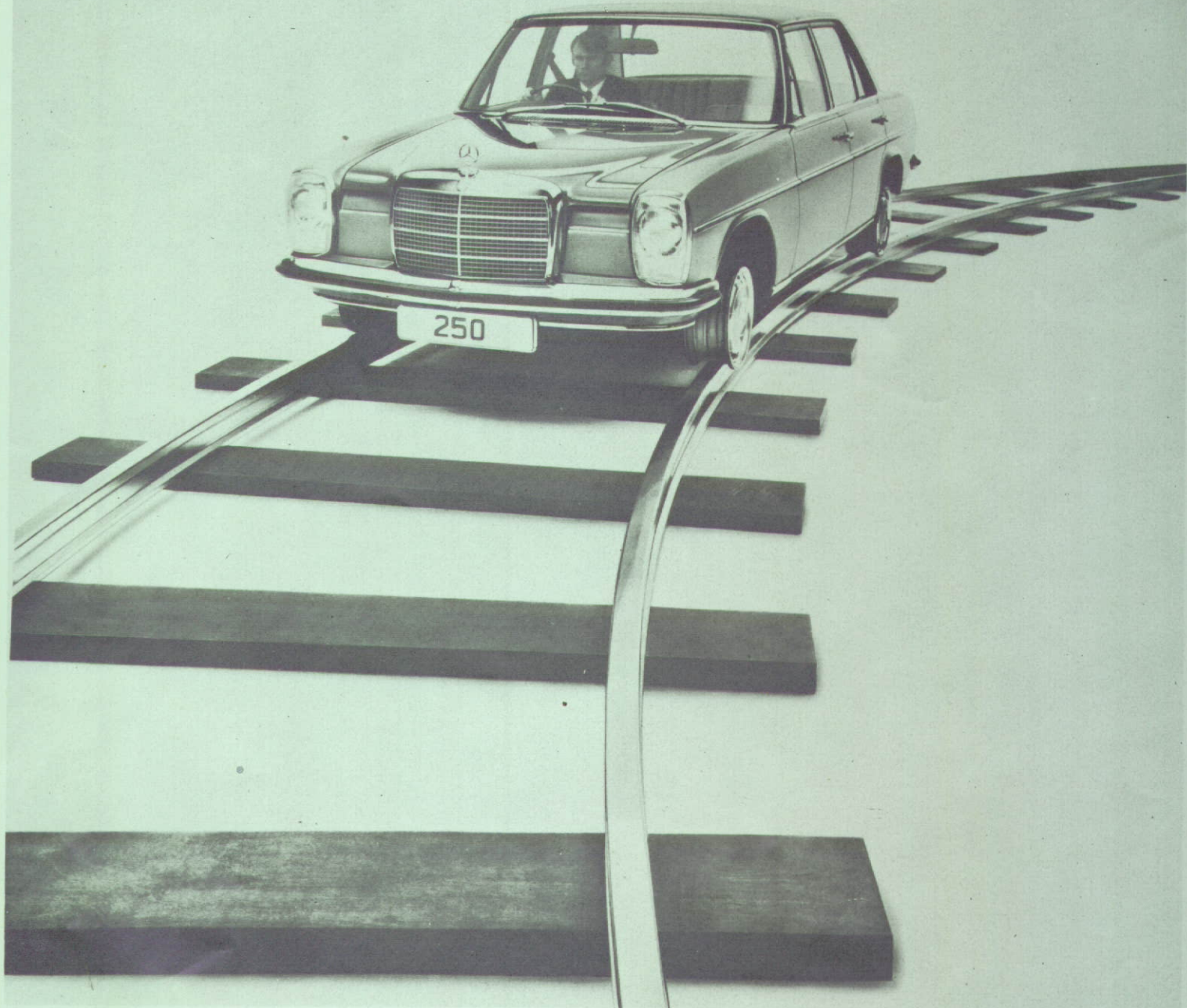


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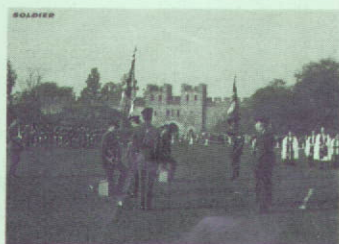


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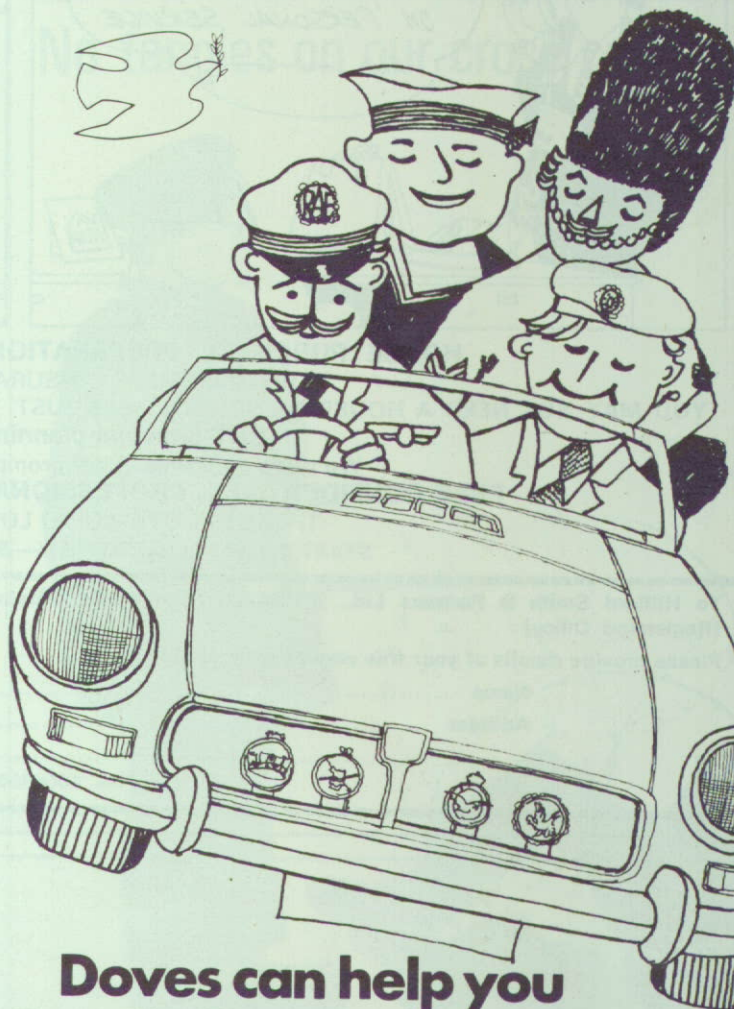
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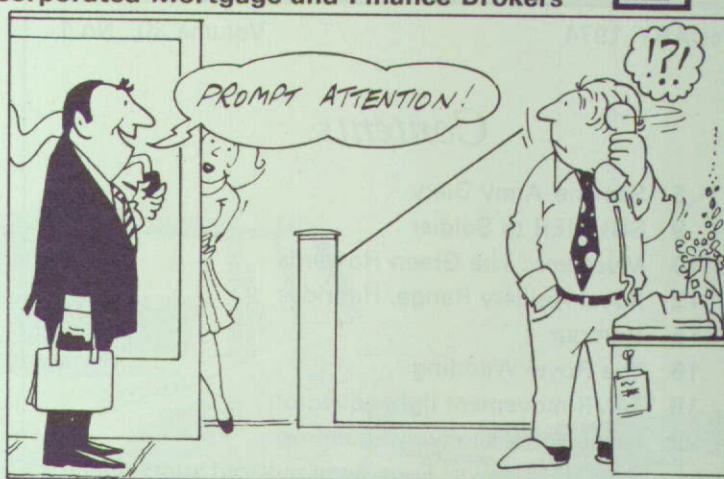
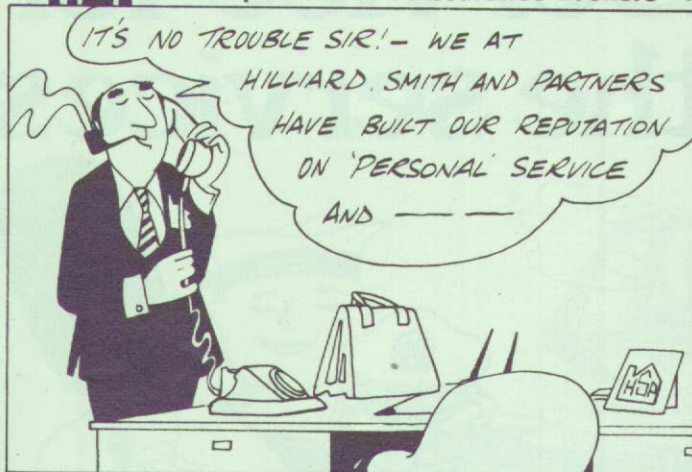
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## JANUARY 1974

- 30 The Light Infantry freedom of Bodmin.

## APRIL 1974

- 21 Watford Gala (Blue Eagles helicopter team, band) (21-22 April).  
22 Ayr Agricultural Show (Royal Artillery Junior Leaders PT team, band) (22-25 April).  
27 Glasgow KAPE Show (Royal Signals motorcycle team White Helmets, band) (27 April-5 May).

## MAY 1974

- 3 Newark Agricultural Show (display team, band) (3-4 May).  
11 St Albans Grammar School Fête (Junior Para PT team).  
11 Cardiff Army Display (Royal Artillery motorcycle team, Red Devils freefall team, two bands) (11-12 May).  
15 West Midland Agricultural Show, Shrewsbury (Silver Stars freefall team, band) (15-16 May).  
18 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band).  
18 Long Eaton Carnival, Derby (display team, band) (18-19 May).  
18 Swansea Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, two bands) (18-19 May).  
20 General Assembly Church of Scotland, Edinburgh (band, pipe band) (20-29 May).  
25 Tidworth Tattoo (25-27 May).  
25 Otley Show (two bands).  
25 USAF Bentwaters Open Day (Blue Eagles).  
25 Congleton Carnival and Tattoo (Red Devils, Royal Military Police tent-pegging, White Helmets, three bands) (25-26 May).  
25 Watford Carnival (band) (25-27 May).  
26 Derbyshire County Show (display team, band) (26-27 May).  
27 Pershore District Carnival, Worcester (RA motorcyclists, band).  
27 Hertfordshire County Day, Hartnam Common (band).  
27 Southan Carnival, Coventry (band).  
29 Suffolk Show, Ipswich (Red Devils, band) (29-30 May).  
30 Preston Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, three bands) (30 May-2 June).

## JUNE 1974

- 1 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.  
1 Stevenage Day (display team, band).  
1 Oakengates Carnival (Royal Corps of Transport Junior Leaders gymnastic display, band).  
7 Army Display, Stafford (Red Devils, Para PT display, RA Junior Leaders PT display, White Helmets, four bands) (7-9 June).  
7 Prestwick Youth Week (Blue Eagles).  
8 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour.  
8 Prestwick Air Day (Blue Eagles, RA motorcyclists, RMP tent-pegging).  
8 Old Merchant Taylors Fête, Croyley Green (display team).  
8 Vauxhall Motors Spectacular, Luton (display team, band).  
8 Glasgow KAPE Show (Blue Eagles 10-16 June, RMP tent-pegging 9-17 June, RA motorcyclists 10-16 June) (8-17 June).  
14 Army Display, Stoke-on-Trent (RA Junior Leaders, two bands) (14-16 June).  
14 Essex Show, Chelmsford (band) (14-15 June).  
14 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.  
15 Queen's Birthday Parade, Edinburgh (five bands, two pipe bands).  
15 Coventry Carnival (band).  
18 Massed bands, The Light Division, sound Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (18-20 June).

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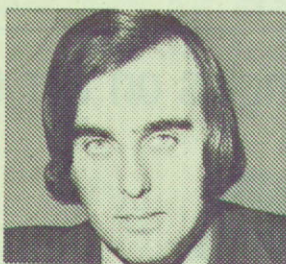
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- 18 Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh (RMP tent-pegging 19-21 June, Red Devils, Blue Eagles, RE bridge-layer) (18-21 June).
- 19 Lincolnshire Agricultural Show, Lincoln (band) (19-20 June).
- 22 Derby Carnival (band).
- 22 Catterick Army Display (Red Devils, White Helmets, Blue Eagles, four bands) (22-23 June).
- 22 Bolton Army Display (Red Devils, Junior Para PT, band) (22-23 June).
- 26 Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich (display team, band) (26-27 June).
- 28 Aldershot Army Display (King's Troop RHA, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, gymnastic display, 9 Para Squadron freefall team, Red Devils, 7 (US) Army freefall team, REME Land-Rover dismantling, Royal Pioneer Corps stores handling, Junior Guardsmen, 16 bands, corps of drums, fanfare trumpeters) (28-30 June).
- 29 Woodford Air Display (Red Devils) (29-30 June).
- 29 Tamworth Carnival (band).
- 29 Clevedon Lions Show (AAC Chepstow PT display, RA motorcyclists, two bands).

## JULY 1974

- 5 Tynwald Opening, Isle of Man (band).
- 6 Hook Gala (band) (5-7 July).
- 6 Birkenhead Show (band) (6-7 July).
- 6 Elstree and Boreham Wood Families Day (band).
- 7 Leeds Horse Show (band).
- 10 Royal Tournament, Earls Court (10-27 July).
- 10 Massed Bands Display, Larkhill.
- 12 Newport Carnival Fête (Red Devils, massed junior bands) (12-14 July).
- 12 Cheltenham Tattoo (12-13 July).
- 13 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 13 Howard School Fête, Welwyn Garden City (display team, band).
- 13 Bromyard Show, Hereford (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Cheshunt Carnival (display team, band).
- 16 East of England Show, Peterborough (RMP tent-pegging, Red Devils, band) (16-18 July).
- 18 Liverpool Show (Red Devils, band) (18-20 July).
- 19 Sheffield Tri-Service Display (RMP tent-pegging, RA motorcyclists, two bands) (19-21 July).
- 20 Corby Highland Games (display team, band) (20-21 July).
- 22 Warrington Army Show (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, three bands) (22-23 July).
- 22 Plymouth Forces Week and Air Day (Black Knights free-fall display, band) (22-27 July).
- 25 St Helens Show (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, band) (25-27 July).
- 25 Manchester Flower Show (Red Devils, band) (25-27 July).
- 28 Royal Armoured Corps Centre Open Day, Bovington.
- 28 National Scouts Rally, Chatsworth (Red Devils) (28-29 July).
- 31 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (31 July-3 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (Red Devils, band) (31 July-3 August).

## AUGUST 1974

- 2 Worcester City Show (Royal Engineers Junior Leaders gymnastic display) (2-3 August).
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-3 August).
- 4 Kingsway Hospital Show, Derby (White Helmets, band).
- 8 Bakewell Show (Red Devils).
- 14 Bingley Show (band).
- 16 Edinburgh Tattoo (16 August-7 September).
- 17 Ashbourne Show (display team, band).
- 23 British Timken Show, Northampton (Band 23 August, RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, White Helmets) (23-24 August).
- 24 Leeds Gala (band) (24-26 August).
- 24 Town and Country Show, Stoneleigh, Coventry (band) (24-26 August).
- 26 Watford Civic Outdoor Gala (band).
- 26 Walsall Show (Blue Eagles, band) (26-27 August).
- 26 Aylsham Show (band).
- 26 Hemel Hempstead Display (display team, band).
- 29 Sheffield Show (band) (29-31 August).
- 30 Birmingham Show (two bands) (30-31 August).
- 30 Stockport Army Display (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, RMP tent-pegging, five bands) (30 August-1 September).
- 31 Cadet Tattoo, Swindon.

## SEPTEMBER 1974

- 1 Burma Star Association Day, Waterbeach.
- 6 Army Catering Corps Depot and Training Battalion At Home, Aldershot (provisional).
- 6 Bootle Army Display (RA motorcyclists (not 7 September), Red Devils, RMP tent-pegging, seven bands) (6-8 September).

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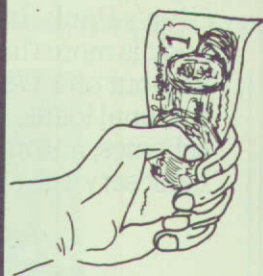
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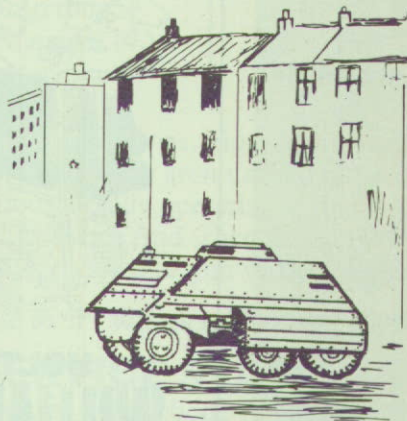
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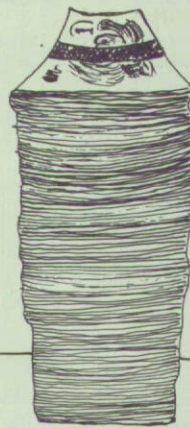
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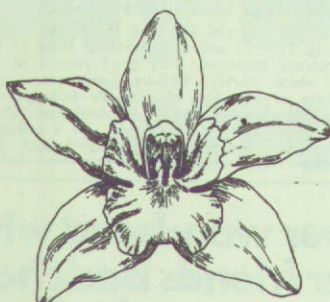


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# The Green Howards

A CONVERTED medieval church in the centre of the cobbled market square at Richmond, Yorkshire, which once served as a prison after the battle of Culloden, now houses the museum of The Green Howards. Two new floor levels were constructed as part of a £90,000 conversion to take the museum's outstanding collection of militaria.

The exhibits on the upper floor, beautifully arranged in their well-lit display cases, tell the story of The Green Howards beginning with a musket and 12 wooden cartridges, known as the "twelve apostles," issued when the regiment was raised in 1688. There follows a fascinating array of souvenirs of the various campaigns and wars in which the regiment has taken part.

There is a buff leather waist belt supporting a short sword and bayonet used in Marlborough's wars. The Duke of York's holsters highlight an incident in the Flanders campaign of 1794-95 when his charger was shot from under him. A captain of the 19th Foot (The Green Howards) gave up his own mount to save the Duke from capture, and then armed himself with the royal pistols.

Further on, in the Crimean section, are the leather pouch in which Lord Raglan's

Alma despatches were carried to London, a pair of heel irons used by a Russian soldier repairing the Great Redoubt, and an enemy roundshot which lodged in the crossbelt of a British private as he fought at the Alma.

And so the story unfolds, through the passes of the North-West Frontier, the heat and dust of the Boer War, the two world wars and on to Malaya. Three battle-scarred bugles used by the 1st Battalion, two signal lamps, a Boer bandolier and powder flask are among several items arranged on General de Wet's massive dining table taken from his headquarters when it was occupied by The Green Howards in 1901.

Photographs and paintings bring home the horrors of World War One trench warfare and one can almost see the Turkish sniper cautiously using the pocket pruning set of saw and knife to cut away obstructive foliage around his position at Gallipoli. Of particular interest is a 1918 British tank driver's protective steel mask with eye slits and chain-mail nose curtain.

The Western Desert, Italy and Normandy are recalled by the palm tree and swastika sign of an Afrika Korps vehicle, a German land mine and a tissue paper map of Italy issued to British troops to assist escape in the event of

capture. A tableau vivant, one of four in the museum, illustrates a Malayan jungle confrontation between a Green Howards lance-corporal and a Chinese communist in typical rebel uniform.

The museum's impressive collection of more than 80 different uniforms, dating from 1780 and including examples of county Militia and Volunteer units, ranks among the finest in Britain. Nine Victoria Crosses, including two won in the Crimea in 1855 by Private Samuel Evans and Private John Lyons, can be seen in a notable collection of 3000 medals.

Since its opening last summer by King Olav V of Norway, Colonel-in-Chief of The Green Howards, the new museum—a stone's throw from Richmond's Norman castle—has proved a popular tourist attraction. In its first six months some 25,000 people have visited it—six times the attendance for a whole year at the museum's old quarters in the regiment's former barracks about a mile from the town centre at the top of a steep hill called Gallowgate.

John Jesse

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Trinity Church in Richmond market place before it became The Green Howards museum.



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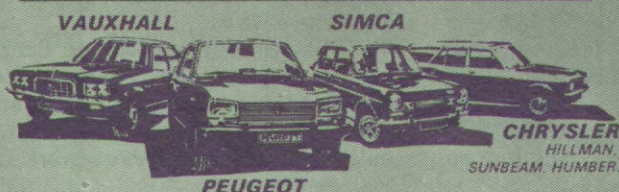
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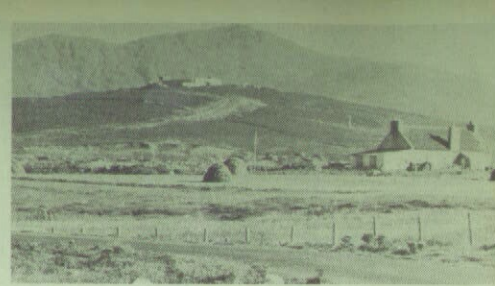
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# OUTER OUTPOST

Story by John Walton/Picture by Leslie Wiggs



The new range control centre at South Uist which has been dubbed "Monte Cassino."

