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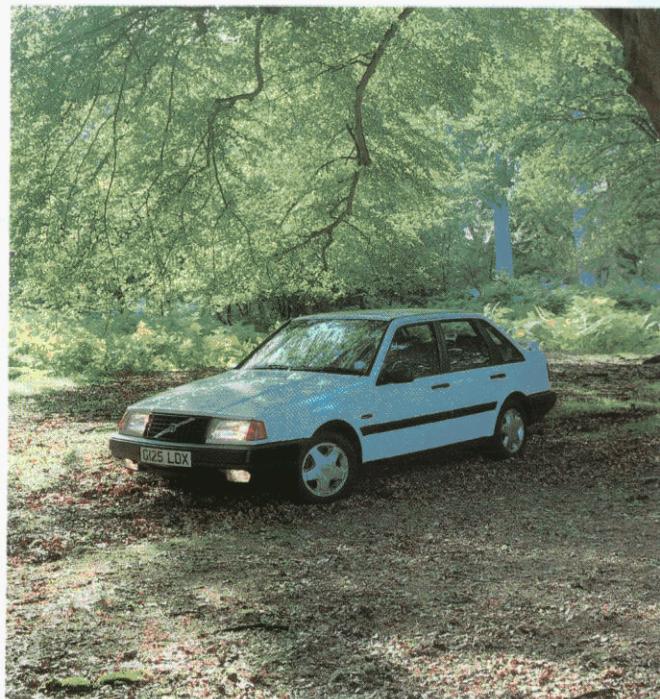
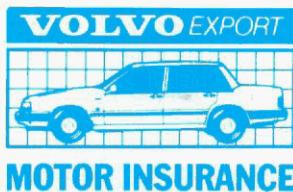
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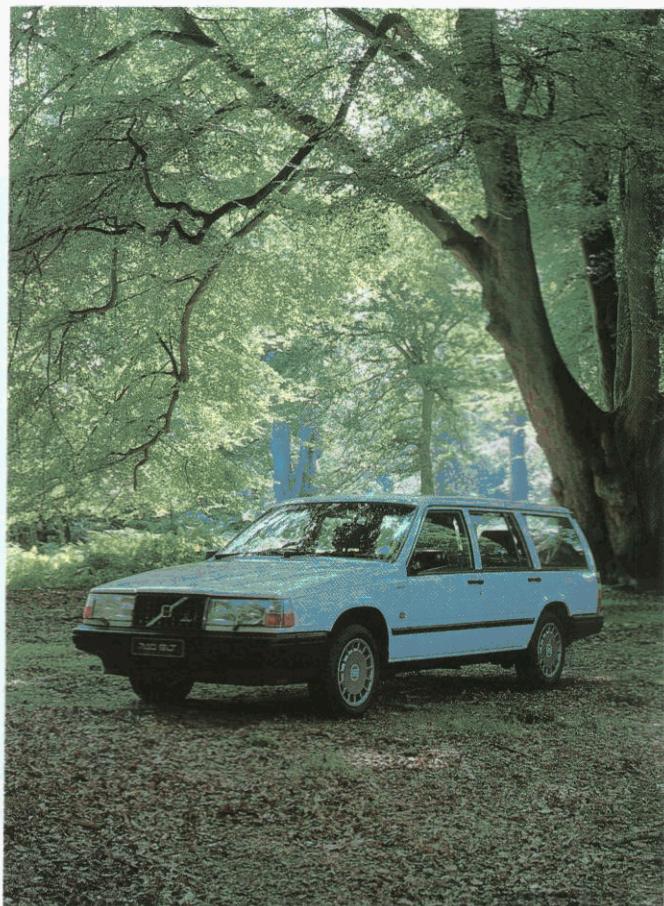
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Picture: Mike Perring

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incorporating the Territorial Army magazine



**Signallers
respond to
Gulf crisis**

Picture: Mike Weston

Ready for service in the Gulf – men of 30 Signal Regiment with Satcom dish. Left to right are Sgt Glenn Sherman, Cpl Dave Coffey, Cpl Gareth Skey, Sig Mike Carvill

Destination Saudi Arabia

IN THE early afternoon of August 8 Lt Col Neil Donaldson, CO of 30 Signal Regiment, was sunning himself in Burgundy when developments in the Gulf interrupted his leave, writes Bill Moore.

Such was the professional response of one of the Army's most travelled units that at 6pm vehicles were rolling out of Blandford Camp, Dorset, and by the time he reached his HQ early next morning troops were already in aircraft outward bound from RAF Lyneham.

Detachments continued to fly out in the following days. Eventually, around

150 men of the Royal Corps of Signals are expected to serve in different locations in support of the British Jaguar, Tornado and Nimrod squadrons of the multi-national force prepared to defend Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states against Iraqi aggression.

Lt Col Donaldson told a Press conference: "The role of these detachments is to support the Royal Air Force, to provide inter-communication between these locations, and speech, telegraph and data communications back to the UK."

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Smaller units are the best solution

SINCE I was involved in liaison work in the Second World War, I have had an interest in the customs, uniforms and traditions of the British Army.

I hope the appropriate senior officials in Whitehall will read this letter and I sincerely hope that the impending reductions

in the Army will not lead them into more amalgamation.

Units could be reduced in size, or two units reduced to half strength could be administered together, without trying to create new units based on bits and pieces of old traditions.

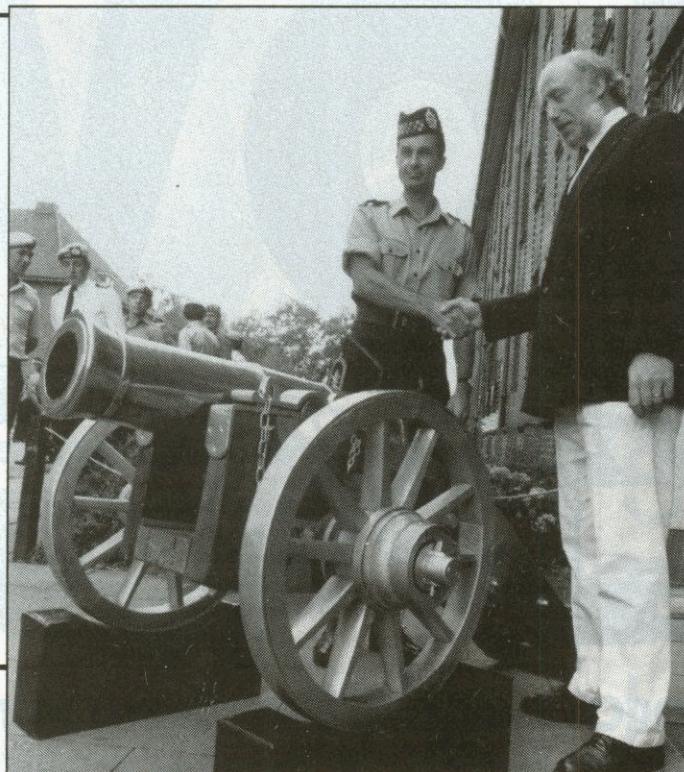
The Canadians supplied a

precedent when they sent troops to Germany during the fifties.

Although each company was from a different regiment the composite outfit worked well together. — **Frank E G Weil**, Counselor at Law, Washington DC, USA.

Back on guard

A cannon which once guarded a bank in Crater, Aden has been refurbished by ex-soldier Les Meadows of 71 Aircraft Workshops, pictured here being thanked by Lt Col Sandy Blackett, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, West Germany. The cannon was given by a grateful bank manager to Lt Col (Mad Mitch) Mitchell's Argyll's after they had retaken Aden in 1967 and protected his vaults from looters.



Lawrie Agency

YOUR article about Army Agent Richard Cox (August 6) leads me to write about my interest in the Lawrie family, who in the 18th and 19th centuries were also Army Agents, with a residence at Westwood House, Sydenham.

The Agency was founded by Andrew Lawrie in 1780. The firm amalgamated with another, Holt & Co, in 1884 and became known as Holt, Lawrie & Co. In 1923 it merged with Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co to become Glyn, Mills & Co.

Background material on Army Agents in general supplied to me by the National Army Museum briefly mentions the Lawrie Agency. Perhaps readers can supply further information about the Agency and the regiments it served, or suggest other possible sources. — **K Rooksby**, 21 Tannsfield Road, Sydenham, London SE26 5DQ.

Hero chaplain was a soldier

IN the article on the refurbishment of Chaplain George Smith's grave (SOLDIER to Soldier, July 23) you say Smith was a civilian at the defence of the Mission Station, Rorke's Drift, in January 1879. I beg to differ.

In the Army List for 1878 and 1879, George Smith's name appears among the officers of the Weenen Yeomanry of Natal Colony, albeit as the honorary chaplain.

In fact the Rev Smith had been associated with the volunteer corps of Natal from the time of the Amahlubi Uprising under Langalibalele in 1873, when he gave permission for one of his churches to be used as a magazine and another to be fortified.

Smith himself took part in patrols and reconnaissances as well as performing his ecclesiastical duties.

A contemporary water colour of Smith in the Zulu War by Lt Col J N Crealock, 95th (Derbyshire) Regiment of Foot, shows him wearing a holstered revolver, obviously adding a new dimension to being a "Christian Soldier".

As a keen researcher into the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 I would like to hear from readers who may have unpublished photographs, contemporary or otherwise, of officers and men who served in the campaign. — **John Young**, Zulu War Study Group, Victorian Military Society, 8 Jocelyns, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0BT.

Retreat 'gap' in Dunkirk exhibit

THE Dunkirk Exhibition at Dover is somewhat disappointing to those who took part in the evacuation.

Much is made of the "little ships" but little is said of the retreat and the fact that those who were not able to make it to Dunkirk had far greater difficulties in returning.

The local Army divisions of the 1939 Territorial Army for Dover were the 12th and 44th, recruited from Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The 12th in Amiens were cut off by the German Army, preventing their escape via Dunkirk, while the 44th retreated to Dunkirk.

It is being mooted that the exhibition should compare the retreat of the 12th and 44th Divisions — thus, how many of the 4th and 5th Royal Sussex in the 44th came back compared with those of the 6th and 7th Royal Sussex in the 12th.

The job is to construct a map table showing the course of both divisions throughout the campaign. An apprentice school could probably construct the table, but does anyone have details of the unit's fortunes during that period?

The Curator, Dunkirk Exhibition, Cambridge Road, Dover, would be glad to receive information. — **Harry Palgrave**, Devizes.

Reunions

● **South Notts Hussars Association** reunion dinner will be held in Nottingham on Saturday November 10 1990. Former members wishing to attend should contact R L Foulds, 39 Springfield Gardens, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4HB (tel: 0602-605785).

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Plenty to think about – men of 30 Signal Regiment pictured "at home" in Blandford which is supplying communication support in the Gulf

THE GULF

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Even without the threat of hostilities, the signallers will find it exceedingly hot work. Recently a temperature of 56 degrees – more than 130 degrees Fahrenheit – had been recorded at Thumrayt, a base in Oman, said Lt Col Donaldson. At Dhahran the temperature was around 49 degrees with more than 90 per cent humidity.

The climate was as unfriendly to electronic equipment as could be found anywhere in the world, he said, and there were cooling problems.

However, much could be done under "environmental control" (operating in air conditioned units) and the regiment had learned a lot from service in similar conditions in Namibia from which the last elements returned in March.

Of the ability of his men to function in a chemical warfare situation, Lt Col Donaldson explained that like the rest of the Army his men had been trained for such an eventuality and were equipped and prepared for it.

Clearly it was not very comfortable to work in a protective suit in a temperature of 45 degrees plus but the troops could operate under such conditions.

The Press trooped out of the conference room to inspect the regiment's equipment and the CO patiently did a "piece to camera" for five TV crews.



Lt Col Neil Donaldson

Some soldiers obligingly went through the motions of painting their vehicles in desert camouflage. Others dismantled and reassembled the dishes of the Vehicle Satellite Communication (VSC 501s) stations.

The regiment is the only one in the corps to use these modern lightweight equipments which are air-portable and towed by Land Rover.

A detachment normally consists of two vehicles which tow the VSC and the generator. Four men form a section – two operators, one technician for maintenance and repair tasks and a powerman to look after the generator.

Not all of the equipment is as light as the portable satellite dishes. Some of it is heavier – some can be manpacked.

Though in some locations a number of men of the corps will be working together, in others single detachments may be operating 1,000 kilometres from their neighbours.

With a history of rapid deployment behind them and their perpetual role as part of the Army's "Spearhead", signallers are used to operating independently.

● Medics from 16 Field Ambulance based at Bulford and 22 Field Hospital from Aldershot have flown to Dhahran to form a 28-strong medical support team which will provide additional surgical facilities for British forces operating in the area.

Sword of Peace for Lockerbie battalion

THE conduct of soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers in the traumatic days which followed the Lockerbie air disaster has earned for the unit the 1989 Wilkinson Sword of Peace.

Elements of the battalion, which was based in Edinburgh at the time of the tragedy, deployed to the area as soon as the scale of the disaster became apparent.

Those on the scene first were soon helping the shattered local community and assisting in the distressing task of recovering bodies.

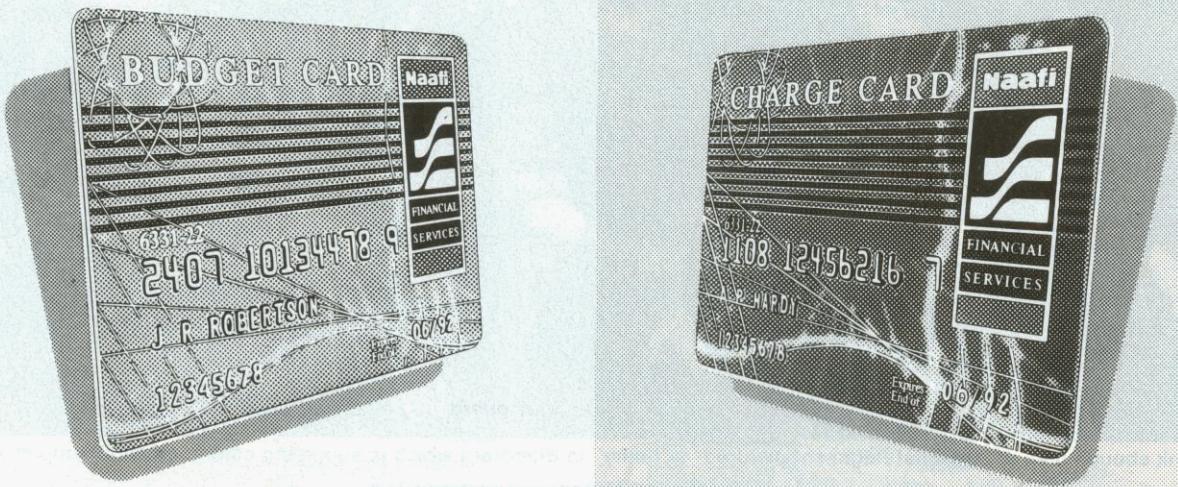
Their commitment, spirit and dedication made a great impact on the people of Lockerbie and the battalion continues to provide active support for local charities.

Colonel of the Regiment, Maj Gen Stuart Green, expressed delight at the award.

