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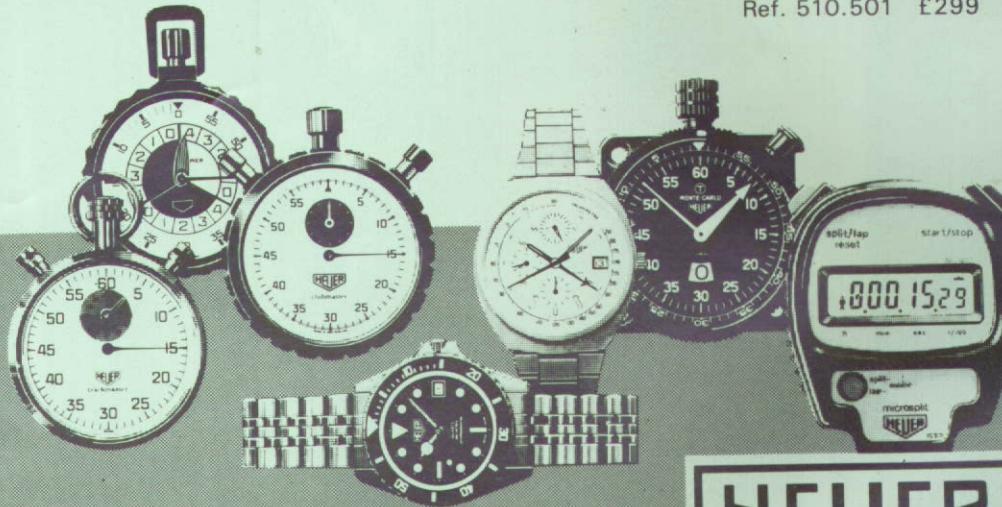
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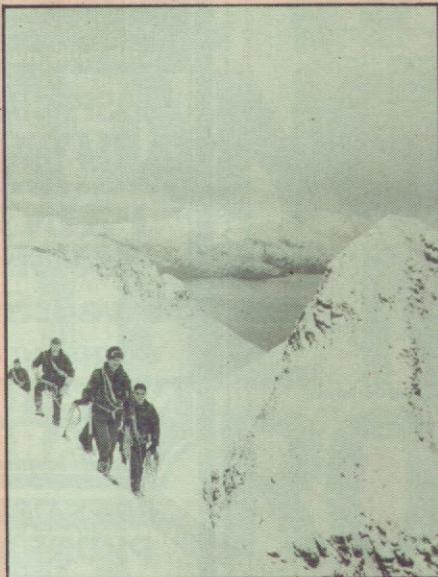
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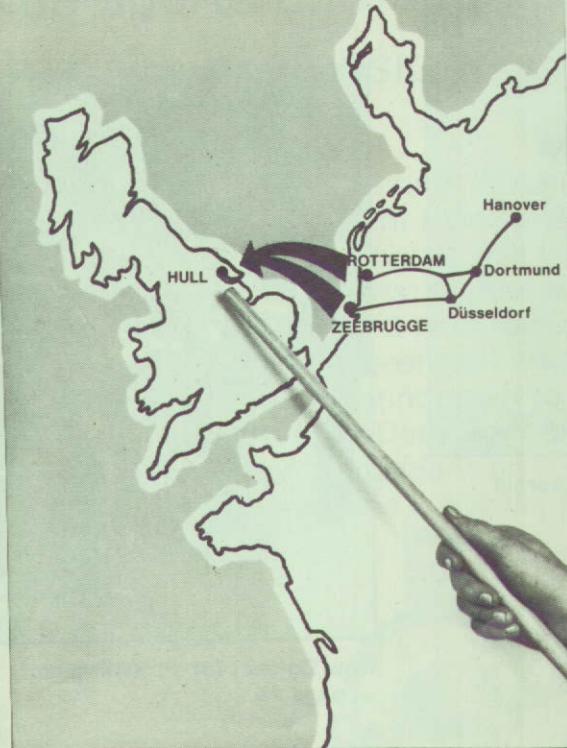


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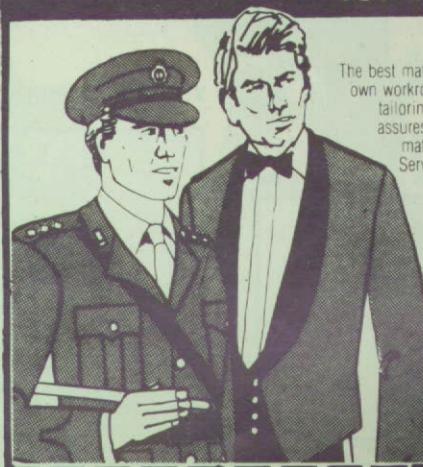
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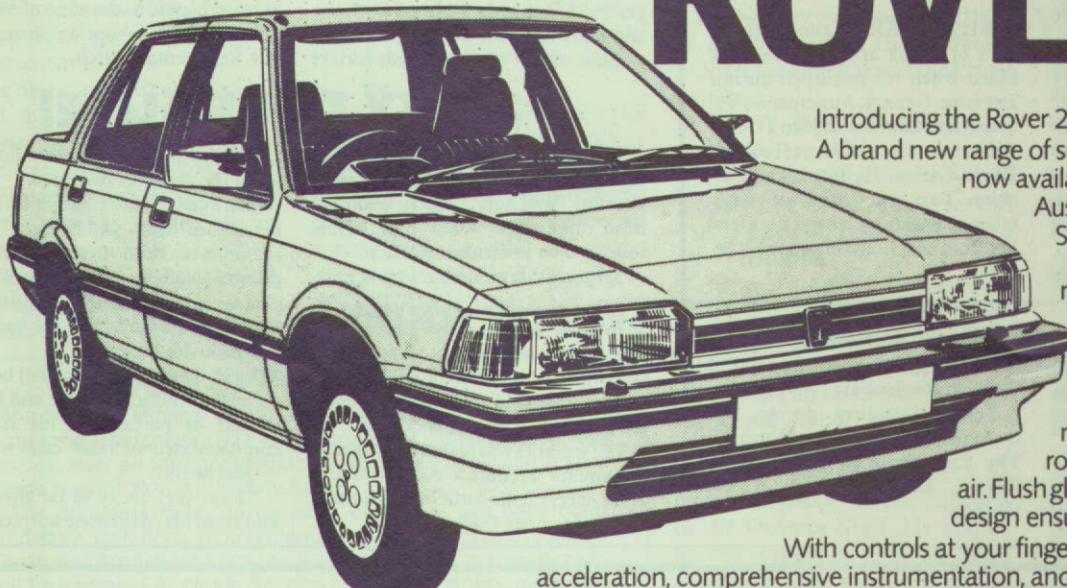
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The Duke of Gloucester reviews men of the 1st Battalion.

EXERCISE DEATHS

If any indication was needed that volunteer exercises are not just fun and games it came one Saturday recently when two volunteers died in accidents.

Officer Cadet Waladmir Kuzan, aged 21, of the Northumbria Universities Officers Training Corps, died in the Duchess of Kent's Military Hospital in Caterick after being mortally injured in an accident between two armoured cars, a Ferret and a Fox, in the Caterick Training Area.

On the same day, Private Joseph Lakatos, 24, of the 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, was drowned in Lake Hawley, near Farnborough, while on a routine training exercise. At his funeral, the following Friday, an honour guard of his comrades from 10 Para fired a salute over the grave.

A few days earlier a young TA

sapper from Manchester collapsed on a training march at Hawley and died later in the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

Sapper Jason Plant was a 17-year-old apprentice vehicle mechanic who belonged to 198 Engineer Park Squadron — a Royal Engineers sponsored volunteer unit. He was in his second week of basic training with 27 Squadron, 1 Training Regiment, RE.

A LIFE GUARDS gunner crewman of a Fox armoured car was killed when it overturned during Exercise Gannet Anticipation on Salisbury Plain near St Joan à Gores Cross. He was named as Trooper David Carter, 19, from Staffordshire. Two other crewmen were taken to Salisbury Hospital suffering from shock. An inquiry will be held.

SALAMANCA, it is chronicled somewhere, was said to be the Duke of Wellington's proudest battle in the Peninsular War and, at Tidworth 172 years later almost to the day it was another Duke's historic moment to remember as a descendant battalion, his battalion, turned out on ceremonial parade to commemorate that Iberian battle.

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment — the "Glorious Glosters" from three decades ago — dropped in by Queen's Flight helicopter to honour the regiment's annual milestone by taking the salute and, later, attending the family celebrations and sports day.

Literally adding a splash of colour and authenticity to the parade proceedings was the five-man 1801 Guard garbed in scarlet tunics, white trousers, black shakos and clutching muskets of the period; all tutored by WO 2 (ORQMS) Terry Green.

The battle of Salamanca took place on 22nd July 1812 on a Spanish battlefield dominated by two steep hills.

During the battle the French were forced off the greater hill by the British 4th Division but immediately regained it in a counter attack. The 6th Division with the 61st and 11th of Foot (Glosters and Devonshires) were ordered to recapture it.

This they did against overwhelming odds and with great losses — 8 officers and more than 100 soldiers.

This done, they awaited further

orders under continuous fire.

The French started withdrawing leaving a Division as a rearguard which the 6th Division was ordered to attack. The dry grass, however, of the mountain caught fire and during the final charge all the officers and sergeants with Colours of the Glosters became casualties — 24 officers and 342 soldiers.

The Colours were seized by two Privates, William Crawford and Nicholas Coulson who carried them triumphantly to the summit.

This heroic action has been commemorated traditionally ever since by two Privates taking over as escorts to the Colours. This year, at Tidworth — the regiment's first Salamanca Day parade for four years — they were Privates Martin Appleton and John Blackford.

There was, however, another surprise, on-the-spot break with tradition which had largely gone unnoticed. The 50 or so Old Comrades present declined to march-past to the tune of 'Boys of the Old Brigade' opting, instead, for the Regimental March.

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!

MILLIONS of TV viewers looked on horror as two members of the Guards Freefall Parachute Display team got into difficulties 1,000 feet before touch-down at Headcorn, Kent.

Sergeant Steve Treble's parachute,

COSTLY SOUND

The brass trumpet used to sound the last British cavalry charge of regimental strength was sold at Christies recently for £4,200 to a private collector.

The trumpet was blown by Sergeant Trumpeter Frederick Knight of the 21st Lancers at the battle of Omdurman on 2 September 1898.

tangled with one of his fellow jumpers when the canopies deployed.

The other soldier managed to cut his chute free while Sgt Treble plummeted head first towards the ground tangled in the lines of three chutes — two of his and his team mate's.

Sgt Treble landed on his back and escaped with bruising.

Later he said the chute had become entangled round his ankle and he had started to panic. But his training commandment of 'relax' came to mind — and he did.

"I am very lucky to be alive," he said from his Maidstone hospital bed.



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'MORE CENTRALISED SYSTEM OF PLANNING AND CONTROL'

The recent Defence White Paper, entitled "The Central Organisation for Defence," was not designed to produce revolutionary changes. Rather it was part of the evolutionary process which had steadily shifted the balance of power away from the three Services towards a more centralised system of planning and control.

This was the view expressed by Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, when he attended a press conference shortly after the White Paper had been tabled in Parliament.

Mr Heseltine described it as another milestone on the route that had led from the formation of the unified Ministry of Defence, 20 years ago, and through the abolition of the Service Ministers and their replacement by Ministers for Armed Forces and Defence Procurement in 1981.

The Secretary of State acknowledged that there had been controversy about the re-organisation in 1964 and that there continued to be controversy about the proper balance between single service interests and centralised control.

The question of establishing the right balance was a matter of prime importance, the Chief of the

Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, told the conference.

Too much decentralisation could produce the wearisome problems of inter-service rivalry. But if Service Chiefs were distanced too far from policy making then the quality of professional advice would suffer.

Sir Edwin said that he had received assurances from the Prime Minister and was absolutely satisfied that there was no question of the Service Chiefs "withering on the vine."

The position of the Service Chiefs, is outlined in the White Paper as follows:

- **THEY REMAIN** fully responsible for the fighting effectiveness, management, overall efficiency, and morale of their Services.
- **THEY WILL** normally report and tender advice through the

HSF EXPANSION

John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces and Lord Trefgarne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, have announced details of the plans for expanding the Home Service Force to nearly 5,000.

The ministers said: "In devising our plans, we have been guided by operational requirements and the availability of suitable Territorial Army host units. As a result of this expansion there will be a total of 47 Home Service Force companies, including the existing 4 pilot scheme companies.

"The expansion will take place in two stages. The first, which will begin in January, will raise the strength of the Home Service Force to over 4,200 and will involve host units not affected by the Territorial Army expansion programme announced by the Secretary of State for Defence on 26 March 1984.

"The second stage will follow the expansion of the Territorial Army and will add a further 500 to the strength of the HSF."

The companies of the expanded Home Service Force will be located as follows: *Scotland* — 7 (Elgin, Aberdeen, Perth, Dunfermline, Ayr, Dumfries, Edinburgh); *South East* — 4 (Canterbury, Horsham, Reading, Oxford); *North East* — 7 (Huddersfield, Scarborough, Newcastle, Bishop Auckland, Hull, Catterick, Leconfield); *East* — 7 (Bedford, Norwich, Peterborough, Chelmsford, Workshop, Derby and Leicester). *London* — 5 (2 in Finsbury and three more, possibly to be located one each at Chelsea, Hammersmith and Kensington); *South West* — 5 (Truro, Plymouth, South Cerney, Bath, Salisbury); *Wales* — 5 (Cardiff, Swansea, Wrexham); *West* — 4 (Walsall, Worcester, Kidderminster, Donnington); *North West* — 5 (Lancaster, Chorley, Liverpool, Warrington, Runcorn). The companies to be raised at Oxford, Kensington, Plymouth and Runcorn will represent the second phase of the expansion.

The companies to be raised at Donnington, Salisbury, South Cerney, Catterick and Leconfield will be hosted by units of the Regular Army. If this proves successful, it will assist in considering the scope for longer term expansion of the Home Service Force.



MICHAEL HESELTINE: evolutionary process.

CDS but they will retain their right of direct access to the Secretary of State for Defence and the Prime Minister.

- **THEY WILL** continue to sit on the Defence Council under the Secretary of State and they will attend the Defence and Overseas Policy Committee of the Cabinet when required.

But the posts of Service Vice Chiefs of Staff will go. The White Paper says the new unified Defence Staff will cover the functions of the greater part of the present single service staffs reporting to their own vice chiefs.

A new post, however, will be created for the day-to-day direction of the Defence Staff. He will be known as the Vice Chief and have a four star rank. In all respects he will act as Chief of Staff to CDS.

The new Defence Staff will be structured around the following groupings:

- **Strategy and Policy.**
- **Programmes and Personnel**, with responsibility to determine military priorities in the allocation of resources, and to provide central co-ordination of Service personnel matters.
- **Systems:** The White Paper says this grouping "represents a significant step forward in the evolutionary process of making equipment decisions on a defence-wide basis."
- **Commitments**, which will formulate policy for defence commitments, including joint and single Service plans for operational deployments.

Inter-service co-operation will be considerably advanced in some areas under the re-organisation.

Although the Government is

firmly committed to the continuance of three separately uniformed medical Corps, it has accepted the recommendation, in a report from Sir Henry Yellowlees, that defence medical services should be brought together under a single unified headquarters.

The new Medical Services HQ organisation will be headed by an officer of three-star rank, supported by two-star deputies.

And, as catering training for all services has been located at Aldershot, and language training at Beaconsfield, the intention is to establish a new Defence School of Music at Deal with an intended completion date about 1988.

The White Paper points out that already 23 separate ranges of stores

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Robert Higson

embracing a quarter of the Defence inventory are already managed by one Service on behalf of all three. It promises further investigation of this sort of rationalisation.

Mr Heseltine was at pains to assure the press conference that all this was not leading to a gradual merging of the forces. Rumours about some sort of universal purple uniform in the future were nonsense he said. No-one who knew anything about the British Armed Forces would consider that as an option.

The White Paper emphasised the same point. It said: "Each of the three fighting Services continues to have a unique and vital part to play in the nation's defence."

"The Government is determined to uphold the leadership, loyalties and traditions which are essential to the morale of the individual Services and their fighting capability."

However other considerations had also to be taken into account. The country's experience of modern war, most recently in the Falklands, had demonstrated the need for the Services to be trained and equipped to fight together. And present defence commitments depended on the individual services providing complementary capabilities.

"At the heart of the present review, therefore, has been the recognition that future policy for each Service must be shaped increasingly within a common defence framework."

The present White Paper represents only the start of a wide ranging review of the organisation of the Ministry of Defence. Lower echelons will feel the effect once the new top management is appointed and settles down to work.

Thumbs up for the 'Down Under' lads!

AFTER four weeks on a "once in a lifetime venture," 120 men of the 1st Battalion The Green Howards are back in their BAOR base and giving their trip a 100 per cent "thumbs up."

They have just returned from Australia and exercise Southern Cross/North Star which gave them an insight into Australian infantry expertise.

But it wasn't all work for the "Tykes". A raft race against Aussie infantrymen raised £430 for an Australian war dependents charity, followed by a barbecue.

Of the visit Major G M Cooper says: "For the Green Howard, he has swapped his Nato experience for some antipodean expertise of Vietnam and jungle soldiering and learned about the Australian soldier, his tactics, army and country. But above all he has made a lot of friends and been fortunate to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity."



■ THE GREEN HOWARDS IN AUSTRALIA: memories of a marvellous visit

PEOPLE EXTRA

Medals galore for soldiers of 28 Amphibious Regiment RE when Major General C B Pollard visited them in BAOR. First he handed out LS and GC medals to Staff Sergeant J W Hayden, Sergeants L W Brown, J K Cheethan and R J Dorey and Cpl C W Dalziel and finished his day by distributing athletic honours to Lance Corporals Hill and Ring and Private Fleming.

Plymouth-based 29 Commando Regiment RA, took on and beat 18 teams from Regular and TA teams from UK-based field regiments and observation post batteries in a 28-hour non-stop skills contest on Salisbury Plain.

Princess Anne's car standard went AWOL when she visited BAOR for a two-day visit. She was en-route to the Royal Corps of Signals at Bielefeld when the flag

disappeared. A ten-mile search of the autobahn proved fruitless. But the German police stuck with the job and turned up trumps, returning what would have been an attractive memento.

More royal news ... Prince Charles has visited three units in BAOR; the Gordon Highlanders as the Colonel-in-Chief; RAF Laarbruch as their Honorary Air Commodore and made his first call on the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales as their Colonel-in-Chief.

Three German char ladies have been presented with meritorious certificates by 26 Engineer Regiment for service with the allied forces. Rosa Jendrzejewski, Hedwig Kleczka and Matr Molitar received their certificates from the regiment's CO Lieutenant Colonel Scott Grant.

ARMY social worker Janet Stevens challenged the Army to come up with 12 daring tasks for her to do — all in the name of charity.

Now 37-year-old Janet will parachute into the sea, do aerobatics and ride a motorcycle through a hoop of fire — even though she has never ridden a motorbike before.

Already Janet has deployed as a member of a gun crew with 5 Battery of the Bulford-based 32 Guided

Engineers licking stamp plea!

LATEST problem licked by 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment is collecting postage stamps.

Since May they have collected more than 25,000 which will go towards raising cash to buy guide dogs for the blind.