## The Royal Artillery Hebrides range, opened in 1959, is now earmarked for major expansion

**C**ROFTERS cottages, reminiscent of the days of Bonnie Prince Charlie, fresh air, good fishing and a stronghold of the Gaelic language in Britain. This is the traditional image of the Outer Hebrides—but in time to come the islands, particularly Benbecula and South Uist, are likely to become just as well known as being the site of the most important missile firing range in the British Isles.

The Royal Artillery Range, Hebrides, opened in 1959 for firing the American Corporal surface-to-surface missile (SOL-DIER, September 1959). As Corporal phased out the range was accordingly run down until 1968 when it was decided to earmark it for major expansion.

In the last twelve months Midge, a small pilotless reconnaissance aircraft, has been flown 80 times, about 250 Rapier low-level air-defence missiles have been fired and facilities have been provided for the firing of weather rockets by the Science Research Council and the Meteorological Office. In addition NATO air forces use the range for practice bombing runs.

Big though it has been, the expansion so

far is only a proportion of what is to come. From next spring the range will be in constant use throughout the year—it will be the main Rapier practice range for both Royal Artillery and Royal Air Force Regiment units and will also eventually be used for the Blowpipe low-level air-defence weapon. By 1976 it will be able to cope with the Lance surface-to-surface missile with a range topping 100 kilometres.

The impact on the remote islands of Benbecula, North Uist and South Uist (all linked by causeways) has been a big one. There are now more than 300 troops on Benbecula, married quarters have sprung up like mushrooms and there will ultimately be accommodation for 450 visitors at any one time.

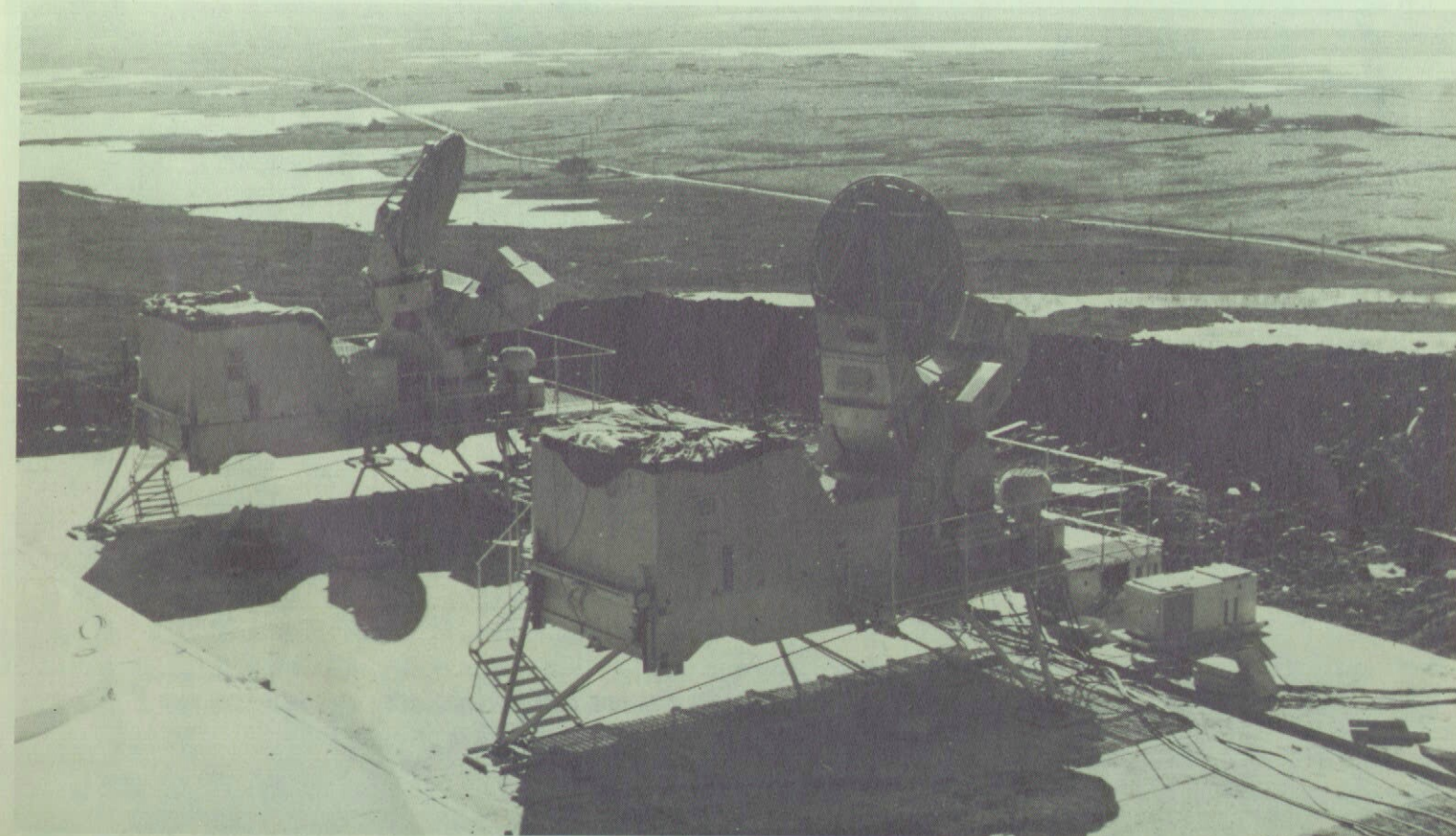
Balivanich village school's headmaster, Mr Farquhar MacLennan, has mixed feelings. He admits that the addition of Service children led to a new building but they now comprise two-thirds of his pupils. A few years ago the playground language was Gaelic—now it tends to be English.

"The proportion has been increasing over the years," he said. "Our main problem is that while most of the local children go

straight through the school for seven years the Service children are here for two years or so. No sooner have we got to know them than they are lost and replaced by new faces. Only 19 of our children now speak Gaelic as a first language but we teach it to all of the children for about an hour each week with classes divided into active speakers and learners."

Brigadier Mick Webb, who commands the range, is well aware of the difficulties in integrating a modern military unit into an isolated community. "We have found the local people thoroughly helpful. Most of the parents are delighted for their children to go to the local school and pick up a bit of Gaelic and some Scottish dancing because it does nothing but good. We don't want to impinge upon the lives of the local people more than is absolutely necessary but on the other hand we want to play our part in local affairs where we can."

For the servicemen posted to Benbecula, life is certainly different. The air is clear and fresh but there is a lot of rain, mist and salt spray. Vehicles left outside tend to rust rapidly and this means extra work for the

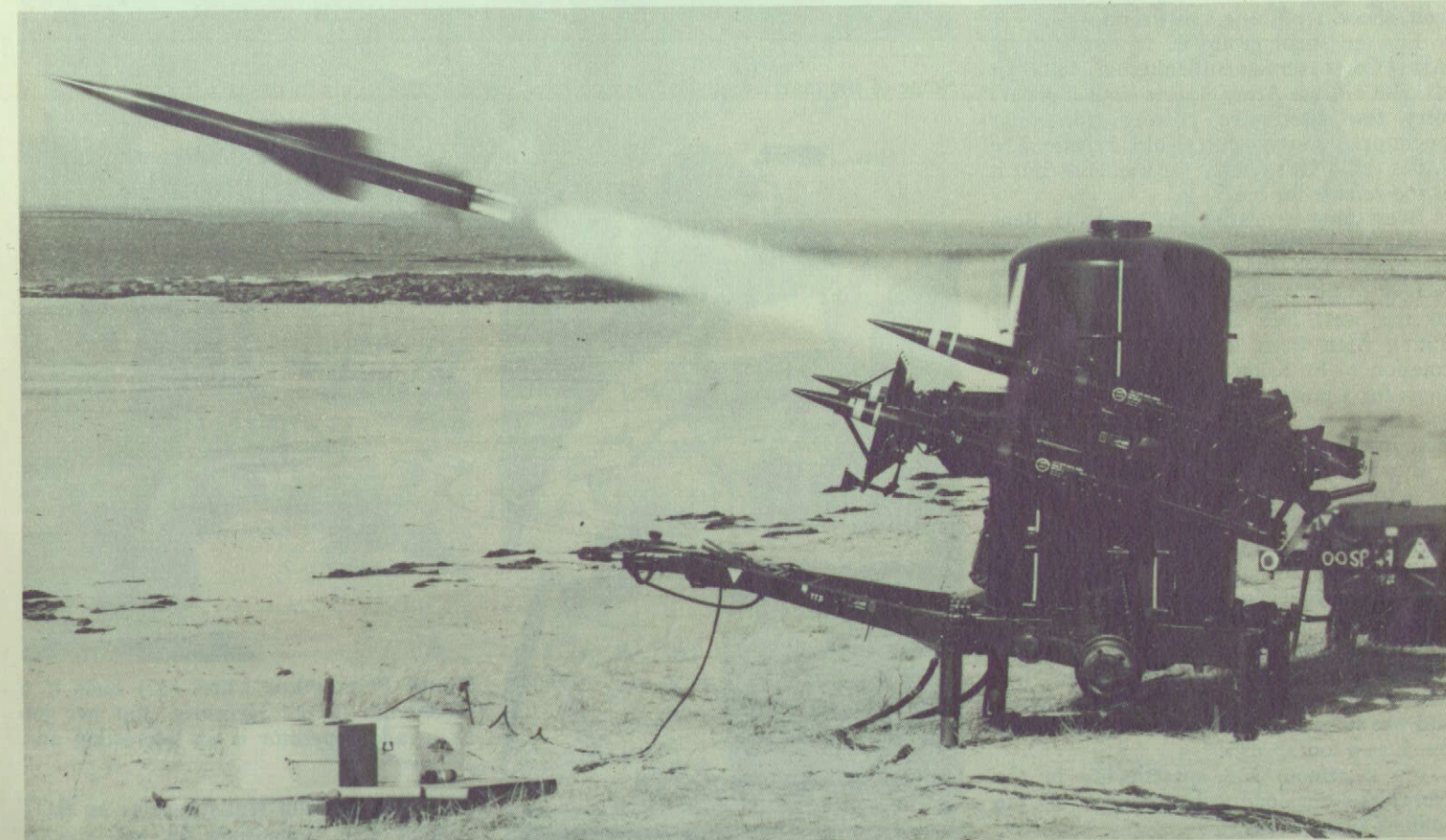


Above: Warrant Officer Peter Jenner at work building his Hebridean dream home.

Right: Visiting Rapier team from Kirton Lindsey loading up the deadly missiles.

Left bottom: The view from the new range control centre shows two new scanners and the flat countryside round about.

Below: The Rapier low-level air defence missile streaks away from the rangehead.



large force of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers men who maintain them. The corps supplies around half of the men on Benbecula. Missile ranges tend to need more maintenance and back-up men than the average unit.

Radar technicians, mechanics and even seamen from the Royal Corps of Transport are needed and the stores section has to hold larger stocks than average because of supply difficulties at certain times of the year. The stores hold some 18,000 different items and this is likely to be increased as the rebuild continues. Stocks would last 42 days if necessary and most are delivered by landing craft although some arrive by air.

The instrumentation platoon will really come into its own next year when the new range control centre starts operating. Situated high on a hill overlooking the South Uist rangehead, the new centre will include a computer with a dual role—to help with range safety and to aid the post-firing analysis of data. A briefing room for visitors will include closed circuit television so that they can see what happens when the missile is fired.

Range safety is of course of paramount importance. Facilities include six tracking and three sea surveillance radars, air surveillance radars, from RAF Benbecula and two launches to warn lobster boats of imminent firing. The Hebrides was a natural choice for a larger range because it is easier to keep sea clear than land, but whenever a missile is fired several people in the control centre can destroy it if they think there is any danger.

"Why me?" is the reaction of many soldiers when they are posted to Benbecula—and certainly it is not everyone's cup of tea. For fashion-conscious wives the choice is to stock up with clothes beforehand or buy from the only two real stores—the Naafi and, on South Uist, the local Co-op. There is



one public house and most of the entertainment is provided on the camp, including regular film shows.

Brigadier Webb says: "What we want here are people who have mainly outdoor interests as far as their non-military lives are concerned. They must fill specific jobs and be technicians as there are virtually no general-duty soldiers here. If someone comes here and doesn't like it and is thoroughly unhappy we do our utmost to get them posted. It is essential that people enjoy it. But if they think they are going to come and have bright lights, discotheques and hairdressers they will be disappointed."

What are the attractions then? Major Peter Jeal is a keen ornithologist as well as education officer. The Uists are a bird watcher's paradise with around 150 species recorded. Master Gunner Reg Grimes spends his spare moments beachcombing. Among his finds are several messages in bottles including one from America and another from a group of bottle evangelists beginning "This is a message from God!"

Some would like to spend the rest of their lives in the Hebrides. Captain George Beesley enthuses: "The stories about the bad weather are exaggerated. I have until 1980 in the Service and I would be happy to stay here for the rest of the time." Warrant Officer 2 (Assistant Instructor in Gunnery) Peter Jenner has gone one stage further. On a half-acre plot with views over the Southern Ford to Ben Mor, he is building his own four-bedroomed house. When he leaves the Army he intends to remain in Benbecula. "I occasionally have to go down to England but I just can't wait to get back. It seems to me that everyone there is inhaling raw petrol."

Other pursuits available are sailing (although this can be dangerous because of bad weather which can whip up in minutes), golf, shooting, fishing and walking.

For the small group of Women's Royal Army Corps, service in Benbecula can be for the rest of their Army careers since there are very few alternative postings for radar operators. Pretty 17-year-old Private Lee Miles said: "It's alright for a holiday but it is too remote for me."

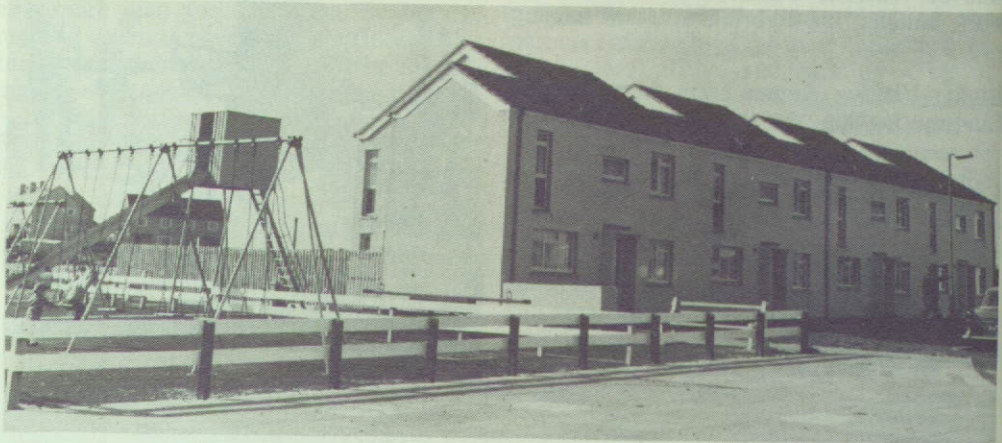
Everything is relative and troops in Benbecula are living in sophisticated conditions compared with those on St Kilda, a gale-lashed, rocky Atlantic outpost some 50 miles to the west (see SOLDIER, September 1961). Men from Benbecula are sent on rotation to St Kilda to man the radar stations for a month to six weeks—apart from an officer and a sergeant-major who spend nine months there.

But once on St Kilda there is no guarantee of getting back on the appointed date. In summer the landing craft visit once a fortnight; in winter, supplies and men are taken by helicopter. Weather conditions are often so uncompromising that delays are inevitable. They still repeat with awe the (possibly exaggerated) tale of the commanding officer who went to St Kilda for a few minutes to wish the men a merry Christmas and was stranded for three weeks without so much as a toothbrush!

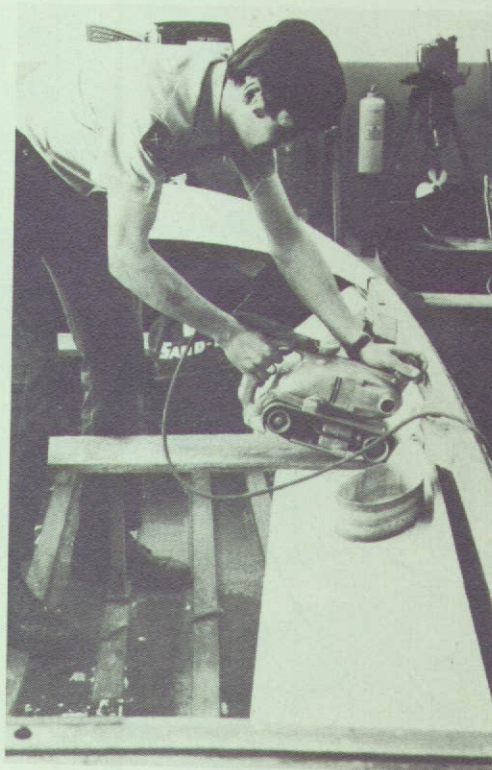
It's a remote and spartan life in the Hebrides—but one which most of the soldiers seem to like.



Man with the job of supervising firings, range control officer Major David Radband.



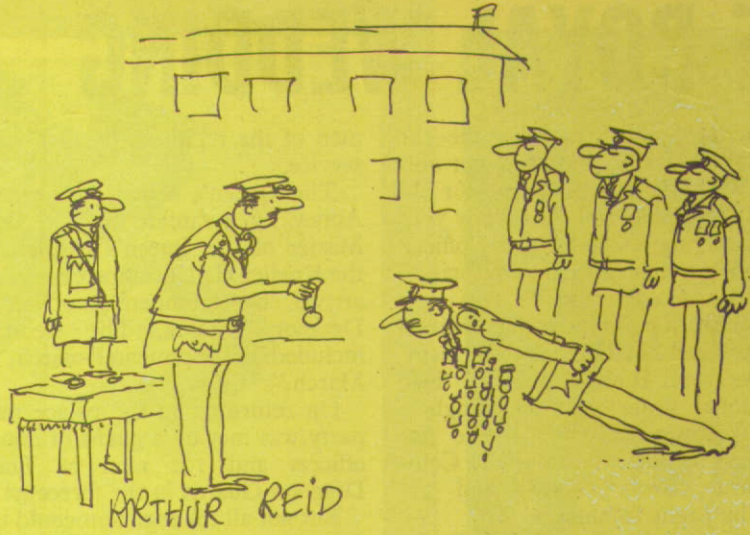
Some of the married quarters which have risen at Benbecula in the last few years.



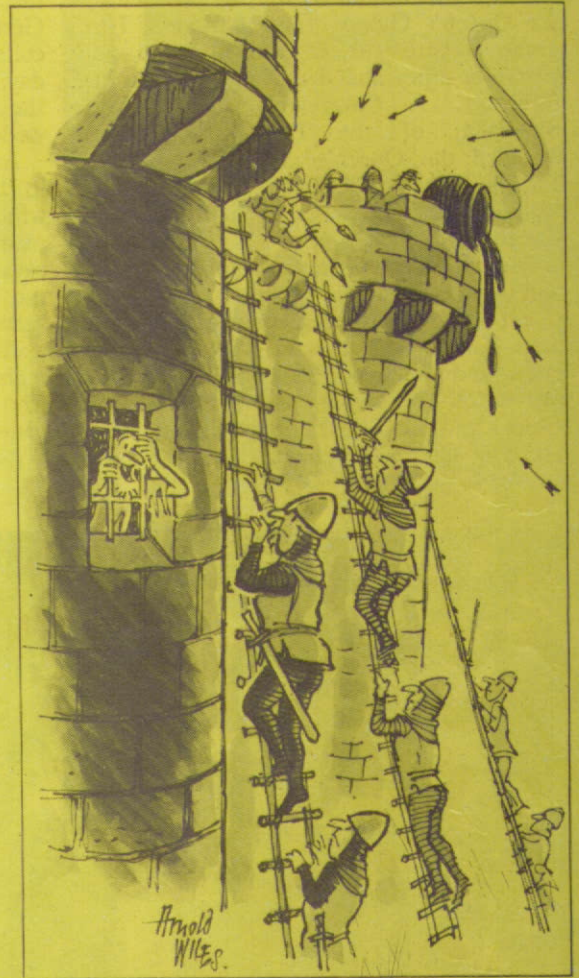
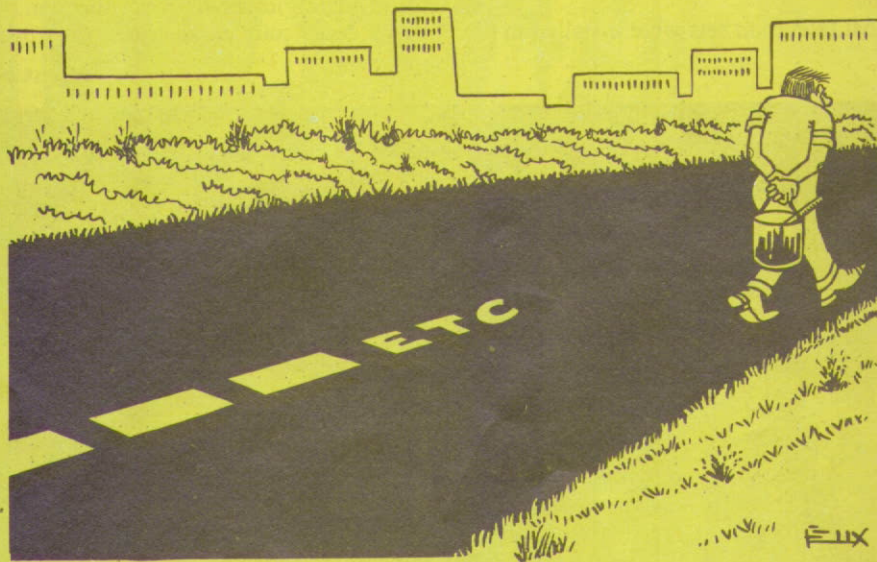
Pretty Private Lee Miles (17) finds it a lonely life in the Hebrides. But her job as a radar operator is an interesting one.

