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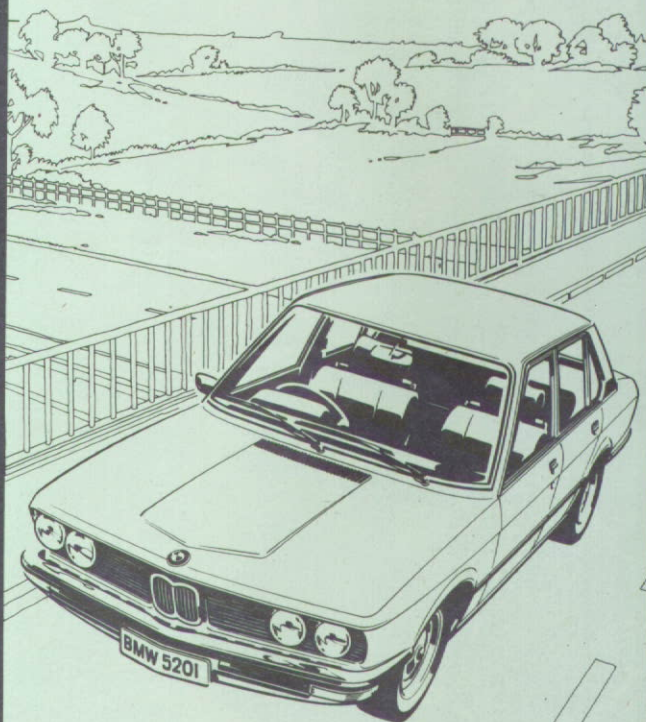
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FRONT COVER

Men of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, beat their way through smouldering scrub high on the hillsides of the Rock of Gibraltar. They had worked side by side with local firemen to contain the blaze (see page 43).

Picture by Paul Haley



BACK COVER

Blowpipe missile operator gets a Harrier jump-jet in his sights as his observer keeps a sharp eye out through field glasses for any following aircraft. All part of the new Blowpipe Troop's training at Stanford in Norfolk (see pages 57-59).

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OCTOBER 1975

- 23 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Freedom march, Weymouth.
- 24 Farewell Parade, Guards Parachute Company, Pirbright.
- 24 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Freedom march, Torbay.

NOVEMBER 1975

- 5 Berlin Tattoo (5-9 November).
- 7 Queen presents new Colours to The Royal Welch Fusiliers, Caernarvon.
- 8 British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.
- 8 Lord Mayor's Show, London.

APRIL 1976

- 24 Freedom of Delyn (Clwyd), The Royal Welch Fusiliers.
- 24 Presentation new Colours, 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Gloucester.
- 25 Laying up old Colours, 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Gloucester Cathedral.

MAY 1976

- 29 Tidworth Tattoo (29-31 May).

JUNE 1976

- 25 Aldershot Army Display (25-27 June).

JULY 1976

- 2 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (2-3 July).
- 14 Royal Tournament, Earls Court (14-31 July).

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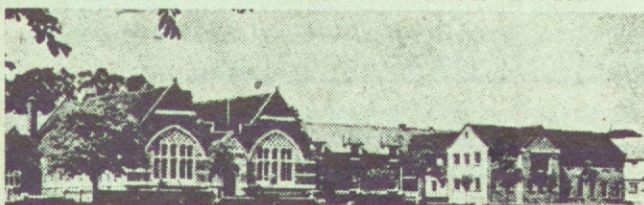
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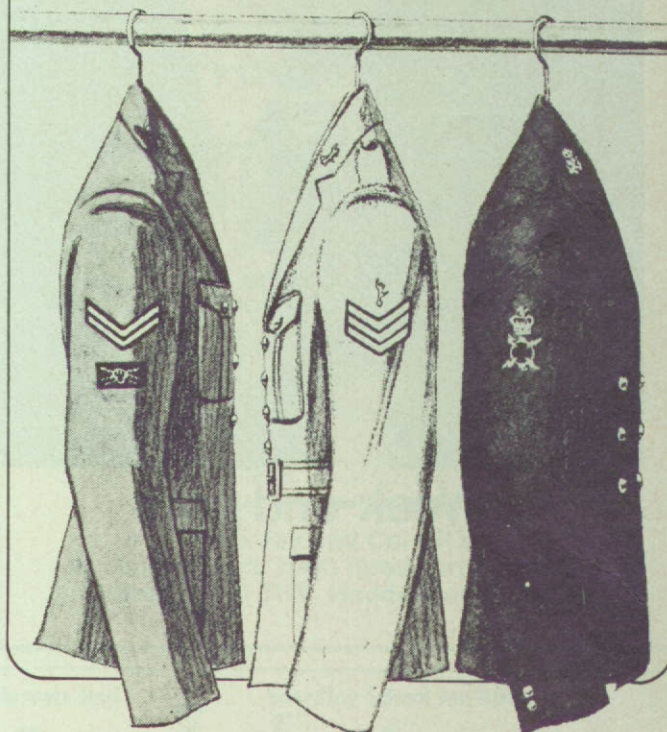
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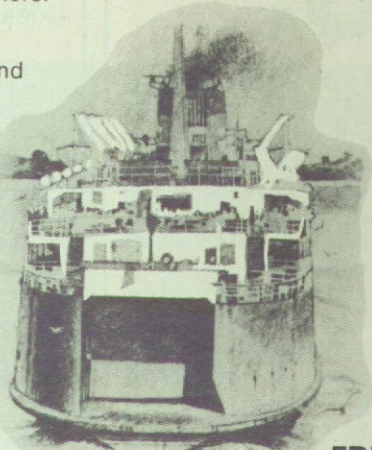


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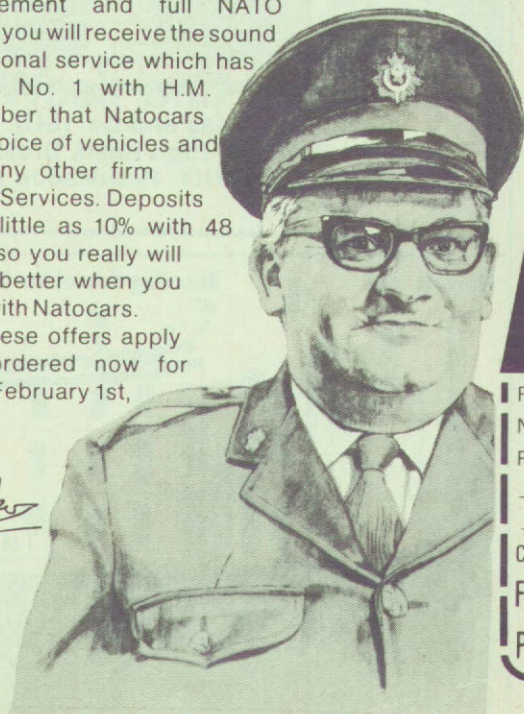
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The highest award the Sultan can make to all ranks is the Gallantry Medal, instituted in 1959, which is the Omani equivalent of the VC. Only one Loan Service officer, Major Paul Wright of the Royal Engineers, has received this accolade for heroic leadership of a company of men in early 1973.

Next in order of precedence comes the Sultan's Bravery Medal followed by the Distinguished Service Medal which can be awarded for gallantry in which case a small crossed "khunjar" sword emblem is worn on the ribbon. Fourth comes the service medal. A fifth award, the Order of Oman, is presented to the most senior British officers on leaving the sultanate.

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A cover picture of a horseman of the Olivenza Regiment blowing his own trumpet heralded the 50th title ("Spanish Armies of the Napoleonic Wars") in Osprey Publishing's Men-at-Arms series of books which together make up the "bible" for the purist military modeller and wargamer who craves authentic details to paint on his figurines. Osprey make no apology for drawing attention to the coincidental trumpet blowing to mark their half-century of books. And why should they? Business is good in the world of militaria and worthwhile projects like the Men-at-Arms series fulfil a specialist need in this field.

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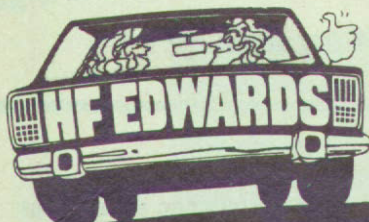
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Each showcase in the two rooms housing the regimental museum deals with a specific period and one of the oldest items is a 1701 halfpenny. In 1832 the regiment was granted the title "Royal" by King William IV and the change from the old orange facings to the blue of a royal regiment is clearly illustrated in a Simkin painting depicting soldiers of the 35th, the regiment's seniority number, in 1840.

The mid-18th century was a memorable period for the 35th. It took part in the American War of Independence and fought with distinction under General Wolfe at Quebec. A large, beautifully arranged diorama of the battle of Quebec, one of the best I have seen, and a Quebec Medal recall this famous British victory while a scalping knife and powder horn taken from the body of a Red Indian are souvenirs of the regiment's campaigning in America.

Moving on a few years, souvenirs of India and Khartoum hold the attention— from India, one of the notorious greased cartridges issued in 1857 which sparked the Indian Mutiny following a rumour that the grease came from the fat of cows, revered by Hindus, or from pig fat, abhorred by Mohammedans; and from the Sudan, a medal struck and awarded by General Gordon to mark the defence of Khartoum (1884).

A silver statuette of a mounted infantryman in the South African War case reminds the visitor that members of the regiment's 1st Battalion were mounted and formed into mobile columns to round up Boer commandos. A programme printed on silk of a review at Rawalpindi in December 1905 in honour of the Prince and Princess of Wales recalls the splendour of a bygone age when India was the jewel of the British Empire. Taking part were 55,516 officers and men, 13,396 horses, 8594 mules and 5558 camels.

The bugle which sounded the advance of the 8th Battalion, Royal Sussex, at the 1916 battle of the Somme and replicas of two of the regiment's six Victoria Crosses — those won by Lieutenant E A McNair near Hooze, Belgium, in Feb-

ruary 1916 and Sergeant Harry Wells at the battle of Loos (1915) — can be seen in the World War One case. An oil painting hangs nearby showing the action in which Wells won his posthumous VC. Several items, including an escape ration pack issued before the battle of Alamein, illustrate different aspects of the regiment's service in World War Two. The 1st Battalion was the last British battalion to serve in Korea and a memento of this period in the regiment's history is a Chinese medal found on Gloster Hill.

Prominent in the museum's second room are the Colours presented to the regiment in 1832. The Regimental Colour, carried throughout the Indian Mutiny, was the first to have the blue background of a royal regiment instead of the former orange backing.

A small but interesting collection of uniforms includes a Sussex Yeomanry officer's jacket and trousers (circa 1797) and a Royal Sussex Regiment sergeant's tunic (circa 1876). Other interesting items are an original instruction written by William Pitt the Younger to the Cinque Ports Volunteers, of which he was Colonel Commandant, an officer's commission signed by George III and an example of the British infantryman's standard weapon from about 1720 until 1840—the Brown Bess musket.

A well-presented display of badges includes a 2nd Battalion Cinque Ports Volunteers officer's helmet plate (1803) and a soldier's shoulder belt plate (1782-1800).

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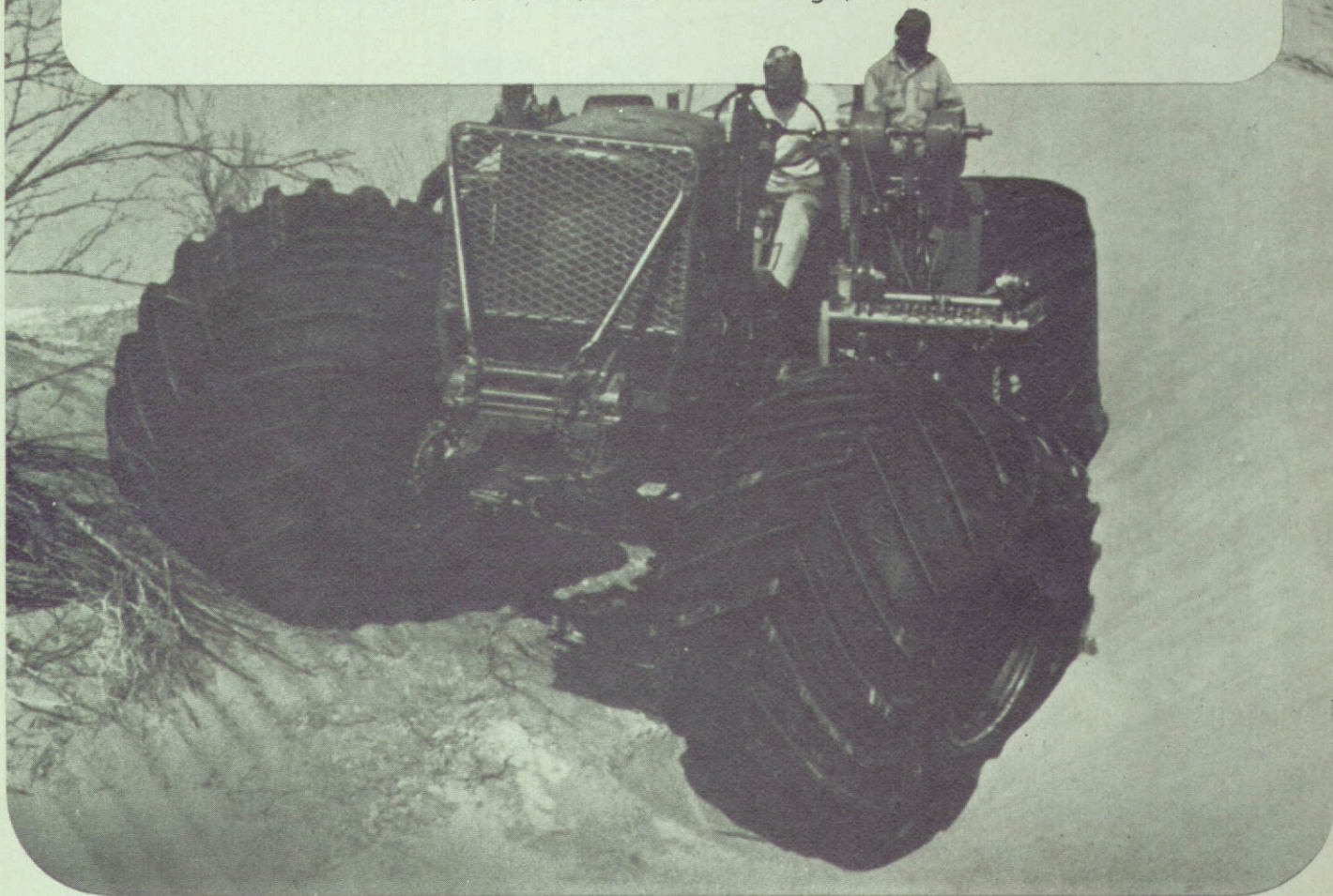
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Nearly ten years ago a new Royal Engineers regiment was created when sappers took over the role of the airfield construction branch of the Royal Air Force. Now 39 Engineer Regiment (Airfields) in its headquarters, a former RAF airfield at Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, can look back on a decade of achievement in every part of the world.

Soon, however, under Army reorganisation it is intended that the field squadrons (airfield) will become construction squadrons and be dispersed to the regiments in the United Kingdom to standardise the make-up of an engineer regiment. SOLDIER saw at first hand in Gibraltar and Scotland the work of the men whose prime role is to make RAF landings easy and safe.



Runway Repair Men on the Rock

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Paul Haley



BEHIND the high wire fence groups of men stripped to the waist toiled in the mid-day sun. Their heavy plant machinery crushed and graded rock and a group of tourists gathered to watch in the way of work-watchers anywhere. Soon word spread—the men were convicts carrying out an automated version of rock breaking.

Before long hordes of tourists were descending on the workers—which proved a trifle embarrassing since the men were sappers of 52 Field Squadron (Airfields), Royal Engineers, and all they

were doing was revamping a Navy football pitch for HMS Rooke. But the sappers as always had the last laugh—they christened themselves 52 Penal Colony and drew broad arrows on all of their dust-laden vehicles.

The Navy pitches, which are also used for cricket and athletics, merely had to be resurfaced but down at Europa Point another party from the squadron had another sports pitch to contend with and here the problems were much more complex. Drainage was non-existent and huge furrows and ruts traversed the pitch. Boulders jutted out of the ground,

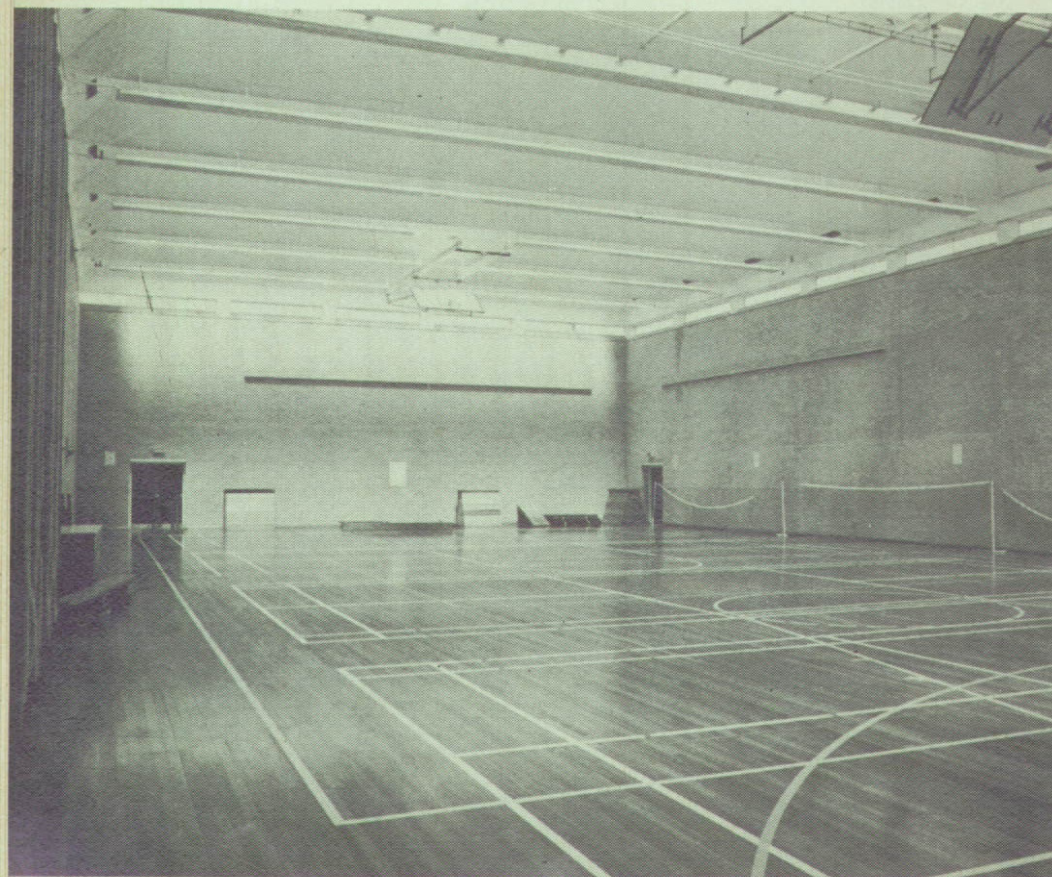
guaranteed to do even more damage than a First Division stopper's boot and the 1 in 60 gradient at one corner of the pitch made the famous Yeovil sloping pitch look perfect in comparison.