The battalion is at present deployed to Belize, where it has been stationed since April. It is due to return to its barracks at Oakington, Cambridgeshire next month.

Commanding officer of 1 RHF is Lt Col David Hills, who is due to leave the battalion soon after the planned presentation of the Sword of Peace in Glasgow on November 14. He was in command at the time of the disaster.

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Their prize was the Duke of Norfolk Challenge Cup which was presented to the team by North West District GOC Maj Gen Tony Crowfoot at a special ceremony in Preston's Fulwood Barracks. Members of the team also received a National Rifle Association award.

The DLOY's success followed several years among the top teams. Last year the Lancashire-based TA unit won the silver medal and two years before that finished in bronze position.

One-armed wonder!



LCpl Taylor in action with guard dog

INSTRUCTORS at the Army Dog Training School at Melton Mowbray had to break new ground when LCpl Thor Taylor of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers arrived to start a basic dog handler's course.

LCpl Taylor lost his left arm in an accident last December, and the Melton Mowbray staff were sceptical about his chances of controlling and lifting an Army protection dog.

But they were amazed at just how versatile his false arm was, and with some slightly revised procedures and a stronger control wire in the false arm, watched him sail through one test after another. It soon became apparent that the only limitations he had were those imposed on him by his colleagues.

With some extra tuition and adaptation LCpl Taylor achieved a creditable pass, to the delight of the training wing. After gaining experience on the ground he may return to Melton Mowbray to do a specialist dog handling course.



Escorted by the Commandant, Col Peter Burke (left), the Princess Royal inspects 200 graduating apprentices and junior leaders at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate

Graduates greet Princess

JUNIOR leaders and apprentice tradesmen were reviewed by the Princess Royal at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate when she attended the summer graduation parade. Princess Anne is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals.

The Princess presented a number of awards, including the Mayor of Harrogate Prize for outstanding service to the

community to Junior Leader Cpl Marc Jackson for his work with mentally handicapped people.

She later met officers, NCOs and civilian members of staff before taking lunch in the officers' mess. In the afternoon the Princess Royal made a private visit to the Royal Signals Adventure Training Centre in Cumbria.

RSME set hot pace

THIRTY-FIVE crews crossed the startline at Airfield Camp, Netheravon for a tough 120-mile cross country drive-navigation competition sponsored by the British Army Motoring Association.

It was the first Land Rover rally to be staged on Salisbury Plain for several years, and dust and heat added to hazards. First crew home were the overall winners, Maj Phil Waterman and WO1 Alex McCreadie of RSME Chattenden.

Airfield Camp is the home of 7 Regiment AAC and 658 Squadron who hosted the event.

Tickle double for gunners

FOR the second year in succession 45 Field Regiment RA has won the Tickle fitness competition. The Paderborn-based gunners won the competition last year while stationed at Colchester in the United Kingdom, and have built on that success by winning the BAOR category.

Run in conjunction with the Army's Fit to Fight campaign, the Tickle competition involves 20 per cent of the regiment completing a Basic Fitness Test followed by a military swimming test.

The regiment's average time is then submitted to the competition which is open to all major and minor units.



Bridging the generations

Veteran meets rookie soldiers ... Chelsea Pensioner, Company Sergeant **Charlie Wilnot** (pictured), 9th Lancers, and In Pensioner **John Robinson**, of the Royal Tank Regiment, brought themselves up-to-date with equipment when they visited the Junior Leaders' Regiment of the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington, Dorset.

The soldiers, who have since passed out to the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, are (from the left), Tpr **Matthew Venables**, **David Williams**, **Dennis Verdon** and **Robert Pyke**.

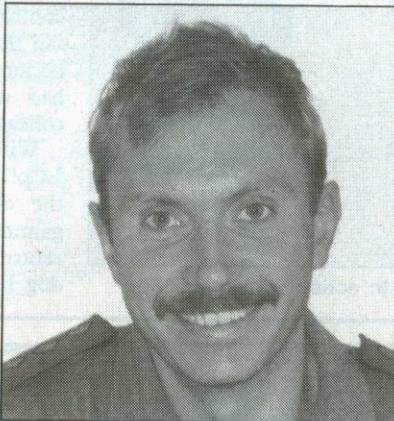
John's on peak form

A rare opportunity to visit an unexplored island is being taken up later this year by a Joint Services Expedition.

It will explore and chart Smith Island in Antarctica, and plans the first ascent of its hazardous peaks.

Expedition 2iC is Capt **John Spottiswood**, of the Colchester-based 1 Squadron, The Royal Corps of Transport.

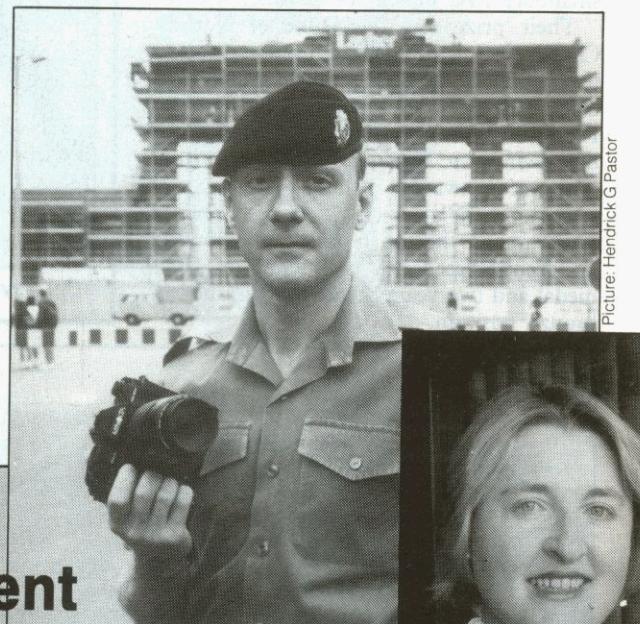
He was a member of a 1983 expedition to Brabant Island, 65 miles to the north of Smith Island, and recalls it as 'an awesome sight, inhospitable and surrounded by fog.'



Historic development

Dozens of photographs taken by an Army photographer of the historic events surrounding the opening of the Berlin Wall will themselves pass into history.

The pictorial record by LCpl **Tony Banks** has been accepted by the Bradford-based National Museum of



Photography, Film and Television.

Since the Wall started coming down on November 9, 1989, Tony, unit photographer with 62 Transport and Movement Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, has recorded most of the events on film.

Bruce earns lightning promotion

Twelve-year-old **Bruce Harris** had a day to remember after winning a radio competition which enabled him to enlist for the day as the youngest-ever recruit to 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in Colchester.

It started when he was collected from home by staff car and escort, Lt Corinne Mather, and at Kirkee Barracks he was welcomed by the CO, Lt Col **Freddie Viggers**, adjutant, Capt **Philip Mileham**, and RSM, WO1 "Mac" **McPherson**.

Later, kitted out in combat, he learned all about the FH70 Howitzer and 105mm Light Gun. After lunch in the Sergeants' Mess, the RSM promoted Gnr **Harris** to sergeant for the day.



Promotion ceremony: left to right, WO2 **Stanley**, BSM **Howe**, Sgt **Turner**, RSM **McPherson** and SMIS **Lawrence** honour **Bruce Harris**

Bdr **Jeff Hodgson** (HQ kit for a day)

PEOPLE

Pegasus on track

To mark the 50th anniversary of the formation of Airborne Forces, Railfreight Distribution locomotive 47298 has been given the name Pegasus. The naming ceremony was at Stockport, near the site of the Wartime Parachute Training School. Pictured are (from the left): **Tim Hansford**, Director of Railfreight Distribution, Lt Gen Sir **Michael Gray**, Colonel Commandant of The Parachute Regiment, and **Ingram Murray**, freight network manager, Anglia region.



Dine me out, dine out my dog . . .

Every dog has its day and **Woofie Scriven** is no exception . . .

She endeared herself to livers-in when she moved into the Garrison Officers' Mess, Aldershot, as a gawky, long-legged Airedale pup.

Owner, Lt Col **Terry Scriven** RMP, came in for a lot of good-natured ribbing about having a woman in his room after he was overheard saying: "Don't you look at me like that with those big brown eyes – lie on your blanket!"

Policeman's dog or not, Woofie wasn't averse to a little petty thieving, causing blushes for the colonel, who regularly had to return pairs of briefs left to dry in the mess laundry room by Army nurses.

Time came for her master, who was Assistant Provost Marshal (South) and Director of the Redcaps – the Royal Military Police mounted troop display team – to be dined out before a new posting to Rheindalen as Deputy Provost Marshal BAOR.

Livers-in insisted that Woofie came, too. She had pride of place on the colonel's right, sitting on her



own dining chair, resplendent in starched napkin tucked in her collar.

A doggy biscuit starter was followed by the same main course as the guests, except that Woofie's turkey was cut into small pieces!



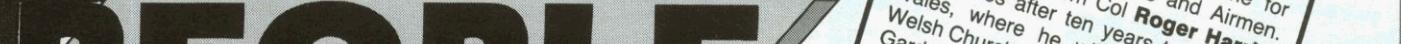
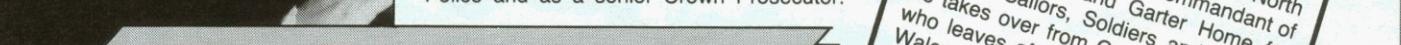
Brig **Mike Branch** (right), whose last Army post was in command of the Army School of Mechanical Transport, North Humber, is the new Commandant of The Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. He takes over from Col **Roger Harris**, who leaves after ten years to return to Wales, where he will co-ordinate the Welsh Churches contribution to the 1992 Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale.

Suzanna sets a precedent

Miss **Suzanna Wooliam**, who was the first woman officer to serve with the Army Legal Corps, has achieved a second first – the Lord Chancellor has appointed her a Deputy Judge Advocate, the first time a woman has been appointed to this position.

Judge Advocates officiate at Army and Royal Air Force courts martial.

Miss Wooliam, who is 43, was called to the Bar in 1975 and served with the ALC from 1977 to 1979. Between 1979 and 1988, when she joined the Judge Advocate General's Office as a senior legal assistant, she held appointments as a solicitor to the Metropolitan Police and as a senior Crown Prosecutor.



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The BFBS broadcasts to Servicemen in the Gulf as a result of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait follows their popular programmes beamed to the South Atlantic during the Falklands war eight years ago.

Kohima tribute

More than 400 Army veterans took part in their annual commemoration of the battle of Kohima in which they fought 46 years ago.

The old soldiers, from throughout the country, are former members of the 2nd Infantry Division whose headquarters is now at Imphal Barracks, York.

During the weekend they marked the decisive part their Division played in the Battle of Kohima in Assam, India, in 1944.

A memorial service was held at the Kohima Memorial in the Deanery Gardens of York Minster by the Chaplain General, the Dean of York and the Bishop of Kohima. After the service more than 100 veterans and a contingent of 50 serving soldiers marched through the streets of York around the Minster.

And part of the activities – to which the public were invited – was a York Garrison Open Day at the barracks, in Fulford Road, York, which raised £5,000 for Service and local charities.

SOLDIER to Soldier



Kohima veteran Stan Hearst pays his own tribute at the Kohima Memorial in the Deanery Garden, York Minster

Welcome to the fold

Not to be outdone by the many high-quality magazines and journals produced for and by the armies of other nations – including, if we may make so bold, *SOLDIER* – the Soviet Ministry of Defence has this year introduced its own monthly publication in glossy full colour.

The latest issue of *Soviet Soldier* to arrive in our mailbag in Aldershot has 82 pages packed with topical and historical features, fiction – including a thriller serial – and an article headed “Perestroika in the Army”.

In general the articles have a serious slant but there are recipes, a modestly-clad Girl of the Month, and a joke and cartoon page entitled “Just for a Laugh”.

An example of *Soviet Soldier* humour:

“An officer checks a young soldier for quick wit:

“Imagine you're in an open field. There are no trees, no pits and no hills to hide behind. The enemy is attacking. His aircraft are already patrolling in

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



“The gist is we've had 40 good years in Germany – now it's either 30 years in East Turkey or disbandment.”

A topical view from Col John Bird, Regimental Secretary of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

the air. How will you manage to camouflage yourself so as not to get killed?

“I'll first hit the ground and then dig, time permitting, a trench with my shovel, and hide in it.”

“Well, and what will you do with the extracted soil?”

“Simple! I'll dig another trench and throw the soil into that one.”

Bernard's rainbow

Actor Bernard Cribbins, who put in an appearance at Aldershot's Airborne Forces Day jubilee celebrations (*SOLDIER*, August 6), played a starring role in another rendezvous of like-minded ex-soldiers.

He caught the largest fish of the day at the Airborne Fly Fishers' annual meet at Rookesbury Mill, Andover, Hampshire – a feat which helped put a smile on the faces of some elderly people in the area.

With the help of Winchester Parachute Regimental Association, John Jubb, ex-Airborne Artillery, was tracked down at the local WRVS Residential Home for the Elderly – and he and fellow residents enjoyed the day's catch of rainbow trout as a result.

Gunner Jubb will also have something special to keep – Bernard Cribbins's autograph and a taste of the Para 90 spirit.

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Tailoring is peacetime trade for soldiers

TAILORING is a secondary trade in all British Army units. Tailors are cavalrymen or infantry soldiers first, carrying out their trade only in peacetime. In Northern Ireland, for instance, they work as watchkeepers, storemen. There are 19 master tailors in the Household Division, one in the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, and six in the Scottish

Division. Tailors' shops in the Household Division and King's Troop, RHA, are established for three tailors.

In addition, each regimental headquarters of the Guards Division has a master tailor. The Scottish Division is established for four.

Trainees, in between job experience, attend four courses at the Trade Training School,

RAOC Blackdown, and if successful attain the equivalent qualification of City and Guilds Stage 3. They are then eligible to be master tailors.

Tailors in the Scots and Irish Guards and the Scottish Division have a further nine-week course covering highland dress.

During training, visits are arranged to factories, including

a hat factory, and those producing civilian clothes and military uniforms.

Since the school opened in 1957, 500 tailors have qualified, with about 15 graduating each year. Established tailors return for refresher courses. Tailor instructors are Len Penrose and Joe Wade, both ex-RAOC warrant officers, now employed as civilians.

A CUT ABOVE THE REST

BRITISH Army Guardsmen, whose rigid bandbox smartness attracts worldwide admiration and envy, owe much of the acclaim to people the public never see - the small number of soldiers who are their tailors.

Tailoring as a trade has been continuous in the Foot Guards since the 1880s, and today there are about 75 tailors in the Army - posted among the Household Division, the Guards Division, the Scottish Division and the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery.

At one time every regiment had its own regimental tailor, and these sections of the Army have managed to retain theirs today because of the specialised nature of their ceremonial uniforms, kilts and gold embellishment, requiring the attention of a skilled professional.

Guardsmen are not allowed to press their scarlet tunics or tweeds, because if not done properly the material will

permanently change colour. A soldier - usually a trainee tailor - does the work using a steam press.

Minor cleaning is done in the tailor's shop, but for more serious staining the uniforms go to a specialist contract cleaner.