Left: Driver John Halleybone is an RCT seaman also responsible for sea rescue.





# Humour



"Are you from the Prisoners' Aid Society?"



"He's surrendered, sarge."



# THE ROYAL WEDDING

**T**HE wedding of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips was not only the Wedding of the Year—for the Army it was the wedding of almost any year, a Princess marrying a serving Army officer.

Nearly 900 servicemen, including men of 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards; 1st Battalion, Irish Guards; 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles; Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force lined the processional route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey. The five Services bands included those of the Coldstream Guards, Scots Guards and 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry.

As the processions left Buckingham Palace the Queen's Guard of 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, with the regimental band and battalion pipes and drums, paraded in the forecourt. A Sovereign's Escort, with Standard, of the Household Cavalry, escorted the Queen's carriage; the bride and the Duke of Edinburgh had a Captain's Escort, with Standard, of the Household Cavalry.

Outside Westminster Abbey, lining the pathway from the west gate to the Abbey's Great West Door, were men of the 14th/20th King's Hussars and The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (of which Princess Anne is Colonel-in-Chief) and of the bridegroom's regiment, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. Other

men of the regiment handed out orders of service.

The Queen's arrival was greeted in the Abbey by a fanfare by Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick, played by the Kneller Hall Trumpeters, and the bride's arrival by trumpeters of the Queen's Dragoon Guards. The wedding music included the regimental march, "Radetsky March."

On returning to the palace the wedding party was met by a guard of honour of two officers and 102 men of The Queen's Dragoon Guards in the forecourt.

But not all the regiment could take part in the pageantry. A SOLDIER team went to Germany to share with Captain Phillips's colleagues their celebration of the great day. And there, at Hohne, as much as for the contingent on duty in London, the wedding was a family affair.

As the sun shone on the pageantry back in England a flurry of snow and an icy wind swept across the flat north German plain that is normally home for this cavalry regiment and its Chieftain tanks. But the weather did nothing to cool the universal interest and enthusiasm for the royal wedding. A staff-sergeant explained: "This regiment is a family—very much a family. And this is the best thing that's ever happened to us."

Additional television sets were installed in

messes and clubs for the benefit of the two-thirds of the regiment in Hohne. And while the two-hour German coverage was screened, sound in English was relayed direct from the United Kingdom by a BBC line to Hannover linked to speakers in Hohne by the German Bundespost specially for the event.

It was a day off for the regiment from training for duty in Northern Ireland and work on the tanks. But Major Mike Richards, acting commanding officer during the wedding party's absence, emphasised that it had been "business as usual" for the regiment, militarily speaking, during the months leading up to the unique wedding.

The regiment is fiercely proud of its traditions and its past. Already the royal wedding has become a cherished part of its history. Said Major Richards: "We are keeping a special scrapbook of the event and the build-up to it. I think it'll fill a book on its own when we get round to compiling it. The regiment has never had anything comparable to this."

The officers' wedding present to the royal couple is part of regimental tradition itself. As with every officer of the regiment who gets married, Captain Phillips and Princess Anne were given a replica of the Umbala horse—a polo trophy, the original of which is kept in the regimental silver collection.

But for one couple, at least, the royal

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The look which tells everything. Captain Phillips and Princess Anne leave the Abbey.

Left: Bride, groom and best man, Captain E Grounds, stand before the Archbishop.

Right: Princess Anne carefully lifts her gown as she arrives back at Buckingham Palace.



The wedding cake for Princess Anne and Captain Phillips was made at the Army School of Catering, Aldershot. The cake, which was cut and eaten at the wedding breakfast at Buckingham Palace, weighed 145lb and stood five feet eight inches high. Chosen to create it was Warrant Officer David Dodd, an instructor at the school and a veteran of more than 60 wedding cake productions during 15 years in the Army Catering Corps.







A wave from the Royal bride to the cheering crowds as the couple leave by the Great West Door of the Abbey after the wedding.

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wedding was not quite the most important occasion of the day. For Corporal M J McMullin was married himself in Soltau, near Hohne, to Miss Jean Burling, a teacher at the local Gloucester School for Services children.

And the day had a special significance too for Captain Phillips's namesake, Sergeant B M Phillips, who spent his last day in the Army on Wednesday, 14 November, after 23 years in the regiment. The sergeant is a single man and he quipped: "I don't intend to follow my namesake up the aisle—not at the moment at any rate!"

Captain Phillips's wedding is far from the only royal connection the regiment can boast. There is a great affection felt by all ranks for the present Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen Mother.

And the double-headed eagle the regiment wears as a badge comes from an earlier royal connection with the Austrian Empire. Dominating the officers' mess is a painting of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria who became Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Dragoon Guards in 1896. He granted the regiment the privilege of wearing his imperial double eagle as its badge. This was withdrawn from use in 1915 since Austria—as one of the enemy powers in World War One—was at war with Britain. But in 1938 the badge was resumed and became the cap badge of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards on the amalgamation in 1959 of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards and the 2nd Dragoon Guards, The Queen's Bays.

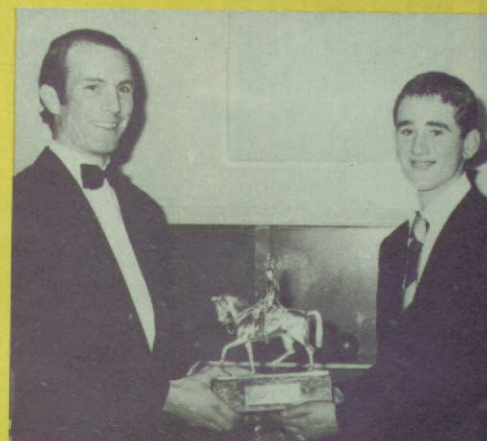
That amalgamation took place at Perham Down in Wiltshire—the home county of the reportedly shy and quiet captain whose love-match has added yet another page of fame to the history of an already famous regiment.



For the two British regiments of which Princess Anne is Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters and 14th/20th King's Hussars, both in Germany, 14 November was a day for sitting back and watching the German television coverage of the ceremony. In Berlin, 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters, was given a day's holiday; at Hertford, Colonel J A J Budd, Colonel AQ of HQ 4th Division, planted a tree in the Hussars' barracks to commemorate the wedding.



Among the many souvenirs and commemoratives was a pair of silver plaques selling at £1250. But within reach of everybody as a memento of the occasion were the two special stamps issued on the wedding day (above) or even the match-box label (below).



The wedding present from all ranks of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards to Capt Phillips was a 14-inch-high silver statuette. It was handed over by Trooper Peter Baker.

Below: Sergeant Phillips (open shirt) and comrades drink to his retirement and the health of the royal couple.



# The light fantastic

Story by Mike Starke

**A**N artificial moonlight bathed the bridgehead with an eerie sheen as sappers manoeuvred M2 amphibious bridge sections into place to carry tanks across the river. The light they worked by came from giant wedges of white beamed into the night sky from searchlights carefully placed up to four or five miles away. Behind the lights were men of a unique Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve unit on exercise in Germany—873 Movement Light Squadron, Royal Engineers.

More than 50 of the squadron's 72 part-time soldiers had managed to get away for the overseas exercise period. It had been their job earlier in the night to deploy some distance behind the bridgehead with their massive lights, mounted on specially converted four-tonner lorries, and their mobile generators.

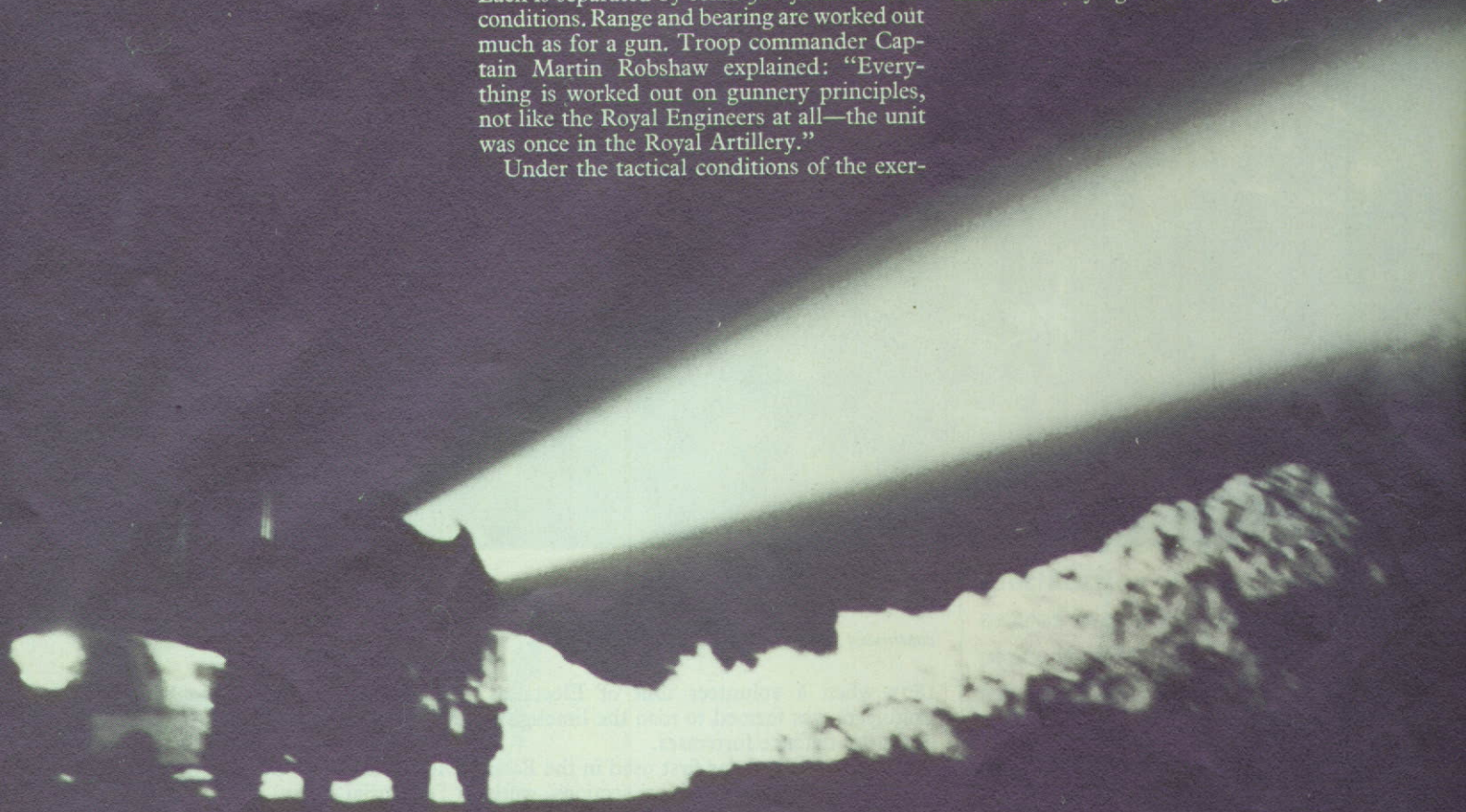
A radio link kept contact between each of the five lights used on this particular night. Each is separated by some 500 yards in ideal conditions. Range and bearing are worked out much as for a gun. Troop commander Captain Martin Robshaw explained: "Everything is worked out on gunnery principles, not like the Royal Engineers at all—the unit was once in the Royal Artillery."

Under the tactical conditions of the exer-

compact and both light and generator fit on the back of a lorry. Their 1000-million candlepower make them brighter than their older counterparts.

Ideally, each light is positioned on high ground to enable the four- to five-mile beam to be shone parallel to the ground to cast its moon-like glow. In the immediate vicinity of the searchlight and its lorry an artificial dawn is created and crews tell of birds setting up their morning chorus thinking day had broken. Night creatures too are caught unawares and there are stories of an illuminated field showing up hundreds of moles which had surfaced in the darkness only to be exposed by the searchlight's glare. Hundreds of moths and insects dance mesmerised in the beams and some really large specimens have been spotted by the light operators.

On its winter duties the squadron moves from place to place—mainly in Germany—to light night bridge-crossings, troop routes, minefield laying and clearing, "enemy"



cise the timing of the start and finish of "exposure" of the lights was critical and had to be carefully co-ordinated. On this night the squadron was using its 200-million-candlepower 90-centimetre anti-aircraft searchlights dating back to the start of World War Two. It has six of these. The mobile generators produce the direct current power needed and every 20 minutes or so each light must be extinguished to change the carbon rods which "burn" to produce the pure white light. It is a matter of pride with each light crew that this tricky job can be done in seconds.

Recently two American 30-inch Xenon lights were added to the strength. These are

positions and anything that involves movement after dark in a battle situation.

In summer the unit is to be seen at shows and tattoos all over the United Kingdom adding its own spectacle to the events. The lights have also come in useful in civil emergencies providing power and light during floods and electricity failures. Most recently the lights were used to illuminate the disaster scene after the Trident aircraft crash at Staines in 1972.

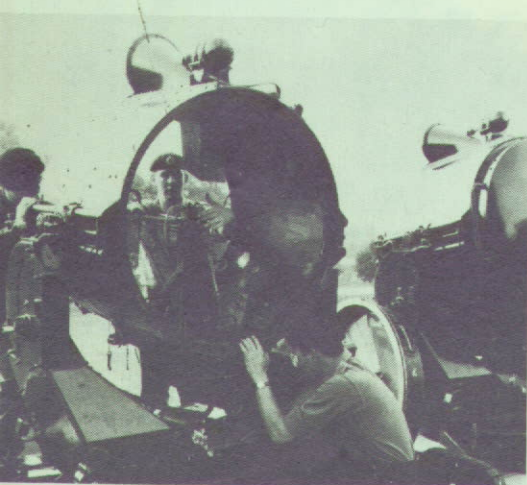
The history of searchlights in the British Army goes back some 75 years, during which time they have been used for coastal defence, movement light and anti-aircraft defence. Searchlights first appeared in the Army in

White light scythes through black night silhouetting the searchlight's lorry mount.





## *continuing* The light fantastic



Top: Thousands of spectators light matches before the searchlights are dimmed at Berlin Tattoo. Above: The inside story of one of the lights.

1897 when a volunteer unit of Electrical Engineers was formed to man the limelights in coastal defence fortresses.

Movement light was first used in the Boer War when two searchlight sections were formed at private expense. The eight officers and 50 other ranks, with traction engines, dynamos and all the rest of their kit, left England for South Africa in 1899.

Sapper searchlight battalions turned their skills to anti-aircraft defence in World War One with the advent of bombing of British cities. At the outbreak of World War Two, searchlights were still a sapper responsibility. But during 1940 the Royal Artillery took over to provide a more closely integrated anti-aircraft defence system as well as looking after coastal defence and movement light.

The gunners kept up searchlight operations after the war with a movement light battery in each home command. The then Eastern Command battery was based at

Staines, moving to Twickenham in 1958. In May 1961 the unit was re-badged from the gunners to the sappers and became 873 Movement Light Squadron, Royal Engineers (Territorial Army).

By March 1967, with the reorganisation of the Reserve Army, the squadron was the only such unit to survive and at this time it moved to its present headquarters in Acton, London.

The squadron's current role is threefold. It keeps alive the skills of movement light, it takes part when called on in trials of night battlefield surveillance and it keeps the Army in the public eye with displays up and down the country.

To the dedicated part-time soldiers who turn out—always at night—to man the unit, this means little sleep as each dawn brings either a move to a new location or an early start to get back to civilian jobs. But the squadron is well up to strength—a real case of “many hands make light work.”



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Below: Lights for Tidworth Tattoo are lifted into place on a gantry by a mobile crane—each light weighs 12 cwt.





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Large consignments of stores, ammunition, petrol and vehicles can be moved by rail quickly and with the minimum number of men involved. So nearly 40 of the British forces depots in Belgium and Germany are served by railways although not all the rail facilities are in constant use.

The responsibility for the operation of these depots in peace or war rests with 79 Railway Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, the only Regular Army unit of its kind. Its counterpart in the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve is 275 Railway Squadron.

Just over two dozen soldiers backed by a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshop of ten, serve in 79 Railway Squadron ("More a troop's size than a squadron's!" commented the officer commanding, Major D W Ronald) which com-

prises a small headquarters, operating troop and training wing. "They are trained to the extent that the Deutsche Bundesbahn (German railways) will give them a certificate. And to get that you've really got to go through the mill—it's most demanding."

In addition, most of the rail-served depots use civilian locomotive crews on the establishment to carry out the day-to-day local railway operating.

The workshop task is to look after the squadron's rolling stock. One job which is

Story Mike Starke/Pictures Arthur Blundell

running continuously at present is the replacement of wooden decking on the squadron's 140 "Warflats"—long, low wagons capable of carrying tanks.

Freighting military matériel is not the only job of the squadron. It also runs three ambulance trains which have a peacetime role as mobile troop accommodation and messing facilities in support of troop moves.