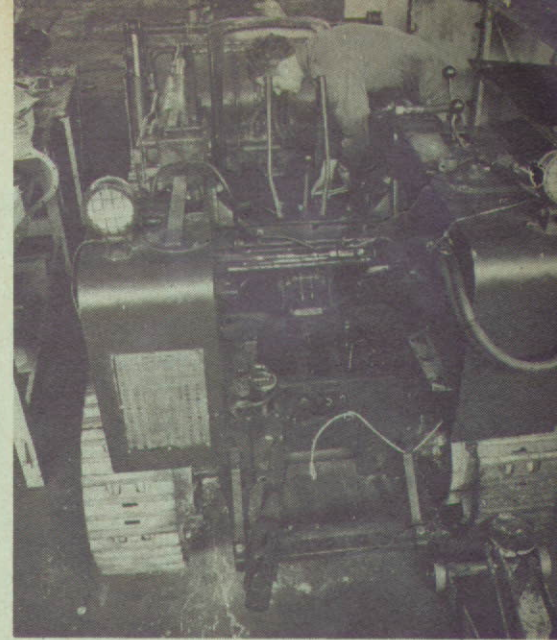
The sappers had to expose, blast and remove the underlying rock. In the process they found an old cannon. A romantic link with Gibraltar's past perhaps—although older Rock hands maintained it was a cornerpost from an early pitch.

The D8H large bulldozer was kept extremely busy and even the sappers were surprised at just how hard the rock

Left: A new gymnasium at Waterbeach is yet another successful construction by the men of 39 Engineer Regt (Airfields).

Below: The regiment has its own play group for toddlers complete with a playground and rota of willing aides.





Above: The workshops at Waterbeach are kept fully busy throughout the year servicing the globetrotters' machinery.

Left: A vast pool of heavy machinery is at Waterbeach—a motorised scraper gets a steam wash before repainting.

they were removing really was. Four inches of hardcore were laid, then three inches of stone and finally a layer of chippings before the final two-inch playing surface to complete the job.

Working from 6 until 6 the sappers faced regular dust storms—stinging the eyes and clogging up the nostrils, these sometimes became so bad that it was impossible to see. Goggles and surgical face masks were obtained by the project officer, Captain Rick Jarratt, but these were uncomfortable in the fierce sunshine.

Another task for Major Nick Thomp-

son's squadron was the supplying of more quarters for the overcrowded Rock service population. A recent working party had pointed out that of 2308 servicemen and allied civilians 1671 were married—yet there were only 1102 quarters. Excluding those who preferred to remain unaccompanied there was a shortfall of 496 married quarters.

During its three-month spell in Gibraltar the squadron helped all three Services with their accommodation problems. A former miniature rifle range at Buena Vista was rebuilt into two officer's quarters. Men whose main priority is

rapid runway repair (SOLDIER, February 1975) soon had the chance to show their proficiency as bricklayers and carpenters. When they got down to examining the structure of the rifle range building they found bad brickwork, woodworm and wet rot in the beams. All of these beams had to be dismantled and about 35 per cent of the brickwork replaced.

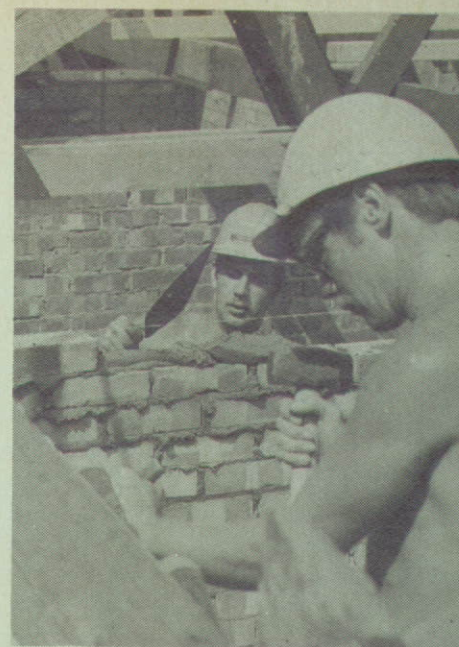
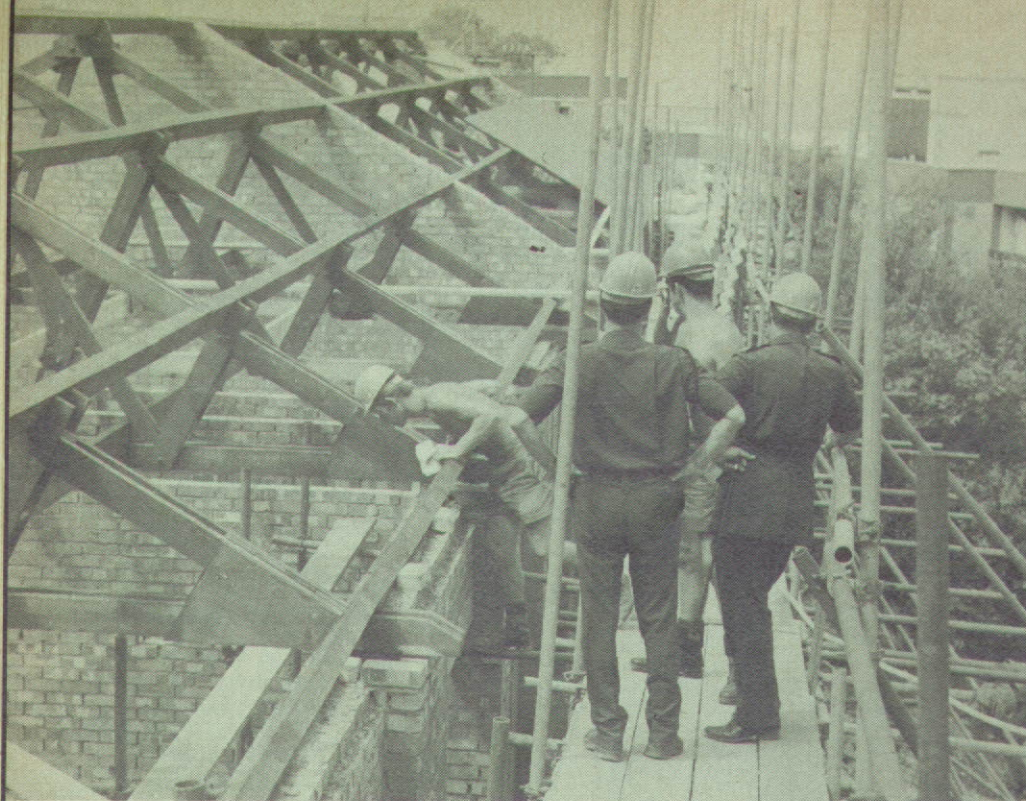
Meanwhile other sappers were installing ten mobile homes for the Navy on a former playground at Edinburgh House and a further ten at Four Corners, the Royal Air Force area close to the border



Left: Rock blasting is about to start at the Europa sports pitch. Thick rope nets stop damage to nearby houses.

Below: Sapper sets the fuses before blasting away the hard rock which has been so damaging to footballers' knees.





Left: Snap inspection by a brigadier at the Buena Vista building site. **Above:** What he saw—sappers with their safety helmets busily at work on bricklaying.

with Franco's Spain. Store buildings and a launderette were built at each site.

Finally a schoolhouse was converted into single officers' accommodation for the resident battalion, the 2nd Royal Green Jackets, and another mobile home was installed for the Army at Europa point.

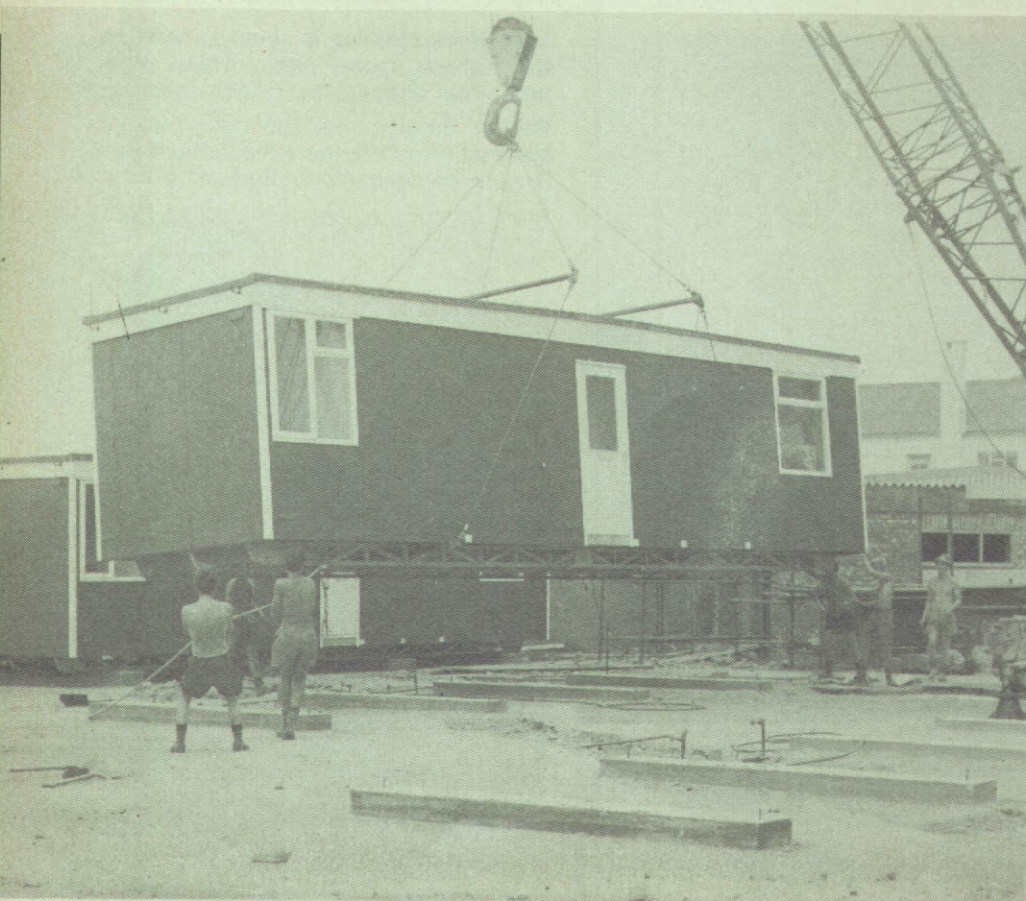
The sports pitches, the accommodation for the Property Services Agency and all the ancillary services were completed in three short months on the Rock. Not bad for a squadron which in the last year has built an artificial lake at

Bassingbourne, 100 metres of road at Royal Air Force West Raynham, an Army training village, assisted with Glasgow rubbish clearance and erected a temporary hangar for the Royal Air Force in Scotland.

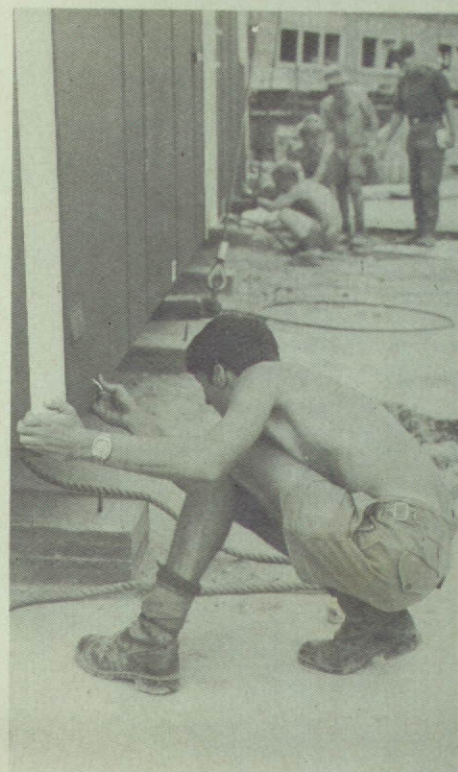
Scotland in fact was where another group of men from Waterbeach spent several weeks this summer. Almost within golf-ball driving distance of St Andrews lies Royal Air Force Leuchars. Taking the opportunity while aircraft were temporarily diverted to another airfield they installed arresting gear on

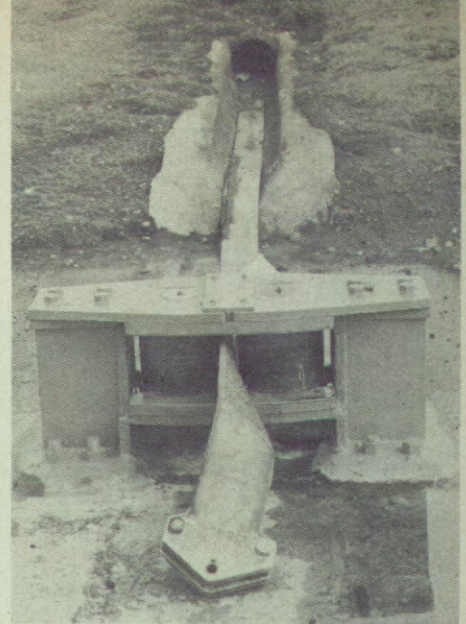
Leuchars' second runway. In addition they removed the gear from the main runway, set it up at the alternative airfield and subsequently re-installed it at Leuchars.

The Airfields Regiment has a continuing commitment for the installation of rotary hydraulic arresting gear on Royal Air Force airfields worldwide. On the Leuchars job the basic excavating and concreting job had been done by the Department of the Environment and the drilling of the steel plates was carried out in Royal Navy workshops but usually



Left: One of the new mobile homes for the Royal Navy is lowered into place and (below) a sapper checks to make sure that it lands right on target.





Above: The thick tape which is used to hold back the jets when arrested.

Left: At Leuchars the control box of the arresting gear is lifted into place.

the regiment takes its own excavators with it—"about half a Hercules full of equipment" said Captain Derek Blenkiron, who headed the team.

In drums concreted into the side of the runway are paddles in water and anti-freeze. When the fighter aircraft hits a wire above the runway the paddles turn in the drum against the liquid and have a braking effect on the aircraft. The secret is to make sure that it is all securely fixed and working and as Warrant Officer 2 Edward Claxton confided: "There's not a lot of skill and expertise required but there is a hell of a lot at stake with an expensive aircraft at the end."

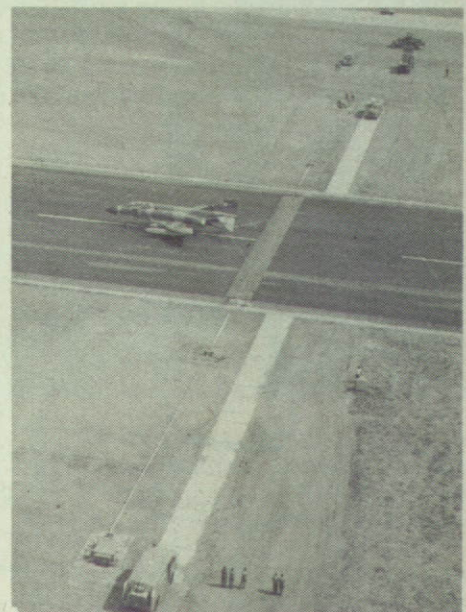
Having no aircraft at Leuchars during the project was a boon to the sappers. It is hard to concentrate with constant jet noise and with work on both sides of a runway it is often difficult to get from one side to the other to fetch equipment.

For Captain Blenkiron, installing

arresting gear is as interesting and important a job as any which a sapper may meet. He declared: "A lot of people say this is just playing with Meccano and perhaps it is until you get problems—then it certainly is not!"

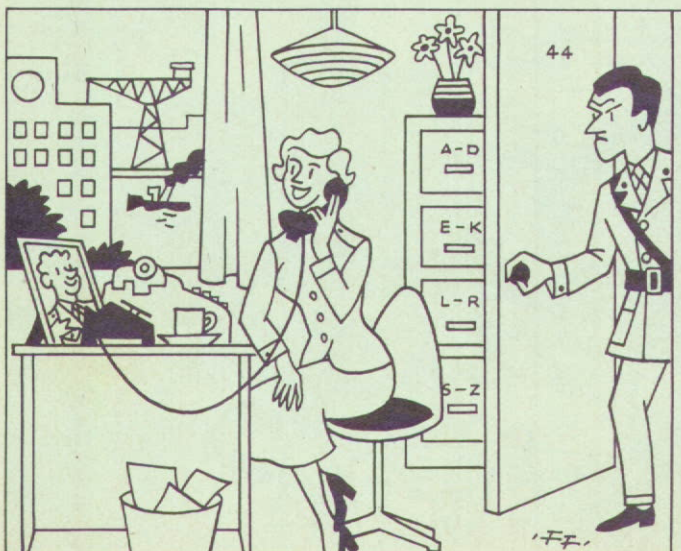
Rainswept Scottish airfields, dusty Gibraltar rock bowls and even sometimes pleasant open spaces around Cambridgeshire. All these areas and many more see and appreciate the work of 39 Engineer Regiment (Airfields)—the name will change but the regiment will have left its mark in a tangible and lasting form.

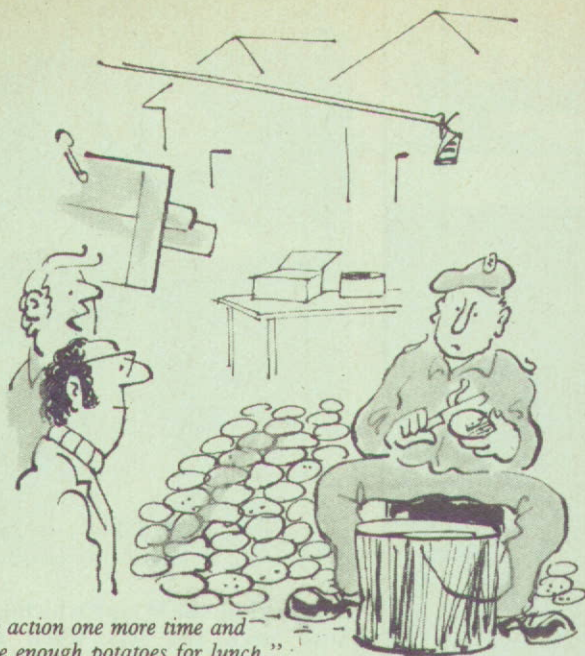
Right: How it happens—fighter is caught by wire of sapper-fitted gear.



How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 49.