They started when an ex-

Tough gal Janet defies Army challengers

Weapons Regiment, Royal Artillery, firing a 105 mm light gun during an Artillery Day rehearsal.

Her efforts to raise money for SSAFA, the Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, began when someone suggested she parachute into the water for charity.

"I said that sounded a Herculean task. They replied: 'Why not do the 12 labours of Hercules?'" said Janet.

"I approached all the major Army units in Bulford and Tidworth and asked them to do their worst. They are sponsoring me."

Some units have still to suggest their tough tasks, but the parachute jump into water is all arranged, thanks to the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment at Bulford.

Headquarters SW District is teaching Janet how to eat and drink while wearing an NBC suit and mask; the Army Air Corps are taking her up in a powered hang glider, while Tidworth's 4th Royal Tank Regiment have dared her loop the loop in a glider.

The task which makes Janet cringe is jumping into the sea, she has a fear of water.

Arnhem sword for Dutch people

A commemorative sword, commissioned by veterans of Arnhem, is to be presented to the Dutch people as part of the Arnhem 40th anniversary. The sword is a tribute from veterans of the 1st British Airborne Division and the 1st Polish Parachute Brigade to the bravery of the Dutch people. Throughout the battle the Dutch tended the dying and wounded and later helped many to evade capture.

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Sergeant majors signal WO John's departure

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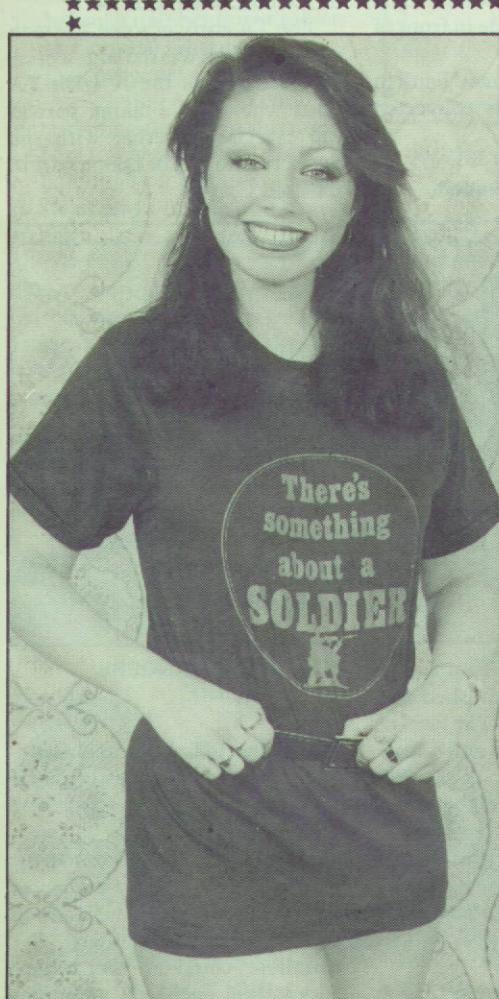
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★ SWIFT work by a young soldier saved a youth from drowning. Now the father of the lad has written saying: "I am proud that young men like that are in our Services."

★ Craftsman Ken Coppard, 21, REME, of 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment in BAOR, swam more than 200 yards fully clothed to rescue the youth who was in difficulty at St Osyth, Essex.

★ Ken was playing beach football with some pals when he heard a woman shouting that her son was drowning.

★ He immediately ran into the sea and swam to the lad who had

drifted well away from the shore.

Now proud Ken has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's award by Major General C B Pollard.

The presentation took place in front of the whole regiment which is based at Hamelin.

Swim heartens invalids

★ ASK Mrs Dorothy Curtis what she thinks of the Sappers at Gibraltar Barracks, Camberley, and she'll tell you they are all heart.

★ For six swimmers from 3 Training Regiment have helped raise more than £2,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

Here's a winner for you... Look sharp and order your SOLDIER T-shirt. Dancer and singer Ilana Barry did and said it worked wonders for her. Wow! So fill up the coupon at the foot of Page 8 and get your order off today. T-shirts and sweat shirts, printed in red on navy are available in small, medium, large and extra large at £3 and £7.50 respectively.

Backed by 500 sponsors from the regiment, the six swam their hearts out to collect £205 and come first in the adult section in Mrs Curtis's regional contest to raise cash for the Foundation.

To show her appreciation, Mrs Curtis presented a trophy to swim organisers Captain Michael Dunford and WO Colin Ward.

It is thanks to people such as the Sappers at Camberley that spectacular advances have been made in heart research.

★ One major development is the heart-lung bypass machine which allows operations on the heart itself.

Now, because of this new technology, not only adults have this operation, but new-born "blue babies," too, giving them an 80 per cent survival rate and the chance of a full life.



KEN COPPARD
Swam fully clothed

Spandau puzzle

Rumours are flying thick and fast about what will happen to Spandau jail when sole inmate Rudolph Hess dies. Two national papers have carried stories; one says it will "vanish from the face of the earth," while another predicts it will become a Naafi store.

The official Allied spokesman in Berlin said he had "no comment to make," and Naafi's London HQ said they're "always talking to MoD about possible sites."

Seems it's a question of paying your money... or just waiting to see what happens.

Sappers turn time travellers in monkey hunt

TWELVE sappers turned monkey hunters when Captain Paul Wallace-Tarry led them on a three-week quest in Morocco.

"We were looking for the Macaque monkey, which is quite rare," said Paul.

"It lives in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains and, after a good deal of search-

ing, managed to glimpse and a few photos."

An adventure-training exercise, the lads, all from 38 Field Squadron RE based in Berlin, encountered quite a few natural hazards in their search for the elusive simians.

"There were no major problems, but we had to take

care when camping for the night," said Paul.

"Flesh-eating spiders and scorpions abound in that part of North Africa, but fortunately nobody was hurt."

"It was a real eye-opener of a trip. It showed us a totally different way of life."

"We met up with all sorts of people including mud-hut

dwellers and desert travellers. It was like stepping back in time."

"It was completely new to all of us. Water? No problems. A quick three-foot dig and there was the precious stuff."

"Although it needed filtering and purifying it was OK to drink and nobody suffered

upsets."

"One thing we did make sure of though was to overcook the meat we bought in the markets. "We just didn't want to take any chances."

■ The Macaque monkey is better known as the Barbary Ape and bounds around the top of Gibraltar.



TOPICS



IRISH READY FOR LIONHEART

If the 4th Battalion (Volunteer), the Royal Irish Rangers, aren't fighting fit for the forthcoming Exercise Lionheart it won't be for want of trying.

Ever conscious of the so-called "divide" between regular and TA units, 4 Royal Irish have been busy all year sharpening up their signals, transport and procedures against nuclear and biological attack.

With the battalion spread over TA training centres in Enniskillen, Omagh, Limavady, Ballymena, Portadown, Belfast and London, co-ordinated training isn't always easy. But Captain Billy McKeown, the Regimental Signals Officer, was able to beat the deadline for the introduction of new voice and call sign procedures by organising a series of training weekends at Portadown.

Another problem has been the shortage of heavy goods vehicle

licences. Each company has received five four-ton trucks and in order to meet the Lionheart requirements of two drivers a vehicle, the battalion has set itself the task of training 55 junior rank drivers before next month.

In the belief that not enough units concern themselves sufficiently with nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training, 4 Royal Irish has made a special effort to send officers and men to the DNBC centre at Winterbourne

Belfast's Lord Mayor's Show was all but taken over by the TA this year. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alfie Ferguson, requested that the massed bands, included the N Irish TA Silver Band and the Pipes, Drums and Bugles of several units should head the parade in front of his coach.

The Preferred Theme: 'Faith in Belfast's Future' was converted

BELFAST'S TA:
Lord Mayor's Show leaders.

into Lionheart '84 with the 'theme truck' which preceded the TA entry proclaiming from its bill boards that "The TA Defends Our Future" and that "over 2,000 Ulster Territorials will take part in Exercise Lionheart 84."

The TA entry of some 200 men and 18 vehicles was the largest ever, representing all the N Irish TA units who will be taking part in the exercise, together with the Sappers who will be taking part in Ex Bold Gannet.



ROYAL IRISH RANGERS:
sharper signals.

Enniskillen to London and undertake a physically exhausting exercise in weather that varied from fine to abominable.

At the conclusion there was the satisfaction of hearing an officer from Headquarters Northern Ireland say: "Few, if any, TA battalions could or would have undertaken such an ambitious exercise outside this annual camp period."

The exercise showed that 4 Royal Irish could concentrate forces from TA centres from

Gunner. Back in the companies, cadres have been established and study days organised. The level of NBC training, both for individuals and specialist teams, is steadily increasing as September approaches.

Meanwhile the infantryman's basic role has not been neglected. The CO, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Brooke, laid on a field tactical exercise.

The exercise showed that 4 Royal Irish could concentrate forces from TA centres from

The operation, entitled Exercise Harrogate Haul, involved excavating the tank, and winching it some 1000 metres across country and through pine trees to a roadside layby where it could be hauled aboard a tank transporter.

The picture shows them dragging their prize out. Needless to say the whole operation had its aftermath when the temporary tank track through the forest had to be erased.

RECOVERY COMPLETED — AFTER 40 YEARS

Members of 124 Recovery Company, REME (V) (the Tyne Electrical Engineers) really lived up to their unit's name when they managed to recover a World War II tank from marshy oblivion in Yorkshire.

The tank — a Churchill Mark II — was bogged around 1943 in what was then a Royal Armoured Corps gunnery range in Stain-

burn Forest, near Harrogate.

Since it became stuck the tank has become enveloped by growing trees to such an extent that it disappeared from view and became virtually forgotten.

But thanks to the Newcastle based 123 Platoon, the Churchill tank is now in the custody of the Army Museum of Transport at Lecoland where it is being refurbished and prepared for eventual display.



HARROGATE HAUL: A Churchill comes to light.

OVER HERE . . .



This year the annual transatlantic exchange of part-time soldiers from Britain and the United States swapped 120 men of the 3rd Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers, for a similar number from the New York National Guard.

The chance of spending a couple of weeks in America and of entertaining American volunteers at home, is shared every year.

Essentially a company from a US unit and a British unit simply change places for a fortnight. In the words of Captain Bill Carr, the commander of the visiting Americans: "It's a unique experience of adapting to new equipment and situations. And it gives us the opportunity to talk to each other and recognise our differences and similarities."

Captain Carr, commanding Company C 1/150 Battalion New York

weapons and equipment.

At Stanford National Guard drivers took only a few hours to master the Land-Rover and four-ton Bedford as well as the business of driving on the left. Visiting signallers had to work a little harder to get to grips with British voice procedure.

Meanwhile, at Fort Drum, the British received insect repellent with their issue of American Army weapons and equipment for defensive action against the mosquitos.

Evidently the Americans were

SERGEANT STEVE LILLEY ▲

SLR explanation for US visitors.



PRIVATE TRACY FISHER ▲

Teaching, the 'British way'.

emerge as the exercise progressed — things like training and equipment problems, and the pressures of combining part-time soldiering with a civilian job or career.

However the question of tea was a dividing point. The Americans at Stanford had one concession to their mainly British menu — iced tea. It was not a taste that spread to their hosts.

Over at Fort Drum the visitors found to their cost that American rations do not provide the mainstay of British Army life — the traditional "cuppa."

Even without this source of inspiration a team from C Company, led by Officer Cadet Simon Fovargue of Menston, Ilkley, won the trophy for a competition based on use of weapons, knowledge of NBC, map reading and a speed test of carrying an injured man.

On both sides of the Atlantic it seemed the exchange was a great success. Even though C Company were in the United States in high summer — the time when Americans traditionally recall the eviction of British Redcoats — the visitors were made to feel most welcome.

At the end of it all, Major Armitage expressed the view of many: "I only wish we could do it again next year."

SSGT SHANE MARRIOTT (right) Barbecues for the Yorkshire Volunteers.

OVER THERE . . .



END OF THE HUEY RUN ▲
Fitness is the key to speed.

LT PAUL LAYCOCK (right) ▼
Inspection time on the M60.



National Guard, led 120 of his men into annual camp at Stanford Training Area in Norfolk.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Major Stephen Armitage, OC C Company, 3 Yorks, and his men headed towards Fort Drum in New York State, one of America's largest training areas.

The first task was to get acquainted with their hosts'

quite impressed the following day when C Company fired the M16 rifle. Later everyone in the Company was instructed in the use of equipment such as Tow, Dragon, Flash anti-tank weapons, M50 machine guns, M60 and Law.

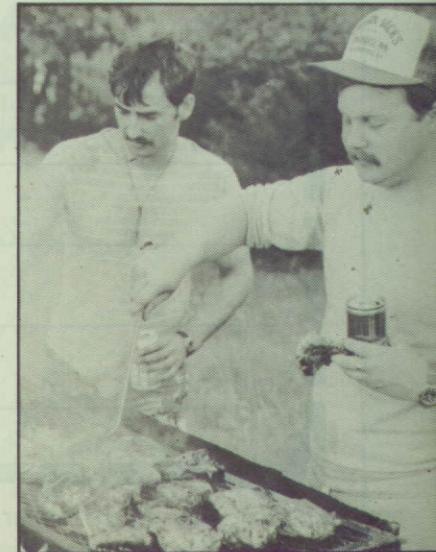
At Fort Drum they took the exchange system one stage further by detaching 20 men from the main body of C Company to work with Company B 1/105 New York National Guard in return for 20 men from Company B.

The Americans attached to C Company had to learn the "British way" which meant marching eight miles with full kit to an exercise location and then digging full trenches instead of the usual American foxholes. Sergeant Dingman, the American platoon leader was full of admiration: "We usually march in lightweight kit with the rest of our stores to follow on trucks. Your guys marched with everything they needed for the next week. Your people are a lot fitter than ours."

In Britain the Americans and British were fully integrated in all aspects of training. Company C is part of the US 42nd Infantry Division which is committed to West Germany in time of war. But, by the second week, they were ready to operate alongside 3 Yorks on a major exercise to practise the latter's role as a UK Home Defence Battalion.

Bearing in mind that Britain and America use the same language in different ways, Captain Ian Croft, who normally selects and trains recruits for 3 Yorks, was attached to Company C to help them understand the orders.

But distinct similarities did



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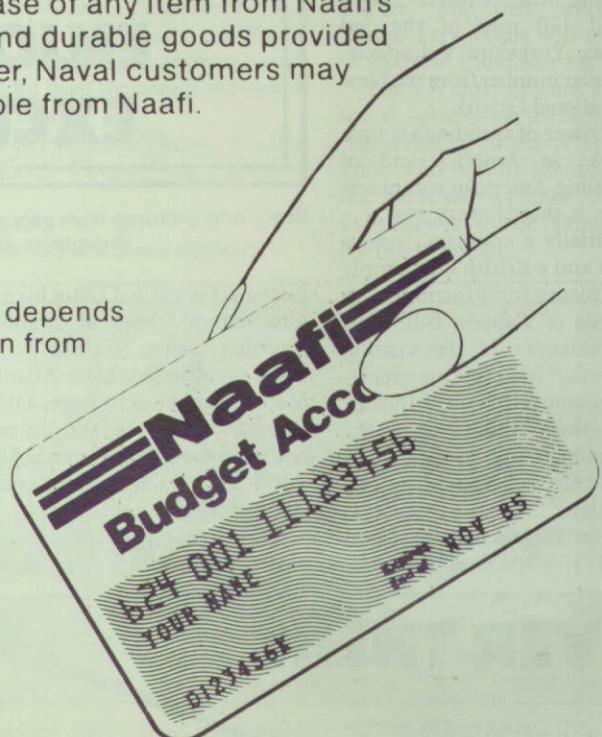
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PRINTING deadline prevented us from giving all but the bare essentials from Bisley (SOLDIER 30 July), where once again 1st Battalion Welsh Guards won the Army Major Units competition.

Since then we've been given some interesting background on the marksmanship of the Royal Anglian Regiment, who this year had the distinction of producing the best individual marksmen in



Corporal Scarboro smiles. Why not? He's the best shot in the Army!

the Regular and Territorial sections.

Corporal 'Nidge' Scarboro, 2 Royal Anglian, and Lieutenant Colin Bateman, 5 (V) Royal Anglian, were the Queen's Medalists.

Lieutenant Bateman is a regional manager for a pharmaceutical firm. Unfortunately his job is taking him and his skills away from 5 Royal Anglian. His next unit will be I Wessex who came third, one place behind the Anglians, in the overall results.

It was a notable Bisley for Corporal Scarboro, of the 2nd Battalion's C Company.

Not only was he Queen's



Lieutenant Colin Bateman, of 5 (V) Royal Anglian receiving a trophy to go with the Queen's Medal.

Medalist but he also collected an armful of other trophies.

He won the Old Contemptibles match with a culmination of both SLR and SMG matches. He took the Roupell Cup outright with maximum points. He also took the Army Rifle Association Gold Jewel and the Watkin Cup.

To add to the sense of occasion Corporal Scarboro officially received his second stripe during the competition. Nothing to do, apparently, with his shooting

SOLDIER to Soldier

prowess — he was due for promotion anyway.

The Anglians believe Corporal Scarboro and Lieutenant Bateman's feats have provided the Regiment with a unique double.

In addition, they are proud of their other marksmen who were at Bisley and helped the Regiment to 11 major trophies ... not to mention that 11 in the Regular Army 100 and seven in the TA 50 wore the Royal Anglian badge.

★ ★ ★

WHAT a pally lot SOLDIER readers are! At the beginning of this year, when it was inundated in letters seeking pen pals, SOLDIER introduced a special form printed in the magazine because it was felt that readers of the magazine should receive priority over non-readers.

But still we are inundated in pen pal requests. The delay in printing your pen pal letters is becoming so long that reluctantly it has been decided not to accept

any more requests for the foreseeable future, to give time to clear the backlog.

★ ★ ★

THE battlefields of Normandy have been in the minds of thousands of people in recent weeks, but one person who had spent many hours pacing the terrain of an earlier Continental battlefield — Waterloo — was artist David Knight.

His study of the fields of Waterloo resulted in a detailed painting of the action after the famous charge by the Union and Household Brigades which cleared the ridge of Mont St Jean, and a triptych of prints based on the painting has now been published by Preesgweene Publications.

Sadly, the artist did not live to see the drawings published; he died eighteen months ago.

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A disused housing estate within sight of the famous Yorkshire Dales is now providing a useful urban service to the infantry soldiers of today for whom the niceties of doorbell ringing play no part. Their method of operation is simple:



HOUSES CLEARED — EXPERTLY!

WHERE CAN a rifle-toting infantry soldier enthusiastically, yet tactically, kick in the front door of a four-bedroomed house worth £65,000 at today's prices in the North of England and get away with it under the eyes of his company commander?

Answer: It happens regularly at Catterick all in the cause of realistic training on the edge of the

country's most famous garrison training acres.

That soldier, and thousands like him in future years, puts the boot in against the woodwork during a week-long training sequence called Fighting in Built-Up Areas (FIBUA) and Catterick Garrison's Training Area perimeter has the second largest facility of its specialised kind in the UK.

Its aim is to sharpen up the

techniques of those infantry battalions with a BAOR reinforcement role — including the Territorial Army — and there are more than 30 of those.

Located on a pan-handled 13-acre site and comprising 37 surplus officers' married quarters — their 150-plus residential inhabitants moved out at the end of 1981 — the Catterick FIBUA is geared to the needs of the 80s with 18 mock cellars, four 60-metre-long, three-foot-wide sewers — unused! — 30 tile-top observation post gunports and various larger-than-life mouseholes between rooms to meet the training requirements of a projected 300 days' annual usage.