Most of the 26 locomotives on the strength are German. Some survived World

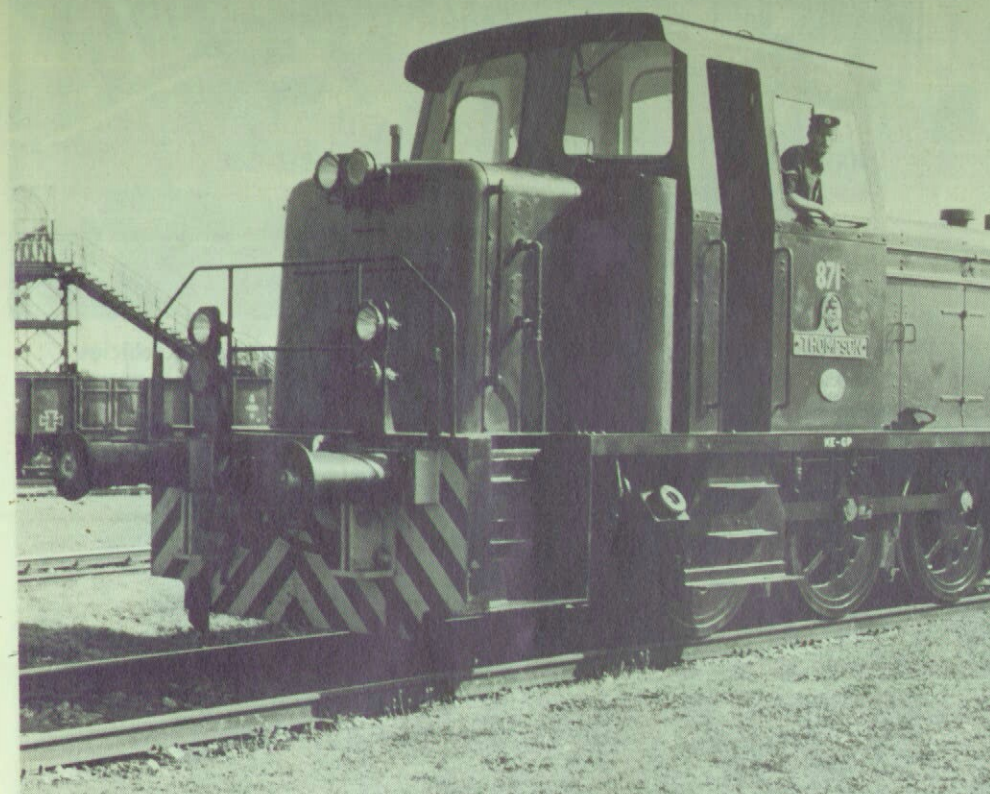
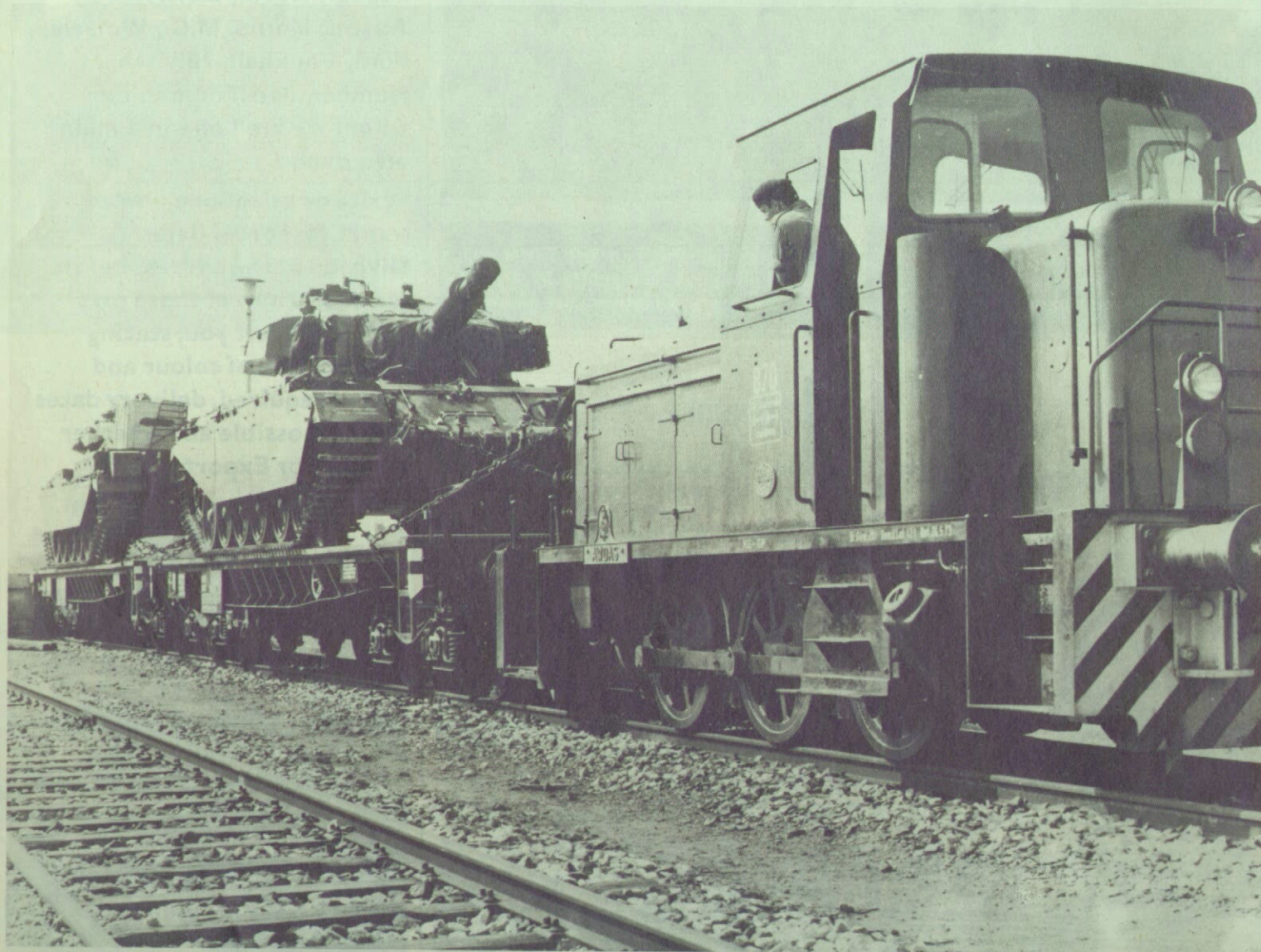
War Two service with the Wehrmacht and date back to the 1930s—a locomotive can have a long active life. Four of the diesel/hydraulic units came from England in 1968 and the squadron has hopes of getting new 600-horsepower locos soon to improve operating efficiency.

Some of the locomotives are named after transport officers-in-chief and past commanders of the squadron whose mascot is a little 60-horse-power Fowler diesel locomotive built in 1938 to a design dating from about 1925. Although it would still run, it occupies pride of place on its own small stretch of rail on the grass outside the squadron offices.

Job satisfaction is the hallmark of work in 79 Railway Squadron where men's careers and hobbies can tend to overlap. Many of the squadron's members belong to a local railway enthusiasts' club of which Major Ronald is chairman.

But hard mental and physical work are demanded in the squadron. "It's not a job for the soldier who's 'only here for the beer'," warned Major Ronald. "We need an above-average soldier of intelligence who can retain a lot of information." The failure rate of ap-

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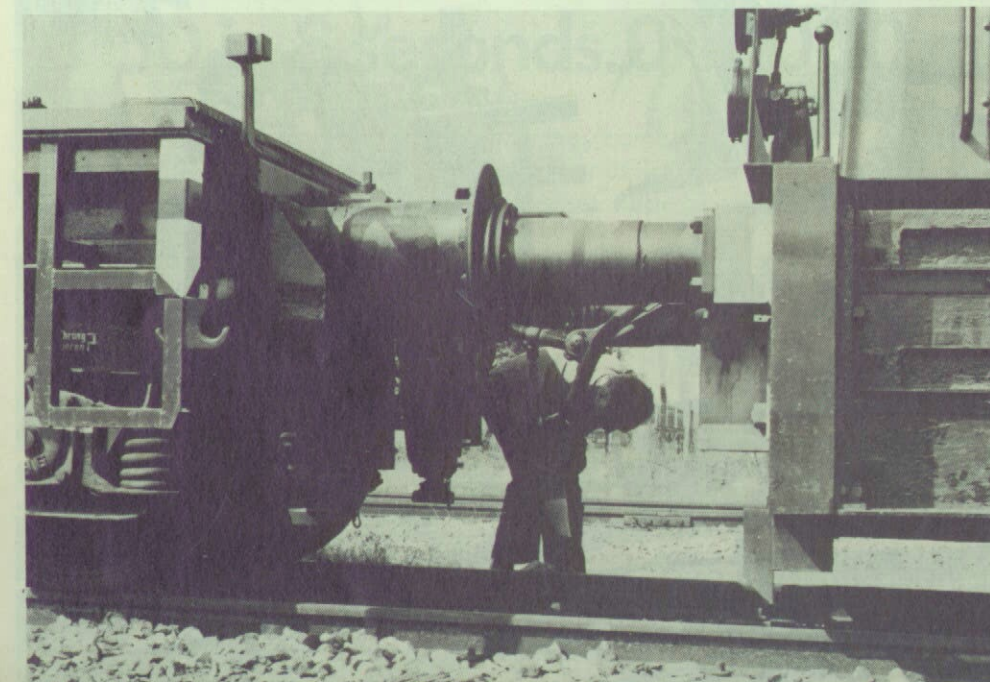


An RCT loco driver at the helm of one of the four 275-horsepower locomotives which the squadron has.

◀ Number 870—another 275-horsepower locomotive—pulls two warflat-mounted tanks from a siding.

Right hand on the throttle lever, left hand on the brake, eyes on the "road"—a driver in action. ▶

One of the local Germans working with the squadron moves a wheel chock out of the way in a siding.



## The old LMR

The railway squadron in Germany is a direct descendant of the Longmoor Military Railway which thrived from 1905 until its closure in 1969. The Royal Engineers were responsible for Longmoor and its 60 miles of track until the Royal Corps of Transport took over in the sixties. In the old days, trainees learned the skills of movement control there as well as how to build and operate railways. No fewer than 43 trades were taught and from the original pre-war Royal Engineers Transportation Centre grew the Transportation Branch which swelled to a strength of 146,000 during World War Two. Railway enthusiasts from both the Services and civilian life flocked to Longmoor's annual open days to admire the wide range of locomotives and rolling stock on show. Special favourites were the 1943 vintage 2-10-0 steam locomotive "Gordon" weighing 134 tons and the dumpy-looking 0-6-0 "Errol Lonsdale," one of the saddle-tank steam locomotives with the distinctive LMR (Longmoor Military Railway) Livery. These two old soldiers of the steam age have not been abandoned. In May 1970 "Gordon" was handed over to the British Transport Trust and "Errol Lonsdale" to the Association of Railway Preservation Societies.



A German rail official watches a loco go by. The dome (foreground) is the loco bell.



plicants to join the squadron is 50 per cent.

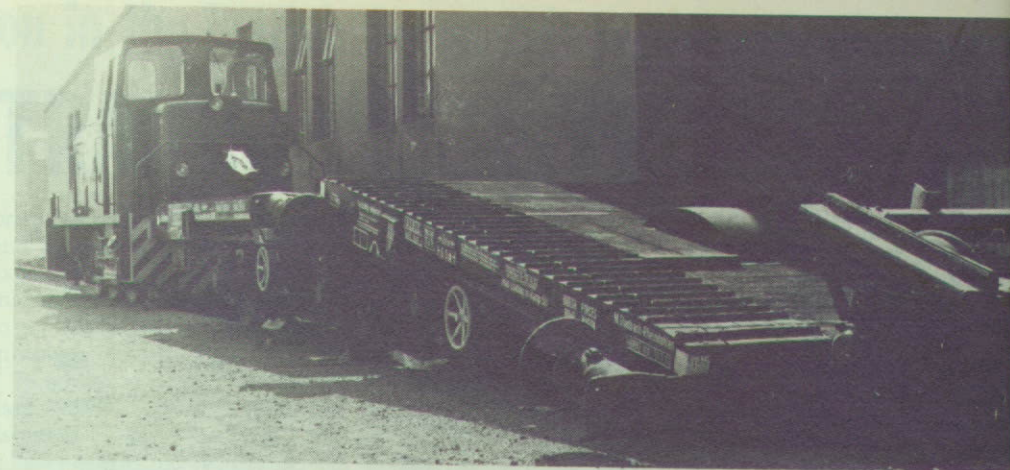
A visit to the training wing at the squadron's home near Mönchen-Gladbach gives a glimpse of what is involved. At first it looks like a schoolboy's dream—a perfect o gauge model railway filling a shed the size of a large classroom. But the beautifully detailed scale models are not there for fun. The model teaches the intricate disciplines of railway “block” systems. One slip in the carefully worked out routines on a stretch of real track could spell disaster for men and machines. Years of experience—often the bitter experience of tragedy—have gone into the perfection of the systems taught.

The training model itself is something of a collectors' item. It was brought to Germany when the Army's railway wing at Longmoor, Hampshire, closed in 1969. There are polished brass lever frames dated 1931 but Major Ronald believes parts of the model go as far back as 1907.

Up to eight students can train on the model at any one time, using the different methods of “blockworking” to control the trains. Students also learn the simplest military method of signalling “... two green flags, two red flags, and we're in business . . .” as operating troop commander Captain Harry Pollock put it.

Driver Allan Schneider (18) was in the middle of a lesson during SOLDIER's visit. He said: “It was curiosity really that made me apply for this course. I had nothing to do with railways before. But now I wouldn't go back to motor transport if I could help it . . . not after this.” A colleague under tuition added: “I didn't realise at first you had to learn so much to be a railwayman—you're working all the time.”

The trades to be mastered include brakes-



Above: A ramp wagon with the bogey from one end removed allows vehicles to be driven straight on. Below: A train of vehicles is shunted for the sappers.

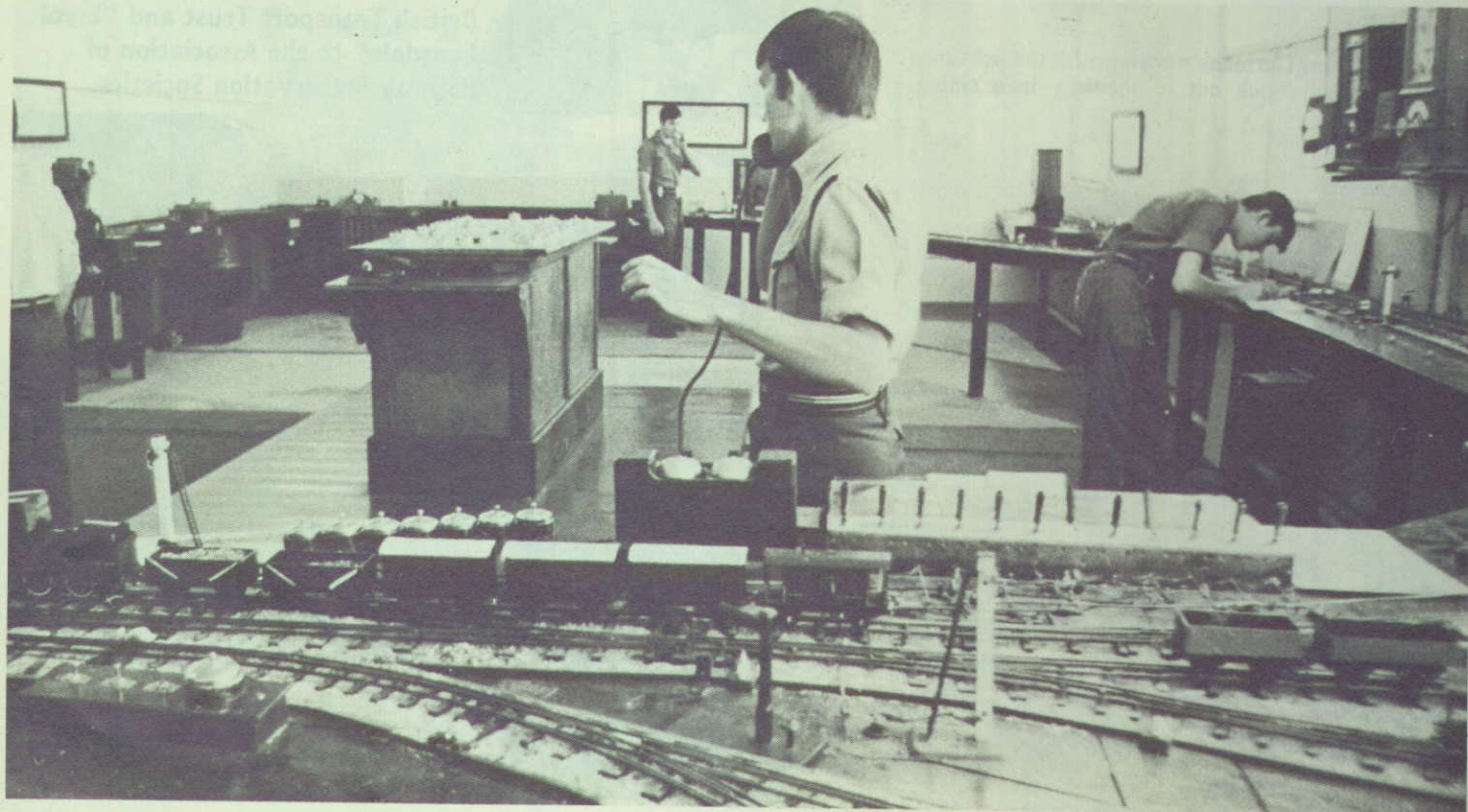


man/shunter, blockman (signalman to the layman), locomotive driver and traffic controller. Squadron members also need to be heavy goods vehicle drivers and have to learn the skills involved in re-railing. For this the squadron has a collection of powerful hydraulic jacks to lift the many tons of locomotives or wagons on or off the track. Old

hands remember days of man-powered jacks.

There is plenty to keep the squadron's handful of dedicated soldiers occupied. Major Ronald summed up: “With most of the members of this squadron it is difficult to draw the line where interest in the job ends and sheer enthusiasm begins. Everyone here is absorbed in his work.”

The model railway in the squadron training wing is a schoolboy's dream. But it is in deadly earnest for these students.







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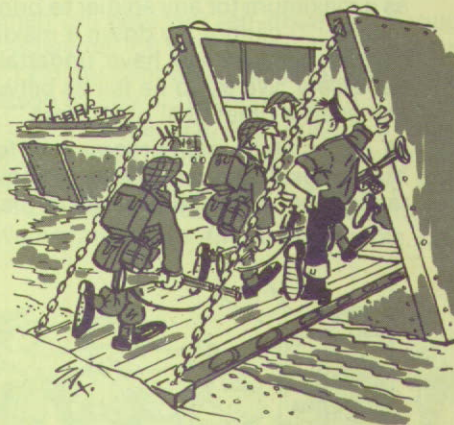
## REFUELLING AND LANDING CRAFT

### *Bulk refuelling*

Over the next few years the Army will gradually introduce a bulk refuelling system. The old, tedious method of refuelling vehicles from jerricans will be replaced by a range of equipment enabling drivers to refuel direct from tanker vehicles. A series of new tankers ranging in capacity from 5000 to 2200 gallons will be held by Royal Corps of Transport units. "Teeth arm" units will carry their fuel in newly developed 500-gallon fuel pods which will be carried on the normal general service vehicles. Jerricans will not disappear entirely as a small reserve of fuel in cans will be retained by units and as an immediate reserve on unit vehicles.

### *Tank landing craft*

At present there are five tank landing craft (LCT) Mk VIII in service in United Kingdom waters. They are fully employed on collective training, exercises and, from April to September each year, three of the vessels are used on the maintenance of the Hebrides



"One return, please!"

Royal Artillery range. All the craft, built in 1944-45, have exceeded their life expectancy and are therefore being withdrawn from service. They will be replaced by two vessels similar in size and capacity, capable of carrying out all the existing LCT tasks and possessing a fully operational capability. Each of these logistic landing craft (LCL) will have similar characteristics to that of the LCT, except that they will have larger engines giving greater speed and endurance. The two LCLs have now received Treasury approval and contracts are about to be let with a view to one vessel entering service in 1975 and the other in early 1976. (DQ(Org & Dev)A)

## GAS HEATING FOR MARRIED QUARTERS

Under a contract agreed with the Property Services Agency of the Department of the Environment, more than 5200 homes occupied by servicemen in the Southern Gas area have been modernised with gas-fired hot water and central heating systems, at a cost of some £2,000,000. The major share of the systems so far completed has been for the Army with a total of well over 3000. Geographically the largest single concentration of modernised quarters under the scheme is at Zouch Estate, Tidworth, where the project, involving just under 700 homes, is at the halfway stage.

Mr Jack Wyatt, mechanical and electrical planning officer with the Property Services Agency area office, controls the pace of the programme under which coal fires are being replaced by modern gas fires with back boiler units to provide domestic hot water and feed central heating radiators. He said: "As the time comes to replace the existing electric cookers in the married quarters we shall be installing gas cookers."

(Southern Gas)

## NEW PROMOTION PROSPECTS IN REME

Good news for REME tradesmen comes in a decision by Major-General A M McKay, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Army), providing an opportunity for further promotion in a number of REME trades which up to now have had a rank ceiling of sergeant. Artisan promotions will also be created for men in trades which already provide for higher rank as artificers. Drivers, recovery mechanics, metal smiths, fitter/turners and electricians will now be able to earn substantive promotion to staff-



## NEW PROMOTION PROSPECTS IN REME

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sergeant for work in a number of posts selected for the responsibility they carry. Previously, further advancement for these men has only been possible if they were prepared to leave behind their technical knowledge and experience and transfer to regimental duties or to attempt the difficult hurdle—seldom achieved—of entering one of the artificer trades. The Army will benefit by continuing to use the technical knowledge and experience of these men while they will acquire the material benefits and status appropriate to the responsibility of the rank.

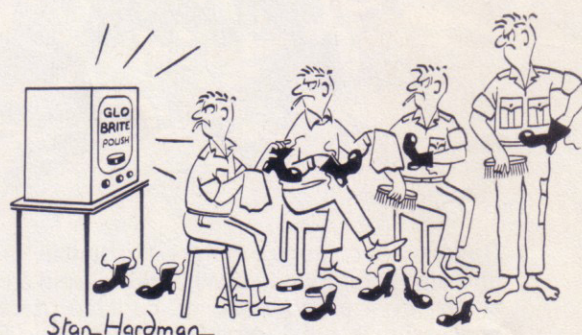
For vehicle mechanics, gun fitters and armourers a limited number of staff-sergeant posts will become available to those who have not gone on to become artificers. For several years, manning shortages among electro-mechanical artificers have been eased by giving acting rank to senior artisans. This will now be recognised by converting some artificer posts to staff-sergeant artisans.

The scheme will come in gradually with the first selections for promotion being made in the year 1974-75. (DEME(A))

## IN PARLIAMENT

● Three or more tours of duty or 12 months or more in Northern Ireland have been served by 48 units and sub-units of the Army, the House of Commons was told by the Under-Secretary of State for the Army, Mr Peter Blaker, in answer to a question from Mr Peter Hardy (Labour, Rother Valley). Mr Hardy went on to press Mr Blaker as to whether an 18-month total period of duty in Northern Ireland should not be laid down as a maximum for any soldier to bring "great relief" to the families of soldiers. Mr Blaker replied: "I cannot lay down a maximum time which any soldier will serve in Northern Ireland because we have undertaken that our troops will remain there as long as necessary. We try to be fair as between one unit and another and I think that we have achieved a great deal of fairness."

