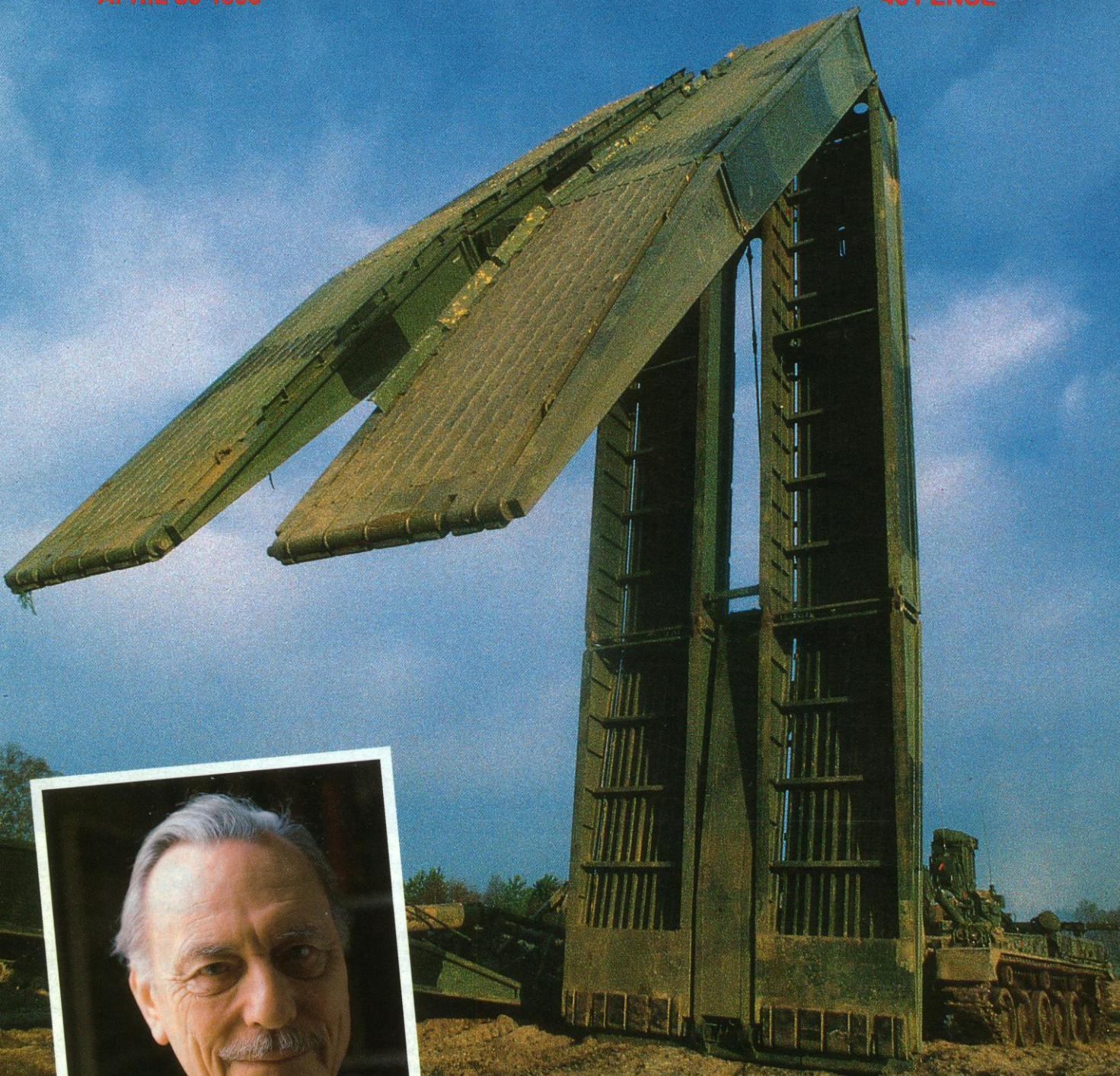


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And the pictures (circle and right) show graphically just what a devastating effect 1lb of explosive can have when detonated beneath a car (the vehicle was plucked from a wreckers' yard for the occasion).

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LETTERS

Proud to be a Badgie on the fiddle!

THE Fiddlers Club must have some very thin-skinned members if they are worried about being described as rogues. Of course Badgies were always on the fiddle – that's how the name came about!

One shilling a day, two shillings to draw on pay day, four shillings and ten pence to credits, two pence to some fund or other... a Badgie had to fiddle to survive.

On guard duty you fiddled half a bucket of early-morning tea from a long-suffering Cook Sergeant which you then took to the other Badgies still in bed. When you finished blowing the Orderly Sergeant's call you went to the back door of the Sergeants' Mess to tell him and he promptly bought you a tea and wad at the hut in the lines.

At Ward Barracks, Bulford, when the lads were playing blind brag in the barrack room I would take a kitbag to the chippy in Tintown for their suppers and I always got a free tuppenny and one.

We even fiddled the calls. In Buller Barracks the Stables Call, blown at 1200hrs, one of the most difficult trumpet calls of all time, was the bane of us all. The Army Power Station adjacent to the donkey walloper's stables had a strident steam siren which was sounded at the same time. If you were on the ball you only needed to sound the last three notes. That's fiddling – it's also roguish.

All cavalry and most corps' trumpeters became Badgies on passing out and the nickname stuck throughout your service.

22 EOD played their part

HAVING read with interest your article on the clearance of pipe demolition charges at Eastleigh Airport, Southampton (February 5) may I point out that soldiers from 22 EOD Support Squadron operated the remotely-controlled Hymac excavators and were

Like most Army slang, the name's origins are in India. Budgie is Hindi for time; trumpeters are associated with time; and in conjunction with the crossed-trumpets badge worn by all passed-out trumpeters, it soon became Badgie.

They used to call me Fiddler or Badgie – Fiddler on Boys Service, Badgie in later years – and I was proud of both titles.

Like the regimental policeman, with whom I shared my first duty, said when I asked him his name, "Call me what you like as long as it's not too early." – **D R Hordle, 9 Robert Street, Castle, Northwich, Cheshire.**

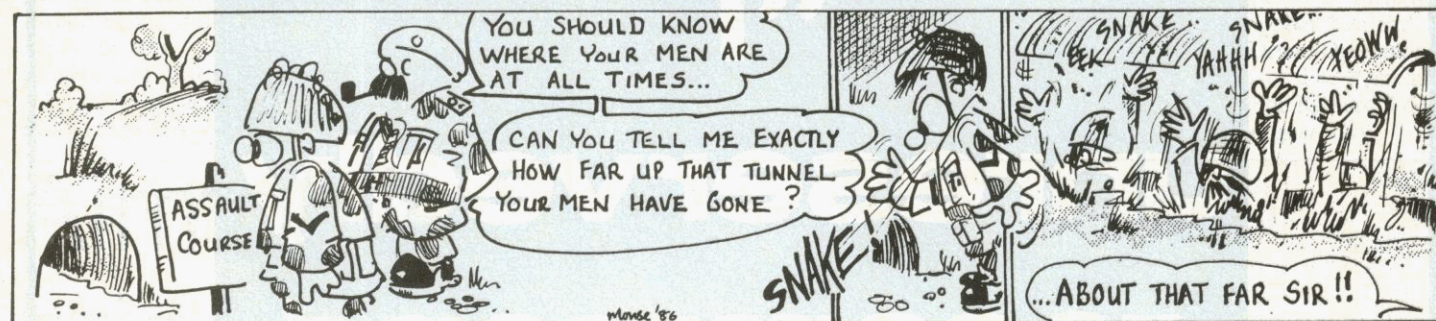
Badgie Sahib

CONTINUING the Fiddlers v Badgies theme, when I joined the RA as a Boy at Woolwich in 1932, the term Fiddler was unheard of. On graduating as Trumpeter and being posted to a battery in India, I and my brother Trumpeter were known to all as Badgie and nothing else. Our Indian bearers, char wallahs et al, always referred to us as Badgie Sahib.

It was only on contacting the Ex-RA Trumpeters' Club in 1972 that I was surprised to learn of the somewhat ambiguous Fiddler. And, *pace* Col Taylor, I never heard my trumpet (or bugle) demeaned by the term Fiddle. – **J M Brereton (Badgie Retd), Pentre Fothan, Llandeilo Graban, Builth Wells, Powys.**

largely responsible for co-ordinating the enormous logistic effort which ensured the successful completion of the operation, along with men of 58 EOD Squadron. – **WO2 (SSM) C M Cameron, 22 EOD Support Squadron, Lodge Hill Camp, Chattenden, Kent.**

MOBB



Shameful to sue for duty in Falklands

SOME veterans of the Falklands conflict have what has been termed Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. They have nightmares and are haunted by horrific battle scenes.

That is sad, but it is shameful that some of them are considering suing the Crown because of the lasting psychological damage they have suffered.

All who served in the South

VC heroes related

YOUR article on the loan of Capt Chavasse's VC (March 19) was most interesting.

You are quiet correct in saying that only three soldiers have been awarded Bars to the VC.

They were, of course, Capt N G Chavasse – VC August 1916, Bar July-August 1917; Surgeon-Capt A Martin-Leake – VC February 1902, Bar October-November 1914; and Capt C H Upham (New Zealand Armed Forces) – VC May 1941, Bar July 1942.

What is not generally known is that Captains Upham and Chavasse were distant relatives. – **M J Moss, 87 Durdley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham.**

● All three men were featured in *SOLDIER* in the issue of April 6, 1987.

Academy award!

Winner of HOAY competition No 483 was LCpl Tek Gurung, DGC, RMA Sandhurst, who receives a cheque for £50. Book prizes to runners-up Mr G Beard, of Harlow Oval, Harrogate, N Yorkshire, and Sgt L Wilkinson, of Llanelli, Dyfed.

by Mouse

Sock shock revelation

I REFER to your article "Officers ordered to pull up socks" (April 2). I attended the formal occasion which forms the basis of the article and have to inform you that the discreet check on all in the front row was incomplete.

The Senior Chaplain present was wearing "Holy Socks"! – **Maj Gen Colin Carrington, Director General of Transport and Movements, Logistic Executive (Army), Monxton Road, Andover, Hants.**

Two Corunnas?

IN 1947 the 2nd Airlanding Anti-Tank Regiment RA, 6th Airborne Division, became the 66th Airborne Anti-Tank Regiment. My battery became the 29th (Corunna) Battery RA.

The piece on 26th Regiment RA (*SOLDIER*, February 5) states that 17th Battery RA was also named Corunna that year. Were there two of us? – **George B Crawford, 3340 Parkridge Circle N W, Canton, Ohio, USA 44718.**

Enlightened old soldier

MAY I say how much I appreciate *SOLDIER*. Through the kindness of my daughter, a serving member of HM Forces, I have been receiving it for a number of years. It is full of interest and the photography is superb.

As an old soldier myself, I am sure that the soldier of today is as tough as we were

and he is certainly more efficient with his expert knowledge of modern weaponry.

Thank you for enlightening me and giving me confidence in facing the future knowing that as in the past this Army will not let the country down. – **Tom Shoman, 33 Cody Road, Clapham, Bedford.**

No medal for Suez

I SERVED as a soldier in the Suez Canal Zone from 1949 to 1952, when seldom a night passed without shots being fired in anger.

Hostilities were stepped up in 1951, leading to a battle in Moascar in January 1952 in which both sides suffered heavy casualties.

I understand that the Egyptians saw this period as a war and struck a medal for their participants. Why didn't we? – **C L Golder ex-WO1 RCT, 69 Green Meadows, Westhoughton, Bolton, Lancs.**

Reunions

● **The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment** and **The Worcestershire Regiment** will hold their annual reunion on Worcester Racecourse on Saturday June 9 from 2pm to 6pm. The Sherwood Foresters' annual pilgrimage at Crich, Derbyshire, will be held on Sunday July 1.

● **The Queen's Regiment** Grand Reunion, which takes place annually on either the first or second Sunday in July, will be held this year on July 8 at the Depot, The Queen's Division, Basingbourn, Royston, Herts, starting with a Drumhead Service at noon. Open to all Queensmen, serving and retired, and to all past members of the founding regiments, their families and friends. For inquiries telephone 0227 763434 ext 4254.

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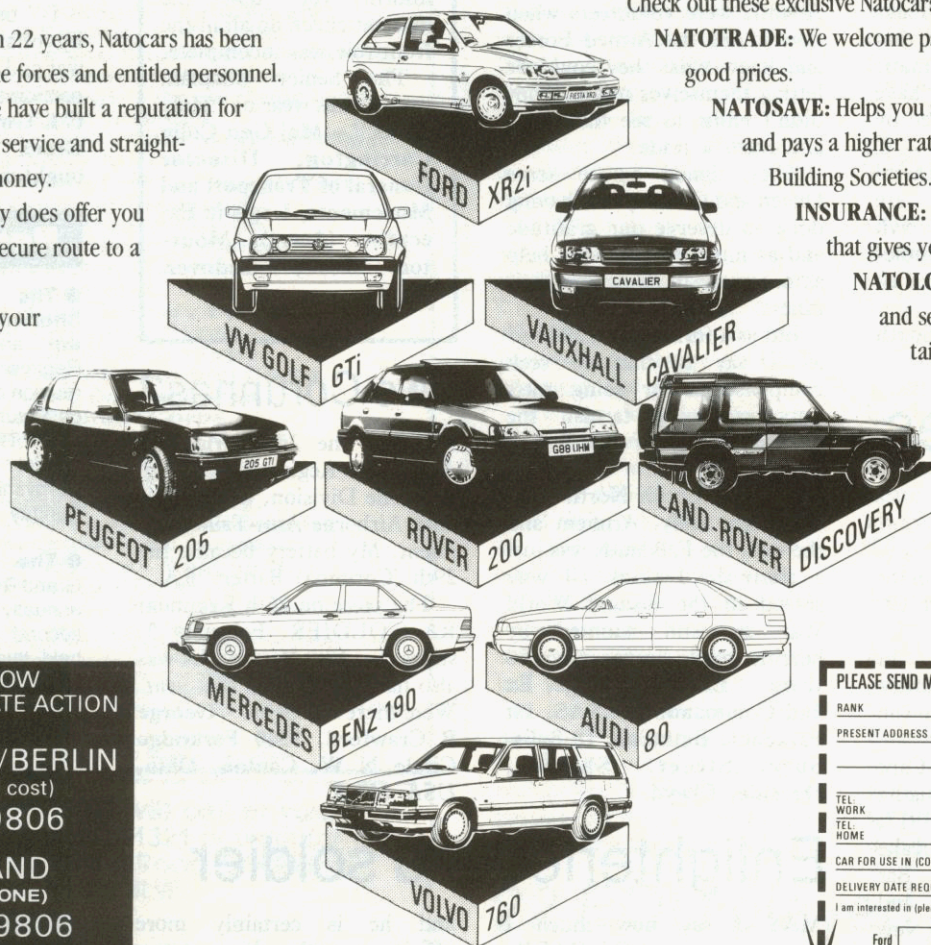
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Manchester veterans meet to launch Para 90

EIGHT survivors of the first British parachute operation met at Manchester Airport in one of the first events to celebrate Para 90, the 50th anniversary of the formation of British Airborne Forces.

It was to Ringway (Manchester) Airport that volunteers flocked in answer to

Churchill's call for a force of 5,000 parachute troops in mid-1940. The Central Landing School was formed there and by February 1941 the first airborne operation took place when 38 men parachuted into Southern Italy on Operation Colossus to destroy the Tragino aqueduct.

Among the guests at the reunion were survivors of that first operation, including Capt (now Judge) Christopher Lea and Lt (now Maj Gen) Tony Deane-Drummond. Another former member of The Parachute Regiment present was actor Richard Todd, star of the film *The Longest Day*.

Airmobile brigade in trial Division

THE 24 Airmobile Brigade, based at Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire has been selected to take part in trials for a new Division which, if successful, could support Nato forces of the future in Europe.

The announcement was made in York by Brig George Kennedy, who has commanded the Brigade for the past 15 months and was instrumental in it successfully proving its fitness for the role in a validation exercise in Germany last September.

He was speaking at an Army briefing to media executives hosted by Maj Gen Michael Rose, General Officer Commanding the Army's North East District.

The proposed Northern Army Group Airmobile Division was a timely development, he said, combining the two highly topical themes of airmobility and multinational formations.

Troops from Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands would join his own brigade troops in the trials, which would be closely watched by a multinational defence study group.

The 24 Airmobile Brigade would be exercising with the trial Division in Germany in September next year. The exercise would include the use of transport helicopters from the Royal Air Force and German Heeresflieger Kdo 1, and anti-tank helicopters from 24 Brigade, Germany and the Netherlands would also be taking part.



Namibia's Defence Minister inspects men of the 55-strong British Army advisory training team on their arrival at Windhoek, capital of Africa's newest independent country. Escorting the minister is Maj Tim Tayler 14/20 H, and behind him is Brig Tony Ling, who will command the BATT. Their task is to train a Namibian army and establish a Defence Ministry.

Opening salvo

TWO new accommodation blocks were opened by Maj Gen Mike Shellard, Commander Artillery 1 (BR) Corps, when he visited 32 Heavy Regiment RA at Dortmund, West Germany. The new-style flatlets were recently occupied by men of 18 and 74 Batteries.

Gen Shellard was accompanied by the commanding officer, Lt Col Barrie Fairman, and WO1 (RSM) David Simpson, and later presented Mentioned in Dispatches citations to Sgt David Mann and Sgt John Gibson, and a LS and GC medal to Sgt Clive Harber.

Four die in mine explosion

FOUR men of the 3rd (County Down) Battalion, Ulster Defence Regiment, died when a culvert mine was exploded under their Land Rover while on patrol near Downpatrick.

They were LCpl John Bradley, 25, married with two children; Pte John Birch, 28, married with two children; Pte Steven Smart and Pte Michael Adams, both 23 and both single.

It was the worst single attack on the UDR since four men were killed in a terrorist attack in Co Tyrone six years ago.

Clerks on trek

EIGHT clerks from the 40th Field Regiment RA based at Hohne, West Germany completed an adventurous training expedition along the south coast of Sardinia. The all-gunner team was led by unit chief clerk WO2 (QMS(AC)) Russ Lee.