This latest FIBUA facility is at Whinny Hill, a breezy 190 metres above sea level at the southern extremity of the garrison's 20,000-acre training area. It overlooks Gandale Moor and is being transformed into a village "somewhere in Germany" on a site where Roman legionnaires once guarded the convoys of precious lead being moved from the nearby Yorkshire Dales.

There are an estimated 21,000 built-up areas in BAOR and Catterick is one of four intermediate FIBUAs planned for the UK. The others are at Longmoor (already in existence), Stanford on the Thetford PTA and at Sennybridge. A major FIBUA facility incorporating more than 90 houses is also planned for a site on Salisbury Plain.

The Whinny Hill MQs — Types 3, 4 and 5 of housing — the former homes of captains to lieutenant-colonels have been designated certain tactical roles. There is an HQ, a demonstration house (it has teaching aids showing how to deny the taking of a house), sleeping accommodation for up to 114 men, tactical training houses and eight skills houses.

Genuine German street signs are gradually being acquired to give urban authenticity. So, too, have two petrol pumps. More Teutonic thoroughfare instructions are planned.

From time to time, derelict cars, courtesy of the camp and local police authority, will appear on a rotational basis.

As a willing section of men from Chindit Company, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment — the winning regiment just hours earlier of the 2 Div Skill-at-Arms competition — put on a demo for SOLDIER, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Hugh Le Messurier, Commandant of the Catterick Training Centre, told me: "Now, the biggest garrison in the North of England and Scotland has, for the first time, its own FIBUA facility.

"New techniques have been evolved from recent experience and until you have a place to practise like this you cannot start.

"FIBUA is not magical. It's merely the application of basic military tactics presented in a different form.

"The units in this part of the world who have an operational role which would include FIBUA as such we would expect to have 300 days' usage a year at least, bearing in mind not only the Regulars but the Territorials at weekends. On top of that, there are units who want to do their own training."

Earlier, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Peter MacGillivray, the Project Liaison Officer, said of the FIBUA scheme: "These houses are of no use to the local council because they are too expensive to maintain and are not the right type of accommodation for their needs.

"It's also a remote site and has a mini-climate of its own. In winter, you can get very severe conditions here.



You don't always need a ladder...

INDOOR — OUTDOOR ACTION!

"The training requirement was for company level tactical training for use by battle group combat teams. In the houses we occupied, we took up the wooden floorboards and poured in cement for units to practise defensive positions on the first floor.

"We took out mirrors, carpets, hot water boilers and radiators but cemented up the toilets for obvious reasons. We left in baths and sinks the whole project cost £300,000, saving some £200,000 on the estimates."

Heading the five-man team responsible for the day-to-day running of the three-phase development FIBUA is WO 1 Tom Leversuch, a Royal Engineer.

Helping him is a carpenter — he re-hangs the unhinged doors — two labourers who tend the "ecology" of the site and a storeman.

WO 1 Leversuch said: "Phase one was the preparation for task of the estate. Phase two was the admin, its setting-up and implementation.

"Phase three will be the new ideas for incorporation such as, perhaps, the installation of a high-spot TV video camera kit to give instant battle section re-plays." Another possible scheme is the strengthening of the approach roads giving access to vehicles heavier than Scorpion and Scimitar."

A company, he said, would come in from Monday to Friday to learn basic techniques in the skills houses and elsewhere on the site. For real, it would last 24 hours a day and the same would apply during a tactical exercise.

Until the hand-over from the contractors, the Catterick Training Centre All-Arms FIBUA had managed to put in 33 training days, most of those done by men from the 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, as part of proving an update study of a 40-year-old FIBUA pamphlet.

WO 1 Leversuch said: "We will

be noting their observations and how we can improve on them. The majority of built-up area fighting skills were learned during the Second World War and since, from common sense and improvisation.

"A lot comes from Assault Pioneer knowledge and Royal Engineers skills which would help an infantry battalion.

"FIBUA embraces a lot of skills that have never been fully practised but are slowly re-emerging, such as mine-laying, booby traps, sand-bagging and casualty posts.

As part of his job the sapper warrant officer has used a skateboard at Catterick as he checks out the four-sewer complex which springs out from a ruined house in the middle of a "village green."

"Lying face down, you can zoom through the sewers looking for obstructions or anyone still in them during training," he said. "In reality, it would be difficult, you would need a big prow on it!"

Proud of the Catterick FIBUA — it opened officially on June 1 — WO 1 Leversuch said that that training was literally carried out on three levels there. Above the ground, at ground level and beneath it. "We are fully booked by units until well into the autumn," he said.

He added: "We have looked at other training problems associated with FIBUA and developed our techniques here accordingly. We have, for example, kept our roofs sealed and retained our drainpipes. We have weather- and vandal-proofed shuttered windows. All the lessons we have so far learned have been incorporated into our facilities which should last for years.

"There is a FIBUA requirement by all arms involved with UK infantry battalions in a BAOR reinforcement role and ours, in the North, will take the strain off Longmoor while giving valuable training. Eventually, I think Catterick will be the UK's showpiece of intermediate FIBUA training."

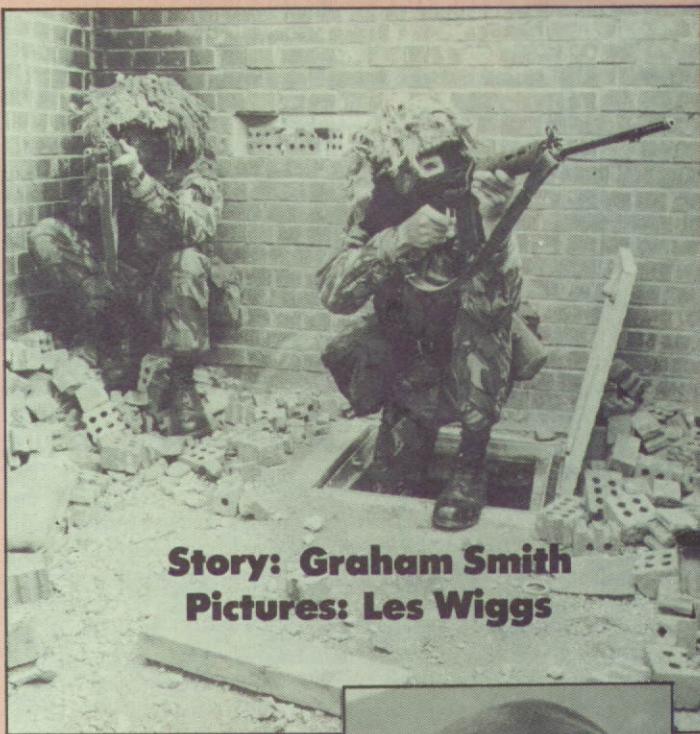
CHINDIT 'CHAMPS'

CHINDIT Company, 1st Battalion, King's Own Royal Border Regiment, based at Catterick, served with the Battalion during its tour in Berlin.

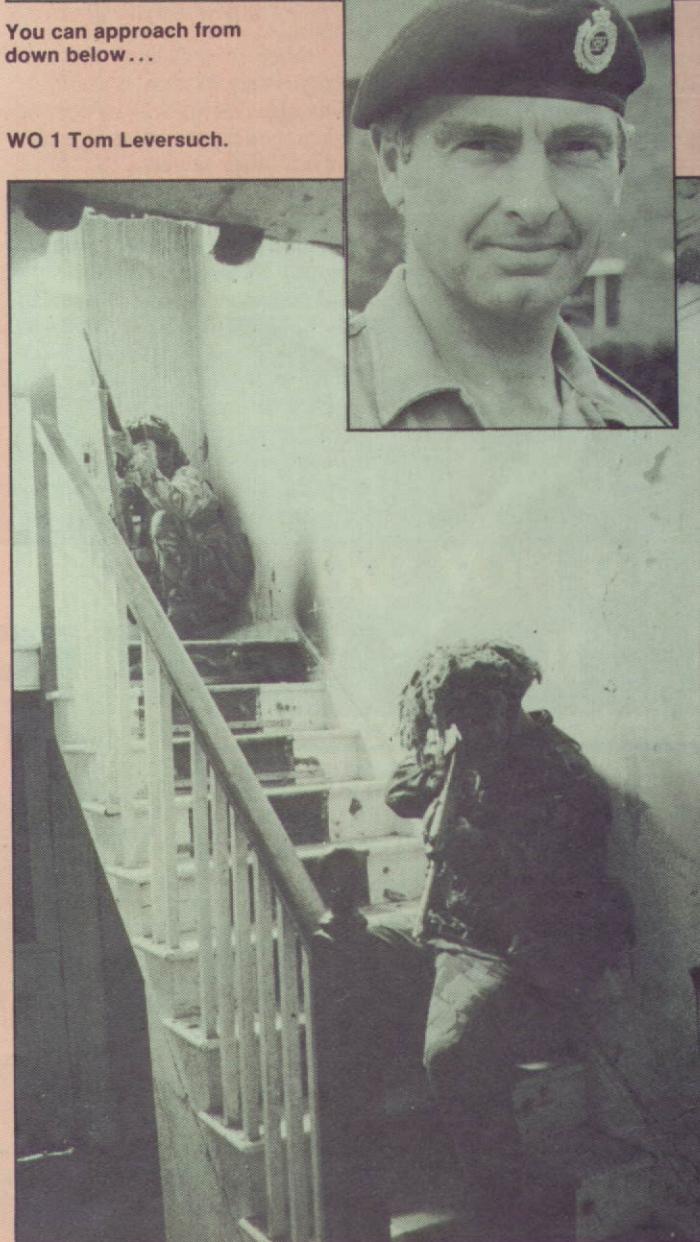
As Second Lieutenant David Wolf, who led the section during the SOLDIER demo explained: "During that period the Battalion formulated much of the FIBUA doctrine now being

practised by the rest of the Army. Indeed, if I may say, Chindit Company were regarded as being the Battalion's experts on FIBUA."

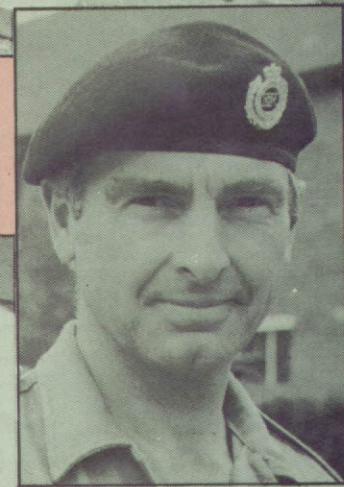
With him, on the demo were Corporal Mickey Wright, Lance Corporal "Buff" Williams and Privates Ted Garvey, Jimmy Johnson, Neil Johnson, Brian Salisbury and Neil Strachan.



Story: Graham Smith
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WO 1 Tom Leversuch.

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall.

were rows of VIPs and Press, and several thousand Berliners with soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied forces in the city.

Also watching, with special, keen interest, were 200 old-timers from the East and West Yorkshire Regiments, which combined in 1958 to form the present unit.

Nowadays known as the Prince of Wales's Own Regimental Association, they were in the city with their wives for the regiment's pageant of colour, music and precision marching — not to mention the follow-up presentation parties.

With them to take part in the gala occasion was 88-year-old Captain John Anderson, Military Cross.

"I got it for dodging bullets on the Somme," said the 1914 veteran, declining to tell more.

The sole Great War representative in the ex-soldiers' line-up inspected by the Field Marshal, he said he was proud to be there.

His words were echoed by two young soldiers in the PWO, Lance Corporals Andy Watson and Chris Cone.

"Since new Colours are presented every 25 years, it's unlikely that many of us will be serving when the next presentation comes round," they agreed.

"We consider ourselves to be lucky to have taken part in this parade and we are both extremely proud."

Another visitor was Major Pat Peck, CO of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

He had made the 8,000-mile flight, "courtesy of the RAF air bridge," to watch the Colour parade and attend the memorial service at the British military cemetery in Berlin the following

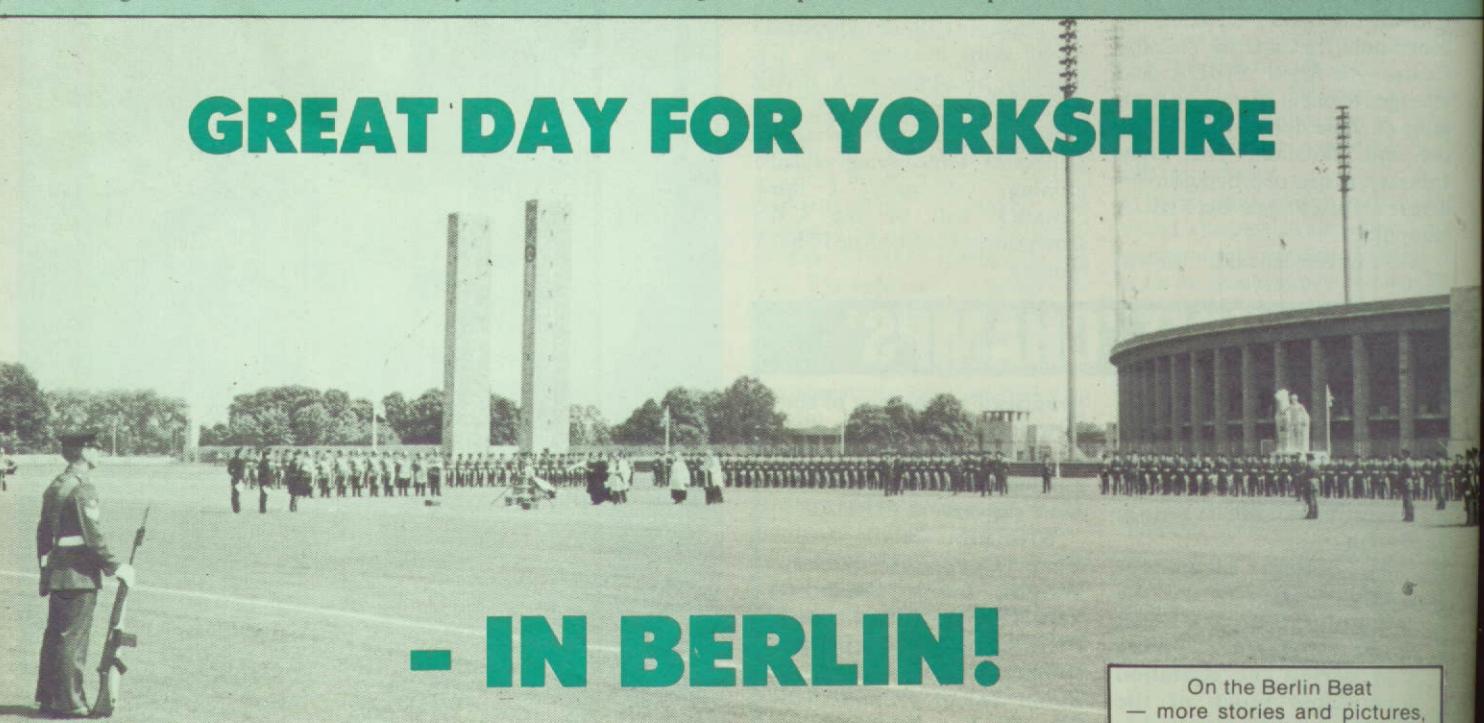
Hundreds of medals jangled and glinted in the sunshine as old soldiers of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire squared their shoulders in respect for the 1st Battalion's new Colours.

Their present day counterparts stood stiffly to attention, boots and brasses gleaming as Colour bearers Lieutenants Graham Jackson and Chris Docherty paraded the new standards around the grassed area in front of the Berlin Olympic stadium — a site where Hitler once screamed encouragement to his Nazi hordes.

"These Colours will take the regiment into the 21st century," Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel R.H.J. Forsyth told the parading battalion and the watching thousands of Berlin citizens and Allied guests. "We will take them with us wherever we may go."

He was speaking in response to an address by Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff, who presented the new Colours on behalf of the Queen.

Watching the Field Marshal



Story: John Margetts Pictures: Doug Pratt

March past of the new Colours.

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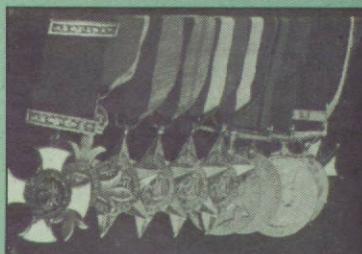
"My links with the West Yorks go back to 1940," he said, "when they came to the Falklands for training."

Then he was just a lad, but soldiers were billeted with his family and he has retained the links.

Now he commands the 110-strong Islands' force which, as a complete unit, manages to get together once a year.

For ex-RSM 'Spud' Taylor — the first RSM of the PWO in 1958, it was a "sacred occasion."

"This is the fourth time I've been present at a Colour presenta-



Medals on parade.

tion parade," he said.

And for Lieutenant Colonel Forsyth, CO of the regiment, it was a "great day."

"I joined the regiment as a subaltern 20 years ago and now I've returned as the Colonel. It has been a marvellous occasion."

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JAVELIN:

Plans are right on the target

PLANS are right on target for the equipment by the end of this year of the first two of the Regular Army's four surface-to-air Blowpipe batteries with its successor, the advanced, supersonic Javelin.

The first two units to receive the only shoulder-launched Very Low Level (VLL) air defence system existent among NATO's European members will be 10 Battery, part of 45 Field Regiment, RA, at Hohne in BAOR and 46 Battery, part of 2nd Field Regiment, RA, based at Münster.

The two other units, 21 Battery, part of 47 Field Regiment, RA, at Gütersloh and 43 Battery, which will be part of 26 Field Regiment, RA, at Thorney Island will complete the Regular Army conversion programme by the middle of next year.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Craigie, Royal Artillery, the Senior Instructor Air Defence (SIAD) at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, told me: "Some people tend to think of Javelin as an up-rated Blowpipe but it is a great deal more than that. It is a progression of Blowpipe which has been in Army service since 1975.

"Conversion training will be done in situ in BAOR by a six-

ARMY OF THE FUTURE



Javelin: "a progression of Blowpipe".

HOW THEY COMPARE

	BLOWPIPE	JAVELIN
In service:	1975	December 1984
Range:	3,000 metres	4,000 metres plus
Min Range:	700 metres	300 metres
System Length:	55 inches	55 inches
All-Up Weight:	47 lbs	53 lbs
Detachment:	Three men	Three men
Propulsion:	Boost and Coast	Boost and Coast
Guidance system:	CLOS (Command line-of-sight)	SACLOS
Effective Ceiling:	2,000 feet	2,000 feet
Missile Length:	1.349 metres	1.40 metres
Warhead:	Hollow Charge	Blast fragmentation
Body Diameter:	76.2 mm	76.2 mm
Aiming unit, weight:	16½ lbs	19½ lbs

strong travelling team mounted from here and each detachment's training will take about three weeks.

"Initial training will take longer, four to five weeks whereas Blowpipe instruction was a six- to seven-week course.

"Trials on Javelin have been done generally by the manufacturers, Short Brothers, including trials with the bigger, second-stage rocket motor which gives that increased range against hovering helicopters up to five kilometres and against FGAs (Fighters, Ground Attack) of up to 4.5 kilometres as against Blowpipe's three kilometres.

"Although the Javelin's 1.40-metre long missile is not yet in service with us the system is compatible with the Blowpipe aiming unit.

