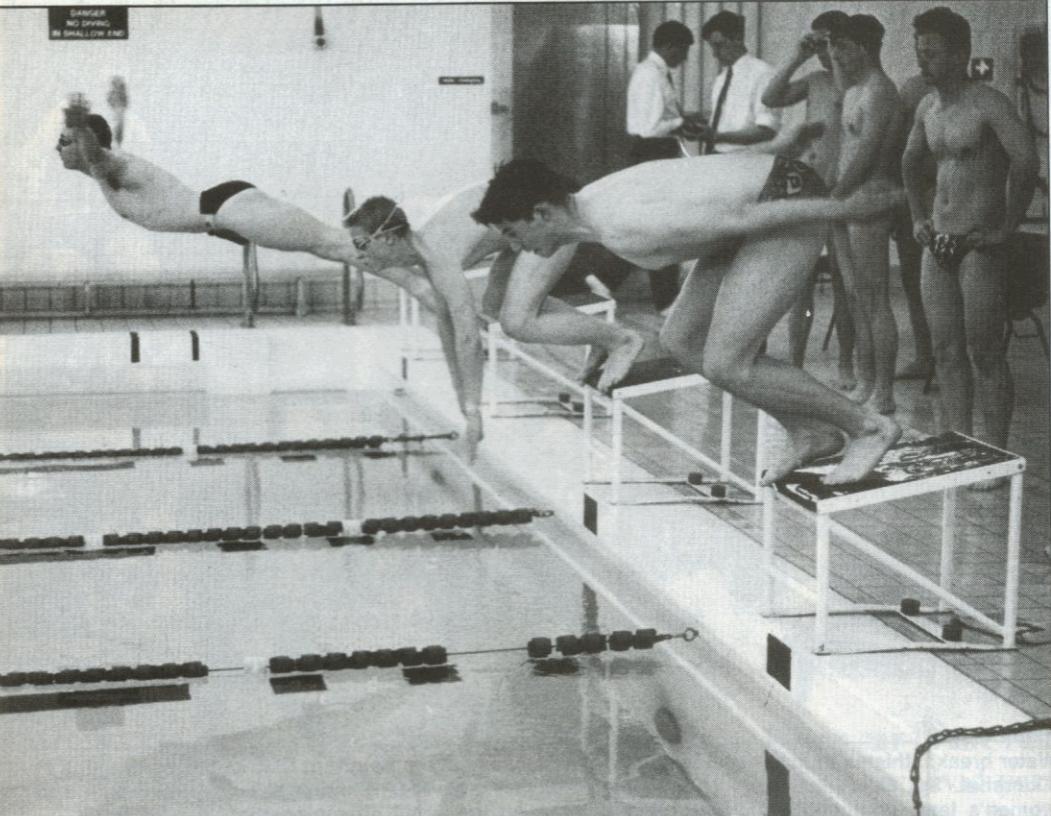
Learmouth played it out for the draw.

The final figures, as is often the case, do not tell the whole story, and the crowd were kept enthralled over the last hour as some delightful cricket was played by both sides. Forty overs of tantalising spin bowling, some hard hitting from Greatorex and Elks in particular, and three superb catches from the fielding side contributed to an excellent day's cricket.

Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI 246 for 5 dec. (Hutchinson 73, Newell 59); Combined Services 230 for 9. (Greatorex 99; Sangram 7-37). Match drawn.



Sappers celebrate after their Naafi Jubilee Cup triumph. Holding the trophy are CO Lt Col Ian Tate (left) and Capt David Quinn, the 1 and 3 Trg Regts football officer



Picture: Mike Weston

App Tradesman Martin Horner (left) from the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate leaves his rivals on their blocks at the start of the 4x2 freestyle relay during the Army junior inter-units team swimming championships at Princess Marina College, Arborfield. Harrogate won the race and the overall championship. In the middle is JSpr Daniel White from Chepstow and on the right AT Allan Patterson from PMC. Chepstow beat Harrogate 6-5 in the water polo competition.

Jubilee joy for sappers

GOAL aces from 1 and 3 Training Regiments – now retitled 3 RSME Regiment – beat off Royal Navy and Royal Air Force challenges to win the 1993 Naafi Jubilee Cup football tournament.

The annual competition between the three Service unit champions is decided on the number of goals scored, so the Army Cup holders, led by SSgt Steve Tusz, did their cause no harm at all by walloping Portsmouth naval establishment HMS Nelson 6-2 in their opening game.

But the RAF champions, RAF Coningsby, also put six past the hapless sailors, so the winners of the final match – played at Coningsby in Lincolnshire – were obviously going to walk away with the Jubilee Cup.

Two goals from SSgt Stephen Lehane secured a 2-1 victory for the sappers from Gibraltar Barracks, Minley,

who were making their final appearance in the colours of 1 and 3 Trg Regts RE. Soon afterwards the Camberley unit changed its name to 3 Royal School of Military Engineering Regiment.

They overcame opposition from ASPT, RMA Sandhurst, 1 Regt AAC and 1 PWO to win the title. Their reward will be to represent the Army at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court next month.