● English television programmes for Service families in Rhine Army were proposed by Mr James Kilfedder (Ulster Unionist, Down North) in a question to Mr Blaker who replied that a feasibility study of the subject had been made and the results were being



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considered. Mr Kilfedder argued that the amenity would have a special importance to families separated from relations and friends back in the United Kingdom and who mostly did not speak fluent German. Mr Blaker added "This is a desirable project and that is the reason for the feasibility study."

● Mr Ian Gilmour, Minister of State for Defence, gave the following answer in Parliament to a question on the pay of Service medical and dental officers: "The Government has received a supplementary report from the Armed Forces Pay Review Body. The Government accepts the recommendations of this report, all of which accord with counter-inflation policy. The second report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body explained that the pay of Service medical and dental officers is governed principally by the recommendations of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration. The latter reported in July 1973 and the supplementary report now recommends increases for Service medical and dental officers with effect from 1st April 1973. These are designed to provide rates of pay which over a career equate to the average net remuneration of general practitioners in the National Health Service as has been the accepted practice since 1969. Increases averaging £185 a year will therefore be paid with effect from 1st April 1973 to these officers up to and including the rank of colonel and the equivalent in the other two Services. There will also be an increase of £219 a year for brigadiers and equivalent to maintain a reasonable differential over the maximum pay of a colonel. The pay of provisionally registered medical practitioners is to be increased by £216 a year. The pay of medical and dental cadets will remain unchanged."

● At a later question time, Mr Gilmour outlined the recently published report of the Defence Medical Services Inquiry Committee set up in 1971 to review the arrangements for providing medical, dental and nursing services for the armed forces at home and abroad for peace and war "in the light of developments in defence policy and to



make recommendations." Mr Gilmour said the report made specific recommendations about hospital facilities, the concentration of some specialised services and the training of some medical and dental auxiliary staff. It recommended a reduction both in the total number of hospital beds and in the number of Service hospitals to be provided in the United Kingdom.

He added: "The report makes a number of important recommendations about the continued improvement of facilities for post-graduate medical and dental training in the Services so as to keep pace with the best opportunities available to the medical profession generally; for changes in the nursing structure and in arrangements for recruiting, training and employment of nurses and for a review of some aspects of administration, especially in regard to hospitals."

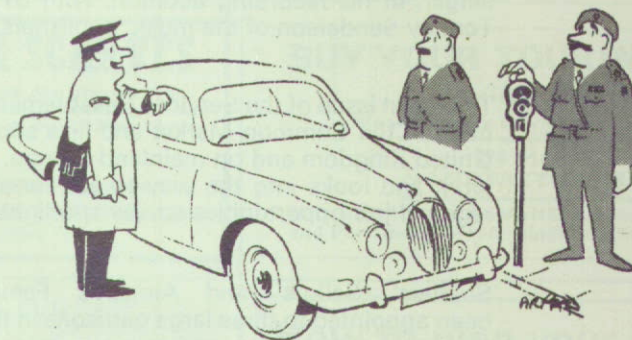
Mr Gilmour warned that due to the wide range of the inquiry's recommendations their consideration by the Ministry of Defence would take time. But he said that decisions had already been made on two particular points. It has been accepted that there should be no amalgamation of the three separate medical services and new machinery has already been set up for co-ordination between the medical services. Also it has been confirmed that the need for the Army hospital at Woolwich remains and the building is continuing.

The inquiry committee's report is published by the Stationery Office, price 68p.

## NAAFI CAR HIRE SCHEME

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(Naafi)



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## MOBILE HOMES ON THE MOVE

Surplus mobile homes at Catterick/Barnard Castle and Watchet are being redeployed to meet urgent married quarter needs at Aldergrove, Colchester and Bovington. A contract is about to be placed to buy 75 homes to meet other outstanding requirements.

(DQA)

## ARETHUSA SCHOOL TO CLOSE

The Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa have announced the closure of the Arethusa secondary school near Rochester. The reluctant decision was taken after it was learned that repairs needed would cost some £100,000—a sum the charity thinks could be better spent on its other activities. The society acquired its first ship in 1866 and since then has owned one or more vessels through which thousands of boys have passed. The Arethusa will close at the end of the summer school term 1974.

## WAR GRAVES REPORT

The floating pound is just one of the problems faced by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission working as it has to in 140 different countries throughout the world. The commission's 54th annual report describes the enormous task of the continuous work involved in caring for cemeteries and memorials honouring the 1,700,000 Commonwealth dead of two World Wars. The report pays tribute to the support and co-operation the commission receives worldwide and the encouragement gained from the increasing numbers of relatives and tourists who find the cemeteries and memorials of interest and beauty.

The commission is judged by its horticultural and structural work on its cemeteries



## WAR GRAVES REPORT

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and memorials and the report describes the constant work and search for new methods and machinery to help this task. This includes the introduction of a new chemical treatment to clean more than 1,000,000 headstones and the attempts to keep up traditionally high horticultural standards in contrasting climates.

The commission was set up by Royal Charter on 21 May 1917, amended and extended by a Supplementary Charter of 8 June 1964. Its duties are to mark and maintain the graves of members of the forces of the Commonwealth and Empire who died in the two world wars and to keep records and registers.

## POP GOES THE ARMY

Entries are now being accepted for the 1974 Army music group and singer competition organised annually by the British Forces Broadcasting Service. The contest is open to all servicemen and women in the Army and eliminating rounds will be held in Rhine Army and the United Kingdom in the next three months. The top groups



and singers will compete in the finals at the Playhouse Theatre, London, in late April. Picture shows Musician Giles Bodoano, RAOC Training Centre, the 1973 winning singer, at his recording audition, with BFBS producer Jack Pickering (centre) and Tommy Sanderson of the music publishers, Francis Day and Hunter.

## RESETTLEMENT NEWS

The latest issue of the Services Resettlement Bulletin gives valuable advice on resettlement in the Common Market and lists some examples of firms operating both in the United Kingdom and on mainland Europe. The bulletin also outlines a career in youth work and looks into the way to set about learning a foreign language. The regular regional job opportunities survey spotlights south-west England.

## NEW SSAFA SOCIAL WORKERS

Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association social workers have been appointed to three large garrisons in the United Kingdom in addition to Aldershot where there has been one at work for some time. They are Bulford/Tidworth, Colchester and Catterick. The social workers are responsible for all serving Army families living in quarters and hirings in their areas. Their duties are to assist commanding officers in dealing with particularly difficult family problems and to liaise closely with the local authorities. The highly qualified social workers are: Miss Judith Fowler (Tidworth/Bulford), Miss Tina Neale (Colchester) and Miss Pauline Rhodes (Catterick Camp). Mrs Marjory Clarke has had to resign from her post at Aldershot on health grounds and her place has been taken by Mrs Beryl Mackenzie. In addition to these four social workers in this country, SSAFA has 15 in overseas commands. There are also 12,000 SSAFA voluntary workers dealing with the problems of Service and ex-Service families.

## SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

A Service fellowship has been awarded for the spring and summer terms 1974 at the University of Aberdeen to Colonel F W E Fursdon, presently serving at HQ British Army of the Rhine. At Aberdeen, Colonel Fursdon will study aspects of defence policy with special reference to Western Europe and take part in the higher defence studies programme. He will be working as a visiting research fellow in association with the defence lecturer in the university's Department of Political Economy.

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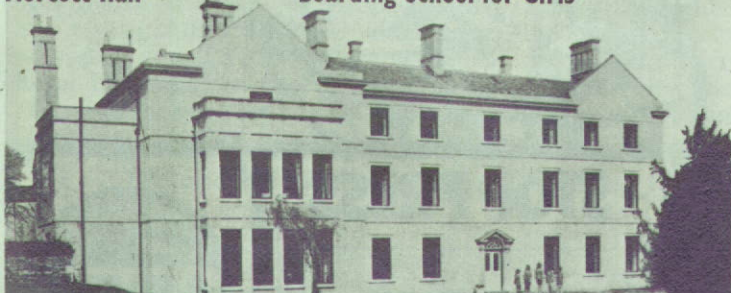
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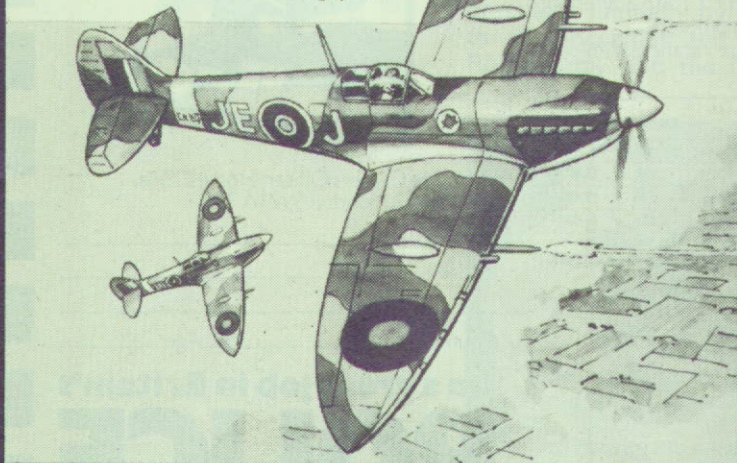




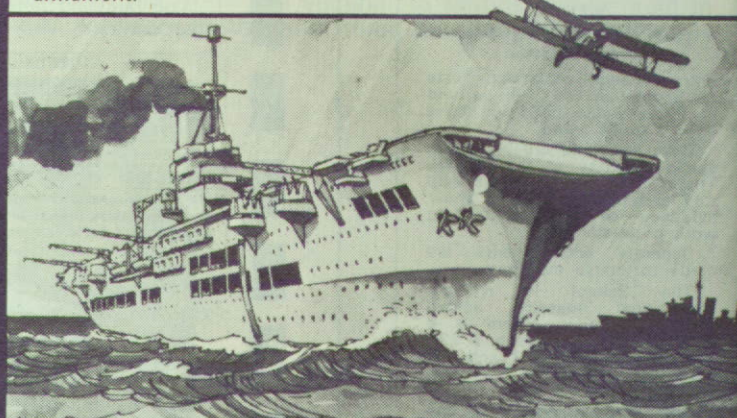
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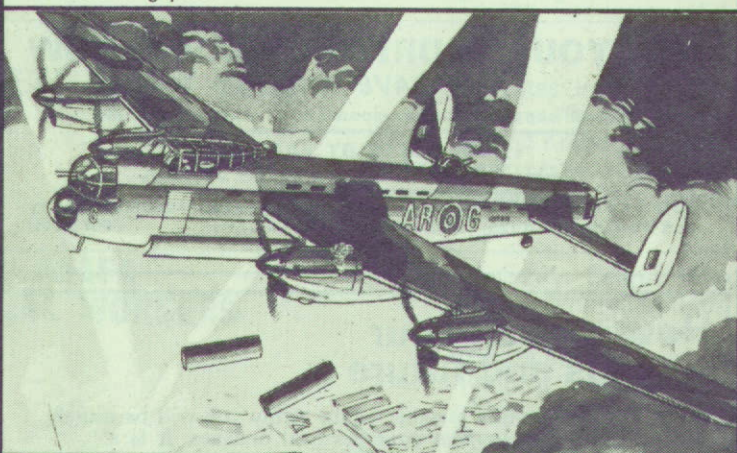
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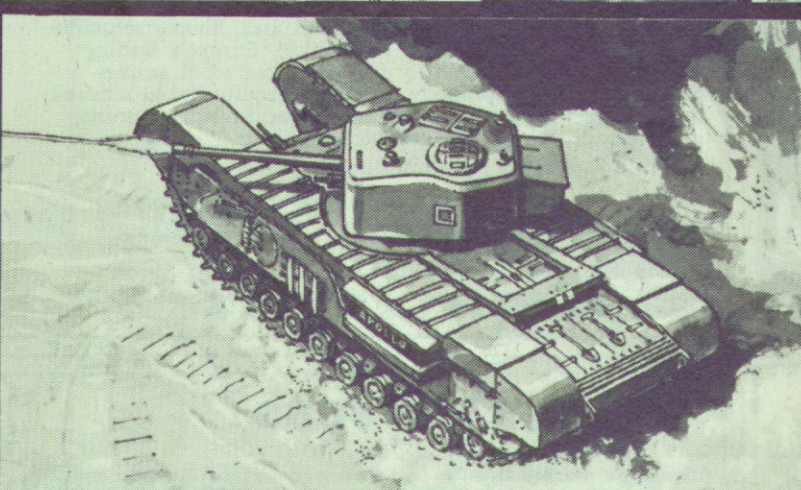
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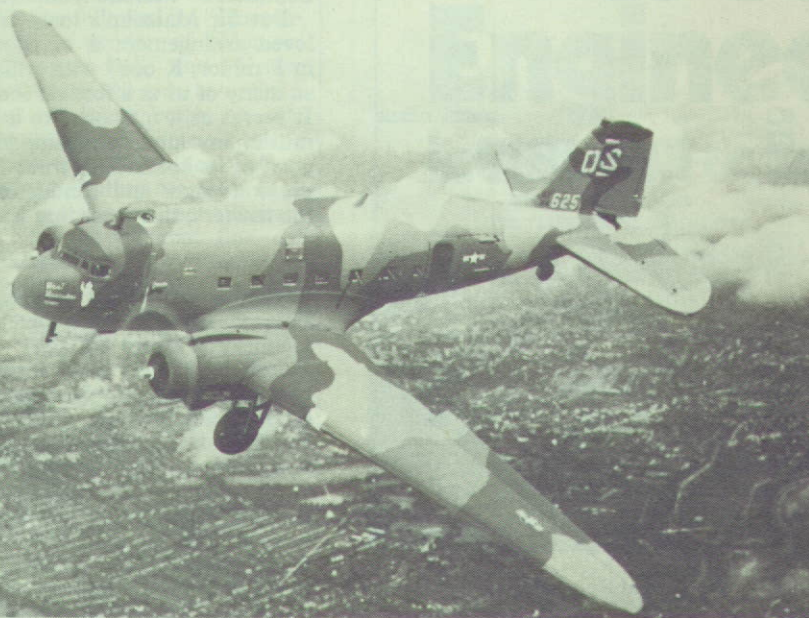


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The latest version of the old Dakota as used for a gunship in Vietnam, now a model.

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The Vietnam theme is continued with a Cessna O-1 Bird Dog, a light reconnaissance aircraft used to call down strikes on enemy dispositions. This kit, costing 19 pence, is also in 1:72 scale. Scaled down to this size, items like the undercarriage are somewhat spindly so care should be taken during assembly.

Still in 1:72 scale, the Anglo-French Puma helicopter is of particular interest to military modellers since it has now come into service in Britain. Transfer decals supplied give a choice of French or Royal Air Force markings. This 112-part kit costs 35 pence.

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# On record

**"Marching Around the World with the Band of the Coldstream Guards"** conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas A Pope (Decca Eclipse ECS 2120)

It's happened! It had to of course, sooner or later, but the joy is no less unconfined. To see the band of the Grenadier Guards striding across the sleeve of a Coldstream record makes at least this reviewer happy and reminds him of a Coldstream visit to a Grenadier mess function only to be greeted at the main gate by a massive banner bearing the legend "NONE." Nulli Secundus they may be but when even RB enters furtively sleeve right (albeit partly decapitated by the bell of a tuba) then something odd is afoot.

And there is. Most of the tunes on this LP were never intended for marching and the arrangers have had a field day converting polonaises, dirges and other dance music into left-right-leftable material. And how brilliantly they have done it.

In this re-issue on the cheaper Eclipse label, Decca have given buyers another chance to obtain this classic example of the arranger's art and, even if you are averse, as I usually am, to good tunes "messed abah't a bit," you'll find the results quite painless and possibly invigorating.

"Lilliburlero," Chopin's "Polonaise Militaire" and all the well-known Canadian melodies are arranged by Douglas Pope himself on his personal tour of Britain, Poland and Canada. France, Germany, Spain and Russia are represented by "Quand Madelon," "Lilli Marlene," the march from Chapi's classic Zarzuela "A Bunch of Roses," and "Song of the Volga Boatman" respectively.

"Waltzing Matilda" I can safely diagnose as Australian but "Mama Inez" defeats me for the moment—probably Brazil or points south. No attempt at orderly navigation of the globe is attempted so next comes Italy with "Funiculi Funicula," the "Mexican Hat Dance" (a real marching fraud this) and finally America's "St Louis Blues."

Now I come to think of it not a single tune on this record was originally meant for marching. I knew there was something odd afoot! **RB**

**"Warship" (Band of HM Royal Marines (Royal Marines School of Music))** (Conductor: Major Paul Neville) (Columbia Studio 2 Stereo Two 413)

Much of the music on this LP justifies the title and sleeve picture and those items which creep in as fillers are almost without exception worthy of their place. The success of his last



record ("By Special Request") prompts Major Neville to continue in the same vein with several TV signature tunes and only three items are intruders.

The conductor himself provides the first of these with a conventional concert march called "Sword of Honour" while the fine American composer and arranger Glen Osser is at less than his best in a "Beguine Festival." Albert Elms's march "On Parade" has an attractive lilt but is disappointingly lacking in harmonic bite.

The TV themes are those for "Warship," the (to a mere soldier) somewhat improbable exploits of a modern frigate; "Eye Level," the pop tune of the moment from the Dutch detective series, Van Der Valk; "The Edwardians," in which there were some very probable goings-on Upstairs and Downstairs; Sousa's "Liberty Bell" which outrageously, yet so rightly, gets "Monty Python's Flying Circus" off to such a bellicose and blimpish start; the "Colditz" theme, and a selection of the incidental music to "Young Winston" in which the horn player explores the upper reaches of his compass to fine effect.

Henry Mancini's "Toy Tiger" I am not sure about. It has nothing on his Pink Panther tune but is probably used for some series or other. A much-shortened version of Henry Wood's "Fantasia on British Sea Songs" ends with an arrangement of "Rule Britannia" by youngish Ray Woodfield that I liked not at all. Old Henry could never have perpetrated such an incongruous affair.

Some good music, but either lethargically played or recorded. **RB**

**"Classics for Brass"** (Sir Malcolm Sargent conducts the combined bands of Fairey, Foden's and BMC (Morris Motors)) (Musical Director: Harry Mortimer) (Starline SRS 5156)

No collection of brass band records even begins to be complete without this real classic. Sir Malcolm had a lively interest in bands from very early in his career and his arrangements on this LP cover a period between 1914 and 1965. He makes these classic pieces, all originally written for other media, sound perfectly at home on brass and lavishes all his skill and musicianship on them. And the players react to his stimulating direction.

As an expert in the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition it was a natural choice for him to arrange the two most popular of Sullivan's own overtures to his operas. "Iolanthe" and "The Yeomen of the Guard" so often suffer

from stodgy direction but are perfect gems here. Two Chopin pieces for pianoforte, the "Polonaise No. 4, Op 40 No 2" and the "Prelude Op 28 No 15 (The Raindrop)" also make fine brass music as does of course Schubert's "Marche Militaire No. 1."

But Sir Malcolm's most famous and well-loved arrangement is of Mozart's "Fantasia in F minor, K 608" with which he enthralled so many of us at a festival soon after the war. It serves as a memorial to a man who loved music, any kind of music, so long as it was good of its kind. With three famous bands, a great arranger and conductor, and music of the masters, this recording is certainly that. **RB**

**"Sounds of Brass Series, Vol 4: The Fairey Band"** (Conducted by Kenneth Dennison) (Decca SB 304)

Fairey are in very good form for this mixed bag of popular old 'uns saved on the gong by one spicy modern work. Strauss the father and his inevitable "Radetzky" march lead us not quite so inevitably to "Morning" from Greig's incidental music to "Peer Gynt," then, on a particularly toneless xylophone, the band and its soloist Colin Waggoner resurrect an old pier-head favourite, "Buffoon" by Zez Confrey. Shostakovich in his most jovial mood is not out of place in such company and his "Festive Overture" comes off brilliantly as always. Ron Goodwin's brash "The Headless Horseman" I find less to my taste.

An unjustly neglected march, though not by me, is Maurice Johnstone's "Beaughters March," which receives a most precise and rhythmic performance, but the Prelude to Act I of "La Traviata" I thought a little too slow and lacking impetus. Except for Phillip McCann's playing there is not much to be said for Hartmann's cornet fantasia "Fatherland."

The LP ends with a rare performance of one of Kenneth Alford's concert works. The overture "The Hunt" is a movement from a suite for band called "Country Life" and very adequately portrays the chase with the cornet section excelling in the halloos and tally-hos. **RB**

**"Mercian Volunteers" (The Band and Corps of Drums of the Mercian Volunteers)** (Heritage HER 1005)

This claims to be "the first such" recording by a Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve band. Now that it is on record I sincerely trust that things will have been learned and inwardly digested. I know from my travels that most TAVR bands are doing a fine job, keeping together without (in many cases) too much encouragement and with little financial gain on a couple of hours rehearsal a week. And travelling miles for the pleasure.