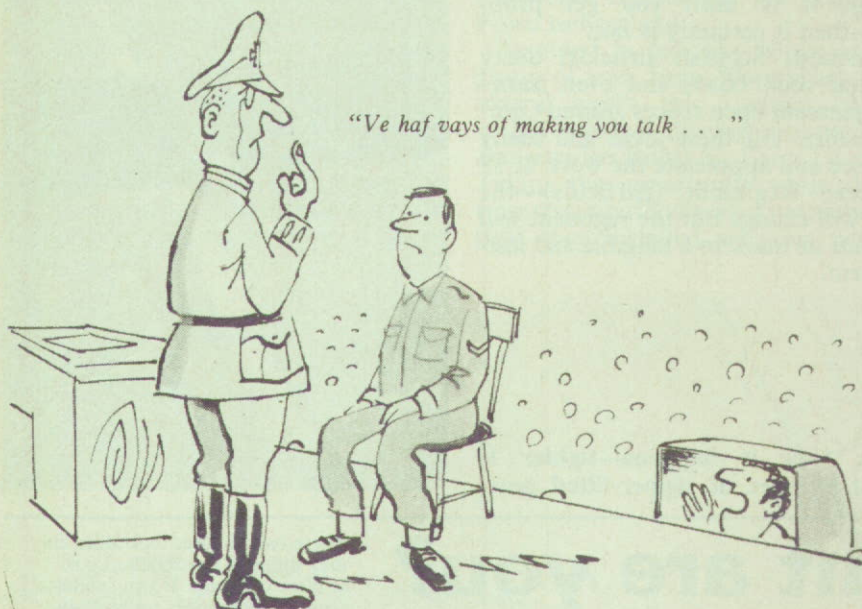
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Lovely Lulworth Open to All

Story by Mike Starke. Pictures by Leslie Wiggs.



Above: Colonel Sir Joseph Weld, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, cuts the tape to officially open the new coastal path.

Below: how things have looked in the past pictured here as Territorial Army Volunteer soldiers passed an old house.



FIFTY years ago His Majesty's Land Ships lumbered into the tiny Dorset village of Wool to practice firing on the rolling downland nearby. Today this Lulworth area is still an Army tank range. But the guns are now silenced for part of the time to let the public enjoy the spectacular scenery.

A six mile Lulworth coast path has been opened up and a series of circular walks cleared and marked bisecting the 7000-plus acres of land stretching from the cosy circle of Lulworth Cove to the rugged Kimmeridge Bay.

Parties from each end of the path met at the half-way point of Flower's Barrow on a bright autumn morning to officially christen the walks. It was almost a year to the day since the Defence Lands Committee's recommendations for greater public access to the ranges had landed on the desk of Brigadier Roy Redgrave, Commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington.

He chaired the working party with representatives from 70 organisations including local authorities, conservation groups, the Department of the Environment and the Army.

The Army's main headache was clearance of the new walks—some areas had already been open to the public from time to time in the past. Some 70,000

FLOWERS BARROW

WHITEWAY
CAR PARK

TYNEHAM CHURCH
& CAR PARK

At Lulworth the Army has pointed the way to fulfil conservationists' dreams.

Below: Sir Joseph Weld (left of front row) and Brigadier Redgrave lead on.

rounds of shot and shell a year are fired on the range and the accumulation of debris, plus the occasional unexploded shell, over half a century is considerable. But the work was done and, in the end, slightly more access than that requested has been made possible.

The pathways themselves are now cleared but the Army stresses that it is dangerous to stray from them. Near some impact areas wire fences have been erected to emphasise the point but they have been carefully placed in order to be as unobtrusive as possible.

The coast path comes down to the sea at Mupe Bay, Arish Mell and Worbarrow Bay. Elsewhere it runs close to the cliff edge at heights up to 550 feet. There are also the circular walks involving less strenuous climbs using inland paths looping from the coast route. These are based on car parks at Kimmeridge, Tyneham, Lulworth Cove and White-way Hill on the East Lulworth to Creech road.

In detail, the new facilities include the use of a track from Lawford Sheard to Tyneham, a circular walk from Kimmeridge through Tyneham Gap, a number of paths on the Bindon Hill feature linking Radar Hill, the Fossil Forest, Mupe Bay and Cockpit Head, a circular walk from Tyneham car park through Worbarrow Bay, Flower's Barrow and Lawford Sheard and a path connecting the Whiteway Hill car park to the Tyneham circular walk.

Previously access was allowed only to Worbarrow Bay via the Tyneham Valley road and a footpath from Tyneham to the beach; from West Lulworth to Mupe Bay by footpath lying slightly inland and to the Fossil Forest near West Lulworth.

Besides providing many new walks, the Army has considerably increased the number of days in the year when the ranges are open to the public. This year the Easter opening period was seven days instead of the normal five, the Spring Bank Holiday opening was eight instead of four. The summer break was 53 instead of 31 days and the Christmas opening period will be 16 days compared with 14. Weekend opening throughout the year is now a general rule except for a maximum of six weekends when the ranges may be closed for firing by the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve whose civilian work precludes weekday firing.

The acid test of the new arrangements came with the first walkers trying out the new paths. "I think the Army's done a grand job," proclaimed a farmer from West Lulworth, "they've bent over backwards to help".

One of the aids is a handy folder with descriptions and a map of the walks which has been printed by 42 Survey Engineer Regiment. The front proclaims: "The Army in co-operation with the public".

Another local commenting on the new walks remarked: "The Army's been here a long time now and we get on with them pretty well. But we keep tabs on them!" . . . That's Dorset for "the Army in co-operation with the public".



The Army was empowered to employ 70 wardens to patrol the new paths but only found it necessary to recruit 20. Among the first selected was Mrs Jane Cato who has turned out to be the only lady among a score of men. She enjoys an outdoor life and takes her dog with her to work on the Lulworth walks. She keeps her trim figure by doing her share of the heavy work and can heave a fence post into place with the best of them. Mrs Cato lives in Lulworth where she moved eight years ago after the death of her husband. She said of her new job: "This isn't like a job at all—I don't think of it as work, anyway. I am a most fortunate lady!"

Right: The open downland stretches out invitingly for walkers to enjoy again.



Brigadier Redgrave greets the walkers from Kimmeridge at the end of the trek to Flower's Barrow for the ceremonies.

It's not just twentieth century shells that have fallen on Lulworth ranges. A few cannon balls and arrowheads too!



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Gibraltar Sergeant of the Apes

Story by John Walton

Pictures by Paul Haley

FOR Sergeant Alfred Holmes his Army service really has been so much monkey business. Because for 18 years Sergeant Holmes has spent more time with the Gibraltar Rock Apes than he has with his colleagues in the Gibraltar Regiment.

In his office at Queen's Gate, just below where one of the Rock's two packs of Barbary apes wait for tourists each day, Sergeant Holmes, a quiet, bespectacled and gentle man but known as "Loco" to his less understanding Gibraltarian friends, explained what he likes about his strange job.

The walls testify to meetings with the famous—a signed portrait of Sean Connery vies with a letter from a former cabinet minister, a slimmer and younger Ted Heath shakes his shoulders from a framed picture, a vivacious film starlet poses in another. All these people and many thousands of others, the famous, the nondescript, the tourists, the servicemen, have talked to this remark-

able man over the years and witnessed his uncanny sympathy and identification with the apes in his charge.

In days gone by the Apes used to roam at will throughout the Rock. Many were the complaints from local housewives who came home to find their curtains torn, their lampshades smashed and groceries scattered across the kitchen floor.

But in recent years reports of this kind have become few and far between and this is mainly due to the activities of ape keeper Holmes. He now has the Queen's Gate pack of 18 apes and the Upper Rock pack of 21 firmly under control.

"When I was a boy I used to see the apes every day," he said. "Who would have believed then that I was going to be their keeper? It has been a grand job and I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Every minute often means every waking minute. For Sergeant Holmes sometimes spends as much as 16 hours a day with his primate charges. He reports births, deaths, marriages and all other incidents in the two packs to the commanding officer of the Gibraltar Regiment.

His reports make fascinating reading. Casualties are listed, apes shipped out to Chessington Zoo are "struck off

strength" and one ape is described as "a trouble-maker who has now been earmarked for posting." A little like any Army unit in fact.

As he walked up to the waiting Queen's Gate pack Sergeant Holmes pointed out individuals by name. All baby apes are named after a leading military or civilian dignitary in Gibraltar (naturally they obtain the person's permission first).

He explained that a power struggle was currently going on within the pack: "Sam is the present leader with Jimmy and Roger two and three. But I don't think Sam will last long in the leadership for Jimmy is younger and stronger and he will eventually cast Sam out from the pack. Then we shall get an ape wandering all over Gibraltar for once they are cast out they never join the pack again."

A liner was in the harbour and

On Christian names terms with all of his charges, Sergeant Holmes visits them each day with fruit—but no sweets!



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Queen's Gate suddenly became full of jostling American tourists. Sergeant Holmes explained that the first aid centre he runs is not only for apes but for tourists who run foul of them. "Sometimes they go to pat a baby and get attacked by the mother or they push apes away—things like that," he said.

Proof was not long in coming. An American matron with blue rinsed hair and hornrimmed glasses emerged from a taxi and yelled "Oh My Gawd!" as she saw the apes. She moved closer and went to touch one. Sergeant Holmes shouted a warning. Too late. Exit blue rinse and glasses with a nasty little bite on the

hand. "Some people are very stupid. They tease and touch what are completely wild animals even though they appear semi-tame. Just what do they expect?" he observed.

In the last few years a number of students from the department of anthropology at the University of Toronto have visited the Rock to study and film the apes. This year three of them spent part of their summer vacation working with Sergeant Holmes.

Susan Hornshaw told SOLDIER that working among the Gibraltar apes was far easier than it would be say among their cousins in North Africa. They were



Above: Orphan ape, Cecile, with foster parents, Sgt Holmes and Pte Zamutt.

Below: Pictures of the famous line the walls of the ape keeper's own office.



not camera shy and the Army was able to provide the students with records going back 40 years.

"They are obviously able to communicate with each other when they appear to be doing nothing," said her colleague, Anne Zeller, following this up with a realistic impression of ape talk.

The third student, Alison de Pelham, said that the apes knew when tourists were about to arrive and could even differentiate between various cars. Whatever time Sergeant Holmes arrives the apes recognised the sound of his approaching vehicle.

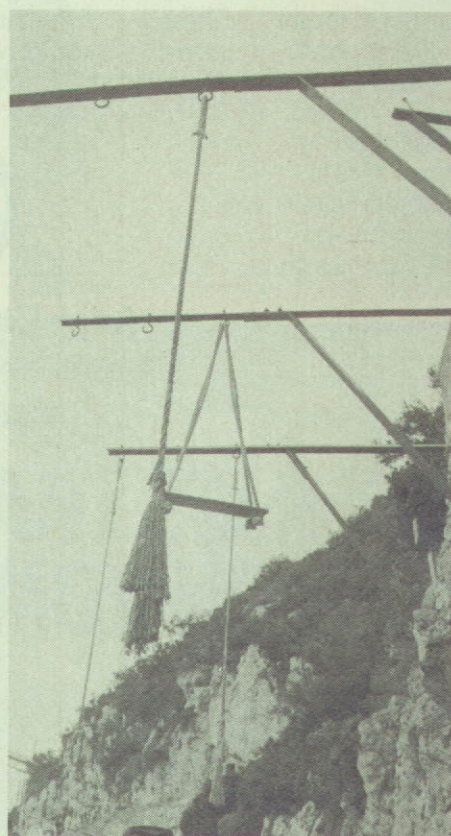
All three were impressed with

Sergeant Holmes. Said Susan: "He's an absolute mine of information and has so much control over them. I've seen an animal with candy in its mouth and he says 'No, no' and the monkey spits it out and walks away."

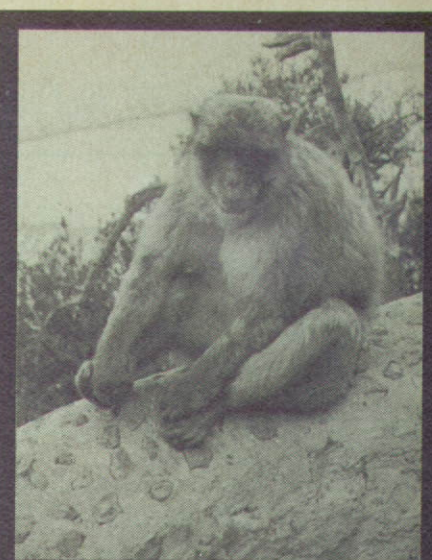
At the end of next year Sergeant Holmes completes 22 years in the Army and though he might stay on for a while, retirement is not far away. Recently he has taken on an assistant, Private Salvador Zamutt, who is being groomed to take over the job. The old Spanish saying that "when the apes leave Gibraltar the British will go" will never be put to the test if these men have their way.



"Drink this up—there's a good girl"—Sergeant Holmes feeds a baby.



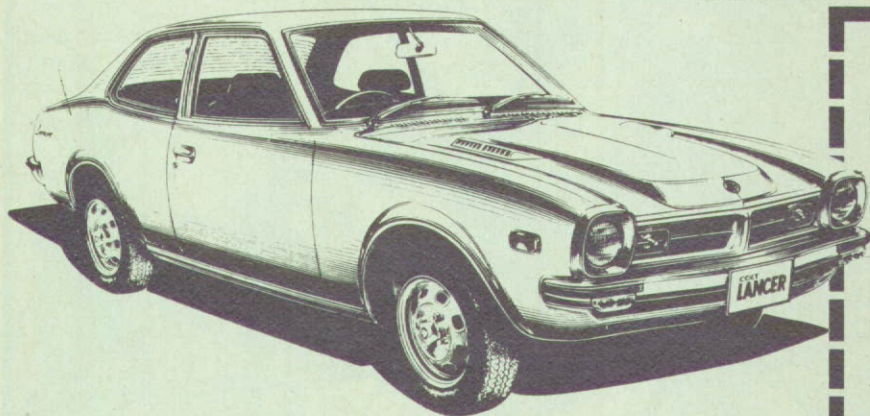
Playground for the Queen's Gate pack included old tyres—they disappeared.



The Rock ape of Gibraltar is a Barbary ape and as such is not really an ape at all but a tail-less monkey. Those on the Rock are the only wild monkeys in Europe. There is no record of how they arrived and legends abound including their arrival by an underground tunnel into the famous St Michael's Cave or that they are living relics of the time when Europe and Africa were joined at the Straits of Gibraltar.

The most likely theory is that the apes were brought over by the Moors. Certainly they have been on the Rock for centuries and in 1900 their numbers were estimated at 200. In 1913 a Master Gunner of the old Royal Garrison Artillery was given the task of feeding the apes as one of his military duties. The Gibraltar Regiment took over the task in 1954.

By 1941 the number of apes had declined considerably and Prime Minister Churchill expressed disquiet—perhaps because of the saying that when the Apes leave the Rock the British will go. As a result fresh stock was bought in.



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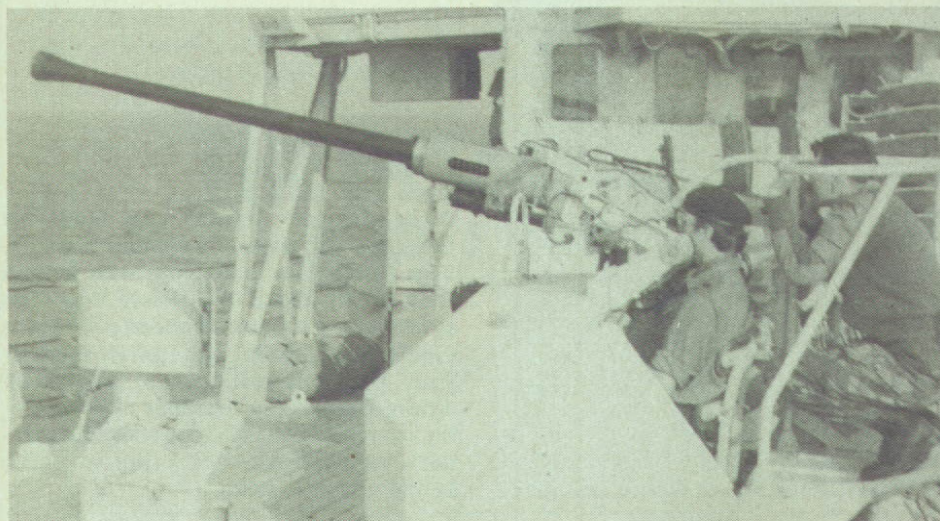
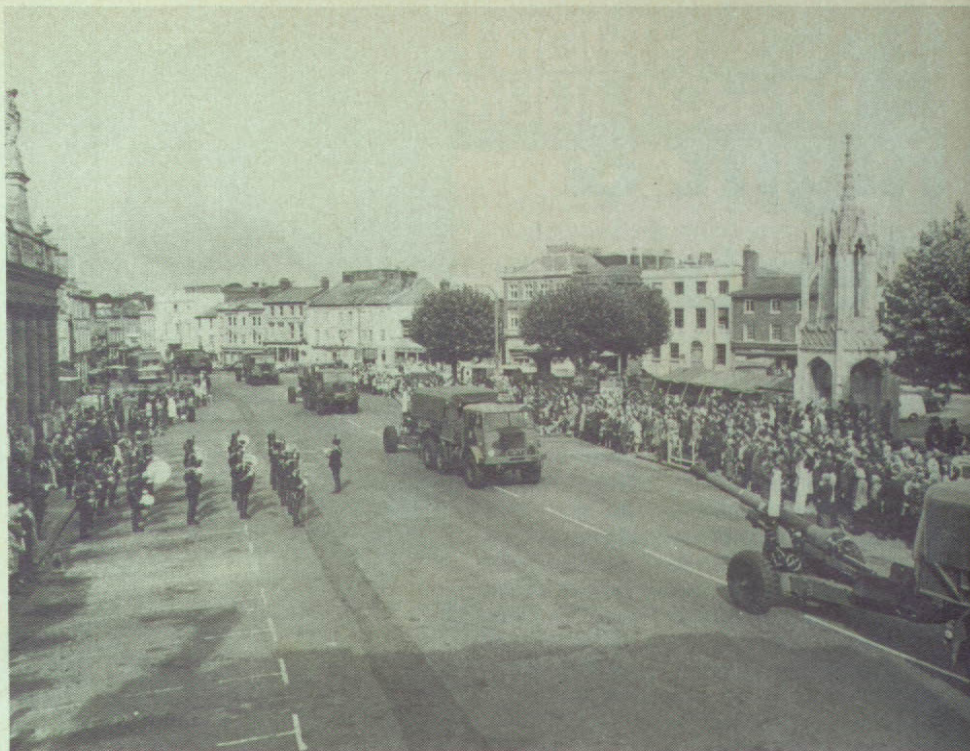
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A march through Devizes, Wiltshire, home base of the 3rd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, was the unit's welcome to 1st Independent Light Battery (The Blazers), recently returned from Singapore to become M Battery RHA. The absorption of the battery is one of the changes brought about by the recent Defence Review in preparation for 3 RHA to take on the role of an anti-tank guided weapon regiment using Swingfire systems.



