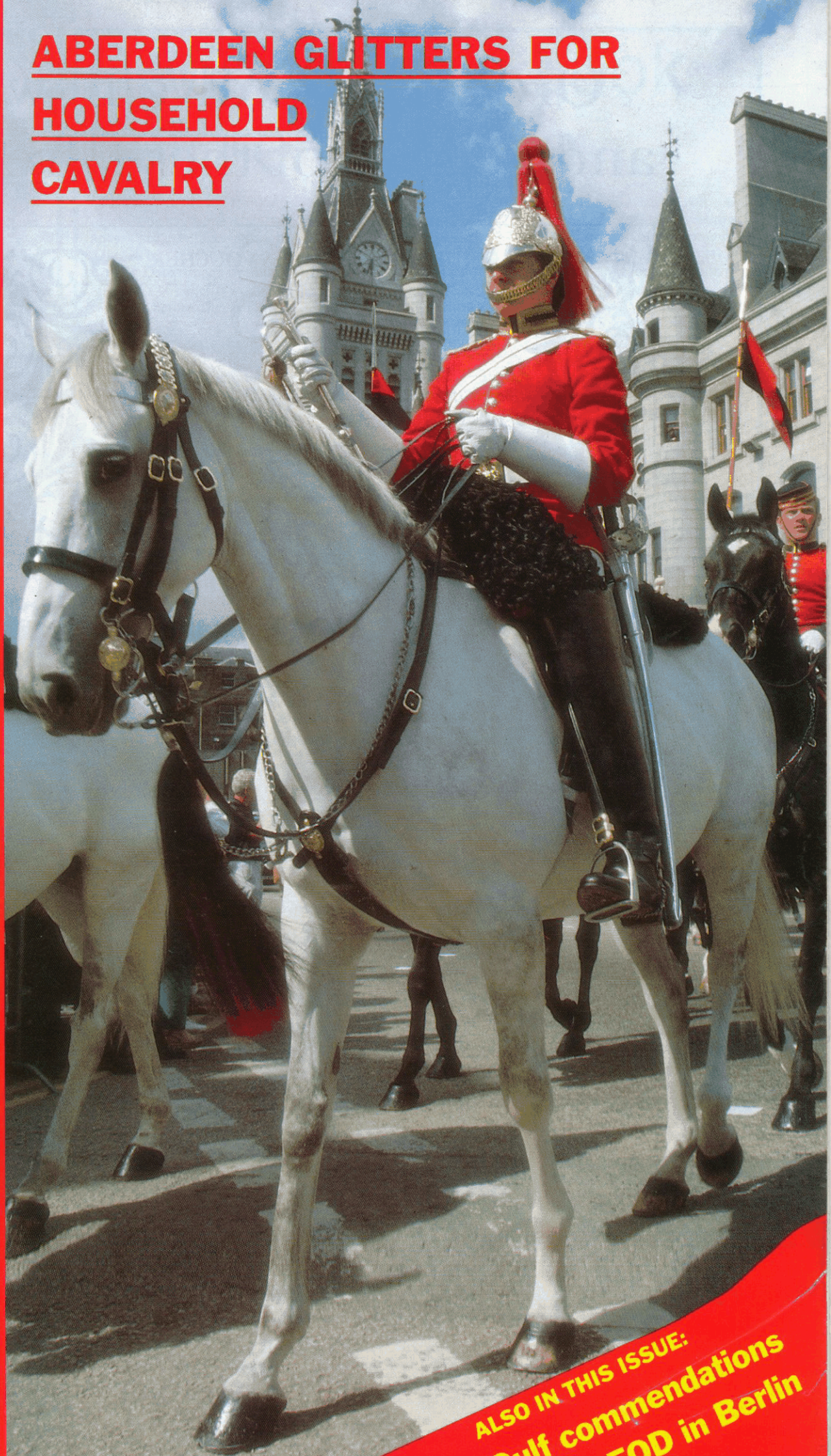


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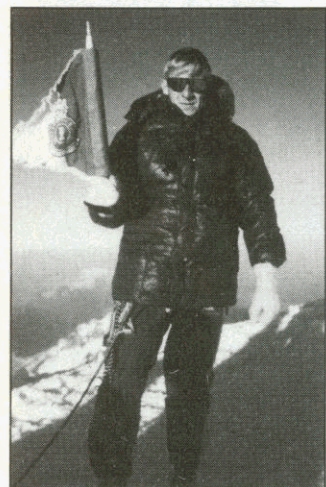
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LCpl Nick Eaton marks the 50th anniversary of the ACC by raising its pennant on the summit of Mont Blanc. More details in Page 9.

**FRONT COVER – A unique sight for the citizens of Aberdeen as the Household Cavalry passes the Town House of the granite city, leading Tall Ships Race enthusiasts to the harbour. Read about the British Army involvement in a feature starting on Page 15.**

(Picture: Mike Weston)

# Redundancy: Look before you leap

SERVICE personnel thinking of volunteering for redundancy are being strongly advised by the Paymaster-in-Chief's Department to obtain a forecast of benefits available to them before they make a decision.

Unit pay staffs have the technical detail for the calculation of redundancy payments and associated pension and terminal grant benefits and can provide the figures on request.

In general, personnel selected for redundancy under

Phase 1 will be eligible for a tax-free Special Capital Payment (SCP) and terminal benefits.

SCP ranges from 18

**"We can't afford redundancy" – Anne Armstrong, Pages 32-33**

months' pay for an officer with 13 years of qualifying service and five years to go before normal retirement to three months' pay if he had only one year to go.

Officers with less than 12

qualifying years will not receive immediate pensions.

Examples of the amounts involved for those taking redundancy on September 1 next year are:

● A 40-year-old captain with 15 years to do could expect to leave with a maximum sum of £90,793 (including £33,946 SCP, £22,380 terminal grant, £13,551 resettlement commutation, and £20,916 life commutation).

His annual pension after

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# Gulf Medal award 'soon'

MEDALS recognising general service in the Gulf will be awarded "as soon as possible" to those eligible under specific terms.

To qualify for the award of a Gulf Medal the recipient must be included in one or other of three categories.

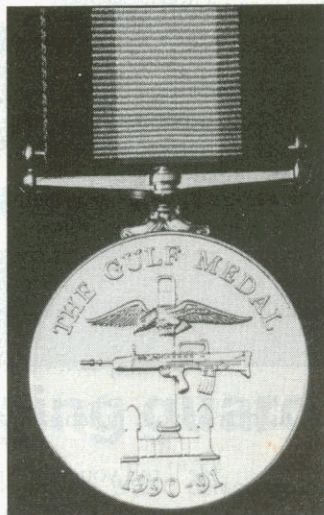
**First** is for service of 30 days continuously between August 2, 1990 and March 7, 1991 in:

● Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Republic of Yemen;

● The Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Suez and Suez Canal, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden and Red Sea bounded to the east by a line from Ras Asir (1150N 05110E) to a point (1600N 06000E) to Ras Mauri (2450N 06635E);

● Cyprus and adjacent waters – the Sovereign Base areas, the airspace and high seas of the Eastern Mediterranean (east of 03000E, west of 03400E and south of 3500N).

**Second** category is for



Gulf Medal: reverse

service of seven days continuously between January 16 and February 28, 1991 in:

● Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Gulf of Oman, north-west Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, The Gulf and the Red Sea;

● OR one operational com-

bat sortie – participating directly in the air campaign and including all Nimrod and air-to-air refuelling missions;

● OR eight sectors in the Arabian Peninsula Flight Information Region by air transport crews.

**Third** category is for service in the Kuwait Liaison Team in Kuwait on August 2, 1990.

Those who qualify under the second and third of these will be permitted to wear a distinguishing rosette on the ribbon when no medal is worn.

When the medal is worn, a clasp will be attached giving the dates "16 Jan-28 Feb 1991" and "2 Aug 1990" respectively.

Eligible personnel fall under the following categories:

● Regular or Reserve members of the Armed Forces on the attached or posted strength of any Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force unit or formation within British Forces Middle East (BFME), or British Forces

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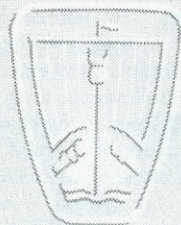
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# CLAW deployed in Ulster



A soldier about to fire CLAW in the Gulf

UNITS serving in Northern Ireland have been issued with the French-manufactured Luchaire light rifle grenade launcher used to devastating effect in the Gulf War.

The close light assault weapon (CLAW) was first deployed to a number of locations in Ulster in July to provide an effective defence against attacks by terrorists using heavy calibre weapons and protected vehicles.

In just such an attack on the Derryard permanent vehicle checkpoint in Fermanagh in December 1989 two soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The King's

Own Scottish Borderers were killed.

The 40mm HEAT (high explosive anti-tank) grenade was fired in anger by British troops during the Gulf War. In one incident Pte Tom Gow of The Royal Scots crawled to within 20m of a dug-in Iraqi armoured personnel carrier which was holding up his company's advance and destroyed it with the rifle-launched grenade.

He was subsequently awarded the Military Medal for the action.

The weapon has not yet been fired in Northern Ireland.

## Look before you leap

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commutation would be £4,362.

● A 40-year-old major with 15 years to do would receive a maximum £113,189, including a Special Capital Payment of £44,684 and maximum commutation of his pension. He would be left with an annual pension of £8,930.

● A 50-year-old brigadier leaving five years prematurely would receive a maximum of £246,481, including £74,799 SCP, and maximum commutation of his pension. He would be left with an annual pension of £13,174.

Examples of maximum amounts for NCOs include:

● A 31-year-old corporal on Band 2 pay scale with 13 years' service – £37,622. A corporal of 36 with 18 years' service – £41,341.

● A 31-year-old sergeant on Band 5 with 13 years' service – £41,186. A sergeant of 38 with 20 years' service – £34,230.

● A 31-year-old staff sergeant with 13 years' service – £45,166. A staff sergeant of 38 with 20 years' service – £38,005.

● A 31-year-old WO1 with 13 years' service – £54,583. A WO1 of 38 who has served 20 years – £45,135.

More than 2,500 officer and NCO posts – about a quarter of the final redundancy total – are expected to go in the first round of cuts in September 1992.

In all, the Army's strength is to be cut by about 40,000 by the mid-1990s.



Picture: Scotsman Publications Ltd

WO1 (RSM) Victor Lucas briefs WRAC soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers before they went on guard at Edinburgh Castle. From left to right are LCpl Margaret Gallagher, Pte Marie Coyle and Pte Karen Cairns. They were the first women to carry out guard duties at Edinburgh Castle, taking their place among male soldiers on a ten-day tour of patrolling the castle battlements and grounds. Unlike their male

## Changing guard

colleagues, however, the WRAC personnel did not carry weapons while on guard.

The castle houses the headquarters of The Royal Scots, regimental museums and the crown jewels of Scotland.

# SIGNAL HONOUR

A RIBBON of honour is to be presented to Krefeld-based 28 Signal Regiment by Herr Johannes Rau, Minister President of North Rhine Westphalia, in recognition of the long and close relationship between the regiment and the communities of Tonisvorst and St Tonis.

It will be the first time the honour has been bestowed on a

British unit. A special ribbon made in the colours of North Rhine Westphalia, it will bear the regiment's name and the British Army crest, and will be attached to the regimental flag on parade.

The Fahnenband, a personal gift from Herr Rau given each year to German organisations and military units, will be

presented to 28 Sig Regt during a special parade in Francisca Barracks, Krefeld, on October 29.

The regiment, which already has the freedom of Tonisvorst, has been stationed in the town since 1961.

It is the only Regular signal unit whose role is in direct support of Nato.

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# Campaign ribbon based on Africa Star

DESIGN of the Gulf Medal and ribbon, approved by the Queen, follows the precedent of campaign medals for the Second World War, Korea and the Falklands.

Circular and made of

cupro-nickel, it is the same size and has the same mount, or suspender, as the earlier medals.

On the obverse is the David Wynne portrait of the Queen wearing the State Crown, while

the reverse design, based on the Second World War Combined Operations badge, incorporates a stockless anchor, an SA 80 rifle, and the RAF eagle.

The ribbon is based on that of the Africa Star, with the

colours of the three Services at either side separated by a strip of pale buff, representing the desert. The medal is being made by the Royal Mint which has manufactured campaign medals since Waterloo.

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# Cyprus units qualify for Gulf Medal

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Cyprus, or serving in HM ships in the Eastern Mediterranean.

● Loan Service and Exchange personnel serving with coalition forces committed to the Gulf operation;

● Members of Services seconded to the Al Yamamah project and directly supporting Saudi Arabian operational units;

● Regular or Reserve members of Commonwealth Forces on the attached or posted strength of units within BFME, or BF Cyprus, or serving in HM ships in the Eastern Med;

● Multinational Service personnel serving with BFME;

● UK-based members of the Civil Service serving with HM Armed Forces in the above specified areas;

● Ministry of Defence-accredited war correspondents, photographers and artists;

● Civilian members of any other such organisation, to be determined, who served directly with the Armed Forces during the Gulf Operation, as long as they meet the time and area specifications.

In addition, the Gulf Medal may be awarded on the personal recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff to others who are regarded as particularly deserving, but who would fall outside the criteria.

In the event of qualifying service having been ended before completion of the



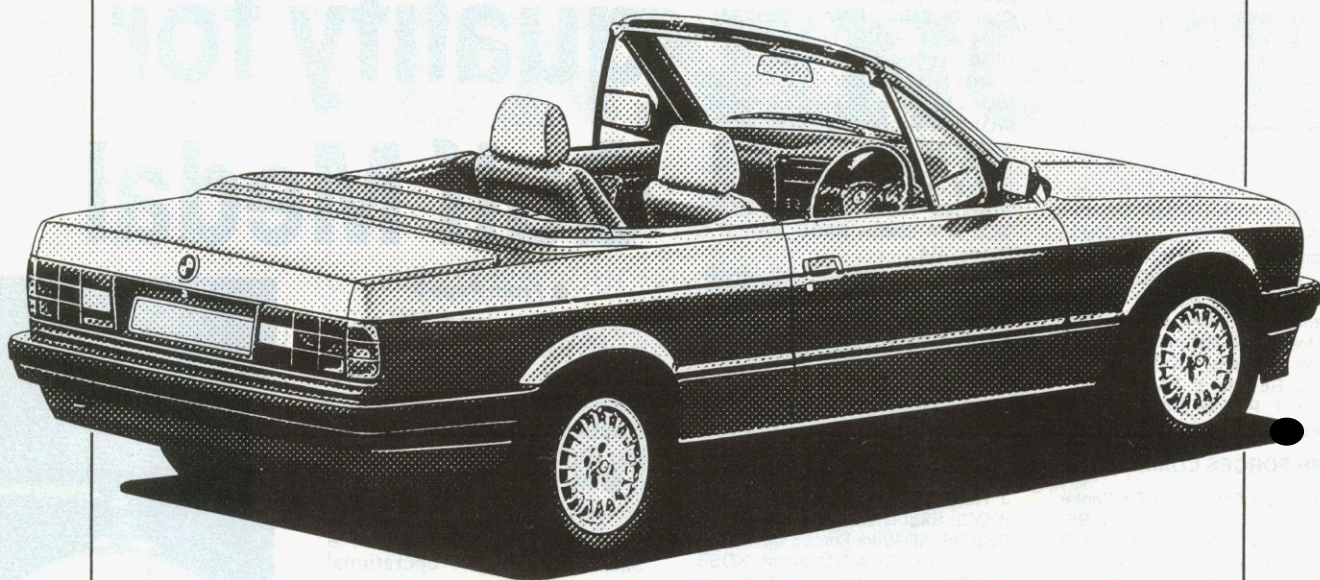
Gulf Medal: obverse

specified times because of death, capture, wounding or other disability due to service, the reduced period is sufficient qualification for the award.

The grant of a British honour, decoration or medal of the status of Queen's Gallantry Medal or above, or a Queen's Commendation or Mention in Despatches, for operational gallantry during the relevant period, also qualifies the recipient for the Gulf Medal, even if the full qualifying time was not served.

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## Four UDR battalions to merge

FIRST steps in the merger of the Ulster Defence Regiment and The Royal Irish Rangers should be complete by the end of the year with the amalgamation of four UDR battalions.

The 4th Battalion is to join forces with the 6th Battalion to form 4/6 UDR, while the 2nd and 11th Battalions will combine to become 2/11 UDR.