"Javelin is unique in that it is not a fire-and-forget heat-seeking system. Its up-dated guidance system — SACLOS (Semi-Automatic Command Line-of-Sight) — incorporated into the new aiming unit, which can be fitted in five seconds, does considerably ease the operator's task.

"When an attack is imminent,

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Paul Haley

the aimer acquires the target in the optical sight and switches on the system. This activates the tracking electronics and projects a stabilised aiming ring into his view. He then tracks the target briefly with this aiming ring, the safety catch is released and the trigger is then pressed.

"The missile is launched from its canister by the first-stage motor and, at a safe distance from the aimer, is boosted to supersonic speed by the second-stage motor.

"A TV camera picks up the missile flares and, using digital techniques, transmits guidance demands to the missile. The new SACLOS guidance system reduces the missile's minimum range to some 300 metres but gives it greater accuracy at longer distances. The missile houses its warhead in the centre and the fuses in the nose."

Complimentary to the system is a three-round Lightweight Multiple Launcher (LML) which allows such engagements without re-loading, an operation which takes about 12 seconds for a single, shoulder-launched version.

At the recent British Army Equipment Exhibition at Aldershot, Shorts announced a further production contract had been secured from the Ministry of Defence worth more than £35 million for the Javelin system.



Javelin, left — note the two 'eyes' — and Blowpipe.



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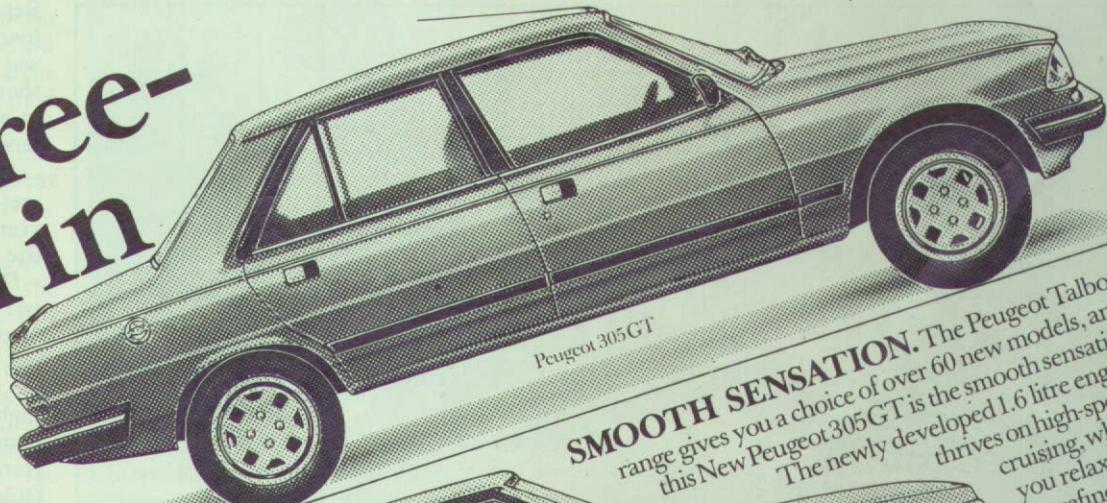
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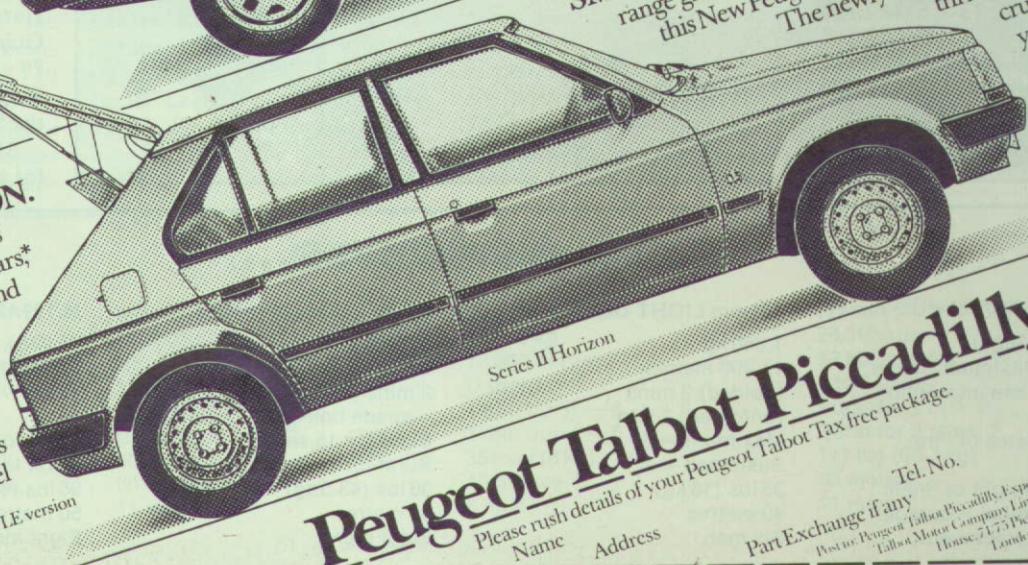
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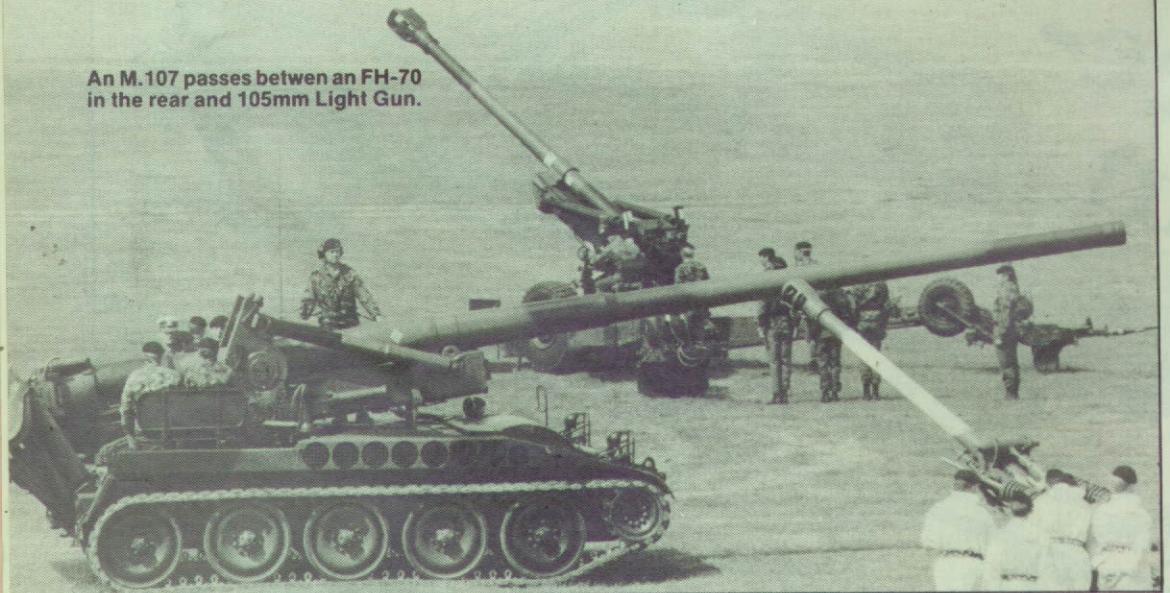


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An M.107 passes between an FH-70 in the rear and 105mm Light Gun.



THE BIG GUNS ...

105mm LIGHT GUN, L.118

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Maximum Range:	17,200 metres
Time into Action:	(Folded) 2 mins (unfolded) 1 min
Rates of Fire:	Maximum — 6 Sustained — 3
Weight of Shell:	35 lbs (16 kg)
Lethal Frontage:	40 metres
Detachment:	Six men

FH 70 (155mm)

9,144 kg
24,700 metres
2 mins (with prepared spade holes)
Burst for 15 secs: 3
Burst for 1 min: 6
96 lbs (43.5 kg)
55 metres
Eight men

M.109A2/A3

24,238 kg
HE: 18,100 metres
1 min
Burst for 1 min
Burst for 3 min
95 lbs (43.1 kg)
50 metres
Eight men

Abbot 105mm self-propelled guns from 176 Field Battery, the Support Regiment; the 18 FH-70 field guns weighing in at 9½ tons and belonging to 49 Field Regiment, RA; and six 25-pounder guns manned by youngsters born long after they were in action during World War 2 — the teenage soldiers from the Junior Leaders' Regiment, RA.

Three bands provided the tempo for the Regiment's prestigious day; two of them the Royal Artillery Band and the Royal Artillery Mounted Band, the latter, rather sadly, making its last public appearance before disbandment later this year.

Protocol had to be observed and the general salute was taken by General Sir Thomas Morony, The Master Gunner, St. James's Park. On the day before, the salute had been taken by Major-General 'Bill' Cornock, Director Royal Artillery.

Getting the afternoon off with a veritable bang — a multitude of them all of a surprising sudden — were the 42 guns from the five Light Gun Batteries, the Abbot Battery and the 25-pounder Battery which, rather like a well-known RAF aerobatic team, swiftly and unanimously made their presence known from behind. The assembled gunners pumped several rounds into targets from outside the arena, 'off stage', leaving palls of drifting acrid, grey smoke to the amazement of the onlookers.

Three Light Guns were flown underslung RAF Puma battlefield support helicopters into the arena area and a Forward Observation party from 148 (Meiktila) Commando Battery — a direct descendant of 25 Field Regiment — abseiled in from a Royal Navy Wessex.

The six venerable 25-pounder guns manned by lads from the Junior Leaders' Regiment, RA, caused a surprise on the day before The day by taking first competition place for rapid shooting against five 105mm Light Guns, pumping five rounds into targets in just 39 seconds under the command of 17-year-old Bombardier Don Pinkney of 39 (Roberts) Battery.

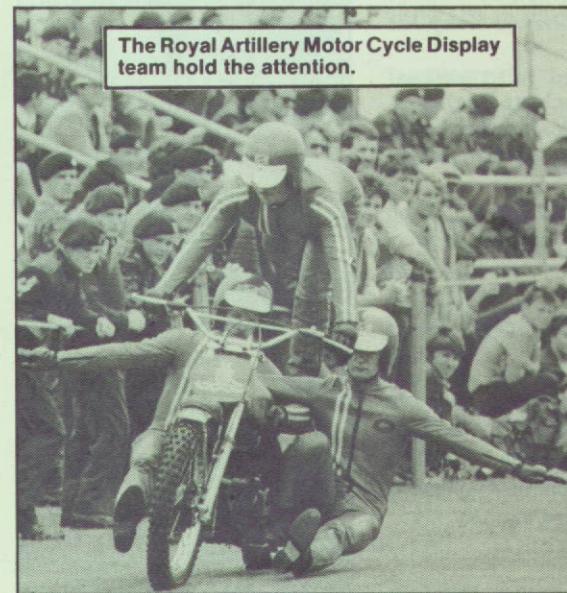
Guns and bangs aside, Artillery Day mounted a static display showing a wide range of equip-



Men from 29 Commando Regiment RA, abseil from an RAF Puma.



A 105mm light gun fires in the foreground; to the rear, an FH 70.



The Royal Artillery Motor Cycle Display team hold the attention.



Bdr Don Pinkney (centre rear) and winning Junior Leaders RA team with 25-pounder gun.

ment, the band of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, RA played, the Ministry of Defence dogs were put through their agile paces, the Junior Leaders put a whole new interest into PT, the Royal Artillery Free Fall Parachute Display team dropped in, the Royal Artillery

Motorcycle Display team did formation rides and the tunnel-of-fire setpiece while two teams of Larkhill Army Cadet Force lads vied with strength and stamina heaving and pulling on 25-pounder field guns during a race.

As 'informal regimental days'

Story: Graham Smith
Pictures: Paul Haley

go... and, if that is any yardstick, it went extremely well with people eagerly looking forward to the 1986 spectacular.

... A QUICK COMPARISON

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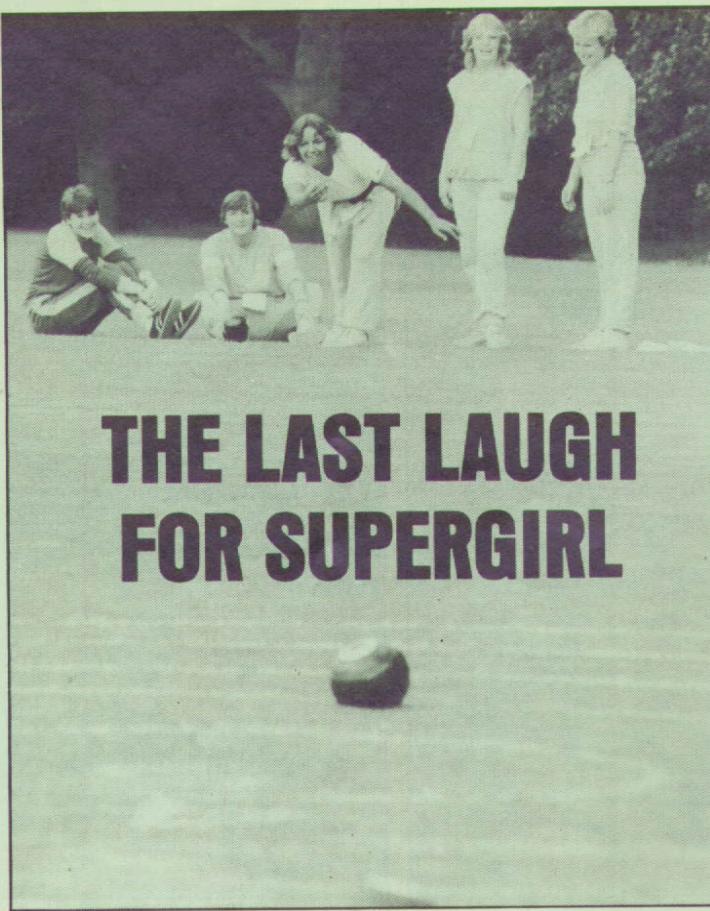
Weight: 28,350 kg
Maximum Range: HE: 24,000 metres
Time into Action: 1 to 2 mins
Rates of Fire: Burst for 1 min: 2
Burst for 3 mins: 1
Weight of Shell: 200 lbs (90.7 kg)
Lethal Frontage: 60 metres
Detachment: 11 men

105mm ABBOT

Weight: 15,500 kg
Maximum Range: 17,300 metres
Time into Action: Under 1 min
Rates of Fire: 1 min burst — 8
3 min burst — 6
Weight of Shell: 35 lbs (16 kg)
Lethal Frontage: 40 metres
Detachment: 6 men

175mm GUN (M.107)

Weight: 28,193 kg
Maximum Range: 32,800 metres
Time into Action: 1 to 2 mins
Rates of Fire: Burst for 1 min: 2
Burst for 3 mins: 1
Weight of Shell: 147 lbs (66.7 kg)
Lethal Frontage: 60 metres
Detachment: 11 men



THE LAST LAUGH FOR SUPERGIRL

MRS JULIE Waddon and her four Aldershot-based Keep Fit girl friends said they "came for a laugh."

At the end of the sporting day, 19-year-old Julie, wife of Private Steve Waddon of 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment had been judged as Supergirl 84 on an occasion designed to highlight the need for military families to feel as a single community.

Her friend, Mrs Julie Mortimer, 22, a British Telecom clerical officer married to a former RCT private was adjudged to be the highest scorer of the day and the five of them took top prize in the team entry category.

More than 100 girls of all shapes and sizes had entered Supergirl 84, a mini-Olympics involving netball, golf, a 600-metre steeple-chase, .22 shooting, hockey, bowls and the demanding assault course.

Toe-touching over, the ladies in their track suits had a spirited and carefree go at six of the seven events organised by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Channon, Com-

mandant of the Aldershot Garrison Families, Housing and Welfare Services. He was backed up by 22 volunteer helpers on the day.

Julie said: 'I did no training for this except I do go to keep fit at the Maida Gym Club for two hours every Monday evening. I surprised myself today and felt completely shattered at the end of the assault course which I did in two minutes 26 seconds.'

On her way to victory, Mrs Julie Waddon checks points with QMSI 'Mel' Swan.

"I am going out with my husband tonight to celebrate. Mum is looking after our one-year-old, son Danny. I shall keep the trophy on top of the telly in our living room so everyone can see it."

"If I'm here next year, I'll enter again — but I'll train this time."

Man behind the Supergirl 84 idea, Colonel Channon told me: "I am responsible, among other things, for four major housing estates within the Garrison with an estimated population of 1,200 residents. I felt there was a greater need to bring military families — the ladies among them — together in a fun atmosphere like this with fun activities."

"Because of the 'tribal' system of the Army, the moves of troops and regiments can sometimes splinter their families as a community and, for this reason, I have tried to get the wives together here today. I hope this will become an annual fixture."

Later, 11 nurses from the garrison's 85-year-old Queen Mary's Nursery "jumped for joy" from the distinctive red Islander aircraft of the "Red Devils", which



Mrs Julie Mortimer takes a welcome rest.

is the Army's free-fall parachute display team.

A competitor takes a hurdle in her stride . . .



Time for a steady hand in the shooting tests.



Another part of the assault course over . . .

**Story: Graham Smith
Pictures: Paul Haley**



HOUSING: A GUIDE YOU MUST READ

'Housing: A Guide for Servicemen and Servicewomen' has recently been published by MOD. It contains a series of leaflets covering:

- Servicemen wishing to buy Service schemes
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- Home improvements

These leaflets are intended to give you a general guide to housing in UK. The booklet will be distributed to every serviceman and women in the services.



I HAD a call recently asking for 250 copies of the Wives Guide for a particular unit. On investigation it was discovered that 1,500 guides were sitting in a cupboard of the garrison concerned and had been there for some months.

PADRE CALLS FOR WIDER CIRCULATION

I write in connection with the 'Wives Guide to the Army' which I rate as one of the best and most helpful publications I have seen.

It is so good I believe it needs a wider distribution, notably in the preparation of couples for marriage.

In my work as a Padre preparing young couples for marriage I frequently find that neither the young soldier nor his fiancee appreciate the nature of the world of the married soldier and his wife.

Sometimes a young woman comes quite unprepared and makes mistakes which add considerably to the stress of the relationship at a particularly sensitive time.

At the very least showing them the 'Wives Guide' and getting them to go through it together produces a much deeper understanding of the questions which need to be

faced in mastering their new life together.

Sadly I have been unable to obtain spare copies of the Guide to hand out during marriage preparation because that falls outside the scale. I would like to suggest that the young soldier and his fiancee could benefit from receiving a copy of the 'Wives Guide' too. — A Padre, BFG. (name and address supplied).

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This was not the first time that I have had requests for the guide over the past few months.

It is nearly six months since the guide was first made available for all wives, in UK and overseas stations, on loan service and individuals stationed with the other two services.

The guide is yours, so please take it with you. I have also had a number of questions concerning the date on the cover, 1982.

Due to many difficulties it took longer to finalise than anticipated, and the printers had heavy commitments, so the guide had to take its turn.

This, coupled with distribution difficulties, meant it was only available from January this year. Hence, some of the contents like the SSVC section need to be revised.

So please check as the guide is a source for further information.

As for the future, comments on the guide will be welcome as one can never get such a document completely correct and wives' suggestions will be very welcome for improving future issues.