Men of A Company, 6th Battalion, The Light Infantry (Volunteers) were all at sea during a recent combined internal security operation with the Navy. For the reservists embarked on HMS Venturer, a Royal Naval Reserve minesweeper. Enemy forces were provided by the battalion's D Company who were "engaged" after a beach landing. The West Country volunteers also got in some target practice with the ship's 40mm Bofors gun as well as other training on board ship.

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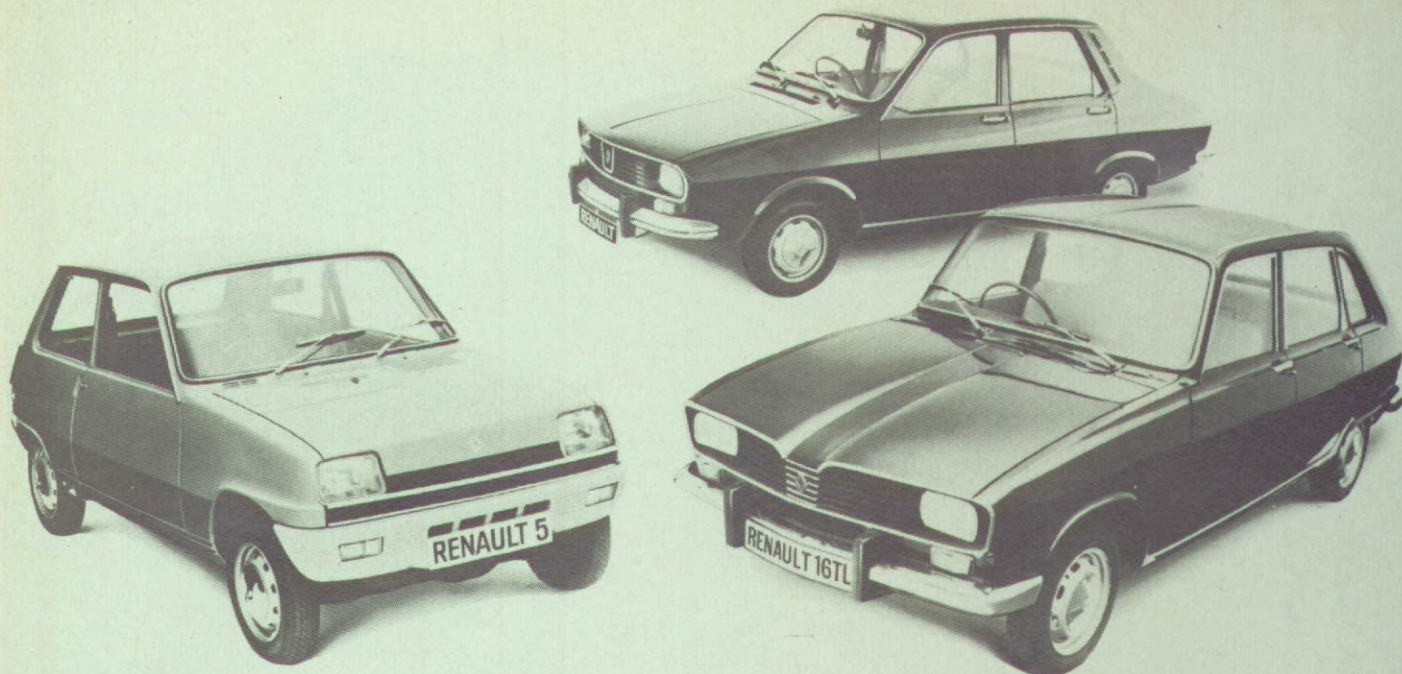
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MISSILES DECISION

In a statement made in the House of Lords by Lord Winterbottom on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence it was announced that full development of the helicopter anti-ship missile Sea Skua by the British Aircraft Corporation was to proceed.

"Negotiations will be opened with France and Germany for the procurement, if the terms are right, of their medium range anti-tank missile Milan, mainly by manufacture under licence in Britain."

The British Aircraft Corporation's helicopter-borne anti-tank missile Hawkswing is to be cancelled and this will mean some redeployment of design staff at the British Aircraft Corporation (Guided Weapons) but the development of Sea Skua should help to mitigate this.

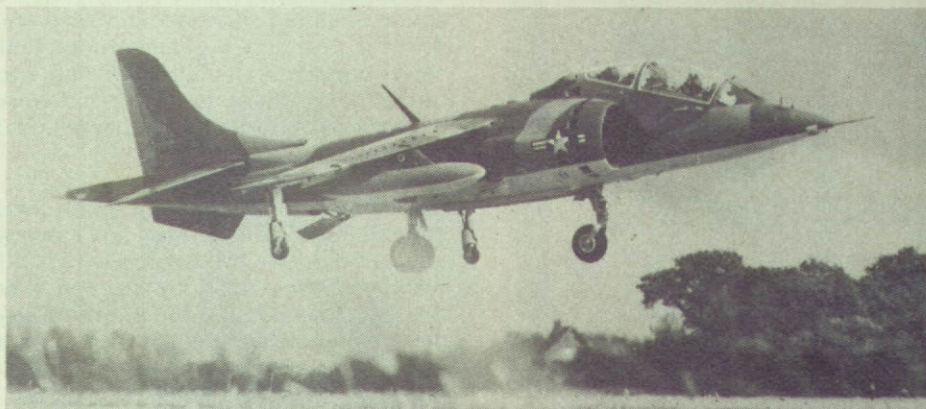
"Subject to the satisfactory outcome of negotiations with France and the Federal Republic of Germany the manufacture of Milan in this country should provide a substantial increment to the production loading of this company."

The statement added that the need to provide British Forces with first-class weapons had been the dominant consideration but in addition the Government had taken into account the limitation of defence funds following the Defence Review; the British balance of payments and the immediate employment and other consequences of the decisions for British industry and the effects on its future capability to develop guided weapons.

"Milan is the only anti-tank guided weapon that meets our requirements for a man-portable system for the infantry. It is already in service with the French and German armies. In negotiations for its procurement our aims will include the establishment of a full-scale production line in Britain and agreed arrangements for European collaboration on weapons of this kind in the future."

"We shall also be aiming for a fair share of overseas sales of Milan. The Government's final decision on Milan will naturally be subject to the achievement of satisfactory terms."

The statement adds that financial pressures have made it necessary to defer the introduction of a new anti-tank guided weapon for helicopters. Accordingly Hawkswing will be terminated and the SS11 system will remain in service for the time being with the question of an eventual replacement kept under review.



The US Marines' version of the Harrier jump jet. Americans may build them.

NEW HARRIER TO THE STATES

Hawker Siddeley Aviation has delivered the first of eight two-seat Harrier aircraft to the United States Marine Corps. They will form part of the US Marines front-line Harrier force in combat conditions flying from land sites and ships' decks together with single-seat Harriers.

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UNION JACK RE-OPENS

The Union Jack Club re-opens in its new premises in Sandell Street opposite Waterloo Station, London, on 3 November. At first there will be accommodation for serving, ex-serving and temporary honorary male members but from 1 December, Women's Services and families of members will also be able to stay. The rebuilt club has 417 single rooms and 55 double rooms. Charges are not yet finalised but are not expected to exceed £3.50 single and £6 for a double room exclusive of VAT. Members of the forces under commissioned rank are automatically members and ex-service membership is still available. Details can be obtained from the club secretary at Sandell Street, Waterloo, London SE1 (Tel 01-928 6401).

ROYAL SOLDIERS' DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL

The Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School is for the daughters of soldiers whether serving or ex-service and accepts girls from the age of five. The upper age limit for entry is normally eleven or twelve depending on when a girl's secondary education starts. Girls stay at the school until school-leaving age but any girl recommended and qualified to work for and take her A levels may remain to do so. Three girls, one of whom is now at London University, gained good A levels in 1975.

Academic education takes place at selected Inner London Education Authority primary and secondary schools; those that are used are good and parents need have no doubts about them. Homework is done under supervision at the R.S.D.S. which provides facilities for many extra-mural activities including music, drama, judo, Guides and Brownies. Hobbies and handicrafts are encouraged and help is given. Religious instruction is arranged by the school in the faiths which parents or guardians wish.

Serving soldiers who decide to send their daughters to the school can claim Services education allowance at boarding school rates and they are therefore asked to pay the full fees, which are £288 a term for one girl. The fees are on a sliding scale and the average cost for two or more girls is slightly below this figure. This may sound a lot of money but, because serving soldiers can draw the allowance, the cost to them in real terms is little more than £20 a term, plus any expenses their daughters may incur themselves.

Priority of entry is given to girls who have lost either both parents or one parent and bursaries are available to help the guardian or remaining parent, who then pays only what he or she can afford. In addition, if the daughter of a serving soldier has reached a critical stage in her education when her father leaves the Army, financial aid can often be given to enable her to stay at the school to complete her education if her parents cannot afford it from their own income.

Further details are available from the Secretary, Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School, 65 Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, London, NW3 5UD, or from unit offices. (DPS(A))

KINETON REBUILT

A plaque-unveiling and tree-planting ceremony marked the official opening of a major £2,200,000 modernisation scheme at Temple Herdewyke Barracks, Kineton, Warwickshire. The rebuilding involved the construction of new buildings, modernisation of others and demolition of wartime Nissen huts which had still been in use. There is now a new officers mess, junior ranks social club and shop, community centre, headquarters office building, sports pavilion, gymnasium and miniature rifle range, guard room, garaging and workshops, canteen and stores, education and instruction centre, assault course and 30-metre firing range.

RESETTLEMENT

Security work, permanent staff vacancies in the Ulster Defence Regiment, sports centre management and running a pub are widely differing subjects in the advice section of the July issue (No. 4/1975) of the Services Resettlement Bulletin. Security work offers jobs as internal security guards, mobile security patrolmen, drivers and bodyguards in armoured security vans, drivers and couriers for fast and dependable delivery of packages and documents, store detectives, dog handlers, administration and management, and technicians and engineers to install and maintain alarm systems and devices.

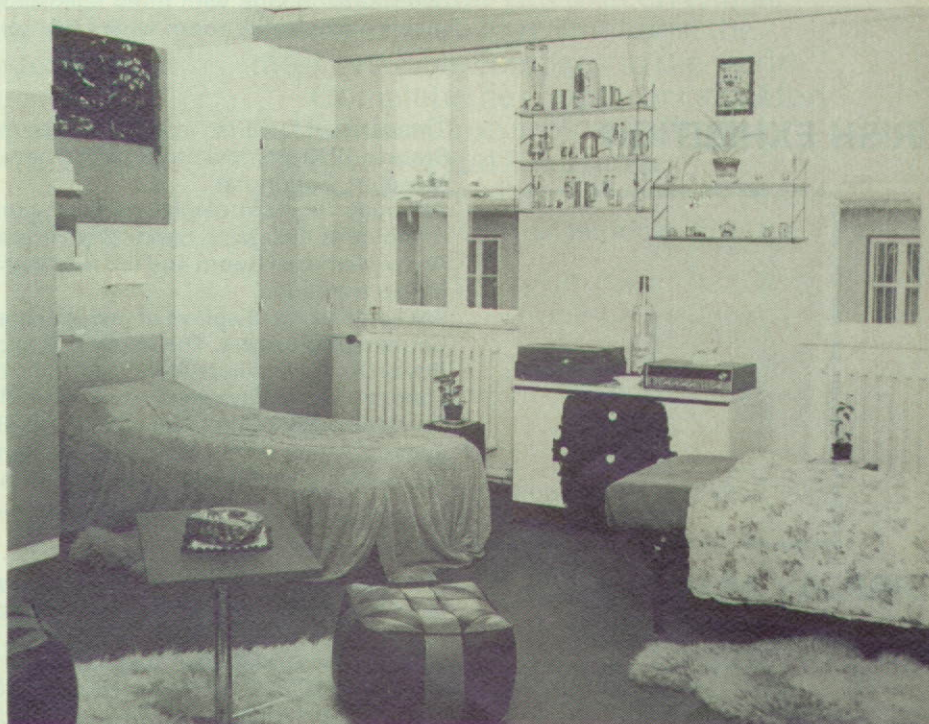
Ex-servicemen, with their background and training, are welcome too in sports centre management, particularly if they have physical training or administrative experience.

The article on running a pub, an occupation which in the past has attracted many ex-servicemen, describes in detail the tasks and responsibilities of both tenant and manager, deals with other opportunities such as club steward, brewery area manager, and sales manager and is written by a former Royal Army Ordnance Corps captain who is now a brewery area manager.

The July bulletin covers aircraft engineering training in its training section, pinpoints regional opportunities in the west and south-west England, and contains other employment opportunities and the usual reference section.

RECRUITMENT

Army recruitment of adults and young soldiers in July was encouragingly high, continuing the pattern of recent months. Total for the month was 1437 comprising 1304 adults and young servicemen and 133 juniors and this was a 23 per cent jump on the July 1974 figure. The total strength for the Army in July was 166,519 of which 5637 were females.



Right: Airy rooms are now the order of the day for Rhine Army single soldiers.

Below left: Corporal Tony Bell of RCT in Bünde is pleased with his new room.

Below right: Insulation on the ceilings and floors ensures corridors are quiet.



MODERNISATION PLAN UNDER WAY

The soldiers' living accommodation in Rhine Army barracks is now being modernised under a programme which stretches into the 1980s. The pictures above show a part of this scheme as it affects Op Humane barracks, the temporary single-storey blocks constructed for emergency accommodation when extra troops were sent to Germany in the early 1950s. Already this year 24 76 Op Humane barrack blocks in 1 (BR) Corps have been practically rebuilt and modernised to a standard which makes them look like superior motels.

By the end of next year these improved conditions should be available to 2316 single junior ranks in seven different barracks in Bünde, Minden, Münster and Sennelager.

More conversions are planned at Hereford, Münster, Willach, Krefeld, Rheindalen and Osnabruck.

Soldiers now have a say in the décor. The converted blocks consist of single rooms with others for two and three but never for more than four men. Each soldier has a bed, a wardrobe, storage locker, bedhead light fitting with shaver point, a power point for radio or hi-fi and even a board for pin-ups. Each block also has a carpeted communal lounge with fitted television aerial, a kitchen for making tea and light meals and a utility room where the soldier can do his laundry.

IRISH EXHIBITION

Treasures of five Irish infantry regiments disbanded upon creation of the Irish Free State in 1922 are now on show in a new permanent exhibition at the National Army Museum, Sandhurst.

Although its main displays are now in Chelsea, the National Army Museum has retained its links with Sandhurst where it found its first home in 1960. The Indian Army Memorial Room and the Hastings Room remind visitors of the British Army's Indian traditions.

For some years, displays of material connected with The Royal Irish Regiment, The Connaught Rangers, The Leinster Regiment, The Royal Munster Fusiliers and The Royal Dublin Fusiliers were also open to the public. When the museum moved to London the displays were closed but they have now been completely redesigned. On display are regimental relics, mess silver, flags, uniforms, booty and gallantry awards. Many of the exhibits have come from the old comrades and regimental associations which continue to keep the spirit of the regiments alive.

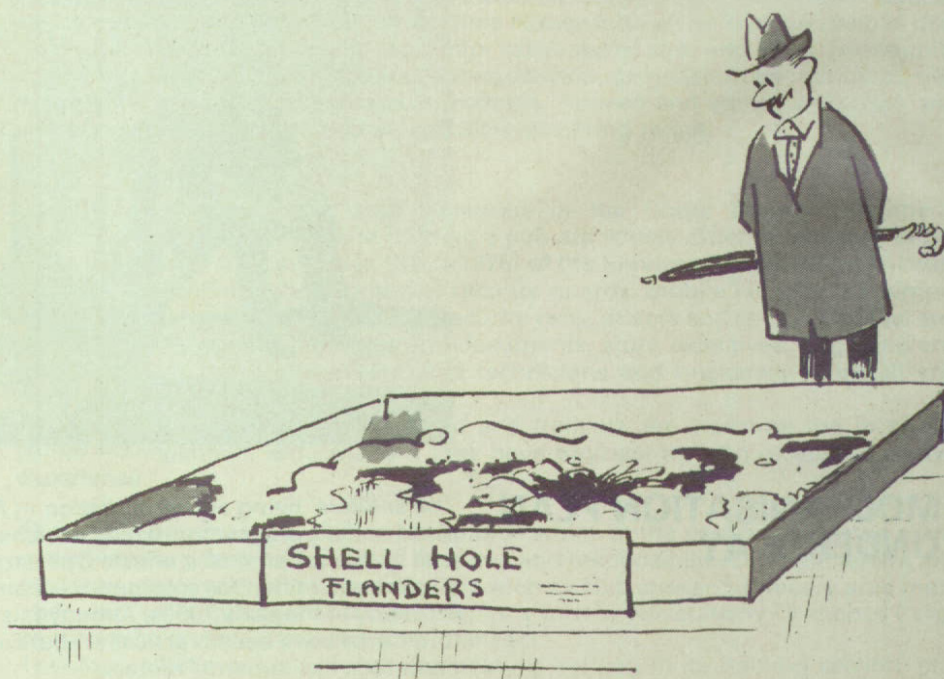
DISPLAY MAN WANTED

The Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association is looking for the voluntary services of a display manager to promote the association at Service events next summer.