The UDR is to reduce from nine to seven battalions and merge on July 1 next year with the Irish Rangers who are to lose their 2nd Battalion.

Subject to royal approval, the new unit will be known as The Royal Irish Regiment. Seven of its battalions will be based in Northern Ireland, the eighth roled for general service.



Picture: Mike Klinec, Berlin Photo

A solid silver miniature Brandenburg Gate was delivered to the unit who ordered it just days before the people of Berlin celebrated the 200th anniversary of the real thing.

Berlin-based 62 Transport and Movement Squadron, RCT commissioned the handsome addition to their Corps silver as a reminder of the unit's links with the city. It was delivered last month just days before thousands of Berliners flocked to the Brandenburg Gate to watch and

## Silver tribute

listen to a bi-centennial concert accompanied by fireworks.

Pictured admiring the silver are from left, civilian employee Herr Michael Hennig, Dvr Mark Hughes, Capt Tim Bell, Capt Brian Healy and Cpl Julie Wilson.

## Suspect bagged

TWO young soldiers of the Household Cavalry, in Norfolk for its annual camp, tracked down a suspected thief and tipped off the police. Tprs Dale Lawson and Richard Eggington, both 18, were in Norwich when they saw a man loading handbags into his car. They followed his car home before calling the police.

Police, who had been investigating a number of handbag thefts in the area, subsequently made an arrest.

## Terriers drop in on Plain

HUNDREDS of Territorial Army paratroopers were due to drop on Salisbury Plain at the start of the four-day Exercise Urban Warrior.

More than 1,000 men from The Parachute Regiment Group (the 4th, 10th and 15th Battalions) were working together for the first time in Britain since 1978 in one of the most gruelling mock battles devised for volunteer soldiers.

The exercise called for 350 paratroops to drop in two waves before the group captured and secured river crossings in preparation for a night assault

and dawn attack on Copehill Down fighting village.

Resistance from "enemy" troops was expected to be formidable at the FIBUA.

The Parachute Regiment Group (PRG) was formed two years ago to co-ordinate the three TA battalions tasked to defend Hildesheim. The concept was endorsed by Army commands in Britain and Germany, but has been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the defence cuts.

Troops involved in Urban Warrior were taking part in three brigade attacks.

## Corps' lofty pennant

TRADITION was maintained when a pennant of Headquarters Regiment, 1st British Corps flew from the mountain summit after six staff officers and clerks had climbed Mont Blanc.

Col (now Lord) John Hunt, then serving in HQ 1 (BR) Corps, was appointed leader of the 1953 British expedition which conquered Everest for the first time. He flew a Corps pennant from his tent on the South Col and carried it to within 2,000ft of the top.

The Mont Blanc team was led by Maj Paul Lane and included Capt Brian Eadon, SSgt Paul Plumridge, LCpl Bob Fuller and LCpl Nick Eaton who carried an ACC pennant to mark the 50th anniversary of his Corps.

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# Leading Lights!

Bugle Major **Colin Green** looks on as the Light Infantry Burma Band's first bandwomen, **Allison Lovell** and **Rachel Urwin**, rehearse for a Sounding the Retreat ceremony in Durham. Performed by the Burma Band and the buglers of the 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry on Palace Green before a crowd of 2,000, the event raised £168 for the DLI regimental charity.

Allison plays the clarinet, Rachel the clarinet and bassoon – even when marching at 140 paces a minute.

## Following father . . .

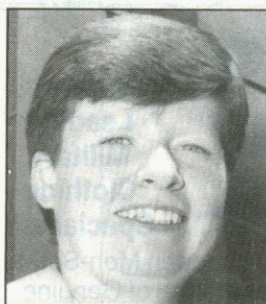


Pte **Neal Page** of the 5th (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Battalion, The Light Infantry (V), didn't follow his father's footsteps to Belgium. He went with him – on their annual camp. Sgt **Bernard Page** has been with the battalion for 13 years and is now provost sergeant, while Neal (20) was doing his basic training after joining the battalion four months ago.



## Man the guns!

Who better to be Recorder for Thomson's Battery of the Gibraltar Regiment during a 21-gun salute than LCpl **Wendy Smith**? She was on attachment to the Rock regiment as a pay clerk, so was sure to get the numbers right.



## First past the post

First postmistress of the sub post office at Borneo Lines, Sek Kong, is SSgt **Fiona McBain**, who has been "posted" in from Mill Hill postal HQ in London. Fiona already knows her way around. During school holidays she used to visit her father, **Duncan**, who served with the RAMC at the British Military Hospital nearly 20 years ago. Her appointment makes her the first woman to be put in charge of a Service post office in the Far East.

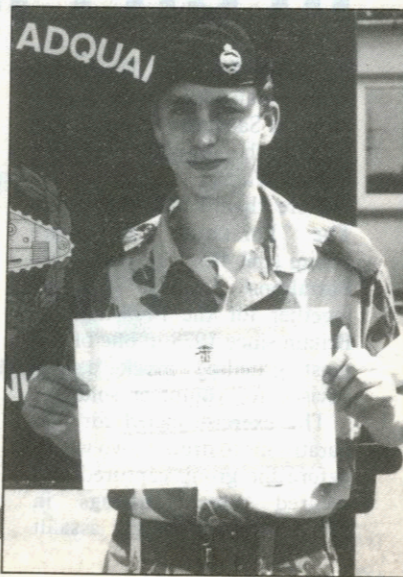


## Helen's first in

Warrington teenager **Helen Bater** struck a blow for equal opportunities when she joined the Regulars as the first female trade apprentice.

The two-year apprentice scheme has recently been opened to female recruits.

Helen (17) was enlisted at Warrington Army Careers Office on the first enrolment day of the scheme by Cheshire's senior recruiter, Lt Col **Alan Duxbury** (left). On the right is Lt Col **Martin Stretch**, chief instructor at the Army Apprentice College, Harrogate, which Helen and 29 other girls will be joining this month.

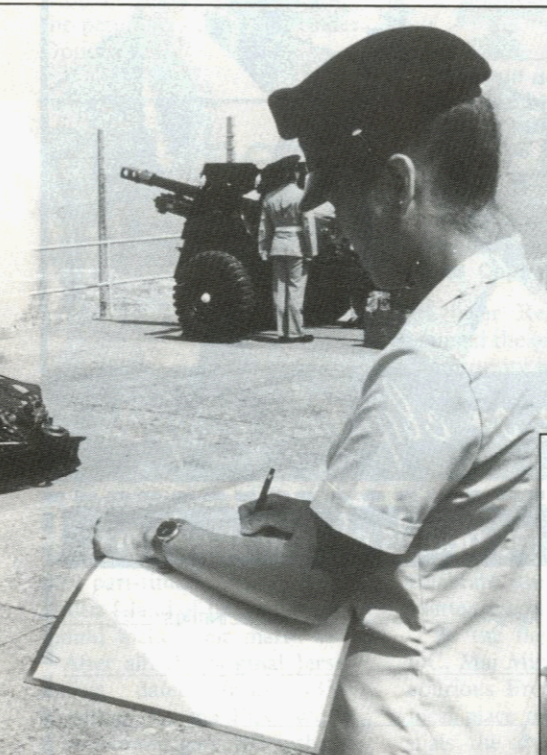


HANDOVER: Lt Col Atkinson (left) and Lt Col Lees

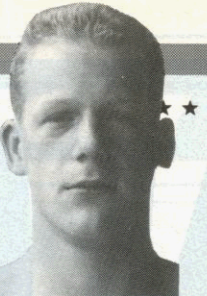
## Out for the count

The secret of how soldiers would get paid if there was a power failure at the Adjutant General Information Centre at Worthy Down has been passed on to the new Pay and Pensions Systems Manager, Lt Col **Alan Lees**, by his predecessor, Lt Col **Richard Atkinson**.

Staff in the division were surprised to discover that the back-up Army Pay System looked like an executive toy – or was it an abacus?



## John catches a TV fortune



Cpl **John Burton** REME of the Army School of Recruiting at Sutton Coldfield hit the jackpot when he appeared on ITV host **Roy Walker's** *Catchphrase* game show.

One of only 21 men to be selected from 6,000 applicants, he became the programme's biggest winner when he walked away with £1,240, a camera and a portable telephone.

He was treated like a king at a five-star hotel during the filming of the programme at Maidstone in Kent, and plans to use the money for a honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean when he and fiancée **Andrea** marry next year.

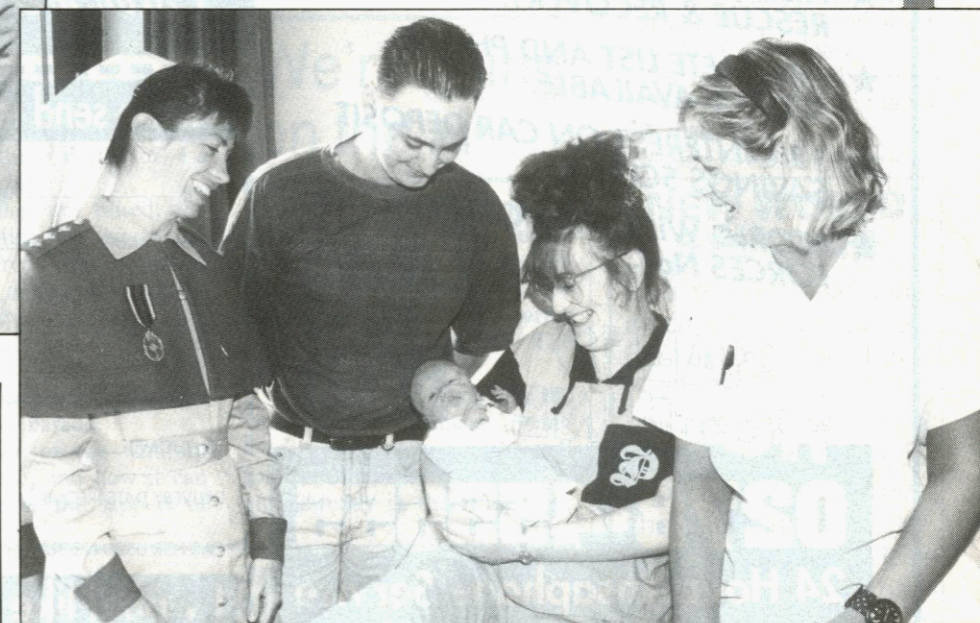
# PEOPLE

## Adam's ale?

Testing the purity of a water sample was the kind of work LCpl **Stewart Adam**, RAMC has been doing with 3 Commando Brigade's Field Hygiene Section among the Kurdish refugees. Normally based at HQ 4 Armoured Division at Herford, Germany, he spent a month organising the sanitation and hygiene for troops guarding the safe havens.



## Paul's so special



Baby **Paul**, son of Cfn **Paul Bratby** and wife **Lisa**, can claim to be the last of a special breed. Weighing in at 3.17kg, he was the last baby to be delivered at Berlin's British Military Hospital before the closure of the maternity wing.

The happy family are pictured with (left) Capt **Catherine Perrotta** and civillian nurse Mrs **Kim Campbell** (right), who delivered little Paul.

Hospital support to the British Garrison is now being provided by the American Military Hospital in the city following a rationalisation of services at the BMH, which has now become the Berlin Group Practice under the command of Maj **Bruce Court**.

## Well done that man . . .

LCpl **Euan Wilson** of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment stationed at Osnabrück proudly displays the commendation he has received from Gen Sir **Peter de la Billière**, who commanded British Forces during the Gulf War.

Euan, from Sutherland in Scotland, was sent to the 14th/20th King's Hussars as they prepared for Operation Granby and was employed as Signals NCO in the regimental aid post.

During the transition to war the RAP increased its strength to eight armoured ambulances and 45 men.

The commendation was for his professionalism, hard work and cheerfulness, which raised the morale of others and was a credit to his regiment.

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# Scots to fight on

Campaigners fighting to save Scottish battalions due to be merged under Options for Change hope to collect two million signatures for a petition to be presented to Parliament.

Four Scottish regiments are to be amalgamated – The Royal Scots with The King's Own Scottish Borderers, and The Queen's Own Highlanders with The Gordon Highlanders – in the defence cuts.

In addition, the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards is to go into suspended animation.

The campaign, led by former GOC Scotland Lt Gen Sir John MacMillan, was launched in Edinburgh with the release of 1,800 balloons – the number of Scottish soldiers reckoned by the petitioners to be lost under Options.

# Pull the Jersey wool . . .

Jersey's TA squadron of sappers proved adept at psychological warfare as well as conventional skills during its annual camp at Vogelsang.

It was the sappers' first camp with their higher formation and the part-timers from Royal Militia Island of Jersey felt they should make their mark.

After all, the original Jersey Militia dated from 1337, mobilised for the First World War and amalgamated with the Royal Hampshires in 1940.

It was re-formed in 1987, has steadily worked up its strength and hopes to be declared Fit For Role next year, when the drill hall should be ready.

But its parent regiment, 111

Engineer Regiment (V), had claimed the one flagpole and no opportunity was to be given for the Royal Militia flag to fly.

Not good enough. A stratagem was necessary, so an ancient battle honour was invented based on a French landing in 1781 to enable the squadron to wave the flag and celebrate the "Battle of La Platte Rocque".

As the flag was raised, the OC, Maj Mike Fawcett, read a spurious French *pot-pourri* of local place names and ceremonies, the squadron cheered the Duke of Normandy and themselves – and the RSM stood simmering at this unscheduled parade.

The battle of the wind-up was complete, and now it can be revealed as the sappers of

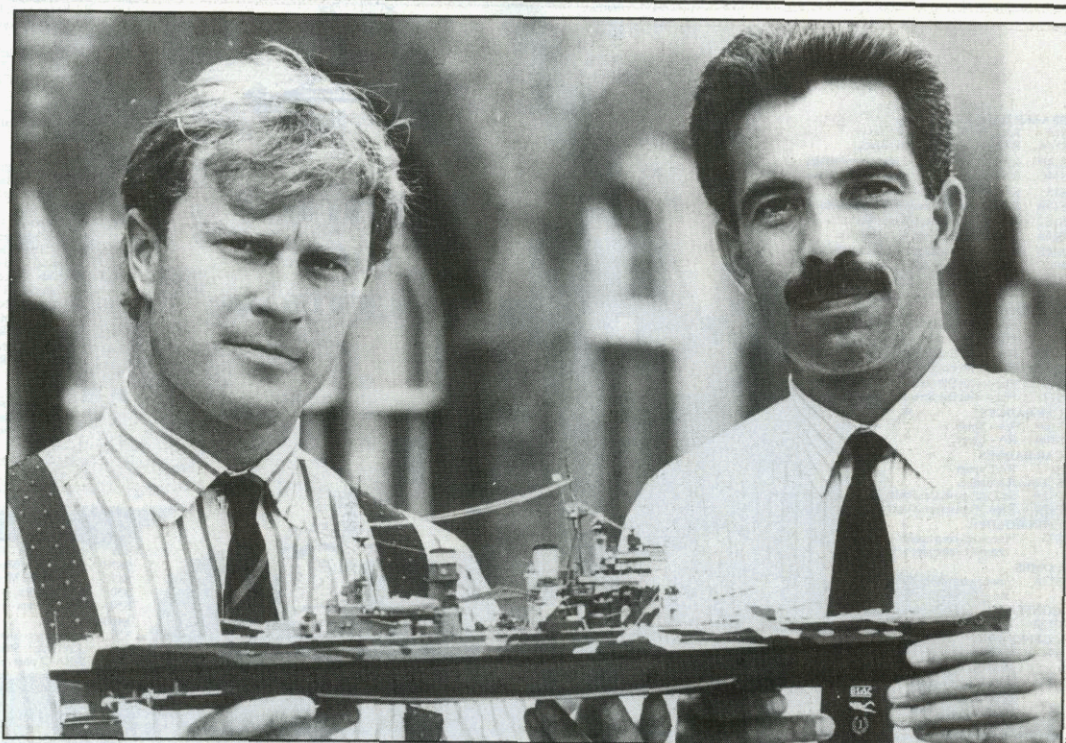
Jersey Squadron check their overhead cover and reach for their flak jackets to defend their battle honour against HQ.

# We're going on the air

Service journals, including **SOLDIER**, will come under the scrutiny of the British Forces Broadcasting Service this autumn in one of a series of programmes called *On The Fringe*.