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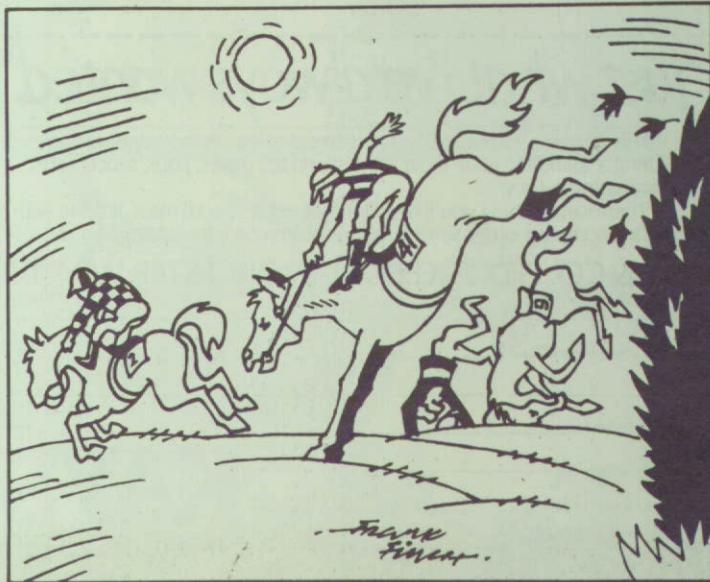
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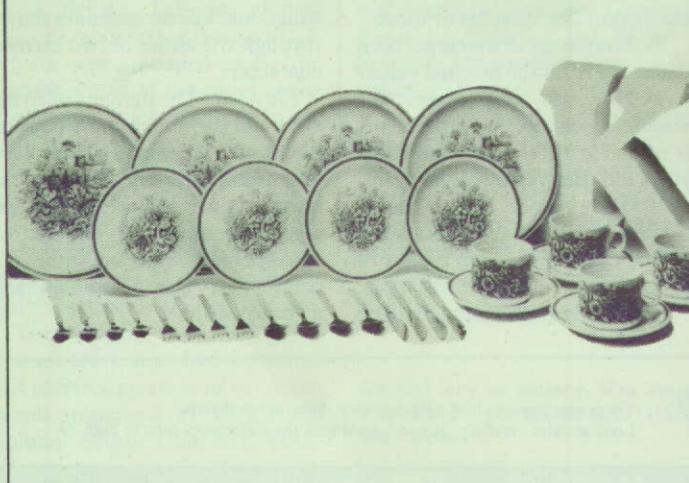
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Some 80 men including back-up ground staff and 16 aircraft took part in the four day Exercise Caretaker which involved mixed crews operating on joint heli-arm and anti-tank sorties in the skies over Lower Saxony.

As a prime avionic project Caretaker topped another new horizon for it included for the first time a detachment of Royal Marine Commandos who flew over specially for the occasion from their Yeovilton headquarters.

The launching pad for the air-to-surface gunnery exercise was Hobart Barracks, Detmold, the base of the organisers, 654 Squadron, 4 Regiment Army Air Corps who flew Lynx and Gazelle.

And for the duration of the tightly programmed training period it was also the home for the visiting Lynx and Gazelle fire teams of 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron Royal Marines and the Kiowa and Coba helicopter crews of the United States Army's C Company (Attack) Aviation Battalion (Combat).

Getting those three distinctive units integrating to simultaneously utilise to the maximum the weapons and navigation systems of their four different helicopter types was a challenging assignment — and one overcome by willingness to compromise and cooperate, said 654 Squadron's Officer Commanding, Major Roger Southgate, Army Air Corps.

"The success of this exercise at the midway point was already assured for at interim debrief sessions between initial sorties and during other less formal discussions the pilots, co-pilots and support staff have been exchanging ideas and views on how they can best operate with the overall aim of looking at and examining operations both in the air and on the

Captain Nick Pounds, Royal Marines, in a US Army Cobra guided by Captain Carshall Carlisle, US Army.

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TOP NEW HORIZONS

ground."

Largely echoing that sentiment was Major Southgate's Lynx Flight Commander, Flight Lieutenant Wayne Gregory, RAF who is currently serving with the Squadron as an 'exchange officer'.

"Not surprisingly as aviators we may sometimes have different approaches to solving similar problems but on Caretaker we were all imbued with the same goal of practising destroying enemy tanks or other forces by aerial combat."

While the principles of engaging enemy armour to destroy or delay it using air manoeuvre units generally remains the same, knowing and adopting to advantage the battle field terrain can be easily a decisive factor in winning the conflict as Captain Nick Pounds, the Commandos detachment commander pointed out.

"The big difference for us in visiting Germany as opposed to

Norway where we carry out our major bouts of winter training in the anti-tank role is that the ground here is flat whereas mountains and valleys are the sort of prominent features we normally encounter. And although the individual tactics performed by us in mountainous territory may vary, the avionic principles we employ remain consistent."

"But the significant advantage as far as we are concerned in taking this unusual step to come to BAOR is that Germany is the place where helicopter anti-tank work has grown-up. As a UK based Squadron which deploy to Norway we have been operating in isolation and although we follow the same basic doctrine as the Army Air Corps we don't have the day-to-day exchanges of vital information that we would get if we were here."

"So we saw Caretaker as a unique opportunity to learn from

A pair of target-seeking Lynx in action over Lower Saxony.

our exchange of ideas with the Germany based anti-tank Squadrons. With America's 501st here as well it's a double bonus really for we get two sources of data."

Putting his own philosophical viewpoint to that evaluation and stressing the NATO emphasis of Caretaker was US Captain Carshall Carlisle, Attack Platoon Commander of his Bavaria based 501st Bn (Combat).

"As I see it, it's a marvellously effective combined venture that has few rivals. We were able to get mixed teams up in the air so that we flew alongside the aeronautical experts of both the Army Air Corps and the Royal Marines to observe their methods and in the final analysis we'll have learned that some things we do in a certain way may be of benefit to them and vice versa."

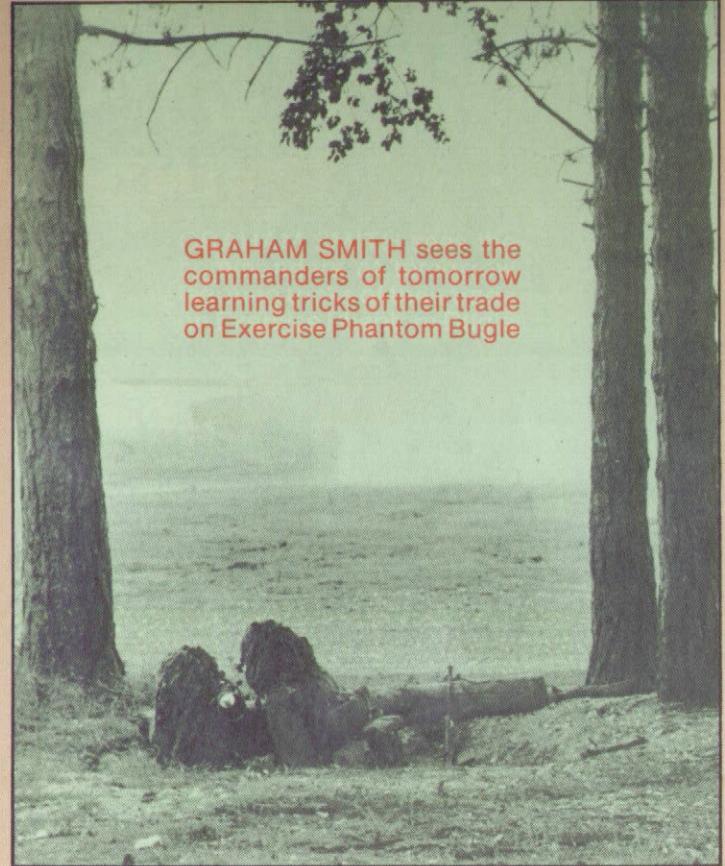
"Of course military helicopter flying is an ever evolving occupation and we are constantly looking at new approaches to keep pace with such progress. An invaluable way we have of doing this is through the official NATO partnership that exists between my outfit and 654."

This enables us both to make exchange visits where there is invariably a constant interchange of ideas and information."

Sergeant Mick Hemingway, Royal Signals, briefs British and American crews.

BELOW: Left to right: Flight Lieutenant Wayne Gregory, RAF, Captain Carlisle, Major Roger Southgate, Captain Pounds.





GRAHAM SMITH sees the commanders of tomorrow learning tricks of their trade on Exercise Phantom Bugle

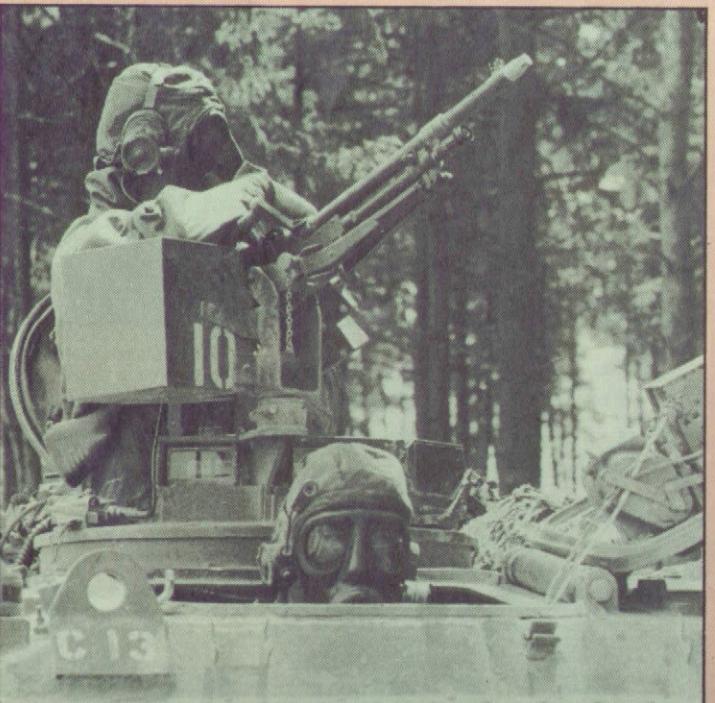


On the move with FV 432 Armoured Personnel Carrier.

Pictures:
Les Wiggs

OUR TIMES a year normally, but only three this year because of BAOR's autumn blockbuster commitment Exercise Lionheart, tomorrow's company and squadron commanders and possible regimental commanding officers take to Salisbury Plain in earnest during the UK's biggest all-arms tactical mechanical manoeuvres, Exercise Phantom Bugle.

In four days of intense alfresco activity they put into determined practice what they have gleaned from their peers during a five-week course at Warminster's School of Infantry's Tactics Wing.



Dressed to kill — and survive — two up on a Fox armoured car.

THE RIGHT TIME AND PLACE FOR MISTAKES!

This year, 29 British Army and seven overseas captain and major students — most of them with the potential to become regimental COs in eight years or so — moved out on the country's most famous plain in an exercise scenario involving 140 vehicles — including 20 chieftain main battle tanks and

a solitary Challenger — and 600 supporting Regular troops.

In the air, RAF Strike Command Harrier and Jaguar fighter aircraft scuttled across the terrain in near nap-of-earth configuration while Army Air Corps and RAF battlefield support helicopters thumped between troop positions.

Major John Sharples, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, the exercise author and a former student himself on a November 1980 course, hurrying across the dust-laden Plain in his armoured personnel carrier told me: "Phantom Bugle is the climax of the five-week all-arms tactics course with the aim of practical training for existing or designate Company or Squadron commanders. Out here, they put to the test what they have learned in the classroom, TEWTS, (tactical exercises without troops), presentations, map reading exercises and so on.

"It is very much a practical course to revise them in the principles of all tactical phases including Heavy NBC."

With him in the heart of Wessex was a seven-strong DISTAFF (Directing Staff) and no less than 22 umpires scattered in white-flagged APCs.

Major Sharples, the former OC of A Squadron, Royal Scots

Dragoon Guards in BAOR, writing his second out of a projected six more Phantom Bugle exercise plots added: "We adapt, manipulate and massage the 141-page exercise instruction as we go along and no one is identical. The phases, however, are the same to get the most out of it."

Phantom Bugle, he said, was split into three segments, all three phases preceded by two days of battle procedure recce before the exercise proper begins.

Battle One covered a two-day Force battle and withdrawal across reserve demolition, while Battle Two, a night and complete day set-piece involved a move across the Larkhill Impact Area to Salisbury Plain East followed by a counter-penetration operation and more counter-moves using heavy NGC play.

Battle Three saw another night move and return to Salisbury Plain West and advance-to-contact to restore the Forward Edge of the Battle Area (FEBA) comprising a series of company, squadron and group attacks culminating in a battle group attack.

Major Sharples, the Tactics Wing DSRAC (Directing Staff, Royal Armoured Corps), looking back on his own Phantom Bugle student days of nearly four years

ago, said: "It was one of the best courses I have ever attended and certainly set me up well for subsequently commanding my own squadron.

"Most of the students on this course are either already company or squadron commanders or will take up a two-year posting as one, followed by another two-year staff appointment somewhere. After that, they could return to their unit for two more years as a company or squadron commander or become a second-in-command. The really bright ones could be regimental COs in eight years or so."

He added: "The appeal of the course and Phantom Bugle is its practical nature. You benefit from other peoples' experience and other

Arms. It's a proper, pre-planned exercise.

"All I can remember from my course days are my blunders which I learned from. We don't mind, as DISTAFF, students making blunders because they are here to learn. Better to make them here, than later."

This viewpoint was endorsed by Major Eyre Maunsell, the 34-year-old OC of D Squadron, 4th Royal Tank Regiment, a course graduate whose regiment is currently based at Tidworth but moves out to BAOR and 1 Armoured Division's Osnabrück later this year.

Taking a brief break from his 56-tonne Chieftain during exercise play, he told me: "Phantom Bugle is a practical test and that's the joy of it. The main benefits are really that no expense is spared in getting all Arms to work together with all the assets that can be mustered, in particular, air assets.

"On this exercise I will have had three different responsibilities. I've been a medium recce squadron troop leader in charge of four Scorpions; an armoured squadron leader in a Chieftain (one of eight Chieftains and ten AFV 432 Armoured Personnel Carriers) testing a new technique whereby an armoured recce commander commands until such time as the infantry arrives to take up that responsibility. I have also worked with Swingfire aboard an AFV 438.

He added: "It's the first course in most of our lives when we are not being put to the test and we are here to benefit from the experience of others. Phantom Bugle is an exercise where we can make our mistakes now rather than make them later as company or squadron commanders.

"Obviously, one is keen not to make mistakes and is particularly very keen — as are most students — to make the new voice procedures, BATCO, work."

The ebb and flow of the battles, warts an' all, was compiled on video and a loaned Thermal Imager — it costs £90,000 — by WO 2 Alan Campbell, formerly of 3 PARA but now of the School of Infantry's Films and Video Department. His target: an eight-minute, colour-and-sound action replay for all interested parties the day after the last battle.

He said: "This exercise is of such a grand scale that not everybody sees everything that goes on and, therefore, the use of video can bring home the exercise good and bad points so that others can benefit from it in the future."

The main enemy for Phantom Bugle was supplied by a company strength of men from B company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers — the demonstration battalion based at Warminster — who 'fought' as the Fantasians (see

page 28).

Among the supporting cast of hundreds were two companies from the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment; a squadron of a dozen Scorpions in the medium recce role from the Life Guards; Forward Observation Officer (FOO) parties furnished by 176 Battery, RA, at the Royal School of Artillery; a Blowpipe presence from 32 Guided Weapons Regiment, RA; men from 9 Independent Parachute Squadron, RE; two score of Chieftains supplied by 4 RTR; four 438 Swingfire APCs; 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers in eight Fox in the close recce platoon role; light helicopters from 658 Squadron, Army Air Corps; two RAF battlefield support helicopters from Odiham; and elements of 30 Signal Regiment.

Also on exercise were support vehicles from HQ Battle Group and an echelon from 1 RWF, Warminster; the Medical Collection Section from 19 Field Ambulance, RAMC — they provided casualty simulation and a field first aid post — 158 Provost Company, RMP; and 1 Squadron, RCT, who drove second line transport for engineer defence stores.

Other elements of the 'enemy' were provided by men of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets and the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, both sets of 'baddies' coming in by heli-borne assault.

Being the 'bad guys' is, apparently, a popular role within the battle group of Phantom Bugle.

For, as Major Sharples, said: "They can take part and they don't have to arrange a thing. I am already planning the next Phantom Bugle and taking bids to play the 'enemy'. All such bids will be gratefully received."



WO 2 Alan Campbell and reflections of his war in a Thermal Imager.

THEY ARE undoubtedly Europe's smallest Army and certainly the scruffiest! Yet they seem happy enough in their part-time work as the professional enemy. The veritable 'baddies'. The rag-bag Army that everyone loves to 'hate'.

Less than company strength in number and of Celtic features — they would, it is said, pass for Welshmen any day — they are the Fantasians, an exclusive fighting unit, a mish-mash of 'enlisted' men making up a unique force not found in any military reference books.

A formation who perambulate about in armoured personnel carriers and are currently in their high season, they operate in khaki or dark green in less than sartorial elegance, though investigation in unguarded moments does reveal a tailor's label.

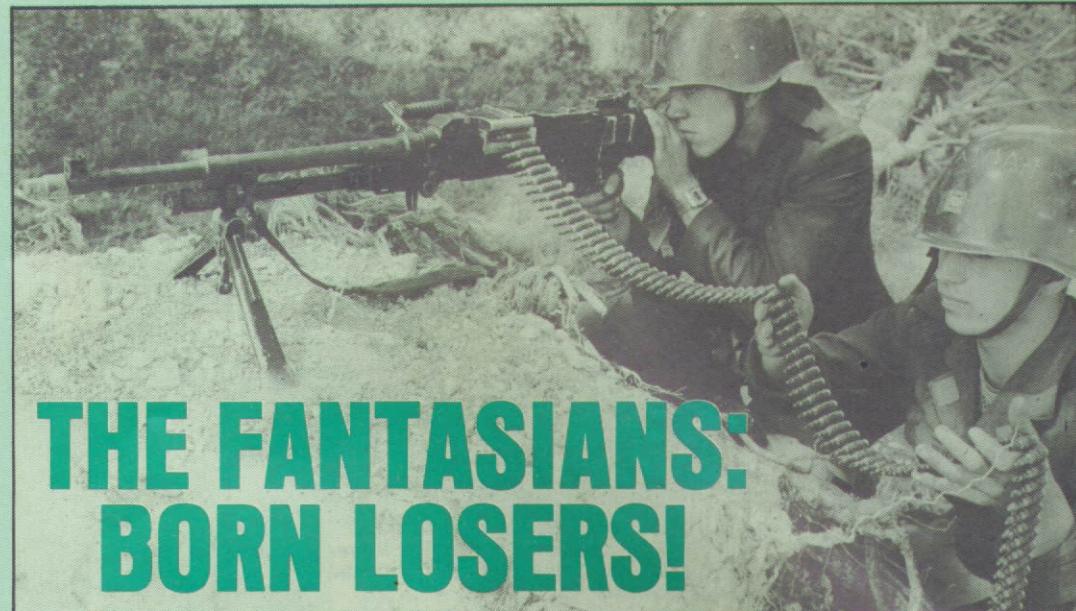
The fictional Fantasians are in fact men from B Company, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, the demonstration battalion, based at Warminster, who are on a six-month duty of supplying the 'enemy' for major exercises on Salisbury Plain. Their latest was Exercise Phantom Bugle.