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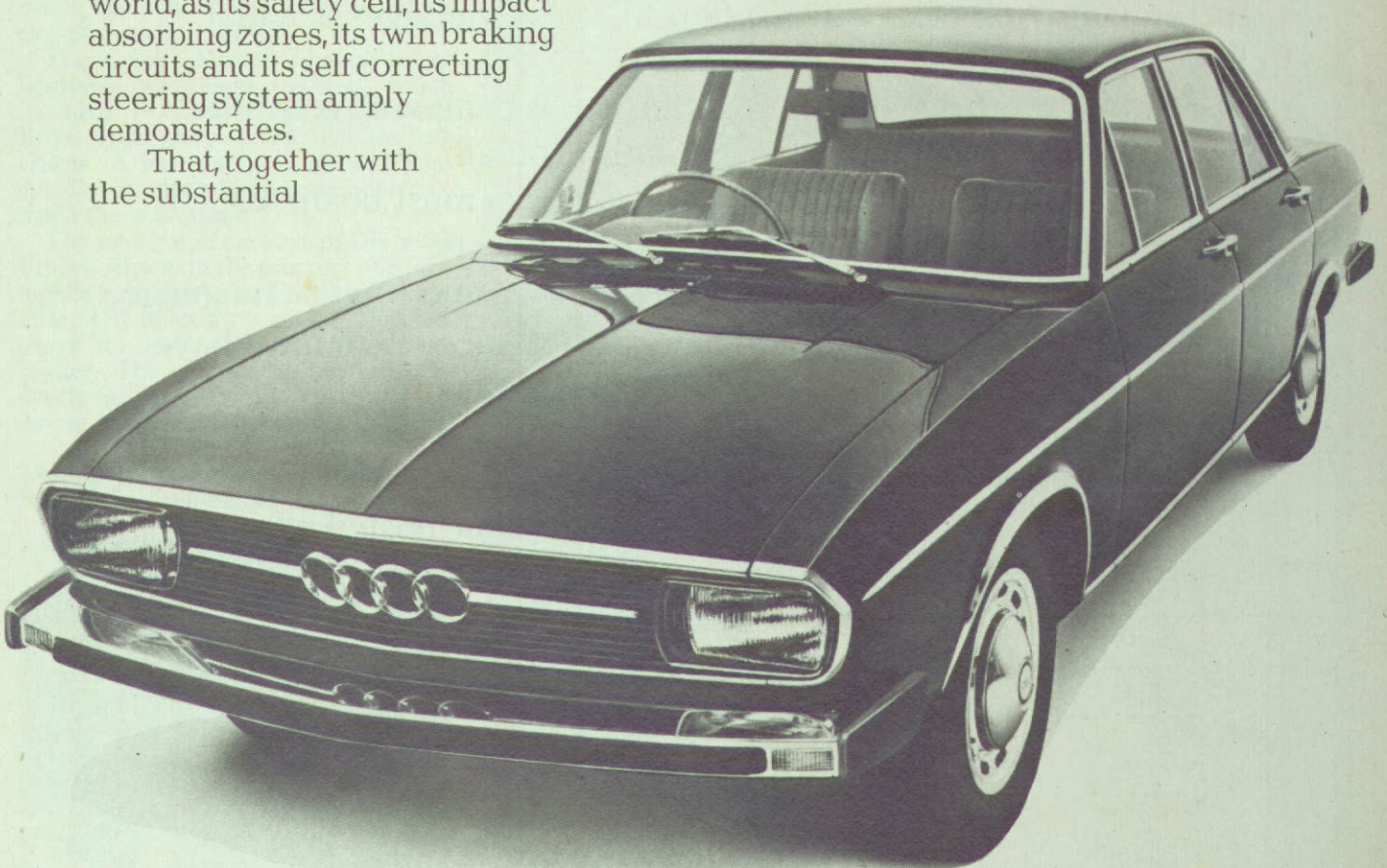
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In Hannibal's
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Exercise Jumbo's Trek

THE Royal Corps of Transport can call on any number of vehicles for their work. But for adventure training Exercise Jumbo's Trek it was back to Shanks's pony for an Alpine march along the route Hannibal and his elephants took in 218 BC.

The Corps' Aldershot-based Depot Regiment sponsored the trek which included 19 soldiers and a Woman's Royal Army Corps driver, Private Jane Cairns. A base party of six with four vehicles supported the remainder who made the walk itself.

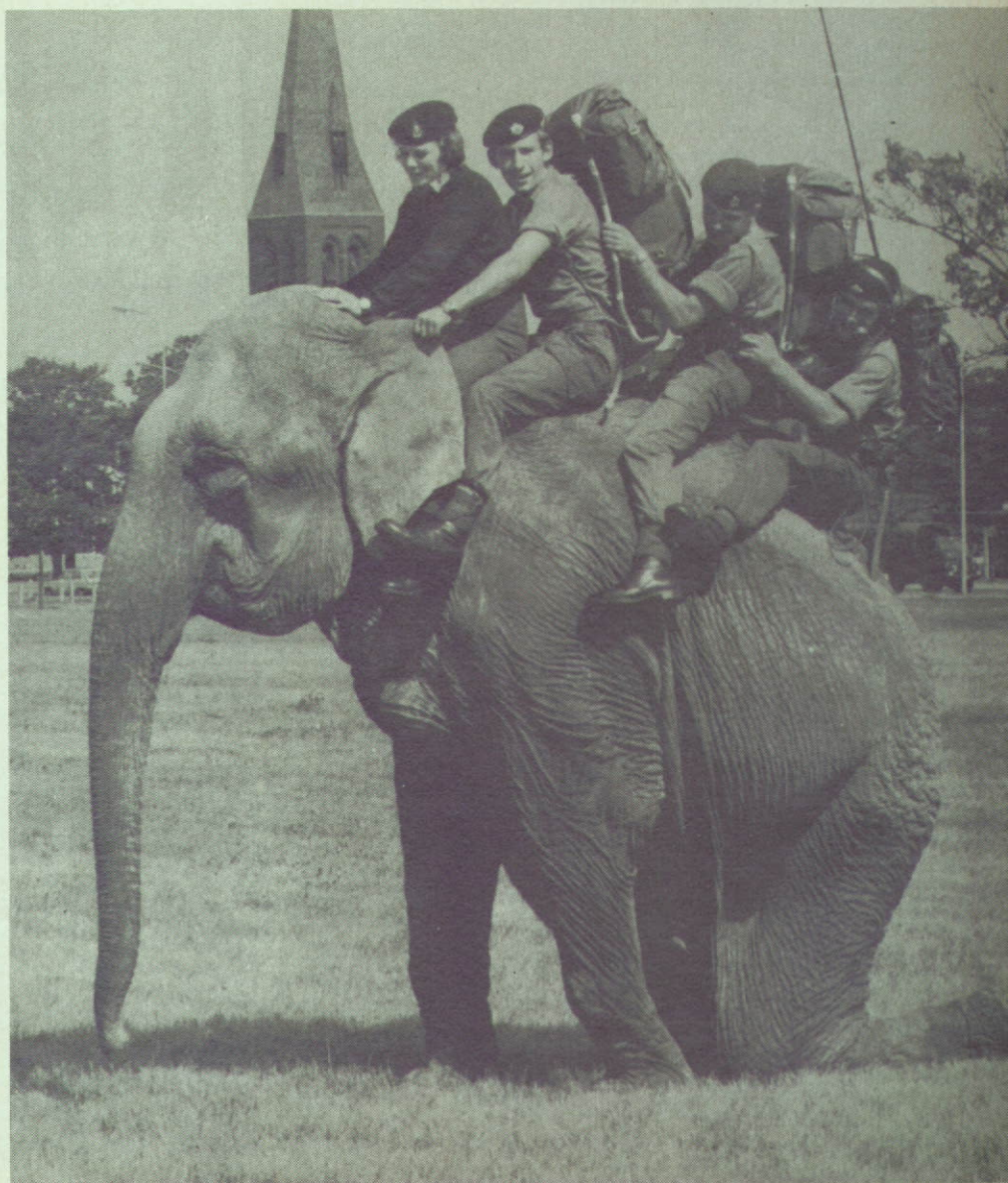
The start was in the town of Die in the French Alps with the prospect of a fortnight's hard slog to the Col de la Traversette, 170 miles away and 10,000 feet above sea level, on the French/Italian border. The walkers moved independently for three day periods with a rest day in between each stretch, and at all

Lieut Boyle and Lance Corporal Alan Hodgkins at well-named half-way stage.



Above: The sun beats down on scorched limbs as the party pauses on the way.

Below: Birma, from Windsor Safari Park, showed how Hannibal did it.





times radio contact was maintained with the base party.

Expedition leader Lieutenant Gerry Boyle said: "The crippling factor throughout the walk was the heat. Each person was carrying about 40lbs. Mid-day temperatures in the area were around the upper 90s. The distance covered each day varied between 12 and 32 kilometres depending on conditions."

The climb up the Col de la Traversette was the hardest part of the walk. It involved a rise of 4500 feet across very loose shale and rock—as exhausting a surface to scramble up as any. There were also four snow fields to cross.

Historical note: the soldiers of the seventies were following in the footsteps of some 20,000 foot and 6000 cavalry troops which Hannibal took with him along with his famous elephants in 218 BC. After crossing the Alps he defeated the Romans in successive battles, notably at Cannae, but was finally routed himself at Zama by Scipio. He later poisoned himself.

Lance-Corporal Tim Pitcher of 23 Para Field Ambulance kept busy on blisters.



Pause for a picture. The "smile please" walking party shown just below the Col de la Traversette. Lieutenant Boyle is kneeling in the centre of the group.



Above: The expedition's send-off from Buller Barracks by the Corps of Drums.

Below: Grim looking village name at the start of the journey did not deter them.



Army Cooks Whip the Cream

Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

With some of the toughest soldiers in the Army competing in the 15th annual Cambrian March over 70 miles of rough terrain in mid-Wales, it was the team from the Training Battalion and Depot, Army Catering Corps, Aldershot, which carried off first prize.

Among the 23 teams were six from The Parachute Regiment, two from the Royal Marines and one from the Netherlands Marine Corps. As well as marching up and down 2000-foot peaks, the nine-man teams had to cope with ambushes, day and night shoots, water crossings and a variety of other tests of military skill.

After four days' hard slogging, the contest ended with a ten-mile speed march to the finish at Sennybridge. Fourteen teams entered for the full 70-mile course with the remainder, from reserve units, joining at the half-way point for just two days. Winners of the two-day event were men from B Company, 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.



Above: A Parachute Regiment team sets off again after checking in at an RV.

Below: A kit check for marines. All the walkers had to carry a load throughout.

Below: Walkers from a Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve unit on short course.





Above: One of the military tests was a vehicle check-point teams made en route.

Below: The Army Catering Corps winners striding out in the sun on day three.



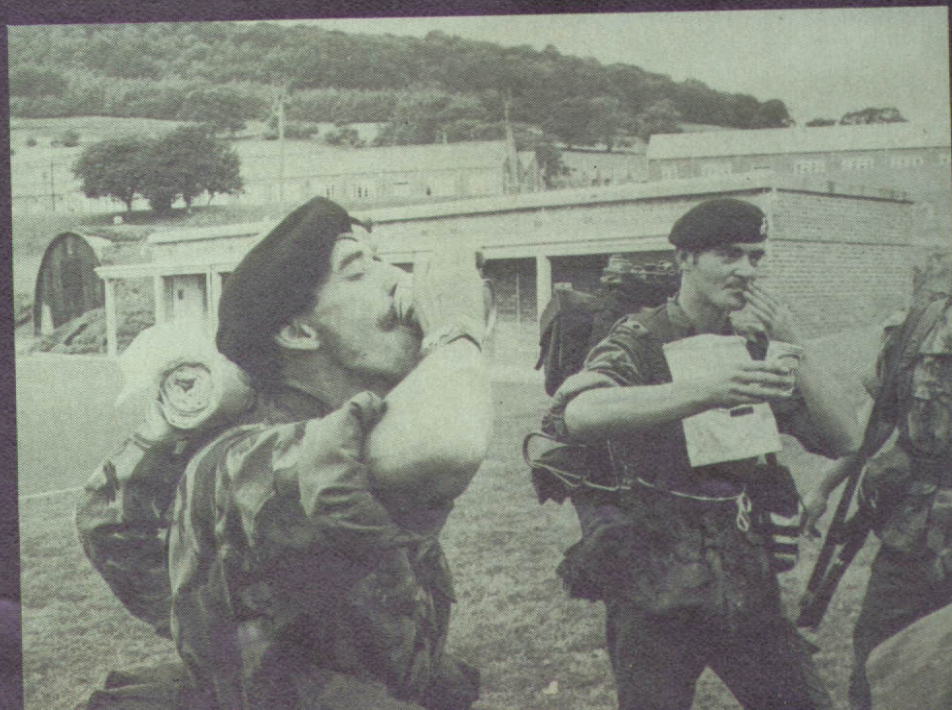
Above: Throbbing feet get a rest from plodding over Welsh hills and valleys.



Below: General Sir Roland Gibbs presents the winners' trophy to Army cooks.

Below: There was a long, long trail awinding before a welcome cold beer.

Above: Exhaustion overtook this young soldier on the gruelling mountain trek.



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Horse trials caught by twist wind and water

TORRENTIAL rain and gale-force wind threatened to wash out the Army one-day horse trials at Sandhurst as the stewards met to consider cancelling the event in the teeth of an autumn storm.

But with the dressage tests completed and competitors well into the cross-country and show jumping events, they decided to press on. This made for an even more severe test of horses and riders than usual in a competition already designed to stretch endurance to the limits under normal conditions.

Eventing, more often seen by the public in its three-day form, contains the three elements balanced to produce competitive trials for both animals and humans. Dressage demands a show of strict obedience. The cross-country course tests courage and ability to gallop over open land and jump a wide variety of natural and solid obstacles. The show jumping course, of medium difficulty, then tests the horse's stamina to make yet more physical effort once again within the framework of an obedience discipline. All this demands good all-round horsemanship from the riders.

And all this is packed into one day for the Army trials, with the exception of one novice class which began on the previous afternoon.

Men of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, who had built the courses and set up the virtually empty stands for the rain-soaked day were kept busy reconstructing fences in the show jumping arena as squalls scattered heavy poles and planks like matchwood.

The aptly named Windrush III saw the ninth of the ten fences blown down just before he took off and—like many other competitors—had the unsettling

necessity to circle the arena while repairs were made. Another competitor had the unnerving experience of seeing five of the fences blown down at once as she started her round. But despite the atrocious conditions, all classes were completed and results were: Novice section D: 1st Split Second, owned by Mrs C E Brazell, ridden by Miss D Branch, 2nd Dick Ody owned and ridden by Mrs C A Hart, 3rd Cheeky Lady owned by M Dare, ridden by Miss J Atkinson. Novice military: 1st Zing, owned by the Household Cavalry, ridden by SCM Varley, 2nd Peccadillo, owned and ridden by Major P V Hervey 15th/19th Hussars, 3rd Zion II owned by the Household Cavalry, ridden by CoH McGregor. Novice section A: 1st Scooby owned and ridden by Miss C Davies, 2nd Lord Lawman owned and ridden by J Sieff, 3rd Regal Rupert owned and ridden by Miss E Farnes. Novice section B: 1st Ludney Hill owned by R Brake, ridden by A Brake, 2nd Harmony owned by Hon Mrs D M Trustram Eve, ridden by Mrs H Manuel, 3rd Pookeen owned by Colonel R C T Sivewright, ridden by Miss S Sivewright. Novice Section C: 1st Rare Edition owned and ridden by Miss D Brands, 2nd Miracle II owned and ridden by Miss E Pawelska, 3rd Micky Finn II owned by C J Wood, ridden by M Thomas. Intermediate section A: 1st Eastern Promise owned by Mr and Mrs R Norris, ridden by Captain M Wallace, 2nd Gay Endeavour owned and ridden by Miss N Stephens, 3rd Robinson owned by Miss O Matthey, ridden by A Mullins. Intermediate section B: 1st Warrior owned by J Shedden, ridden by Mrs S Michael, 2nd Viceroy owned by P Carpmal, ridden by D Kear, 3rd Waterford Lad (Mrs S S W Salmond), ridden by Miss V Salmond.

Training the key to better orienteering

AN Army team of orienteers who visited Sweden to take part in that country's Army championships discovered that training and still more training is the key to making an effective challenge against the Scandinavian masters.

The team concluded on its return that at least four days of training must take place in Sweden before the event. And the team must be selected from the very best our Army has to offer well in advance. It was too late—after the championships—that the British discovered the benefit of training in forests near the competition area.

But some creditable performances were recorded by the British visitors and useful contacts cemented with Swedish orienteers, who hope to come to England next year before the world championships due to be held here in 1976.

The British team was: Captain P Armstrong RE, Lieutenant E Grimshaw R Irish, Captain C J Hurran RE, Corporal T Lillicrap RE, Capt J MacCarthy-Morrogh R Irish, Captain M G Roach RCT (team captain). Team performances—night event (28 starters): 4th Hurran (57.17), 5th M-Morrogh (60.14), 8th Roach (63.04), 10th Armstrong (68.07), 13th Grimshaw (120.27), Lillicrap retired. Relay event (25 teams): 5th UK Army (186.15), 18th BAOR (282.2). Individual event (118 starters): 72nd M-Morrogh (136.09), 82nd Hurran (150.13), 86th Lillicrap (158.28).

Hang on in there . . .

THE sport of hang gliding, which is still in its infancy in the United Kingdom, has been demonstrated for the first time in Cyprus by men of 48 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, during a visit to the island on exercise.

The glider pictured is a Hiway 240—the figure referring to the square footage of nylon which goes into the triangular “wing.” Technically, the gliders are called Rogallo wings after their American inventor.

Pilots literally hang beneath the wing in a harness and, after launching themselves into the air from high ground, they steer the aircraft by shifting their body weight beneath the wing.

Although it sounds simple, it is no sport to dash into without proper training. The biggest danger is that the glider can be stalled at low altitude and inexperienced pilots have been killed or injured in these early days of this fast-growing pastime.



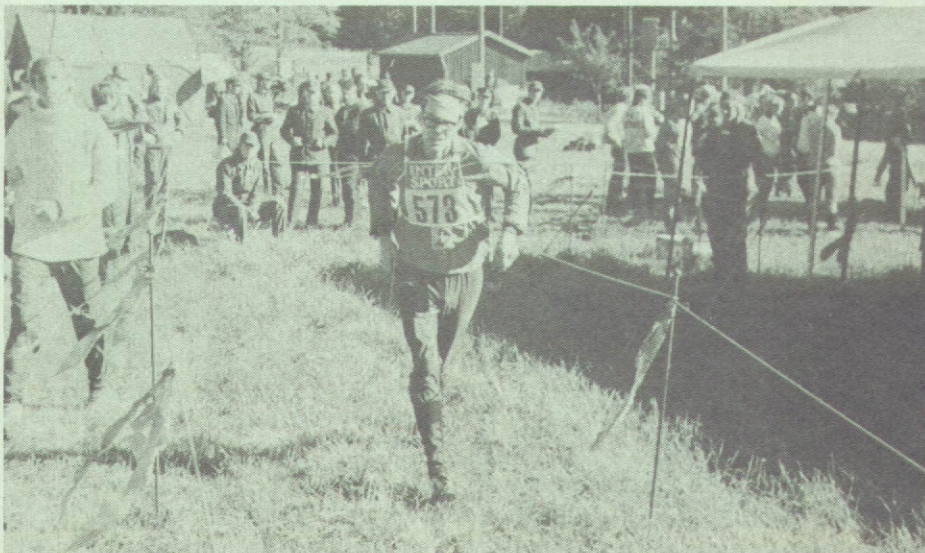
Right: By transferring his weight in a harness, the pilot is able to steer to quite a high degree of accuracy with a wing.



Above: Some of the ample selection of equipment at Catterick and (right) an enthusiast putting it to some good use.



Below: Capt Mike Roach finishing the relay leg of the orienteering match he and a British team entered in Sweden.



The ski's the limit

WINTER sport season has started once more and ski-ers are turning their attentions to the dry ski slopes to be found in this country—not least of which are the Army's facilities (see **SOLDIER**, March 1975).

The Catterick ski slope has a series of courses on offer for both Service and civilian ski-ers and brochures can be obtained from the slope at Loos Road, Catterick Garrison.

The matting surface at Catterick is made by Ski Mat Ltd and is comparable to a very firm piste. There is a main slope 52 feet wide and 137 feet long plus a nursery slope 32 feet wide and 42 feet long. A continental tow takes skiers to the top of the main slope.

There is enough equipment, including skis, plate bindings, clip-on boots and sticks, to cater for ski-ers from the age of seven upwards. An Après Ski bar and changing rooms are also on the premises.