The series will study how the momentous changes being planned for the Forces will affect those considered to be not directly in the firing line.

# SOLDIER to Soldier



Picture: Mike Weston

Churchill described it as the biggest single disaster of the war. Now Army and Royal Navy divers have fixed flags to the wrecks of HM ships *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse* 50 years after being sunk by Japanese bombers. (See **SOLDIER**, August 19).

Pictured with a model of the *Prince of Wales* are Capt David Wilson, RAEC (left), and Capt Murray Whiteside, RGJ, who led

the £30,000 privately-funded expedition to the site of the wrecks off the coast of Malaysia.

Nearly 1,200 men died in the ships and Capt Whiteside was conscious of the sensitivity of diving on the wrecks, seeing it as the "placing of flowers on a grave" as well as locating the site with buoys for a wreath-laying ceremony in December.

Subjects Bryan Hamilton will be looking at also include the Service Children's Education Authority, the Property Services Agency, Naafi, Combined Services Entertainment, and Public Relations.

On the Fringe? Most of us would argue that we're right in the thick of it . . .

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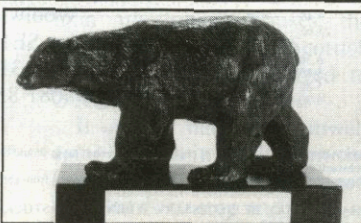
# Your chance to follow the bear

This cold-cast bronze model of a polar bear will cost you £50.52 including VAT, post and packing.

It is 49 Infantry Brigade's emblem and came to be used by them after an officer of 49 (West Riding) Division (TA) was allegedly charged by a polar bear in the 1940s.

Now Brig John Walker, Brigade Commander, has written to us with a plea to help sell it and promises "no profits to anyone".

Enquiries to Capt Steve May on Chilwell Military 2005.



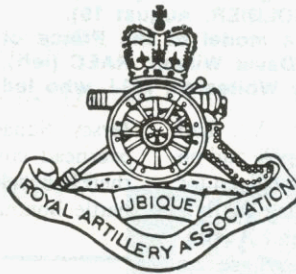
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Highland Gunners of 19 Fd Regt salute the tall ships as they leave Aberdeen for the Netherlands

# Cavalry glitters in northern light

MILITARY spectacle complemented the splendour of tall sailing ships in Aberdeen when the Army seized on the Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Race to raise its own profile, writes **Gordon Skilling**.

In a display the like of which has never been seen north of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Household Cavalry's Musical Ride and the band of The Life Guards joined the Gordons' own band marching through the granite city to open the harbour to the public for four days.

When the ships set sail again, it was to the echo of an FH 70 of 19 Field Regiment, the Highland Gunners.

The Royal Signals' White Helmets also took part in parades in the main street, and displays and concerts set the tenor for the evening festivities.

Winners of a colouring competition for children from four to 12 had the honour of taking the salute of the Musical Ride, Golden Lions Free-Fall Parachute Team, Gordon Highlanders' band and the White Helmets, who flung in a spin round the arena as an extra treat.

Among the Tall Ships was the 55ft cutter rig Bermudan sloop Kukri, sponsored by the School of Artillery. The crew of 12 was changed for each of the four legs, from Milford Haven

to Cork, Belfast, Aberdeen then the final 355 miles to Delfzijl in the Netherlands.

Aberdeen is the home of The Gordon Highlanders, the last old single clan regiment still to hold its original identity but now destined for amalgamation.

The city has had little experience of the military other than the Gordons, and even their old depot at the Bridge of Don no longer houses the junior soldiers of the Scottish Division since they moved to Ouston near Newcastle.

It nearly had very unwelcome visitors in 1411 when the Provost and burgesses joined local lairds to stop the Lord of

the Isles (who had already plundered Inverness) at the mighty battle of the Red Harlaw. The townsfolk got such a fright they set up their own Home Defence Force and still recall the slaughter in Harlaw Academy, where the Household Cavalry and White Helmets formed up for the Tall Ships parade.

In the 17th century the town's clerics ignored the Covenanters' wind of Presbyterian change and the Marquis of Montrose had to occupy Aberdeen. He persuaded the Gordon Marquis of Huntly to keep out of the wars which forced Charles I to recall

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# Cavalry

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Parliament and effectively sparked off the English Civil Wars.

One of the casualties was that same Montrose, who was executed by the Presbyterians, and when Charles II visited Aberdeen two months later to accept the Covenant, he passed under the shrivelled arm of his chivalrous and loyal supporter, nailed to the town gate.

Cromwell's incursions and Gen George Monck's pacification of Scotland bypassed the burgh, but half the Jacobite army passed through on the way to Culloden, closely followed by the Duke of Cumberland's army (including the forerunners of the 10th and 11th Hussars) which spent several weeks there before destroying the rebels in the last battle on British soil.

The city considered itself loyal but the ancestors of the Worcesters, Fleming's Regiment, took exception to the city not wanting to burn candles as well as ring bells and hoist flags to celebrate the accession of King George. The riots and looting they are said to have started lasted several days.

At the time of the French Revolutionary Wars the beautiful Duchess of Gordon did her bit to enlist Gordons by offering not a miserly shilling, but a guinea held in her lips for a special kiss . . .

For Aberdeen, the Gordons have always been something special, but for once their Drums and Pipes did not feature. They were on duty at Edinburgh Castle and could not be released.

Although the Band of the Gordons was on parade just before packing up to move from Fort George to Berlin, the sight of the proud plumes atop Household Cavalry helmets bobbing down Union Street is something that will not easily be forgotten.

# Getting in on the act

FRESH from his Careers Officer course two years ago, Maj Rory Haugh of The Queen's Own Highlanders decided that he was not going to sit in his office in Aberdeen and let the world pass him by.

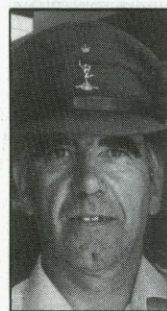
He resolved to make things happen by taking a leaf out of the world of business and commerce and go into marketing in a big way. So when he heard that the Tall Ships would be bound for Aberdeen he and RSM Gordon McInnes, Royal Signals, put their heads together to come up with a plan.

A spot of market research on the ships' stop-over in Newcastle last time round established that some half a million people could be in his city. An international youth festival and

an international Boys Brigade camp would also bring 4,000 youths, many of them British.

"The taxpayer should see the Army and we should capitalise on events which bring in the crowds," said Maj Haugh. "People in the north sometimes feel remote from prestigious events further south, and we began to think of a mini-Earl's Court to provide entertainment worthy of the splendour of the Tall Ships."

Not much is more prestigious than the band of The Life



Maj Haugh



RSM McInnes

Guards playing for the Household Cavalry Mounted Ride, but the Queen Mother's birthday parade the day before was a problem.

Sponsorship of £20,000 was secured, and although the airline flying The Life Guards to Aberdeen pulled out a few days before the departure date, another carrier was found, while an Aberdeen-based firm drove the uniforms and instruments through the night to catch the first display.

"You must always look for ambitious ways to put across

things the Army does, especially in an area of high employment, and this is not just with the Tall Ships," said WO1 McInnes.

"Three weeks before this we had the junior Army football team from Ouston taking on teams from all over the world in an international youth football festival. For a young man who has only been in the Army three weeks to nine months, it is a big thrill to play in international football."

Nor is this the end of it. Next year is the 400th anniversary of Fraserburgh and 1993 sees Aberdeen University's 500th birthday, so the Army Careers Information Office in Aberdeen is already looking to suitable ways to add some extra sparkle.



Life Guards bandsmen lead a parade down Aberdeen's Union Street



Above: CSM Jim Risley gives some friendly tips to six-year-old Alleen Jess, who won her category of the colouring competition - and the right to salute at the evening tattoo. She was also given a ride leading the White Helmets.

Below: Learning how to aim a FH 70 is 13-year-old David Murray, ably shown by his dad, WO2 Ken Murray of 19 Fd Regt



The Dar Mlodziezy was one of several Polish ships taking part

## Charlene's moment of truth

AS a life on the ocean wave loomed larger, Pte Charlene Kennedy of the RCT was not quite sure if she had done the right thing in volunteering for the Tall Ships' race.

The sum total of her naval experience was on the Dover-Calais hovercraft, and that was a bit bouncy for her.

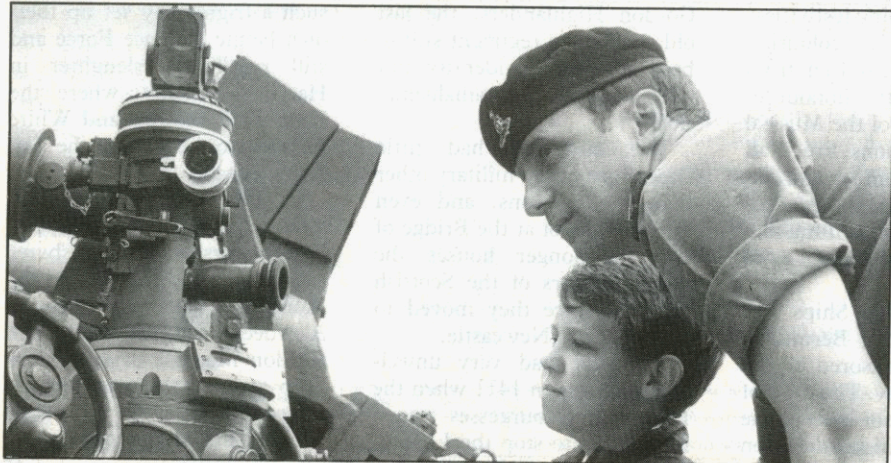
She has been in the Army only eight months and works with 14 Field Regiment, RA at Larkhill, where Maj Cherry Lewis-Taylor fired Charlene with enthusiasm.

But just to be on the safe side for the race to the Netherlands she took several packets of sea-sickness pills.

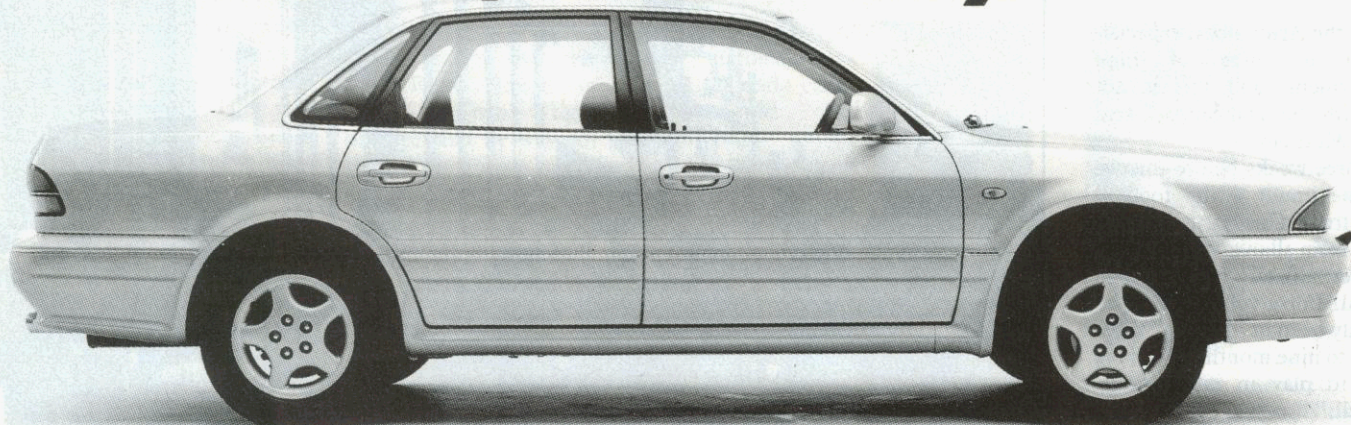


Maj Nigel Montagu RE (right), on the Army's winning Broadsword in the Services Offshore Regatta, was also crewing on the Army's Kukri in the Tall Ships Race. Other crew members were WO1 Bob Coupland RN (skipper); Capt Huw Parker, 71 Eng Regt (V); Maj John Guest RA;

OCdts Susannah Hoult and Heather Coulthurst of Bristol UOTC; Cpl Stu Birchall, 16/5 Lancers; Sig David Aaronovitch, 21 Sig Regt; LCpl Barky Barkworth, 33 Eng Regt EOD; Pte Charlene Kennedy, 14 Fd Regt; OCdt Mick Poole, Sheffield UOTC and OCdt Claire Mason, Exeter UOTC



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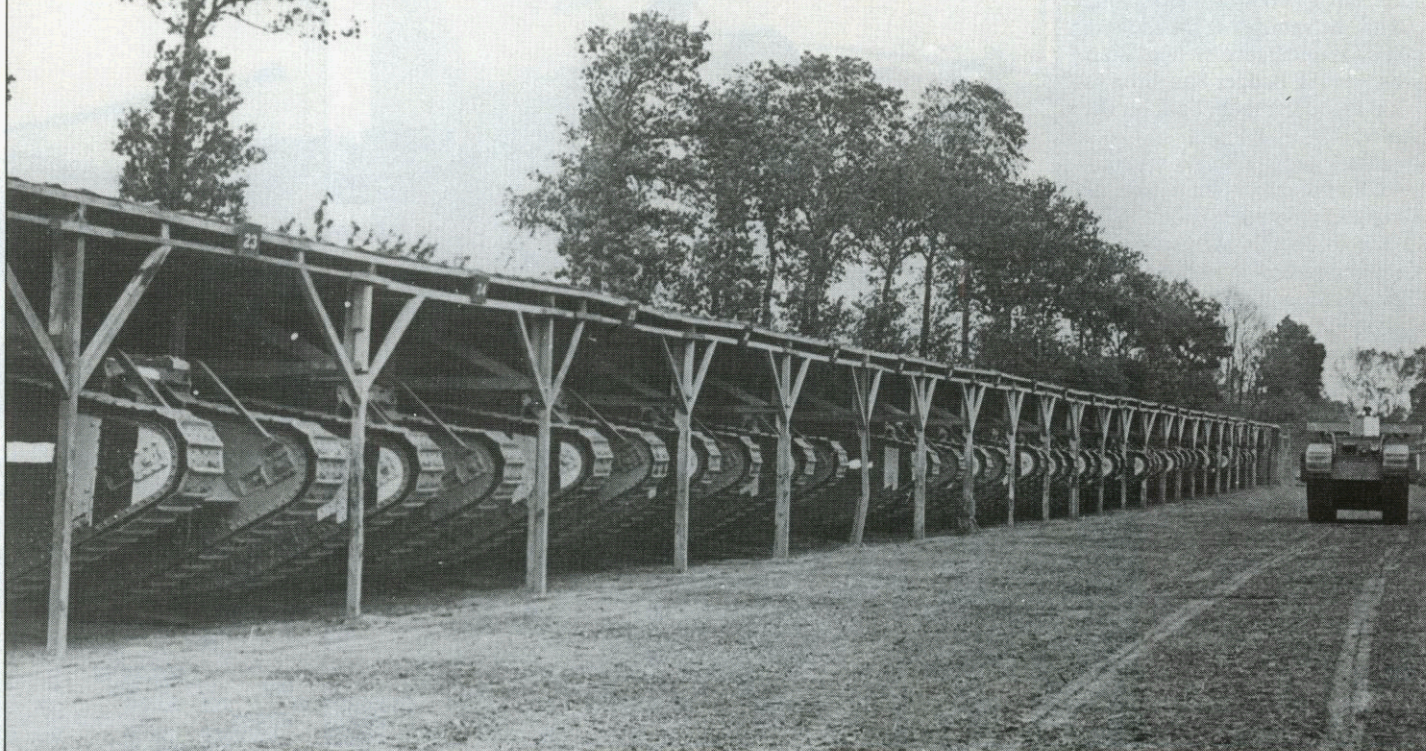
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By June 22 1918 there were rows of tank sheds at the Driving and Maintenance School

# Tank teachers' driving force

IT IS appropriate that the window which the Driving and Maintenance School has presented to the Bovington Garrison Church of St George the Martyr to commemorate its 75th anniversary depicts Elijah ascending into heaven in a fiery chariot, writes Gordon Skilling.

Despite the flames, his chariot was not overheating, but it is exactly this kind of fate which the school seeks to avoid happening to Army vehicles by teaching soldiers how to drive and maintain them properly.