They turn out loosely in an assortment of non-NATO uniforms topped by rather distinct helmets favoured by others. The dark green jackets, said one of them in a careless moment, were going to be introduced into the British Army but never were. His comrades-at-arms stood around looking worse for wear in limp, Plain-weary battle dress material.

Aware of their unpopularity in such circumstances as conflict, the furtive Fantasians tend to keep to themselves. In the case of Phantom Bugle, in a copse called No-Name Wood where they lurked.

They were waiting for an impending attack — the exercise

Here they are—the scruffiest soldiers ...



THE FANTASIANS: BORN LOSERS!

script said so — when 144 explosions from 72 lbs of plastic explosives, three 24-minute smoke canisters and some 'effects' fires from a Frome garage's re-moulded tyres, some inner tubes and old coach cushions would ignite and set things in motion with a gross of bangs.

But some sort of discipline was still there under the strange turn-outs. A section of men drilled up and down, including a variation of a high-step march with arms thrashing across bodies in a loose style popular elsewhere.

Then it was back to the trusty old manuals — those written in English — from the days of yore.

For the Fantasian soldier is rather philosophical about his fighting fate. As one offered: "Some you win, in the early stages. All, you lose, in the end!"

Their weaponry looks remarkably like British Army issue

Not ready to lose yet...

The Fantasians march...



— and they handle it uncannily well. Their vehicles, too, with bright orange day-glo insignias on them.

And they don't waste their time while waiting for a hiding. They have tested the new British Army helmets, the Personal Load Carrying Equipment (PLCE) webbing, smoke grenades and flares, respirators and even ridden in the latest tracked and wheeled armoured personnel carriers like MCV 80 and the Saxon AT 105.

But those uniforms!

One lowly part-time Fantasian conscript, in ill-fitting trousers and fidgety helmet, grumbled: "These uniforms are extremely hot in summer and get drenched in winter, starting to stink with the damp."

Rank structures look vague to the casual onlooker but being a close bunch they all knew who they were.

A heavy-set APC crewman boasted: "Our tactics are not based on usual lines and this is our high season. We test the enemy to their full limits. Sure, we know we will lose. We always do. But not before Inspections too — believe it or not."

making them effect the odd withdrawal."

Wiping a huge, oily hand across his overall, he added: "You see, we believe in the massed assault, the rolling barrage as opposed to the text-book jockeying using dead ground."

A tall, blond, high cheek-boned officer passed by, preoccupied with his flares, rifle and respirator. The helpful, Fantasian 'tankie' clammed up.

But a sergeant — alias Sergeant Keith Jones, 'two-four' — was a mite more forthcoming about Fantasian military strength.

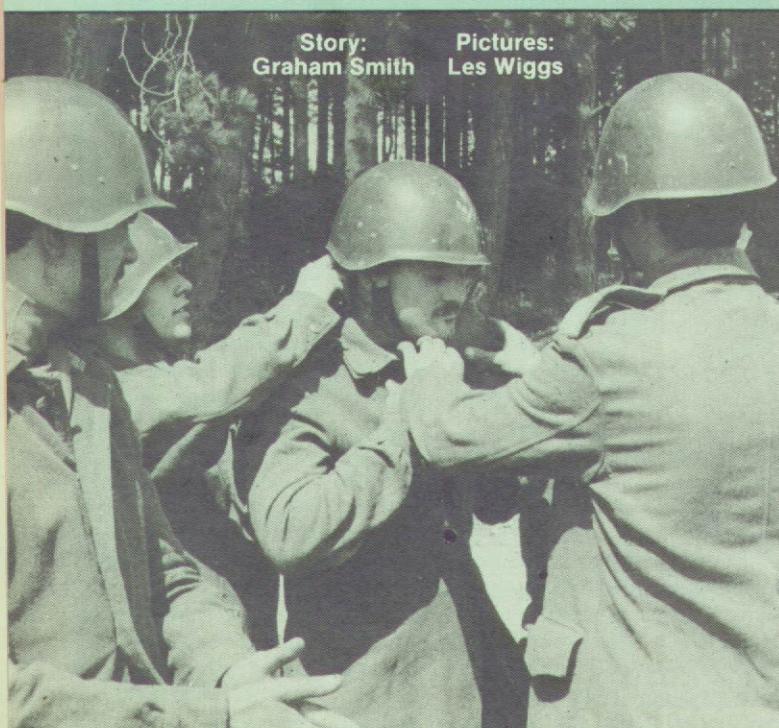
"We have an air force. I think it's five jet aircraft who use three Cloud Nines for morale purposes. But we've never bumped into our Navy."

Minutes later, the fighting Fantasians were in action again repelling a counter-attack. They would, of course, lose but not without a tough struggle.

Their biggest relief; to get out of those uniforms with the name of the tailor they would be too embarrassed to give even to their best friends — let alone their worst 'enemies'!"

Story:
Graham Smith

Pictures:
Les Wiggs



PEN PALS WANTED



Fusilier C Holt is 20 and single. His ambition is to be happy in life and his interests are sport, dancing and travelling. He wants a female penpal aged 18-25. — *Mortar Pln, Sp Coy, 3 RRF, BFPO 45*.

Jennifer Armitage is 34 and divorced. She is an ex-nurse and her interests are music, dancing, driving and walking. She wants a male penpal aged 28-40 who is unattached. — *18 Sycamore Road, Runcorn, Cheshire*.

Ann Abraham is 42 and a widow. Her interests are photography, travelling and driving. She wants a penpal aged 40-48 with similar interests. — *40 Billylawns Avenue, Leigh Park, Havant, Hants. PO9 5AJ*.

Beth Shaw is 16. Her ambition is to join the Army and her interests are reggae, drawing and meeting people. She wants a penpal aged 17-19 preferably in the Falklands. — *6 Nursery Drive, Acomb, York, Yorkshire*.

Louise Heath is 18 and single. She is a student at Hounslow College and would like a male penpal aged 18-25. — *15 Ashgrove Road, Ashford, Middx, TW15 1NS*.

Angela Dickman is 20 and single her ambition is to work with children. She is 5ft 2ins tall with brown hair and green eyes. She would like a penpal aged 20-25 stationed in the Falklands. — *10 Thames St, Easington Lane, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear*.

Sheila White is 26 and single and her ambition is to see the Grand Canyon. She has long dark brown hair, brown eyes and is at present unemployed. Her interests are art, photography, making wine and riding her 50cc motorbike. She wants a male penpal in his twenties. — *28 Marigold Crescent, Dudley, West Midlands*.

Christine Andrews is 20 and single and her ambition is to get an enjoyable job. She is at present unemployed and her interests are reading, penpals, walking and music. She wants a male penpal aged 18-21 serving in UK. — *Christine Andrews, 209 Brinkburn Road, Cockerton, Darlington, Co Durham*.

Moira Hunter is 18 and single. She is an auxiliary nurse and her ambition is to be a trained nurse. Her interests are running, cycling and swimming. She wants a male penpal aged 19-23 serving in the Falklands and requires a photo. — *4 Glebe Crescent, Athelstane Ford, North Berwick, East Lothian*.

Patricia Bridgeman is 23 and single and she likes meeting people. She is a service sales assistant and her interests are drama and acting. She wants a male penpal aged 19-25 serving abroad and requires a photo. — *17 Long Lane, Willingham, Cambs*.

Isobel Soulsby is 32 years and a single parent. She is a barmaid and her interests are reading, cinema and darts. — *11a Kingswood Flats, Carlton Hill, Brighton, BN2 2QH*.

Debby Smith is 22 and single and her ambition is to travel. Her interests are music, keep fit and she is a Red Cross volunteer. She would like a male penpal in his mid-twenties. — *116 Drayton Road, Norwich, Norfolk*.

Joanne Sharp is 20 and single and is a warehouse assistant. Her interests are keep fit, writing and knitting. She would like a male penpal in his twenties. — *15 Blenheim Close, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9JA*.

Jenny Thompson is 35 and a divorcee. She is a hairdresser and her ambition is to pass her driving test. She would like a sincere male penpal about the same age. — *78 Wykham Place, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9HZ*.

Jennie Ratcliff is 34 and divorced and her interests are keep fit, music, cooking and the countryside. She wants a male penpal about the same age. — *11 St Augustines Close, Scaynes Hill, Haywards Heath, Sussex*.

Christine Rainbow is 39 and divorced. She is a cook and her ambition is to travel and meet new friends. Her interests are darts and interior decorating and she would like a male penpal aged 40. — *121 Cromwell Road, Boreham Wood, Herts*.

Joy Franks is 26 and divorced. She is a clerical assistant. Her interests are watching boxing, snooker and darts, music and cooking and she would like a penpal aged 26 plus. — *30 Old Grange Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, B11 4LL*.

Lorraine Gillick is 19 and single. She is a sales assistant and her interests are music, dancing and writing. She would like a penpal aged 22-28 with a sense of humour, and she requires a photo. — *238 Lyole Road, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 5AN*.

Susan Allen is 21 and single and her ambition is to travel and have penpals. She is unemployed and loves animals. She would like penpals in Hampshire aged 19-27 and requires a photo. — *Just Beyond, Mount Pleasant Road, Lindford, Bordon, Hants, GU35 0PR*.

Paul Harris is 32 and divorced. He is self-employed and his interests are badminton, squash, chess, swimming and meeting people. He would like a female penpal aged 30-40. — *24 St Andrews Court, St Andrews Road, Walthamstow, E17*.

Linda Burns is 34 and divorced and her ambition is to travel. She is 5ft 8ins tall with blonde hair and blue eyes and she likes music, dancing and travel. She would like a male penpal aged 30-40. — *8 Beacon Hill View, Weston Point, Runcorn, Cheshire*.

Davina Bennett is 18 and single and her ambition is to travel. She is a typist and her interests are horse riding, water sports and hockey. She would like a male penpal aged 18-21 and requires a photo. — *c/o 5 Sqn, 8 Regt RCT, BFPO 17*.

Manon Beyer is 24 and her ambition is to join the Army. Her interests are horse riding, tennis and stock car racing. She would like a male penpal aged 24-30 and requires a photo. — *c/o Grant, 5 Hawthorn St, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, Scotland, FK3 9NP*.

Lynette King is 23 and single and her ambition is to become a good photographer. Her interests are photography, squash and music and she would like a male penpal aged 23 plus. — *1 Wincanton Road, Reading, RG2 8PA*.

As mentioned in **SOLDIER**-to Soldier (page 13), we shall not be able to accept any further pen pal requests for the foreseeable future.

Already the backlog is so great that there may be some disappointment for readers who sent in requests over a year ago. Because of the long time lapse and not having the staff to check the information, we shall not be using these.

The requests appearing on this page are the first since we insisted some months ago on accepting ONLY information supplied on forms printed in **SOLDIER**.

Even so we have many more of these, which we shall endeavour to use as and when space permits.

For the time being, we cannot accept any more.

Joy Mather is 26 and is divorced. She is a dancer and enjoys meeting people. She wants a male penpal aged 20 plus. — *23 Sutherland Close, Manor Road, Barnet, Herts*.

Jackie Gee is 17 and single and her ambition is to join the Army. She is a student and likes squash, hockey, music and writing, and she requires a photo. — *119 Kensington Road, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0SD*.

Jackie Hixon is 20 and single. Her interest is travelling and she is a secretary. — *28 Albemarle St, London W1*.

John McInnes is 26 and single. His interests are fitness, boxing, squash and badminton and he would like a penpal in the WRAC aged 24-30. — *HQ Coy, 1 BW, BFPO 106*.

Jean Rodgers is 43 and divorced and her interests are reading thrillers, knitting and embroidery. She would like a penpal aged 36 plus. — *1 Saxon Walk, Foothill, Sidcup, Kent*.

Felicity Ashwin is 37 and single and her interests are music, sport, tennis and dancing. She would like a penpal in the same age group who is sincere. — *47 Stallcourt Ave, Roath, Cardiff, CF2 5AL*.

Tara Heaslip is 17 and single and her ambition is to be a nurse. Her interests are music, dancing and sport and she would like a male penpal aged 17-20. — *3 Penfold St, Marylebone, London, NW1 6RV*.

Jacqui McDermid is 25 and single and her ambition is to make a parachute jumps. Her interests are skiing, squash and keep fit and she would like a penpal aged 25-30. — *137a Devonshire Ave, Sheerwater, Woking, Surrey*.

Sandra Torr is 20 and single and her interests are darts, travelling and writing. She would like a male penpal aged 19-27. — *1 Brickyard Cottages, Ashbourne, Derbyshire*.

Shirley McInnes is 18 and single and her ambition is to travel. Her interests are music, dancing and ice skating and she would like a penpal aged 19-21 serving in the Falklands, BAOR or Belize. — *13 Glen Nevis, East Kilbride, Glasgow, Scotland*.

Fiona McGinty is 21 and single and her interests are travelling, music and meeting people. She would like a penpal aged 21-25 years old. — *44 Margaret Road, Bexley, Kent, DA5 1DU*.

Jayne Mansfield is 17 and single and her interests are aircraft, the Army and photography. She would like a penpal of the same age. — *2 Ford Cottage, Bradworthy, Devon*.

Jodi Hanson is 22 and single and her ambition is to travel. Her interests are dancing, writing and reading and she would like male and female penpals and will answer all letters. — *22 Trotters Lane, Hill Top, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B71 2QE*.

Bridget Cooper is 29 and divorced. She is a barmaid and her ambition is to own her own pub. Her interests are horse riding, reading, cooking and dancing and she would like a penpal aged 25-35. — *95 Drake Road, Buckland, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4HN*. **My name is Kate** and I am 18 years old. My interests are downhill and cross-country skiing. I would like a penpal aged 18-25 years old. — *Kate Britton, The Cottage, Dunmow Road, Hatfield Broad Oak, Harlow, Essex, CM22 7JY*.

My name is Jayne and I am 18 years old. I have dark brown hair and blue eyes. My hobbies are walking, poetry, music and sport and I hope to become a nurse or social worker. I would like penpals aged 19-25 years old. — *Jayne Gillings, 5 Wyke Gate Close, Thorne, Doncaster, S Yorks, DN8 5PG*.

My name is Sue and I am 5ft 4ins tall with brown hair and eyes. My interests are reading, music and walking in the country. I would like penpals in the Falklands. — *Sue Rice, 4 St Margaret's Terrace, Weston-super-Mare, Avon*.

My name is Dawn and I am 30 years old. I am 5ft 3ins tall with brown hair and eyes. My interests are cooking, reading, cinema and walking in the country. I would like penpals in the Falklands. — *Dawn Swinscoe, 4 St Margaret's Terrace, Weston-super-Mare, Avon*.

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The detachment from The Royal Scots was

stationed on South Georgia as part of the First Battalion's tour of duty in the Falklands. They were ably supported by Royal Engineers and the Royal Signals kept them in touch with the outside world.

The objective in the minds of all the Jocks was to prevent desecration of this beautiful ice-bound nature reserve. This involved long, arduous and hazardous patrols across mountains and glaciers which take the breath away with their rugged beauty.

Hours of toiling up snow covered slopes were rewarded by views which can only be equalled in the Alps or the Himalayas.

However, these views were rarely seen and savoured; for the majority of the time the island is shrouded in cloud.

High winds are a feature of all mountainous areas, but few surpass the ferocity of the South Georgia winds. The Jocks have even had to disregard their traditional Tam O'Shanter because of its aerodynamic properties. They

Privates Stewart and Burnett enjoy the breath taking views ...

were happy to keep their ears warm with the extreme cold weather hat. One patrol was caught in a 90 mph blizzard.

Even with full bergens on their backs, the soldiers were being blown over and swept some 15 yards by the force of the wind. When they sought shelter in their bivouac bags behind a hastily built snow wall, they found that the lower part of their bodies was being uplifted by the force of the wind.

The highlight of most weeks for the detachment was when the mail was airdropped into the bay beside their base at King Edward Point. The frequent visits by Royal Naval Ships also allowed helicopter borne patrols to be inserted into further parts of the island.

The days of footslogging became numbered when the snow level was lowered and all the lads issued with brand new winter warfare kit.

The Jocks should now be back in Kirknewton, near Edinburgh, after a tour the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots will never forget.

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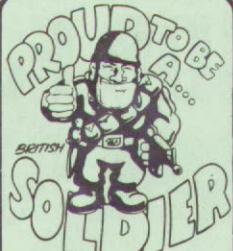
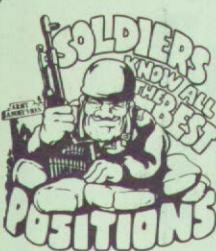
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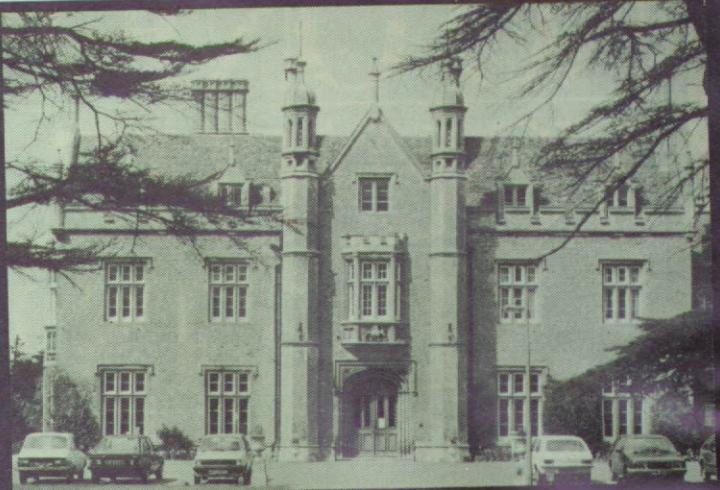
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'Facing a unique and challenging time...'



IT WAS a momentous day in the history of the Royal Military College of Science — not only was there a record number of students graduating but it was the last Graduation Day before the College became part of the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

The change, which came into effect on 1 August, is not exactly privatisation but is referred to at Shrivenham as 'contractualisation'.

Cranfield, located near Bedford and regarded as one of the country's top seats of learning, will become the degree awarding authority for Shrivenham. Army numbers attended the College are unlikely to be affected very much but they will become a smaller percentage of the whole as the campus, originally built in 1939 as two artillery barracks, expands



to take in more students.

This final academic year under Ministry of Defence auspices saw 77 students graduating and 42 new Masters and Doctors. The highest number in the College's 38 year history it also meant that there had not been a single failure.

More than 2,000 students on 67 different courses went to Shrivenham this last year at a time when all the staff were making decisions about their future.

Some 206 of them with 2,285 years of service to the Crown will be working for Cranfield in future and others have transferred elsewhere.

The Commandant, Major General John Stibbin, who will remain with his military staff, told the audience at the ceremony that Shrivenham represented 200 years of tradition. This could not be bought easily or changed quickly but at the same time it could not be allowed to constrain change.