Lance Sgt Mark 'Eggy' Eggington, Master Tailor at the Regimental Headquarters of the Grenadier Guards, explained: "The only thing a guardsman has to do, apart from looking after his bearskin, is to stand straight and wear this tunic properly.

"The way it fits and looks is down to the tailor's shop where the fine adjustments are made. If the soldier is scruffy and stands slack, the tunic will bunch at the front and not look right. Seventy-five per cent of his appearance is down to his tailor.

"We have an innate pride in the Army. The soldiers are my friends and I have a pride in my regiment. I don't want my soldiers going out on parade with all the other regiments looking on and asking 'Who is that scruffy lot?'

"And, if I get it wrong, the quartermaster will haul me over the coals."

But Guardsmen do have to spend time on their bearskins, which require as much care as a dog being prepared for Cruft's.

They start by thoroughly wetting it under a shower and shaking it. Then a towel is wrapped around it and tied to give it shape, and it is hung upside down for a spiked effect.

Next comes the hard work - lots of grooming with a selection of long-toothed brushes. Because the skin can become dry and careless combing could rip it, great care has to be taken.

Shampoo is banned as it will make it brittle, unlike, human or dog hair, which can fight off unnatural substances with natural oil.

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Above - Master Tailor Sgt Charlie Hegarty who has retired from RHQ Scots Guards, makes a minor repair to the State Colour of the Scots Guards

Right - Master Tailor Hegarty cuts a dash in this immaculate suit he made for himself. When serving in the UK, master tailors are allowed to wear civilian dress for work

you are standing still, say for a street lining, for long periods on a hot day, your head expands, the bearskins cuts into your brow and you black out."

Master tailors have a textbook knowledge of detail of dress. LSgt Charlie Hegarty, who has just retired as master tailor at the regimental headquarters Scots Guards, where he was also responsible for the tailoring requirements of the Regimental Band, is no exception.

He explained: "An officer in tunic order on guard on foot has to wear his sword in a certain position - tied up - for instance. If he is a senior officer and mounted on a horse, he has to wear it in

the trail position.

"Often orderlies come to ask me in which position the sword should be worn - inside the tunic or outside, a short sling or a long sling."

When a new musician or Guardsman joins up, he is measured by the master tailor and if he cannot be kitted out from stock, his uniform is made to measure. Today's soldiers are leaner and fitter and their basic shape has changed. Because the shape of their uniform has also changed, Army tailors are finding them easier to fit.



Master Tailor LSgt Mark Eggington mounts medals as a hobby

CSgt Hegarty said: "The change has come through new designs and production methods, and because of the influence of civilian fashions.

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New rifle brings back old flashes

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"Up to the 1960s tunics were meant to be tightly fitted. But they used to hang badly and crease because they were too tight and there was very little padding in the chest and shoulders."

"Then they put more padding in the chest and shoulders to give smoother lines and an easier fit for the soldier to swing his arms."

"Trends are always changing and some old ones come back. With the old battle dress we used to wear until the 1960s, we wore cloth shoulder flashes of the regiment."

"These were replaced by metal ciphers

and regimental badges. But when the SA 80 was introduced it rubbed off the Staybrite finish and we have now gone back to using cloth shoulder flashes."

"In the same era trousers were very baggy in the Army as they were in civilian life. More recently they have narrowed and military trousers have followed. Now they are a very nice, narrow comfortable fit and look better."

"Sometimes soldiers joke that their trousers are a bit tight under the armpits! I tell overweight soldiers that they need a physical training instructor or three laps around the parade ground, not a tailor!"

CSgt Hegarty is privy to confidential

royal measurements. He looks after the uniforms of the Scots Guards' Colonel of the Regiment, the Duke of Kent.

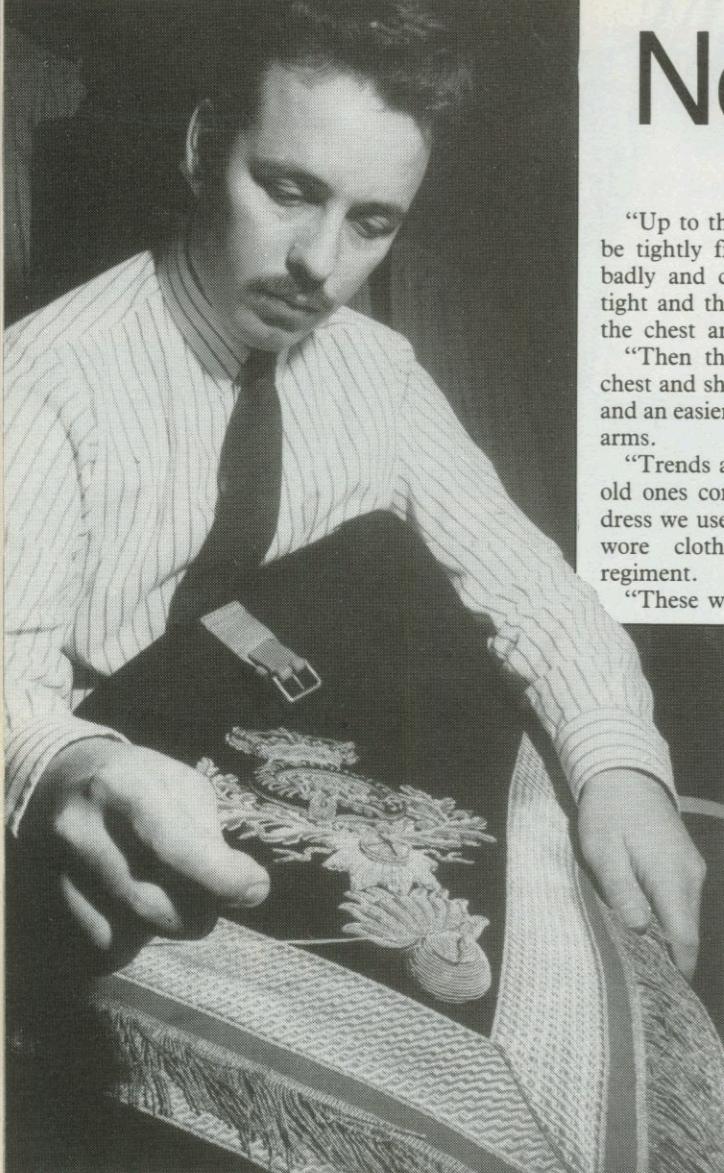
Master tailors are allowed to wear civilian dress when posted in the UK, and Col Sgt Hegarty made his own suit. "If I wanted to buy one similar I would have to pay £600-£700."

"When I meet people for the first time I instinctively work out to myself their chest and collar sizes. If they ask me what I think of their suit I tell them 'You get what you pay for'."

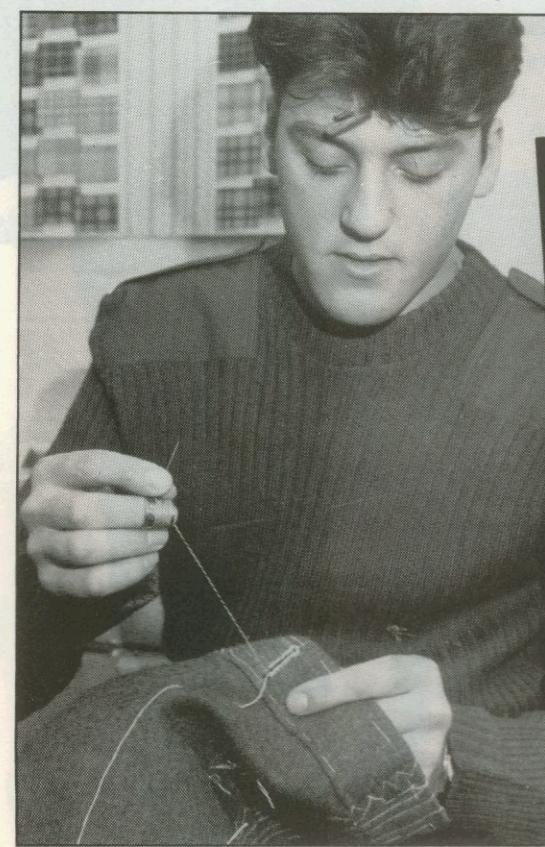
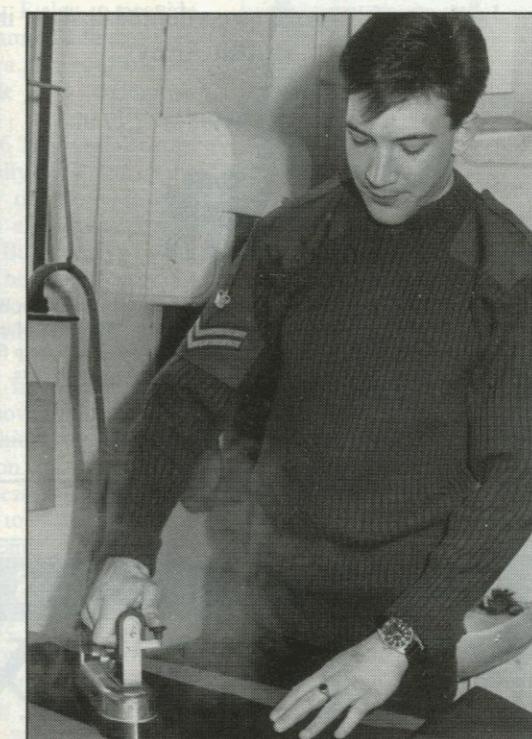
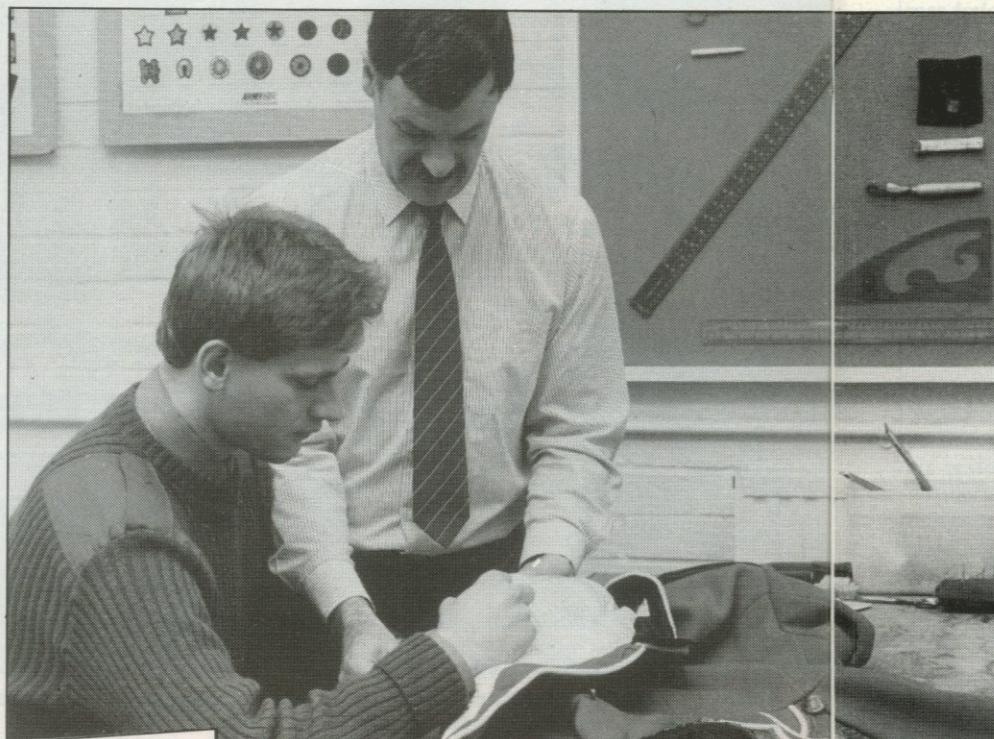
CSgt Hegarty, whose wife is French, has left the Army and now owns a gents' and ladies' outfitters in Brittany.



Sgt Jimmy Lawson, the RHQ Scot Guards Master Tailor



Master Tailor LSgt Mark Egginton works on a state saddle cloth. One of his hobbies and the most time consuming is researching the history of tailors in the Army



THE specialised nature of an officer's uniform, say in the Scots Guards, means the garment can cost more than £8,000.

The tunic, at £2,850, is the most expensive item, followed by a frock coat at £1,413, and gold sash at £1,060.

Then there is a great coat at £830, a bearskin at £670, a crimson sash for £552 and a cape at £400. Completing the bill are Wellington boots (£143), trousers (£140), bearskin case (£60), and bearskin chain (£32).

Right - working in field conditions, a tailor might find himself without an electricity supply, so he is trained to work just like the early tradesman - using a treadle machine. Here Gdsm Scott Salter, Gren Gds, gives it a whirl.



Gnr Tony Ayling, King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, practises making button holes at the Trade Training School, RAOC Blackdown



Above left - Gdsm Darran Everett, Gren Gds, repairs a tunic sleeve. Instructor Joe Wade, looks on

Above centre - LCpl David Watson, Life Guards, dashes away with a smoothing iron!

Above right - Diminutive Ewan Johnston wonders if one day he'll look as smart as LCpl Ronnie Newton, Scots Guards. Ewan, son of Sgt Michael Johnston, models a pageboy uniform made by Army tailors and available for use at weddings with military connections

First Master Tailor came from Turin

THE fascination Master Tailor Mark 'Eggy' Egginton, Regimental Headquarters Grenadier Guards, has for the history of tailoring in the Army has led him to many hours of painstaking research in the Guards' archives.

His dedication has paid off, for he believes he has traced the first master tailor to be employed in the Army straight from Civvy Street - a John Morelli, who was born in Turin.

Eggy has discovered that originally colonels of regiments supplied clothing and equipment, but after June 1854, the

government made an allowance to cover this, and a year later a Director of Clothing was appointed.

Under the previous system, clothing beyond repair was returned and replaced, but from 1854 clothing was repaired by the regiment's own tailors.

In 1859 a new Army Clothing Depot was opened in Pimlico, where Queen's Regulation Patterns could be seen. Copies of these were sent in bulk to battalions and quartermasters.

On April 11, 1862 an order

was made for colonels of regiments to employ civilians as sergeant master tailors. Next day John Morelli signed up. Records show that his son later joined the Grenadier Guards and became a bandmaster.

By 1870, master tailors were being trained at Pimlico to make uniforms and adapt and repair them. Military tailoring was also taught at Woolwich.