Sports Shorts

SOCCER

This month sees a classic clash on a pitch at Sandhurst between the cream of the Army's junior soldiers and the all-officer Crusaders XI which has been making a determined effort to improve its record. The Army youth team, for its part, has made a bold impression on the forces' soccer scene in the last two seasons and bodes well for the future of Army senior sides.

Army trials have already been held, but if any unit has a soccer star in the making, it should contact the Army Football Association. In games so far this season, Farnborough Town beat an Army XI 4-1 and a weakened side drew 1-1 with Carshalton and 2-2 with Basingstoke. The side missed the services of five of its top players touring Trinidad and Tobago with the Combined Services team. The Army youth team looks promising again and beat a Guards XI 4-1. But a very strong Queen's Park Rangers youth side crashed in 4 goals to 0 in their match.

SHOOTING

The inter-Services long-range small-bore rifle championships were fired at Ash ranges, Surrey, in a weekend event. Practice facilities at 50 and 100 yards were available on the Friday. The weather was fine but cool on the Saturday and rain held off until after the day's shooting programme. But it rained all day on the Sunday. Despite very unpleasant conditions the programme was completed. The inter-Services championship was decided on the aggregate of the long-range match and 50 metre match. The winners were the Regular Army. The Police Athletic Association took part in the meeting. They were not eligible to compete in the inter-Service matches but fired in a private contest against the Regular Army who completed a memorable weekend by winning the prone, standing and kneeling match and the prone match. Full results. Individual match: 1st Cpl B J War-

wick RE (789 points), 2nd RSM M C E Gosling RAOC (783), 3rd Flt-Lieut C J Hockley RAF (781). Army v Police AA: 1st Regular Army (16282), 2nd Police AA (16179). PS & K match: 1st Regular Army (3133), 2nd RN (3091), 3rd RAF (2677). IS LR match: 1st Regular Army "A" (4654), 2nd RAF "A" (4632), 3rd Regular Army "B" (4608). 50 metre match: 1st Regular Army "A" (3518), 2nd RAF "A" (3506), 3rd Regular Army "B" (3502). IS long-range championship: 1st (Gilbert Trophy) Regular Army (8172), 2nd RAF (8138), 3rd RN (8065), 4th TAVR (8052). Reserve forces match: 1st TAVR (4586), 2nd RNR (4542).

BASKETBALL

The Army beat Slough 78-48 in a match at the Army Catering Corps Apprentices College, Aldershot.

PENTATHLON

Despite being denied a first, the Army dominated the top placings in the British junior modern pentathlon championships. Results: 2nd 2/Lieut P A Wall (RE) 5110 points, 3rd 2/Lieut M Mumford (RMAS) 5064, 4th Cfn G A Woodall (REME) 5014, 9th 2/Lieut P W K Tolfree (QOH) 4398. Team placings: 2nd Army (15188 points).

The Army dominated the British senior championships at Guildford although star performer Sergeant Jim Fox, REME, had to be satisfied with second place this time with 5167 points. But the team first went to the Army with a total of 14784 points. Other individual Army placings (points in brackets): 3rd SSI P J Brierley APTC (4954), 5th 2/Lieut M Mumford RE (4718), 7th Cpl S Birley REME (4663), 14th Cfn G A Woodall REME (4262), 21st 2/Lieut P Wall RE (3729).

Inter-Services championships at RAF Halton: 1st Army (15081 points), 2nd RN (12698), 3rd RAF (10876). Individual results: 1st Sgt J R Fox REME (5104), 2nd 2/Lieut P A Wall RE (4994), 3rd Cpl S Birley REME (4983). Metropolitan Police modern pentathlon championships, London: 1st Army (13422). Individual results: 1st SSI P J Brierley APTC (5068), 3rd 2/Lieut P W K Tolfree QOH (4782).

JUDO

The Army won both of two matches held against Northern Area British Judo Association, 4-3 and 5-3.

ATHLETICS

The Army Athletic Association has awarded the following standard certificates to its top athletes: Seniors, Grade 1: Cpl S Hall 10 Sig Regt (200 metres in 21.7secs), 2/Lieut C Van Rees RA Nottingham University (400 metres in 48 secs), Pte W Taylor 2 Bn R Anglian (400 metres in 48.1 secs), Lieut G A B Grant Depot Regt RA (800 metres in 1 mins 49.4secs), SI E Turner APTC 1 Trg Regt RE (3000 metres steeplechase in 9 mins 3.4 secs), Pte J R Hutchinson 23 Para Fd Amb RAMC (High jump 2 metres), 2/Lieut F R Antolik 2 Bn R Anglian (high jump 1.96 metres), WO1 N J Hart-Ives REME Sp Gp (javelin). Grade 2: Cpl E M Haniver 1 Bn R Anglian (400 metres in 49.4 secs), WO2 T Davies 7 Para Regt RHA (3000 metres steeplechase in 9 mins 15.2 secs), Cfm M D Morgan 9 Fd Wksp RE (110 metres hurdles in 15.3 secs), Pte Taylor (400 metres hurdles in 54.7 secs), Spr McKeown 36 Eng Regt (high jump 1.92 metres), Spr A Rose 36 Eng Regt (long jump 7.24 metres), Sgt T G Ratcliffe Gren Gds (discus 48.86 metres), Gnr D Maloney Depot Regt RA (discus 48.4 metres), WO2 D A Bayes 10 Fd Wksp RE (hammer 51.30 metres). Grade 3: A/T Cpl P W J Staynings AAC Harrogate (3000 metres steeplechase), SI S Harrison APTC Depot and Trg Bn ACC (1500 metres in 3 mins 53.8 secs), Lieut P C Hall REME RMCS (3000 metres steeplechase in 9 mins 45 secs), A/T D V H East AAC Harrogate (110 metres hurdles in 16.3 secs), L/Cpl A Hutchinson SG (3000 metres steeplechase in 9 mins 44.4 secs), Cpl Boyd 2 Bn R Anglian (400 metres hurdles in 56.9 secs), Lieut R C Leigh 15/19H Para Sqn RAC (high jump 1.82 metres), Sig Broome 7 Sig Regt (high jump 1.82 metres), L/Cpl C L Chinyou SEME REME (long jump 6.94 metres), Spr Houghton 36 Engr Regt (long jump 6.79 metres), Sgt P R Crib SEE REME (pole vault 4 metres), WO2 E W Percival 229 Sig Sqn (hammer 47.98 metres), Fus R E Mathews 2 Bn RRF (long jump 6.73 metres).

The following who achieved Grade 3 standard in 1974 and 1975 already hold the award certificate: Sgts C Dowie and J G Turvey 21 Sig Regt, Sgt I Haldane 7 Sig Regt, S/Sgt E W Ricketts 19 Fd Wksp REME, Capt E W Field 3 Bn R Anglian, Sgt D E Chappell HQ Int Corps Centre, L/Cpl P N Albany SEME REME. Juniors, Grade 1: A/T D V H East AAC Harrogate, (110 metres hurdles in 14.9 secs), L/Cpl D H Johnson 1RWF (110 metres hurdles in 15.3 secs). Grade 2: A/T Cpl P W J Staynings AAC Harrogate (2000 metres steeplechase in 6 mins 12.4 secs). Grade 3: A/T M N Atkinson AAC Chepstow (400 metres in 52.2 secs), A/T Cpl A J Wood AAC Arborfield (400 metres in 52.5 secs), A/T D Leech AAC Chepstow (800 metres in 2 mins 1.1 secs), A/T L/Cpl K S Dack AAC Chepstow (1500 metres in 4 mins 6.8 secs and 2000 metres steeplechase in 6 mins 23.4 secs), A/T L/Cpl J P Warburn AAC Harrogate (2000 metres steeplechase in 6 mins 28.6 secs), A/T I A Kay AAC Chepstow (110 metres hurdles in 16.4 secs), A/T L/Cpl P G Stevenson AAC Harrogate (long jump 6.22 metres and triple jump 12.8 metres), A/T Sgt M C C Burns AAC Chepstow (long jump 6.22 metres and triple jump 12.78 metres), A/T C Marsden AAC Harrogate (triple jump 6.14 metres), Johnson (400 metres hurdles in 58.3 secs), A/T Sgt Williamson AAC Chepstow (high jump 1.73 metres), A/T Sgt E F Clark AAC Harrogate (high jump 1.73 metres), A/T Sgt Shellbrick ROAC App Coll, A/T Cpl P C May AAC Harrogate, A/T Brewitt AAC Chepstow (all high jump 1.70 metres), A/T Cpl D M Till AAC Arborfield (pole vault 3.30 metres), A/T D S Howarth AAC Chepstow (pole vault 3.20 metres), A/T D Chilton AAC Arborfield (shot 12.55 metres), A/T J M Britton AAC Arborfield (shot 12.45 metres), A/T Cpl D Hoal AAC Arborfield (javelin 46.16 metres), A/T L/Cpl R M Ham AAC Harrogate (javelin 47.34 metres), A/T Sgt S R Green AAC Harrogate (hammer 37.10 metres).

Women, Grade 1: Pte V A Head (shot 13.75 metres), Capt E Elliott (shot 13.22 metres). Grade 2: Pte B M Lewis (high jump 1.65 metres), Pte V S Head (discus 38.58 metres), Pte C Green (javelin 39.28 metres), all WRAC.

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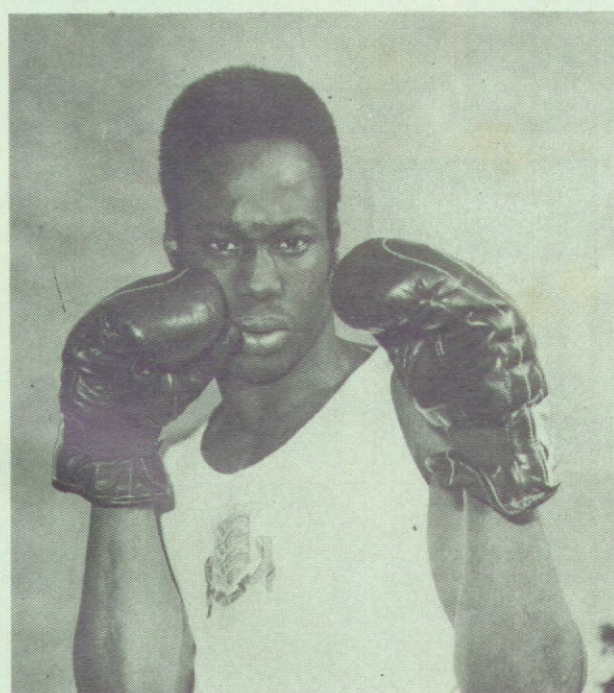
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Army bantamweight star Lance-Corporal Norman Phillip, 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, has been selected by the Amateur Boxing Association to represent the nation in an international match against the Hungarians in Miskolc this month in the 54 kilogramme division. He very narrowly missed the ABA bantamweight crown in last season's finals.

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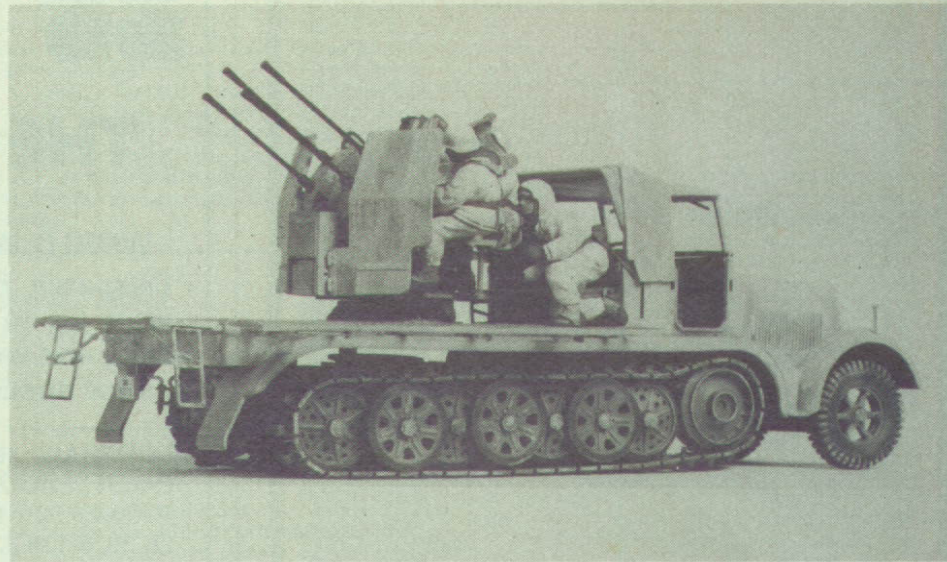
LIKE birds of prey the RAF Tempests swooped out of the sun. Down, down on to the airfield at Schwerin. The ground was suddenly lit up with dazzling flashes and masked with puffs of smoke. And the Tempests screamed headlong into a mincing machine of concentrated flak.

Pierre Clostermann, Free French air ace serving with the Royal Air Force, described the experience in his book *The Big Show*: "My heart leaped to my mouth. I was covered with sweat, with sticky clammy sweat. My clenched toes swam in my boots. We dived desperately into the smoke . . . explosions and tracer to the left and right crossing over and under us . . . bangs round our wings and sinister flashes."

In an attack that lasted less than a minute, two Messerschmitts and five Arados had been destroyed on the ground, but only Clostermann and one other survived out of eight Tempests.

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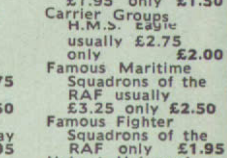
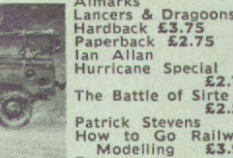
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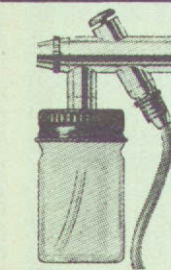
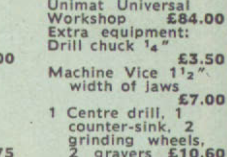
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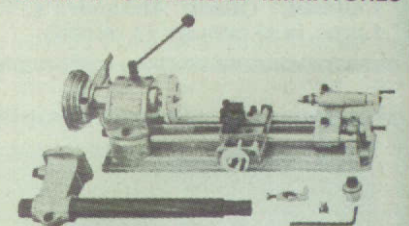
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Below: High above the dockyard troops and the local firemen fight the blaze.



Above: Provost corporal fire instructor watches as water comes spurting out.

Below: Green Jackets and Admiralty Fire Service men working side by side.



HIGH on the Rock of Gibraltar someone tossed away a cigarette end. It smouldered away among the green but tinder-dry gorse and scrub. Suddenly flames began to spread from bush to bush and within minutes the whole hillside was ablaze.

Gibraltar firefighters, ever alert to the fire hazard, which can spread rapidly down the rocky slopes to densely packed housing areas, were soon on the scene. And a call went out to another group of men whose firefighting experience was practically nil but who were soon to be put to the test—the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, only recently arrived as resident infantry battalion.

For several hours the soldiers toiled up the steep slopes, laying hoses for the firemen. Often the rock was so difficult to climb that they had to hang on by fingers and toes. Meanwhile other soldiers armed with flails were attempting to beat out the fire at its edges and prevent it from spreading. After about four hours the fire was finally under control but for the next 24 hours Green Jackets remained on the hillside watching for any possible re-occurrence.

The Green Jackets had not even had time for a Rock fire practice before they were called in to deal with the real thing. But Assistant Chief Fire Officer Alf Spittle, of the Admiralty Fire Service, Gibraltar, told **SOLDIER**: "They performed very well considering they had only just arrived and were not really *au fait* with the Rock situation."

The heat of the fire was intense and there were problems with water pressure—too much could have started a landslide onto houses below. And from time to time rocks exploded with the heat. Said an Ulster veteran: "This is our life. If you are not dodging bullets you are dodging lumps of rock."

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Chevrons Club Closes



THE elegant Georgian doors of the Chevrons Club for non-commissioned officers in London's Dorset Square have closed for ever. After nearly 60 years as the West End club for corporals and above and their equivalent ranks in all three Services of Britain and the Commonwealth — plus NATO in recent years — the Chevrons has finally been forced out of business.

The club's chairman, Mr Edward Terrell (73) commented sadly: "War and bombing and fire have not killed the Chevrons. Inflation has." There are still several thousand members and Mr Terrell told **SOLDIER** they will be transferred to the Union Jack Club which is for all ranks except officers. But he added ruefully: "The NCO wants his own mess and I don't think the Union Jack can cope with that."

Clearly Mr Terrell took the Chevron's closure on 15 September as a personal loss — understandably so after 32 years on its board of management, mostly as chairman. It was he who negotiated the purchase of the Dorset Square premises in 1951 (see **SOLDIER** April 1969) at a lower price than expected when other bidders withdrew in deference on hearing the proposed use of the building as the Chevrons Club.

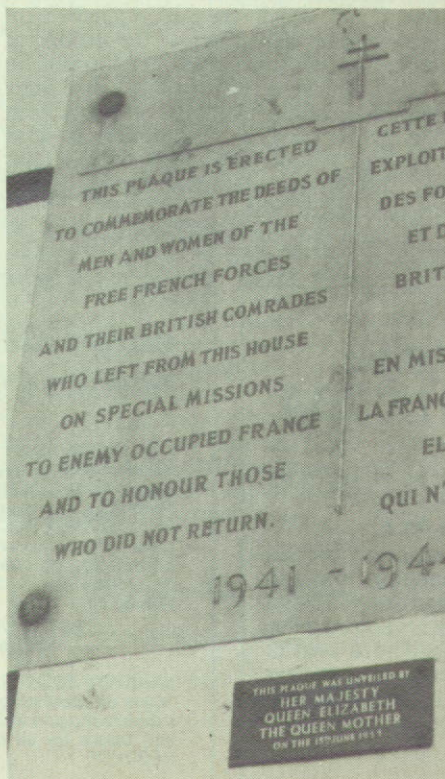
Now Mr Terrell — a Queen's Counsel and the Recorder of Newbury from 1935 to 1971 — has to oversee the sale of the premises. The bulk of the proceeds will pay off the club's commitments and any remainder will go to swell the coffers of the Services' non-public funds.

The club was founded in 1918 as a residential club for serving and ex-serving NCOs in Pimlico. It was bombed out in World War 2 and moved to a temporary home in Chelsea and later to a larger building in South Kensington. In 1951 came the move to Dorset Square where some 100 people could be

accommodated overnight. Some double rooms were for married couples.

Dorset Square offered a ballroom, bar, television lounge and billiard room and was just five minutes walk from Regent's Park and 15 from West End shops and theatreland.