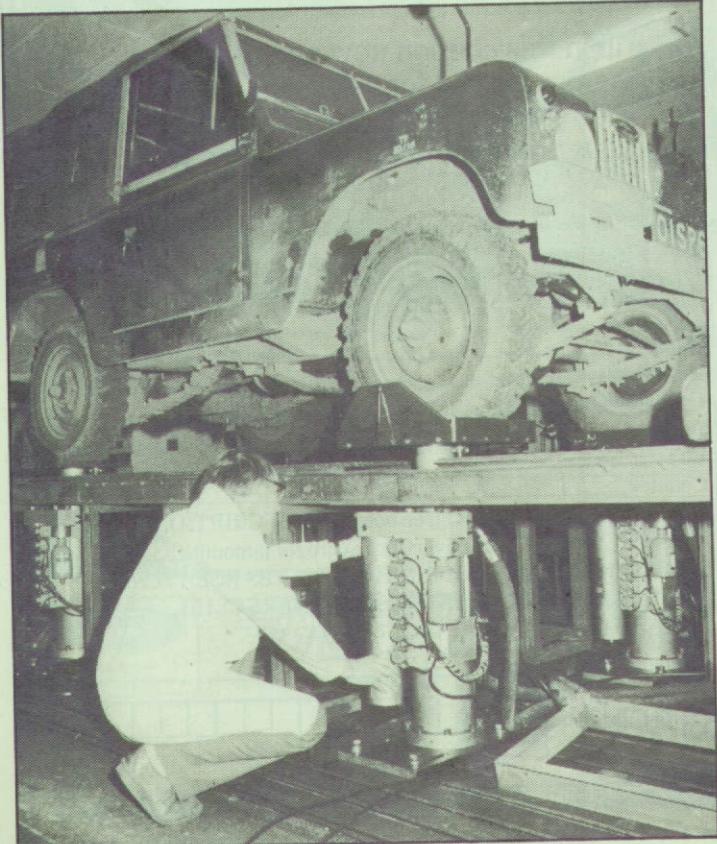
This autumn the Royal Air

Eyes right! Students tune in to a lecture.

Force will send its first 22 engineering undergraduates to Shrivenham and the College Visitor, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, revealed that he had recently agreed that the Defence Procurement training should be moved to Shrivenham on a contract with Cranfield.

"This innovative partnership is a development which has enormous potential and in many respects blazes a trail which many others, not only in the defence field, will follow" he declared.

Mr Pattie said that without the new link there had been a real



Vibration test rig for light and heavy vehicles at Shrivenham.



Story: John Walton
Pictures: Les Wiggs & Doug Pratt

Dining hall for tutors and students.

A POIGNANT PROCESSION



The last Graduation Day procession under the old system.

danger that Shrivenham might have shrunk within itself and seen its technological base eroded.

Now there was a golden opportunity to widen the base, the student population and its research capabilities.

General Stibson predicts that the RAF move is only a step along the road to a Services University at Shrivenham. He told SOL-DIER: "My view is that it will not be too long before it becomes a tri-service college. My crystal ball says five years before it becomes bi-service and ten years tri-service."

The Commandant added that the facilities at Shrivenham were under-utilised. "We have magnificent laboratories here. Every student has his own set of experimental kit. We want to try

to encourage more students."

Other advantages put forward are the increased links it will bring with higher academic institutions within Europe and with the defence industries, who already send a lot of students to Cranfield.

General Stibson maintains that research and development at Shrivenham will expand — already in the past year the amount has doubled. And a more flexible system of allocating money to run departments is felt to be another plus factor for the change.

The whole of the academic structure has now moved over to be part of Cranfield but the military staff remain and will continue to teach the Army staff course. The support staff from the Civil Service will also stay.

The Dean, Professor Frank



Captain Pyers Tucker, RA, during study, below left, and above receiving his degree and prizes from Mr Geoffrey Pattie.

Hartley, also welcomes the new funding system. "If you want something you will either have the resources available or you will not and it will be no good grumbling about people in Whitehall or Aldershot who won't give you what you want."

At present the students on the longer courses at RMCS tend to be from the Army and two thirds of the degree students are military. The fact that this proportion will drop is a good thing according to Professor Hartley.

"It is good for the Army because they will meet a wider range of students from different walks of life. This will broaden them socially as well as technically in their studies."

Shrivenham is built in the grounds of a former country seat and the original house is now the College library. Its extensive grounds allow plenty of room for sport and there is a nine hole golf course and a swimming pool — both of which are entirely self supporting from subscriptions.

The university atmosphere at Shrivenham is encouraged and Army students normally wear civilian clothes. But there are duty officers, regular military lectures, shooting training, basic fitness training and promotion exams to remind them they are still part of the Army.

In the summer holidays they are expected to carry out regimental attachments, workshop training and adventurous training.

In fact it's reckoned at Shrivenham that the Army students influence the civilians more than the other way round. The civilians come in with no commitment to joining the Army but 40 per cent on degree courses decide to do so at the end of their stay. And the more mature atmosphere with older students than at the average university goes down well with the parents!

Officers on the Army staff course and many of the longer course personnel get married quarters and only the unmarried and degree course students tend to live in the halls of residence. These are run on military lines with suits being worn for dinner.

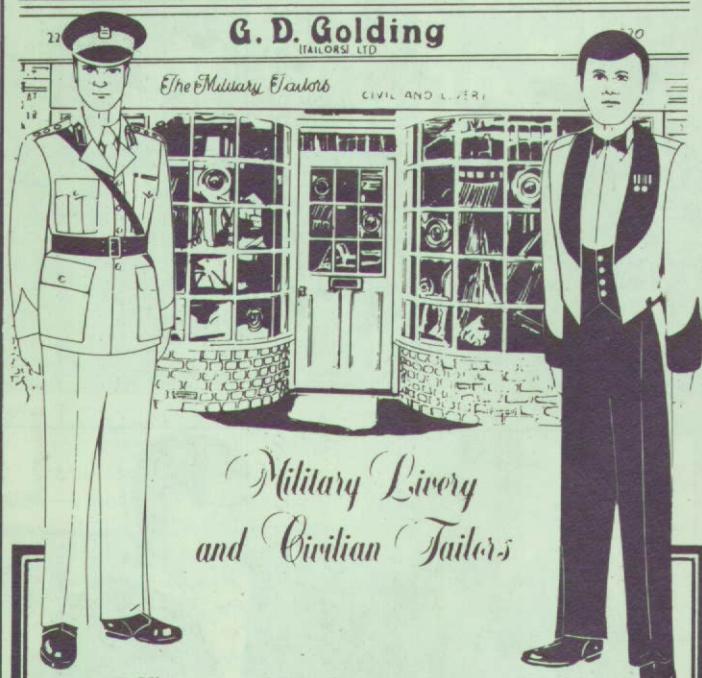
As graduates with gowns over their uniforms mingled with the multi-coloured gowns of the academic staff all realised that Shrivenham was setting out into uncharted waters. General Stibson says: "We are facing a unique and challenging time but I think the next few years are going to be a period which sees Shrivenham expand in conjunction with our association with Cranfield. I think the Army as a whole appreciates that at the end of the day the college will remain the Royal Military College of Science."

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For many years they guarded a stairway in the Queen's Hotel, Carlisle, and tradition tells that they were made to draw attention to a recruiting party stationed there in 1715. Another story is that they were musketry targets.

Both suggestions are rather unlikely. The recruiting officer would have had a drummer, strong drink and the King's shilling to encourage men to enlist and a much more gaudy uniform than the painted boards.

Equally, at a time when soldiers were drilled to blast volleys in the general direction of the enemy, it would have been absurd to waste time and money on such fancy

targets for individual practice; targets which in any case would have quickly disintegrated.

What then was the function of these gaunt figures? A clue is that they are not unique.

Similar 'dummy boards' survive of serving maids, bewigged 18th-century gentlemen, cats, pigs(!) and other soldiers.

They have a common feature which at first seems strange. Though flat, their edges are chamfered inwards so that the hard outline is not seen at first glance.

On the back are hooks and rods. Propped up at a window, such figures could be used to scare off an intruder or startle the unwary guest who found them posted in a dark corner or unused fireplace.

It may be that these two grenadiers varied the grinding boredom of an officer of the Queen's billeted at Carlisle by giving his unsuspecting visitors a jolt as they climbed the stairs to his quarters.



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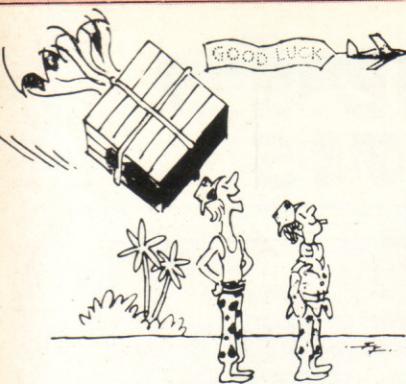
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which would not be popular with conservationists. — Name and address supplied.

Reply from Director Royal Artillery, MOD: "It is appreciated that all establishments in the Army are now operating on very tight budgets and there is no excess manpower in either Regular or TA units.

Any new TA Air Defence Regiment will form with the same number of Regular permanent staff as other similar regiments but, because of recent cuts in the Armed Forces, the workload of everyone has necessarily increased.

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PRINT SHOP?

As always your magazine is a pleasure to read. Both you and your staff deserve a well-earned pat on the back.

On the inside back cover of a recent issue, you carried an excellent full colour reproduction of a print. Why not continue with different prints — possibly of various regiments or battle scenes? There are numerous collectors of prints and if a listing was given of where they may be obtained, it may increase your sales. Just an idea, and food for thought perhaps. — Steve Graham, 116 Koslov Street, Barrie, Ontario, Canada L4N 4P2.

We've thought of this one, too, Mr Graham. The issue you refer to was dated 26 March and the reproduction was taken from David Cobb's painting of 2 Para at the battle for Goose Green during the Falklands War. In this case, the battalion PRI paid a proportion of the cost of the full colour process and we are happy to negotiate similar arrangements with other regimental PRIs should they wish to take up the offer. — Ed.

D-DAY FEEDBACK

On reading your D-Day supplement I noted an error in the composition of 8th Armd Bde who supported 50 Div.

I myself landed with my regiment, the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards together with the 24 Lancers who later disbanded when 13th/18th Hussars joined 8 Armd Bde from 27 Bde. The third regiment with us was the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry who were never to my knowledge referred to as the Nottinghamshire Yeomanry. They serve on today as part of the Queen's Own Yeomanry and are still the Sherwood Rangers. — Capt J Brackenridge MBE, 239 (Highland Yeomanry) Squadron RCT (V), Cupar, Fife.

Re your D-Day supplement, I can only assume that in the Order of Battle for Sword Beach the entry "22 Dragoons" should in fact read 22 County of London Yeomanry (Westminster Dragoons.)

It is of interest that this still existent TA unit, albeit of squadron strength, operated flail tanks on both British beaches on D-Day. Their participation on Gold Beach is at least shown by you in full. — T Noyce, 190 Wiltshire Close, Draycott Avenue, London SW3 2NZ.

Many accounts of D-Day were published before and after 6 June, but none better than the splendid supplement to SOLDIER. All however share a common fault in that they contain no first hand accounts of Sapper participation in the events. The Royal Engineers of 6th Airborne Division consisted of 3 and 591 Parachute Squadrons, 249 Field Company (Airborne) and 286 Field Park Company (Airborne). They were not part of 3rd British Division as indicated in the order of battle you printed.

3 and 591 Para Squadrons RE dropped with their respective Para brigades, suffered casualties and wide dispersion, but completed their tasks. A detachment of the glider-borne 249

Field Company was included in the "Coup de Main" on the Orne bridges. A glider-borne detachment of 286 Field Company with Bulldozers assisted in clearance of landing zones for the subsequent arrival of 6 Airlanding Brigade.

The two main tasks of 3 Para Brigade were the destruction of the Merville battery and the creation of an obstacle along the River Dives to protect the left flank of the invasion. The story of the assault on the Merville battery is well known. The destruction of the Dives bridges in the early hours of D-Day has sometimes been attributed to parachute infantry instead of the Sappers who collected what explosive could be found and completed the job. — Major J S R Shave, 100 Moot Lane, Downtown, Wilts SP5 3LE.

In compiling the Order of Battle we used material from official sources.

SOLDIER has received many messages of congratulation for producing its special D-Day Supplement which was included in SOLDIER dated 4 June. A limited number of copies of the Supplement are still available separately and can be obtained by sending 35p (to cover the cost of the Supplement and postage) to Distribution Dept, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU. — Ed.

BERLIN LEGION

Your article 'Berlin Landmark' (21 May) stated that the Berlin Branch of the Royal British Legion was founded in 1963. Is this correct, as I have a photograph of the British Legion (Berlin Branch) 1949 (Dec) Darts Team (A Jones, W Whalley, L Street, A Munns, A Lymer, P Howe), myself and Vic Deamon who founded the Branch, was either the President or Chairman and attended the 1949 Remembrance Parade at the Royal Albert Hall representing Berlin.

Do other readers remember this Branch, which I think held their meetings in the Grunewald area? — J N Rogerson, MOD, Northumberland House, Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5BP.

The present branch was re-formed in 1963, the original one having fallen into abeyance in the fifties. — Ed.

MALTA SIEGE

A reader of my book on the Siege of Malta recently wrote to me from Georgia USA giving some interesting information and asking for more. Maybe some veteran reader of SOLDIER can help.

It is acknowledged that the barrage over Malta's Grand Harbour during blitz periods was the most intense and concentrated display of anti-aircraft gunnery ever organised. Yet of one secret experimental effort almost nothing is even now known. This was a six-foot parachute rocketed to 3,000 feet where it opened to trail 1,000 feet of piano wire with a small mine attached. These UPs (Unrotated Projectiles or Uncle Percys) were fired on only a few occasions during the

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barrage as an extra hazard to defeat Stuka bombers.

This was a well kept secret in Malta but my correspondent has, after much painstaking endeavour, discovered that Royal Marines on HMS Aurora did fire these weapons from the cruiser and ashore in the dockyard and a Royal Navy party ashore fired from the Corradino Heights.

Question: Does anyone know when exactly? (Almost certainly sometime in 1942.)

Question: What regiment had men billeted at the Mater Boni Council School in the village of Paolo? (I think probably the 4th Buffs — The Royal East Kent Regiment.)

Question: Soldiers helped unload the Norwegian freighter *Thermopylae* in Grand Harbour in 1942. What regiment and when? (Possibly Hampshire, Devons, Dorsets, Cheshire and others.)

My correspondent was 17 at the time, a dockyard apprentice feeling weak from a shortage of food as he worked on *Thermopylae*. He is now writing a book on that aspect of the siege. — Major G R Hogan, 5 Queenswood Road, St John's, Woking, Surrey.

TOUGH BUT WORTH IT

In Cyprus last week on holiday and looking up "old 9 Infantry Workshop ghosts", I bought SOLDIER and saw Mr Rimmer's letter on the LS & GC (18 June). He has totally missed the point of the award. It is a good conduct medal for longer service (18 years) without a blemish on your record. I'm now 61 and value the medal for exactly that — good, long service, conduct. The valid reason why officers should not receive it is because it's a long way from Private to WO1 with a thousand pitfalls over the 18 years, which officers are never subjected to.

'Ranker' officers who received it in my day were also proud to wear it, though it has to be said that I have known of one or two who were subjected to some class distinction because of it. Indeed, some men when commissioned, stopped wearing it.

We are constantly witnessing a whittling away of standards and I suspect this applies to the Army also. I have never believed that a democratic Army is the best. The harder it is, the better soldiers are. Tough when you're doing it but worth it in the end. I wish I was 30 again! — Jack Horsfall, 23 Jenner Close, Hucclecote, Gloucester.

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Reunions

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A reunion for Army personnel, YMCA staff and helpers at Hilderbrand Bks, Harrogate, Yorks, from 1942-44, will now be held at the YMCA, Lord Street, Huddersfield (near railway station) on Saturday, 15 September at 1pm. Parking and light refreshments available. Reply please, enclosing SAE for details to: The Organisers, 17 Edgerton Grove Road, Huddersfield HD1 5QU.

Competition

Just for a change we thought we'd try a different sort of competition on you and judging by the response, it seems you liked Competition 340. You had to identify ten everyday military items from photographs taken from rather unusual angles. The answers were: 1 butt of SLR; 2 mess tin; 3 (filter of) gas mask; 4 tread of boot; 5 pullthrough; 6 knife, fork (and spoon); 7 handle of plastic mug; 8 cap of water bottle; 9 (corner of) suitcase; 10 boot eyelet. Prizewinners were: 1st Lance Corporal P Chamberlain, ACC att 1 QUEENS, BFPO 804. 2nd Sergeant L P Roberts, RM Police Det, c/o 227 Pro Coy RMP, Dhekelia, BFFPO 58. 3rd Corporal Timms, 37 Wksp REME, BFPO 666. 4th Sergeant P T Laycock, Line Section Schemes Group, 8 Sig Regt, Catterick Garrison, Yorks. 5th Sergeant Vince, 26 Field Regt RA, BFPO 20.

How Observant Are You?

1 Cap of leading jockey; 2 Tail of leading horse; 3 Grass below leading horse; 4 Right hand of 41 jockey; 5 Detached leaf above fence; 6 Second horse's left hind hoof; 7 Right foot of falling jockey; 8 Saddle of No. 9; 9 Cheek strap of second horse; 10 Grass clump at bottom right corner.

Mrs A Williams, 17 Bruce Drive, Stenhousemuir, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland, FK5 4DD. Seeks a blazer badge of the 9th Queen's Lancers.

Allan Jones, 31 Towcester Street, Litherland, Liverpool 21. Seeks British Army regimental blazer pocket badges for new collection. Will buy but finances limited.

Cpl S G Johnson, 246 Pro Coy, 2 Regt RMP, BFPO 33. Requires the following insignia: brass Military Foot cap badge, brass Military Mounted Police cap badge, Grimsby Officer Training Corps cap badge, Lincolnshire Regt cap badge all-brass and plastic types, cloth CMP slide-on/shoulder flash, black CMP on brown backing.

Can You Help?

I am currently preparing a private research paper on the provision of a suitable self-defence policy for medical units in war. In particular, I am interested in Field Ambulances and their defence under the terms of the Geneva Convention.

Any ex-RAMC, QARANC or Regimental Medical Orderly, or indeed any Serviceman who has information to aid my research is asked to write to the address supplied. Details of actual experience in World War 2 and Korea would be greatly appreciated. Any 'Medic' who actually fought with arms to defend his medical unit is especially asked to recount his experience. — Major R A Leitch MBE RAMC, 3 Armd Fd Amb RAMC, Talbot Bks, BFPO 16.

I am engaged in research on King Zog I and Albania 1927-1939. If any reader could assist either with photographic material, newspaper and magazine cuttings or other contemporary literature I should be most grateful. Any information from any officers of the British Army on His late Majesty's staff or indeed, engaged in the Albanian Gendarmerie would be most welcome. — Charles Lewis, 5 Great Headland Road, Preston, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 2DY.

I would be grateful if any reader could lend me a copy of the book 'Ordnance — Antwerp to Berlin'. It would be returned in good order. — Frank Acres, 46 Westfield Ave, Ashchurch Gardens, Tewkesbury, Glos.

I would like to contact anyone who served with my late father in World War II. He was Sergeant Edward (Pop) Carter of the 3rd King's Own Hussars, a tank regiment with the 8th Army. He served in the Western Desert and Italy from 1941 to 1945. Also I would like to purchase books on the history of the this regiment and the 8th Army. — W P Carter, 463 Aigburth Road, Liverpool L19 3PA.

I am researching the use of bugle-calls (and other musical instruments) as means of field communication. Can anyone help with the following questions? What is the origin of the 'Charlie' reveille. Although known throughout the old Empire by generations of soldiers, it has rarely appeared in any official Army manuals. Why?