But when the lease lapsed at Pimlico in 1933 it was not renewed, and the depot was closed. The tailoring of full dress (regimental, or home service clothing as it is still known in the Guards) went to

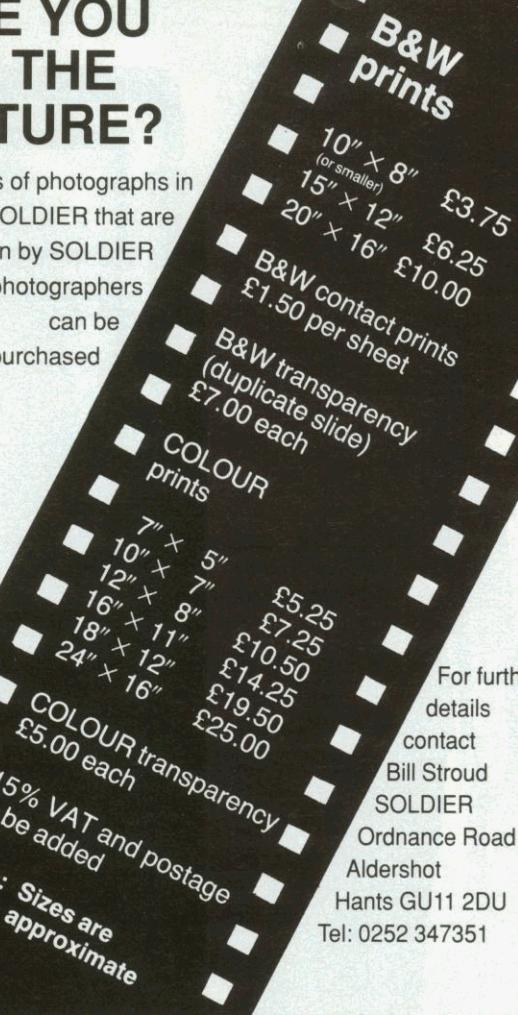
Army tailors at Didcot.

A decision to replace full dress by khaki combat dress at the end of the 19th Century influenced a decision in 1923 to abolish soldiers' tailors, except for those in the Household Cavalry, Footguards and kilted units. They were retained because of the specialist nature of their work and continue to this day. They are trained at the Trade Training School, RAOC Blackdown.

Once full dress had disappeared from general use in the line regiments, tailors were discontinued and Army tailoring passed to outside contract.

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Maidstone sappers so handy

THE variety of skill found in just one unit of the Royal Engineers has been demonstrated by two important projects just completed by men of 36 Engineer Regiment from Maidstone, Kent.

They have gutted and completely refurbished a former lodge at Bisley to provide better accommodation and they have carved a new roadway out of a hillside at a college at Haslemere.

Men of 36 Engineer Regiment are usually deployed to the far corners of the world in support of all three Armed Services. But they were delighted to be able to carry out projects closer to their home base in Invicta Park, Maidstone.

Sappers from 50 Field Squadron moved into the lodge at Bisley which was originally an extension of the Royal Artillery mess and had been designed to accommodate shooting teams. The empty building had been vandalised by children who had used it as an adventure playground.

Apart from increasing the sleeping accommodation by altering the bar and lounge area, the sappers had to upgrade the accommodation to comply with fire regulations.

A civilian firm did some of the technical work, including the replacement of the lovely Palladian-style windows. However, during the nine-week project the Royal Engineers fielded a skilled team of 22 bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, heating engineers and painters and decorators.

Clerk of Works in charge of the project, SSgt Alan Bowman, has been in the Army for 12 years.

He said: "We generally do maintenance work on our own barrack block buildings or build something from scratch. We have never tackled refurbishment on this scale and it was a new challenge.

"It was a bigger job than we expected since we found things like dry rot. That meant replacing part of the upstairs flooring."

The squadron also completed

A good head for the job

LT COL Roddy Macdonald, commanding officer of 36 Engineer Regiment based at Maidstone, Kent is a man of many hats, reflecting the worldwide role of the regiment which has just celebrated the Freedom of Maidstone.

In addition to his normal blue beret worn by men of the Royal Engineers, he has a red beret because his Aldershot-based 9 Parachute Squadron provides vital support for 5 Airborne Brigade; a green beret of the Royal Marines when he is with 59 Commando; and the light blue of the United Nations when he is with his unit involved in peacekeeping duties in Cyprus.

"I carry the different headgear wherever I go," said Lt Col Macdonald.

"We have a group of highly-trained people who are ready to go to war anywhere in the world at a moment's notice to support our ground forces. We are custom made

a 600 metre roadway down the steep, heavily wooded hillside beneath the Royal Naval College, Haslemere. It leads to playing fields which, until now, have been inaccessible by vehicle.

A 14-strong team under Plant Sgt Terry Donaldson had a problem with the removal of trees which were the victims of the winter storms.

The men, who are usually engaged on airfield repair work, had to work to a tight schedule before moving to Germany to take up their usual role at RAF Laarbruch.



Lt Col Roddy Macdonald, CO 36 Engineer Regiment

for it and as a disaster relief force."

The dominating feature of the CO's office is a huge map of the world covering one wall. It is bristling with red pins showing the deployment of his men on tasks during recent months.

The worldwide role puts a heavy strain on family life and the 900 troops at Maidstone can expect to spend seven-and-a-half months away from their homes each year.

Nevertheless, the regiment and its families have become an integral part of Maidstone and an extraordinarily close bond has developed between

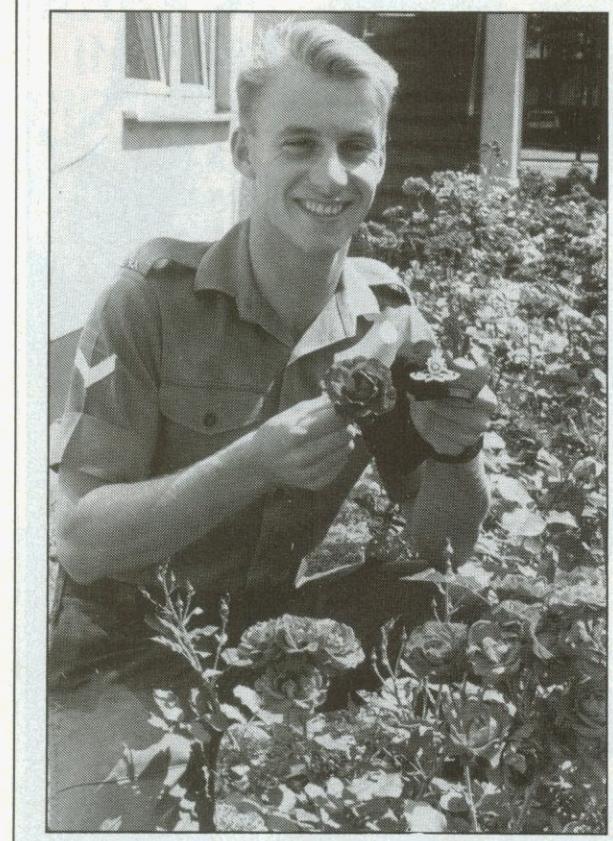
the unit and the town.

It was no surprise that Maidstone was vocal in its desire to retain the Royal Engineers at Invicta Park when there was a possibility that the unit might have to move. Now Kent County Council is about to spend more than £17m on rebuilding part of the barracks in return for land for road improvements.

The Freedom march marked the 25th anniversary of the regiment being granted the honour and coincided with the 40th anniversary of the Royal Engineers moving to the barracks.



Men of 36 Engr Regt march through their "home" town of Maidstone



Tradition has it that as the British advanced to the Battle of Minden on August 1, 1759 they plucked red roses from gardens and fixed them in their hats. On Minden Day, in memory of those who fought, the rose is still worn. Appropriately in Napier Barracks, Dortmund, home of 12 (Minden) Air Defence Battery, there is a bed of Minden roses. Pictured among them (left) is battery clerk LBdr Lee Molyneux

Ready for Rapier 2000

THE NEW Rapier 2000 system is expected to come into service with 12 (Minden) Air Defence Battery in two years.

The BAOR-based soldiers are undergoing familiarisation training at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, in readiness.

The main change is the switch from optic observation to thermal imaging, which will give a night-firing capability.

The new system, which is bigger, will be towed by a four tonne vehicle, which uses a hydraulic lift.

Maj David Cooke, Battery Commander: "It will make Rapier 2000 an unbeatable weapons system, significantly enhancing the reliability of existing equipment."

The battery's role would not in the future be wholly confined to the defence of a field army in BAOR, he explained.

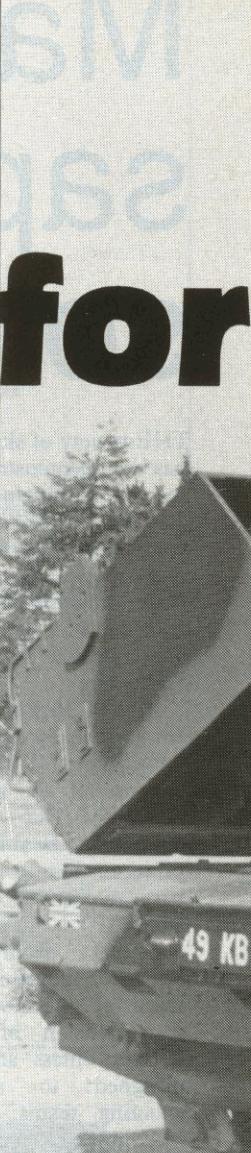
"It could be used for defence of sensitive targets in the UK, a North Sea oil rig, or similar key installations, underscoring our versatility."

Training with live missiles is expensive and restricted to once a year in the Hebrides.

Next best thing is in the automatic dome trainer on camp at Napier Barracks, Dortmund, and a new Rapier Command and Tactical Trainer, shortly to be shipped from Larkhill to Dortmund.

Soldiers are taught an advanced standard of aircraft recognition, familiarising themselves with 80 different designs, before they can use the trainers.

There is a requirement to be able to recognise all aircraft as



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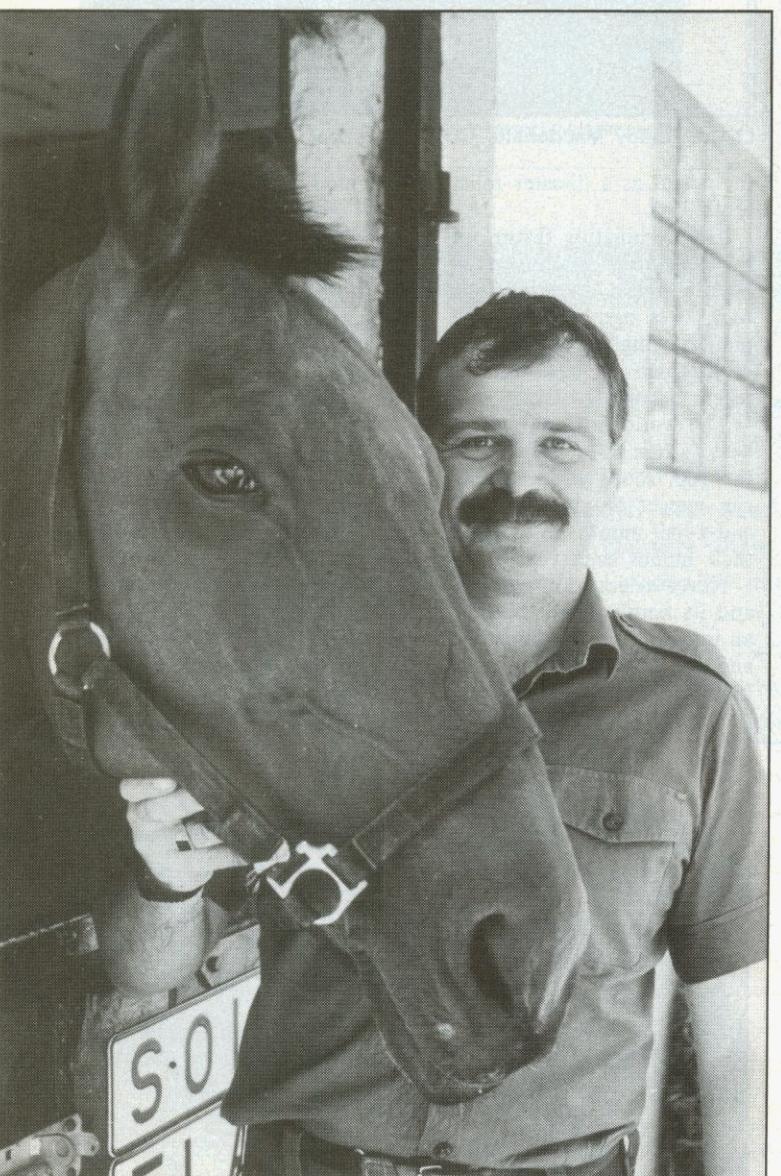


12 (Minden) Air Defence Battery was delighted that Gnr Roy Bate, who was taking part in the Nijmegen Marches in Holland, was chosen to lead the British contingent in the opening day parade. But before he left RSM WO1 David Boyle ensured he was *bandbox smart*

friendly or hostile at one kilometre with the naked eye in a four-second exposure, and to be able to name 40 of them.

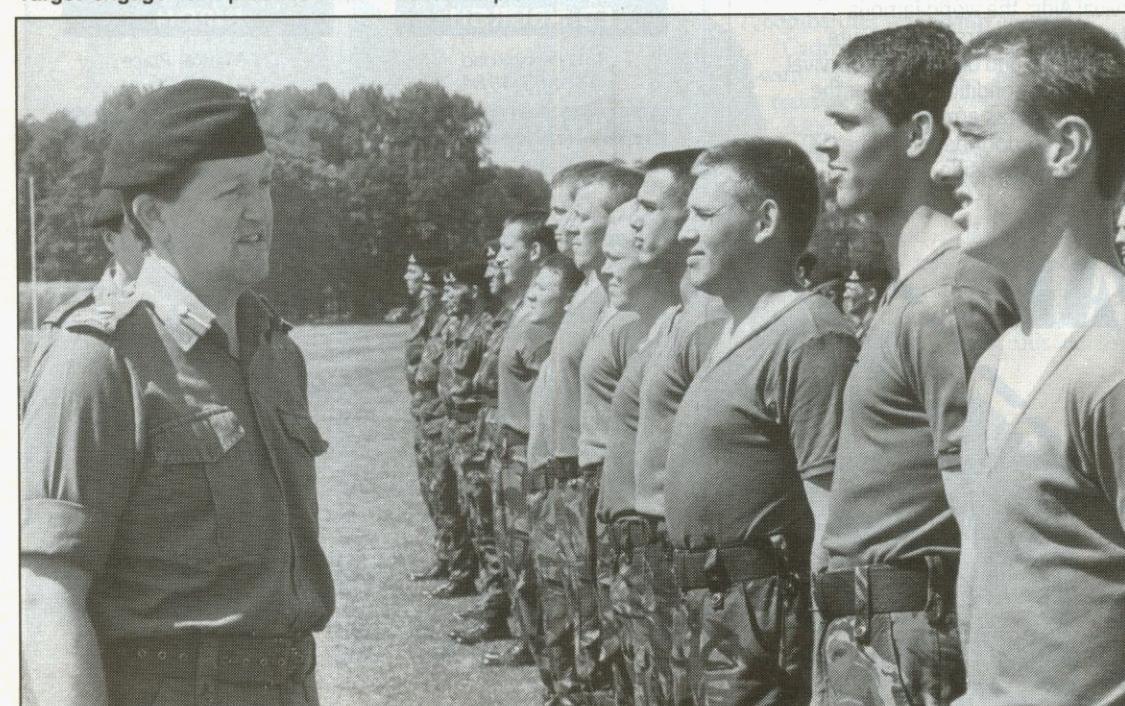
When SOLDIER visited 12 Battery at Dortmund, some soldiers were getting to grips with skills required to get them

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Sgt Tom Raybold, Coldstream Guards, who runs the Dortmund camp's excellent equestrian centre

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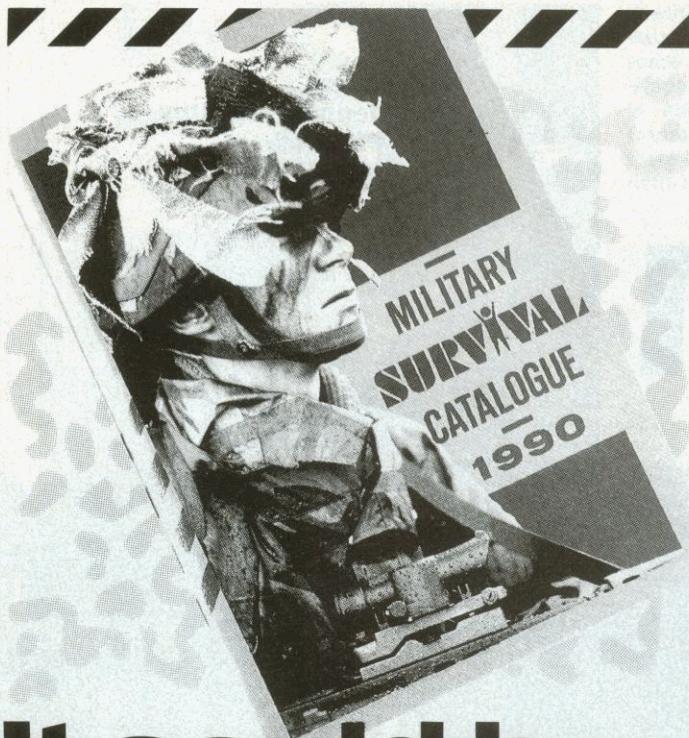
Maj Gen Shellard, Major General Royal Artillery, inspects cadre students

TWO Army batteries and three Royal Air Force squadrons will be equipped with the ultra-modern Rapier 2000 air defence weapon system.