Armoured vehicles these days need a degree of sophistication

in their treatment. You can't just bang them in the right place and expect results.

When the Driving and Maintenance School was set up at Bovington a few weeks before the Battle of the Somme the notion of tanks was just being developed. The concept of recovery had still to evolve, and when the leviathans took to the field and ground to a halt their

crews had to set to with picks and shovels and brute strength.

Maintenance was a major problem. There were nearly 60 greasing points on the outside of the tanks, quite apart from

everything inside the vehicles.

The people who lay down today's standards are the instructors at the D and M School, commanded by Lt Col Kevin Lawton. There are 72 of them teaching the next generation of instructors who will go back to their units to run their own upgrading, career and vehicle management courses.

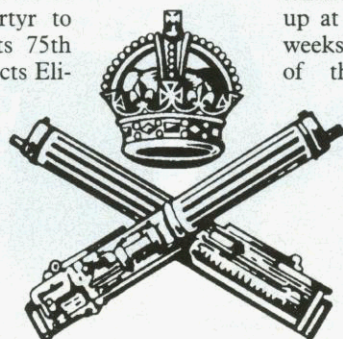
In a normal year 86 different courses will be laid on, lasting from an afternoon to 14 weeks and covering 22 vehicle types from Centurions to Challengers. Last year a total of 2,404 stud-

ents passed through the school.

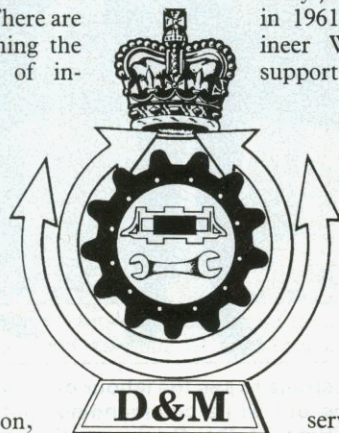
It was set up in 1916 as part of the Heavy Machine Gun Corps Training Centre, the Royal Artillery joined in 1945, and in 1961 the Royal Engineer Wing opened to support the Armoured

Engineer Squadrons. The Infantry Wing at Bordon came under command in 1977 and will move to Bovington next year.

Daily maintenance and servicing of the 123 vehicles the school has on charge is carried out by the Bovington Vehicle Squadron, presently Badger



The Heavy Machine Gun Corps badge.



Badge of the D and M School

Squadron, presently Badger

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# Badger Squadron puts them right

IF ANYTHING goes wrong with the vehicles at the Driving and Maintenance School staff badger the Badger Squadron of 2 RTR to get them back on the road.

Staff are so busy teaching soldiers to teach maintenance of vehicles that they don't have time to do this themselves, so the squadron – which has some gunners, engineers and infantrymen for their specialist vehicles – does the job for them.

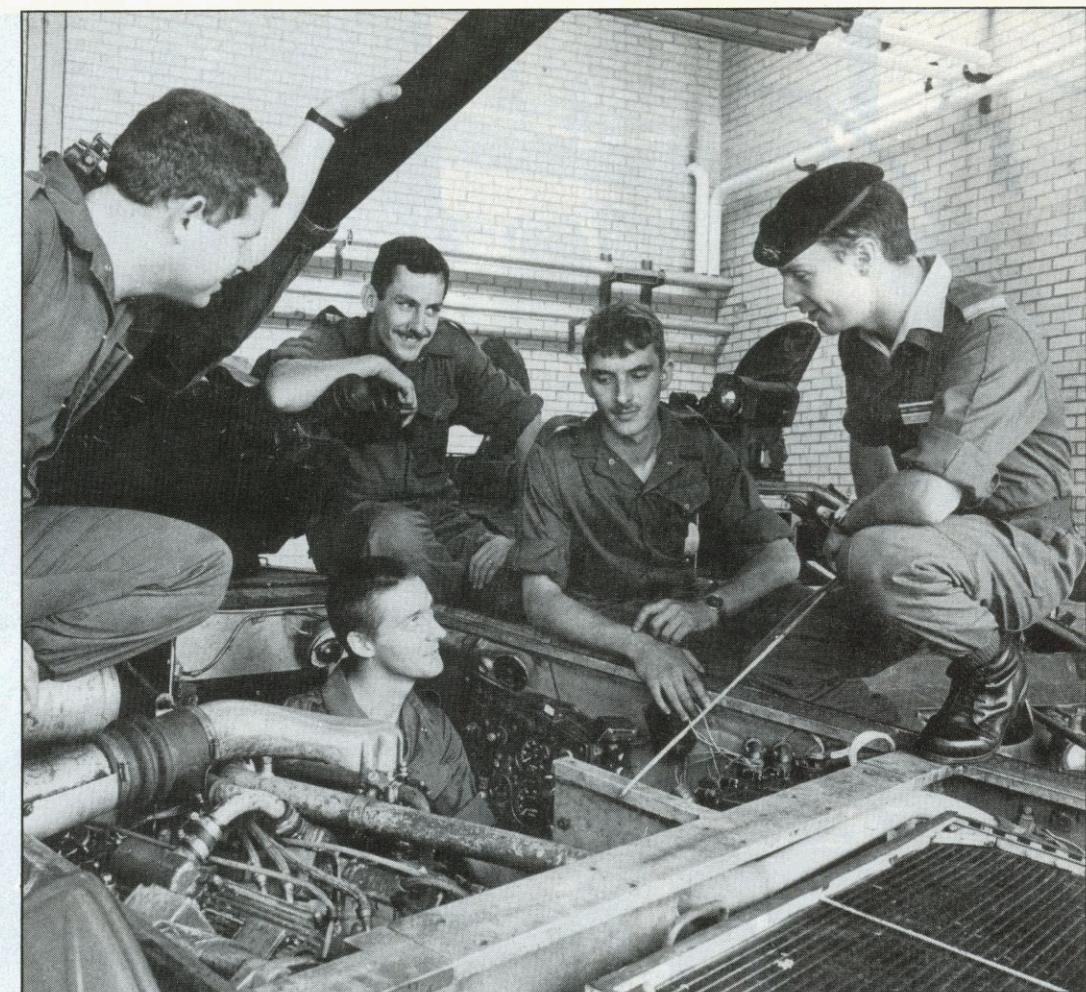
It is a weary job, admits the OC, Maj Crispin Ellison. They are doing the same job in Germany, but spend 80 per cent of their time on maintenance instead of 80 per cent on training.

Back in the UK for the first time in 20 years the posting does have its attractions, as well as its surprises.

A number found themselves in the Gulf as part of the Armoured Delivery Group; others escorted tanks on merchant ships and lived it up in their suites, tennis courts and swimming pools, while others lived it down, plodding along on the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries, getting up at six to polish brasses.



Providing a Challenger for the Royal Tournament was one of the jobs of Badger Squadron, 2 RTR



If students build up their own picture of what they are learning, they remember it better says Sgt Mick Garbutt, here instructing Tprs Rus Myers (seated) Chris Simmons, Andy Smith and Bryan Mayne



**BACK** from Australia to see the labour of love he carried out while commanding the Artillery Wing at the Driving and Maintenance School, Bovington, in 1978 is Lt Col David Pollock (centre).

Thirteen years ago he refurbished a Morris commercial field artillery tractor C8 Mk 1 Quad rescued from a scrap dealer in Hong Kong. He found a limber

and swapped a new 25-pounder for the 1940 Mark 1 (minus muzzle break) which used to adorn Wrekin College.

Now retired in Perth, he is delighted to see this unique combination being lovingly looked after by Sgts Andrew Dick (7 Para RHA) and Ian Askham (94 Loc Regt) after the 300 man-hours spent returning it to factory condition.

Things have changed since the days when the artillery formed one third of the Army and thousands of 25-pounders were the mainstay of the artillery throughout the Second World War.

Four Multiple Launch Rocket Systems like the one in the picture can today annihilate one grid square, something it took regiments of guns to achieve.

## Driving force

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Squadron of 2 RTR, and a training area of 2,500 acres is used for actual driving, though at any one time about one third of the area is out of bounds to prevent soil erosion.

After the First World War a vast surplus of tanks had to be disposed of, but some cars were also bought to help soldiers learn to drive before being demobbed.

As mechanisation of the cavalry gained momentum most regiments carried out their own initial conversion training, and this continued through the Second World War until today, with the only recruits to be taught now being Royal Engineers.

Young officers are also put through the system – to ensure



It would take regiments of 25 pounds to cover the area just four Multi Launched Rocket Systems can cover in seconds: Sgts Andrew Dick, 7 Para RHA and Ian Askham, 94 Loc Regt know them both

that they can operate the equipment as well as command it.

The level of skill today is probably less than those original "graduates" of 1916, because there was not the same support now available from the

Armoured Engineer Squadrons. The skill of the instructors, however, has improved and it is not unusual for them to broaden their experience by taking civilian qualifications at a local college.

It is not just a question of

firing information at them, says Sgt Mick Garbutt. "We really want them to learn for themselves. If a guy can get hold of a component and work out what it does, he has a sense of achievement and will remember."



SSgt Mark Edwards is helped into his protective suit by his number two, LCpl Neil Ventress



Maj Mick Gritton, RAOC with a replica of the IRA's Mk 13 mortar, complete with automatic timer and power unit, mounted on the back of a flat-bed truck

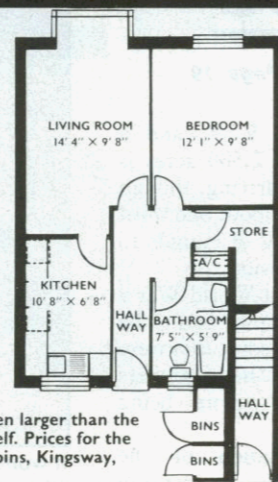


A remote-controlled Wheelbarrow gets to grips with a car bomb at Berlin's Ruhleben Fighting City

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BOMB disposal men found themselves facing a fearsome array of terrorist weapons during a testing week in Berlin, writes Mervyn Wynne Jones.

Pitting themselves against replicas of the latest devices in the international terrorist armoury, the Berlin and BAOR-based RAOC men were undergoing a periodic licensing test to ensure that they were up to scratch.

Exercise Swift Stick was the first of its kind in Berlin and the Herford-based organisers from 221 EOD Company RAOC were delighted with the resources available at the British FIBUA complex in the Ruhleben training area.

"This urban training complex is ideal for the requirements of the exercise," said Maj Mick Gritton, OC 221 EOD Coy, who was putting 16 operators through their paces.

They were from 221 EOD Coy Herford, 154 Forward Ammunition Depot Wulfen, 3 Base Ammunition Depot Bracht, JHQ Rheindahlen and Ordnance Services Berlin.

The week-long series of tasks – designed to be as realistic as possible – covered a variety of situations in which their expertise might be required,

from checking a weapons cache for booby traps to disarming a car bomb.

Timers and harmless booby traps on the replica devices and constant activity over long hours added an element of stress to the exercise.

Two experienced operators were playing the role of terrorist and arming the devices, among which was an exact copy of an IRA Mk 13 mortar mounted on the back of a flat-bed truck.

This potentially lethal device – brought into use by terrorists in Northern Ireland during the past year – comprises a 50 gallon oil drum filled with high explosive mounted on an explosive cradle which can propel it over a wall or similar obstruction.

Other improvised explosive devices (IEDs) reconstructed for the exercise included those known to be in the armouries of both European and Middle Eastern terrorist groups.

"Realism is all-important to put them under pressure and

keep them alert," said Maj Gritton.

"They have to prove that they are current on the latest devices and techniques and that they are still capable of doing the job. It is a tough week, no doubt about it."

The job demands a special kind of man and all are volunteers who undergo a series of psychological and aptitude tests before being accepted for the long and intensive training course.

The potential operators – all officers and senior NCOs – study explosive ordnance technology for six months at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham before going to the Central Ammunition Depot, Kineton, for a further eight months' practical and hands-on training.

On completion of training and acceptance as an Ammunition Technical Officer (ATO) or Ammunition Technician (AT), operators are then posted worldwide to a variety of places where their skills may be called

upon. Their bread-and-butter work is the inspection, maintenance and destruction of ammunition in storage or in use on exercise, but they are perhaps better known for their work in dealing with terrorist devices.

"I suppose it is a tough job," said Maj Gritton, "but we tend not to think of it in those terms. An operator might expect to be called out to 150 or more tasks in a four-month Northern Ireland tour.

"The word most often heard in our line of work is 'practical' – both operators and their number twos have to be useful with their hands. An ability to think and act clearly in what can be a fairly tense situation is obviously paramount."

Joining the RAOC men for the Berlin exercise – but not being tested – were a two-man Berlin-based American Army ordnance disposal team.

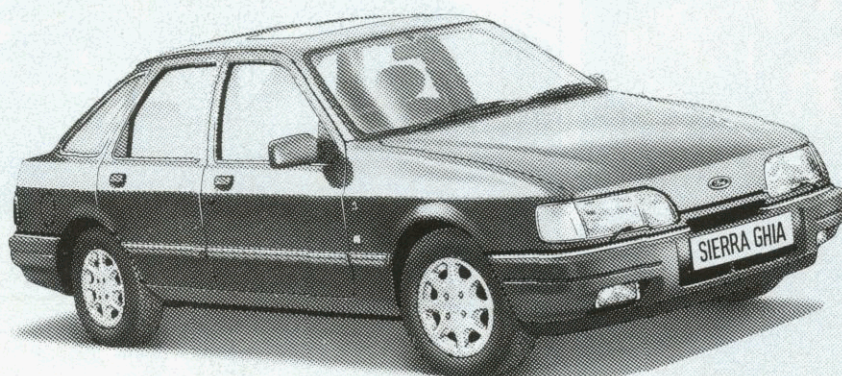
Speaking to SOLDIER while his operator was disarming a booby-trapped weapons cache, Spr Paul Hilton said: "This is great for us because we tend to do more on the conventional munitions side.

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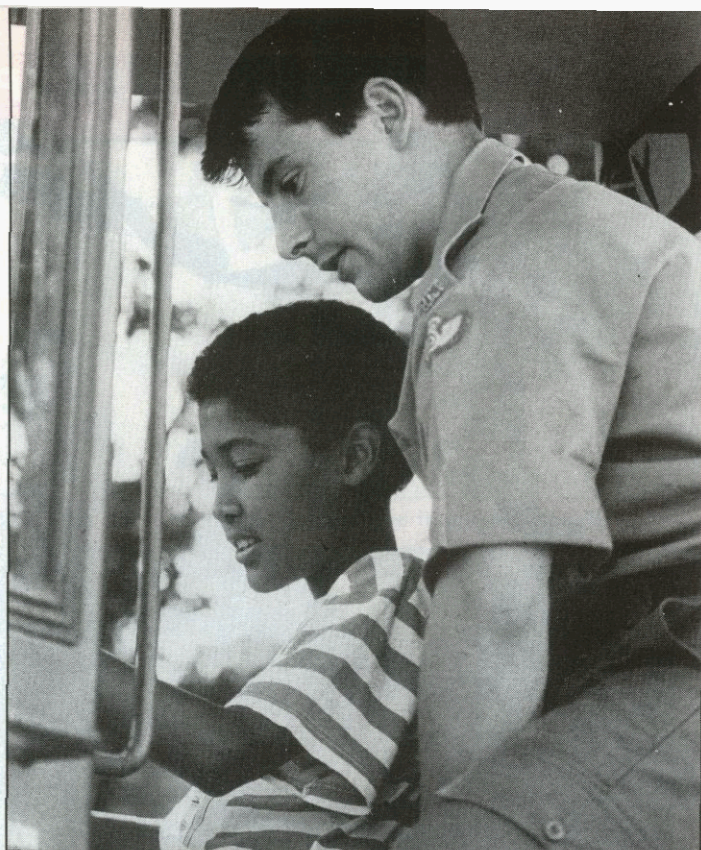
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Above left: Three Red Devils, followed by another three, jumped into the Thames on the Glorious Twelfth to deliver freshly caught haggis and bottles of whisky from the Highlands to the Savoy Hotel in London – and raise £10,000 for the Airborne Forces Charity Development Trust and RAF Benevolent Fund. The illusive haggis, which took the place of the traditional grouse, were

caught by The Parachute Regiment's Scottish Territorial Army battalion, a Tornado aircraft flew them from Leuchars to Farnborough and a Lynx helicopter took them on to the Thames. Six other Red Devils under the command of Depot RSM Andy Gow, accompanied by regimental mascot Pegasus III, escorted the haggis to the Savoy.