On troop ships, usually familiar bugle-calls had different meanings eg 'retir' called men out to clean the upper decks; 'charge' signalled permission to smoke; 'commence/cease firing' meant man/cease manning the pumps. Any information of this aspect of calls? — Peter Moore, 3 Templeman Place, Midland, 6056, Australia.

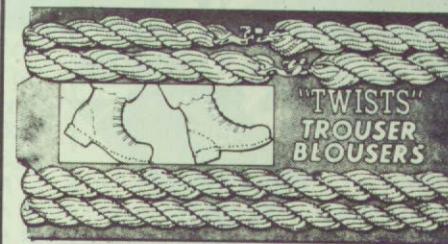
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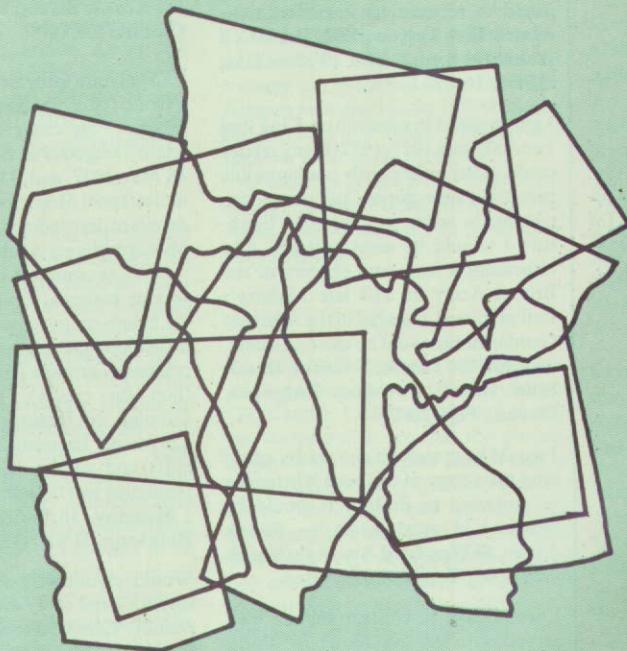
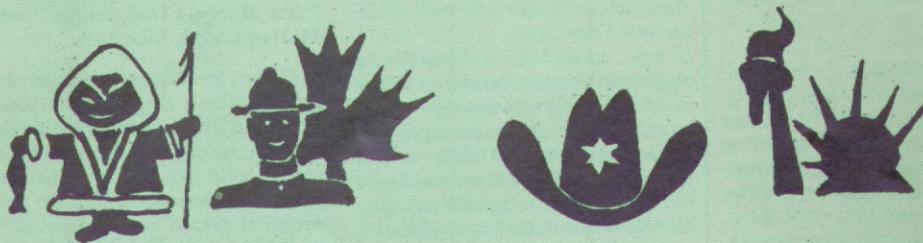
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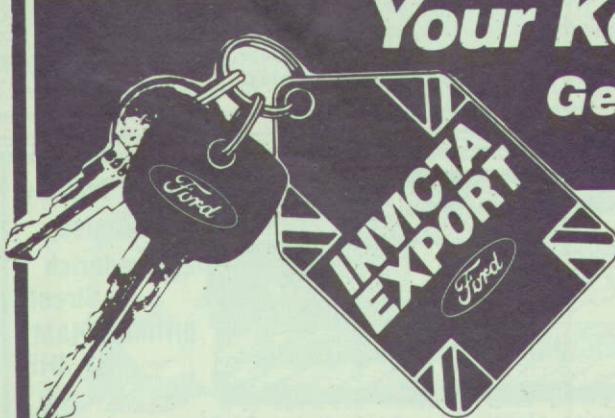
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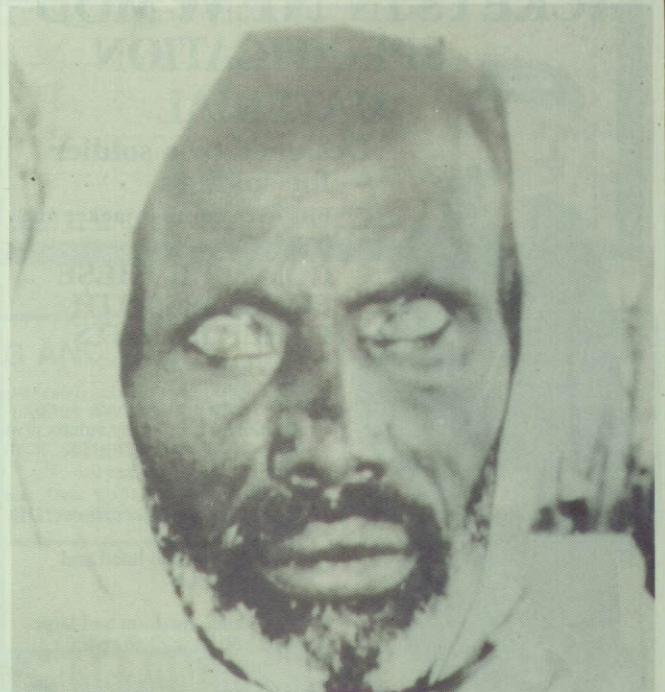
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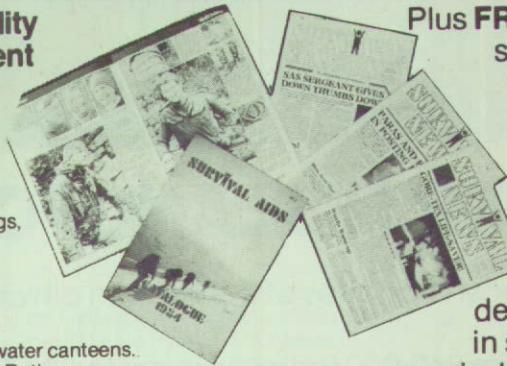
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Making this victory all the sweeter, the Army once again won the women's title, beating the WRAF by 18 points.

Some excellent performances were produced during the championships. Inter-Service records were broken by Sergeant Kriss Akabusi (ASPT) in winning the 400 metres in 47 secs, and



Rees again — in the long jump.

FENCING TITLE RETAINED

The Army emerged as victors at this year's Inter-Services fencing competition at the Royal Tournament taking first place in seven of eleven categories.

In the individual epee, the Army took the first four places with Corporal Peter Hart, REME at the top. Captain Ian Campbell, RCT won the individual foil competition followed by Corporal David Garrod, REME and Officer Cadet A Williams from Sheffield UOTC coming second and third.

Captain Sue Reid, QARANC, already Army Champion, deftly parried her challengers to become the Inter-Services women's fencing champion and, having won the Junior foil, Sapper James Williams, JLRRE attained the title of Under-20 Champion-at-Arms. After 17 victories, SEE Arborfield won the Inter-Unit team competition and Corporal Garrod came second in the Master Swordsman competition.

The RAF dominated the Sabre events and also provided this year's eventual senior Master Swordsman and Champion-at-Arms.

● In the Inter-services Ladies Foil held at RAF Cosford the Army retained the Inter-Services Cup won last year, beating Royal Navy 10-6 and Royal Air Force 9-7.

The Army beat the Royal Navy by 78 points to 62 in the Inter-Services junior swimming championships at Bovingdon, but lost the water polo 23-11.

the Army 4 x 400 metres team in winning the final event of the day in a time of 3 mins 13.2 secs.

Women's Inter-Services records were broken in nearly every track event; Corporal Joan Baptiste (RAF) in the 100 metres in 11.8 secs and 200 metres in 24.0 secs, Lieutenant Sue Parker RAMC in the 800 metres 2 mins 06.5 secs and in the 1,500 metres in 4 mins 37.1 secs, she also won the 400 metres; Lance Corporal Cheryl Castle WRAC in the 100 metres Hurdles in 14.7 secs.

Army records were broken by Ranger Lewis (1 R Irish) in finishing second in the high jump with a height of 2.06 metres. The old record of 2.02 metres has stood since the 1948 Olympics in London.

Lewis cleared the same height as the winner, Marine Gibbs but had more failures at the last height cleared. Private Hugh Grant (16 Bn RAOC) having won the long jump broke the Army triple jump record in finishing second by six mm with a jump of 15.39 metres.

Other Army wins were recorded by Akabusi, 200 metres, in 22 secs; Sergeant Malcolm Edwards 800 metres in 1 min 51.4 secs; Sapper Stephen Lyons pole vault with 4.10 metres, Sergeant Neil Killen, 400 metres hurdles in 54.1 secs; Lance Sergeant David Dawson, shot with 14.61 metres, and Mark Sterling, hammer, with 61.40 metres.

In the Army Junior championships



From the Junior Army meet: Jnr Lance Corporal Richard Rees wins 200 metres for the Gunners.

Mumford in Los Angeles

In our list of Army competitors taking part in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles (SOLDIER 30 July) we omitted Captain Mike Mumford, Royal Engineers, who is the only serviceman in the four-strong British team for the Modern Pentathlon.

Our apologies, Captain Mumford.

Captain Mumford was British junior champion in 1974 and senior champion in 1980. He represented Great Britain in the senior world championships for three successive years from 1981.

NEW NAME ON GOLF TROPHY

THERE'S a new name on the United Kingdom Land Forces 72-hole golf championship salver — that of Lance Corporal Bruce Manners of 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

Manners held off a late challenge from Major Ian Pearce, Army Catering Corps, to win by three strokes with rounds of 77, 77, 74 and 80 — not a great score by some standards but his 308 on Little Aston's par 72 and SSS of 73, liberally strewn with bunkers, was very good indeed.

It was inevitable there would be a new name on the trophy, with previous winners unable to try again ... Staff Sergeant Chris Carveth, Royal Signals, being in Cyprus and Sergeant Ian Gray,

Royal Army Ordnance Corps, finding himself on a very different "course" at the last moment.

The course was its usual immaculate self, with holding greens, and the number of entrants, 36, was lower than expected. The standard of golf was fairly good and with one round left nine shots covered the top six with Manners five ahead of his nearest rival, Pearce at that point being six behind.

Manners reached the turn of the final round with 37 — seven ahead of Pearce. Maybe the thought of winning started to tell and pressure increased as Manners dropped six shots over the next six holes and was only two clear at the 16th, when Pearce knew two birdies would give him the chance of tying.

Yet little Aston showed its "teeth" as Pearce's second to the 17th ended in a lake, he made a six and though he birdied the last, the chance was gone.

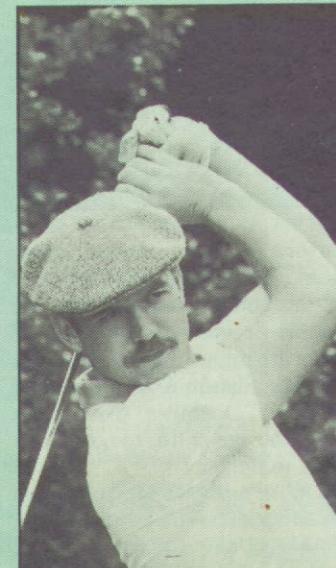
Having diced with trees, Manners made par at the 17th and then made a safe par after hitting the ball uphill 280 yards, reducing his second shot to a wedge placed safely to the heart of the green.

His partner J Bowen won the Handicap Cup ... and we'll leave him to tell in fireside stories the way he achieved his 79-77-77-82.

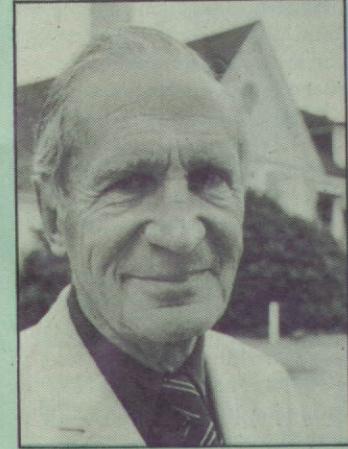
After much illness and surgery, it was good to see Fred Preston in action again — jacket or no jacket!

The occasion was a farewell too, for President of the Army Golf Association Lieutenant General Sir Allan Taylor, whose last function in office was to present the prizes.

First President on formation in 1974, he has done much for golf among other ranks and has seen membership soar.



Lance Corporal Bruce Manners.



Outgoing President, Lieutenant General Sir Allan Taylor.

Members are sure the General will still appear at functions, and the new President is Lieutenant General Sir John Akehurst.

FINAL SCORES — TOP SEVEN

L/Cpl B Manners	77,77,74,80	- 308
Maj I Pearce	80,77,77,77	- 311
Mr J Bowen	79,77,77,82	- 315
Maj M Morris	75,86,78,79	- 318
Brig J Thornton	77,82,77,84	- 320
Bdr M Hood	80,79,78,84	- 321
L Cpl A Brownrigg	84,79,74,85	- 322

● Doug Pratt took the pictures — and provided the information.

Club Cricket Conference Under-25 beat The Army by eight wickets at Aldershot. The Army batted first and totalled 118 (Dean 25, Gordon Lennox 23, Lerwil 21) and the visitors scored 122 for two.

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The latter is to be preferred by far, says Captain Andy Harkins of the School of Signals at Blandford, and a leading light in the Army Gliding Association (AGA).

He was standing in the middle of a grass runway at RAF Upavon and surrounded by about a dozen gliders belonging to the AGA.

It was a smashing day — bright blue sky with just a hint of breeze. "But it's no good for gliding," said Andy, who has logged 600 flying hours in ten years and was anxious to clock up a few more before the end of the week-long course.

"We need those light, puffy, cotton-wool clouds for good flying conditions. They help the thermals, which give us the lift to fly."

With only two clubs to their name — on at Upavon, the other at RAF Odiham — the Army are hard pushed to raise a 15-strong team of flyers good enough to challenge the RAF for the inter-service gliding crown.

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Helping in their endeavours to lift the title for the first time was John Williamson, ex-RAF squadron leader and now national coach to the British Gliding Association.

"He's the one who motivates and teaches us," said Andy Harkins, as Williamson hitched his glider to WO2 Pete Ritchie's AAC Chipmunk, ready to "test the thermals" prior to a planned 40-mile cross-country flight with Corporal Dee-Cee DeClancy, Sergeant Martin Hardy and Major Joss Oswald.

An hour later Dee-Cee, Martin and Joss were still sitting strapped in their aircraft.

"That's the main problem with gliding; the hanging about waiting for the right conditions," said Andy Harkins.

A glance at Dee-Cee's log showed 100 hours flying in two years, but most flights lasted only minutes.

"It can take a long while to get up there," said Dee-Cee. "And it takes even more skill to stay up there."

Said Andy Harkins: "This is just one of the things that puts people off gliding.

"Helping with the towing, pushing gliders in and out of hangers at the start and end of a session with no flying time in between can be extremely discouraging.

"That is why glider people have to be highly motivated to beat this side of the sport."

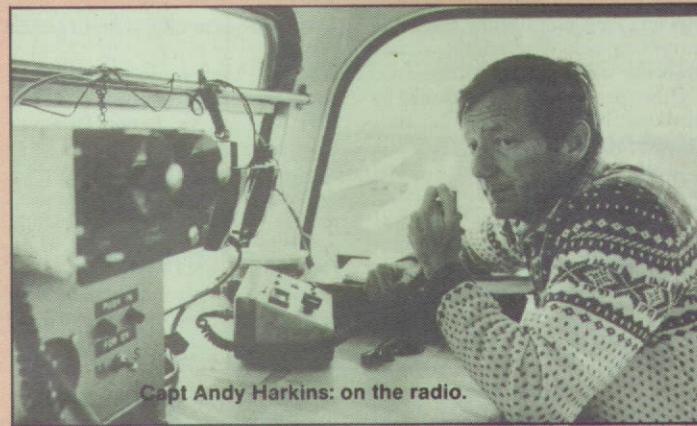
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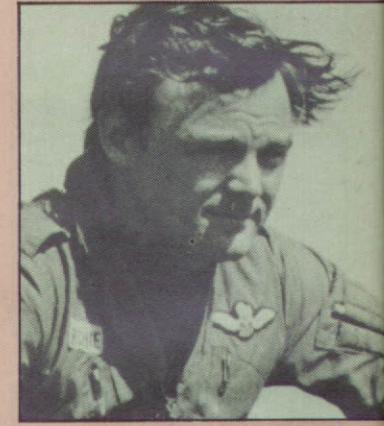


John Williamson: national coach.

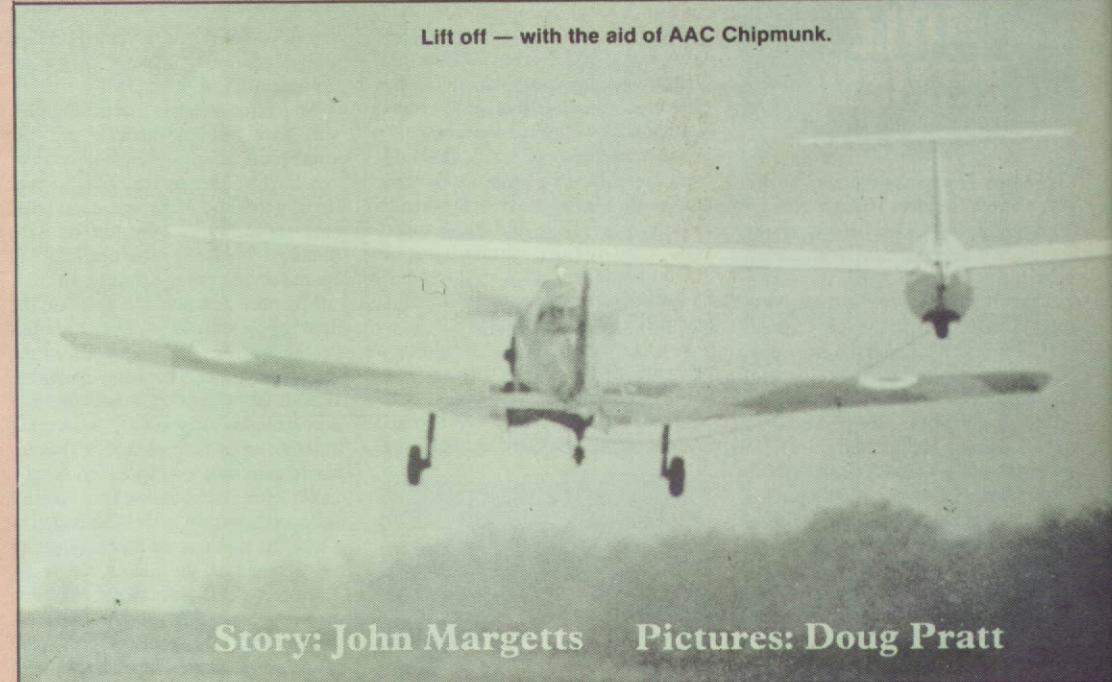
WO2 Peter Ritchie.



Capt Andy Harkins: on the radio.



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"Because of these factors there is a high wastage in recruits to the sport. They just get fed up and you can't really blame them.

"But we need more glider pilots. We're always on the lookout for interested people and that includes service girls and wives.

"We have one girl, Edwina Bonsor, who has reached a standard where she could easily be selected to fly with the Army team."

Some of the AGAs gliders are twin seaters and several wives go

up for a spin just to make a change from making tea in the lower half of the control tower — an old double-decker bus. But many of them are pilots in their own right like Mrs Sharon Ashcroft, wife of a "civvy" member. Youngsters from the age of 16, too, can also learn to fly.

Unlike Andy Harkins who owns his own glider — they cost anything from £2000 to £40,000 — AGA members have the use of at least ten aircraft including six high

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