British Aerospace is working on the British Government's £1,000 million order.

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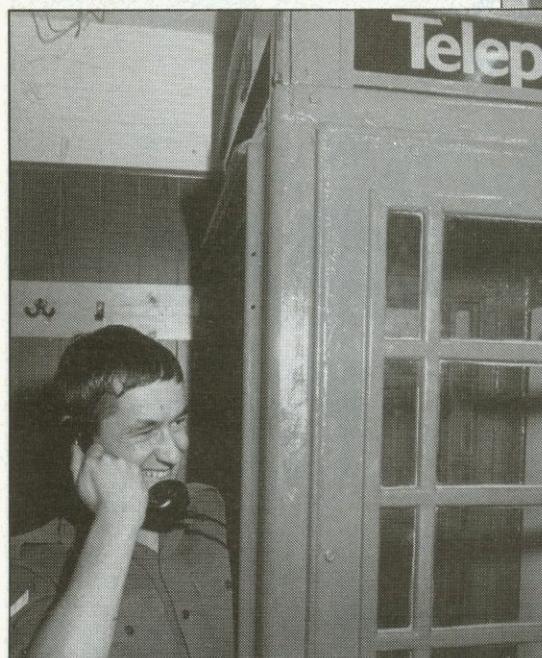
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Above - A little bit of England tucked away in a cellar in BAOR. LBdr Alan Crutchley rings his girlfriend from the Battery Club, The Minden Rose, a converted cellar at Napier Barracks, Dortmund. The traditional red booth was donated by British Telecom

Right - In the REME Workshop Cfn Nick Bowring (left) and Cpl Neil Wilkinson carry out tests and adjustments to Rapier

Below - Cadres over and the most successful students are named. They are, standing, LBdr Alec Harvey, best student on the bombardier leadership course, and Gnr Mark Rogers, best student on the lance bombardier leadership course. Seated are LBdr Tony Gollings, most improved student on the bombardier course, and Gnr Raymond Kitchen, most improved student on the lance bombardier course



Minden gunners

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through lance bombardier and bombardier leadership courses.

Cadres started daily at 6am with a 45-minute physical training session.

After breakfast there were lessons, including NBC training, or work on the ranges. The first week is designed to see how they react under pressure.

In the second week this is

eased to allow more classroom concentration.

The final days are devoted to an exercise putting into practice basic military skills learned at the cadres.

The scenario was a section attack on the ground, and another from a Puma helicopter. The second attack illustrated deployment down a rope and a hoverjump and was watched by Maj Gen Mike Shellard, Major General Royal Artillery.

On-camp facilities include a superb equestrian centre opened by the Queen in 1981, funded jointly by the British military in Dortmund and German business interests.

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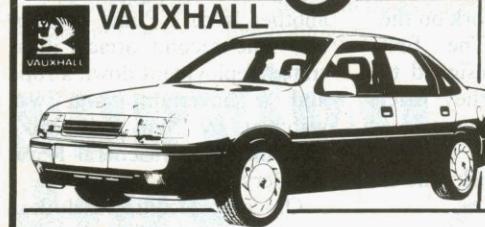
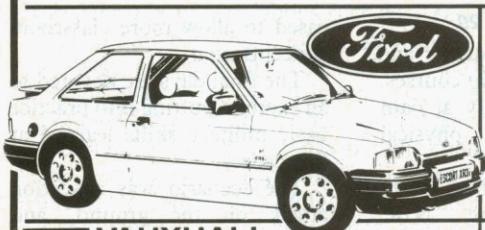
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D Squadron's 2nd Troop awaits the call forward. Odd man out (second from left, front row) is UK-based Terrier, LCpl David Stewart

Hong Kong's Own

CASTLE PEAK echoed to the sound of gunfire when Hong Kong's enthusiastic volunteers held a week-long camp in the spectacular training area that lies in the very north of the New Territories.

Essentially a part-time force, the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) plays a significant role in maintaining stability and in giving a greater sense of identity to the Colony's population of more than 5.7 million.

The regiment has evolved as a professionally-minded organi-

The Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) is flourishing despite the approach of 1997. A SOLDIER team has been to visit it in camp.
Words: Laurie Manton Pictures: Mike Perring

nisation over a period of more than a century. Today it is highly mobile and equipped with modern light weapons.

It began life as an infantry battalion, but its role is no longer primarily concerned with meeting any possible external threat.

Over the past two decades it has geared itself principally for

internal security and reconnaissance – a role for which its bilingual members are well suited, with their special understanding of the environment, local conditions and customs.

The regiment forms part of 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade and is funded by the Hong Kong government.

Its commanding officer and all the permanent staff are drawn from cavalry and infantry regiments on loan service from the British Army.

With the regiment's headquarters located in the residential high-rise area of Happy Valley on Hong Kong Island it is organised into four reconnaissance squadrons equipped with Land Rovers and Clansman radios.

A Headquarters Squadron provides the administration for

On patrol – note the US M-16s the troops are carrying

the regiment and contains some specialist troops.

In addition, there is a Home Guard Squadron for men aged between 39 and 60, a Training Squadron for recruits, a Junior Leaders Corps and a regimental band.

A 52-strong female troop was formed in 1983 to provide supporting services for 48 Brigade in internal security and anti-illegal immigrant operations, serving as searchers and interpreters.

However, unlike the British Army, the women do exactly the same training as the men.

"Field firing, section battle drills... they do them all and enjoy them," said Maj Peter Rull, who is the Senior Volunteer.

The regiment was formed in May 1854 when the Crimean War led to a reduction of the British military presence in Hong Kong.

With the British fleet being pulled back to India, the Governor published a proclamation calling for volunteers to bolster the defences at a time when marauding pirates were

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Bordering on— the enthusiastic

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still a hazard on the China coast. A total of 99 Europeans—traders, teachers and publicans among them—were recruited.

Most were British, but there were some Portuguese, Scandinavians and Germans.

Maj Rull: "Today 95 per cent of the regiment is local Chinese, but overall we remain very cosmopolitan. I am half English and half Portuguese.

"We also have a number of British expatriates working in Hong Kong who are ex-TA or Regular Army who have joined us."

With the Hong Kong Government purchasing all arms and equipment, there are bound to be some differences by comparison with a British Army unit.



Besides the normal SMG and General Purpose Machine Gun, The Volunteers are armed with ex-Australian Army SLRs fitted with a distinctive scarlet blank attachment and the American M16A2 Armalite automatic rifle.

Annual camp for The Volunteers is held over two separate periods of one week each year. The first is devoted to regimental training, while the other sees the regiment on operations, taking over from a regular unit on the land border for a week.

Attendance rate for The Volunteers normally runs at 70-80 per cent. But the regiment's commanding officer, Lt Col Christopher Patey, 3 RTR, joked: "When the Sino-Hong Kong border week comes round, we get 105 per cent attendance."

"The enthusiasm is very high for such a large organisation (more than 950 members), which is twice the size of a Regular Army regiment. We form part of 48 Brigade's Order of Battle and have the function of guarding key points during internal security operations."

We also have another function in a limited war

scenario—to produce a reconnaissance screen to the rear of the border. One year we do limited war training, and the next we train for Internal Security.

"Because we are Hong Kong's own regiment, there are a number of other areas in which we get involved... one being Military Assistance to the Civil Community (MACC).

"In the past we have manned ferry boats holding the overspill of Vietnamese when refugee camps have filled up.

"We also have to man our operations room whenever the Typhoon warning signal rises to three (the maximum is ten) ready to deploy on as-required.

"But at the end of the day, they are all volunteers and it's a great pleasure to be with them," said Col Patey.

Local knowledge is

an important part of border operations, so senior immigration officers who serve are invaluable. The Regiment also has a lot of members who live in Hong Kong but commute daily to China to do their business.

The Home Guard also plays its part.

"The Old and Bold still perform a useful role on the border visiting villages to chat and pick-up intelligence rather than running around the hills," said Maj Rull.

Odd man out on the camp was LCpl David Stewart of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry who travelled out from the UK to do a two-week attachment to The Volunteers.

He found the training area very different to those in the UK, the heat being the most striking thing.

He must have been glad to hear SOLDIER's snapper ask if he and the other members of 2 Troop of D Squadron would patrol up and down the river valley during a photo session.

Without a second's hesitation, he was up to his neck in water cooling off!



A magic moment (above) as recruits touch The Truncheon and take the oath. (Below) Gurkhas in sniper camouflage wait on the parade ground for inspection



Truncheon Touch

It makes a boy into a warrior

GALLIPOLI lines in Hong Kong's New Territories trembled with anticipation as the families of 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) gathered at the drill square to watch the unit parade in celebration of the 175th anniversary of its raising.

The event included an attestation ceremony at which recruits from Nepal took the oath of allegiance to the Queen after completing their initial training at the Gurkhas' Training Depot in Malaya Lines, Sek Kong.

On parade was the Queen's Truncheon. This unique Honour possessed by the 2nd Gurkhas replaced an extra or honorary Colour awarded in respect of distinguished service by the battalion during the Indian Mutiny in 1857.

As the then Sirmoor Battalion, they were the first regiment of the East India Company's Army to march against the mutineers.

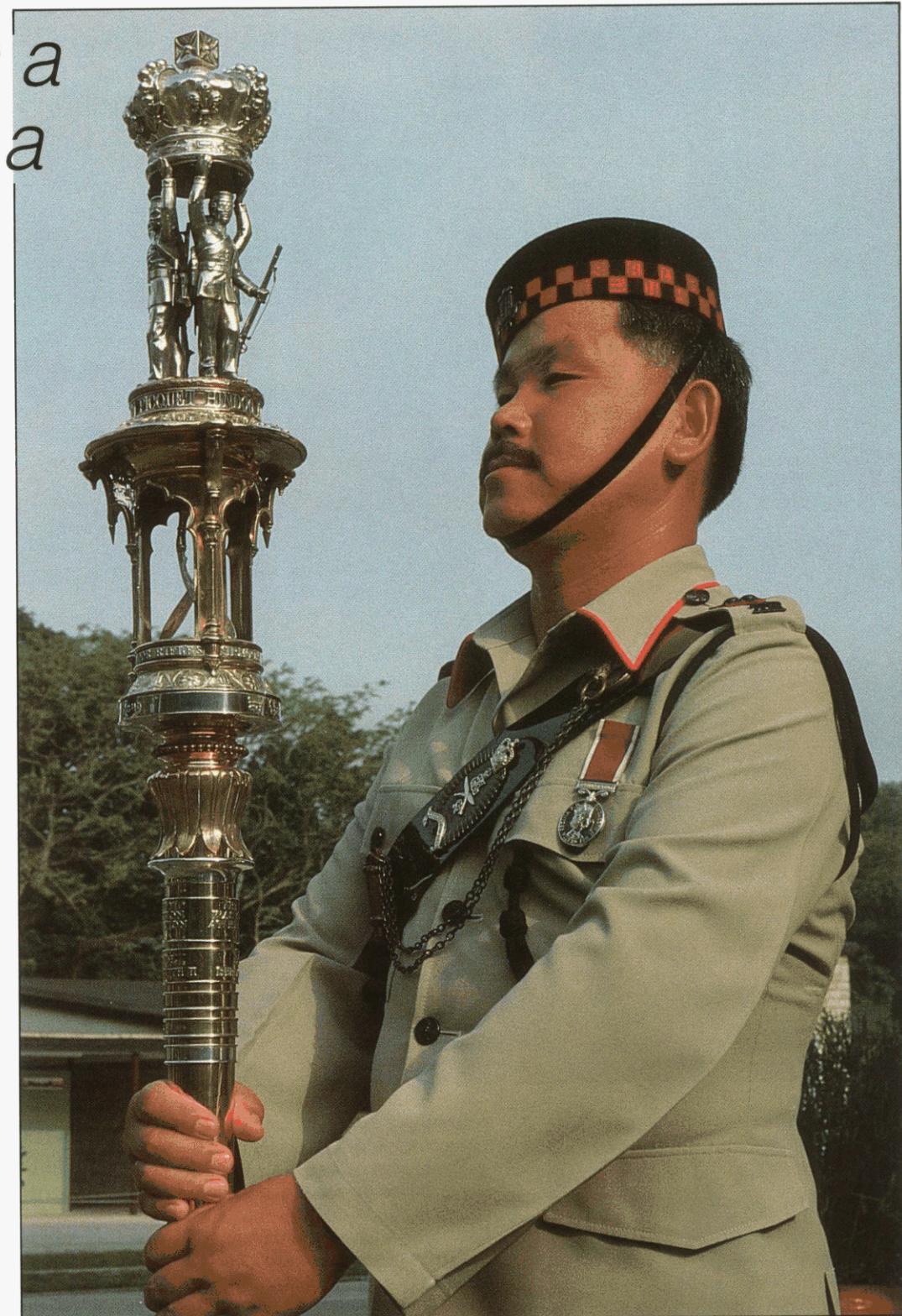
The battalion repulsed twenty-six separate attacks and took part in the assault on Delhi, where its force of 490 all ranks suffered 327 killed or wounded.

New recruits take their oath of allegiance by touching the 6ft bronze and silver truncheon which was carried in the 1953 Coronation procession. Borne by a "Truncheon Jemadar" (lieutenant), it is held in great reverence by Gurkha soldiers and accorded the honours due to a Queen's Colour.