Above right: Dvr Craig Patterson RCT shows 13-year-old James Laurent the controls of a JCB during a fun day at Buller Barracks, Aldershot, for 80 children from the London borough of Lambeth. Organised by the RCT Depot and the Metropolitan Police, and sponsored by Sainsburys, the event was intended to give children time away from an inner city environment.

# Well done, LADs

SOLDIERS in the Light Aid Detachment (LAD) REME of 2nd Field Regiment, RA were serving in the Gulf when they saw a newspaper story about two-year-old Amy Rose Collins of Sunderland.

She was born with a huge, disfiguring birthmark covering one side of her face, and was having to travel regularly to Edinburgh for laser treatment.

LCpl Gary Cook enlisted the help of Cpl Richie Walker and began a series of events to boost the *Sunday Sun's* appeal to purchase a laser machine for Sunderland.

Their gunner colleagues of 2 Fd Regt were very supportive, so much so that by the time the regiment returned to Munster in Germany they had collected £7,209.

One contribution of £800 was donated by the soldiers of 46 (Talavera) Air Defence Battery who pulled an Iraqi anti-aircraft gun in relays 60km across the desert to Kuwait City.

Amy Rose and her mother were flown by the Royal Air



Force to Munster to receive the cheque from Lt Col David Radcliffe, CO of 2 Fd Regt, and meet the generous gunners and LAD team.

The Northern Ireland Hospice in north Belfast is £1,700 richer thanks to the efforts of a warrant officer and sergeant of 21 Regiment, RCT, serving in Lisburn.

The two soldiers raised the money by completing a gruelling 100km march in Switzerland. More than 4,000 people from across Europe entered this annual event organised by the Swiss Army in the town of Biel. The two soldiers were among the first ten teams home.

Four members of 28 Amphi-

bious Engineer Regiment also took part in the Biel 100km. They raised more than £600 for BLESMA and other charities.

Swindon-based A Squadron, The Royal Yeomanry came to the rescue when St Martin's Hospital in Bath had a problem with its new garage.

The portable garage was located 20 miles away in Devizes, but A Sqn made short work of moving it on military vehicles during an exercise.

Capt David Dickinson of RAOC Stores Platoon, 3 Field Workshop, REME at Tidworth could get soaked when he attempts to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. He and five others are getting themselves sponsored to ski around the Isle of Wight, a distance of more than 60 miles.

A Royal British Legion fete at Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire raised £2,600 which is to be split between the Poppy Appeal and the three Grenadier Guardsmen who lost their legs during a training exercise in Canada two years ago.

Guests at the fete included Gdsm Sean Povey, one of the three.

The six military members of 8 Maintenance Advisory Group, Vehicles and Weapons Branch, REME based at Christchurch in Dorset took part in the Bournemouth Bay half marathon and raised £1,047 in sponsorship for the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (BLESMA).

The runners were Maj Bert Read, WO1 (ASM) Dick Clark, WO2s (AQMS) Gus Caldwell and John Johnson, and SSgts Tiny Attwater and Tam Scott.



The Joint-Services team on Smith Island

# THE DARK ISLE

FEW Service climbers are fortunate enough to go further south than the Falklands, so being part of a Joint-Services expedition to Smith Island off the Antarctic peninsula was a rare venture for two lucky soldiers.

SSgt Tony Willetts of the Army Physical Training Corps was a medic on the ten-man team while Lt Ian Anderson, Glosters, looked after communications on an island which has repelled all but the most fleeting of visits since it was discovered.

Perfect weather helped HMS Endurance's Lynx transfer 65 days of stores in seven hours in January and left the slightly bewildered mountaineers 12,000ft above sea level, surrounded by virgin peaks, glaciers, towering ice cliffs and ridge lines all topped by a huge ice cap.

They were on the only safe, flat ground available, with crevasses all round, unexplored territory in every direction –

800 miles from Port Stanley and just 80 miles west of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Its huge ice cliffs have repelled all but the most fleeting visits since its discovery in the last century.

In 1989 a New Zealand team was unable to find a safe landing and fled to safe waters at Deception Island.

Bill Tilman, one of Britain's elder sons of exploration, was lost on his voyage to Smith Island in 1978, along with all members of the ill-fated Richardson expedition.

The Joint-Services expedition was the brainchild of WO2 John Kimbrey, Royal Marines, who was struck down by appendicitis a day before the landing.

The island's first temper tantrum was a five-day storm which blew away 7ft of snow as well as two tents but showed the team their base camp tent floor was on a crevasse!

Daytime was largely cancelled once the weather improved,

members rising at 3pm, breakfasting and preparing for the day's work before setting off as soon as the sun dipped low enough for the temperature to plummet and consolidate the surface snow.

The light nocturnal hours gave the best successes and inspired climbs were only halted by the rising sun hitting the maze of overlapping ice cliffs and grade three and four ice pitches.

The initial probing was on the ice barrier which guards the upper slopes of the highest peak, Mount Foster (2,103m). As SSgt Willetts and two colleagues were returning below a towering sérac wall the sun started to rise and a large section fell away above them. A personal best for the 100m and an involuntary somersault saw him clear of its path.

Smith Island is an "Avalanche City" with hourly falls on either side of the ridge, the ice cap on all peaks, and where the ice cliffs curve into the sea

below. The next six weeks saw them battered by the most consistently bad weather ever experienced in this region. Winds of 40mph were the rule, and eight feet of snow once fell in a day.

The favourite way of passing the hours was with quizzes, music, poems and bodging bits of kit.

SSgt Willetts had problems with his feet which put him out of action and he was pinned to his stretcher when the base camp tent collapsed.

The team moved into snowholes, where they remained until air-lifted out at the beginning of March.

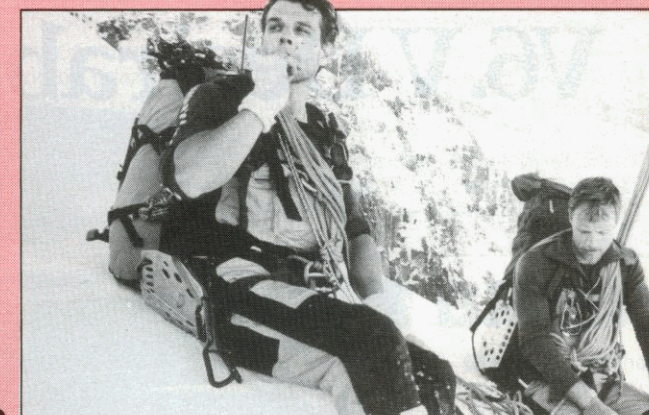
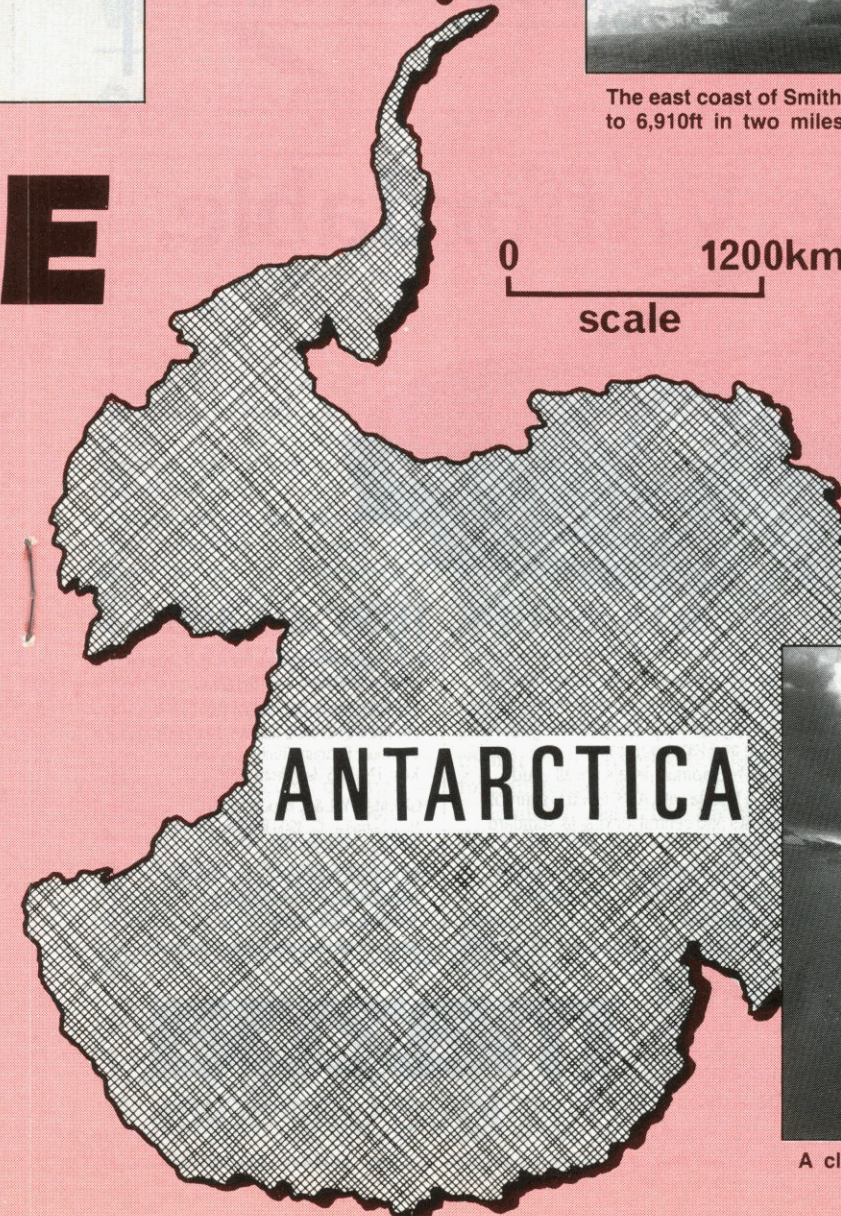
The day after his 30th birthday SSgt Willetts was casevaced to HMS Endurance and a month later the full evacuation was carried out. Despite a rapidly advancing austral winter racing in they ensured all waste and equipment was removed to return a wild and beautiful landscape to its natural condition.



An expedition member digs out a tent during one of the frequent blizzards



The east coast of Smith Island, with Foster Ridge in the centre. Climbers went from nought to 6,910ft in two miles



Lt Ian Anderson (left) and SSgt Tony Willetts resting on Foster Ridge during an ascent



A climber on a grade 3 ice pitch

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## IDLE TALES OF A BOY SOLDIER

FROM boy soldier to old soldier in five years – this is the story of Dave Sexstone in *Reflections of an Idle Guardsman*.

Sexstone began his Army career as a boy soldier at 16 after time as a Boy Scout with Baden Powell as his hero. He joined with youthful enthusiasm, a head full of romantic ideas about seeing the world . . . and not much else.

All good stuff, but he soon learned there was more to Army life than knowing about knots and knives with spikes to remove stones from horses' hooves.

Sexstone learned fast, like tens of thousands of other youngsters called up for National Service, while he was doing boy service and three years with the Colours.

It is a story many others have

told or would like to tell – but for all that it is an interesting read and will recall for many their days as young soldiers.

Some of Sexstone's stories run to just a few lines. Take this one, for example: "In the spring of 1962, my best mate and I plotted to desert. The plan was to go to France, spend a season picking grapes and then join the French Foreign Legion.

"It seemed like a good idea at the time, but I met a girl and fell in love, and that was the end of that."

The four-letter words which litter the pages are not likely to mar the enjoyment of an entertaining and amusing tale of Army life. – JM

**Reflections of an Idle Guardsman** by Dave Sexstone. The Book Guild Ltd., £10.50.

## Soviets lift Spetsnaz veil of secrecy

WITH Soviet naval officer and military photographer Leonid Yakutin taking the pictures, Carey Schofield spent the best part of a year with the Soviet army.

*Inside the Soviet Army* describes what it is like to live and train as a Soviet soldier and of her ten days with the Spetsnaz, the USSR's equivalent of the SAS.

According to her the "very word Spetsnaz is enough to send shivers of excitement down the spines of many Westerners and Soviet citizens alike . . . it has become a vital catalyst for all sorts of conspiracy theorists, cold-war mongers and thriller writers.

"Few unexpected or inexplicable events in major Western countries have not been attributed to the stealthy hand of Spetsnaz. No miracle of logistical planning has been considered beyond their ability."

Schofield enthuses that a Spetsnaz soldier is required to be able to hit a stationary target at 1,600ft with a rifle, at up to 130ft with a sub-machine gun and at 80 to 100ft with a pistol. At 1,600ft using a sniper rifle,

LATEST among the quality publications about the 1939-45 war is *Blitzkrieg in the West, Then and Now* by Jean Paul Pallud.

Big, beautiful, bulky and costly, it is a heavyweight product in every sense since it tips the scales at close on 6lb and costs a whopping £39.95.

Its subject is heavy, too, although hundreds of splendid photographs enhance its 640 pages.

Pallud has compiled a detailed account, split into five parts, of the 45 momentous days between May 10 and June 24, 1940 in which the German Army marched over, through and round the Maginot Line to demolish once and for all the concept of static defences on such a scale.

Considered impregnable by most French politicians and

## Blitzkrieg: A French perspective

top brass, the Line stretched for about 1,500 kilometres along the north, east and south-east borders of France.

In engineering terms it was a masterpiece, but it was to prove useless when it was put to the test.

In his introduction, Pallud tells how his father, a machine-gunner loader with an Alpine infantry unit, was captured by German tanks in a battle at La Belle Etoile, near Troyes.

It was this incident which set him off on the trail. It took

him five years to research and complete this work – no great surprise considering the mass of detail he has produced, supported by superb photos and captions.

"The past five years for me have been a very rewarding experience," says Pallud.

"Not only have I learned much of my country's recent history, but my efforts have resulted in a book that presents Blitzkrieg in the West in a way never before attempted.

"To stand on the precise spot where men once fought and died is an emotional experience not easily forgotten."

Put this one on your Christmas list – for someone to buy for you, that is. – JM

**Blitzkrieg in the West, Then and Now** by Jean Paul Pallud. After the Battle, £39.95.

he must hit a target figure in the chest.

Other skills include using an anti-tank grenade launcher accurately up to 1,300ft, anti-tank guided missiles up to 3,300 and, she says, learning to throw a special Spetsnaz knife which can also fire bullets.

In addition to learning these lethal arts Spetsnaz soldiers, all conscripts, spend ten hours a month for six months studying foreign languages.

Schofield describes the soldiers' English as "rather good, if limited".

For example: "What is your name, rank and position? Where is your unit located? Are your missiles equipped with conventional or nuclear warheads?"

She did not reveal whether the time-honoured demand "take me to your leader" was part of the curriculum.

And when it comes to

resisting interrogation themselves, Carey was told: "Spetsnaz men are never taken prisoner."

It appears that on occasions they have been supplied with cyanide and, in any case, "they have bullets".

There are 18 pages and some very good pictures in the Spetsnaz section, although the pictures could be of any soldiers anywhere. But even though some of the text is a bit dramatic, it's a good read with names supplied and places identified.

The writer had the support of Marshal Dmitri Yazov, Soviet Defence Minister, who wrote a four-page preface, and Nato Sovietologist, Christopher Donnelly, who supplied the foreword. – JM

**Inside the Soviet Army** by Carey Schofield. Headline Book Publishing, £19.95.

## IN BRIEF

**Reflected Glory** by Carney Lake. Starkly realistic documentary novel based on the record of a Royal Marines Commando unit in the run-up to the Falklands War. Otter Books, PO Box 5, Honiton, Devon EX14 8FN, £9.95 (softback).

**Commando** by Brig John Durnford-Slater. Re-published memoirs of a Second World War fighting commando. Greenhill Books, £14.95.

**The Nomadic Soldier** by Cliff Russell. Autobiographical wartime adventures in France, Belgium and Burma by a Survey Regiment soldier attached to the Royal Artillery. The Book Guild Ltd, Lewes, £8.95.

**War on the Eastern Front** by James Lucas. Vivid and terrible picture of the German campaign in Russia, 1941-45. Greenhill Books, £15.95.