Skills to be recognised

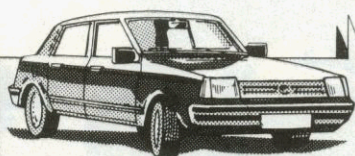
A SCHEME under which all soldiers will have the opportunity of obtaining recognised and transferable civilian qualifications for the skills they acquire in military service has been welcomed by the Adjutant General.

"This is a major step forward in raising the level of understanding of the value of military service," said Gen Sir Robert Pascoe when the scheme was announced on

April 4 by City and Guilds in conjunction with the National Council for Vocational Qualifications and the Ministry of Defence.

The scheme, details of which were revealed in SOLDIER (November 13), will provide a link between the training of a soldier and skill areas in civilian employment. It is to be aligned with a parallel scheme in Scotland offered by the Scottish Vocational Education Council.

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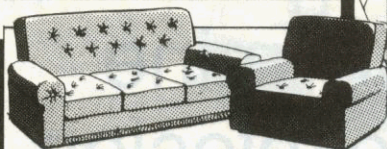


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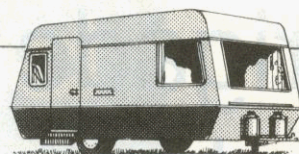
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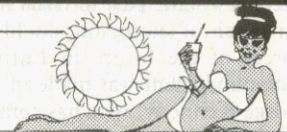
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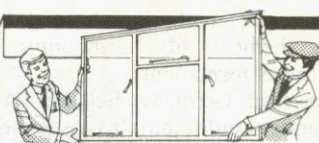
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Sword of Peace Pioneer company disbanded

A PIONEER company which received the Wilkinson Sword of Peace in 1977 has been disbanded. The final parade of 206 Company Royal Pioneer Corps took place at Central Engineer Park, Long Marston, near Stratford on Avon, on March 30.

The company has been supporting Royal

Engineers at Long Marston since 1958, and its duties are to be taken over by a detachment from 522 Coy RPC based at Kineton.

Formed in 1940, the company was part of 23 Group RPC based at Bicester under the command of Lt Col Patric Baird. It was led

on its final parade by Capt Mike Neve. The salute was taken by Brig Denis Higginbotham, Director of Army Pioneers and Labour.

Music was provided for the occasion by the Band of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own).

Lifelike targets confront 1 D and D

SOLDIERS in the 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment battle group got to grips with the very latest state-of-the-art targets when they deployed last month to Fort Lewis, Washington State, for the first of this year's series of Trumpet Dance exercises.

At Yakima Firing Centre, 150 miles east of Fort Lewis, they trained on the sophisticated multi-purpose range complex which has more than 250 three-dimensional life-sized targets, all of which fall when hit, move left and right up to 150 metres, and "self-heal" a few hours after being struck by a round.

All targets are equipped with thermal "blankets" to provide heat sources for thermal sighting devices, and all are controlled by computers which are programmed to provide a choice of battles - from combat reconnaissance patrol to mechanised attack or armoured withdrawal.

Targets include life-size moving tank cut-outs.

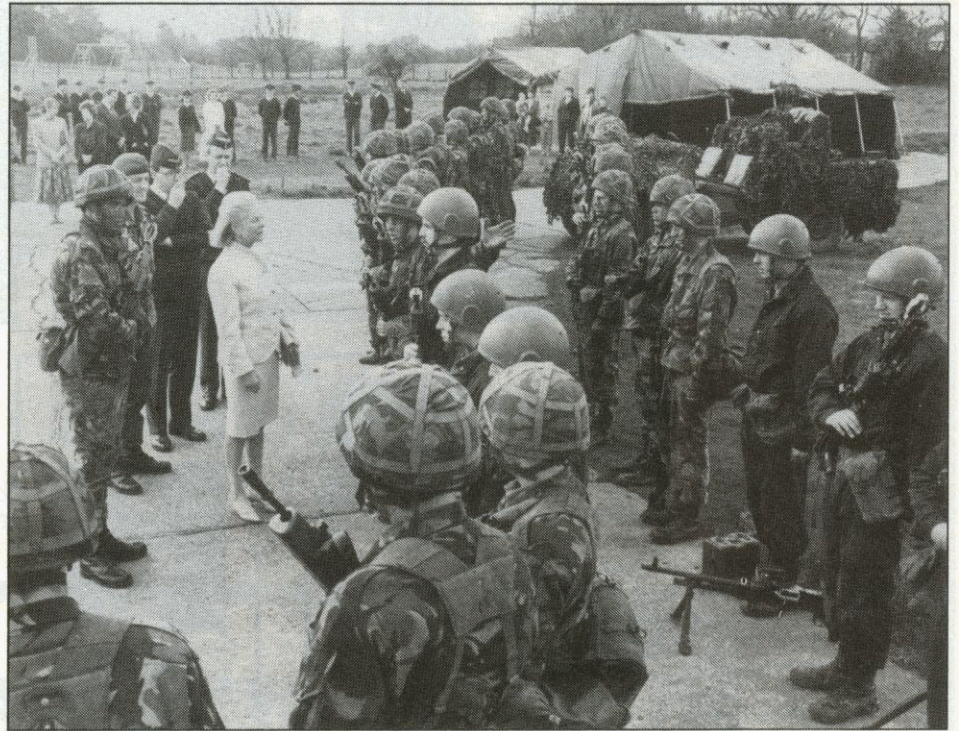
Set in a bleak, mountain desert area, the multi-million dollar centre gave the battle group a unique opportunity for all-arms firing on a large scale.

The 1 D and D battle group consisted of 550 men of the Devon and Dorsets supported by 3 Field Battery of 47 Field Regiment RA, 8 Field Squadron of 22 Engineer Regiment, and two Scout helicopters from 658 Squadron AAC.

During the five-week exercise, companies rotated through a training package at three locations: Fort Lewis on the coast, Yakima across the Cascade Mountains, and Huckleberry Creek in the foothills of Mount Rainier.

A Fighting in Built-Up Areas (FIBUA) exercise was made extremely realistic by the use of the Direct Fire Weapons Effects System (DFWES).

At Fort Lewis soldiers took part in live-firing exercises up to platoon level.



The Duchess of Kent talks to men of 1 PWO after watching them carry out an attack at Catterick. Part of 24 Airmobile Brigade, they were transported to the battleground by Lynx helicopters

Sappers in the soup!

CHEFS from 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment based at Hameln, West Germany manned a soup kitchen in the marketplace when 6,000 visitors from Quedlingburg in the East German Harz Mountains "invaded" their twin town.

The sappers, who are involved in many parts of the life of Hameln, were asked to provide the kitchen as part of the welcome celebrations. WO2 David Regan ACC was assisted by chefs Sgt Tony Kay, Cpl Stephen Hood, Pte Tony Smith and Spr J D Cornwell-Menzies. British Army soup was much in demand.

Royal visit for 1 PWO

THE Duchess of Kent visited the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, of which she has been Colonel-in-Chief since 1985, when the regiment celebrated its 300th anniversary.

The Duchess was welcomed to Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire by the Colonel of the regiment, Maj Gen Tony Crowfoot, and the commanding officer of the battalion, Lt Col John King.

During her visit she watched a company make an assault on an "enemy" position in Lynx helicopters, and later met members of the battalion, their wives and families.

She was presented with a posy by Sarah Hirons (10), daughter of Cpl and Mrs Stephen Hirons.

Coldstream Guards VC honoured

THE 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards provided bearers and a bugler for the funeral of their last surviving Victoria Cross holder, 73-year-old Mr Peter Wright, who died in hospital after a short illness. He was awarded the medal after taking over a

company at Salerno, Italy in 1944 after the officers had been killed, and destroying three spandau posts. Mr Wright was featured in SOLDIER last year when he presented his medals for display at regimental headquarters.



In-depth feature?

There is one very simple method of ensuring your picture appears in **SOLDIER**. Just organise a sub-aqua diving trip to the Red Sea, find a friendly coral reef to sit on, and line up for an underwater photocall of you reading the magazine!

That's what 14 divers from the 4th Royal Tank Regiment based at Osnabrück did, and as the picture shows, **SOLDIER** didn't even get soggy.

The expedition to Jordan was arranged while the regiment was in Cyprus, and involved 258 dives on reefs, coral fields and wrecks.



Now Dad can pull rank . . .



It might have been "Dad" and "Darren" at home, but when RSM **Peter Doyle** (above left) and son 2nd Lt **Darren Doyle** (right) met on duty with the 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, it was strictly "Mr Doyle" and "Sir".

But now "Dad" has taken a late entry commission and as a full lieutenant can pull rank. With his promotion goes a new job and Doyle senior is moving back to the regiment's 1st Battalion at Weeton Barracks near Blackpool as training officer.



Just awarded the LSGC by General Officer Commanding Western District, Maj Gen **Peter Bonnet**, are (top to bottom) CSgt **Keith Herrell** WG, Sgt **Dick Chandler** RE and Sgt **Don Ward** R Signals. All three are based in Shrewsbury.

PEOPLE



MEDAL MEN: Pictured from left to right are WO2 **Ian Barlow**, CSgt **Tom Stephenson** and WO2 **Gordon Mewes**, three permanent staff instructors serving with the 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry, after they had received Long Service and Good Conduct Medals from the Lord Lieutenant of Durham at a ceremony in the Gilesgate Armoury, Durham City. Ian and Gordon also received their warrant officers' parchments.

All aboard a battleship of a different sort for Wrens from HM Naval Base Portsmouth. They visited the WRAC detachment at SEME Bordon and were given a chance to drive both Challenger and Chieftain tanks. And no one got seasick!



This warlike bunch of ladies is made up of wives of men serving with the Joint Maintenance Unit Cyprus at Akrotiri. They took part in Exercise Feminine Fighter II under the direction of WO2 (CSM) **Phil Hurrell**, and experienced Service life in the raw - night patrols, battles and all. If the Army and RAF personnel who man the JMU at Akrotiri are ever called away, they reckon the missus is more than capable of minding the shop.



MYSTERY MASK: Capt Tony Clunn with the Roman battle mask going on exhibition at Osnabrück.

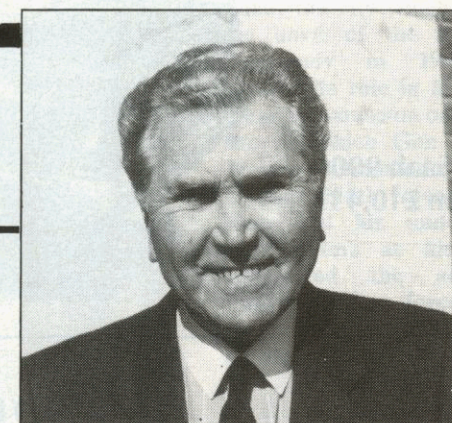
Tony's find alters history

Amateur archaeologist Capt **Tony Clunn**, serving at the British Military Hospital in Hanover, has made a discovery which could mean a re-write of the history of the Romans in Germany.

Artefacts he found on a site to the north of Osnabrück could pinpoint the 9th Century Teutoburger Wald battlefield on which the advance of the Romans in Germany was arrested. The location of the battle is now generally thought to be 50 miles away on the outskirts of Detmold.

Capt Clunn began surveying the new site two years ago after seeking the advice of Dr **Wolfgang Schlüter** at Osnabrück Town Museum. He decided on the actual site after extensive research of old documents, but really only expected to find Roman coins and other artefacts.

But so far he has unearthed not only coins and beads, but lead sling shot, a breast plate, an earthen-work wall and, most spectacularly, a Roman battle mask. German experts are convinced the find is just the tip of the iceberg and expect to continue the dig for another two years at least.



Eight generals and three brigadiers were among the guests at a farewell dinner arranged for Mr **Dick Clarke** (pictured above), who has retired as supervisor of the Infantry Mess at the School of Infantry, Warminster, Wilts. Maj Gen **David Pank**, Director of Infantry, presided at the dinner and described Mr Clarke's contribution as "outstanding".

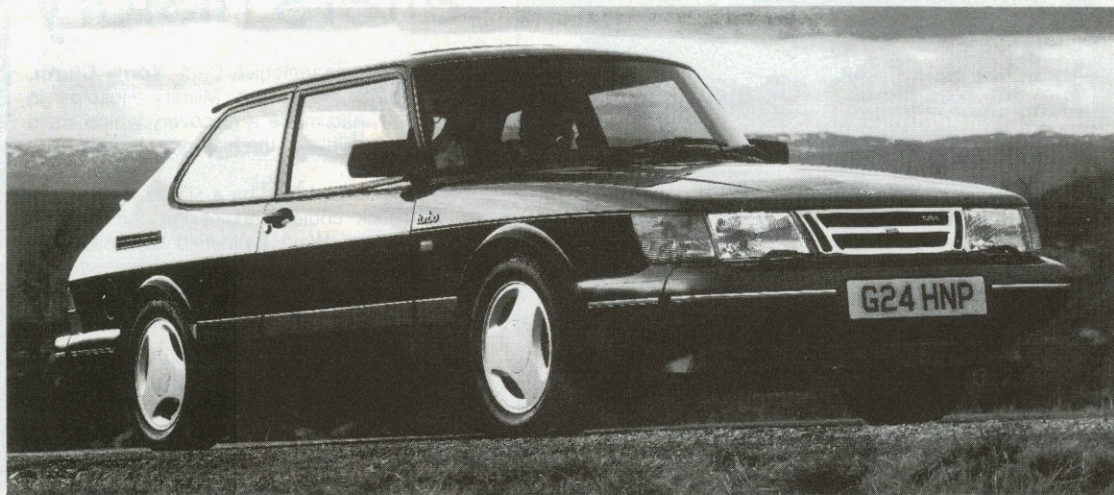
Dick Clarke joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1943 but fought in the North West Europe campaign as an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander. He transferred to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in 1946, became a Royal Greenjacket on amalgamation in 1959, and completed his service in 1965 as RSM of the School of Infantry.

Men of the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers tow out Gen Sir **Martin Farndale**, their Honorary Colonel, at Altcar Training Camp. Gen Farndale has been a very active Honorary Colonel since 1983, and is due to hand over the appointment at the end of this month to Brig **Dick Mundell**, late DWR.

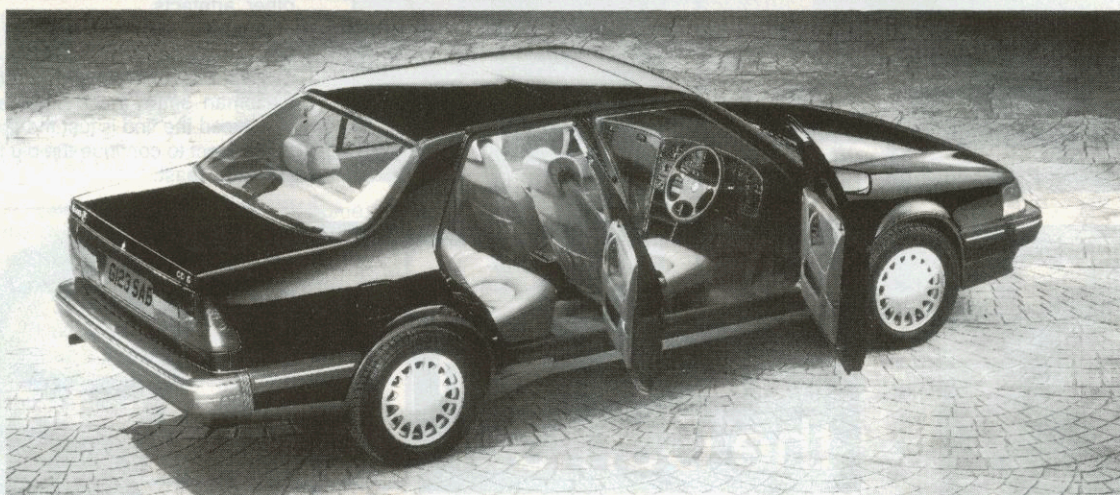


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New body signs up branch No 18

Since it was formed in August 1988 by a group of ex-Army people in Kent who saw a need for a national organisation taking in all ranks, corps and regiments, the British Army Association now has 18 branches in various stages of formation.

The latest to be inaugurated was at Maidstone in February, with Slough next in line – and although it still has a long way to go to catch up with the umbrella organisations well established by the other armed services, the BAA has set its sights high.

Among its ambitions are to attend with its new colour party the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall and the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph.

Another aim is eventually to be allowed to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph along with representatives of the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Air Forces Association.

With the blessing of the Ministry of Defence and the Royal British Legion, and while not wishing to cut across the work of other organisations, the BAA seeks, among other things, to foster esprit de corps and wellbeing among those who have served in the Army, to look after the social and welfare needs of its members, and to make an annual donation to the Army Benevolent Fund.

One way to achieve these ideals is to further increase the number of branches up and down the country – a relatively

The 'Show of the Century'?

"Show of the Century" might seem a little over the top in describing any entertainment, even if it does claim to be the biggest annual event of its kind in the world.

But the organisers of the military spectacle taking place at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre from July 11 to 28 can be forgiven, for they are planning something special to mark the 100th Royal Tourna-

ment since it began in 1880.

With the Royal Navy taking its turn in leading the proceedings this year, the show's theme will be the Sea Soldier, tracing the history of the Royal Marines from 1664 to the Falklands.

However, the Army will play a full part, with a glorious display of horsemanship from The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, all kinds of

simple process if one Army-minded enthusiast can find 30 or so others, serving or ex-serving, and a place to meet.

The next step is to make an

application to the National Secretary, HQ BAA, The Royal British Legion, 14 Cliff Street, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9HS.

dangerous and daring feats from Britain's fastest-moving motor cycle team, the White Helmets, and an Army assault course among the displays.

As ever, the purpose of the show is to raise funds for Service charities. Tickets, from £6 to £18.50, are available from the Tournament box office at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (Tel: 01-373 8141).

SOLDIER to Soldier



AAC bridges Bronte gap

Yorkshire's famous Bronte Bridge, near Haworth, is back in use thanks partly to an Army airlift of five gritstone slabs, weighing up to a ton each. A Lynx helicopter of 672 Squadron Army Air Corps, based at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, was called in to move the 10in thick slabs into position.