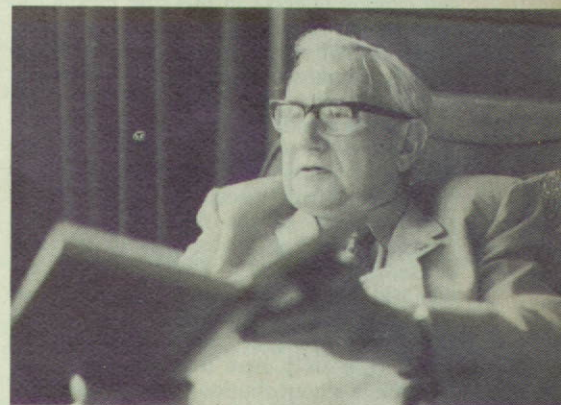
At the time of its closure membership of the club cost a serving NCO 55 pence a year with £2.50 for an ex-Serviceman. Bed and breakfast for one was £3 and for a couple £6.60. A far cry from the one shilling charged for an overnight stop in 1918. "This was a unique club and there will be nothing like it ever again," concluded Mr Terrell, "Its passing is a national loss and it can never be replaced".



The Queen, as patron of the Chevrons Club, paying a visit in the year 1968.



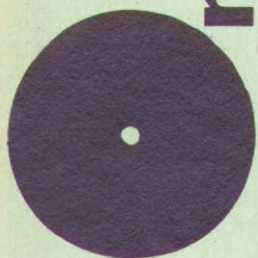
The chairman of the club, in his house in Hampstead, recalls the club's past.



Left: Part of the international flavour of the Chevrons Club commemorated.

Below: The spacious club lounge where members have relaxed in great comfort.





"1812" (Band of HM Royal Marines (Royal Marines School of Music)) (Conductor: Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Neville) (Studio 2 Stereo TWOX 1035)

It will take Colonel Neville and his colleagues time to live down the blurb enclosed with this record. This claims it to be the first recording of "1812" by a military band! "With bells and cannon effects" in this case means less than usual, some places being positively bereft of them where expected. Never mind. Here is yet another 1812 for your collection (to join the other 14 in the past six years) and in addition a series of popular short items.

Albert Elms and Ray Woodfield supply their usual quota of attractive arrangements on Royal Marine discs, the former with a patrol version of the themes from TV's "Sutherland's Law," originally to be found in Hamish McCunn's "Land of the Mountain and the Flood," and a piece featuring trumpets called "Trumpets, Sound!" I think Mr Elms will regret having wasted such a useful title on a mere trumpet galop. Ray Woodfield's contributions are a straightforward setting of "The Guns of Navarone" and the over-recorded "Galloping Home." Gershon Kingsley's "Popcorn," Mancini's "Swing March" and Frank Perkins's "Fandango" have appeared elsewhere in recent months but are always worth a hearing when played as well as here.

A fine idea by the conductor was to juxtapose two of Prokofiev's little travel pieces, "Train Ride" and "Troika." A pity he used Harold Walters's arrangement of "Troika" which excludes all the composer's original

harmonic piquances and leaves us with an item fit only for American high school bands, for which it was emasculated. I'll lend PN an arrangement by RB if he should ever record it!

RB

"Music from Tidworth Tattoo 1975" (Director of Music: Captain C V Wright) (Band of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards; Rhine Staff Band, Royal Tank Regiment; Royal Artillery Mounted Band, Band of 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment; Band, Drums and Bugles of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Band, Pipes, Bugles and Drums of 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers; Band of 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; Band of 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Band and Drums of 1st Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment; Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas and Bugles of 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkhas) (Lismor LILP 5023).

As a varied programme, to be listened to as such, the music for the tattoo comes off much better than is usually the case. A good deal of jiggery-pokery has gone into the making of the disc, but all for the good. The atmosphere is there, some of the music is new, some oldies are included for those who like what they know, and the drumming is at a minimum. For all this we have to thank Captain Cliff Wright who chose the music and arranged much of it.

Fanfares and bugle calls herald the massed bands with "Sambre et Meuse," Keith's

"The King's Guard" and two new trumpet marches by David Shearn, "Le Cheval Royal" and "Cheval de Fer." "Luftwaffe March," "Step Lightly" and "Punjaub" bring side one to a close.

After Captain T Kenny's effective fanfare "The Gunner" we have a medley of war-time tunes, "Marching Memories," where I think the inclusion of "Siegfried Line" was in poor taste for any German tourist at the tattoo. "Killaloe," with its great shout, always goes down well, and "Minstrel Boy" has a quaint charm on pipes and band. The finale begins with the minuet from "Music for the Royal Fireworks," specially dressed up for the occasion with a fanfare and trumpets to the fore, followed by "Cavalry Last Post and Evening Hymn" in Captain Wright's very effective setting. March off is to "Liberty Bell" and as the troops faded from the scene I found (or did I dream it?) that for once I had listened to every note of a tattoo record. Well, nearly.

RB

The Royal Artillery Band (Director of Music: Major Robert Quinn) (Rediffusion Gold Star 15-26 Stereo)

My heart sank at the thought of what might be to come when I saw yet another "633 Squadron" heading the list of music on this disc, but things improved considerably as I read on. Nothing else is overdone and several items were new to me.

So from the Gunners Band (SE 18), as a certain sapper insists on calling them, you have a dozen tuneful items that require no effort of concentration at all. "Waggery for Woodwinds" and "Instant Concert" are from our old friend Harold Walters, the latter being in the form of the once-popular musical switch, so you can amuse yourself identifying all the tunes. Cornets and trombones are featured in "Three of a Kind" and "Trombola" respectively while "A Tune a Day," "Romance in Rio," a terrible arrangement of "Viva España," and "Can can for Band" make up the remainder of the non-marching music.

In march time are "March of the Space Cadets" which utilises Colonel Bogey's motto theme for some reason unknown to me, a march by Major Quinn himself called "The Young Gunner" (he is also responsible for the training of all junior musicians of the regiment), and a medley of marches by Richard Rodgers. This composer, among his famous musicals, has dotted some fine marching tunes and here Robert Farnon has arranged "The Valiant Years," "The Siamese Children" (from "The King and I"), "Cinderella March," "The Great Adventure" and "Guadalcanal." They hardly come out as marches in this version but the tunes are memorable.

RB

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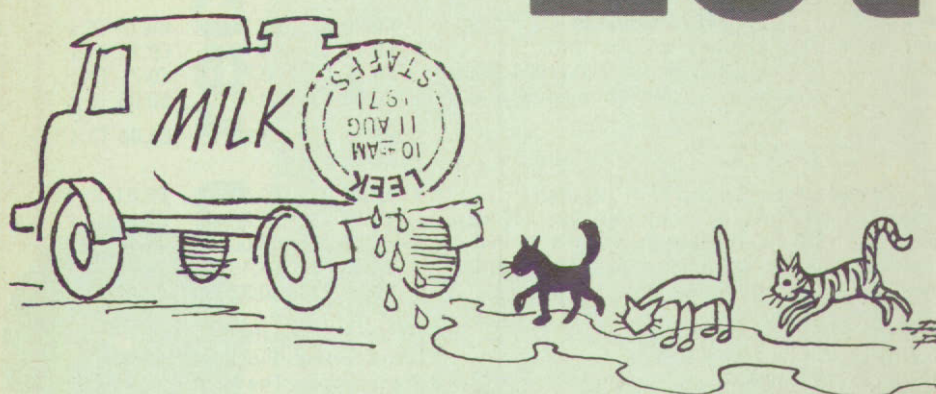
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Whose silver?

I wonder can any reader of SOLDIER help us trace various items of military silver loaned to this mess many years ago by formations and regiments which are now probably disbanded. The largest item is an 18-inch silver amphora engraved "The Kolar Inter-divisional Cup presented by Kolar Goldfield (India Battalion) originally the Viceroy's Cup." The cup was presented annually from 1950 as a shooting trophy. On the reverse of the cup is the list of formations which won it and the final entry was 54 (East Anglia) Div, which was of course the old Eastern District. In addition to this cup we would also like to trace the owners of five silver tankards which are engraved respectively "Ipoh 1959," "Tilley," "Turf Club," "Penang" and "Singapore." — **Lieut-Col TA Sanderson, PMC HQ Eastern District Officers Mess, Abbey House,**

St John's Green, Colchester, Essex.

Forward, ladies!

I have just completed 21 years with the TA/TAVR after having served in both the ATS and the WRAC. I wonder if this is a record for a member of the women's services. — **Sgt W S Sanders, Flat 1, Field House, Wylds Lane, Worcester.**

Blackened badges

Many units of the armed services wear blackened cap badges while serving in Northern Ireland ie Light Infantry, Royal Green Jackets and the RAF Regiment. As a collector of badges from 1914 to the present day I wish to portray and acknowledge accurately the part played by our troops in the province and would be grateful if any reader could help me with information on other units

which wore or are wearing blackened cap badges. — **R Thompson, Montana, 18 York Road, Strensal, York, YO3 8UB.**

21 today

I am researching material for a book entitled "21 Today" and wonder if any reader who came of age at 21 years old can let me know of their experiences, however small or insignificant they may seem. — **Mrs Hazel M Wheeler, 58 Greenhead Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 8EB.**

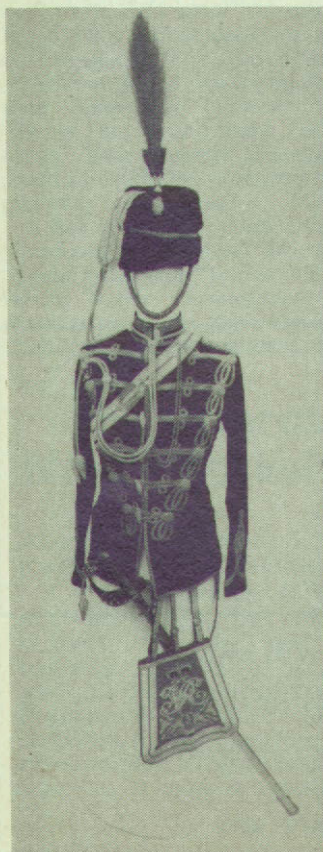
Canal Zone veterans

I agree with the statement by Mr M T Hobson (Letters, Sep) that perhaps it is now time to consider those who were casualties in the Canal Zone. I think the best way we could do that would be to form a Canal Zone veterans association. I

am quite sure there are enough of us, who feel as strongly as he does, to form a strong association. Perhaps there is a veteran among SOLDIER readers who would like to form this association. — **A Ingram, 3 Falmer Gardens, Woodingdean, Brighton, Sussex.**

Prisoners' post

As a member of the Forces Postal History Society I am making a study of mail to and from prisoners in the two world wars and the Korean War. I would welcome envelopes (not the actual letters), postcards, including the "I am well" type, air letters, telegrams, parcel receipts, Red Cross letters, notification of imprisonment radio messages etc. — **R E Hurst, Army School of Languages, RAEC Centre, Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks.**



By auction

The uniform of a Victorian officer of the 4th Hussars was sold for £620 at auction by Messrs Wallis & Wallis, of Lewes, Sussex. The uniform comprised a fur busby with yellow bag and scarlet plume, full-dress bullion frogged tunic, striped overalls, boots, spurs and full-dress sabretache complete with rainproof cover. At the same auction a 19th century long-tailed scarlet coat with blue facings, of the 1st Royal Veterans, realised £90; a Georgian drum bearing the badge of The Renfrewshire Local Militia was sold for £75. The National Army Museum bought for £170 an officer's full-dress bullion, embroidered sabretache of the North Somerset Yeomanry.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY EXHIBITION

A special exhibition opens at the National Army Museum on 14 November and is due to last for four months. It will tell the story of The Life Guards from 1661 and the development of the Horse Guards building. Although based on the superb collection of prints bequeathed to the museum by the first Baron Fairhaven, the display will by no means be purely one-dimensional but will include weapons, uniform, silver kettle drums and relics of great soldiers. Models of Chieftain and Scorpion tanks and excerpts from the film "Battle Royal" will illustrate the regiment's modern role.

A model of the Horse Guards as it is today makes an interesting point of comparison with illustrations of the building designed in 1748. A re-creation of the old office of the commander-in-chief will include the desk that Wellington used.

The exhibition will be open daily (except 24-26 December and 1 January) from 10am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday, and from 2pm to 5.30pm, Sunday. Admission is free.

How observant are you?

(see page 16)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Prow of tug. 2 Pattern of flower vase. 3 Cup handle. 4 Height of chair back. 5 Girl's right shoe. 6 Fold at bottom of curtain. 7 Girl's second finger of left hand. 8 Right foot of desk. 9 Letters on second drawer of filing cabinet. 10 Position of handle on bottom drawer of filing cabinet.

Competition

Two adversaries in battle were to be found in the July competition (205 — Battle lines). Behind the confused "battle lines" were to be found the names of Rommel and the Eighth Army. The secret was in the lines which sub-divided the rectangles. They consisted of \times + or — which as any schoolboy mathematician could tell you mean multiply, plus or minus. The resulting numbers then had to be changed to the corresponding letters of the alphabet and lo and behold the Grey Fox and Desert Rats appeared.

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Reunions

Battersea Army Cadets. Annual reunion, St Johns Hill, Saturday 15 November. Details from Capt J D McNeil, Drill Hall, 27 St Johns Hill, Clapham Junction, London SW11.

Boys Battery RA 1151-1157. Reunion dinner, HQ Sergeants Mess, Woolwich Garrison, 22 November. Details from Mr T C Holden, 6 Ingress Walk, Sholver 2, Moorside, Oldham, Lancs.

Middlesex Regiment. Field of Remembrance — assemble old Middlesex Guildhall 10.45 am, Saturday 8 November; Inglis Barracks, Mill Hill — assemble 10 am, Sunday 9 November. Details from Secretary, TAVR Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middlesex (tel 01-952 2625).

The Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association. 45th annual reunion, TAVR Centre, Forbes House, Score Lane, Liverpool, 21 November. Details from G L Girard, 141 Edge Lane Drive, Liverpool 16.

BOTHIES AWA'

Royal Naval engineering apprentices of HMS Caledonia, Rosyth, have demolished two shelters on the Cairngorms known as the Curran Bothy and St Valery Bothy. The framing of the bothies has been stored and that of the Curran is to be modified at HMS Caledonia and, it is hoped, re-erected at an agreed new site.

The St Valery bothy was built by men of 51st Highland Division in 1963. Unfortunately the lintel bearing the description was not moved, due to its weight. However it has not been forgotten and will be retrieved in the very near future.

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A LOAD of old codd's wallop is an accurate description of the latest craze at the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, Shorncliffe, and no-one would be insulted to hear it.

For the lads have taken to collecting bottles they dig up nearby and among their most treasured finds are those with glass marble stoppers patented in 1875 by Hiram Codd. Drinkers used to harder stuff than the mineral water contained in Hiram's ingenious pop bottles added the tap-room term for beer, wallop, to his name to deride the non-alcoholic beverages as "Codd's Wallop," meaning "rubbish."

The Bottle Club at Shorncliffe was formed at the beginning of this year and has built up a sizeable following since then. Club president, Junior Leader Lincoln, said: "Much of our work has been in the immediate vicinity of the camp in the 19th century Army dumps although we have visited places as far afield as Harrogate and Brighton. There were no corporation tips in those days and the Army simply threw waste over the cliff along the edge of our camp."

It is here that club members have discovered many bottles and pot lids which reveal interesting details of Army life at the end of the Victorian era. These finds vary in shape and shade and are proudly displayed in the club-house.

Pride of place goes to Mr Codd's creations which kept "fizz" in a drink by the gas pressure forcing the internal glass marble against a rubber ring in the neck. To pour out the liquid the glass marble was pressed down with a wooden cap and plunger and the marble was trapped behind two lugs pressed into the glass of the neck. Years ago small boys smashed the bottles to retrieve the marbles to play with.

Round-bottomed mineral bottles known as "Hamiltons" also abound on the club's display shelves. Junior Leader Lincoln explained: "These were not designed to stand upright but to lie in racks in order to keep their cork stoppers moist and swollen to retain the gas. Before Hamilton's invention the gas pressure inside the bottle tended to loosen corks when they dried out."

Most club members have found attractively designed pot lids too. The most common are from tooth-

A group of bottle diggers discuss their finds with Major J A Hunter.

paste and shaving cream jars. But one junior leader has found a highly decorated 19th century Army and Navy meat paste lid valued at some £10.

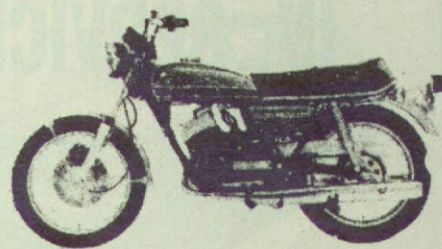
Some of the items collected have been sold at the battalion's summer fête to raise cash for the Army Benevolent Fund. They were astounded by the public response to the antique bargains which raised nearly £50 for charity in two hours.

It is worth pausing to think when throwing away empty bottles or jars. They may be collectors' items in a few years' time. Who would have thought that some "quack" medicine bottles are now fetching £60 and empty lemonade bottles can be worth £20?

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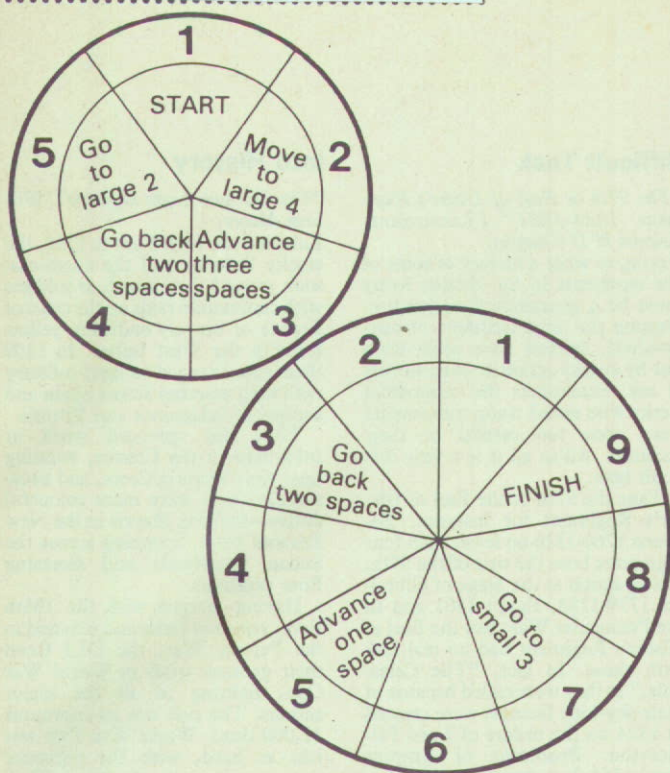
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"Gallipoli" (Eric Bush)

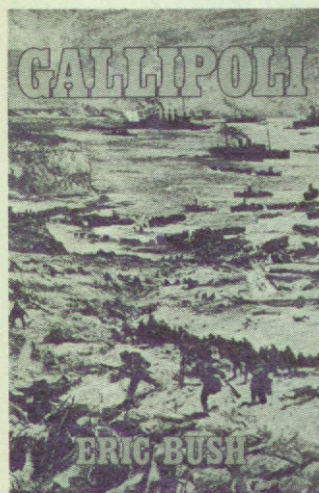
There must have been hundreds of volumes written by high and low on this sad but fascinating attempt by the British in World War One to puncture the bottom of Europe and make it bleed for the relief of France.