# HOLDING THE HISTORICAL LINE

IN THE second half of his study of British Army regiments affected by amalgamations under Options for Change, **Laurie Manton** looks at the Infantry. The changes mean that regiments, each with a unique historic lineage, will have to merge hundreds of years' worth of customs and traditions to the satisfaction of both.

## INFANTRY REGIMENTS

### RS and KOSB

**THE Royal Scots** (The Royal Regiment) is oldest and senior infantry regiment of the line in the British Army. It was raised in 1633 and won its first British battle honour in 1680 and has since gained a further 146 honours.

The regiment's nickname, Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard, dates from 1643 when considerable rivalry existed between it and the French Regiment of Picardy on the subject of precedence.

During the First World War, the regiment had 35 battalions and more than 11,000 men lost their lives, including more than 200 killed in a railway crash in Scotland in 1915. It performed with distinction during the Gulf War.

**The King's Own Scottish Borderers** was raised in 1689 as The Earl of Leven's Regiment. It became known as "The Edinburgh Regiment" after its first blooding at Killiecrankie in 1689, where it behaved with exemplary fortitude, and was granted the right to recruit in the city by beat of drum. The title was altered in 1782 following a "petty quarrel" with the city elders over the privilege.

The regiment was one of six infantry regiments which stood firm against the might of the French cavalry and gained Minden as a coveted battle honour.

### Queen's and R Hamps

**THE Queen's Regiment** is the senior English line infantry regiment as its oldest ancestor was raised in 1661. It was formed in 1966 from amalgamations which had their origins in: The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), The Buffs, The East Surrey Regiment, The Royal Sussex Regiment, The Royal West

Kent Regiment and The Middlesex Regiment.

**The 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment** is the only unamalgamated Royal County regiment left, and is the only regiment in the British Army to have the Princess of Wales as Colonel-in-Chief.

Its Tiger badge was awarded by George IV in 1826 after the 67th Foot had spent 21 years' continuous service in India.

It officers wear a different badge from their men – a rose within a star. Other ranks wear the tiger and rose badge.

### Cheshire and Staffords

**THE Cheshire Regiment** was raised in 1689 by Henry, Duke of Norfolk. It is said that the regiment was awarded its emblem of the Oak twig at Dettingen in 1745 for having saved George II from imminent capture. In appreciation he plucked a twig from an oak tree and presented it to the officers with the wish that it



Soldiers of The Gloucestershire Regiment on guard during the Korean War

might become the regimental emblem.

During the late 18th century, the regiment was virtually wiped out by tropical fever in the West Indies.

**The Staffordshire Regiment** was formed in 1959 following the amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd South Staffords (formerly 38th and 80th Foot) with the North Staffords (64th and 98th regiments).

The 38th, raised in 1705, had an inauspicious start. In 1707 it sailed for the West Indies and in those remote and fever-stricken islands spent the next 57 years! It was the British Army's longest-ever overseas tour.

The regiment, which was grossly neglected for much of that time, once went ten years without receiving clothing and some men had no weapons. It became the first regiment ever to wear a "tropical uniform" – it was made from local sugar sacks, the only form of clothing available.

The regiment served with distinction in the Gulf.

### R Irish and UDR

**THE Royal Irish Rangers** were formed in 1968 through the amalgamation of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, The



Men of C Company, The Staffordshire Regiment, training in Kenya in 1966. Now... a leap into the unknown?

Royal Ulster Rifles and The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) and the regiment's official mascot is an Irish Wolfhound. Its battle honours include Waterloo, Gallipoli and Anzio. The regimental motto is *Faugh a Ballagh* – Clear the way!

**The Ulster Defence Regiment** was formed in 1970 to replace an existing armed auxiliary police force, the Ulster Special Constabulary, often referred to as the "B" Specials. Not only is it the youngest regiment in the British Army, but its more than 6,000 personnel make it the largest.

### Glosters and DERR

**THE Glosters** were raised as Gibson's Foot in 1694 and numbered 28 in 1751. In 1782 the regiment added the description "North Gloucestershire", but in 1881 the 28th linked up with the 61st (South Gloucestershire) to form The Gloucestershire Regiment.

The Sphinx badge derives from the Battle of Alexandria

(1801) in which both 28th and 61st took part, but the former was particularly involved in an incident requiring the troops to fight back to back. This affair is commemorated by a small badge on the back of the beret.

Following the regiment's heroic stand at the Imjin River in Korea, it was awarded a United States Presidential Citation.

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment** (Berkshire and Wiltshire) was formed in 1959 from The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) and The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's).

In Afghanistan in 1880, a giant Afghan army ambushed a small British force. Six companies of Berkshires were shot down where they stood, until only 11 were left. Their last

ditch stand so impressed the Afghans that even after killing the gallant 11 they were reluctant to advance.

The only survivor was a dog called Bobby who crossed 50 miles of desert to find his owner and fame. The dog was decorated by Queen Victoria and became the regimental mascot.

### QO Hldrs and Gordons

**THE Queen's Own Highlanders** (Seaforth and Camerons) were formed in 1961 by the amalgamation of the Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's) and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

In past times, the two regiments had left their mountain homeland to spill and shed blood together at

Sebastapol, Lucknow, Loos and El Alamein.

In the First World War blood flowed from the stone of the Highlands. The Seaforths and Camerons raised 32 battalions and nine from each regiment went into the line. Their deeds shone brightly through the unmitigated gloom of the massive sacrifice with which they were purchased. Companies and battalions were practically wiped out, yet none failed.

**The Gordon Highlanders** were raised in 1794 by the 4th Duke of Gordon after France declared war on England. At Waterloo, the Gordons thundered into the French Lines on the stirrups of the Scots Greys yelling "Scotland forever".

They were forcibly amalgamated with the 75th (Stirlingshire) Regiment in 1881.

The regiment was unusually afflicted during the Second World War by the capture of the two Regular battalions at St Valery and the fall of Singapore.

## THEIR GLORIES WILL LIVE ON



LCpl Tam Inglis of The Gordon Highlanders pipes in front of the Mohne Dam in 1983

# Redundancy? We can't afford it, say soldiers and wives

JUST seven paragraphs out of 55 in "Britain's Army for the 90s", the White Paper detailing the conclusions of the Options for Change exercise, were devoted to the personal aspects of the redundancy programme.

Then, hard on its heels, came DCIs 78 and 79 on redundancies of officers and soldiers, which included advice on housing, training and resettlement.

The terms they set out are based on the 1975 package which in 1991-92 will help - but there are no "golden handshakes". And judging by those who have contacted me after doing their sums, seeking voluntary redundancy will not, for many, be a financially viable exercise.

"It sounds a lot of money after working out 18 months' pay, pension and terminal grant," said one wife, "but with the prospect of finding a house, sustaining a mortgage and my husband looking for a job at the same time, it's going to be hard."

"The main problem is that the building society we approached asked how we would pay the mortgage when we had no guarantee of a job in a year's time."

"We won't be volunteering for redundancy."

Children's education is another area of concern.

One sergeant told me: "Both our children are at difficult stages of education and on the redundancy terms would not be able to continue their present schooling."

"Our present mortgage, plus the school fees, is crippling us - and I have an income."

"I'll wait until I am told to go and hope it's after the children have finished their boarding education."

In my opinion neither the White Paper nor the DCIs bring much comfort to those seeking a roof over their head. The Paper assumes that those taking the redundancy

terms will be in a position to make firm arrangements for their future needs.

Some, who thought that a discounted house would be the probable answer, had their hopes somewhat dashed by the White Paper's statement that redundant Service personnel would be given priority should they wish to buy married quarters under the discount scheme.

Another blow came with the sentence: "Where possible we will make available to housing associations Army surplus property to help short-term, redundant Service men and women in severe housing need."

How such discounted quarters are to be stretched three ways instead of one is worrying, unless thousands more surplus MQs are allocated.

To date 14,000 have been identified, but these won't go very far even among those who leave by "natural wastage".

With 100 bids for most discounted houses and at least 2,000 united and estranged families still irregular occupants, it is understandable that those who were hoping to

bid for a discounted house in the next year or so are sorely worried.

However, there is one possible way of increasing the stock in England and Wales. It is the Government's new rule allowing flats and maisonettes to be sold to individuals.

I am awaiting a reply to my question on whether this ruling will now enable MoD MQ flats and

maisonettes to be sold under the discounted scheme.

If housing associations buy these surplus quarters at 30 per cent discount, will the Inland Revenue waive the five-year ban on resale, or will it be passed on to the buyer?

If, however, they are offered no discount at all, what, if any, bonus will the Serviceman be offered, apart from perhaps a "nomination right" in the area of his choice?

The five-year ban is a serious handicap when job and house are essentially a package deal. No one, the redundant soldier included, is entitled to the same concessions as the local authority tenant, who can sell after three

years. The DCIs draw Servicemen's attention to the Assisted House Purchase Scheme, but a change of rule in 1988 came as a shock to one 22-year-old man.

The advance of £5,000 is now taxable and he found himself paying an extra £180, plus the monthly repayment of £40 to the Army. The Inland Revenue says this advance of pay is an employee's perk, not part of a gratuity.

"It's unlikely that the transition to civilian life will be smooth," said one husband. "My wife, on £17,500, will be the major wage earner, a reversal of roles, and it's \*\*\*\*\* hard to accept."

"I am not sure what to do but it looks like a six-month training scheme."

This and other difficulties with all aspects of resettlement will need to be addressed by the counselling teams being set up in the UK and overseas.

If the problems faced by those leaving today under normal wastage are anything to go by, then these teams will play a key role in the redundancy package and should be used to the full - and as early as possible.

Family details are recorded in the red sector, doctor or nurse complete the blue sector and the joint

## Health logbook is just what doctor ordered

WITH the advent of access to medical records the Services have produced an excellent new Tri-Service Personal Medical Record booklet for spouses and dependent children.

The booklet is now being phased in and those due to be posted overseas will be among the first to receive it.

This is a tremendous breakthrough. The production has been led by the Royal Army Medical Corps. The bright blue booklet Code No B/Med 27 of 3/90 is colour coded, with large print and is easy to complete, read and understand.

It belongs to the wife, who keeps it with her and takes it to the medical practitioner, civilian or Service, who at a glance will obtain a clear picture of the family's medical record.

There were 100,000 unclaimed Service wives' records at Smedley Hydro in 1987-88, and at least 20,000 children's records. Many families still have difficulty when their records fail to catch up with them.

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Minister for Health, Virginia Bottomley (above) was most impressed with the new Services' Personal Medical Record booklet. She said that it would be an invaluable help to everyone involved with the medical care of Service families. She welcomed its introduction and congratulated the Services on its layout and production

sector is coded green.

The comprehensive record covers cervical cancer prevention, breast screening, policy, operations and X-rays, illnesses from dermatitis, period problems, rheumatic fever, high blood pressure, lifestyle, smoking, alcohol and medicines.

It also helps mothers to keep vaccination reminders and a child's record of illnesses.

"It will give a doctor, nurse or hospital, at a

glance, a very good picture of the patient's medical history and any current treatments," said Col Tommy Boucher Hayes, one of the main instigators.

He said: "I do hope that all wives keep it with them and keep it up to date as one never knows when one might need to refer to it. It will help patients, the medical practitioners and above all help individuals with their own personal health."

## Good guide for women

WOMEN are healthier and live longer than ever before (on average five years longer than men) but only women have babies and get cancer of the cervix.

An excellent new booklet called *Your Health: A guide to Services for Women* should help Army wives returning to the UK.

If you require a copy ask SSAFA or Medical Centre overseas or write to the Health Education Authority, Publication Unit (Dept WH), Hamilton House, Mableton Place, London WC1 9XT (071-383 3833).

## Have fun!

HAVE some fun and win sports equipment worth £500 is the message from the National Playing Fields Association.

Between September 28 and October 6 they are holding Big Bounce Day, inviting schools, youth clubs, wives' groups and anybody else who wants to take part in the event.

Full details from the NPFA, 25 Ovington Square, London SW3 1LQ.

## It's time to claim back that tax

MARRIED women who are not taxpayers should be thinking about reclaiming tax on any dividends they received in the first year of independent taxation.

Before the introduction of independent taxation in April 1990, the income of married women was added to their husbands' income for tax purposes. The wife received a wife's earned income allowance rather than a personal allowance. This allowance could only be used against earned income.

From April 1990 the income of married women has been treated solely as their income for tax purposes, and they receive their own personal allowance which can be set against earned income or investment income. This means that married women who are non-taxpayers can for the first time claim repayment of tax on dividends.

The number of married women holding shares has been swelled by the various privatisation issues and the Abbey National flotation and the Inland Revenue reckons there are about 2½ million married women who, because of the introduction of independent taxation, can now claim a repayment of tax on dividend income.

A free leaflet (IR112) called *How to claim a repayment of Income Tax* is available from any local Tax Office or Tax Enquiry Centre. If anyone is unsure where their local office is they can find out by looking in the phone book under Inland Revenue.

Married women who are claiming a repayment for the first time should fill in the form IR95(D) attached to the leaflet IR112 and send it to their local Tax Office.

A repayment claim form will then be sent to them. The completed claim form should be sent back with the certificates showing the amount of tax deducted from the income.

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Susan is a housewife. She is entitled to tax allowances in 1990/91 of £3,005.

Susan is not liable to tax as her tax allowances (£3,005) are more than her income (£400). She can claim repayment of all the tax credit (£100).

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|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Karen's earnings                    | £1,600  |
| Dividends tax credit                | £1,600  |
| (dividends £1,200, tax credit £400) |         |
| Total income                        | £3,200  |
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| Total allowances                    | £3,005  |
| Karen is taxable on                 | £195    |
| Tax credited                        | £400.00 |
| Tax due, £195 x 25%                 | £48.75  |
| Tax overpaid                        | £351.25 |

Karen can claim repayment of £351.25 of the tax credit.

## IN MY VIEW

## DEAR ANNE...

I HAVE lost my job due to a posting. This means our income has dropped considerably and we are going to find it very difficult as we have four children all under ten years and my husband is a junior rank.

I am told officially that because I am married to a Serviceman and we are returning home to the UK we can't claim any state benefits, but my sister, who lives in Newcastle, says I can. Can you help?

Anne writes: It depends on your husband's income and savings. You may be eligible for four benefits:

- Community Charge Benefit, either civilian or Army rebate.
- Housing Benefit, either civilian or Army.
- Family Credit, either civilian or Army.
- Rebate of National Health Service charges.

DSS leaflets which help and give guidelines include CAP, April 1, 1990; FB2 -

Which Benefit?; CCB1 - Help with Community Charge; RR1, Housing Benefit - Help with rent; FB5 - Family Credit (Service Families going overseas).

The freephone line for Social Security in UK is 0800 666555.

Your Unit pay office can also advise.

NOTHING's for nothing in this world. Even a new book telling in simple terms the rights and benefits available to the unemployed costs £7.

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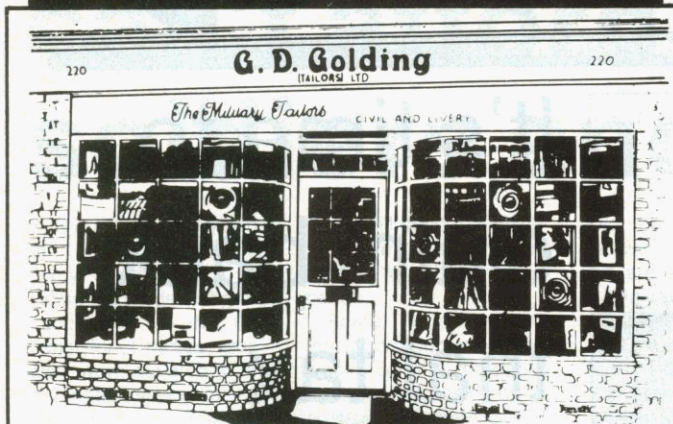
Piper Fraser Ritchie tries his best to entertain young Stacey Finchman during the annual Royal Marsden Hospital families day hosted by the Guards Depot at Pirbright



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# Caubeens not right for women

THIS will probably prove to be the most dangerous thing I have done since taking part in the Italian Campaign in 1944 – but now, as then, it has to be done!

I fully appreciate that women have a role to play in line regiments in peacetime – in recent editions of **SOLDIER** you have published articles describing the duties of women soldiers attached to Infantry battalions, culminating with the Black Watch (July 22).