Commanded by Lt Col Christopher Lavender, the 2nd Gurkhas were reviewed on parade by the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Wilson, who wore full ceremonial dress for the occasion.

He completed his inspection with a look at various support company detachments.

The snipers had stood patiently in full sniping gilly suits behind the main parade but gave no indication that the heat worried them.



Pride of the Goorkhas. A lieutenant (QGO) with the Queen's Truncheon, presented in 1863

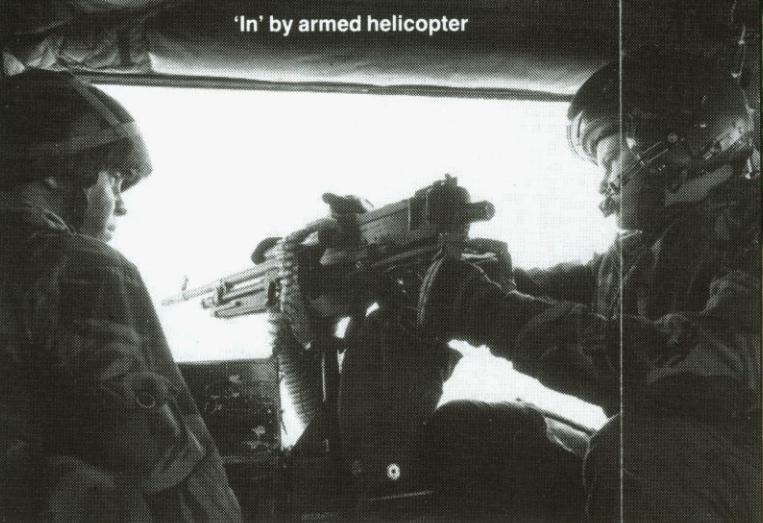
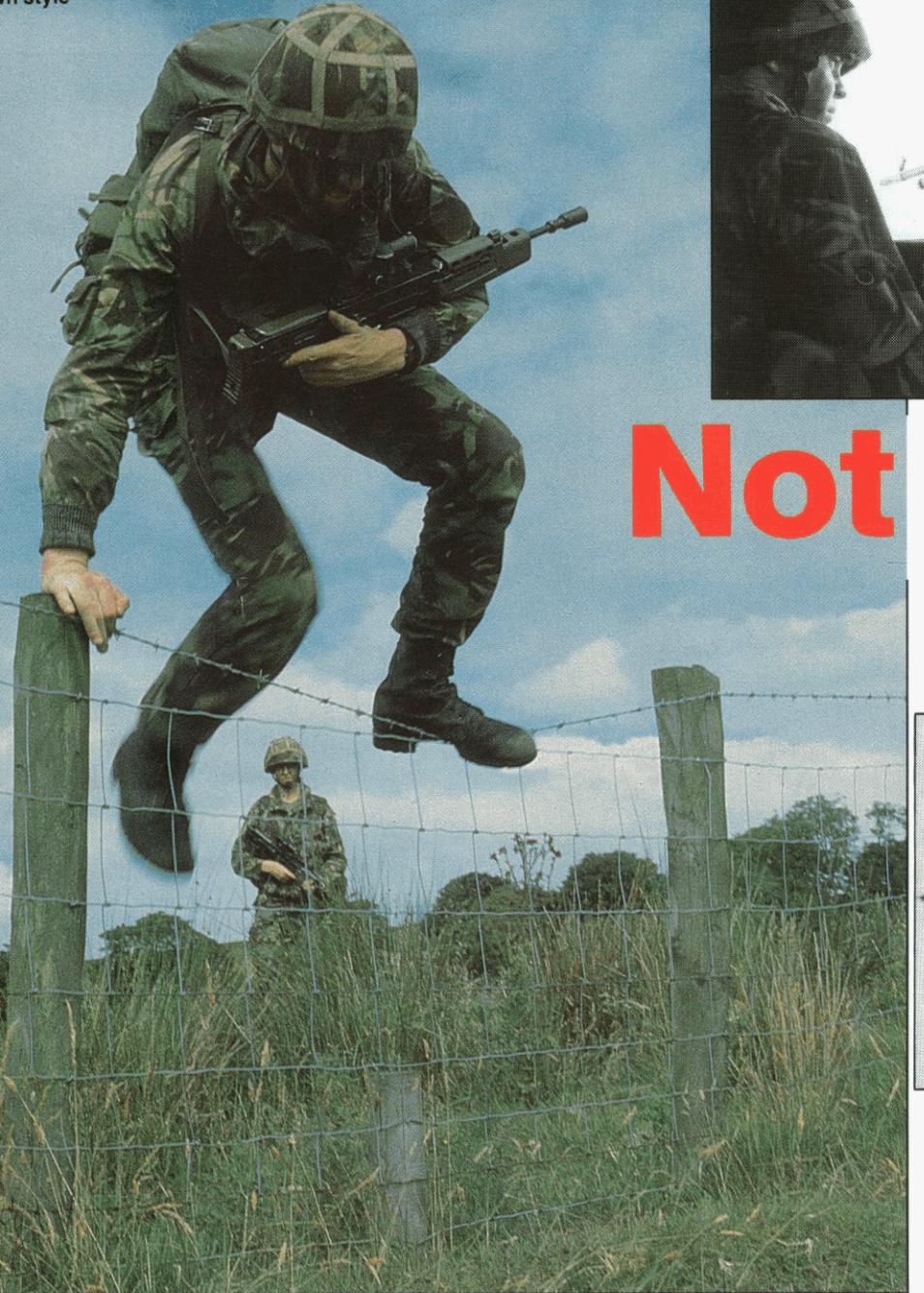
It's all on the record

OFFICIALLY, the Army List records the regiment as 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles), but within the regiment, they retain the Victorian spelling.

In recognition of the storming of the heavily defended and strongly held Koonja Fort in 1824, the 2nd Goorkhas were granted the privilege of wearing a Ram's Head on the regimental accoutrements.

"I undertake to raise a body of soldiers who will not disgrace you or the country or myself."

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Not just for show



SOMEWHERE above the slopes of the Sperrins a little bird is chirping away today, unaware that it owes its life to soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards. On a scorching day a patrol commanded by Sgt Stephen Alexander saw it trapped in a derelict car which threatened to become an oven.

After checking out the vehicle (covered by the man with the GPMG) they managed to free it, though in its panic it was dashing itself on the windows.

A simple action, perhaps, but typical of the basic decency of the big men who make up Right Flank.

It was this company that delivered the final blow when the battalion stormed Tumbledown in the Falklands conflict.

The term Right Flank stems from the times when the tallest men formed up on the wings of a regiment in line of battle.

Running in sequence after the four companies of the 1st Battalion, the 2nd

consists of Right Flank, F and G Companies and Left Flank.

The biggest men go to the Flanks. Gdsm Gary Taylor at 6ft 6in is currently the tallest in Right Flank (OC Maj Patrick Gascoigne) which is nicknamed The Bears.

Experienced soldiers form F (Support Company) and the smallest go to G – dubbed the Rabbits.

Staying power and adaptability has been of more consequence than height during the tour. Plus a sense of humour . . . spring blizzards were followed by weeks of rain, then blistering heat.

When the SOLDIER team joined Sgt Alexander's patrol in the Sperrin Mountains, little pyramids of peat were drying everywhere. Guardsmen were saturated in sweat from the knees up – soaked in bog water from the knees down.

No one envied Geordie carrying the GPMG (26lb with belt) but he didn't complain.

When the sole of one of Mitch's size

eleven parted from the uppers he simply squelched on.

"Very trendy," he said. "They'll all be wearing them tomorrow, you'll see."

The countryside was reminiscent of the Scottish Border until any of the scattered farms were approached . . . generally smart modern buildings erected alongside old stone cottages.

They stood silent in the sun, doors shut, knocks unanswered. At one there was linen on the line and fresh water in a bowl from which hens were drinking – but no welcome.

"You never know, someone might yet offer us a brew," said LSgt Bert Stevenson, an incurable optimist, but instead of "brews" we encountered "coos" – a wild herd which streamed down a

hillside kicking and bucking. The guardsmen ignored them and the animals crowded into a patch of marsh.

The patrol, tasked to carry out searches and check vehicle movement, operated in teams generally out of sight of each other but always in radio contact.

The chimes of "Our Lady of the Wayside", a striking modern chapel, reminded them it was noon.

Sentries posted, a meal was eaten under cover, and the patrol continued. The temperature was well into the 80s.

Locals cycling past a VCP were suddenly chatty . . . "How would you like a pint boys?" knowing full well there wasn't a hope.

Later when the troops deployed to assist the RUC in traffic control for a well-attended funeral a guardsman tried to buy a large Coke at a shop.

The assistant wouldn't serve him, but soon afterwards a lorry loaded with soft drinks pulled up and the driver handed out a litre bottle. Truly the Lord works in mysterious ways.

Meanwhile back in the billets . . .
Over the years a lot of people have tried to rearrange Cookstown SF base . . . the terrorists with mortars and rockets, the occupants with concrete and iron. Walls have got higher and thicker.

Guardsmen were living in two-tier

bunks, up to 12 soldiers to a room in mortar-protected accommodation which allows for only glimmerings of natural light.

But for the fact that so much time is spent on duty the cramped conditions – weapons, bergens and body armour are all within reach – would be worse than they are.

For a man to spend only two full nights in bed out of 12 is not unusual.

Shifts at the permanent vehicle check points require concentration which is not helped by local girls who try to chat up the soldiers (casual conversation is forbidden) and the car loads of youngsters "cruising" up and down the main street in the early hours of the morning.

The element of danger is always there – the charred facade of the GPO testifies to a recent car bomb.

Another which failed to blow up the police station was found to contain 350lb of home-made explosive.

Nevertheless life goes on.

And when you notice the immaculate condition of the base and when you see a soldier pressing his shirt on top of a barrack box (see picture right) before going "on orders" you know you are with a Guards battalion.

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Caution in the harvest fields

The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards is serving in town as well as country. Turn to next page for the story of the Uneasy Enclave



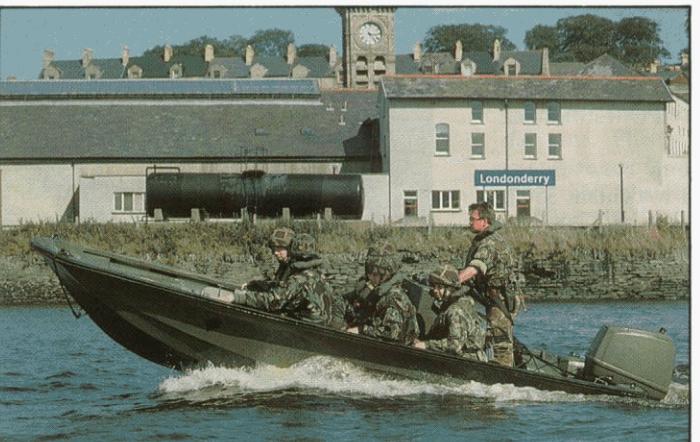


Uneasy enclave

A LAND ROVER backed up to two massive concrete blocks barring the way up a little cross border track. From the opposite direction appeared a tractor.

A box was changing hands over the barrier when the vehicles were surrounded by armed troops.

Support companies are by tradition manned by wily old soldiers and the Mortar Platoon had displayed admirable field-craft in reaching and hiding in a patch of scrub in broad daylight – to the delight of Maj Johnny



Foyle river patrol

The guardsmen manning the tower OP and protecting the little base were not deceived by the holiday atmosphere of the through traffic.

Some weeks previously terrorists had abandoned a car containing 500lb of explosive on a road leading to the checkpoint. The intention was obvious.

While driving to Buncrana PVCP a few miles away, Maj Stewart pointed out places where various incidents had occurred . . . armed men seen here . . . a gap blown in a hedge by a bomb there . . . and so on.

His men had been obliged to clear (carry out a controlled search operation) the Buncrana road a dozen times in a month.

The post has been rebuilt recently and accommodation is of a high standard.

Opposite stands a pub with the intriguing name of The Three Flowers.

Can it be that in the dim and distant past the landlord had a military connection?

The Regimental Colour of the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards also bears three flowers – “the Thistle and the Red and White Roses conjoined”.

High summer 1990 – from Buncrana (above) to Shantallow (below) locals take their ease and guardsmen swelter in combat uniform and body armour which develops an unpleasant smell. It is a far cry from duty under the gaze of admiring London tourists



The girl they NEVER leave behind

Not so much as a wrinkle at 45 though the lassie in the picture has travelled with Right Flank, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, since 1945. She was painted on the lid of an MFO box by an officer waiting demobilisation in Germany and symbolises the company march “The Nut Brown Maiden”. Her travels are recorded on brass plaques around the frame . . . Germany, Singapore, Malaya, the Falklands appear with Chelsea and Hounslow.

“We wouldn’t dream of leaving her behind,” said Company Sergeant Major Alan Crawford (left).

A cutting on the back of the picture recalls the mock consternation of the company when “The Nut Brown Maiden” became official pipe air of the WRAC.



Mac's choice – a full fry please

FOR a village in the middle of County Tyrone, Pomeroy has one heck of a police station.

Recently reconstructed, with a massive keep-like structure (known as The Ark) in the middle, it would be unrecognisable today to most of the soldiers who have served there in the past.

Detachments spend only a few days at a time there but senior NCOs do longer spells on duty.

SOLDIER found an old acquaintance in charge – CSgt Paul Pettitt, former Army boxing champion, who coached

2 SG to the team finals two years ago, and still has ambitions.

CSgt Pettitt has served in every company in the battalion since he joined the Army in 1968 and is a guardsman through and through. The troops’ accommodation was spotless.

Pomeroy is in the heart of an unpleasant neighbourhood. Re-

cently a patrol found a piece of flex which ran 100 metres from a housing estate to a bus shelter they had just passed.

In the operation that followed a bomb was found buried beside the shelter – where women and children had been standing.

The terrorists had been disturbed before they could fix the initiation pack to the wire – otherwise a tragedy would have occurred.

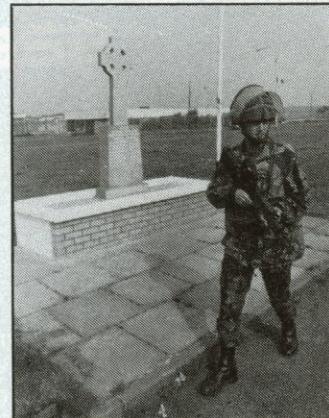
Now he’s doing fine. Stewartstown, a few miles south-east of Cookstown, has also been the scene of terrorist activity. A grenade thrown over a roof narrowly missed a patrol.

Another device exploded as a team was walking up a road – but there were no casualties.

Which is one way of driving home the oft repeated warning to “Spread out”.



The “back door” at Pomeroy



Republican memorial Shantallow



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'PETS' OF QUEEN VICTORIA

THE Scots Guards trace their origins back to 1642 when Charles I raised a Scottish Regiment of Foot Guards for service in Ireland.

Survivors of that bloody campaign were reformed in 1650 as "The Foote Regiment of His Majesties Lyffe Guardes" and, fighting for Charles II, were cut to pieces at Dunbar (Sept 4, 1650) and at Worcester (Sept 3, 1651 – see SOLDIER's cover date).