The squadron is part of the new 9 Regiment AAC which, when complete, will have about 30 helicopters based at RAF Dishforth, North Yorkshire.

Caen appeal

Caen, the city which became the anvil of the Battle of Normandy in 1944, has marked its role in history by creating a museum on the very site on which Gen Wilhelm Richter, commander of the German 716th Infantry Division, had his underground headquarters as his troops confronted the advancing Anglo-Canadian forces.

The museum – the "Memorial de la Bataille de Normandie" – has been built at a cost of £12m and a British committee chaired by Lt Gen Sir Ian Harris has so far raised more than £80,000 from industry and commerce to help ensure a proper representation of the role of British forces in the battle.

Of this, the committee has invested £50,000 to become a censor on the museum's board and to provide a variety of British materials including a Churchill tank.

With the aim of raising more funds to take its total to £150,000, a gala concert and dinner will be held in Caen in September to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Gen Harris said: "Now we are looking for a sponsor for the concert and if we sell all the tickets we shall be a long way to achieving our target."

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ENOCH POWELL'S WAR

by
Laurie Manton

ENOCH Powell's affection for the British Army goes back a long way – he is now 77 – and it goes deep. When he dies, he is to be buried in the uniform of his beloved regiment. He acknowledges the lessons he learned at Staff College as having a profound influence on his life. By any measure it was a daunting mission, to inter-

view this most enigmatic man – scholar, soldier, politician – widely regarded as one of the most brilliant minds of his time. It would be natural to feel uncomfortable in the presence of laser-like logic, but we were there to talk about Enoch Powell, soldier, and that made a big difference. Sitting in the cosy

drawing room of his London home, we listened to the story of a remarkable military career which witnessed one of the greatest secrets of the Second World War – Ultra. What follows is a two-part record of a remarkable man's wartime experiences in the service of his country – Enoch Powell's War...

MONTY'S victory at El Alamein was due in part not only to use of decoded German signals (Ultra), but also to the interpretative skills of a young Army intelligence officer who was destined to become one of Britain's best known politicians – J Enoch Powell.

The run-up to war found Powell as Professor of Greek at the University of Sydney in Australia. He was not unaware of the lure of uniform. His father had served in the 8th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment – one of many local volunteer units established throughout the country before the creation of the Territorial Army.

A scholarly man, the young Powell seemed unlikely to become a soldier, but the outbreak of the Second World War led him to enlist, and gave him the opportunity to carry out work that in its own small way would prove vital to Britain's war effort and the success of the desert campaign.

On the declaration of war, he resigned his professorial post and took passage to England to enlist. To his astonishment, the military authorities were not falling over themselves to make use of his services; but Enoch Powell proved himself nothing if not resourceful.

He claims to be the only Englishman who ever joined the British Army by passing himself off as an Australian.

A benefactor suggested he try the Australian High Commission. Evidently large numbers of Australians had arrived to enlist, assuming they would go straight into the Army, and were in fact wandering round London's streets starving.

Following an approach by the High

Commissioner, the British Government agreed that the Armed Forces would enlist all Australians without delay upon the say-so of the Australian High Commission. In October 1939, Powell went to Australia House and explained that he was Professor of Greek at the University of Sydney and wanted to enlist.

They looked him over, said "Reckon you'll do" and gave him a certificate stating that he was to be enlisted in the regiment of his choice.

Armed with his scrap of paper, Enoch Powell presented himself at Edgware Recruiting Office – and he was in!

The regiment of his choice was the regiment of his father, which is why to this day he considers himself a "Royal Warwick".

Basic training for Pte Powell took place first at the Regimental Depot at Budbrooke Barracks and later on Warwick racecourse, which had been requisitioned as an extension to the depot.

Was it difficult to adapt to the training every new recruit must endure?

"I enjoyed every bit of it. I suppose, in retrospect, it was such a blessed relief to get into uniform at last that I would have accepted almost any conditions happily.

"I was very happy as a private and then as a lance corporal; for I had jumped the biggest gulf in human life – that between private and lance corporal. In doing so I learnt an important lesson.

"I had thought that everybody wanted

WHAT was Mr Powell's most exciting experience?

"I suppose the Great Fire of Cairo. That was the day, following Rommel's advance on Mersa Matruh, when it was thought that Cairo would have to be evacuated.

"Vast quantities of paper were incinerated and clouds of smoke hung over the city.

"I remember a brother officer and I had a plan that if everything went to rack and ruin and fell into chaos, we would make our way overland to China, where, if the Middle East had fallen, resistance against our enemies might still be prolonged."

And the most frustrating?

That came in May 1943 when Mr Powell realised that the great fund of information and knowledge he had acquired about the Mediterranean had suddenly lost all value.

"Indeed, when I insisted to the point almost of insubordination on returning to the Middle East, my insistence involved persuading the Director of Military Intelligence that all the capabilities I had, and all the experience I had built up, would be perfectly irrelevant to the operations that were envisaged on the mainland of Italy.

"It is one of the frustrations of intelligence work that when the boys get there, they don't want to know – because they, after all, are there!

"Intelligence is the strength of the side on the defensive. Successful offensive continually overtakes intelligence – at least the sort of intelligence which had been my speciality."



Picture: Terry Champion

Enoch Powell

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to be a lance corporal or a major general; but when I was appointed lance corporal, I discovered that my fellow privates were only too glad that someone else had been

promoted. I had assumed that ambition was a common characteristic of all human beings, but now discovered that it is abnormal. Perhaps this is what makes an army manageable."

How did your fellow privates react to your former occupation as Professor of Greek?

"It wasn't widely publicised; but I was ten years older than the militiamen with whom I was training. Some of them slipped into the bad habit of calling me Mister Powell, including our corporal who once followed me on to the parade ground calling out: 'Mr Powell, Mr Powell. The bolt of your rifle is up.'

"I wore the single stripe for one month, before having to take it off upon becoming

a cadet. Now, a cadet is probably the least enjoyable thing to be in human life – neither, fish, fowl nor good red herring – a transitional creature!

"In the freezing January of 1940, I reported to 164 OCTU (Officer Cadet Training Unit) at Ramillies Barracks in Aldershot. I remember some of my fellow cadets were equally pained as we helped one another take our stripes off with a razor blade.

"It must have been still more traumatic for one of the men in our company who had been a regimental sergeant major. It must have been quite a shock for him to take off his badges."

Was your time as a cadet physically hard?

"It wasn't hard physically. I suppose it was hard emotionally because, as I say, one was neither an other rank nor was one an officer. It's a very difficult slot to be in.



● Enoch Powell has retained his brigadier's uniform in which he will be buried, a symbol of his affection for the British Army and proof of the success of its regimental system. "Once a Royal Warwick, always a Royal Warwick," he says.

"The Army authorities had, not very wisely, decided to put into the same platoon all those cadets on whom they had their eyes for intelligence work because of our knowledge of languages.

"We were a most remarkable collection from all parts of the world. In fact, one of our amusements after 'lights out' was that someone suggested a word and we went round the barrack room seeing how many languages we would translate it into."

Commissioned as a second lieutenant on the General List, he was gazetted back into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, the then Colonel of the Regiment having decided that in the circumstances he was entitled to be a Royal Warwick.

His career in the war was entirely in staff

positions and he never realised his ambition of serving with a unit of the Royal Warwickshires after his commission – a loss that Mr Powell still feels deeply.

After being gazetted second lieutenant, what followed?

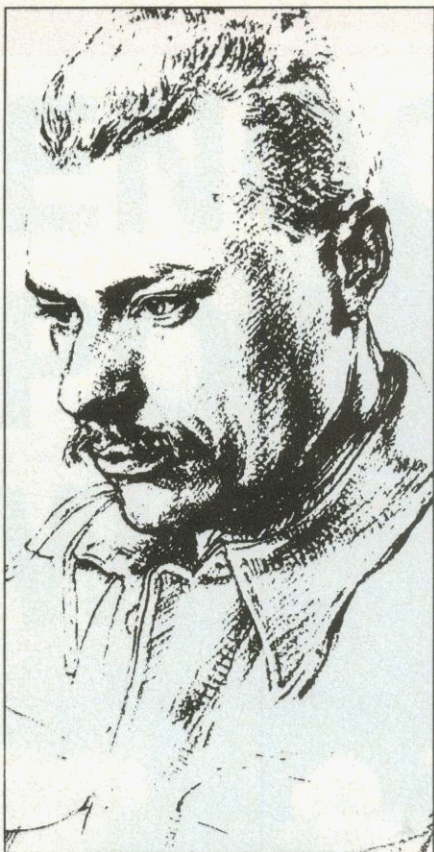
"A variety of postings. First I went on courses. There is a stage in everyone's life in the Army when they are on courses: and you go from one course to another.

"I remember being on a field security course at Sheerness at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, and then doing two courses at Swanage. One was a general military intelligence course and the other dealt with interrogation. So I am a trained interrogator.

"Take note, young man, I know exactly how to handle a prisoner of war!

"I was then attached to the 1st Armoured Division in Surrey and was there during the Battle of Britain and the time of the German invasion threat. I recall at that time standing with Maj Gen His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, who was liaison officer of Canadian Corps,

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A sketch from his private collection of the young Enoch Powell as a private

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of which 1st Armoured Division was part, in front of a map on which I had marked up the German barge concentrations.

"He said to me: 'I think they are coming', and I remember replying, 'Sir, I think they are not.' An early case of the old English proverb, 'Enoch was right'!"

Later, Powell was one of the officers who formed the nucleus of the 9th Armoured Division when it was raised in Northamptonshire during October 1940. He went as G3 (General Staff Officer Grade III), promoted to captain. From there Capt Powell was recommended for a course at the Staff College, Camberley.

"I attended the 5th War Course at the Staff College in September 1941. It was the most useful piece of education I ever had in my life. I can highly recommend it as part of anyone's education. Administrative habits and methods of thought and management which I was taught then I have found useful for the rest of my life.

"When egalitarianism prevailed, everybody who passed, even in wartime, was able to call themselves *psc* [passed staff college]. So I now list that proudly among my other qualifications."

After qualifying he was posted to GHQ Middle East in Cairo and for the next two years concentrated on Ultra intelligence material revealing enemy capabilities of supply and movement.

● The next issue of **SOLDIER** will carry the final part of Enoch Powell's War, describing his involvement with Ultra, Churchill's threat of castration, the fight against Japan, his love for India, why he entered politics and his thoughts on today's developments in Europe.



Sig Robby Robinson communicates with a local lad on Maracus Beach, Trinidad

Message from the Caribbean

MEN of 30 Signal Regiment forsook the windy delights of Blandford, Dorset to take part in a contingency communications exercise on the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Grand Turk.

Aim of Exercise Platinum Mercury was to test communications back to the United Kingdom should the regiment need to deploy to the West Indies in support of a disaster relief operation.

Strategic comms were provided by satellite and HF stations located at Belize, Gibraltar and Bampton Castle, while tactical links were established between Trinidad and Grand Turk and with the West Indies guard ship HMS Arrow.

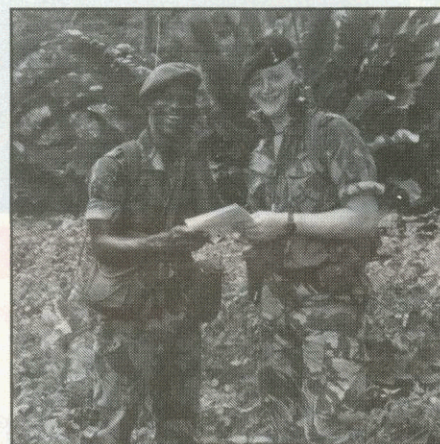
Another aspect of the exercise was to provide support for the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment.

The Squadron deployed under Maj Tim Rimell after SSgt (SQMS) Jim Keeping had spent weeks collecting stores which were loaded aboard an aircraft under the supervision of Sgt Fred Worgan.

Once communications were up and running, WO2 (AQMS) Keith Williams, assisted by Cpl Geordie Franklin and LCpl Colin Whellans, set about putting the local regiment's transport section back on the road.

One particular bus was declared fit after a lot of time and effort. It was driven out of the workshop and parked up, only to be crushed later by a falling palm tree.

A number of soldiers tried fishing during R and R packages organised by 2nd Lt Liz Wise, and the colourful and



Sig "Crocodile" Scaife in the undergrowth with a Trinidad and Tobago Regiment soldier

ear-splitting Trinidadian Carnival provided a spectacular distraction.

A member of the local constabulary was invited to address the signallers on possible problems that might be encountered. Having been briefed on what to cover by the squadron commander, the policeman promptly announced that there were no problems on the island, broke into a song and dance welcoming routine, and suggested that on the first day of the carnival everyone should report for shift then go absent to join the fun!

SSgt (Y of S) Dave Marriott organised two radio exercises involving 30 Sig Regt personnel and their counterparts from the local regiment.

Unique trip to West Berlin

WO2 Nick Ford is the first to admit there is a lot of routine to his work. Dealing with its daily minutiae could be tedious.

But, he says, all that is more than offset by his pleasure in meeting hundreds of new people every week, making his job unique, fascinating and rewarding. By the end of his tour his face will be among the best-known in BAOR.

Nick revels in the archaic-sounding job title of Train Conducting Warrant Officer (TCWO) Royal Corps of Transport, and is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the British Military Train, the Berliner.

It is the only British military train in regular service in the world, and is a popular alternative to a drive by road up the Corridor. It runs between West Berlin's Charlottenburg Station and Braunschweig, West Germany – taking four hours on a journey through East Germany.

Its doors are locked by chains from the inside by armed guards patrolling the carriages. En route all documents are scrutinised at a Russian checkpoint. No one goes hungry on the journey – passengers are served a full English breakfast, lunch and, if travelling both ways, afternoon tea and dinner.

The day a SOLDIER team took to the rails they met some of the passengers who make Nick's job so interesting. They represented a wide cross-section of soldiers, off and on duty, hugely enjoying their journey of a lifetime.

The rugby team of 1 Corps Workshop (REME) from Bielefeld were in good spirits, despite being trounced by two



Maj Gene Smith and Capt Doreen Connally, both Americans, with some of their prized military souvenirs

JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

friendly sides during a five-day visit to Berlin. LCpl Lea Jones explained: "We are a small unit and had to field a scratch team, but it was good fun."

Among a group of boxing enthusiasts were Sgt Sulle Achaji and Sgt Oggie Horton, relaxing after judging individual boxing finals. LCpl Dave Savory, BAOR light-heavyweight title-holder, was looking forward to the Army championships in the UK as the Berliner trundled on.

Lt Col John Skipworth, a doctor, had provided medical cover at the bouts, and was returning to Soest. His wife, Coral, and daughter Natalie

(6), had gone along to spend a few days in Berlin and the family were enjoying breakfast. Sharing their table was another boxing judge, Sgt Kevin Kirkham. Natalie's verdict on the meal? "Brilliant."

The journey was very much a case of mixing business with pleasure for Ptes Debbie Kelly and Dawn Rear, hoping to join the RCT movements staff.

Debbie said: "We are familiarising ourselves with how the train is booked, provisioned and staffed, as one of the RCT operations."

They are based in Bielefeld and had spent a week with 62 Transport and Movements

Squadron, who operate and administer the Berliner. They had also ridden on the American Military Train (the French run one, too).

Dawn said: "The American one is different. Though the paperwork and restrictions are similar, they ship more freight that we do."

US Army officer, Maj Gene Smith, who is on an exchange posting with 14 Signal Regiment, and Capt Doreen Connally, an American helicopter pilot on holiday in Germany, were very impressed.

Gene thought the American train was less interesting

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The Berliner

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because it travelled at night.

Doreen said: "If you have to travel by train, this is the way to do it. I love the journey."

Both are keen collectors of Soviet militaria, and were delighted to have bought for just DM50 a complete Russian aviator's uniform at the Polish Market in Berlin.

Nick Ford is one of four TCWOs who take it in turns to oversee the smooth running of the Berliner, the safety of passengers, and the very precise work of checking all documents.

It is drawn by an East German engine, which is followed by one or two dining cars, three passenger coaches to seat up to 180, and office and post van accommodation. In case of breakdown, there are rations, blankets and other stores.

The engine is detached at Potsdam and searched, and an East German train guard gets on for the rest of the travel through the East.

Last stop in the East is at Marienborn where the OC Train (Maj Paul Wharton, 1 LI, that day), and a Russian interpreter alight and present all documents for scrutiny to a Soviet army officer. Meanwhile, the engine is again detached and searched.

At Helmstedt, where the East German engine is swapped for one from the West, some passengers get off, before the Berliner goes on to its terminus

at Braunschweig.

Here, Rail Transport Officer Frank Carlile has found his niche. His wife is German-born and he always planned to settle in BAOR when he retired from The Gloucestershire Regiment as a bandsman.

He heard of the job through the Pioneer Civil Labour Unit and was delighted not only to get it, but find it was located in his wife's home town.

Making the return journey to Berlin was Jason Lovering and his wife Sam. He is a bandsman with the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards and they were visiting Berlin-based best man Trevor Matthews, a bandsman with The Royal Welch Fusiliers, and his wife, Rachel.

They had decided to go by rail because, as Jason explained: "We drove to Berlin the last time, intending to go over to the East. But we got lost, and by the time we got to Checkpoint Charlie it was too late to go across. At least this way I know we'll get there on time."

Cpl Brian Rosier, 1 LI, had been a patient at the Royal Military Hospital, Munster, where he had undergone an exploratory knee operation. He was making a quick trip back to Berlin to pick up some kit before returning to convalesce.

Travelling with him was LCpl John Potten, who had flown into Hanover and was returning to his unit after leave.