This book is different in several respects. It is probably the last—certainly the last by anyone who took part in the fighting. It is one of the best, judged by any standards. It is perhaps the most expensive—but we have inflation to blame for that. Its distinguished and gallant author was in charge of the picket boat of HMS Bacchante as a midshipman of 15, the youngest ever to receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Bogged down by the muddy stalemate that was France, allied leaders very nearly wholeheartedly backed the great Gallipoli sideshow—but never quite. Soldiers were sent, and always the very best, to see if Turkey could be broken—but the Turks were very stubborn. The Australian and New Zealand troops immortalised themselves on those rocky, hot, fly-infested beaches; individual deeds of daring by them and men in regiments like The Lancashire Fusiliers have gone down in the military lore of three nations.

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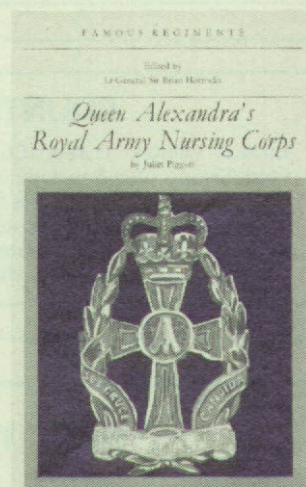


Guardian angels

"Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps" (Juliet Piggott)

The sufferings of the British soldiers in the Crimean War, so graphically described by Russell's articles in The Times, horrified the public. Sidney Herbert responded to the outcry by inviting a German-trained nurse, Florence Nightingale, to do what she could to help. Thus was born the well-known legend of "The Lady with the Lamp" at Scutari in 1854.

In actual fact there had been



nurses of a sort for centuries, mainly in religious orders, hence the term "Sister." Most military nursing however was done by the women of the regiment and throughout the 18th century they did what they could, in an unskilled fashion, on every battlefield from Flanders to North America.

Fortunately, Miss Nightingale's experiences had caught the imagination of the nation, especially Queen Victoria, and it was not long before various military hospitals were established. By 1884 military nurses were serving in Egypt and the Sudan. In fact, they were the first white women ever to have sailed up the Nile. The greatest challenge came in the Boer War in which thousands died from enteric fever. Some 1400 nurses went to South Africa in response to the need. In recognition of this service Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service was created in 1902.

Under the guidance of various strong-minded matrons-in-chief the QAs were ready for World War One. This was a new kind of war on a new kind of scale. Over 10,000 nurses tended men who had been injured in gas and air attacks or who were suffering from trench foot or shell shock. Casualties poured in from the bloody battles of the Marne, Ypres, Passchendaele, Loos and the Somme. Some nurses even served at Salonika, in Mesopotamia or even Russia.

In World War Two their service was even more extensive. QAs were dive-bombed in Tobruk, savagely treated by the Japanese at Singapore and Java, fought polio in bomb-ravaged Malta and cleared up the foul mess that the Nazis left at Belsen. Not surprisingly, in 1949, they became an integral part of the Army as Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

Since the war the QAs have been found all over the world, wherever Tommy Atkins has required care and attention from gentle hands—Suez, Malaya, Borneo and Jordan. It was only appropriate that the QAs received the freedom of Aldershot in 1973.

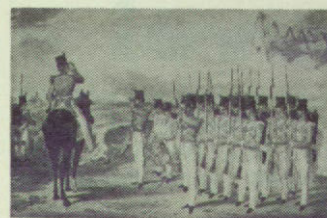
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Difficult Task

"The 97th or Earl of Ulster's Regiment 1824-1881" (Lieutenant-Colonel H D Chaplin)

Trying to write a history of some of the regiments in the British Army must be a genealogical nightmare. Despite the large numbers of men involved, records have often been lost by enemy action or even storms at sea. Sometimes the regimental clerks who noted troop movements were none too careful in their accounts. All in all it is a very difficult task.

Take the 97th or the Earl of Ulster's Regiment for instance. Between 1760-1816 no fewer than four regiments bore the title of the 97th, seeing action at the Siege of Gibraltar 1779-1783, Egypt 1801 and in the Peninsular War. But the Earl of Ulster's Regiment had no real link with these. In fact, "The Celestials," as they were called because of their sky-blue facings, were created in 1824 on the orders of Lord Palmerston. Problems of Empire demanded their presence abroad.



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Their first station, Ceylon, seems exotic, especially when one learns that they were located in picturesque Kandy. The fact of the matter is, as the mortality returns confirm, many men died from dysentery and even cholera. Indeed, disease was always a menace in the 19th century whether in the Ionian Islands, Jamaica or even Canada. The Crimea had the added danger of savage fighting and not surprisingly the regiment was employed in the Indian Mutiny.

The last campaign in which the 97th were involved was the first Boer War 1881. Shortly afterwards they found themselves a battalion in The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). As such their descendants amalgamated with The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) to form The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment, in 1961.

This is an interesting little volume showing just what can be done with dedicated research.

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Into History

"The Durham Light Infantry" (William Moore)

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They did splendid work at Inkerman in the Crimea, winning their first Victoria Cross, and occasionally there were more colourful duties—fighting Maoris in the New Zealand bush, tramping across the Sudan wastelands and storming Boer positions.

Having merged with the 106th Foot, raised in India and blooded in the Persian War, the DLI faced their greatest trials in World War One, fighting in all the major actions. The cost was an enormous 12,000 dead. World War Two was just as hard, with the regiment demonstrating its worth at Wadi Zigzaou, Primosole Bridge, Kohima, Tilly and Gheel. The postwar years saw the regiment in Korea, Germany, Aden, Cyprus and Borneo. Finally came merger with the Somersets, Shropshires and Yorkshires to form The Light Infantry. The "Geordies" of the DLI had marched into history.

This is a well-written addition to the "Famous Regiment" series. Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £4.50 AWH

Intelligence

"The Battle for Twelveland" (Charles Whiting)

Twelveland was the name which the British and American intelligence services gave to Hitler's Third Reich—and Mr Whiting presents a vivid account of their efforts to penetrate its secrets and vice versa. By and large he covers well-trodden ground—the Venlo incident, Herman Giskes's successes against British agents, the assassination of Heydrich, the acquisition of V-2 parts, the role the British Secret Intelligence Service played in the creation of the OSS, forerunner of the CIA.

It is all exciting stuff. So too is Mr Whiting's account of Cotton's Circus, the brainchild of Group Captain Fred Winterbotham, which did some pre-war aerial spying for Britain, even to the extent of giving Luftwaffe General Albert Kesselring a ride over the Rhineland while taking photographs of German military installations.

But here and there we find obvious errors. Von Schlabbendorff, a famous member of the German anti-Hitler group, is referred to as Ferdinand when his Christian name was Fabian. And Mr Whiting twice refers to 20 April 1945 as Hitler's 65th birthday. Hitler was born in 1889, making him 56 when he killed himself in the Berlin bunker.

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Purely Personal

Tam's talk

Sergeant Tam Carrigan, of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve's 1st Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers, faced the spotlight on a visit to Cyprus to train. Tam, normally a machine operator in Glasgow, found himself chatting about his unit's weapons on the ranges when he was interviewed by British Forces Broadcasting Service's Richard Clegg.



Kiss of life

Ian Jackson's best man at his wedding earned a special kiss from the bride. For Staff-Sergeant Bill Watt saved the

life of Private Ian Jackson by inserting a tube into his throat after a terrorist bomb in Northern Ireland had blasted Ian's air passage shut. The young soldier has now left the Army but has not forgotten the man to whom he owes his life.



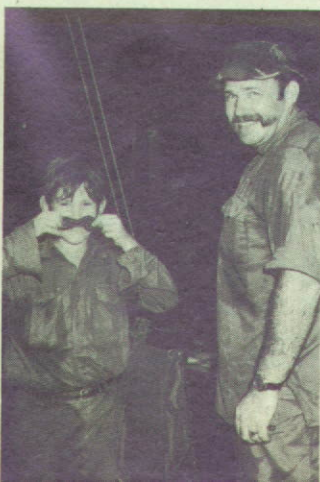
Brothers in arms

Both Richard (pictured briefing a patrol) and John Hackett distinguished themselves at Sandhurst by receiving the Sword of Honour at the end of their training. Richard — a second-lieutenant in 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, is the third son of Brigadier J H M Hackett to be serving in Northern Ireland at the same time. Brother Oliver is a staff officer at Lisburn and John is in the Worcesters battalion HQ.



Just like Dad

A giant millipede makes a passable imitation of dad's moustache for 11-year-old Mark Ford pictured in the jungle with his father, Warrant Officer 1 Eric Ford, who was an instructor at the Jungle Warfare Wing, Singapore, which closed down on 1 September.



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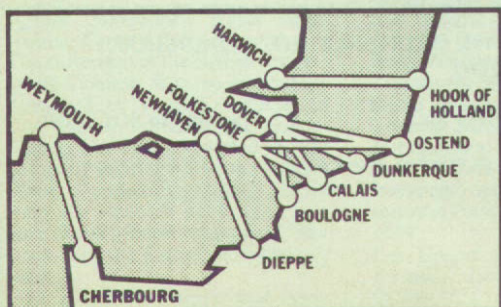
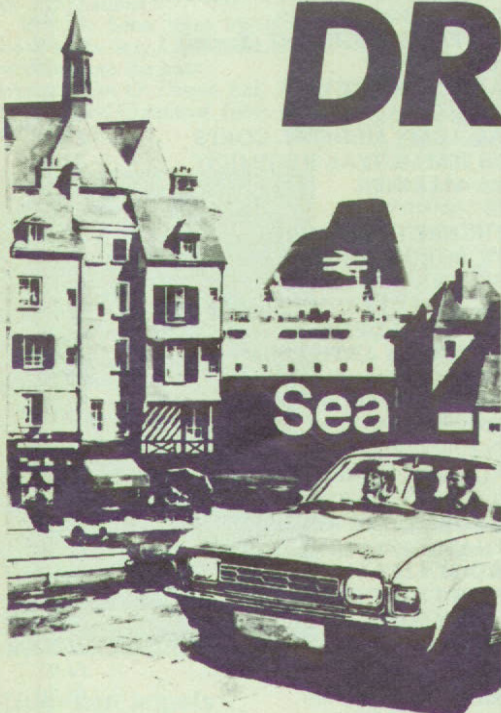
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Enter Blowpipe

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Paul Haley

TWO men well hidden. One with field glasses keeps his eyes peeled towards the skyline. He spots a tiny speck in the distance—a low-level enemy aircraft. His companion picks up a hefty piece of equipment bearing a slight resemblance to a drainpipe, perches it on his shoulder and gets the aircraft into his sights ready to bring it down.

A scenario of the near future for the British Army and one which has just been brought that much nearer with the advent of the Royal Artillery's first Blowpipe troop at Kirton Lindsey in Lincolnshire.

Blowpipe, at first a private venture by Shorts, the Belfast specialists in missiles, now has its first troop of fully trained men in the British Army. Soon further troops will be formed in Rhine Army where the lessons of the intensive training this summer by the Kirton Lindsey troop will help to make them speedily

efficient in handling a missile which the gunners will be using from infantry combat positions.

The 3rd Division Blowpipe Troop, Royal Artillery, commanded by Captain Eric Dunlop, comprises men recruited from 13 different gunner regiments and the main requirement was that they should be right-eyed with no eye or right-hand defects. Later lessons, however, showed that a minimum weight and height requirement may also be necessary—small men find the heavy weight on their shoulder a little burdensome and may not be able to hold the launcher firmly enough. And men with small hands also find it difficult to fire.

"True professional soldiers in the proper sense of the word" was how Captain Dunlop described his men as they spent their first weeks at Kirton Lindsey drawing up equipment. Land-Rovers which carry the equipment (Rhine Army will use Spartan) had to be prepared and

camouflaged. All of the non-signallers had to learn to signal and all the non-drivers had to be taught to drive. Each Blowpipe detachment of three men is operating under field conditions and all three have to know how to do the others' jobs.

The Blowpipe detachments have to move around with infantrymen under their own steam so they practised normal fieldcraft—making beds out of bracken and living under ponchos. In addition there was an extensive fitness programme both in the gymnasium and with route marches, culminating in a 30-mile night trek followed by a five-mile run with full equipment. "Pushed to their limit and got through very well indeed" reported Captain Dunlop.

Then at last it was down to the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, for actual Blowpipe training. The four-week course comprised 50 per cent aimer training—guiding the missile on to the



Trainee Blowpipers getting the hang of assembling the new missile system.

target; 12 per cent aircraft recognition—very important when dealing with low-flying aircraft which could be friend or foe; and the remainder a basic introduction to Blowpipe and ground-attack exercises.

According to one of the Larkhill instructors, Warrant Officer I P Boulton, there are three basic skills necessary for a Blowpipe operator. He must have the ability to follow and get the target in his sights and follow it, he must be able to overcome the launch effects of blast and noise and to cope with the loss of weight on his shoulder when the missile leaves.

The Blowpipe trainer at Larkhill produces a simulated target which the instructors can control to travel at different speeds and heights and also simulates a fired dummy missile. At the same time it reproduces the loss of weight on firing. Towards the end of the Larkhill course a practice missile was fired which had no guidance or warhead or second-stage motor. But it was weighted, had a first-stage motor and gave a complete launch effect with noise and smoke.

Soon the men were ready to fire Blowpipe live for the first time—on the range in the Hebrides. They were jubilant as the missiles soared skywards. "After their long, hard course they thought it was the best thing since sliced bread," declared Captain Dunlop.

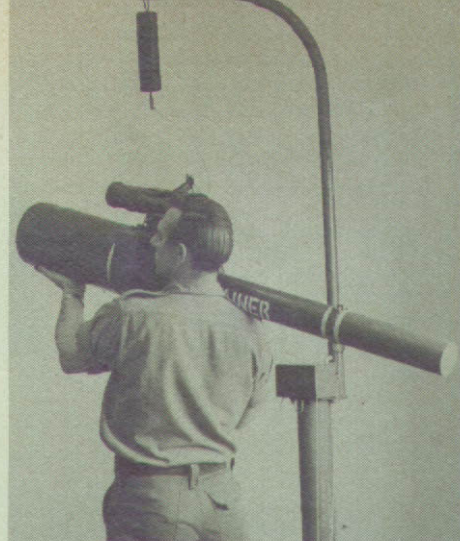
Lance-Bombardier Jim McKeon, a Blowpipe veteran who fired 24 missiles with the trials unit and in Australia, agreed: "It's a great piece of kit. There is far more satisfaction in this than in playing with guns." Bombardier Peter

Sutherland, who had notched up only two missiles, told SOLDIER: "I was slightly apprehensive the first time but the second one was easy."

After the real firings it was back to a round of training areas in Britain to practise Blowpipe techniques in differing environments. With ample air support from Phantoms, Jaguars, Hunters, Pumas, Canberras, Wessex and Army Air Corps Scouts, the troop's first section soon gained a large amount of handling experience. Said Captain Dunlop: "We tried it in the Cheviot Hills, the bogs of the Welsh mountains, the plains of East Anglia and the dust of Larkhill. We were able to see the problems in each particular type of environment and how to handle them. The more you take Blowpipe in and out of vehicles the more you find out about it."

At Stanford training area in Norfolk, the Blowpipe trials officer, Major "Bunny" Kendall, took the first section of eight three-man detachments with long-wheelbase Land-Rovers through a series of exercises by day and night. Royal Air Force aircraft which acted as targets also took reconnaissance photographs to see just how visible the Blowpipe teams were from the air. Results were encouraging—the Blowpipe operators could not be seen from the aircraft.

Deployment by helicopter, deployment at night so as to be in position by daybreak, and many other manoeuvres were carried out. Two men were stationed at the weapon point while the third remained in hiding nearby with the Land-Rover. He also kept the stock of



A spring-loaded stay takes the weight of a trainer module in the classroom.



Finger-tip control trainer is linked to a pinpoint display of missile flight path.

missiles and had to be prepared to resupply at any time.

All of this proved exhausting for the men—for only one man at a time could be off the alert and then only for short periods during the day. At night Blowpipe cannot be fired at present but there was still a need to move position. Said Captain Dunlop: "This will show us whether a three-man crew can actually stand the pace under battlefield conditions. If you had a tired man with a very delicate missile system things could be very difficult."

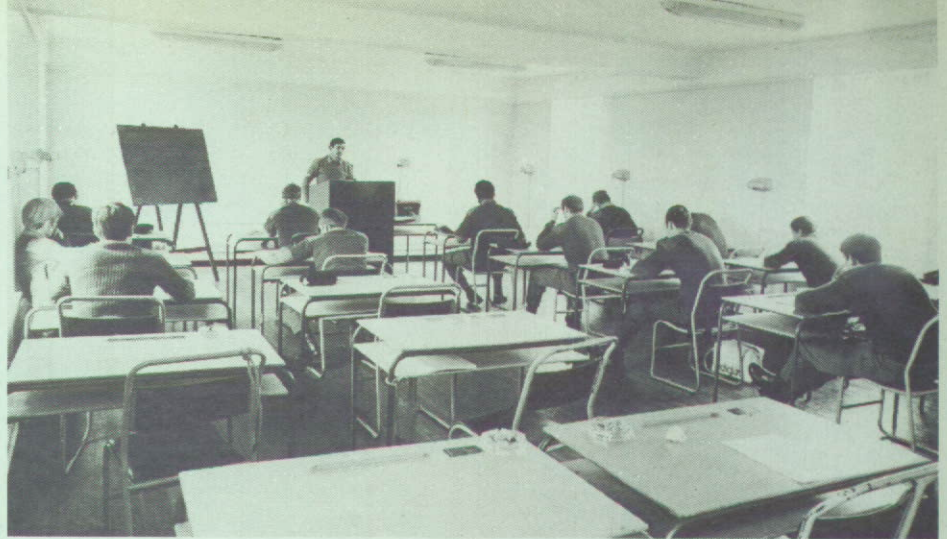
Blowpipe is an unusual addition to the British armoury in that it is not a straight conversion from some similar weapon. Previously, forward combat troops had no specific weapon to give protection against ground-attack aircraft. A man-portable and inexpensive weapon was needed and Blowpipe, developed initially as a private venture, was the obvious answer as it cut down research and development time before coming into service.

Blowpipe has the added advantage that it can hit the aircraft before it releases its weapons rather than after the damage has already been done. After the Rhine Army troops have been formed, the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve will be re-equipped with Blowpipe, doubling the capability of the present 40/70 Bofors guns.

In the immediate future 3rd Division Blowpipe Troop will be carrying out a series of exercises with 24 Airportable Brigade. Then the Rhine Army troops will be formed and next winter the missile will be tested in Arctic conditions.



Stanford's boskey training area sees a new weapon as a Blowpipe is tried out.



A classroom lecture in radio to troop members at their Kirton Lindsey base.

Below: Even with labour-savers like the Blowpipe, the troop must keep in trim.



Commander of the first Blowpipe troop, Capt Dunlop: "True professionals."



Some of Stanford's fern fronds pressed into service to camouflage a gleaming new Blowpipe missile on the exercises.

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