After the Restoration in 1660, the regiment was re-raised as the Scottish Regiment of Foot Guards and in 1686 came onto the English Establishment as the "Scotch" or "Scots" Guards.

From 1712 to 1831 it was known as the Third Regiment of Foot Guards and then became the Scots Fusilier Guards.

The regiment became a great favourite of Queen Victoria (its soldiers were sometimes referred to as her "pets") who gave it its present title in 1877.

Unlike other Guards regiments the Scots do not wear a plume in their bearskin.

SEARCHING farms where the owners are unco-operative is uninspiring work – be it in Malaya, Ulster or any of the places round the world where the job has had to be done.

Most are quickly forgotten. One farm, however, has an important place in the annals of the Scots Guards. They call it Hougoumont. It lies south of Brussels.

On June 18, 1815, the fate of Europe rested on the stout shoulders of a handful of men of the 2nd (Coldstream) and 3rd (Scots) Foot Guards.

Hougoumont was the key to Wellington's position and was under furious attack from the start of the battle of Waterloo.

At one point a giant officer in the crack 1st Light Infantry broke open the gates with an axe.

A desperate struggle ensued in which the Light Company of the Coldstream, which had been holding the farm and the Scots Guards from the lane outside, slowly closed the gates.

To create a diversion a sergeant of the 3rd charged out wielding his halberd, knocked a French colonel off his horse, and galloped back on it.

Then he and officers and men of both regiments gradually forced back the gates so they could be barred again. Napoleon turned his howitzers on the farm, setting it ablaze.

The names of the guardsmen



A guardsman examines a barn full of "the turf" – peat cut for use in the winter



A typical patrol of Right Flank (above) – the men they call The Bears because of their size

are remembered to this day. With Lt Col Macdonell of the Coldstream were Sgts Fraser (of the halberd episode), Brice, McGregor, Alston and Pte Lister of the 3rd Foot Guards.

It was noticeable when four Coldstream Guardsmen arrived

on attachment to Right Flank at Cookstown recently how easily they settled in and how warmly they were welcomed.

The smoke over Hougoumont may have drifted away but some of the embers continue to glow.



Ever alert. The guardsmen on the right examines the old hearth in a barn which used to be a home



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VICTORY AT LAST IN THE MATERNITY PAY BATTLE

TWO LINES in the Social Security Act 1990 report published by HMSO remove an anomaly affecting Service women.

They say: "Section 79 (5) of the 1986 Act (which alongside the figure quoted for property in the bulletin covering the surplus married quarters discounted scheme.

Servicewomen have been able to make a claim since August 5.

This is the end of a long campaign – I could never understand the logic which made policewomen and fire service women eligible but excluded members of the Forces.

I had hoped payment would be backdated to April 6 but the Treasury has decided to make it effective from October.

Servicewomen expecting their babies during the week commencing October 21 will be the first to benefit from the change.

Another belated concession comes from Defence Lands.

They have agreed after many requests to include the date of valuation

areas facing Service and ex-Service families.

Information on the subject comes from a variety of sources – too many, in fact. The difficulty is knowing where to start to look.

There are a number of charities Service families can approach ... the Haig Homes, British Legion, the Housing Association for Officers' Families ... and the Army Benevolent Fund has nomination rights.

These charities sometimes have difficulty in finding tenants though – and an unoccupied property means they lose the income from it.

The public sector is just as complicated.

MoD points out that when prices rise there are no complaints. So it is hoped that valuations done much nearer the date of the appearance of a property in the bulletin will reduce the opportunity for discrepancy.

Housing continues to dominate the problem

I understand the government has decided to put housing information under one roof, the Citizens Advice Bureau, supported by a grant.

I have asked the housing minister if a percentage of the grant could be made available to the Services to set up a link with the CAB geared specifically to the requirements of the nomadic members of the Army, RAF and Royal Navy and not related solely to the CAB area.

There was a call two years ago at the Help the Aged/SSAFA conference that the three Services should set up a central housing cell.

I am convinced this is the way forward.

At the moment we are losing out and our soldiers, sailors and airmen are suffering as a result.

SMILES all round as the Prime Minister cuts a cake baked and decorated by SSgt Carol Miller WRAC (above centre), a master chef, for the 300 Group's tenth anniversary. It was served at the prestigious Pankhurst Lunch held at the Savoy Hotel, London.

Student loans latest

A students' loan scheme is to be available from this autumn with the aim of helping them to supplement their maintenance grants.

It will affect those whose parents are stationed overseas.

The facility ranges from £460 for a student in London in his or her first year down to £240 for a student living at home in his final year.

The extra costs incurred by the students of Service families because their parents live abroad may require increased loans.

Full details are available from the Department of Education and Science, Publications Despatch Centre, Honeypot Lane, Canons Park, Stanmore, Middlesex MH7 1AZ.



OLD BOY, TOP GIRL

SARA Bowe, head girl of the Royal School, Hampstead, London, attended by Service dependent daughters, chums up with a Chelsea Pensioner at prize-giving day. Sara's twin also attends the school. Their parents are in BAOR.



Cpl Debbie Driver of 29 Coy WRAC who completed the Bruggen ten-mile run to raise a cheque for charity

Graham hits the bull



SSGT Graham Sneyd was right on target when he took part in Central Television's "Bullseye" programme. Graham, an instructor at the Victualler Training Branch of the Employment Training School RAOC in Aldershot, took part with his mother-in-law, Sheila Willis, and won prizes including television sets, a video, fishing equipment and golf clubs.

And he nominated the Soldier in Need Appeal to benefit when England star Mike Gregory threw darts for pounds. The result was a cheque for £236.

Graham, a county standard player, provided the darts expertise during the game show while Sheila answered the quiz questions.



The British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association is £270 better off thanks to the sponsored exertions of Cpl Debbie Driver, 29 Coy WRAC, Rheindalen.

She completed the ten-mile Bruggen circuit only a few months after leaving hospital where she had operations on



SSGT Graham Sneyd

both legs. Her target was 90 minutes; her actual time was 86 minutes.

She was accompanied by Cpl Sarah Chapman and encouraged by Sgt Lorraine Moulden on a bicycle.

Tankies rise to the occasion . . .

An Army team from the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, currently based at Catterick, North Yorkshire, and Bovington, Dorset, made tracks to scale the Matterhorn in a quest to raise sponsorship money for a charity appeal in aid of London's Royal Marsden Hospital.

Pictured outside the hospital, before setting off on their journey to the famous Swiss peak, courtesy of Sealink, are (left to right) Capt Chance Wilson, LCpl Paul Wharley and Cpl Ian Hallahan.

The climb was successful and the team are hoping to raise thousands of pounds for the Royal Marsden.





Tim keeps cool head for laughs

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Bandsmen of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers put plenty of oompah into a sponsored parachute jump – and raised £1,000 for research into cot death.

It was one of several projects undertaken during their six-year tour in Osnabrück, West Germany, before their return to the UK.

For the next two years they will be the demonstration battalion at the School of Infantry, Warminster. They take over from The Royal Regiment of Wales, posted to Hong Kong.

During their German tour Rangers also provided a stained glass window for the garrison Church of St Luke, and bird boxes in a forest near their barracks.

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Pompey footballer Guy Whittingham joined **Army Careers** staff from offices all over Hampshire in a sponsored relay run over a course of marathon length at Thruxton near Andover. A team of 11

which also included two wives and two sons, finished the course in three hours 15 minutes raising £920 for the Royal Marsden Hospital.

Guy, a forever Army and Combined Services footballer while serving with REME, was Pompey's top goalscorer last season.

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Four members of Deal-based **133 Corps Troops Workshop REME (V)** spent a weekend abseiling from a giant crane at Deal's Walmer lifeboat station to raise money for a colleague seriously injured in a road accident.

SSgt Charlie Miles, Sgt Andy Squire, LCpl David Townley and Pte Sue Grieve raked in nearly £4,000 by their heady efforts and will split the money between LCpl Kim Edgington, a patient at Stoke Mandeville, the Royal Marines School of Music Relief Fund and local charities.

"We want to raise as much as possible for Kim," said Pte Grieve. "She is 26 and a mother of two and has belonged to the TA for a year."

Queen Mother tribute to help SSAFA

TWO charities are set to benefit from a glossy, 36-page colour tribute to the Queen Mother produced by Anne Pitcher, a bedside tutor in the children's ward of the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

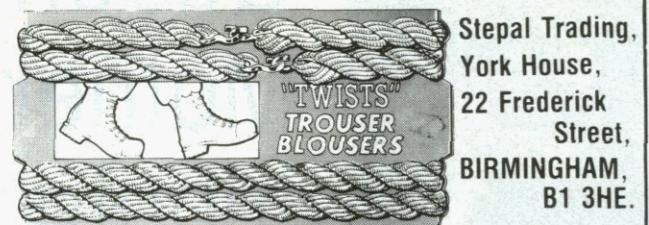
The publication, to mark the royal 90th birthday, contains pictures of the Queen Mother from the age of 12. Some were taken by SOLDIER photographers. It is hoped that the Children's Society and SSAFA will each benefit by £2,000.

Anne, who has worked at the Cambridge for 25 years, has written nearly 60 books, including a tribute to the Falklands task force, social histories of Hampshire villages,

a souvenir book for the village of Dummer on the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York, and a money-raising publication for Lockerbie.



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Some I have had to deal with are bombastic in the extreme, both musically and verbally.

Ours lasts 40 seconds, so try not to visit countries like Italy, Hungary, Colombia, Argentina and others, all over two minutes, and especially Uruguay at a dire four minutes – not when it's raining anyway!

The collection contains almost every anthem anyone is likely to need, and I am thinking of organizations which

require an anthem but cannot hire a band, or even those which like to acquaint themselves with such esoteric musical substance.

Do they make good listening? I think so, being very varied in style, and it's quite fun deciding your favourites. Of them all I hold dear Belgium's *La Brabanconne*, heard furtively from an East Prussian POW camp.

There are 19 from the Americas, ten from Africa, nine from Middle East, three from Oceania, 27 from Europe, 13 from Asia, and the USSR.

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Other regimental airs lead to some favourite old marches such as *Standard of St George*,

Punjab, Belphegor, The Trombone King, San Lorenzo, and Zehle's rarely heard Trafalgar, a fine march.

Two well-known American composers are represented with *Cougar Conquest March* by Paul Yoder, and *J F Kennedy March* (*Profiles in Courage*) by Nelson Riddle. And as a change from the march rhythm the band lets its hair down with *Take the "A" Train* and *The Shadow of Your Smile*.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Halberds drawn against invaders

TO ALMOST everyone in Britain in the early months of the Second World War the idea of the country being occupied by the enemy was unthinkable. After all, there had been no foreign troops landed in anger since 1797 when a small French force came ashore near Fishguard.

But in the first summer of the war, following the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk, the threat of a German invasion seemed a very real one. Britain and a few countries of the Empire stood alone.

Invasion Scare 1940 is a record of that fateful year. Michael Glover shows how ill-founded the scare was in view of the Germans' lack of resources to mount a massive amphibious operation. Such an assessment can only be made with the benefit of hindsight; in 1940 the fear of coming under the Nazi yoke was very real.

Local Defence Volunteers, later to be renamed the Home Guard, were raised by a broadcast appeal for "large numbers of men" made by Anthony Eden on May 14, 1940, and a few "unofficial" private armies had already been formed.

"In Hertfordshire Lady Helena Glichen had organised 70 men from her estate and surrounding countryside even before the war broke out. Naming them the Much Marcle Watchers, she demanded arms for them from the county regiment and, being refused, armed them with the pikes, halberds and flintlocks hanging on the walls of her ancient house."

The essential preliminary for an invasion was the defeat of the Royal Air Force and we all know the outcome of the Battle of Britain; Operation Sealion, Hitler's invasion plan, was delayed several times, but not finally cancelled until March 2, 1942. – BJ

Anatomy of a Regiment: Ceremony and Soldiering in the Welsh Guards by Trevor Royle. Published by Michael Joseph. Price £16.99.



A soldier of the 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards on duty in Belfast in 1971. Several SOLDIER pictures are reproduced in *Anatomy of a Regiment*

environment.

It is an unfair criticism as there were very few days in which they could have proved themselves after the disaster on board the *Sir Galahad*.

As the author rightly points out: "The sad reality of the attack on the *Galahad* is in fact beyond petty quarrels about individual blame. It happened, as indeed do most accidents, by a steady accumulation of mistakes, errors of judgement and plain bad luck."

The book is illustrated with 26 historic photographs, including some from SOLDIER.

A neat summing-up of this, the youngest regiment of the Household Division, comes in a quote from one of its members: "We're not better than anyone else, just different." – BJ