A duty on the Berliner is very much enjoyed by the armed



Above - Pte Debbie Kelly (left) and Pte Dawn Rear learn about the Berlin Military Train from WO2 Nick Ford, who delights in the title of Train Conducting Warrant Officer

Left - Rail Transport Officer Frank Carlile

Below - Passengers enjoy a meal in the dining car

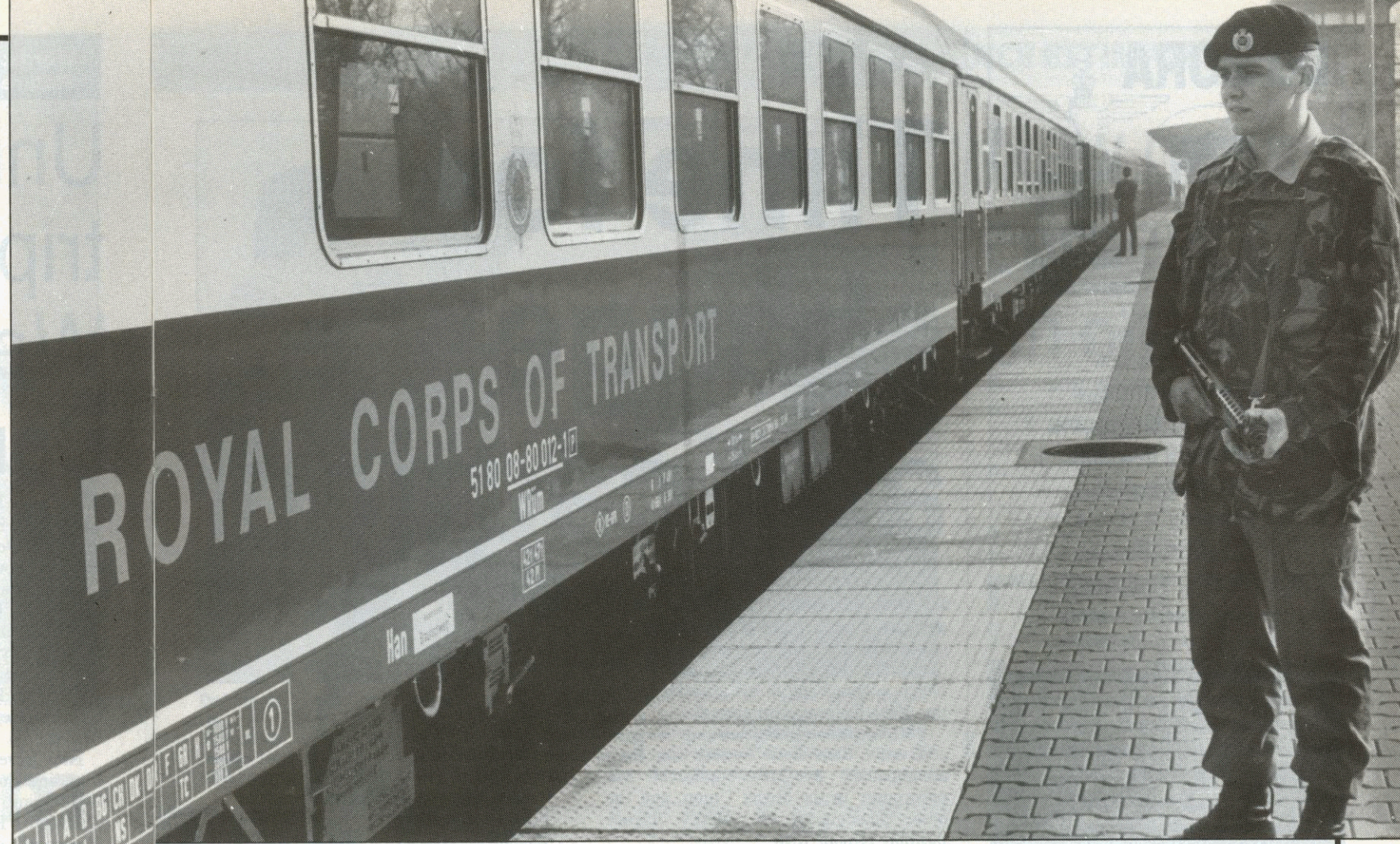


guards, who are there to defend the train and passengers, and are provided on rota by units of the Berlin Brigade.

Spr Lee Mitton, making his twelfth journey, explained its popularity: "It's different from normal duties, and probably the best you can get in Berlin. There's good food, it's an

enjoyable, easy duty, and you meet lots of new people, as well as friends using the train."

The Berliner travels every day, except Christmas Day, which means a great deal of servicing and maintenance, often requiring overnight work from the Train Maintenance Team of 14 Berlin Field



Carriage doors are locked with chains on the inside by armed guards such as LCpl Billy Anderson, pictured keeping a watch



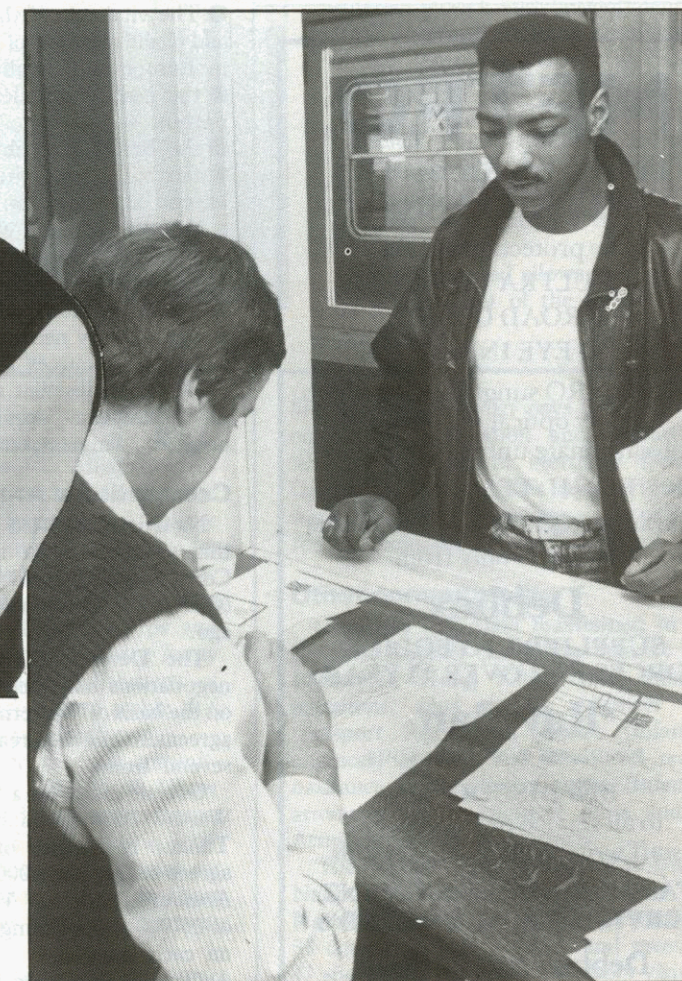
Wine waiter Andreas Smith with a Bacchanalian reminder of the Berliner

Workshops REME - an unenviable task in open sidings in the depths of a winter.

Innovations have included a computer booking system and major refurbishment, with the exterior livery of Royal Corps of Transport blue now in Deutsche Bundesbahn colours. You can buy the train's

unique labelled wine as a souvenir of a journey listed among the most interesting and unusual in the world.

There is also a monthly freight train which runs overnight to Helmstedt from Spandau carrying a variety of stores, ammunition and tracked vehicles.



Sgt Sulle Achaji, boxing enthusiast, books in at Charlottenburg Station

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Time for change and caution

DRAMATIC changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have given Britain an opportunity to take a fresh look at its defence posture says Secretary of State for Defence Tom King in his introduction to the 1990 Defence Estimates.*

But, he cautions, the transition to a freer and more democratic society has been accompanied by great upheaval and uncertainty in the Soviet Union, and the basic elements of the West's defence position remain firm.

These elements include:

- The vital role of the Atlantic Alliance, and of the presence of United States forces in Europe as its military keystone;
- the need for nuclear weapons to help prevent war;
- the British contribution in Germany;
- flexibility for British forces for roles beyond as well as within Nato.

Mr King says: "While there may be opportunities for reductions in some areas, we are resolved to sustain modern and well-equipped forces adequate for whatever our security needs, and to provide the necessary resources for that purpose."

He concludes that although the future for European security looks much brighter, dangers remain.

Conventional Arms Control

Nato is committed to signing a treaty this year based on the Negotiation on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) talks which began in Vienna a year ago.

The Defence White Paper says that negotiations have been conducted largely on the basis of Western proposals, and that agreement has been reached, or is close, on several fronts.

Overall effect of a CFE treaty on the Warsaw Pact would be:

- Tanks:** Reduction of 29,500 to reach agreed ceiling of 20,000 tanks on each side.
- Armoured Combat Vehicles:** Reduction of 25,900 if the ceiling is agreed at 28,000 on each side.
- Artillery:** Reduction of 26,000 if the ceiling is set at 16,500.
- Helicopters:** Reduction of 3,100 to reach the agreed ceiling of 1,900.



DROPS, the revolutionary battlefield delivery



Defence Minister Tom King learns about OTIS, the optical thermal image system used for surveillance, during his visit to the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards at Paderborn in West Germany. Mr King, talking here to Tpr Alan Stoker (left) and Cpl Martin Honan of Recce Troop, was accompanied on his visit by C-in-C BAOR, Gen Sir Peter Inge and Commander 1 (BR) Corps, Lt Gen Sir Charles Guthrie.



Challenger 2 on trial with Vickers

Aircraft: No agreement has been reached on the definition of the combat aircraft category, but a reduction of 6,900 Warsaw Pact holdings would be required to reach Nato's proposed ceiling of 4,700 plus an additional 500 interceptor aircraft.

The ceilings will require Nato to make reductions of about ten to 15 per cent overall in its equipment holdings. The net effect of a treaty on these lines, says the Defence White Paper, would be to remove for all practical purposes the threat of a Soviet surprise attack on Western Europe.

Contacts with the Warsaw Pact

The visit to the United Kingdom last summer of Soviet Defence Minister Gen Yazov was a clear demonstration of improved relations between the West and the Soviet Union and heralded a number of contacts with Soviet armed forces.

Other visitors included Marshal Akhromeyev and Gen Lushev, C-in-C of the Warsaw Pact.

Gen Sir Richard Vincent, Vice Chief of

the Defence Staff, visited the Soviet Union, and in return Gen Omelichev, First Deputy Chief of the Soviet General Staff, was welcomed to the United Kingdom in March. In addition, BAOR commanders met their Soviet counterparts for the first time for 24 years.

Britain's main defence roles

Britain's four Polaris submarines were assigned to Nato but remained under the control of the British Government. They would be replaced by Trident missile submarines in the mid-1990s.

Nuclear bombs can be delivered by RAF Tornado GRI and Buccaneer aircraft, and by the Royal Navy's Sea Harrier. British nuclear depth-bombs can be delivered by RN helicopters, and US nuclear depth-bombs by RAF Nimrods.

An Army artillery regiment equipped with short-range Lance missiles, and four regiments of artillery in West Germany are capable of firing nuclear warheads supplied by the United States.

STATEMENT ON THE DEFENCE ESTIMATES 1990

New guns, carriers on order

DEFENCE procurement for the British Army last year included an order for six regiments of 155mm AS 90 self-propelled howitzers to replace the Abbot and older M109 guns.

A seventh regiment of Challenger 1 main battle tanks is to be delivered by November this year, and the demonstration phase of the Challenger 2 tank being undertaken by Vickers Defence Systems is under way.

Four battalions were equipped with Warrior armoured personnel carriers and more than 1,500 Dismountable Rack Off-loading and Pick-up System (DROPS) logistic vehicles have been ordered.

Introduction of DROPS will allow loading and unloading to be carried out very much more quickly than at present and will allow a reduction in logistic vehicles and personnel.

The first of three batteries of the new Rapier Field Standard B2 entered service and development of Field Standard C, the next generation of the Rapier air defence system, is continuing.

The estimated defence budget is expected to rise from £20,630m in 1989/90 to £21,223m next year and £22,360m for 1991/92. Provision for the year after that has been set at £23,430m.

Forces pay and allowances account for 23 per cent of the budget.

life. The White Paper pays tribute to the outstanding dedication and bravery of Service personnel in Northern Ireland. Gallantry or meritorious conduct awards were made to 184 members of the security forces, including 29 UDR soldiers.

Other commitments

Garrisons had been maintained in the Falkland Islands (including infantry and engineers), Hong Kong (four infantry battalions, plus signals, engineer and transport regiments), Belize (infantry, engineer, artillery and armoured reconnaissance units), and Cyprus (infantry, armoured recce, engineer units and an Army Air Corps squadron).

The UK had also contributed to United Nations forces in Cyprus, Sinai and Namibia, loaned 550 Service personnel to 33 countries outside Nato, and provided 47 short-term training or advisory visits to 45 countries outside Nato.

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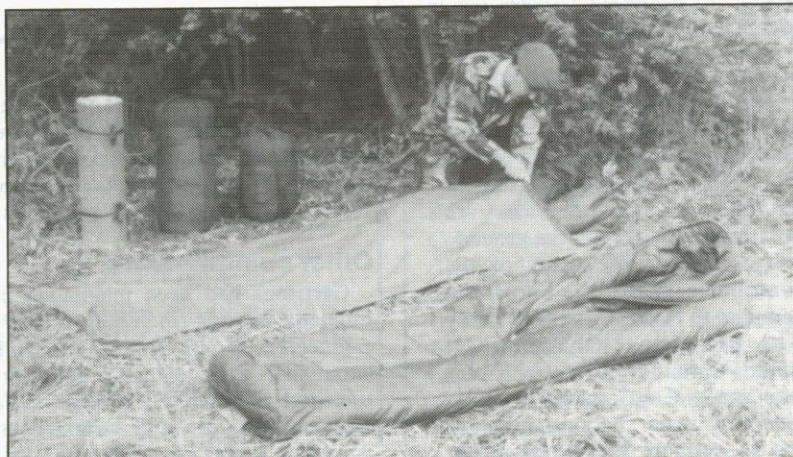
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Pride of Lions (front, from left) are WO1 Alffi Iffla, Sgt Ian Snelling, SSgt Jim Howard, Maj Nigel Dransfield and Cpl Don Bayliss; middle row, WO2 Mick Joss, Cpl Paddy Magee, WO2 Jeff Evans, LCpl Paul Bickerdyke and SSgt Rocky O'Rourke; back row – LCpl Scott Smith and WO2 Billy Thomson

Suffield All-Stars in action

Lion-hearted — that's BATUS!

LIFE on the prairie for staff at the British Army Training Unit (BATUS) at Suffield in Canada is one of famine or feast, depending on the season.

Although the summer exercise months are usually frantic, there are lulls in the battle, while winter imposes its own icy restrictions on outdoor activity.

During one such lapse in action SSgt Jim Howard, an RAOC ammunition technician, decided to rescue the nearly defunct BATUS Lions ice

hockey team and take them on a tour of the States of Washington and Oregon and the Province of British Columbia.

There would be a charity element, with money being raised for local community work.

BATUS has its very own ice hockey league made up of four teams. Current champions are the Chieftains (made up from Ordnance Company personnel), followed by the Iceholes



Minding the goal is WO1 Alffi (Axeman) Iffla

(HQ), the Oilers (REME Workshops) and the Fliers (AAC and RCT).

All four teams contributed to the Lions squad, which was eventually composed of WO1

Alffi Iffla RE; WO2s Jeff Evans RE, Billy Thomson R Scots, Mick Joss RAMC; SSgts Jim Howard and Rocky O'Rourke, both RAOC; Sgt Chris Griffiths REME; Cpls Mick Storey REME, Don Bayliss and Paddy Magee, both RAOC; and LCpls Pete Dawson REME and Paul Bickerdyke and Scott Smith of the RAOC.

Best pre-tour result was a hard-fought 6-6 draw against an under-14 girls' team.

Undaunted, the Lions took on five games in ten days, losing only four of them (the fifth was cancelled at short notice!).

Opponents ranged from Kennewick on the Oregon-Washington border to the Ambassador Statesman in Coquitlam and the Canadian Forces Base at Chilliwack.

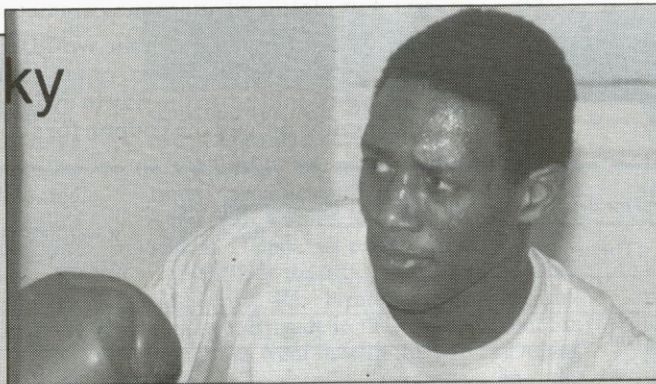
A final money-raising effort was the annual officers v WOs match, won convincingly 7-2 by the latter.

Rugged Rocky

ICE hockey is not the only sport at which BATUS is able to demonstrate its prowess. LCpl Adrian Richards RGJ has just impressed everyone with his progress in local amateur boxing competitions.

Londoner Richards was detached to BATUS for the 89/90 winter repair programme and employed in the Inspections Department of the REME Workshops.

With nine previous contests under his belt and four weeks of concentrated



training, he entered the Alberta Golden Gloves competition in Medicine Hat, winning a medal in the senior novice division.

Rocky (pictured above), as he is now known at

BATUS, also won the best senior novice award and is now considering an entry in the provincial championships, just a step away from the Canadian nationals.