What I deplore is the latest practice of wearing parts of the traditional uniform of the regiment to which they are attached, particularly head-dress. Many of the distinctions worn on head-dress were won by men in battle, for example the red hackle.

The wearing by women of caubeens, glengarries and male dress caps is ridiculous. It is not regimental. – **E C Brown**, ex-CSgt The Black Watch (RHR), Ipswich.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

**Open until at least October 31:** Gulf War Exhibition, Tank Museum, Bovington.

**Open until October 20:** Battle for Crete 50th anniversary exhibition, National Army Museum, London.

**October 2:** Massed Bands, Pipers and Drums of the Household Division concert at Wembley Arena in aid of Gulf Fund and Household Division charities, 1930.

**October 13:** Miniature Armoured Fighting Vehicles Association national competitions at the Tank Museum, Bovington. Details from Peter Brown, 8 Saddle Close, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 2UN (tel 0202 883939).

**October 24:** Logistics in the Gulf War presentation by Col Roy Lennox and Lt Col Steve Thornton at Gloucester Hotel, London. Tickets £50 plus VAT in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Details from Institute of Purchasing and Supply Conference Department on 0780 56777.

**November 9:** Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall.

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

## Well up at the front

MAJ I C Alexander wrote (July 8) about the first Service women entering Iraq in the Gulf War.

I was with Dressing Station 1 Bravo, commanding the third line ambulance troop. We were providing medical support to the Artillery Brigade.

Having spent the week before the start of the ground war about eight miles south of the Iraqi border, Capt Vanessa England, RAMC, and myself, the only women at the DS, crossed into Iraq at about 1145 hrs on February 24.

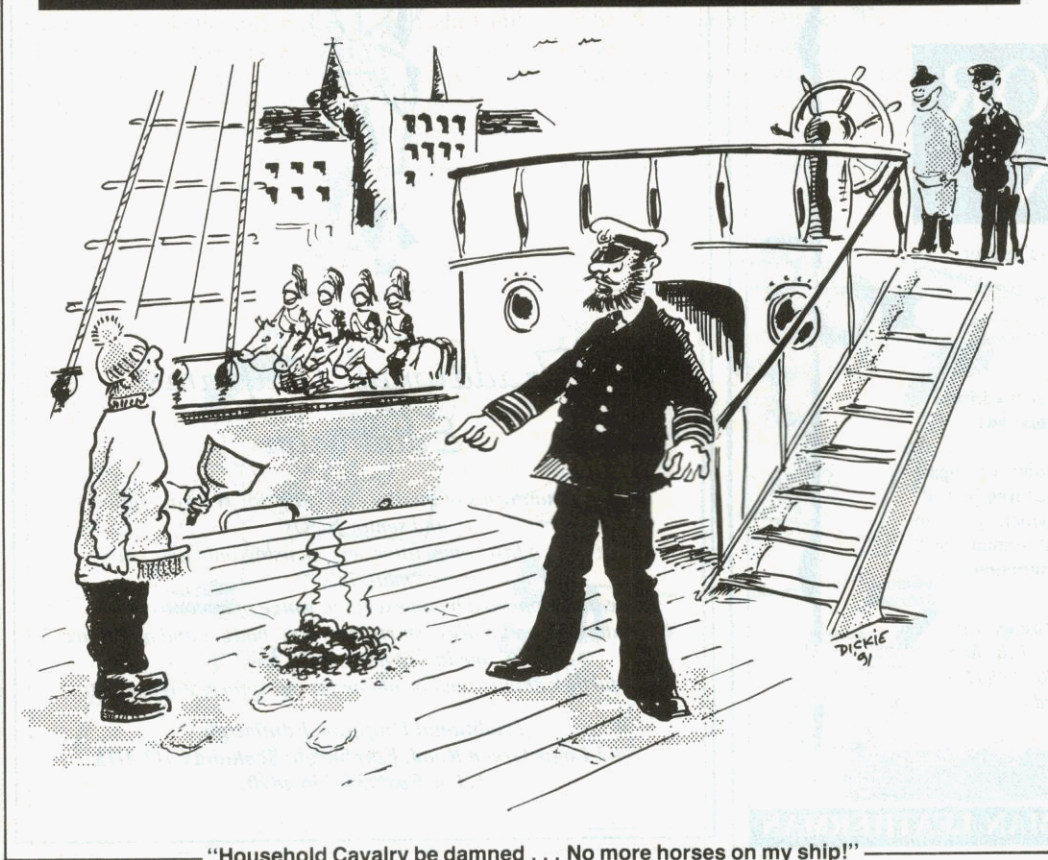
It certainly looks as if the RCT females were well up at the front! – **Capt Jane Bredin**, Buller Barracks, Aldershot.

### ACF option

WITH Options for Change hitting some of our oldest regiments, could the Army not keep the regimental names by allowing the Army Cadet Force to wear their cap badges?

This would keep the names alive and the cadets would be able to learn about "their" regiment. – **Kate Darrell**, Camberley.

## BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



# RGJ were unique

YOUR article, "The RGJ: Leading from the front" (July 22) questioned why this should be so.

As one of Hore Belisha's Militiamen who joined the ranks of The Rifle Brigade in July 1939 I feel I am in a position to give some serious answers and support for this theory. All recruits, including the short-service militiamen, were thoroughly instructed in regimental history from their very first day in the Army and it was stressed that as members of the most junior line regiment (the 95th) they had to prove they were not only **UNIQUE**, but also better than the rest.

I later served with The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and then for 30 years with the Royal Engineers, but I agree wholeheartedly with Capt Fritz-Domeney's comment that the Royal Green Jackets believe they are "something special" and always feel they belong to an elite military club throughout their Army career.

# Rare DSOs

YOU make no mention of the deeds performed by the recipients of the Distinguished Service Order in the Gulf gallantry awards (July 22), beyond putting their names at the top of the list.

The DSO was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1886 and is awarded to officers who have performed acts of gallantry in the face of the enemy.

For such senior officers to be decorated is unique, and to have read the citation explaining the deeds of Brig Cordingley and Maj Gen Smith would have been interesting. At the other end, it is rare for the DSO to be awarded to a subaltern, yet my father was the youngest recipient in the 1914-18 war. – **G K M Grierson**, Windsor, Berks.

● The citations explaining the deeds of Maj Gen Smith and Brig Cordingley formed the basis of the story which appeared on Page 3 of the July 22 issue.

For the record, until 1954 no fewer than 16 officers had won the award four times – ten of them in the Army. The four-time winners include Lt Gen Lord Freyberg, VC; Brig Gen W D Croft; Brig Gen F W Lumsden and Brig D A Kendrew. The remainder were all senior officers. – **Editor**.

My recollections of service with The Rifle Brigade are dominated by the fact that this charismatic regiment produced some of the best Army shots, were unsurpassed in their rifle drills, quick marches and smartness of turnout, and with their Motor Training Battalions at Tidworth were in the forefront of Infantry mechanisation.

It has been said that all ranks were addressed by inspecting officers as "Gentlemen of the Rifle Brigade", although more colloquially they were often referred to as "The Black Button Bastards". – **Lt Col (Retd) Donald Densham-Booth**, Moretonhampstead, Devon.

## Canal medal merited?

IF anyone deserves a medal for serving in the Canal Zone it is those young soldiers who, after fighting for four or five years during the Second World War, were stuck in Egypt after hostilities ceased.

Not only was it a hostile environment, but thousands of German prisoners had to be guarded and catered for while awaiting repatriation.

Canal Zone 1946 was the grand finale for services rendered! – **W H Bidmead**, Heston, Hounslow, Middlesex.

## SEARCHLINE

● **Far East tailors:** Mr P Slavin, 2 Archibald Place, Mossend, Bellshill, Lanarkshire ML4 2RF, seeks names and addresses from ex-Servicemen of Hong Kong and Singapore 24-hour tailors.

● **Early Fifties memories:** Author and broadcaster Kenneth McLeish and his wife Valerie, compiling a book, seek recollections of foreign campaigns, funeral of King George VI, flood disaster relief, start of Cold War, and other events. Write to McLeish, PO Box 9, Holbeach, Lincs PE12 8DJ.

● **Reconnaissance Corps:** Information on the Recce from ex-members sought for proposed history. Contact Richard Doherty, 27 Hillview Avenue, Prehen, Londonderry BT47 2NU.

● **War-time Dover:** Reminiscences of those who served in the White Cliffs area of Kent are sought for a book in aid of SSAFA. Please write with sae to Ken Flint, 77 Lydia Road, Deal CT14 9JY.

## REUNIONS

● **RASC/RCT Amphibious Units:** North Devon branch of RASC/RCT Association proposes to hold a reunion at Fremington Camp, near Barnstaple, on April 18, 1992, open also to staff of Combined Operations/Amphibious Warfare Centre, Fremington, Instow, or Westward Ho! and personnel of other attached arms and services. Those interested please write with full details to SSgt E S Lewis, D (Royal Devon Yeomanry) Sqn RWxY, TA Centre, Oakleigh Road, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 8JT.

● **209 RCZ Workshop REME (V):** Annual reunion at the Bowdon Hotel, Cheshire, September 28, 1991. Details from Ray Patterson, 1 Haddon Grove, Sale, Cheshire.

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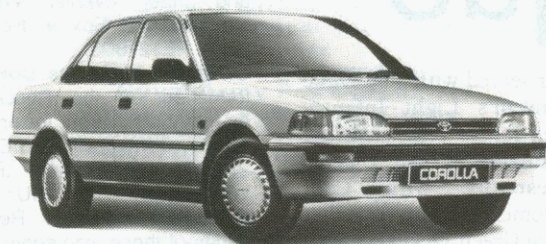
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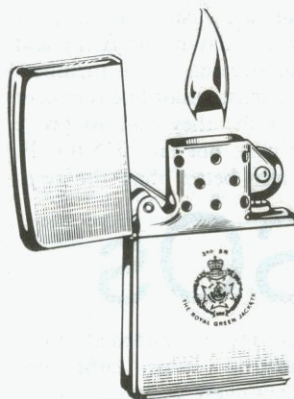
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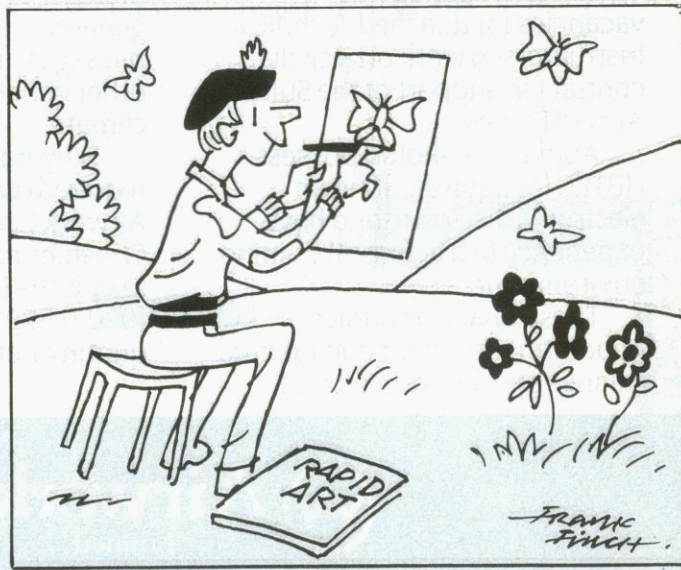
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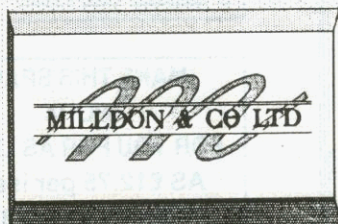


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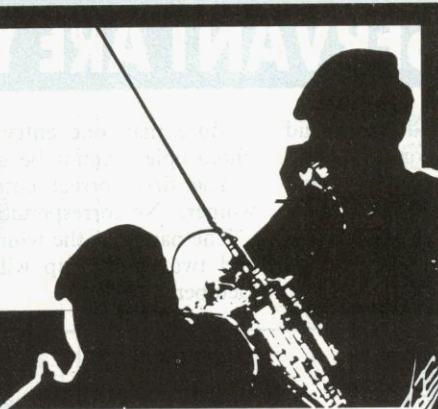
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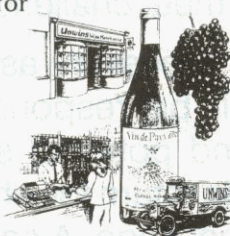
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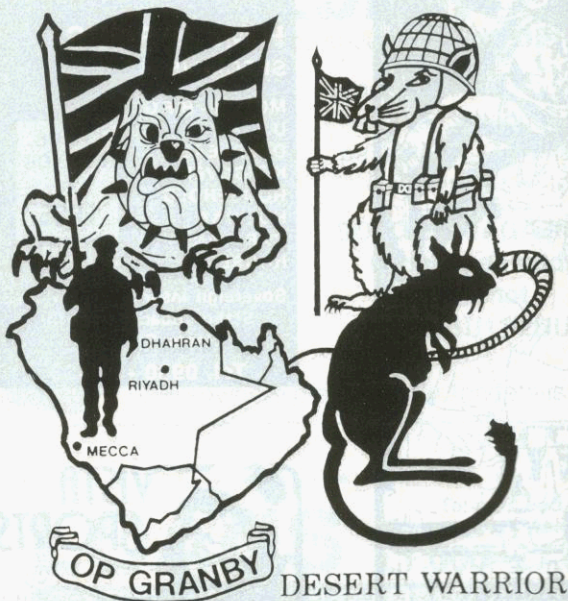
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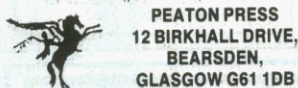
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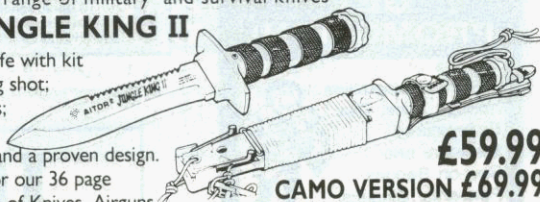
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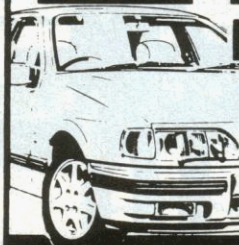
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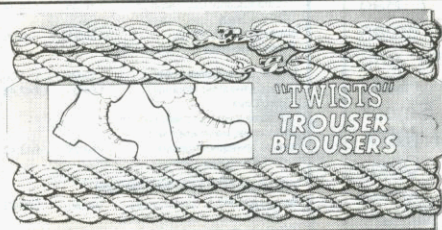
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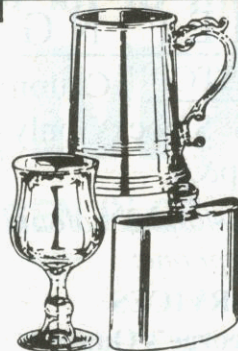
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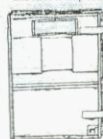
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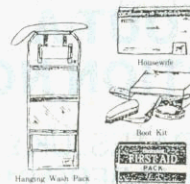
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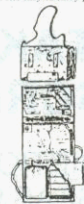
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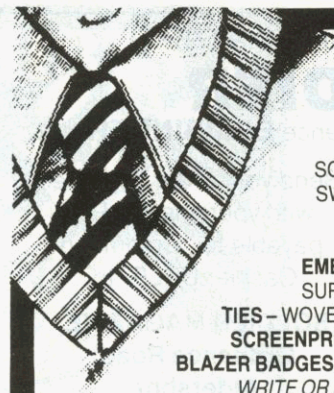
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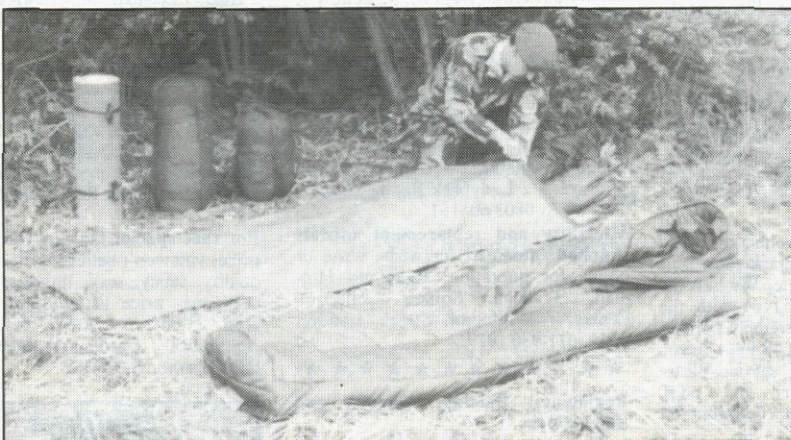
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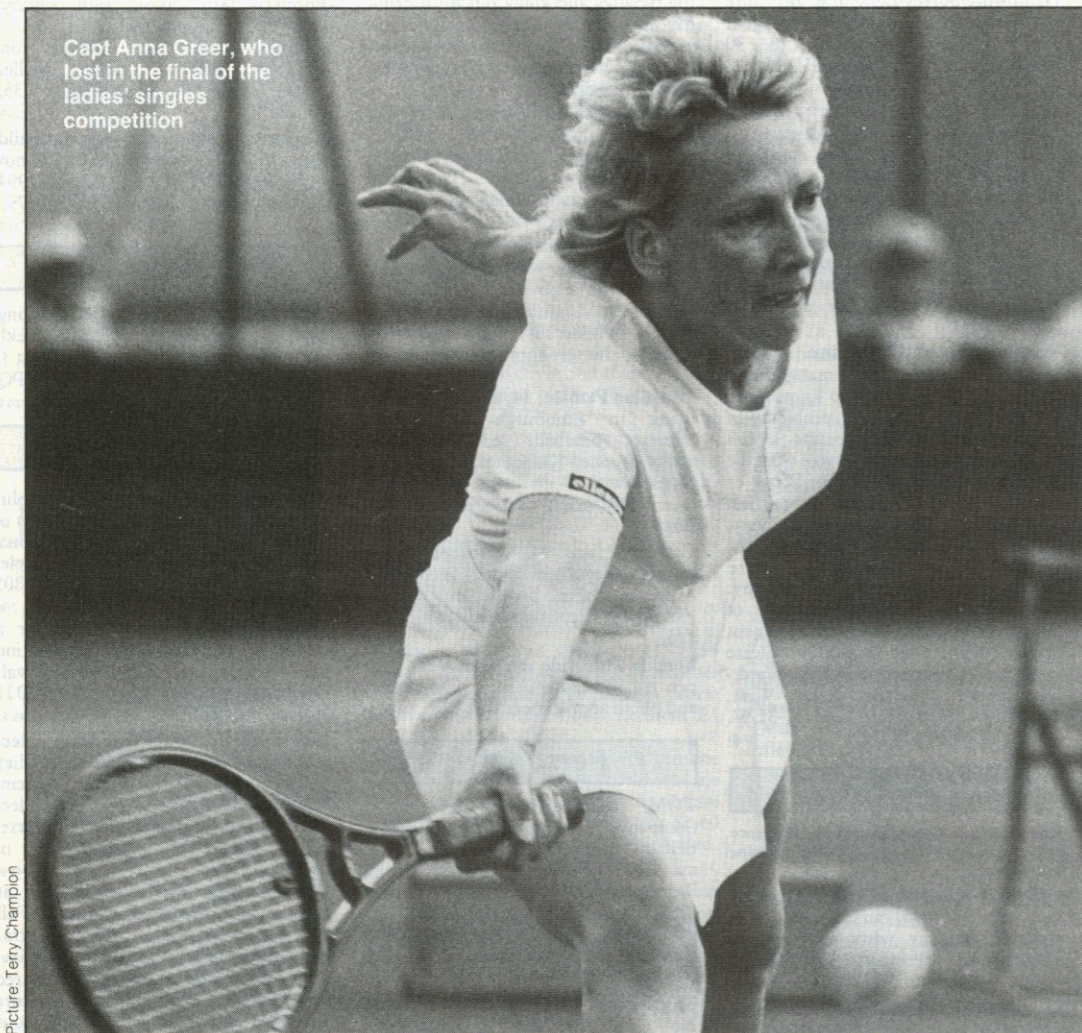
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Capt Anna Greer, who lost in the final of the ladies' singles competition