The wonder, as someone said in another context, is not that they do it so well but that



they do it at all. But this is not the stuff of which recording bands are made and the first side at least proves the need for many hours' rehearsal a week before a band should be allowed within forty miles of a microphone.

Trevor Sharpe's "Fanfare and Soliloquy" opens the proceedings, followed by "Hootenanny" and a much-cut version of "Mancini Magic." "Woodchoppers Ball" and "Under the Double Eagle" bring the side to a close. Fortunately things are much better on side two, with a quite acceptable Retreat beating plus the Mercian regimental marches. Collectors may even find a tempting morsel among "Fanfare No. 1," "Fehrbelliner Reitermarsch," "The Thunderer," that fine old bugle march "Aldershot," "Thunderbirds" and the (unfortunately) evergreen "Sunset."

The regimental marches are those of The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, The Worcestershire Regiment, The South Staffordshire



Regiment, The North Staffordshire Regiment, Sherwood Foresters, Mercian Volunteers. £2 plus postage and packing from Adjutant, TAVR Centre, Wolseley House, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton. **RB**

**"Marsche" (Berlin Philharmonic)** (Conductor: Herbert von Karajan) (Deutsche Grammophon 2538212)

Marches of a very different kind are featured on this interesting LP. Very few of them could be marched to effectively but here you have some inspired thoughts by the great masters in martial mood. The march rhythm is capable of depicting almost anything, from the sheer joie de vivre of Tchaikovsky's "Marche Characteristique" from "The Nutcracker" ballet and the third movement of his "Pathétique" Symphony to the solemn and patriotic junketings of the "Marche Slave."

The menacing and sinister is brilliantly drawn in Berlioz's "March to the Scaffold" ("Symphony Fantastique") while Johann Strauss (son) is heard in blander mood in his "Persian March" and "Egyptian March." The latter is guileless and quite charming with its wordless chorus but like its fellow hails from Austria rather than the Orient. Johann Strauss (father) is of course represented by the "Radetzky March."

Beethoven wrote several very fine military marches in addition to the funeral marches scattered here and there among the symphonies and sonatas but is represented here by his "Wellington's Victory" or the "Battle Symphony" as it is known, a re-recording of a performance I reviewed last year. Being mostly in march time I suppose it qualifies on those grounds, if not by name, and calls for all available trumpets, drums, and battle effects. Rather than this repeat I would have had many another fine march from opera or symphony but I take this to be a mere picking from Karajan's other records.

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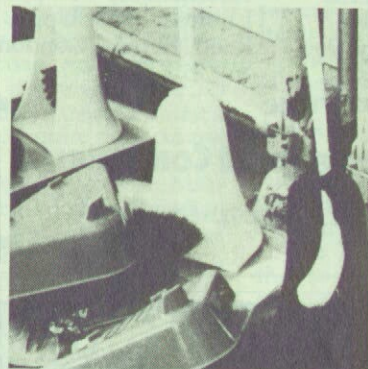
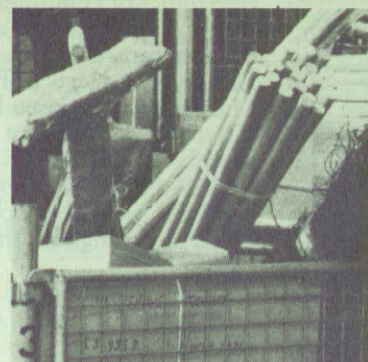
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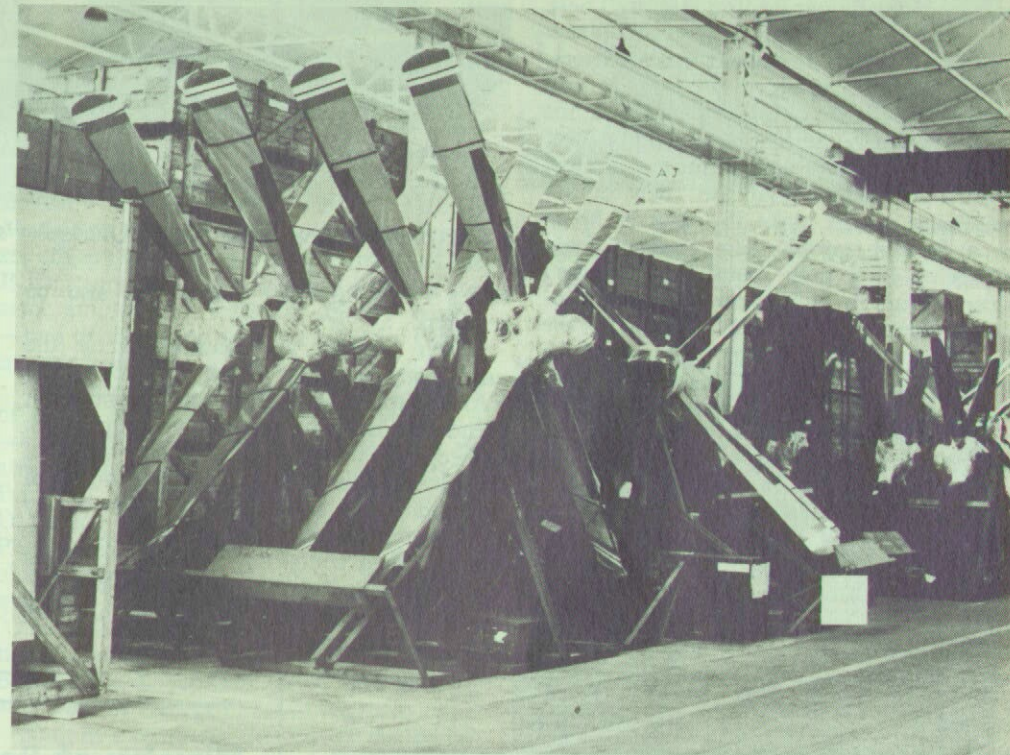
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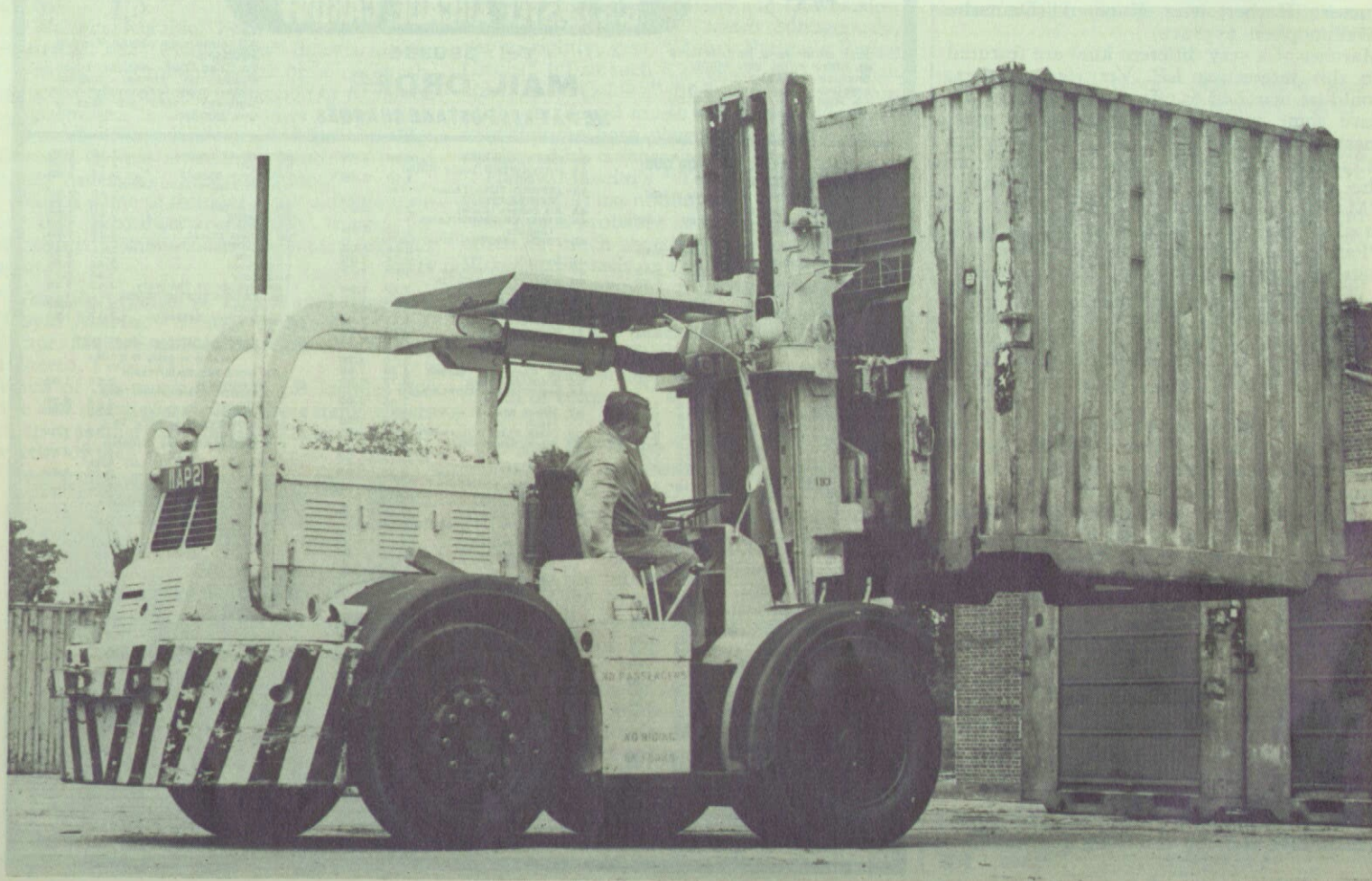


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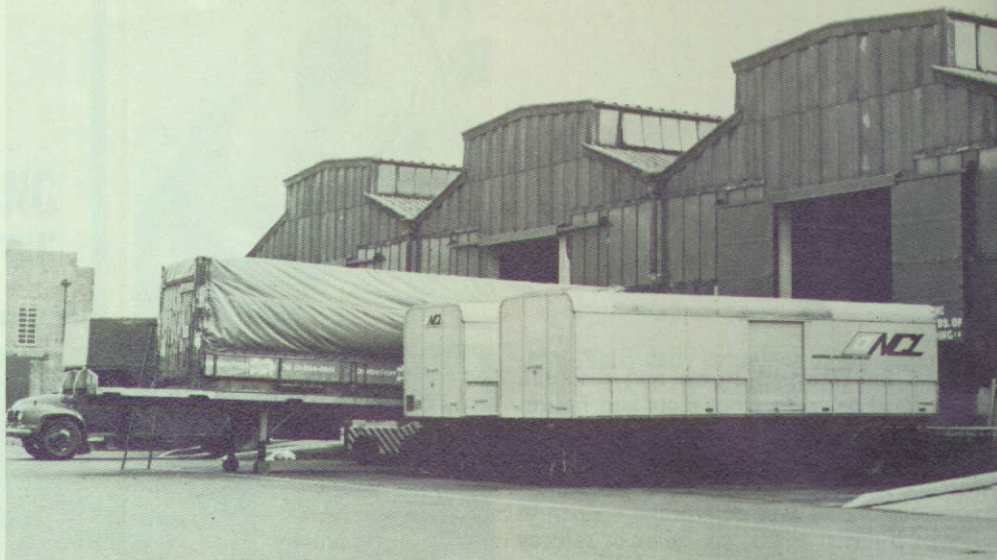


which gives the unit its brief to issue stores to the Navy and Army as well as to the RAF, saves time and money. The unit carries this sense of economy into its own planning by constantly reviewing methods of storage and despatch to streamline the operations.

The range of accommodation stores is designed to meet the needs of every serviceman and civilian employee, plus wives and families, both at work in their offices and at home in married quarters and messes. These stores fall into two broad categories, "new build" equipment for new married quarters, barrack blocks and recruiting centres and new or repaired equipment destined for existing quarters and blocks as maintenance.

In the comfort of a new quarter it must be hard to imagine that the "new build" furnishings which make the quarter home for a family started their journey from Quedgeley in a grey metal box designed to carry fruit in bulk. Rows of these containers stand side-by-side on one of the unit's sites waiting their turn to be one of the 400 or so canned homes despatched each month. With careful packing—a unit speciality—the complete furnishings and equipment for a home, less curtains and carpets, fit neatly into metal cubes not much bigger than a department store's lift.

An engineering squadron at Quedgeley repairs and stores broken items returned to the unit. Wood, metal and electrical repairs as well as work on instrument items can be handled for the accommodation



Road transport plays a big part in Quedgeley's work. A road/sea container is seen here too.

stores items. Aircraft spares can also be repaired.

Stores records are maintained by the unit's own computer which is linked to the RAF's supply control centre computer at Hendon. There is a mountain of paperwork to keep track of the £30,000,000-worth of technical stores and £15,000,000-worth of accommodation stores housed at Quedgeley at any one time. Tucked away on one site is a shed containing squadron trophies and silver pieces deposited for safe keeping. Some with especially interesting histories go on museum display.

Also in the shed are two packs marked "V/VIP" (Very, very important person!). These contain glassware and table linen sent out several times a year for use when members of the royal family visit military establishments. Each pack weighs nearly two-and-a-half tons in its special set of drawer-fitted cases which contain 3200 pieces to provide 50 place settings. Ash trays, vases, trays and cake stands are included.

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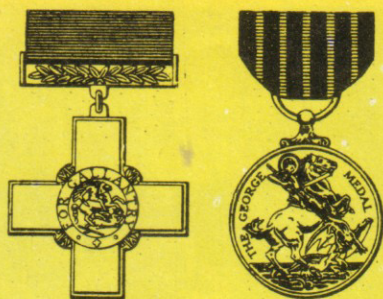
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# Thirty-five heroes

**I**T could have been any corps or regimental reunion—the “long time no see” greetings, the first meetings with familiar names, dinner, speeches and back to the bar again to re-group and chat into the small hours.

They ranked from private to brigadier, from the beribboned “veterans” of World War Two to the fresh-faced “professionals of the Seventies.”

But this was no ordinary reunion. Each wore the George Medal—some of them this medal alone; one, awaiting investiture, only the ribbon—or the higher award of the George Cross. Together for the first time were two of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps’ five George Cross holders and 33 of its 50 George Medallists.

In the number of awards the corps runs second to the Royal Engineers’ 14 George Crosses and 114 George Medals. But the RAOC has the greater number still serving, a distinction it owes largely to the IRA’s activities in Northern Ireland where the corps’ explosives experts have won in the past two years a George Cross and 15 George Medals. All were at the reunion and were the reason, because of IRA threats to them and their families, for stringent security precautions.

These threats became serious after

Lieutenant-Colonel George Styles won his George Cross, the first of the major Northern Ireland awards, for defusing two bombs in Belfast’s Europa Hotel. The 15 George Medallists who follow him include five of six officers who successively commanded the Belfast section. Four of them were on the same ammunition technical officers’ course—two of the 12 on that course were subsequently killed.

Northern Ireland has claimed the lives of eleven of the corps’ bomb disposal men—they, and those who gained lower or no awards, were remembered at the dinner. Principal speakers were the Director of Ordnance Services, Major-General L T H Phelps, who described himself as the corps’ oldest ammunition technical officer—he qualified in 1942, Brigadier S E Dutton (Chief Inspector, Land Services Ammunition), Lieutenant-Colonel Styles GC and Brigadier R L Jephson Jones, now retired, who won his George Cross in Malta in 1940.

And, as a reminder that not all the corps’ awards have been earned in bomb disposal, there was the one odd man in the 35, ex-Private A Hilton, a National Serviceman who won the George Medal in Germany when, though a non-swimmer, he rescued two soldiers from a vehicle which crashed into a river in winter.



**Maj P S Easterby, now Army Careers Officer, Southamton, two bomb awards—wartime MBE Malta, GM Cyprus 1965.**



**Ex-Private A Hilton, National Serviceman, non-swimmer, GM for a river rescue.**

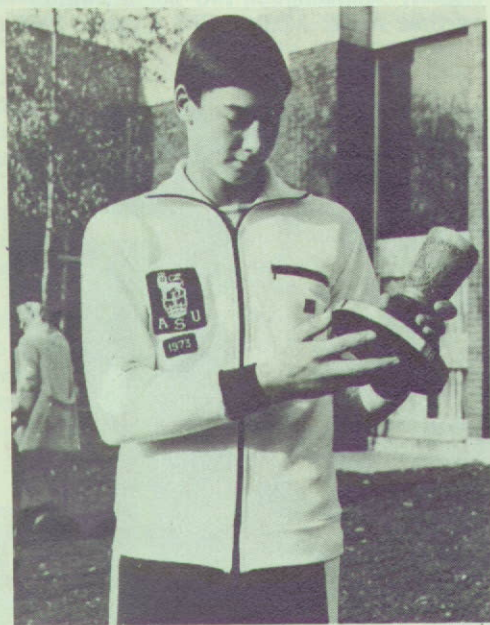


**Watched by Brig Jephson Jones GC, Lieut-Col George Styles GC samples the dinner’s “Improvised Explosive Delight.”**



# Sport

## Tetrathlon triumph for junior corporal



Above: Two runners contest the last few yards of the cross-country course in the Army tetrathlon competition. Below left: Junior Corporal Murphy admires his winner's cup.

**T**HE hero of this year's Army junior tetrathlon championships was undoubtedly Junior Corporal P Murphy of the Junior Infantry Battalion, who swept the board in all events. As well as emerging the individual champion, he tied for first place in the fencing with Junior Sergeant Harrison, also of the Junior Infantry Battalion, and won the shooting, swimming and running events outright.

His efforts played a large part in making his battalion's A team the team champions and team winners in fencing, swimming and running. The shooting team winners were the lads of the Royal Armoured Corps Junior Leaders Regiment B team.

Tetrathlon is a gruelling event for an athlete, testing his physical and mental endurance to the full. The fencing section is claimed to be the most exhausting for both mind and body. The weapon used is the classic duelling sword, the épée and, unlike normal fencing, the bouts are decided on a

single hit. This means there is no chance to test an opponent's weaknesses and strengths. One mistake and it is all over. Each bout is limited to three minutes and it is the nearest thing to a real duel without actually drawing blood.

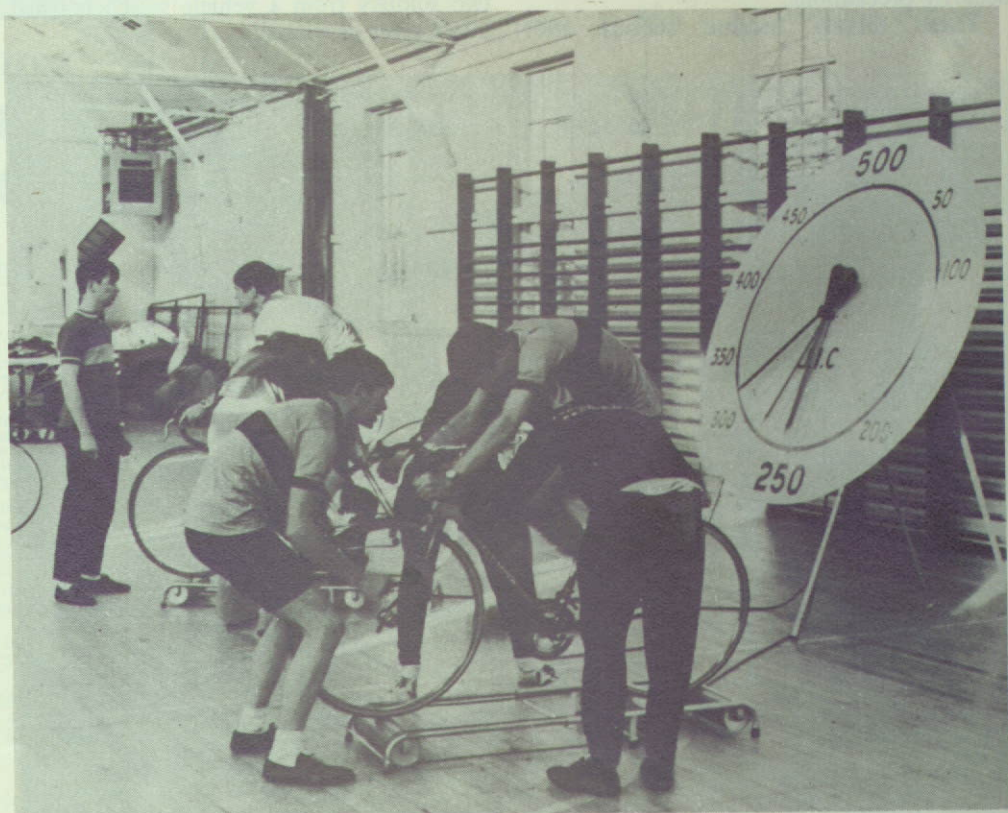
The shooting is also like the original duel on which it is in fact based. But in this case there is no live target, just a remote-controlled one which is visible to the marksman for three seconds at a time. The mental tension created during the four series of five shots fired by competitors is the real test here.