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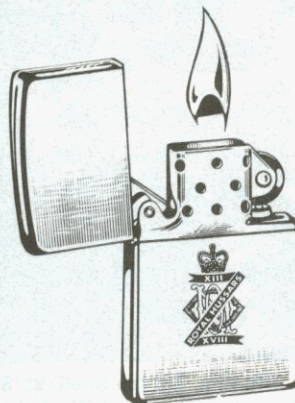
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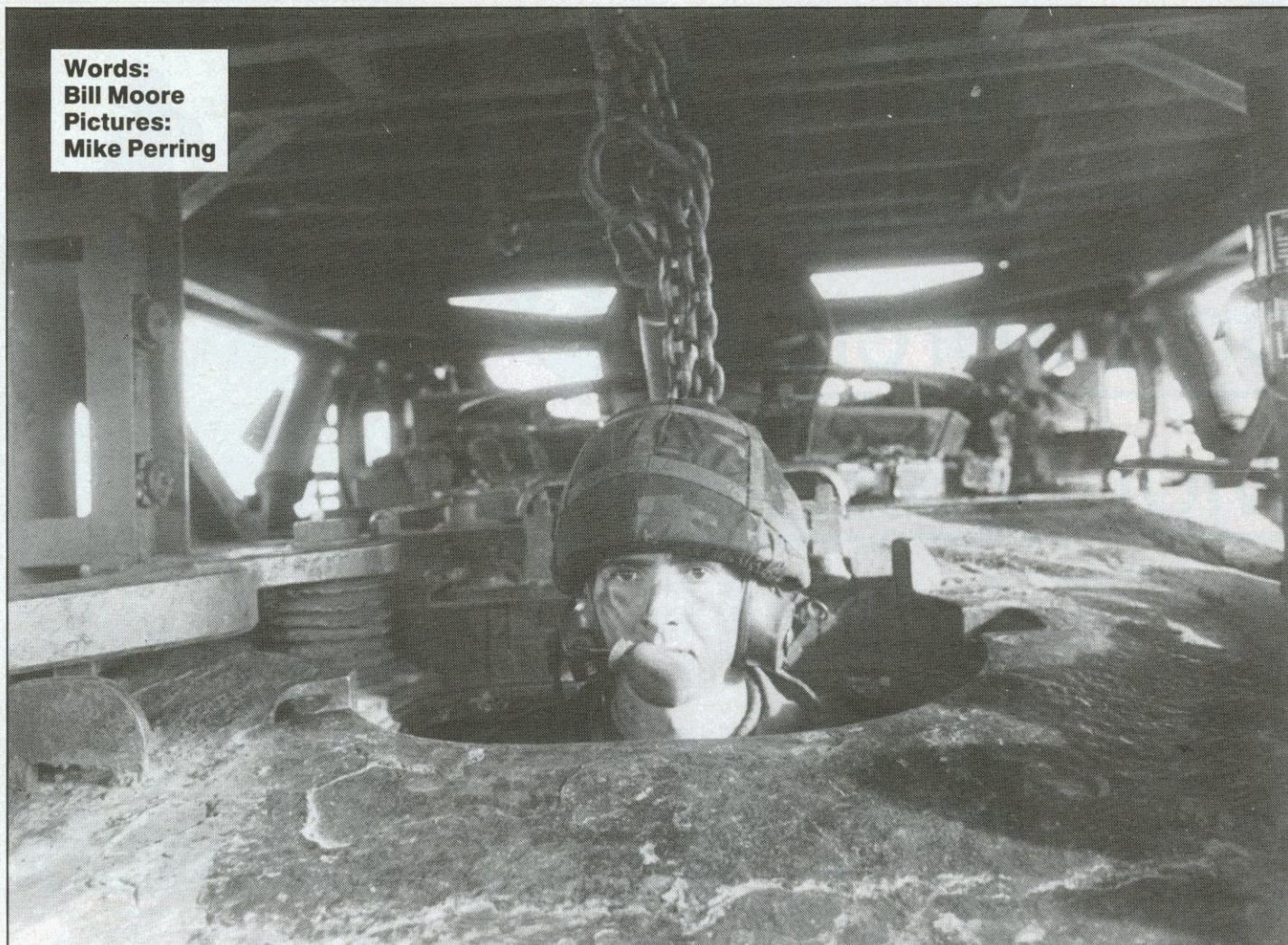
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The man in charge . . . a young armoured engineer at the controls of a Chieftain bridge layer. The bridge is launched hydraulically with no crew member exposed under combat conditions

The Cutting

32 Armoured
Engineer Regiment

Edge

CONSIDERING that most of them are older than their crews, the machines of 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment probably have more care lavished on them than any other front-line vehicles in the Army.

"They're a bit like maiden aunts," said the CO, Lt Col Alwin Hutchinson. "They respond when you make a fuss of them."

"Maiden aunts" maybe, but like that breed they are not to be trifled with. They carry much more clout than a handbag.

The unit, unique in possessing three squadrons of armoured engineers, is a direct descendant of the 79th Armoured Division, sometimes called Hobo's Funnies after the irascible and ingenious Maj Gen Sir Percy Hobart, who not only inspired its highly original equipment but commanded it during the North West Europe campaign.

The 79th's bull's head device, inherited by 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment, stands at the entrance to Dennis Barracks, Munsterlager, probably the northernmost base in BAOR.

Considering the armoured engineers are the cutting edge of any offensive operations on a modern battlefield, and

equally vital to a withdrawal, they have had a chequered career since the war.

Originally they were formed because of heavy casualties suffered by unprotected sappers in France in 1940, in the desert and at Dieppe in particular in 1942.

By D-Day the 5th, 6th and 42nd Assault Regiments RE formed the 1st Assault Engineer Brigade in the 79th Division. Six squadrons went in with the RAC's Duplex Drive ("swimming") tanks on the Normandy beaches on June 6, 1944.

Later the specialist armour played an important part in capturing the fortified Channel ports and at the Rhine crossing.

Another assault engineer brigade served in Italy.

After the war both were broken up and

by 1978 only 26 Armoured Engineer Squadron (which had gone ashore on D-Day) remained in BAOR . . . though the divisions in Germany became armoured and the infantry mechanised.

In March 1980, 31 Armoured Engineer Squadron (which had a brief existence in the 60s) was revived and joined 26 to form 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment. Three years later 77 Squadron, which had supported 3 Infantry Division on Queen Beach on D-Day and crossed the Rhine in amphibious Buffaloes in 1945, was re-embodied and stationed at Munsterlager.

Today the regiment has 58 heavy "A" vehicles (tanks, bridgelayers etc) and 62

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Getting it all together on Exercise Monty's Delight

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light – Ferrets, combat recce vehicles 432s and variants – which must put it in the running for the title of biggest armoured unit in the Army.

In addition HQ Squadron runs a transport echelon which, with its Scammell Commanders able to carry the massive No 8 bridge, would make any furniture removal firm green with envy.

And there is a REME attachment of 126 plus their vehicles.

It is arguable that in no other unit does a young troop commander have such a challenging role.

In 26 and 31 Squadrons (77 is slightly different) the three troops consist of a Ferret, two Spartans, three Chieftain bridge layers (AVLBs – standing for Armoured Vehicle Launched Bridge), two Centurion 165mm gun tanks with bulldozers and one Centurion 105mm fitted with a mine plough. The tanks are officially AVREs – Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers.

Exercise Monty's Delight which SOLDIER visited is the only time in the year when all three squadrons of "32" get together. For much of the year (too much in the view of one wife whose husband was away for nine months out of 12), they are deployed in support of 1 (BR) Corps armoured divisions.

Central to the exercise are a number of "battle runs" – a tactical problem is set and anti-tank ditches, craters or rivers have to be crossed.

In freak weather conditions (sun and a cloudless sky for a whole day at Soltau in February!) Scorpions recced a deep ditch dug by combat engineer tractors.

An RE recce sergeant raced up to report on it and, after talking to the battle group HQ, the troop commander decided how to deal with it.

A Centurion 105 ploughed a straight path through a minefield and made way for a Centurion 165 which rumbled up to drop a 2½-ton fascine made of plastic pipes into the ditch.

It moved over to doze through the "bund" (parapet) on the other side, moving cautiously to avoid exposing the belly of the tank.

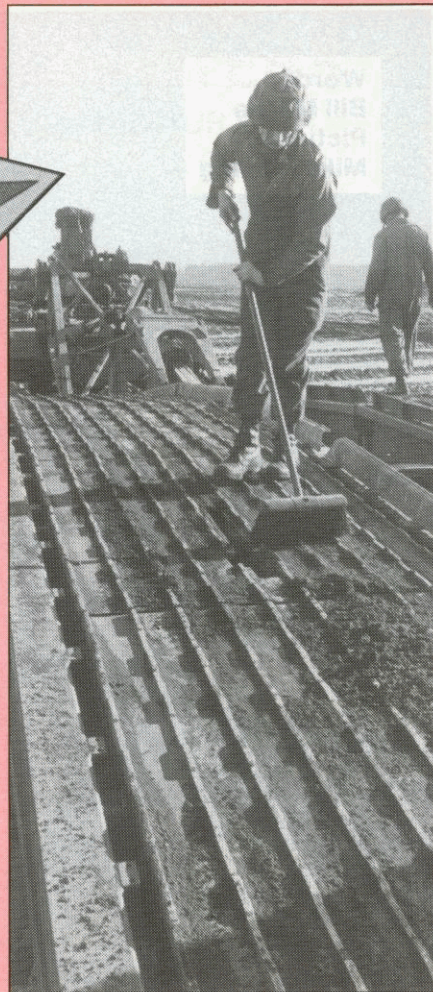
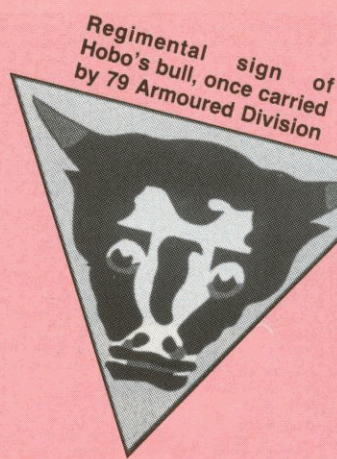
A second minefield beyond was cleared by mine plough and its edges marked with

bright orange poles. Three Challengers of the 14th/20th Hussars, guns traversed to avoid sticking their muzzles into the earth, crossed cautiously and raced away.

Armoured engineers are a special breed. After their initial sapper training recruits do courses at the RE Wing at Bovington RAC Centre, then join their squadrons. Many spend most of their career in the armoured engineers.

Like all sappers they tend to move around the corps but many who qualify as armoured engineers gravitate back to the strange world of AVREs, AVLBs, bunds and ditches.

At Munsterlarger the red shoulder flash "Royal Engineers 32" is worn with pride even on the soldiers' coveralls.



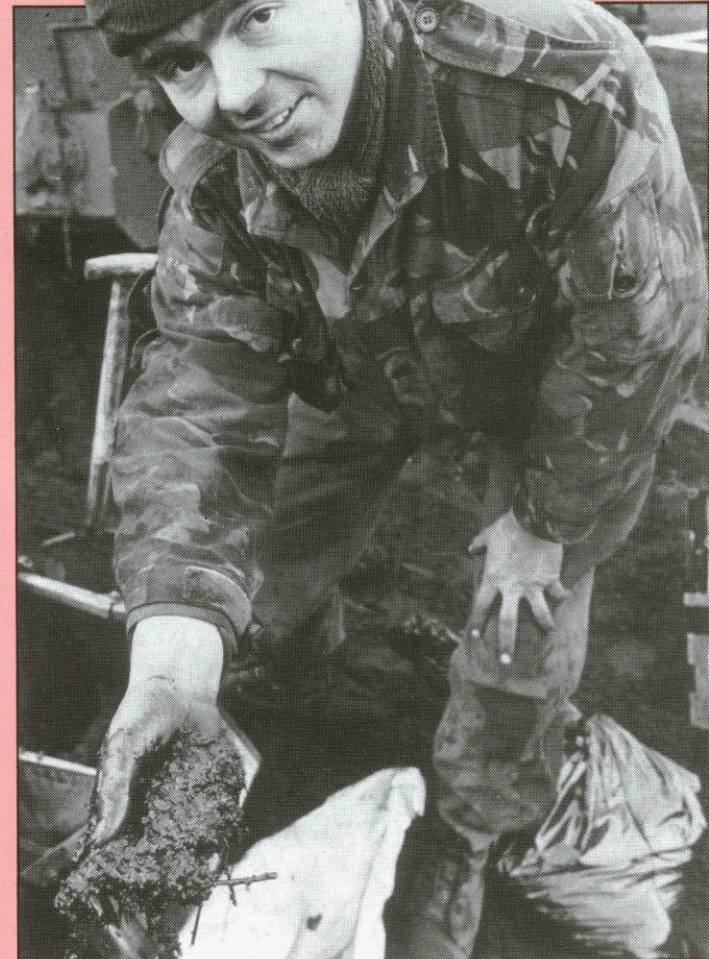
Above – A sapper sweeps down a bridge before it is recovered
Right – What it's all about ... a Challenger of 14/20 H crosses a bridge using a fascine



The gang's all here ... a Centurion AVRE leads the big parade as part of the regiment



goes into leaguer



Dirty work for LCpl Paul Docherty. Soil contaminated by fuel spillage is collected for reprocessing

Abbo is a one-off

He's got to be unique! Cpl Euton Golaub, who commands an AVRE, is an Australian aboriginal. No prize for guessing his nickname – Abbo



An unstained reputation

EVERY vehicle in Exercise Monty's Delight carried a piece of equipment which certainly didn't used to be on complete equipment schedules ... a drip tray.

When a lorry or tank parked up, the drip tray went down.

Oil waste – and the sludge that appears during maintenance and repairs – went into black plastic bags for disposal.

Should any of Soltau's

sandy acres be stained these days, the soil is dug up and taken by lorry, by the West German authorities, 30 miles to Luneberg and processed.

When clean it is driven back and replaced. This demonstration of environmental concern is not without problems.

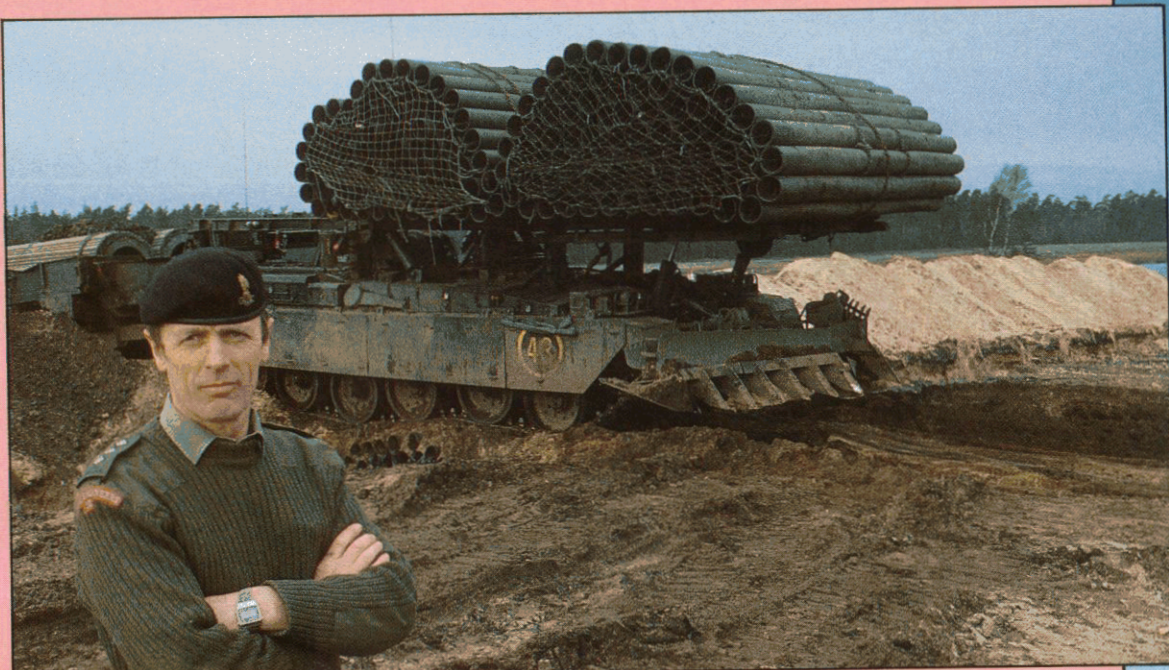
Large black pools and pieces of junk which have appeared overnight on occasions are believed to have

been dumped by civilians getting rid of sump oil.

Now all Army oil cans have to bear a unit ID mark.

Next to the training area is the Naturschutzgebiet Luneburger Heide, a nature reserve out of bounds for all military purposes.

Legend has it that it is the haunt of unscrupulous scrap merchants just waiting to carry off tank tracks into the Forbidden Land.



Capt David Clegg with his brainchild with two fascines loaded, plough raised and towing a trailer containing steel track

Another Cleggy special at work

CAPT David Clegg doesn't have the wild look traditionally associated with inventors. He is a quiet Yorkshireman from Leeds known throughout his regiment and the Corps of Royal Engineers as "Cleggy".

As Technical Adjutant of 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment part of his job is "conducting trials on, and co-ordinating advances in the operational employment of equipment".

The "Tech Adj" is also expected to design components to fulfil specific tasks ... hence the strangely-shaped lump of metal on his desk. It is the "Clegg wedge" used in bridging.

Then there are the combination markers used to get a line-up when more than one bridge is laid ... and his invention to protect radios in Ferrets.

Recently he has worked on a gadget concerning "blow-out" pins for Armoured Vehicles Royal Engineers (AVREs) and a collapsible cradle for fascines. But his biggest project, samples of which may now be seen trundling over Soltau ranges, has been the Chieftain AVRE.

The turret has been removed from a main battle tank, the hole covered with steel and a hamper (irreverently referred to by some as a roof rack) welded on to the hull.

Instead of carrying the single fascine hoisted with

the Centurion 165 AVRE, it can carry three - and drop two in succession.

Alternatively it can carry up to six rolls of Class 60 metal trackway (to aid the advance of wheeled vehicles on the battlefield) and lay three of them - another advance on the AVRE 165.

The turret of the initial model was removed by 18 Base Workshop REME at Bovington, which receives weary Chieftains. The chassis was taken to BAOR and Capt Clegg had six months to produce a trial vehicle - a task which was accomplished by a team at 21 Engineer Base Workshop, Willich, part of 40 Engineer Support Group.

Seventeen of the AVREs now exist, all of the home-made variety. Two of them have been sent to Suffield for trials on the prairie and one is in Britain with Vickers, who are to make a production model.

It should have the capacity to carry engineer stores and will be equipped with a hydraulic crane.

What started Capt Clegg on the invention path?

"I reckon it was making matchstick guns with hairpins and bits of elastic," he said.

"Cleggy" has been 26 years in the Army - 18½ of them as an armoured engineer.

But he has also served with 521 Specialist Team RE and

drilled for water in Anguilla and Oman and (surprise, surprise!) Brize Norton.