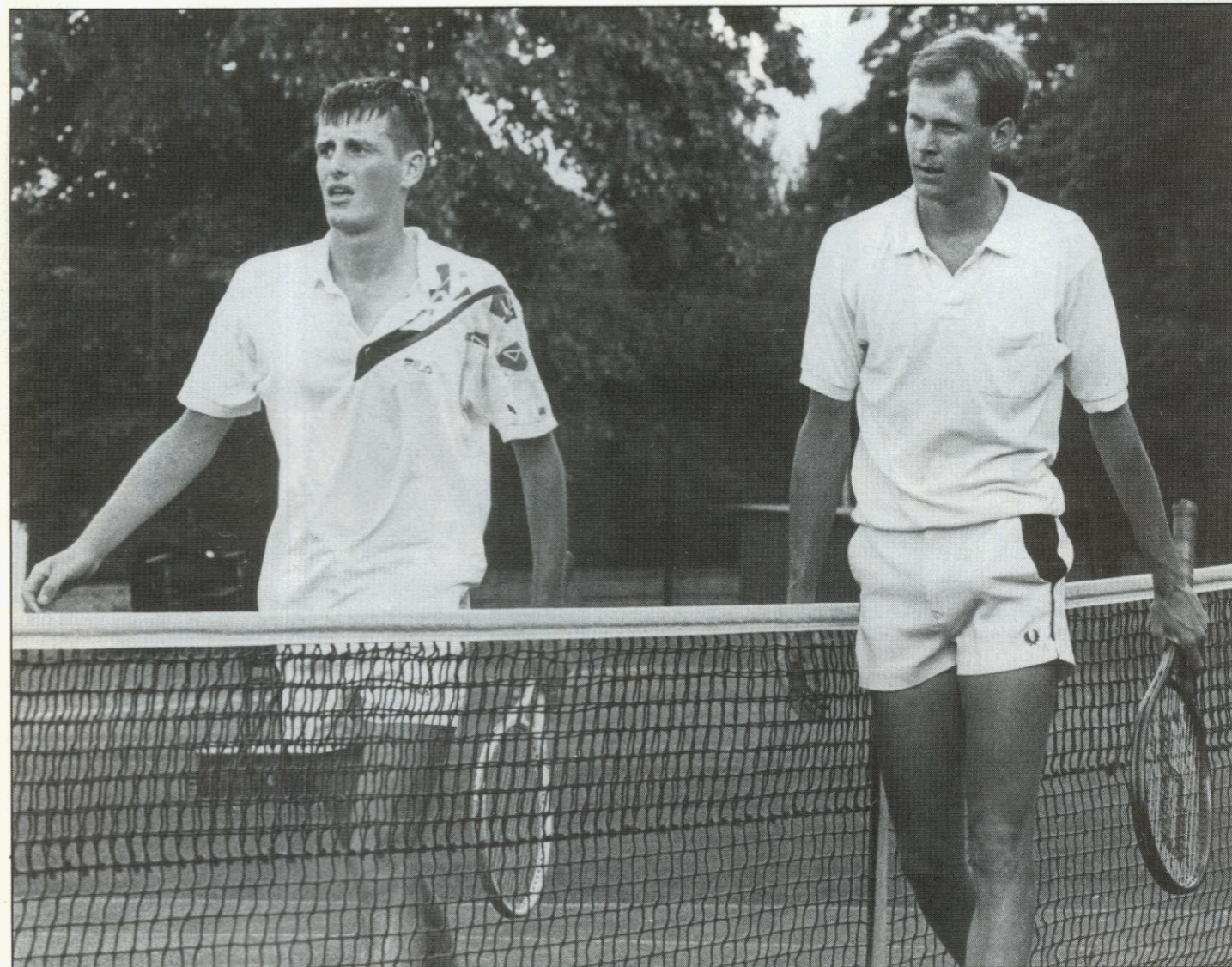


Picture: Terry Champion

# Watts is too good for rising star

FOR THE first time for several years there was real excitement before the final of the men's singles at the Army tennis championships when young prodigy Sig Paul Tague from 7 Signal Regiment threatened an upset.

A few weeks earlier he had taken defending champion Capt Nigel Watts, ACC to the brink of defeat in BAOR, and looked to be in with a real



Spr Paul Tague (left) and Capt Nigel Watts leave the court after the men's singles final

Picture: Mike Weston

## Well merited

WINNERS of the 1991 Famous Grouse Inter-Corps cricket merit tables were REME in Division A and the ACC in Division B. Joint runners-up behind REME were the Infantry, RE and RCT.

## Hockey umpires wanted

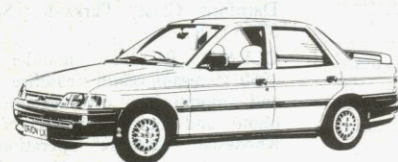
A SHORTAGE of junior hockey umpires to officiate at unit games is causing the Army Hockey Umpires Association (AHUA) some concern.

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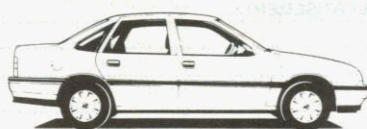
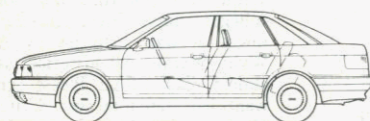
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chance of upsetting Watts, champion for the past seven years.

But Watts rose to the challenge like the champion he is, playing devastating tennis to defeat the young pretender 6-2, 6-2.

Tague got to the final by beating Capt Alan Butterfield by the narrowest of margins, 7-5, 7-5.

Colour was added to the tournament, staged on 12 grass courts at Aldershot and blessed by good weather, by magnificent flowers provided by Rushmoor Council, the ALTA flag, and the distinctive caravan of sponsors Swiss Pioneer Life.

The Inter-Arms and Corps doubles and the men's open doubles were unusual in that for the first time the same four players took part in both events but with differing combinations.

Maj Julia Dixon overcame Capt Anna Greer to win her tenth title, having first won as a second lieutenant in 1977.

Unfortunately, Cpl Heather



Maj Julia Dixon returns on the backhand on the way to her tenth Army Ladies' singles title. She beat Capt Anna Greer in straight sets and also added the ladies' and mixed doubles titles to her long list of successes

McNair, currently in Hong Kong, had to cancel at the last minute, somewhat weakening the lower half draw.

In the veterans' events, Lt Col Vivian Smith, an open singles winner in 1968, easily

defeated Lt Col Richard Nouch in the open singles 6-1, 6-1.

However, revenge was sweet in the doubles where Col John Edwards and Nouch defeated Smith and Lt Col Richard Dennis 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 in a mammoth struggle which delayed the prize-giving.

It was a bad day for Richard Dennis, defeated by Lt Col John Woodliffe, who worked his magical left hand to victory in the veterans' handicap event.

The decision on the most promising player was an easy one this year and went to Sig Tague. What a prospect for the future.

The prize-giving was blessed with fine weather as surrounding districts endured thunderstorms. The President of Army tennis, Gen Sir Robert Pascoe, now retired, received from Mr Tony Barnes, Managing Director of Swiss Pioneer Life, a cheque for £1,500 for the ALTA.

Gen Pascoe also paid tribute to Lt Col Harry Heath who has

retired as secretary, and was then himself thanked by the Chairman of Army tennis, Brig Bay Reeves, for his support over the years. Gen Sir Charles Guthrie is to take over from Gen Pascoe.

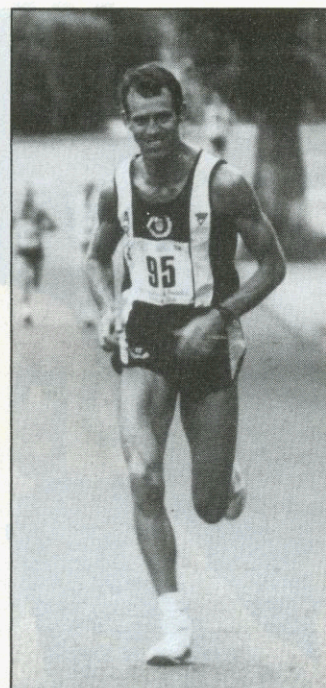
### Full results:

**Singles** - Capt Watts (AAC) beat Sig Tague (R Sigs) 6-2, 6-2; **Inter-Arms and Corps doubles** - Capt Watts and Lt Herlihy (AAC) beat Lt Col Hughes (RAEC) and Capt Butterfield (RAEC) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; **Men's doubles** - Lt Col Hughes and Capt Watts beat Capt Butterfield and Lt Herlihy 6-2, 6-3.

**Ladies' singles** - Maj Dixon (WRAC) beat Capt Greer (WRAC) 6-1, 6-1; **Ladies' doubles** - Maj Dixon and Pte Whitney (WRAC) beat Capt Greer and 2nd Lt Callow (WRAC) 6-1, 6-2; **Mixed doubles** - Capt Watts and Maj Dixon beat Capt Mason (R Sigs) and Capt Stack (WRAC) 6-0, 6-1.

**Veterans' singles** - Lt Col Smith (RA) beat Lt Col Nouch (RAOC) 6-1, 6-1; **Veterans' handicap singles** - Lt Col Woodliffe (retd) beat Lt Col Dennis (retd) 6-3, 7-5; **Veterans' doubles** - Col Edwards and Lt Col Nouch beat Lt Col Smith and Lt Col Dennis 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.

**Men's U21** - Pte Fletcher (RPC) beat Gdsm Salmon (Gren Gds) 6-3, 6-0; **Men's plate** - Winner, Sgt Youens (RAPC); **Ladies' plate** - Winner, Lt Webber (QARANC).



Left – Cpl Dave Neal (69) tracks England internationals Peter Whitehead and Tony Milovsorov. Centre – Sgt Rod Finch (74) maintains his position in the closing stages. Right – Sgt Bill Bailey (95) finds time for a smile

# Neal leads the way on roads

ARMY running teams competed in the Redditch 10km road race which featured an Inter-Area match contested by teams from the North, Midlands, South and Royal Air Force, writes Peter Marsh.

Nigel Adams, a member of the Territorial Army serving with 3 RRW, won the AAA 10km title, breaking the course record with an impressive

display of front running. Adam's time of 28min 54sec was three seconds inside the previous course best.

The Army men's team produced a sound performance against formidable opposition, which included a host of international runners, past and present. Cpl Dave Neal, the current Army cross country champion, regained his early-

season form following a tour of duty in the Gulf, with an excellent run, finishing in ninth position in a best time of 29:38.

Sgt Bill Bailey, who has been representing the Army for more than a decade, produced one of the best runs of his career, in a time of 30:15.

Sgt Rod Finch, the current Inter-Service 800m and 1500m champion, who has recently joined 3 Para, had a fine run, finishing in 20th position in a time of 30:32, while Jeff Martin, the current Inter-Service marathon champion filled the fourth scoring position for the Army.

The Inter-Area match was convincingly won by the North, with the South second and Midlands third.

In the women's event, Cpl Kelly Holmes was first home from the Army, ahead of newcomer Sgt Mel Bradley.

Tragically, soon after competing in the Inter-Area event for the Army WO2 (CSM) Peter Griffin was killed in a road accident.

## Amanda wins again

THE ARMY took a joint first place and four second places at the Inter-Service team swimming, diving and water polo championships hosted by the Royal Navy at HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth.

Best performance by the Army was in the diving, shared with the Royal Air Force on 18 points each. The Army men were second in the swimming and water polo.

The women's diving was won by the WRNS with the Army second, and the women's swimming by the WRAF with the WRNS third.

LCpl Amanda Davies, WRAC, serving with 9 Signal Regiment in Cyprus, scored the highest number of points in the springboard and highboard event to win the Tina Childs Trophy for the second year.

## PMC – just!

SO CLOSE was the competition at the Army junior and youth inter-team athletic championships that a tie break had to be used to separate the three junior teams.

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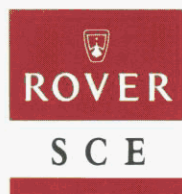
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Above: A member of the Joint-Service expedition to Smith Island hauls a palk across a ridge of snow during a rare fine day on the Dark Isle. Story and more pictures in Pages 26–27.  
Below: Military pomp and pageantry bring colour to the granite city of Aberdeen as the Household Cavalry adds a spectacular flourish to the Tall Ships Race. Stories and more pictures in Pages 15–17.

Picture: Mike Weston