BAD guys and gals: LCpl Jenny Newbury, LCpl Ian Stewart, Sgt Woz Melia, LCpl Steve Cadman, Sgt John Ridgway, LCpl Steve Fallon, LCpl Archie Wright and LCpl Julie Wileman

3 RSME at the double

IN WEATHER more suited to cricket, 3 RSME Regiment's crack football team completed the Southern District League and Cup double by defeating SEME 3-1 at Bordon, writes **Derrick Bly**.

The Minley side shaded a dour, scoreless first half on points before the deadlock was broken in the 58th minute when Cpl Lee Innes – better known as an Army and Combined Services boxer – neatly headed home a free kick from SSgt Steve Tusz.

SSgt Tony Christie ran through unchallenged to fire 3 RSME's second past Army and SEME 'keeper Taylor.

Dawson pulled one back from the spot after SEME substitute Burridge had been flattened in the box, but the visitors settled the issue three minutes later when Cpl Steve Reeves ran on to a chip over the square home defence and blasted home.

Steve Tusz, soon to leave the Army, received the trophy from Col Mike Newby, Commandant SEME and Bordon Garrison.

RE canoe team sets hot pace

CPLs Taff Beegan and Jim Ross led the RE Canoe Club to the fastest team time in the Devizes to Westminster race and finished third overall in the best time ever recorded by a Service crew.

Beegan and Ross – who was doing the race for the first time – recorded 16hr 8min 55sec, just 11 minutes behind the first placed-crew, and set up the RECC A team of four canoes for an overall time of 52hr 21min 50sec, a corps record, and only just outside the 16-year-old event record.

It was the RECC's third consecutive team win in the event and their 14th overall. All eight RE crews in both A and B teams completed the race.

Duathlon success defies the odds

A FOUR-MAN Army team clawed back a two-minute advantage held by the Royal Air Force to win the Inter-Services duathlon championship at RAF Marham against all the odds, writes Eric Hehir.

The race was expected to be closely contested and so it proved, although the RAF quickly took a significant lead in the opening five mile run. Maj Robert Herring and Lt Philip Shepheard-Walwyn timed their effort superbly to close the gap in the later stages. Sgt Gary Smith and Sgt Stuart Dinwoodie were the other members of the team.

The airmen were just in front at the transitional stage to the 25-mile cycle ride – four laps of the airfield – and covered every Army move to take a two minute advantage into the final one-mile road run.

It seemed impossible for the Army to pull back that lead, but they managed to do so, winning by a single point.

In the veterans race for the over 40s, the Army swept aside all opposition. Individual honours went to Maj Graham Wilson (RLC) who finished more than four minutes ahead of the rest of the field. He was backed up by Maj Bill Fisher and Capt Colin Cuoll.

GKN Defence has renewed its sponsorship of the Army Triathlon Association so the Marham result provided further cause for celebration.



Water break: athletes in action in the 3,000m steeplechase at the Southern District championships at Aldershot. Sgt Colin Routledge (REME) won the race and RMA Sandhurst won both men's and women's team competitions. Report and pictures on the Army championships in next issue

Picture: Mike Perrin



Maj Peter McManners competing in the Tuffman races in the UK before taking part in the Lanzarote Ironman

Lanzarote tests Army Ironmen

TWO ARMY triathletes finished the Lanzarote Ironman – one of the world's toughest endurance races – on May 29.

From a field of more than 500, Maj Peter McManners of Military Survey came 119th overall in a time of 11hr 8min, and Lt Philip Shepheard-Walwyn (RA) was 263rd in 12hr 32min. Of the UK contingent among the 416 finishers, McManners was the tenth and Shepheard-Walwyn 37th.

McManners completed the 2.4-mile swim in a choppy sea and rolling swell in 1hr 14min.

The 112-mile bike course around the beautiful volcanic island is reckoned to be the hardest in the world, featuring very steep descents and hairpin bends. McManners completed it in 6hr 9min, 53 minutes quicker than Shepheard-Walwyn.

Final event in the Ironman is a full marathon and both men

had to work hard in the intense heat to get home in under four hours.

To prepare for the Lanzarote race, the two Army triathletes completed the British "Tuffman" event held around Arborfield and Kingston over the May bank holiday weekend. The Ironman distances are staged as separate events over two days, McManners finishing 15th with Shepheard-Walwyn close behind.

Tuggers impress Princess

A RECORD 50 teams from the UK and BAOR entered the Princess Royal's Inter-Services tug of war competition at Windsor Great Park last month.

Princess Anne braved wet and windy weather to watch several titanic struggles and sport of a very high standard.

In a repeat of last year, RAF Cottesmore won both weights and Army teams took both silver medals.

In the 640kg class, 47 AD Sqn RLC, in only their second season, powered their way to the silver with some gutsy pulling. In the 600kg class 94 Loc Regt RA showed their class by taking Cottesmore to three ends in the final.

In their last year before amalgamation, 94 are determined to write a final page of glory into their superb tug of war record book.

Organiser Maj Dick Field said: "This was the best year yet, in spite of the weather. We had a record entry – indeed the largest in any Service competition in my 23 years in the sport."

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Armoured squadrons of The Household Cavalry Regiment on parade at Horse Guards for the presentation of new standards by the Queen (see Pages 26-27)

Picture: Mike Perring

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