His mark is also to be found on various corners of Dennis Barracks - in the church where his skill as a wood carver is evident in the magnificent Bible stand, in the regimental pet's rabbit hutch (probably unique in having sculptured fascia boards), and the pergola behind the officers' mess.

And he finds time to make and fly model helicopters!



One more river . . . Chieftain AVLBS line up in the early morning sun at Soltau. The special metal alone for the No 8 bridge costs around £1,000,000



A Centurion AVRE, having dropped its fascine, advances with the 165mm demolition gun ready for action and the 'dozer ready for work



A Combat Engineer Tractor (CET) advances with its bucket already full of earth which it can dump immediately into any crater



Spr Scouse Ashworth, the co-driver, displays the massive 6 1/4-in HESH round which can demolish a concrete pillbox

How One Charlie bridged the gap

THE most famous Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers is undoubtedly call-sign One Charlie, now mounted on a plinth overlooking Juno Beach where it came ashore in Normandy on D-Day 1944.

The Churchill of 26 Squadron was carrying a fascine intended to fill a crater on the road to Graye-sur-Mer. Green algae covered the water-filled hole, sand had blown on to it and the surface looked solid as weeds were showing above it.

The tank advanced, the driver tried to stop as the weed parted showing the water, but it slithered under. The crew scrambled out and took cover.

The gap was too wide for the 30ft-long bridges available but one was laid using the Churchill as a support. A sapper officer and two men dashed across and, standing on the submerged turret of One-Charlie, blew off the wire holding its fascine.

Other tanks dropped more fascines and the gap was eventually bridged.

Three of the crew of One-Charlie were killed by mortar fire as they crouched in the dunes, one was badly wounded and another slightly hurt.

As the beach head expanded the crater was filled in and the tank buried. Subsequently the main road was built over it.

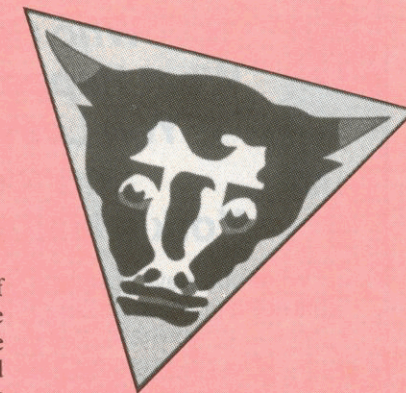
In 1975, however, the Churchill was "exhumed" by men of 26 Squadron and its contents, including its demolition charges and the kit of the crew, salvaged. It was then mounted on a plinth where it suffered more from the effects of wind and weather than from being buried.

In the spring of 1988 26 Squadron returned and restored the tank to the condition which now makes it one of the sights of the D-Day beaches.



A Challenger tank of 14/20 H crosses a ditch using a No 9 tank bridge

Centurion demolition gun will be missed



THE last gunnery camp of 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment is expected to take place in 1993.

Then the Centurion AVREs, most of which were built in the 1960s, will be pensioned off.

So far there is no hint of a gun-toting substitute. The Chieftain AVRE will replace them – able to carry three times as many fascines and probably other stores and able to tow a trailer containing Giant Viper, the minefield-breacher – but without a demolition gun.

Speed and mobility are regarded as essential requirements on the projected modern battlefield, but there are those who will regret the passing of the demolition gun.

There is no doubt that it is invaluable in an urban setting and against fixed defences.

Some idea of the power of the 6 1/4-in shell can be gauged from the fact that one blew the turret clean off a Conqueror, the biggest main battle tank ever put into service with the Royal Armoured Corps and one of the biggest flops ... hence its

relegation to range target.

The Centurion 165 AVRE fires HESH (high explosive squash head) at comparatively short ranges (300-1,200 yards) and can be used to wreck bridges as well as shatter reinforced concrete.

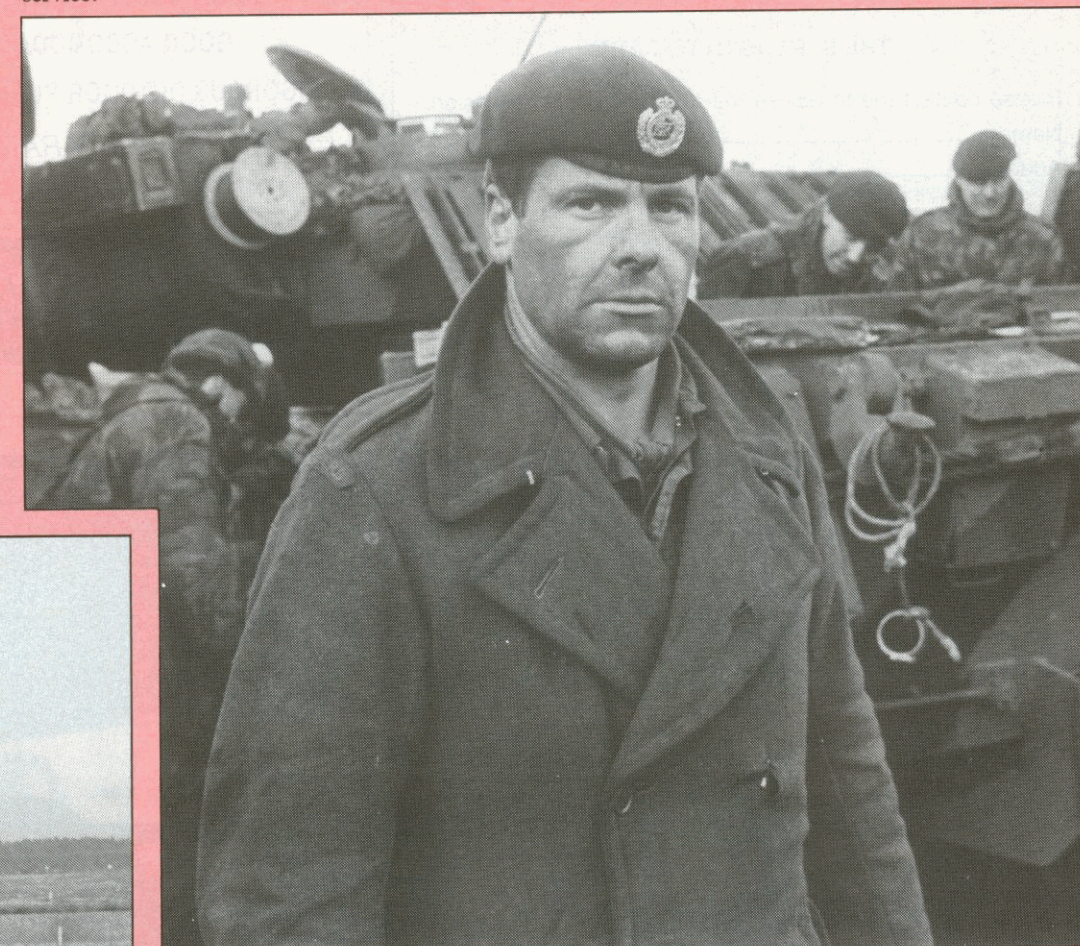
The US Army has the 165mm mounted on a combat engineer vehicle based on the M60 and known as the M728. It is expected to remain in service.

If it does, a certain amount of irony will be involved because before D-Day, when the specialised armour was offered to them, the Americans declined the "funnies", preferring to rely on men carrying charges on long poles to dispose of pill boxes.

The original demolition gun was a crude mortar mounted on a Churchill and throwing a charge like a small dustbin. It was loaded from a hatch in

front of the turret, the barrel being hinged! Its range was a mere 90 yards.

The AVRE could also push forward a Snake – iron pipes stuffed with explosive which could be screwed together and assembled to a length of about 100 yards.



Cpl John Mudd with the AVRE that fell into an unmarked anti-tank ditch

When an AVRE goes bump in the night

CPL John Mudd paused for a brew and a moment's thought and said: "This is all wrong. We're supposed to take out the anti-tank ditch."

He had been guiding his machine through the darkness after training when suddenly it crash-dived, churned up the soil madly and stopped.

After the dust had settled and he knew his crew were unhurt he discovered that

somehow the white mine tape which should have marked the obstacle had vanished – strong winds were sweeping the area.

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Berlin players on the same channel

RONDO is the name given to an exercise held in Berlin for signals troops from the British, American and French sectors. It has been held biannually since 1971 and is hosted by each sector in turn on behalf of Allied Staff Berlin. Exercise Rondo 38 last month was run by 1 Squadron, Berlin Headquarters and Signal Regiment.

Twenty "players" from each sector assembled in Ruhleben Fighting City and were formed into three-person tripartite teams. Five female soldiers participated on equal terms throughout the week.

Objectives of Rondo are to train soldiers on Allied signals equipment, to develop inter-operability between nations and, most importantly, to promote co-operation and friendship between signals soldiers.

To achieve this the exercise is run as a competition.

Instruction on different equipment and procedures was given to the players at a "round-robin" series of stands. Later in the day, the players were taken to the driver training area in the Grünewald for some hands-on familiarisation with British vehicles, including Land Rovers, Bedfords, Unimog ambulance, AFV 432 Command Post vehicle, Fox and AFV 432 from 1 LI and a forklift from 62 Tpt and Mov Control Sqn RCT.

In the competitive part of Rondo, ten teams deployed each day on a mobile exercise throughout West Berlin. Given 30 widely spread locations, they had to navigate to each in turn and establish communications back to exercise control in Ruhleben Fighting City.

At Ruhleben, the other ten teams were involved in a static exercise which tested



Above – Sig Marston gets to grips with a Jaguar radio



Left – LCpl Gardner (left) working with American signallers

Later, the teams moved to the range for a falling plates competition with weapons changed around within the team. The British fired the M16, the French the SLR and the Americans the FAMAS; each with varying degrees of success.

Finale was an urban assault course laid over, through and under the buildings of RFC. Players had to complete it as a team, with a heavy penalty for anyone dropping out.

Commander Berlin Infantry Brigade, Brig Richard Oliver, presented tankards to the first three teams at a ceremony held in the Kuppelsaal, venue for the 1936 Olympic boxing tournament.

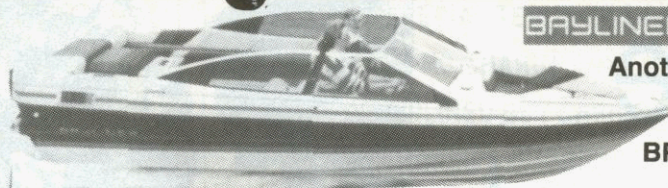
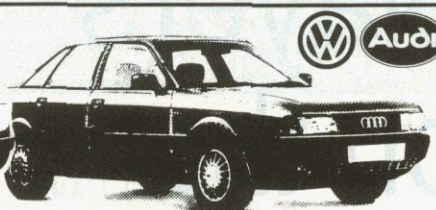
Greatest reward from the exercise is the camaraderie that it creates and the increased understanding between allies. Many of those who took part will have a chance to work together again in October when Rondo 39 is run in the American sector.

the training they had been given earlier in the week.

Teams moved tactically in an urban combat environment between stands that included the tactical siting of an antenna, line-laying, the use of different national radios on the same net, interfacing national switchboards and the use of generators.

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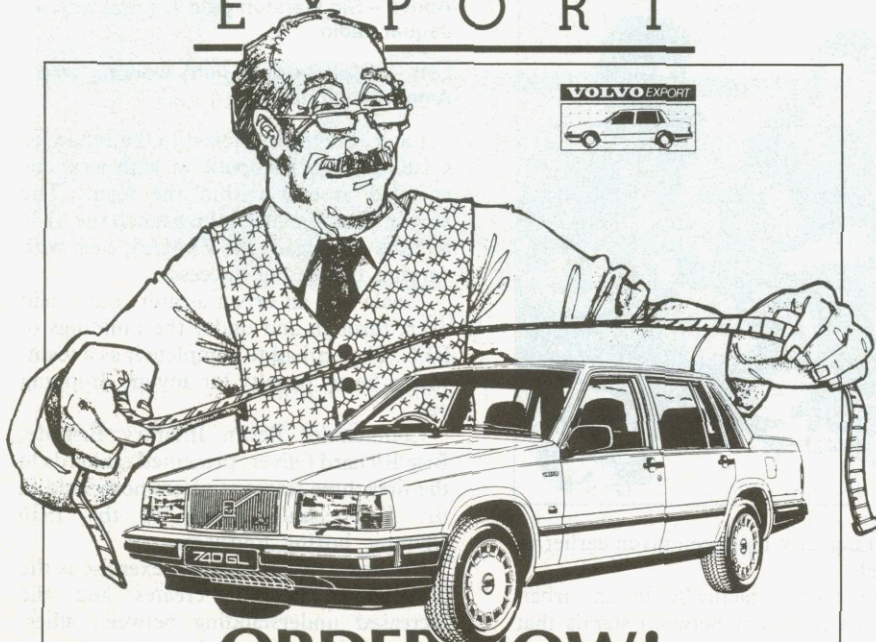
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Cadets set to tackle Himalayas

THE CREAM of Britain's young Army Cadets battled against exhaustion, the elements and themselves in a bid to win places on a gruelling expedition to the Himalayas.

The 60 youngsters aged between 16 and 18, including eight girls, from all over the country, gathered at Tywyn,

Mid Wales, to fight for the 30 places on the Army Cadet Force Nepal Expedition 1991.

Under the eagle eye of expedition leader Lt Col John Muston, the youngsters faced gruelling physical examinations on the Welsh mountains to test their physical fitness, powers of leadership and ability to get

along with each other.

Col Muston, a veteran of 16 Himalayan expeditions, will lead the 34-day expedition which will cover 150 miles around Annapurna in Nepal, including the ascent of the 20,000ft Pisang Peak.

Also planned is a "white water" raft sail down the

Trisuli river.

"We will be selecting youngsters who are physically and mentally fit enough to cope with the rigours of the expedition," said Col Muston.

"On a trek like this it is essential that they pull together as a team and that everyone can do a variety of jobs."

Humber bastion opens door to the ladies

AN all-male bastion is to open its doors to women for the first time – but their absence until now has had nothing to do with male chauvinism, merely a lack of proper facilities, writes **Jennifer Griffiths**.

Humberside Army Cadet Force (ACF) – as it was known until recently – is having women instructors specially trained for the influx of girl recruits, expected next year.

While other ACFs have had girl recruits on their books for some years, it is only now that separate toilets and accommodation have become available.

The new title, Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF, was adopted after streamlining and a transfer of cadets making the new organisation one of the largest with 53 detachments. They serve 1,500 members led by 250 adults. Ages range from 13 to 18 years.

Maj Bill Gordon, executive officer, said: "We are doing hard recruiting in a lot of areas, and the response is very good. Our best advertisement is a satisfied cadet who enthuses about our activities."

These include map reading, compass work, shooting, drill and weapon training. There is a whole range of adventure training, and chances of competitive sporting events. Recruits are encouraged to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Though the ACF sees itself as the Army's youth movement, it is a fruitful recruiting ground for the Regular Army with 25 per cent taking up the option. Last year three from the area joined up.

Adult Sergeant Instructor Ian Oakley (20) is the latest to join up, and is now with 1 Para after seven years in the ACF. He chose that regiment because of its affiliation to Driffield Detachment (Para) Humberside ACF, to which he belonged.

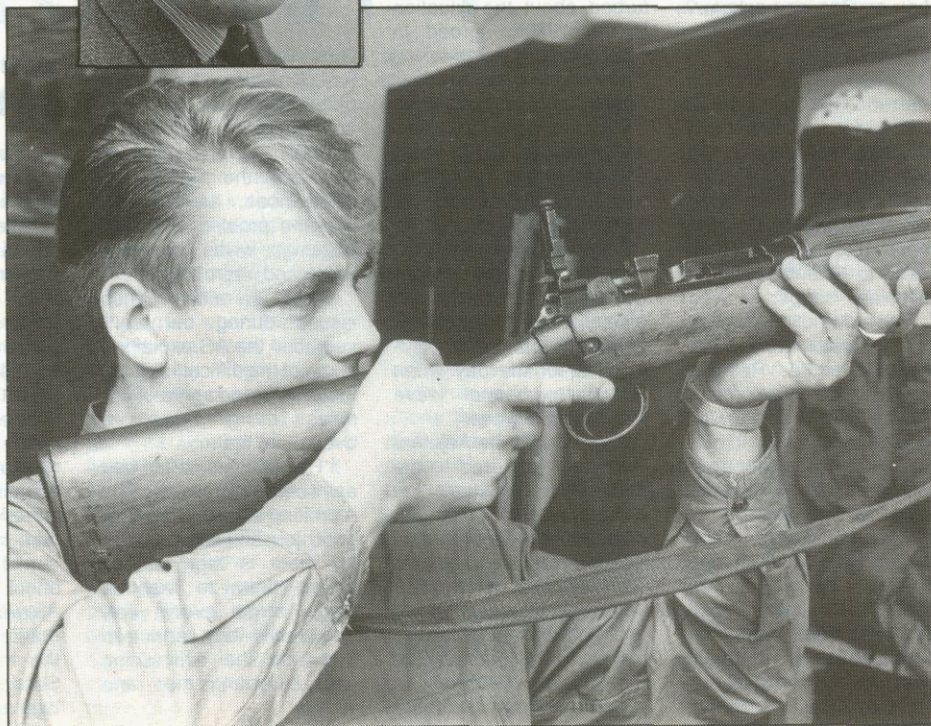


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Above – Cadet Sgt Paul Woodall (18), gives instruction to 16-year-old Cadet Lee Richens (in uniform) and 13-year-old Cadet Jonathan Brown at a weekly target shoot at Driffield ACF

Left – Maj Bill Gordon, executive officer, Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF

Below – Adult Sergeant Instructor Ian Oakley, checks the barrel of a .22 rifle, ensuring it is clean before returning it to the armoury. He is now a Regular with 1 Para



USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF STABILITY



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OF the many pressing issues facing the Adjutant General, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, when he took office 18 months ago, one at the top of his in-tray was the new allowance package.

The most radical rethink for many years was beginning to have far-reaching effects on the lives of both married and single personnel and their families.

Complex and worrying

Retirement package on the cards?

I SUGGESTED to the Adjutant General that the way British Service personnel are treated when they retire is very different to that of other Nato armies.