A freestyle time trial over 300 metres is the test set for swimming and the running event is a straightforward 4000-metre cross-country with up to 100 metres of climb on the course. The only basic difference between this and normal cross-country events is that competitors start at one-minute intervals. This makes it the more tiring as a race against the clock with no-one to pace.

## Roller racing championships

The SOLDIER Magazine cup for the senior team in the 1973 Army roller racing championships went to the Army Apprentices College, Arborfield. Runners-up were members of the team from AAC, Harrogate. But Harrogate had their revenge in the 400-metre individual sprint with first and second places going to Signalman Bishop and Corporal Carre respectively. Third was Apprentice Tradesman Hunt, AAC Arborfield.

In the 1500-metre sprint, Signalman Bishop again triumphed, followed by A/T Hawkins, Arborfield, and A/T Goodfellow, also of Arborfield. The junior team Royal Corps of Transport trophy went to AAC Chepstow with Harrogate again runners up. In the 400-metre individual sprint, Chepstow took first and second places thanks to A/Ts Jenkins and Cisek with A/T Glover, Harrogate, third. Apprentice Tradesman Travers, Chepstow, won the 1000-metre junior time trial followed by A/Ts Cisek and Glover, once more.



Muscles strain and wheels whirr in a cycle race that never travels an inch.



# Sports shorts

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Only a few seconds separated the first three home in the Army cross-country trials for the 1973/74 season. First over the line was WO2 T Davies, 7 Para RHA, in 29 minutes 13 seconds. He was hotly pursued by 2/Lieut G Grant, Royal School of Artillery (29 mins 30 secs), and Sgt P Dring, AAC Harrogate (29 mins 47 secs). The trio were ten minutes clear of the 69th man home who brought up the rear of the triallists. Included in the event were a UK district team contest and a UKLF versus Rhine Army team contest. With all its team in the first ten, taking 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th places, South East District A team emerged clear winners. Second was South West District C team (7th, 13th, 14th and 38th) and third was North East District A team (3rd, 19th, 20th and 33rd). UKLF scored a resounding victory over BAOR with a first-six-home score of 21 to 115. The District Team Trophy and Army Athletic Association medals for the first three individuals to finish were presented by General Sir Basil Eugster who also acted as starter.

A brave fifth was the best place achieved by the Army Athletic Association in its cross-country match against the Universities Athletic Union and Wing Colleges. Lieutenant Grant—second in the Army trials—took this place. The UAU came 1st, 2nd and 4th and Wing Colleges' F Brady was 3rd. With placings of 5th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, the Army came third in the team scores.

## JUDO

There was a win and a defeat for the Army Judo Association team in a three-cornered struggle with British Judo Association (North East Area) and York. The Army beat North East Area 6-4 but lost 7-3 to York. Representing the Army were Cpl R Jarman (RE), Jun L/Cpl K McDonald (JLR RE), Pte D Jenkins (ACC), Sgt G Bryson (RE), SI J McKenzie (APTC), Cpl D Castello (RAOC), L/Cpl M Williams (RE), SI G Harrison (APTC), Cpl S Browning (Para) and Cpl T Dolan (RAOC).

## SWIMMING

Top Army swimmer Tpr Dave Herron (QDG) was beached for a couple of months from September to December with a broken leg . . . sustained playing football. From the gloomy side of his plaster of Paris, Tpr Herron told SOLDIER: "I just twisted my ankle and that was it." But he was soon up and about again. Tpr Herron holds the Army 800 and 400 metres freestyle records, the inter-Services 400 metres freestyle record, the Rhine Army 800, 400 and 200 metres freestyle records and the 200 metres individual medley record.

## GYMNASTICS

The Army gymnastic team triumphed in a match against Carnegie College, Leeds. And two Great Britain selections to face Bulgaria in a later match found themselves rivals on this occasion. E Arnold (Carnegie) headed the individual placings with 51.5 points and his Great Britain team-mate, L/Cpl J Purvis (Gn Hwds), was runner-up with 50 points. SSI W Norgrove (APTC), who was also a British team member for the Bulgaria match, was suffering from a shoulder injury and missed taking part on certain apparatus. But this did not stop him achieving first place on the pommels with 8.7 points. The Army's team captain, SSI J Wilson (APTC), was third in the overall individual placings. The rest of the Army team contributing to the 182.8 to 144.3 point win were SI L Donkin (APTC), L/Cpl M Atkinson (RPC) and QMSI A E Dooley (APTC) who was also team coach.

Because eligible competitors were involved in the Great Britain v Bulgaria meeting, the Army Olympic Six event was not held at the Army men's and women's gymnastic championships at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot.

Sergeant-Instructor L Donkin (APTC) won the 1st grade gymnastic competition with 89.60 points, followed by L/Cpl M Atkinson (RPC) with 87.55 and L/Sgt A McLean (RCT) with 84.75. Individual apparatus 1st grade champions were: High bar, L/Sgt McLean; rings, SI Donkin; pommel horse, SI Donkin; parallel bars, L/Cpl Atkinson; vaulting, L/Cpl Atkinson; floor exercises, Cpl J Moger (R Anglian).

Second grade gymnastic results: 1 Pte P Beck (DWR), 2 L/Cpl D Newton (RE); 3 (equal) Cpl O Harper (RE) and L/Sgt M Swann (RAC). Individual apparatus: High bar, L/Cpl Newton; parallel bars, Pte Beck; vaulting, Pte Beck; floor exercises, Pte Beck.

The Army senior team trampoline competition was won by The Duke of Wellington's Regiment A team (41.80 points) with the regiment's B team second (27.50).

Army senior individual trampoline competition: 1 SSI J McCann (APTC); 2 L/Cpl R Read (DWR), 3 L/Cpl D Rogers (RE). Senior intermediate: 1 Pte Beck, 2 Cpl J Hogg (DWR), 3 SI D Cross (APTC).

Women's Services vaulting and agility competition: 1 Cpl P Rosewell (WRAC), 2 L/Cpl A Humphries (WRAC), 3 Cpl S Jennings (WRAC). Women's Services trampoline competition: 1 Cpl Rosewell, 2 Cpl J McMahon (WRAC), 3 Pte M Nickossen (WRAC).

## CROSS COUNTRY BOAT RACE

Two men of 4 RTR swapped the armoured hulls of their tanks for the flimsy rubber hull of an inflatable boat to paddle to victory in this year's Scottish cross-country boat race which attracted 51 entries, many from the Services. After two days afloat—more or less—Corporal "Spud" Keenan and Corporal Ray Abbotts carried off the Strand Glass trophy plus £150 and the Scottish Daily Express Services Cup.

## TUG-OF-WAR

Heaving those 105mm pack-howitzers around the Malaysian jungle has obviously done the Blazers

tug-of-war team a power of good. The team from 1 Lt Bty (The Blazers), RA, emerged unbeaten champions in the tug-of-war event at a meeting between units of the Australian, New Zealand and British forces comprising 28 ANZUK Bde. Among their opponents were giant Maoris from 1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, and Jocks from 1 RHF.

## BOXING

The Regular Army beat the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve by eight bouts to two in their clash at Harrogate.

## FENCING

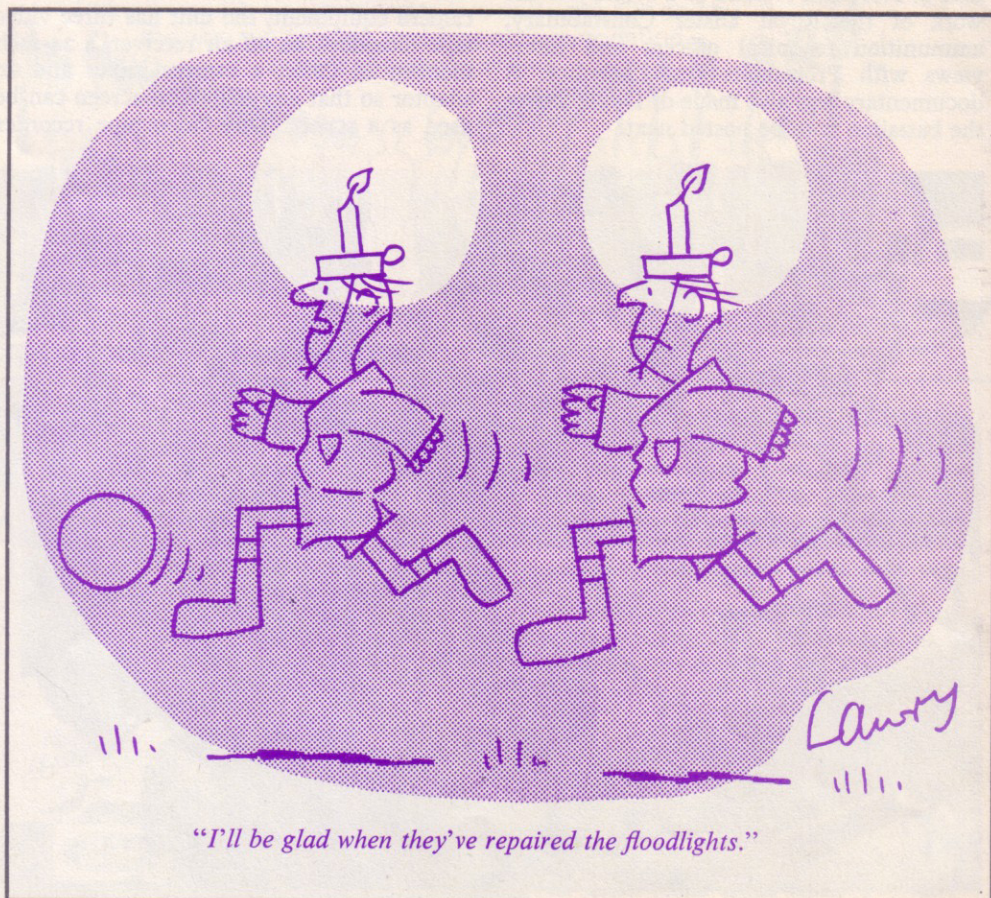
Just one point robbed the Army's fencers of victory when they met Oxford University. The final score was 14-13. Foil fencers Maj C J Friendship (ACC), SI P Brierley (APTC) and Gnr C Laird (RA) came out on top in their event with a 5-4 win. But épée fencers Maj A Bell (RE), SI Brierley and A/T F Barkas (AAC Arborfield) lost 4-5 as did the sabre trio of Maj Friendship, Maj Bell and Spr C Waterhouse (RE). A match against Cambridge University also ended in defeat for the Army fencers who scored 11 to Cambridge's 16. Fencing foil were CSMI J Cooper (APTC), SI Brierley and L/Bdr C Mitchell (RA). SI Brierley also fenced épée with A/T Cpl A Hatcher (AAC Arborfield) and Cpl S A Graham (R Sigs). Gnr Laird, CSMI Cooper and Cpl Graham fenced sabre. The scores for each section were: Army lost the foil 6-3, won the épée 6-3 and lost the sabre 7-2.

## HOCKEY

In accordance with the ruling of the Hockey Association, units in any Army Cup Competition are now allowed to use a maximum of two substitutes at any time during a match either because of injury or for tactical reasons. Substitution may be made only when a natural break in the game occurs and with the prior agreement of both umpires.

## BASKETBALL

The Army basketball team won both its fixtures during its two-day tour in Jersey. The Army scored 64 against the Jersey team's 35 and went on to beat the Jersey League team by 75 to 57.

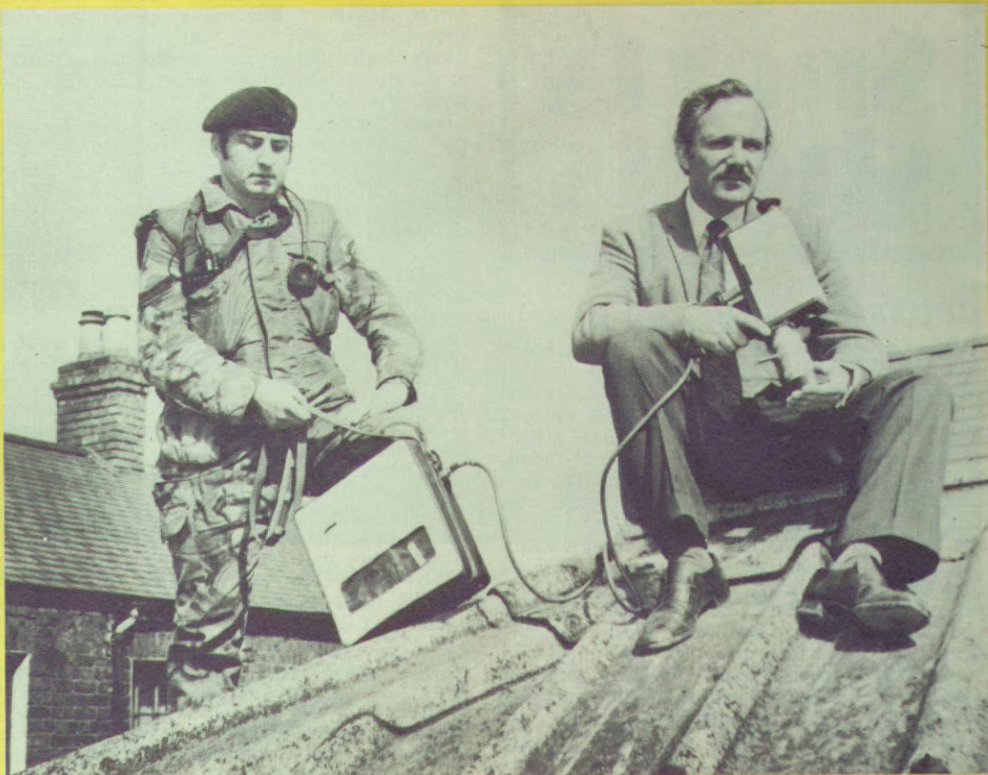


"I'll be glad when they've repaired the floodlights."



Corporal Farley and Captain Price go to any lengths to get the right camera angle—even if it means clambering on to a roof!

## Lights... Camera... Action!



**T**HE 1st Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, has been keeping families back in Germany in the picture during its latest tour of duty in the Belfast area with a weekly film report made by the battalion's public relations unit.

Under the banner "Swift and Bold Productions"—"Swift and Bold" being the battalion's motto—the unit produces 40- to 60-minute films using equipment bought at some £3500 from profits of the all-ranks "Double Inn" club at the unit's base in Celle.

Subjects have ranged from an introduction to Northern Ireland as a country to the work of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, ammunition technical officers and interviews with Protestants and Catholics. A documentary was also made of Dover where the battalion is to be posted next.

The idea of the unit films arose during the battalion's previous tour in Belfast in late 1972 when the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Pascoe, asked his public relations officer, Captain Jim Price, to investigate the uses and cost of a video tape-recorder.

Captain Price now heads the production team and does most of the exterior filming and commentary. He is assisted by Sergeant Alfie Stephenson and Corporals Keith Farley and Guy Harrison who handle the studio camera, the sound recording and all the other skills of film-making.

Besides the studio camera and portable camera equipment, the unit has three video tape recorders, an off-air receiver, a 24-inch monitor in Celle, a camera mixer and an adaptor so that any television screen can be used as a screen. One video tape recorder

is in Celle with the other two in Belfast to allow one to be used to edit film from the other.

Soundproofing for the studio has been improvised from carpet offcuts of many patterns and colours with reds and oranges predominating in the background to the films. These and various items of furniture were given by local people eager to help the project.

All the films are being kept as a permanent historical record and, as well as the feature film, a discussion film is often produced in which ten or a dozen men debate a variety of subjects in front of the camera.

It is pure coincidence that Holywood, County Down, is just a few miles from the unit's studio. But the team takes as much pride in its work as the crews in Hollywood, California.



Two soldiers ride "shotgun" as the film unit's Captain Price works in Belfast.

## Oman awards

The following awards have been made for service in the Oman:

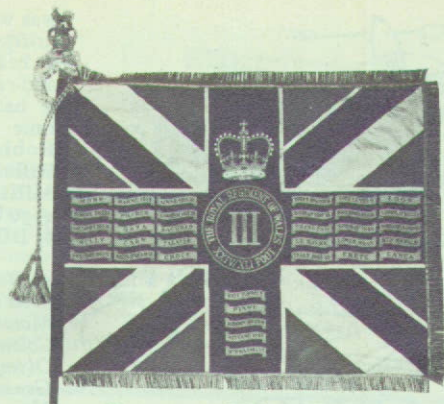
**Military Cross:** Captain S M Brogan, The Royal Anglian Regiment (now retired); Major A G A Morrison, Scots Guards.

**Military Medal:** Warrant Officer 2 M J Rees, Royal Signals.

**Mentioned in Despatches:** Sergeant A M MacLean, The Gloucestershire Regiment; Major R M Pirie, The Parachute Regiment (since deceased); Captain W T Reid, The Queens' Lancashire Regiment.



# Colours from the Prince



**W**ITHIN the walls of Cardiff Castle, against the impressive backdrop of the 1000-year-old Norman keep, Welsh Volunteer history was perpetuated as 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, received its first Colours from its Colonel-in-Chief, the Prince of Wales.

Four years earlier, at the inauguration of his regiment on the same parade ground, Prince Charles made his first appearance in Army uniform, which he was to wear a month later at his investiture as Prince of Wales. Now, as the parade awaited his arrival, and in tribute to his service in the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, the bands and

drums of the 1st and 3rd battalions played "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines" and "All the Nice Girls Love a Sailor."

From the march on of the battalion's four guards, through the Prince's inspection (and his cautious pat on meeting for the first time the battalion's goat mascot, Dewi II), the march past in quick time, advance in review order, and that awkward manoeuvre of removing headress to give three cheers, to the march off parade, the drill throughout was by any standard impeccable.

The Colours were consecrated by the Chaplain-General, the Venerable Archdeacon J R Youens, and, as an autumnal sun emerged from behind the clouds, they were received from Prince Charles (see back cover)

by Lieutenant Neil Jones (Queen's Colour) and Lieutenant Trefor Gibbons (Regimental Colour).

On the Colours are emblazoned representative battle honours of the battalion's two predecessors, The South Wales Borderers and The Welch Regiment. The Queen's Colour bears 35 honours earned in the two world wars and its pike is surmounted by the unique distinction, commanded by Queen Victoria, of the silver wreath of immortelles commemorating the gallantry of two lieutenants of the 24th Foot (South Wales Borderers) in attempting to save the Colour after the battle of Isandhlwana in 1879. The Regimental Colour carries 40 battle honours won between 1689 and 1914 with the addition of "Korea 1951-52."

The 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion of The Royal Regiment of Wales came into being in South Wales in April 1971 on expansion of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve and considers itself successor to three former Territorial Army units—2nd Battalion, The Monmouthshire Regiment, and 5th and 6th battalions of The Welch Regiment, all of which recruited from the counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth. Two other new units were also raised in April 1971—3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, in North Wales and 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, in the south-west.

Between 1967 and 1971 there had been only one composite Territorial battalion, The Welsh Volunteers, covering the whole of the Principality.

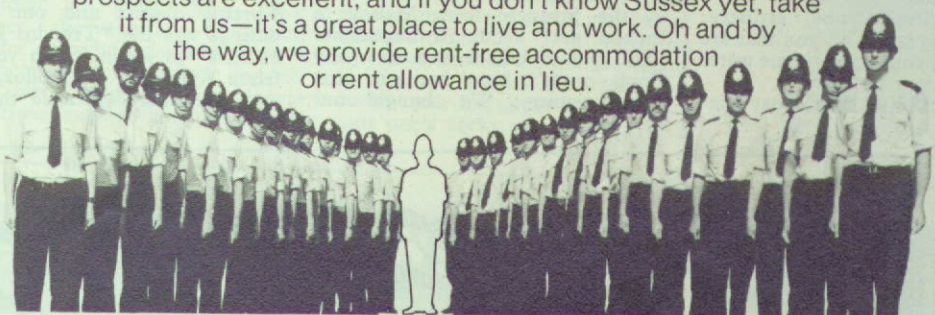
Top: The Queen's Colour with its wreath of immortelles and III for 3rd Battalion.