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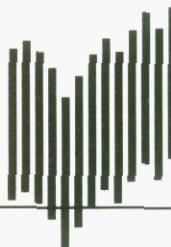
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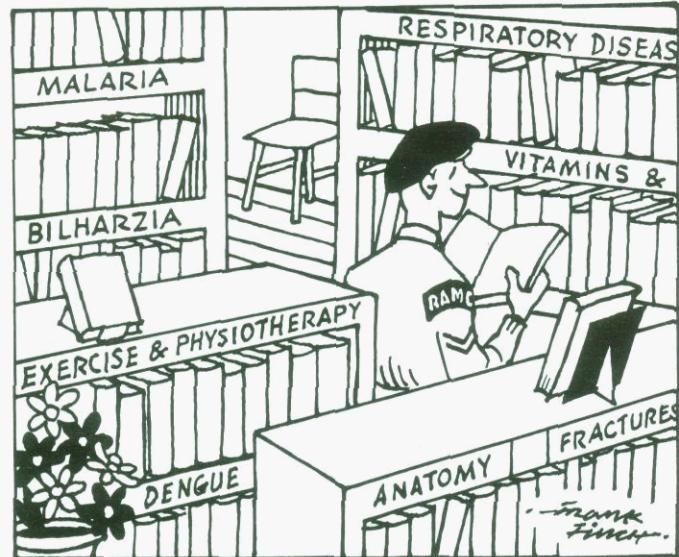
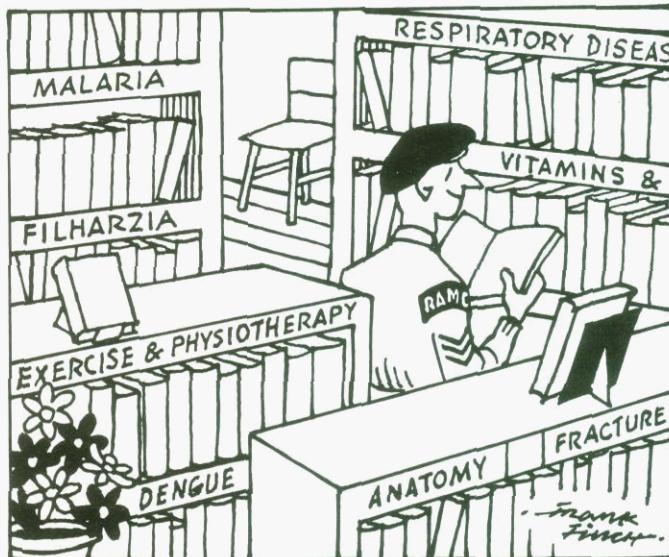
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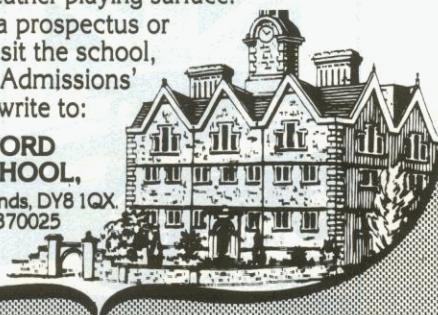
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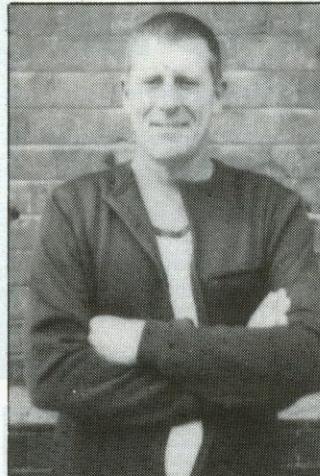
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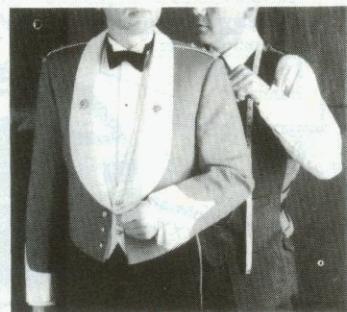
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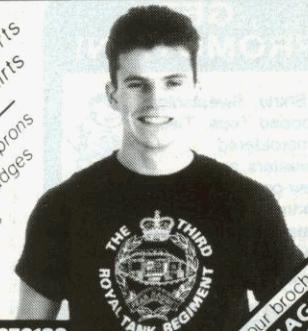
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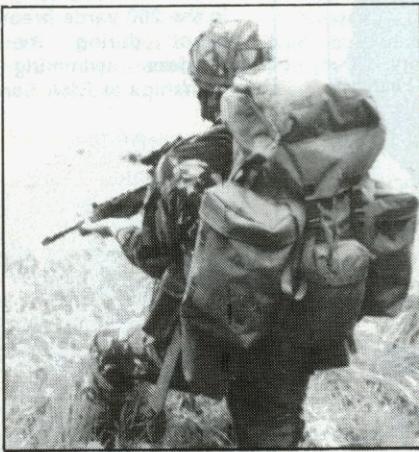
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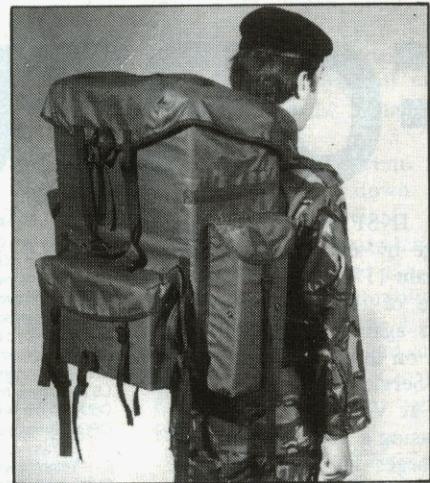


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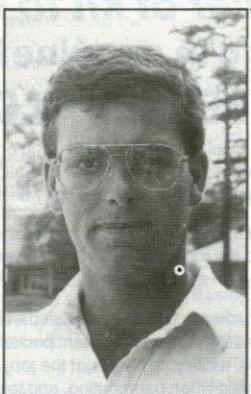
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CHANGE OF FORTUNES!

AN INSPIRED bowling change by skipper Capt Peter Germain (1 PWO) altered the course of the Army's crucial match against the Royal Air Force on the second day of the Inter-Services cricket tournament at Vine Lane.

Chasing a not very challenging target of 201, the RAF appeared to be coasting to victory at 94 for three when Pte John Storey (1 Queens) was introduced to the attack.

Last year he threw up some spin of the slow, left arm variety, but he marked out a rather longer run-up and promptly took wickets in each of his first two overs at a military medium pace. Storey finished with three for 23, and with SSgt Nigel Scott (94 Sign Sqn) spinning a web around the RAF middle order at the other end, the Army won by 24 runs to reclaim the title they lost to the airmen two years ago.

Scott's final figure of four for 32 in 11 overs were just reward for a superb spell of bowling.

Earlier in the day the Army had been restricted to 201 for nine in their 55 overs, a total they reckoned was 50 runs short on a good wicket.

On the first day of the tournament the Army disposed of the Royal Navy by eight wickets in a very one-sided game.

Tight bowling and excellent fielding by the Army restricted the Navy to 173 all out in the

ROYAL NAVY	
PO P Barsby c Germain b Presland	9
Lt A Quinlan c Greatorex b Jeremias	57
POWTR K Norwood c & b Presland	10
Capt R Hollington c Gardiner b Cotterill	34
Capt C W Hobson c Presland b Cotterill	1
Lt A McNeish c Lerwill b Jeremias	3
LWEM D Kitching c Germain b Rumbelow	11
POMEA S Adams c Germain b Presland	7
LS R Learmouth not out	8
Cpl M King b Rumbelow	6
CPO K Brooks c & b Rumbelow	0
Extras	27
Total (10 wkts, 55 overs)	173

ARMY	
Capt J W S Cotterill c Jones b Ings	17
2nd Lt R J Greatorex b Ings	13
Pte J G Storey b Phillips	5
Maj A T D Lerwill c Thomas b Ings	1
Sgt P F Gardiner b Phillips	30
Cpl G N Summersgill b Ward	35
Capt P S Germain c Richards b Ward	25
Lt K Rumbelow b Laws	4
SSgt N Scott not out	25
Capt P J Presland b Laws	4
Fus J Jeremias not out	10
Extras	32
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	201

FOW: 1-17; 2-32; 3-101; 4-110; 5-119; 6-140; 7-159; 8-159; 9-173; 10-173.

BOWLING: Presland 10-3-24-3; Rumbelow 10.5-2-39-3; Jeremias 11-1-41-2; Cotterill 11-3-36-2; Scott 11-5-14-0.

RAF	
Fg Off G Maple c Cotterill b Presland	5
Sgt G S Lumb c Lerwill b Rumbelow	8
Fit Lt A P Laws run out	13
SAC A Jones b Scott	35
Cpl G Richards b Storey	25
Fit Lt A W J Spiller st Germain b Scott	32
SAC M Render c Scott b Storey	3
Sgt B Phillips c Presland b Scott	3
Sgt Ldr V E Thomas bw b Scott	12
Sgt M W Ings c Germain b Storey	11
JT N P Ward not out	7
Extras	23
Total (10 wkts, 47.4 overs)	177

FOW: 1-9; 2-28; 3-47; 4-94; 5-97; 6-102; 7-115; 8-152; 9-160; 10-177.

BOWLING: King 10.5-2-27-2; Brooks 9-2-23-0; Quinlan 7-0-33-0; McNeish 4-0-25-0; Learmouth 11-2-40-0; Hollington 2-0-10-0; Cotterill 1-0-4-0.

Army won by 8 wickets.

54th over after they had elected to bat.

Cotterill was out for 74, but Greatorex finished undefeated on 77 and the Army won the game with eight overs to spare.

On the final day the RAF easily beat the Navy by seven wickets.

Success in the Inter-Services followed an excellent build-up for the Army cricketers during which they defeated the Free Foresters by four wickets, the Club Cricket Conference by 29 runs and the Civil Service by 88 runs.

Any faint hope the matelots might have had of defending their total was rapidly dispelled by Army openers Capt Jimmy Cotterill (16 AD Regt RA) and 2nd Lt Richard Greatorex (27 Regt RCT) who put on 160

The effort shows on the face of Cpl Duncan Ledger as he finishes second for the Army in the 200 yards breaststroke event during the Inter-Services swimming championships at RMA Sandhurst.

Ledger, who is serving on the gym staff of the School of Signals at Blandford, was third in the 100 yards breaststroke. The Royal Air Force won both the men's and women's matches. The

scores in a close-fought men's competition were RAF 82, RN 73 and Army 70, while in the women's event the RAF won by 69 points to the Army's 47 and the RN's 25.

Picture: Mike Perring



runs. It was the first time anyone had beaten the Civil Servants this summer.

Free Foresters 171-6 dec (Scott 2-54). **Army** 174-6 (Greatorex 36, Summersgill 43 no). Army won by 4 wickets.

Army 232 (Greatorex 45, Storey 60, Summersgill 47, Germain 41). **CCC** 203-9 (Palmer 2-55, Jeremias 3-48). Army won by 29 runs.

Army 203-8 (Greatorex 37, Lerwill 39, Summersgill 37). **Civil Service** 115 (Cotterill 3-24, Scott 3-22). Army won by 88 runs.

Army won by 24 runs

short notice for a two-day fixture.

Lack of water in the preparation of the wicket caused the Army's match against Northants 2nd XI to be abandoned after just 20 dangerous overs, and there appear to be doubts about the long term future of the Army's premier ground.

Greatorex, Cotterill and Storey all scored 40s in CSCA's first innings of 230 for eight declared against the young tourists, but a second innings collapse by the Servicemen allowed their guests back into the match.

CSCA 230-8 dec and 179. **Pakistan Young Cricketers** 230 and 180-2. Pakistan Young Cricketers won by 8 wickets.



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Watts takes charge, and the record

Rushmoor Council and the new ALTA flag flying alongside the colours of sponsors Pioneer Mutual Insurance.

Maj Julia Dixon took revenge on Cpl Heather McNair, who beat her in last year's semi-finals, in the final of the ladies' open, and then teamed up with Capt Kirstie Ogden-Swift to beat the glamorous pairing of Capt Sarah Hill and Lt Anna Green in the doubles.

But Watts made no mistake in the singles, easily beating Capt Alan Butterfield from HQ 3 Division BAOR in a one-sided final. It was Watts's seventh consecutive men's open title, a record number of wins since the inception of the championships in 1910.

They were staged this year in glorious weather on the grass courts at the Royal Aldershot Officers' Club, with 120 competitors playing 262 matches over six days. The colourful scene was enhanced by magnificent flower boxes provided by

Dvr Welsh won the most promising player award, and although it was good to see the emergence of some young talent from the ACC and REME Apprentices Colleges, the question remains - who will topple Nigel Watts?

Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, President of Army tennis, presented the prizes and received a £1,200 cheque on behalf of the ALTA from Pioneer Mutual.

ARMY TENNIS FINALS

Singles - Capt Watts, ACC bt Capt Butterfield, RAEC, 6-2, 6-1.

Men's doubles - Capt Watts and Lt Col Hughes, RAEC bt Capt Butterfield and WO1 Herlihy, RAFC 6-3, 6-2.

Inter-Arms and Corps doubles - Sgt Barnicoat and Cpl Prys-Roberts REME bt Brig Reeves and Lt Col Hughes, RAEC, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Ladies' singles - Maj Dixon, WRAC bt Cpl McNair, WRAC, 6-4, 6-2.

Ladies' doubles - Maj Dixon and Capt Ogden-Swift, WRAC bt Capt Hill QARANC and Lt Green, WRAC, 6-1, 6-4.

Mixed doubles - Capt Watts and Maj Dixon bt Cpl Arnold, RE and Cpl McNair, 6-1, 6-0. **Men's plate** - Tpr Hill, RH bt AT Grainger, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0.

Men's Under 21 - AT Taylor bt Dvr Welsh, RCT, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Veteran singles - Lt Col Smith, RA bt Col Edwards, late RAOC, 6-0, 6-0.

Veteran handicap singles - Lt Col Dennis (retd) bt Maj Hilton (retd), 1-3 retired ill.

Veteran doubles - Lt Col Dennis and Lt Col Smith bt Brig Reeves and Maj Hilton on walk-over.

Ladies plate - Pte Whitney, WRAC bt Capt Parsons, WRAC, 6-3, 6-2.



Marathon men: From left are Cpl Steve Greenhalgh, Cpl Peter Cawse, Maj Chris Needham Bennet, Sgt Maj Mac French and Cpl Roy Wright

Picture: Terry Champion

Paras on the run in Moscow

FIVE Aldershot-based members of The Parachute Regiment competed in the international Moscow marathon – but they are still waiting to hear how they got on!

There was some confusion as to how the 12,000 runners were logged in at the finish and the Paras have not yet received official notification of their times or positions.

First home was Cpl Steve Greenhalgh, a former European Iron Man triathlon champion, who avoided the rugby scrum of a start and clocked himself in at 2hr 34min. Embassy staff at the finish line reckoned Greenhalgh was 41st to the tape.

The others, Maj Chris Needham-Bennett, Cpl Roy Wright, Cpl Peter Cawse and team coach RQMS Malcolm French, all finished between 2hr 40min and 2hr 45min, and estimate their positions between 200th and 300th.

Although it was the tenth Moscow marathon, it was the

first to offer prize money and attracted the Kenyan and Japanese national teams. About 50 club runners from Britain also took part.

Team manager Maj Needham-Bennett, who ran as an individual, said runners had not been graded and the start in Lenin Stadium, signalled by the release of doves, had been "like a 12,000-man rugby scrum".

The marathon course followed the Moskva River and

took the Paras past landmarks such as the Kremlin and Lenin's Tomb.

Maj Needham-Bennett said the Paras, who had run more than 90 miles a week in training for the marathon, had been given a friendly reception everywhere they went. After the race they had had to contend with dozens of offers for their running shoes and vests. Many local runners had competed in ordinary street shoes, some even barefoot, he said.

Highland cavalry

A CAVALRY charge on the annual Caledonian Challenge produced two very good individual performances which both bettered the course record.

Maj Patrick Roberts (13/18 H), Maj Richard Torin (Scots DG) and Trumpet Maj Ian Hamilton (14/20 H) trained hard for two months for the 75-mile windsurf and mountain

bike biathlon from Fort William to Inverness.

Torin dropped out in mid-race, but Roberts went on to finish tenth overall in 7hr 15min, with Hamilton 18 minutes behind in 14th place. Roberts had a storming leg on Loch Ness and finished fifth windsurfer and 21st rider. More than 50 competitors started the race.

Margan leads fencers

ENGLAND team manager at the Commonwealth Federation Fencing Championships held in Cheshire was COH Ian Margan of The Life Guards, himself an international fencer over many years.

Also part of the team was Flt Lt George Liston, RAF, who, like Margan, is based in West Germany.

The championships were staged as part of the Manchester Olympic Committee's "Driving the Dream" campaign to support the city's bid for the 1996 Games. Fencers from 15 countries took part.

Sailing sappers

UNIT champions at the end of the annual Royal Engineers regatta at the British Kiel Yacht Club were 35 Engineer Regiment. Their Hallberg Rassy 29 was crewed to victory by skipper Maj John Chick, Capt Tim Hough, Cpl Eric Bristo, Spr Frank Bough and Spr Andy Wheeler.



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Pause on patrol for three female troopers of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers). Providing supporting services to 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade as searchers and interpreters are Tprs Sanny Yeung, Yuen Ching Siu and Miu Sze Yung. See Hong Kong report starting on Page 25.

Picture: Mike Perring