For the British Serviceman it is a case of "thank you and goodbye" when he receives his discharge book.

Could not some concessions be made in the form of an ex-Service package? For example, ex-Service personnel could have an automatic right to be referred to a Service hospital for operations and consultations as in the American and French armies.

A card could be issued to former soldiers and dependants to enable them to use Naafi shops.

With a dwindling Service, Naafi customers could include the TA, Reserve Forces, ex-Service members of SSAFA and British Legion.

Travel discounts for up to five years after discharge could be considered.

This is being done already on Post PAX and ADAT.

The AG said that although there were obvious difficulties he would look into the suggestions for a Post Retention Package.

issues over finding somewhere to live at the end of Service were among the headaches facing Servicemen and women in the 1990s.

Low retention rates and increasingly high numbers seeking PVR were causing concern at all levels, so much was expected of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body's 1990 report.

Main areas of concern for Servicemen and women were not only their pay, but the allowances which would cover such areas as housing, community charges, boarding school and travel.

When it comes to the AFPRB report, each Service fights its own corner. Each has different priorities. For example, housing at the end of service is not a major factor for the Royal Navy.

Any changes in allowance had to be made within the existing budget, with no increase in money.

It is now 15 years since I started writing in SOLDIER and in those far-off days I did feel the policy-makers were out of touch with the rank and file.

Gen Sir Jack Harman, the then Adjutant General, who was particularly perturbed about the situation in the 1970s, agreed to open his door to me for an interview for the families' pages.

That interview appeared in December 1977, and I believe in its own humble way helped to usher in a more enlightened era.

The emphasis is now very much on house ownership, stability in education, employment for wives and earning enough to save for the day when Service personnel leave the Armed Forces.

As I sat with the Adjutant General it occurred to me that over the years his office had not changed much - nor have the many issues which now face him.

I detected a genuine care and left with a strong feeling that the AG was trying to overcome the problems of 1990 from an ever-dwindling defence budget.



The Adjutant General, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe

THE AREAS OF PRIORITY

GEN Sir Robert Pascoe has given himself a number of priority areas to tackle during 1990. They include retention, comparability of pay and the Review of Allowances, interwoven with the problem areas of housing, wives' employment and recruiting.

When I raised these issues during our conversation the AG explained some of the difficulties he is faced with and some of the steps being taken to overcome them.

"Recruiting is not as bad as some say it is. The recruiting staffs are doing a good job and the problem for them is that we are asking them to meet a bigger target every year, and clearly they cannot do that with the diminishing pool of young men and women.

"That problem of in-

Breakthrough on bonuses

creasing the target is being caused by the lack of retention.

"We have now introduced some major improvements to help retention. The bonuses for officers and soldiers which became effective on January 1 1990, represent a real breakthrough.

"Because of their overall cost, they have to be carefully targetted, but I am optimistic that they will do a lot to keep our good young men in.

"As you know the overall effect of the Review of Allowances, despite some marked improvements for the married accompanied Servicemen, did disadvantage some.

"As a first step to sorting

out this situation we have removed the need for accompanied service over the age of 37, but do check your personal situation regarding Boarding School Allowance.

"We have also lowered the age for the Relocation Package for marrieds and singles to 25 which should help the increasing number of young house owners.

"The married man on a course will now not have to pay for his food for the first 30 days, and at last we have managed to do something for the man or woman whose last tour of duty takes them somewhere they do not wish to be, in that they can now claim Disturbance and Removal expenses.

"We did all of this quickly, because it was quite clear that the Review of Allowances had not

achieved all we wanted from it.

"The full assessment of the Review takes place this year when we will be seeking the views of a large number of Servicemen and women.

"I'm not sure what we are going to discover, although I'm pretty certain that the restriction on leave warrants will feature pretty prominently.

"Any changes that result from this full review will have to wait until at least April 1991 before we can introduce them, and assuming we can find the money in the budget."

Gen Pascoe emphasised the importance of returning the surveys.

"I can then identify what they think is important and use the statistical data in my case to make adjustments to the budget."

Q - The recent announcement that Service personnel no longer had to pay for their last move from a Married Quarter to their civilian address removed one long outstanding problem. How was money found for this in the allowance review?

A - "The 1988 review of the allowances package was done within strict financial constraints. No extra money was allowed, so to make any improvements we had to take money from other parts of the allowance package. Where there was a gainer there had to be one or more losers.

"We did achieve some worthwhile improvements, mainly to disturbance allowance and the removals allowance.

"Sadly, those in future claiming boarding school allowance may find themselves worse off than they had bargained for when they made their plans, as the method of calculating the rates has changed.

"However I must point out that before the ROA the

rates of BSA were £1,255 for the first two children regardless of whether it was prep or senior school. They are now £1,465 for a child in senior school and £1,210 for a prep school.

"Transitional arrangements have, as far as possible, protected those whose children were in the system before October 1 1988.

"It was also annoying to those people who lost some of their railway warrants and I know this has caused a lot of upset."

Q - Why was 37 chosen as the starting age for involuntary separation? Officers would be helped more as they can serve up to 55-60 years whereas the soldier does 22 years, so his postings after 37 are far fewer. Why not have an earlier limit for soldiers?

A - "First I must clarify that those choosing the over-37 option are not granted full INVOLSEP status, so the term 'involuntary separation' may be misleading.

"Our policy to encourage accompanied service remains unchanged but we

do recognise that from the age of 37, while still desirable from the Army's point of view, the actual requirement to serve accompanied is reduced and where possible, people in that category should be allowed to serve unaccompanied without direct financial penalty."

The Adjutant General pointed out that the eligibility for the Home Owners' package had been lowered to 25 and over, and the single Serviceman's eligibility for disturbance allowance and removal expenses had been lowered to 25.

"As to future changes, the implementation of the Get Well package will not necessarily be the end of the refinement of the Review of Allowances.

"This is a continuing process and the full evaluation of the allowance policy is now in hand and should be completed by the end of this year.

"Any further changes will not be ready for implementation before April 1991."

'AFPRB did a good job'

I ASKED the Adjutant General his reaction to the pay award.

"I felt," he said, "that the AFPRB did a good job as a Body, they had taken on board all the points the three Services had put to them, and they wrote a very fair, clear and supportive report.

"The report goes to No 10 Downing Street and we are very lucky to have that system as of right, with no hassle. We know, even now, that a report from the AFPRB will go to the Prime Minister next year.

"The award of 9.39 per cent was fair," said Gen Pascoe.

"Although the pay report was fair I must express my disappointment along with

everyone else that the Government chose to stage this, and staged it to a late point in the financial year.

"On the other hand, they did not stage it in two equal parts which would have been worse. We have got, roughly, an inflation rise.

"While there will always be some who feel we should give more, I judge that this is a good pay award in the circumstances prevailing. It included a 0.5 per cent addition in the X factor and I think it significant the Body recommended that - the first increase in the X factor for men since 1974.

"It does, at least, give a token reward for all the extra work and difficulties such as the extra security duties and the ambulance strike.

The Adjutant General

Keeping an eye on the poll tax

ON the subject of the Community Charge, the Adjutant General explained that the rules had to be set for 1990, and despite MoD representations to the Government, nothing more could be done for 1990.

"We are keeping a close watch and would ask everyone who is having difficulties to let their Community Charge Liaison Officer know."

I asked about the 1/2 per cent levied on soldiers.

"Good news. When the MoD compensation scheme was first discussed, it was intended that the administration should be paid for by a small increase in the accommodation charges, but this has now been abolished so no 1/2 per cent will be levied on a soldiers' pay," said Gen Pascoe.

An issue affecting the Serviceman is the standard poll tax charge levied on empty houses.

The Adjutant General said: "A single homeowner may state that his home is his sole or main residence. The local authority will decide whether to accept this on the available evidence: for example, the frequency of visits."

I asked how married personnel stood when they had an empty property and the maximum standard charge was levied.

The Adjutant General explained that the Service family is entitled to make representations to a local authority that their private house is the wife's main residence.

The local authority will decide on the available evidence whether to accept this.

Soldiers had to remember that this was a private matter between the individual and the local authority who has been given powers to vary the standard charge.

Gen Pascoe said: "We will look at the problem of junior soldiers to see if they are worse off and their situation will be carefully monitored."

BOOK REVIEWS

The Doomed Expedition: The Campaign in Norway 1940 by Jack Adams. Paperback reissue of a ranker's story of the tragedies and triumphs of the war in the fiords. Published by Mandarin. Price £4.99.

Behind the Lines by Col W N Nicholson. New edition in The Fourteen-Eighteen Collection (series editor Peter T Scott) of the 1939 classic account of administrative staffwork in the British Army in the First World War. Published in hardback by Spa Books Ltd and The Strong Oak Press. Price £14.95.

And Strength Was Given by R Ian Bell. Captured in the Western Desert in 1942 as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Royal Engineers, the author was released by the Italians, recaptured and brutally tortured by the Gestapo before being released unexpectedly to continue the war in prison camps. His harrowing story is published in hardback by Tyndale with Panda Publishing. Price £11.95.

What Did You Do in the War, Grandpa? by Bob Price. Memories of a young gunner who set off for summer TA camp in 1939 and did not return to civilian life until 1946. Published in hardback by Spa Books Ltd and The Strong Oak Press. Price £10.

BOOKS IN BRIEF

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Messines shell changed actor Colman's life

IN 1927 the British actor Ronald Colman was voted the most popular male star in Hollywood. Thirteen years earlier he was helping to make history in an entirely different way.

Colman had joined the Territorials in 1909, left in 1913, then rejoined at the outbreak of war.

On Hallowe'en, 1914 he found himself a member of the first Territorial Army infantry unit to go into action against the enemy.

As 14 Battalion London Regiment, the London Scottish, engaged the Germans at Messines, Private Colman's ankle was wounded by a shell which could lay claim to having altered the course of cinematic history.

For Colman was sent home and invalided out of the Army

in May 1915 – avoiding four years of horrific trench warfare which claimed the lives of 1,542 London Scottish Territorials. He went on to star in films such as *Lost Horizon* and *The Prisoner of Zenda* and win an Oscar in 1947 for *A Double Life*.

Colman's experience is recounted in *Battleground Europe*, Nigel Cave's selective guide to the First and Second World War battlefields of France and Flanders.

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While preaching to the prisoners during his captivity his sermons were always vetted by the authorities, who were never in the church – so the written and preached sermon were often very different!

He had been ordained in September 1940 by the Bishop of London while the Blitz was on and to the sound of dogfights and machine-gun fire from above.

His autobiography, *On the Move*, covers a long ministry of which his wartime service was

only a small part. The bulk of his story covers many tours to Africa and, indeed, he did not get his first parish in England until the 1960s.

The book is a remarkably unselfconscious narrative of a life in which the Airborne qualities of a sporting but modest man come unwittingly to the surface – the periods of hardship, danger and anxiety having been skipped over so lightly that they are hardly noticeable.

His love of his family and of his service in the ministry come through strongly in a fascinating story that should appeal to a wide readership. – CMS

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TWO attractive CDs of marches quick, slow, and in waltz time are by the Coldstream Guards, the first of British marches and the second of American, European, and Continental. The odd man out among the British is Giacomo Meyerbeer, though the troop from his Les Huguenots has been very much adopted by us.

British through and through is Walton's coronation march *Crown Imperial*, which receives a somewhat tired performance, I thought; the hushed expectancy and mounting excitement of a crowd on its way to London Town to see its monarch crowned is not quite captured, and exultation is

lacking at the end.

Still, it's only a march!

Thereafter the band is on home ground and includes all the slow and quick regimental marches of the Foot Guards as well as the aforementioned troop and the *Grenadiers March*, both familiar from *Trooping the Colour*.

Triple Crown is a medley of Welsh tunes, *Sea Shanties* another arranged by Paul Neville, with *Reveille*, Douglas Pope's *Nightfall in Camp*, and *Tipperary* as finale.

Standard marches are *Royal Standard*, *Glorious Victory*, *Army of the Nile*, *Colonel Bogey*, *Sussex by the Sea*, plus *Men of Wales* from the pen of an old Welsh Guards bandsman.

This is, I think, the first recording on CD of the Guards

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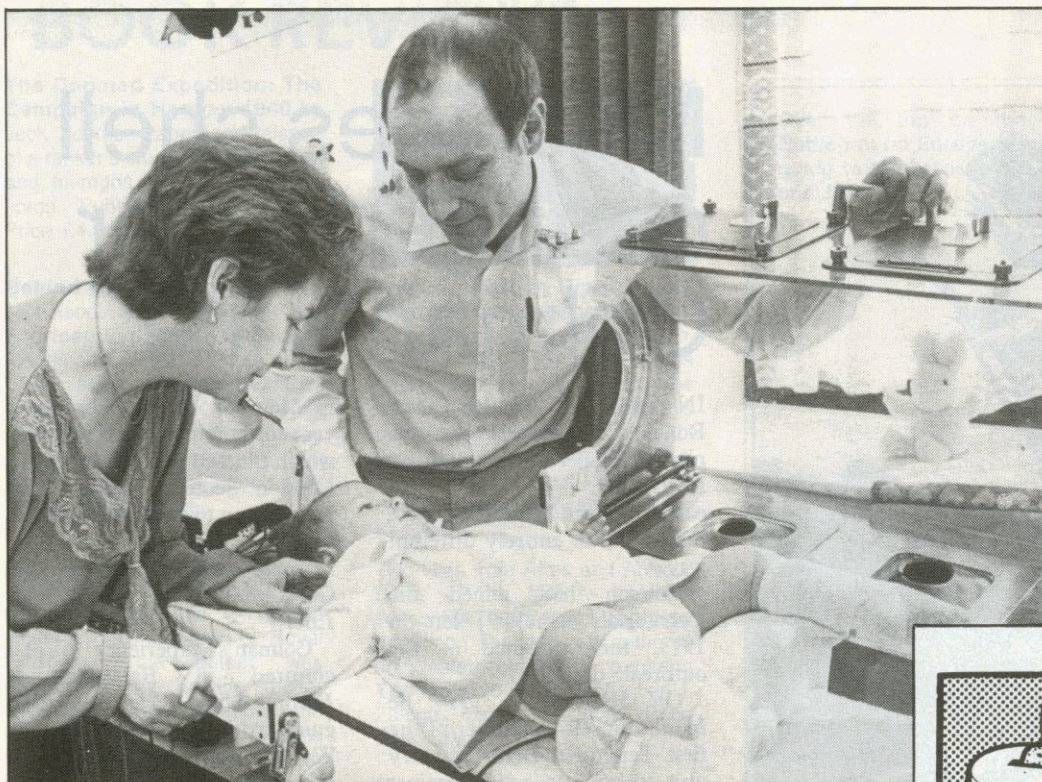
Brigade marches and therefore useful to collectors.

Standard marches

The second of the Coldstream CDs contains 24 standard marching marches, with a few rarities to tempt the buffs. These are Sousa's *Belle of Chicago*, Karl King's *The Purple Pageant*, Carl Teike's

Graf Zeppelin (sometimes known as *The Conqueror*), Roda's *Der Jager aus Kurpfalz*, and *La Ritirata Italiana*, an old favourite almost unknown nowadays.

Of the (too) well known we have seven more from Sousa – *Blaze Away*, *National Emblem*, *Radetzky*, *With Sword and Lance*, *Under the Double Eagle*, *Children of the Regiment*, *La Rêve Passe*, and perhaps the greatest of all, *El Abanico*. The Spanish pasodoble *Amparito Roca* (by an English bandmaster some think), the ubiquitous *Aida* grand march, ditto the *Slaves' Chorus* from Nabucco, and the tremendous French national défilé march *Le Regiment, de Sambre et Meuse* serve as finale to a worthy project, for new collectors if not old band buffs.



Kevin and Maureen prepare Cherise for bed in her new ventilator

Stricken family finds comfort in caring Army

THE compassion of Army families has overwhelmed WO2 Kevin Hesslewood and his wife, Maureen.

Their daughter, Kirsty, was just 18 months old when she died from a genetic disorder, and her sister, Cherise, now 15 months, suffers from the same condition.

Kirsty, ill from birth, spent most of her life in hospital. When she was transferred from a special unit in Münster, West Germany, to Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot, Kevin, serving with the Army Air Corps, successfully



applied for attachment to the nearby Army Catering Corps.

When Army families in Aldershot heard that Kirsty needed special equipment they rallied round with a variety of fund-raising events and bought breathing monitors.

Then the National Heart and Lung Unit at Brompton Hospital in London loaned special equipment worth £17,500 for Cherise to use at home. This has now been bought with the help of local fund-raising and a donation from the Special Care Baby Unit Fund at the Louise Margaret Maternity Wing of Cambridge Military Hospital.

It is used by Cherise who

sleeps at the side of her parents' bed in a new design ventilator.

Maureen, who also has a healthy elder daughter, nine-year-old Lynsey Dee, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity, care and concern of the Army. Everyone has rallied round."

Kevin said: "Complete strangers have either made donations or helped with fund-raising."

More than £8,000 has been raised, including £1,673 by 1st Detmold Scout Group's triathlon. Lt Col Mike Wawn, CO 4 Regt AAC arranged a flight for Scout leader WO2 Dave Woodcock to present the cheque.

Sue's Romanian appeal takes off

WHEN Mrs Sue Porter saw television pictures of the suffering of young children and babies with the Aids virus in Romania she felt she had to do something.

So, with the help of the Senior Chaplain in Herford, the Rev Tony Appleby, she started to organise a collection of children's clothes and toys to send to Romania.

But what began as a garrison and school effort has now snowballed into a BFG-wide campaign.

Sue, whose husband is serving with 4th Armoured Division and Signal Regiment in Herford, has never organised a campaign on this scale before, but she has already managed to amass a considerable number of sacks and boxes full of items.



Sue Porter - Rumanian appeal



Bomb blast victim SSgt Andy Mudd RMP receives the match ball from former England defender Mick Mills, now the manager of Colchester, after a charity game in aid of the Mayor of Colchester's appeal fund for SSgt Mudd. A team including former Ipswich stars

John Wark, Clive Woods, Roger Osborne and Mills turned out against the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, the Army's Eastern District champions. The Colchester XI won 7-2 in front of a large crowd, but the real winner was SSgt Mudd.

Mr Andy McMinn hope to raise nearly £1,000 after riding from Goojerat Barracks to Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital and back.

second in command.

Donations for a second machine were made by 7 RHA, 2 Para, ASPT, 10 Coy WRAC and QATC.

Depot and Training Regiment RCT in Aldershot were quick to respond to an appeal by Aldershot Health Centre for a nebuliser, used to bring comfort and relief to sufferers of asthma.

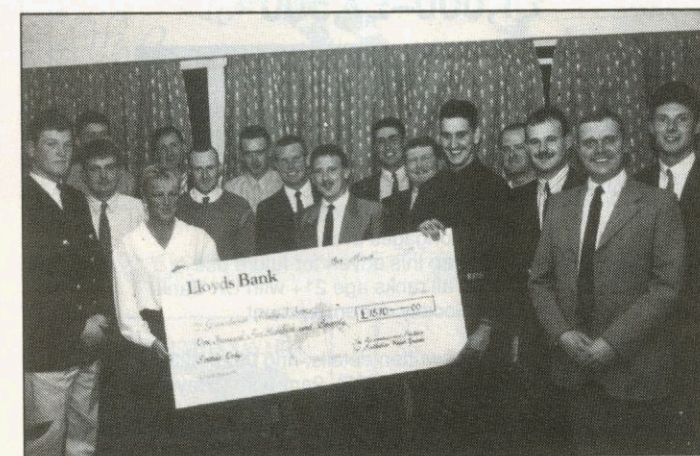
The first machine was handed over to the centre by Maj Richard McAllister, the

Brig Peter Painter, commander of RA Ranges Hebrides, and the Rev Roger Hall presented a cheque for £2,100 to the Chaplain General, the Rev Jim Harness, during his visit to the range. The money was raised by St Barbara's Church, Benbecula, for the Save the Children fund.

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Recce Platoon of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards present a cheque for £1,570 to Gdsm Philip Jones whose wife died in a fire in their quarter. Philip, of the Signals Platoon, is pictured receiving the giant cheque from SSgt

Maggie Smith, the Welsh international runner, who joined the Recce Platoon on a 100-mile sponsored jog from Llandudno Junction to Aberavon. Some of the money will go into a trust for Gdsm Jones's children.



Fus Martin Lincoln raised £25 for charity when he raffled his flowing locks after passing the recruit selection test to join the 6th Battalion, The

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The obliging barbers were (left to right) CSgt Paul Fletcher, Cpl Steven Crozier and Cpl Trevor McGee.

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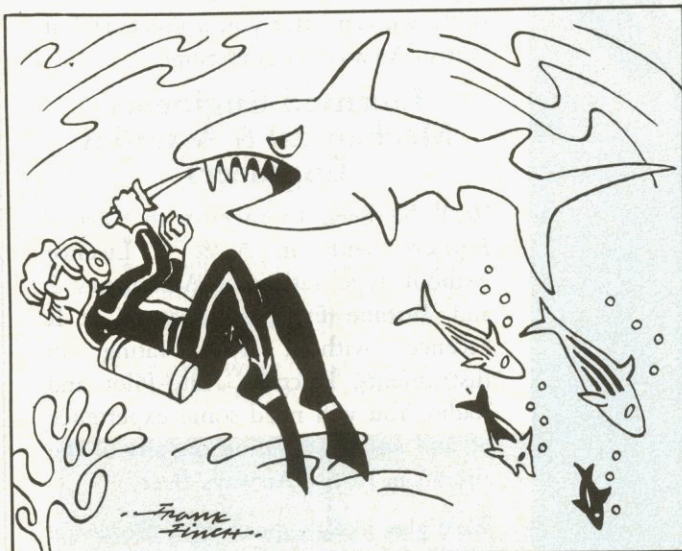
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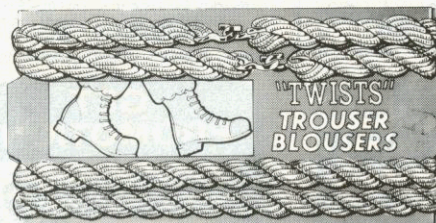
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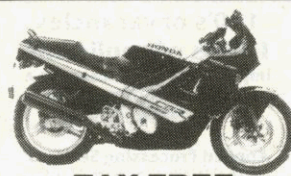
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British Defender records her best finish

SATQUOTE British Defender, the joint Services entry in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, has had her best spell in the event so far. She came in sixth on the fifth leg from Punta del Este in Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The yacht took an inshore course up the Brazilian coast and this paid off handsomely during the first two weeks of the trip.

For a time she was in fifth place and held the position until overtaken by the much-fancied Swedish entry, The Card.

The reasons for the improved performance include a rigorous weight-saving programme. The number of spare sails has been reduced along with the amount of food carried.

Worst part on the current leg was the extreme heat in the tropics and the doldrums.

The race is due to finish at Southampton late next month.

Lt Richard Nicolson from the Royal Highland Fusiliers is due to return to duty, but the Army will be represented by Capt Andy Bristow, Royal Signals, Lt Justin Packshaw from the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, and by Cpl Paul Andersen of the RCT.

REME take the title

REME upset the formbook with a 5-4 win over the Royal Engineers in the UK and BAOR inter-corps badminton finals at Bielefeld, West Germany.

The sappers, who had won the UK corps title at Worthy Down in February, were reckoned to be the stronger team, but an injury to WO2 Andy Hardwick after ten



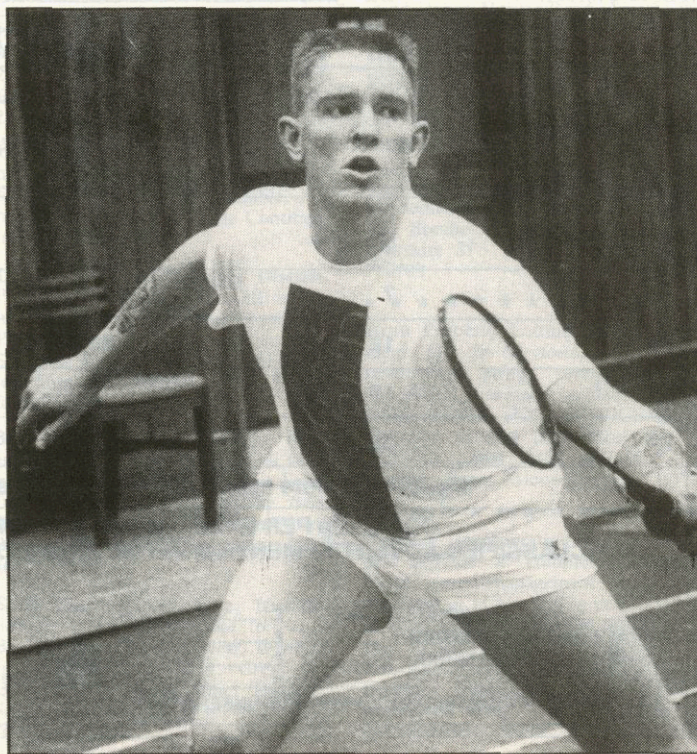
Concentration from 2nd Lt Emma Child (front) and partner Capt Margaret Roberts at the Inter-Service badminton tournament hosted by 22 Engineer Regiment at Perham Down near Tidworth in Hampshire. A relatively inexperienced Army team, which included six new caps, finished in third place. Roberts and Child were both awarded colours, as were 2nd Lt Rachael Cooper, Cpl Kenny Everett, Pte Neil Coppack and Sig Steve Pengeley (pictured below).

Fusiliers in charge

THE 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers beat the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales by seven bouts to two in the final of the Army inter-unit novice Grade 3 team boxing championships at Dielinghofen, West Germany.

minutes of play proved critical. REME won that game and quickly went into a 3-0 lead.

The engineers fought back to 2-4 and then 4-4, but the REME pairing of Cpl Steve Hardy and LCpl Steve Chedgie proved too strong for SSgt Dennis Green and LCpl Max Maxwell in the final pairing and the BAOR champions regained the trophy.



Picture: Mike Weston

Flood threatens ski headquarters

UNUSUALLY severe winter weather threatened to maroon the headquarters of the Army downhill ski championships at Coylumbridge as the River Spey in Scotland burst its banks, Land Rovers became de rigueur transport.

High up the slopes of Cairngorm, conditions were far from ideal, "but we still managed to compete for every trophy," said Brig John Drummond, Commander 51 Highland Brigade.

Some very close skiing resulted and considerable skill was displayed in the difficult

conditions.

Major prizewinners were: Junior Inter-Unit champions, Army Apprentice College ACC; junior individual champion, Slalom Cup, JLDr Nigel Barton, JIB Ouston; Regular Army novice, Pte Cameron, 1 BW; Regular Army Inter-Unit champions, 13/18 Hussars; Regular Army individual champion, JLDr Nigel Barton, JIB Ouston; Ladies' Army individual cup, LCpl Caren Greer, RAOC Sup Aldershot.

The event was sponsored by Moët et Chandon and Clerical Medical Insurance.



LCpl Caren Greer

Netball promise denied by RAF

DESPITE a promising start, the Army netball team lost by 42 goals to 27 to the Royal Air Force in the deciding match of the Inter-Service tournament at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot.

The RAF's win ensured that they would retain the championship, having ended in 1989 a consecutive sequence of five Army triumphs.

In the first match of the championships the RAF overcame the Royal Navy 53-32, and after a slow start the Army also beat the Navy, by 35 goals to 23.

Early momentum against the RAF was not maintained by the Army girls, and they found themselves three goals adrift at quarter time and five down at half time.

The RAF gradually pulled further ahead and in the end were comfortable winners.

Sgt Pauline Doran, Cpl Karla Rayment, LCpl Ali Garven, LCpl Sandra Robson and Pte Liz Beattie were selected for the Combined Services team.



LCpl Lofthouse reaches for a rebound in the netball final

Services blunt Blades

Combined Services 0
Sheffield United 0

WITH a vital promotion match just 24 hours away, Sheffield United could not risk their full senior side against the Combined Services. Instead they fielded a blend of youth and experience, and the Services just about won an enjoyable draw on points, writes Pat Massey.

The Catterick Garrison stadium was bathed in spring sunshine for the match and both teams played open, attractive football in the ideal conditions.

Of the Army players in the side, Sgt Nigel Wiscombe in goal made one particularly fine save to keep out the young Sheffield professionals, while only the offside trap prevented Sgt Clint Webbe from scoring in the second half.

Army 1, Jersey 3

The Army again failed to wrest the Typhoo Trophy from Jersey when they went down by three goals to one at Aldershot. On reflection, it was no better than they deserved, following a performance which was uncharacteristically lacking in fight and determination.

Kilshaw opened the scoring for Jersey and, two minutes later, following a terrible mistake in defence, Murray found himself in front of an empty goal and rolled the ball home.

Early in the second half, Cpl Glasgow fired in a fierce shot from 35 yards which bounced back off the upright. The Army did reduce the arrears, however, when they were awarded a penalty kick and Sgt Paddy Roach made no mistake.

Mid-way through the half, Jersey restored their two-goal lead when Murray raced down the left flank and flicked the ball inside for Kilshaw to score with ease.

The Army never looked like recovering and one staunch supporter was heard to describe it as the poorest performance from an Army side for a long time. There were few dissenters.

Tough at the top

Two out of six go on to Blackpool

TWO of the Army's six representatives won their bouts at the All-England finals of the George Wimpey ABA national championships at Gloucester and went forward to the British semi-finals at Blackpool on April 17, writes John Elliott.

It was a disappointing return because all the Army boxers appeared to have an even chance of surviving this hurdle, acknowledged to be the toughest of the entire championship.

Winners at Gloucester Leisure Centre usually have a say in the medals at national finals, this year switched from Wembley to the Royal Albert Hall on May 2.

Carrying the Army's colours to Blackpool will be light-middleweight Pte John Culwick (23 Para Fd Amb RAMC) and super-heavy LSgt Dave Abbott (Gren Gds), who produced the cleanest knockout punch in the final contest of the night.

Abbott, the Army team captain, had to weather a frenetic start by Walter Harewood, last year's beaten finalist from Horsley Hill ABC in the north west.

When Abbott opened up with his own combinations he quickly forced Harewood to take a count of eight, then dropped him with a left hook midway through the first round. No count was necessary over the pole-axed Harewood, who took some minutes to recover.

Culwick's progress was just as clear-cut, if less spectacular. All three judges gave him a massive points verdict over



LSgt Dave Abbott

Aaron Arthur of Eastern Counties.

The Aldershot-based paramedic from Birmingham took control with a ramrod right lead, usually followed by a stiff left cross. The accumulation of punishment led to Arthur taking two compulsory counts in the final round.

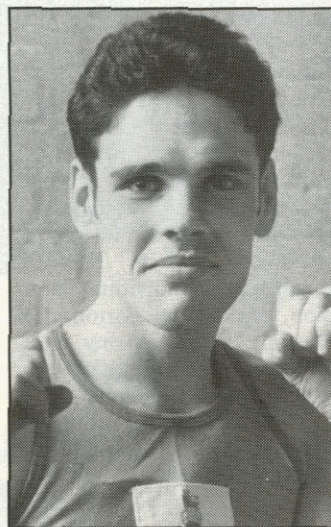
The four-hour long programme had hardly started when Army hopes received a severe jolt with the defeat of flyweight Cpl John McLean (39 Engr Regt), the Scot who has twice reached the ABA finals.

McLean had no complaints after losing a majority decision to rising England star Paul Ingle of Scarborough. Shaken several times by Ingle's left hook, he struggled to get into the contest, and apart from a good spell in the second round and a much busier third was some way short of his best form.

It was particularly disappointing for the likeable McLean, whose victory over John Lyons at the Commonwealth Games had appeared to confirm him as Britain's best flyweight.

But the worst moment for the Army camp came in the bantamweight division when LCpl Neil McCallum (10 Corps Tpt Regt RCT) was retired by the referee in the third round after building up a massive points lead over London wildman Patrick Mullings.

McCallum, who boxed for England against Scotland last



Pte John Culwick

year, was miles ahead at the start of the final round, despite taking a standing count in the closing seconds of the second.

Mulling's mugging attacks obviously impressed the referee, because when he caught McCallum with a glancing blow

early in the third the over-anxious official ordered another standing count before leading the incredulous soldier to this corner.

It was an astonishing decision and it must have cost McCallum a very fair chance of an ABA final.

Pte Pete Campbell (1 Staffords) could not cope with the power of Londoner Pat "Blueboy" Gallagher at light-weight and was pulled out by coach WO2 Mick Gannon after being hit with a vicious left hook early in the first round.

LCpl Lee Innes (22 Engr Regt) continued his learning process at the hands of former schoolboy international Peter Waudby. Although beaten comfortably on points in their welterweight contest, Innes gave a gutsy performance.

His jab was never crisp enough to discourage Waudby, but he made a spirited effort to turn the tide in the third round.

McCall's Marauders

Twickenham
hat trick
completed



Maj Brian McCall, an inspiring captain for the past three years

RAF 14, The Army 32

UNBELIEVABLE! On a day at Twickenham which saw a sky as blue as the RAF shirts, there was a mood of optimism among the Air Force supporters, writes John Quin.

They had, on paper, a very good, balanced side and were looking forward to easing the three-year Army stranglehold on the Windsor Life Challenge Cup and the Inter-Services championship.

Down in the bowels of the West Stand, directly beneath the rooms in which the committees were polishing off their pre-match refreshments, Maj Brian McCall was, half an hour before the kick-off, explaining to his red-shirted warriors the reasons why the Army were not going to be beaten.

In a quiet but firm manner he built up the feeling in the dressing room to the point where, on reaching the pitch, the Army lads were ready for

anything. That really is the story of the game.

The Army skipper had rammed home the point about tackling, discipline and taking chances and his team listened well. Each and every one of the Service champions fulfilled his captain's wishes.

The RAF were tackled off the park, they were denied the ball and in the end were well beaten, even allowing for a late try by Flt Lt Rory Underwood.

The pack, to a man, gradually overcame a very good light-blue eight.

At half-back the ever-improving 2nd Lt Brett Taylor linked well with the polished Sgt Steve Commander, who added a touch of class to the game. Centres SI Chris Spowart and Lt Simon Hopkin were quick in attack and solid in defence, forming one of the best centre pairings the Army has had for many years.

The old Sgt Chalky Atkins-Rory Underwood duel was as

lively as ever, with the England and British Lion winger only once getting the better of the Signals drill instructor for pace.

On the other wing, fellow signaller LCpl Stephen Bartliff, who was originally dropped for this game, came back to show the selectors that they were wrong by scoring two fine tries.

Full-back Lt Robert Preston gave a sound performance.

It was an all-round team effort, but there is no doubt that one man pulled everything together on the park and led his men in every sense of the word.

Since taking over as skipper in March 1987, the Army has not lost an Inter-Services game with Brian McCall at the helm, a truly great record.

This is probably his last championships, and what a nail on which to hang up his boots. Now his representative playing days have come to an end, one can only hope that the Army skipper's talents can be employed on the Army Rugby

Union committee and not be allowed to disappear untapped.

The Army's success in winning the Inter-Services championship for three years on the trot was reflected in the selection of no fewer than 11 players to represent the Combined Services against the British Police for the Securicor Trophy. Last year the Combined Services ran riot with the policemen, who have yet to win the trophy.

Finally, three snippets. The Combined Services U21 side were badly mauled at Yshadgynlais when Wales U21 won by a massive 84 points to three.

7 RHA are once again the Army Challenge Cup winners. They beat 1 RWF in the Schweppes-sponsored cup, by six points to nil at Rheindahlen, Germany.

And lastly, the Army Colts' win by 21-16 over the RAF Colts means the Army are champions at all three levels this year.



Lt Richard Castleton makes a catch during the Army's victory over the Royal Navy at Twickenham. The Army went on to retain the title by beating the RAF. Other Army players are Maj Brian McCall (no 4), 2nd Lt Tim Rodber at the tail of the lineout, and to his right LCpl Kenny Ferdinand



All aboard the Berliner. As a final touch before departure, guard Spr Bill Kilby attaches a metal Union Flag to show the colours as the unique train passes through East Germany. See story and pictures starting on Page 17.

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