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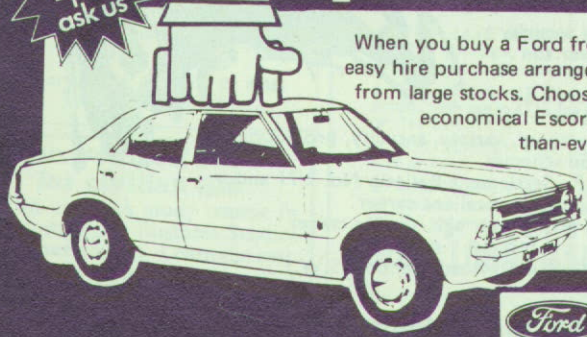
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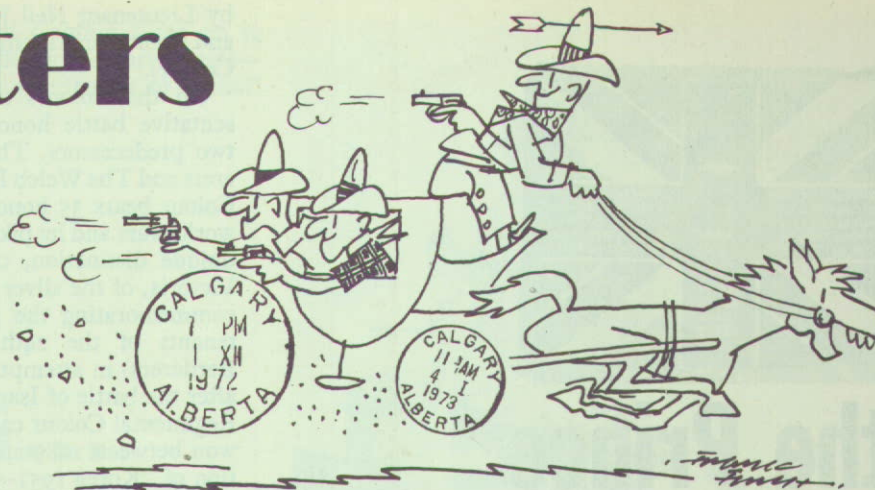
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# Letters



## Music without words

My father served in the Royal Tank Corps from 1925 to 1932, largely in India. In my "high-chair" circa 1942-1943 we had "Church parade" every Sunday morning—complete with a run-through of all the "calls of the day." It has occurred to me that while soldiers of my father's pre-1939 "Empire" vintage might know the words of the calls, others don't and never have done. So there seems to be some danger of these "words" being lost to posterity, as indeed much of the music of Cromwell's New Model Army is already lost. By "words" I mean those unofficial "words" dreamed up by soldiers to fit the music of the call, for example "Come to the cookhouse door, boys, come to the cookhouse door." Taxing my father's memory, he came up with the following:

1 The cavalry reveille, long and short. These calls are good music by any standards but the only words I can remember are: "Rise, soldiers, rise and put your armour on."

2 Infantry reveille. More than one: "Get out of bed and show a leg, you lazy lubbers" and "Charley, Charley, get out of bed."

3 Stables, cavalry and artillery: "Come to the stable all you that are able and give your horses some water and corn."

4 Letters: "A letter from lousy Liz-

zie, a letter from lousy Lou."

5 Defaulters: "You can be a defaulter as long as you like as long as you answer your name."

6 General salute at guard changing: "Stand to the old guard, here comes the new, don't make a mess of the general salute."

7 Officers mess: "Officers' wives get puddings and pies and sergeants' wives get skilly."

8 Fall in: "Fall in A, fall in B, fall in every companee!"

9 Picquet and guard. "Come and do a picquet, boys, come and do a guard. You think it's something easy, boys, you'll find it's something hard."

Can any readers remember or supply alternatives? The "words" of many purely cavalry calls on the trumpet must now be almost lost. Perhaps a "last-ditch" attempt on the part of some very elderly ex-troopers will preserve them.—H W Dodsworth, 15 Mereworth Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9PL.

## Korea today

Apropos of your articles on Korea few people probably realise that some 300 to 400 of us were taken by the Japanese from Malaya to Inchon and Seoul in September 1942. Never before had so many "long noses" been seen in that tragic country. We thought our

plight was bad enough but it was a shade better than that of the Koreans except that perhaps they had better facilities for keeping warm than we had!

To those of us who spent three long years in that inhospitable, barren country which had been stripped of everything useful by the Japanese, "the changing face of Seoul" as portrayed in your July number seems almost incomprehensible. However, it is good to see Koreans enjoying some prosperity—goodness knows they had little enough of it when I was there!—Lieut-Col I G Thomas, Fairway, 3 Highland Road, Heath End, Farnham, Surrey.

## Home of the Gods

In an article on Cyprus headed "In the Home of the Gods" (SOLDIER, June) the author refers to Troodos "being overlooked by Mount Olympus, legendary home of the ancient gods." Surely that Mount Olympus is in North Central Greece whence all the legends. When we were in Cyprus in 1964 and 1967 we used to operate in Kyrenia district and one of our outings was the "Troodos Double-Header" to attain which you went from Kyrenia to Troodos, ski-ed and, inevitably (because the snow

was wet), did a header into a snow-drift, then drove to Limassol, did a header into the Mediterranean and returned to Kyrenia. To qualify, it had to be completed within a time limit.—Lieut-Col N A Robinson, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Vancouver Militia District Headquarters, 4050 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver 8, BC, Canada.

★ Despite the claims of local inhabitants in Cyprus that theirs is the godly Mount Olympus you are quite right, Colonel, in pointing out that the Olympian seat of the gods is in Greece. This is confirmed by both the New Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology and Pears Cyclopaedia. Says Pears: Mount Olympus (9753ft), highest mountain in Greece, on border of Thessaly and Macedonia, near Aegean coast, regarded by ancient Greeks as home of the Olympian gods.

## Where's the oompah?

Under the bludgeonings of Mr Brodie of Ottawa (Letters, June) my head is bloody but unbowed. I still maintain that the addition of a string section *does* destroy the characteristic military band sound. You can't chuck half a dozen scrapers into a blow band, and in a leading role at that, without the true sound suffering any more than you could add a set of pipes to a string quartet without something going.

In fact Mr Brodie admits this later in his letter when he says: "This (the added section) gives the band a highly individualistic sound—not better than the wind band, but different, wonderful!" This is in paraphrase of what I said. If the sound is *different*, then you have got to get rid of the old sound for the different one. "Not better than the wind band"—true enough; "wonderful"—very much a matter of opinion.

Misrepresentation? Well... it's true there is mention of the strings in "In Concert" and another one whose title I cannot remember, but you have got to handle them to find

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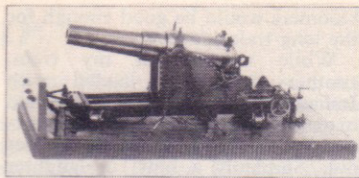
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## Under the hammer

This fine model of a muzzle-loading coast defence gun (circa 1870) constructed by J Mendez (circa 1920) fetched £600 at auction at Messrs Wallis and Wallis's sale rooms in Lewes, Sussex. Other examples of Mendez's work can be seen at the Imperial War Museum. Three coatees worn by Major Henry Court



(1783-1874) were bought by the Royal Artillery Institution for £125 and a Georgian military bass drum reputed to have been carried at Waterloo was knocked down for £105.

out; if you order unseen you are lumbered. In "This Royal Throne of Kings" there is no mention made anywhere and I spent a lot of time and replays trying to diagnose that creepy sound up top in "P & C No 1," and the dismal noise in the first Trio of "P & C No 4." It sounded like fiddles and 'cello respectively but it couldn't have been—not in a military band. It was only when I saw "In Concert" (which is not only bestrung but mercilessly hacked about) that I knew my diagnosis was right. The standard marches on this record are played by the proper band, which is one of the finest ever, and certainly have "enough oompah to last anyone a lifetime."

I do not agree with Mr Brodie's point about a symphony orchestra playing a stringless movement and still being an orchestra. Of course it still is, just as, say, the gunners could play a wood-windless theme and still be a military band. It's the addition, not the subtraction that alters the type of unit.—**Geoffrey H Clark, Bozen Green, Braughing, Ware, Herts, SG11 2QX.**

## Fabulous uniforms

Since publication of my letter in the June SOLDIER I have received 279 letters from soldiers in London, Colchester, Windsor, Camberley, Chester, Portsmouth and from as far afield as British Columbia, Canada, Arizona, Finland and Germany, all concurring with my idea of what con-

stitutes smart kit. The most enthusiastic correspondence, however, has come from the Household Cavalry and the Royal Military Police, which is even more heartening.—**Cpl Bill Tawse, Flat 14, Elm Park House, Fulham Road, London SW10.**

## GS Medal bars

The heading, as above, to the letter from Mr Rimmer (August) is a misnomer! The medal concerned is obviously the British War Medal (1914-20) which has often erroneously been referred to as the 1914-19 General Service Medal. When the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force) was approved for issue for service in Palestine from 1936 onwards, a demand on the RAOC depot in Egypt in 1940 for GS Medal ribbon was met by the supply of ribbon for the British War Medal of World War One—so common had become the error in some minds!

To quote from "British Battles and Medals" by Major Gordon, the British War Medal, which carries no bar, commemorates some of the most terrible battles the world has ever known—the casualties in the Ypres salient and on the Somme from 1915 to 1918 were more than the total for World War Two. Further, the question of giving bars for certain battles and theatres of operations was raised and 68 bars were suggested for naval operations and 79 for the Army.

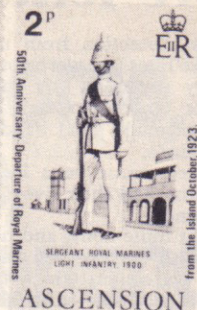
This idea was however dropped in 1923 because of the expense involved. Major Gordon asked when, in those days of bombing and long-range artillery, a man was in a battle and when was he not? The transport driver bombed and shelled at Poperinghe, behind the Ypres salient, would have had some interesting things to say if bars had been issued and he did not receive one for Ypres! As Mr Rimmer indicated, the medal was also given for service after 1918, it being awarded to naval members of a mission to Russia in 1919-20 and for mine clearance in the North Sea 11 - 30 November 1919.

Some resentment has been shown over the years regarding the General Service Medal and of its non-issue to cover certain active operations overseas. Possibly at the time of the Irish Rebellion it might have been argued that those operations were within the confines of the British Isles and were unwarranted for consideration for a special medal, yet I understand that in very recent years the operations in Northern Ireland have received recognition by a medal award. It is difficult to judge the circumstances obtaining at the time of happening.

Conversely, one could quote cases of personnel passing ex-India through Egypt on their way home during World War Two who were detained at the base depot, Ismailia, spending perhaps a couple of months there awaiting transport home-wards, thus qualifying for the award of the Africa Star—many many miles from the fighting line. It is such instances which tend to lessen the value of some campaign medals.—**Capt H W Corke, 249 Marlborough Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 5HS.**

## Bombay bloomers

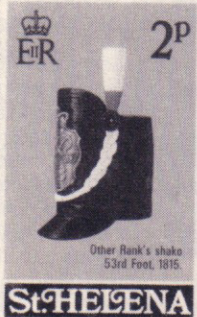
Cpl Bill Tawse's adverse comments on the Bombay bloomer (July) prompt me to say that I and lots of others did not like them either but when we were in Burma they came in damned useful. At night one could lower the upper half and tuck into one's socks, or hosetops, and



## Stamps

Ascension Island has issued four stamps in values of 2p, 6p, 12p and 20p to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the departure of the Royal Marines from the island. The lime green 2p shows a Royal Marines sergeant of 1900; the emerald green 6p a private of 1816; the light blue 12p an officer of the Royal Marines Light Infantry of 1880, and the lilac 20p a colour-sergeant of the Royal Marine Artillery, 1910.

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this was protection from mosquito and snake bites (we were not allowed to carry trousers, by order of Brigadier Orde Wingate); also the spare legs made good bandages for open wounds. I bet there must be a lot of old-timers who had their lives saved by the bloomers. I brought mine home and had a few laughs with them—even used them as bird scarers, in which role they also did a good job.—David Wilson (ex-Fourteenth Army—the “Forgotten Army”), 13 Weltje Road, Hammersmith, London, W6 9TG.

In Mr Albert Parker’s letter (August) mention is made that topees and shorts were not worn in the British Army after 1948. I wish to point out that while serving in Khartoum with the 15th/19th King’s Royal

Hussars we wore topees and shorts on parade until 1949 and it was said that we were the last regiment in the British Army to wear topees. —F Gardner, 2 Riverside Cott, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall.

The correspondence on Bombay bloomers brings to mind an incident which though I did not find amusing at the time I have had many a laugh over since. During the early part of World War Two my battalion, stationed in India, was issued with these “monstrosities” although we avoided wearing them as much as possible.

Some time later I was granted sick leave after a bout of malaria and decided to spend my two weeks in Lahore. Travelling by train in India, as many an old soldier will recall, was a dreary, dusty and mucky business, and I decided to save my best, well-tailored, khaki drill, white duck suit, and No 1 dress to wear on leave. My Bombay

bloomers would be good enough for the long train journey.

While waiting for my train, another pulled in loaded with Italian prisoners some of whom had managed to open the heavily shuttered windows sufficiently to peer out. Suddenly a howl of laughter went up and I realised that the object of their mirth was my Bombay bloomers. That did it! I disappeared into the toilet and changed into a pair of pre-war KD slacks to emerge looking more like a soldier than something out of comic opera!—J J Stokes, 15 Charterhouse Road, Stoke, Coventry.

The RAF had names for the long and short of shorts referred to by one correspondent. Short shorts were “Betty Grables,” long shorts “Group Captains.” In the RAF, officers referred to fellow Army officers as “Brown Jobs,” other ranks used “swaddy” or “squaddy,”

the former perhaps being the more common. Does any one know which is correct and what is the origin?—F R Rood (ex-RAF 221 Group South East Asia Forces) 104 Cherry Garden Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Forgotten favourites

I have in my record and tape library well over 200 long-play records of military band music from the United Kingdom, Europe and Canada but I still lack a number of well-known selections that, to my knowledge, have not been recorded. I wonder why one of the excellent British Army bands does not include some of the following in a future release: “Vimy Ridge” by Bidgood, “Preciosa” (Devery), “To the Front” (Hume), “Dunkirk” (Lotter), “Ridgewood” (Plater), “Argandab” (Thompson), “Coronel” (Zehle), “Nights of Gladness,” “Whistler and His Dog,” “Chu Chin Chow” and another favourite, “Jolly Coppersmith.”

If any readers would like to enter into correspondence with me with a view to exchanging selections on tape I would be pleased to hear from them. I am equipped to supply “open reel tapes,” four-track mono or stereo, or cassettes mono or stereo.—Frank G Barratt, 909 Ave Painchaud, Quebec City, Quebec, G1S 4L7, Canada.

Royal British Legion

When our World War Two and later servicemen return to “civvy street” they seem to leave behind the comradeship of the Services.

I am thinking particularly of their extreme reluctance to help the Royal British Legion as did so many of their forebears from World War One. It is still mainly these veterans who are the legion’s mainstay today. Look around the streets on Poppy Day. How many ex-Servicemen and women of World War Two vintage are selling poppies? How many of the veterans of Korea, Malaya, Aden, Cyprus, Northern Ireland are out helping the Legion?

When I was a boy between the wars, the British Legion always had a big contingent at the Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph, but now the Royal British Legion contingent numbers about half a dozen elderly men of the 1914-1918 era. At least that is the case in my home town of Birkenhead.

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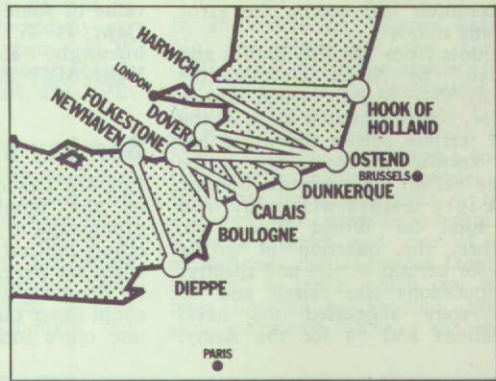
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will not even buy a poppy. The officials of the Royal British Legion are much too dignified and gentlemanly to write as I have done but the message must be driven home to these self-centred ex-servicemen and women—support the Legion or it will die. Move smartly down to your local Legion office. You are needed urgently.—**Charles Gopsill, 12 Hastings Avenue, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.**

## Calling Railwaymen

I wonder if, through your magazine, it would be possible to contact former Royal Engineers who were involved with railways from 1939 to the present day. I am interested in unearthing facts and details of history about certain War Department railway locomotives. These were the 0-6-0 steam tanks which served in France in 1940, the diesel 0-6-0 shunters and the 8F 2-8-0 heavy freight steam locomotives. All had their origins in the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and odd examples still survive to this day. These locomotives saw service in countries ranging from Egypt, Iran, Italy, Palestine, Suez and Turkey to Western Germany in latter years. Most of them were sold to the countries to which they were sent when hostilities ceased in 1945 but there was a nucleus of operating and workshop activity until 1954-56 and Suez. If any readers are interested I would be pleased to hear from them.—**G Toms, 21 Tiverton Road, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 2RU.**

## Uniform prints

Some time ago SOLDIER printed an order form for a set of "Uniforms of the Scots Guards" coloured prints at, if I recall, £5 the set. I meant to place an order but mislaid the form. Can I still get them?—"Dundee." Yes. The set of ten "Uniforms of the Scots Guards" is still available from HQ Scots Guards, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1. The price, including packing and postage, remains at £5.00.

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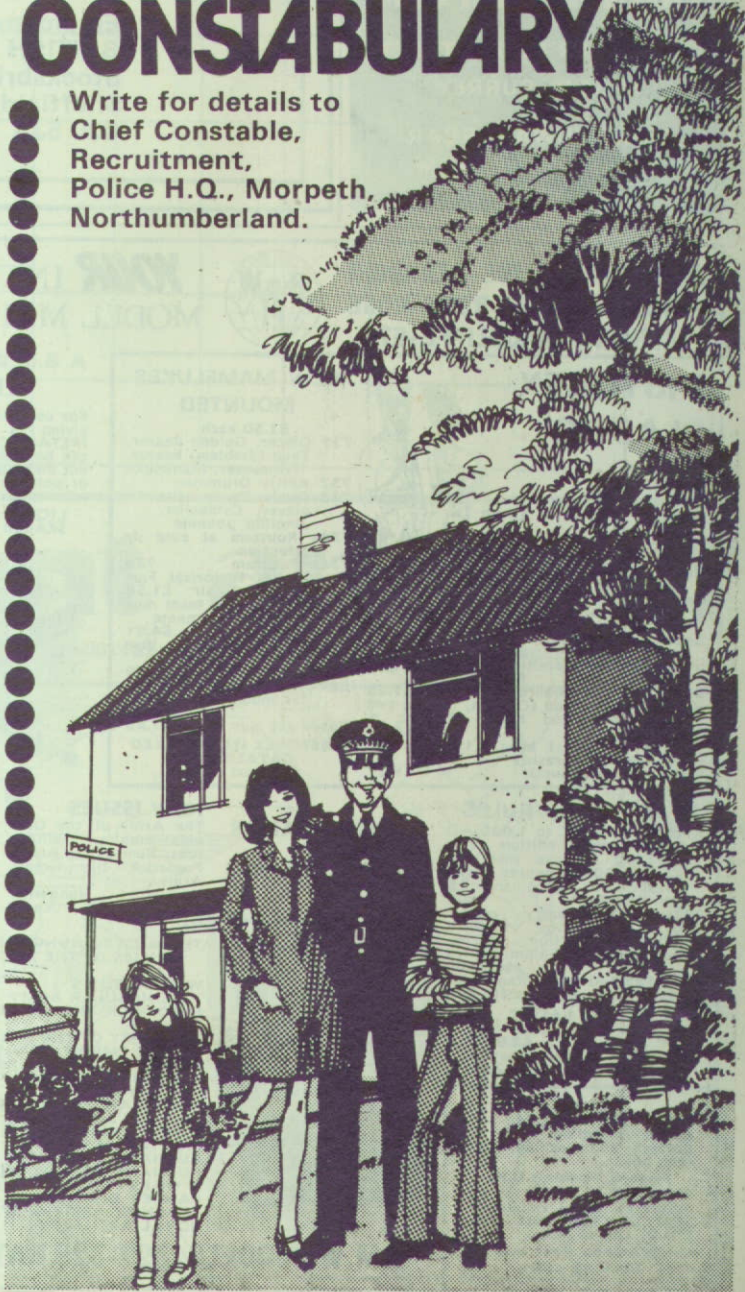
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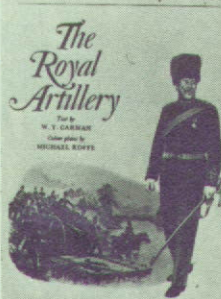
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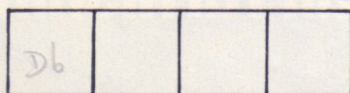
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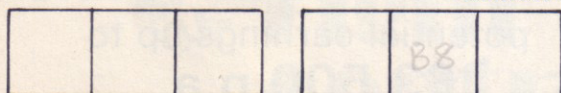
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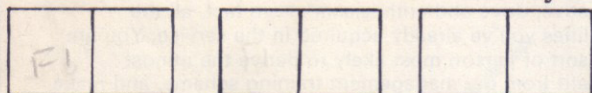
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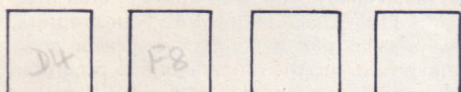
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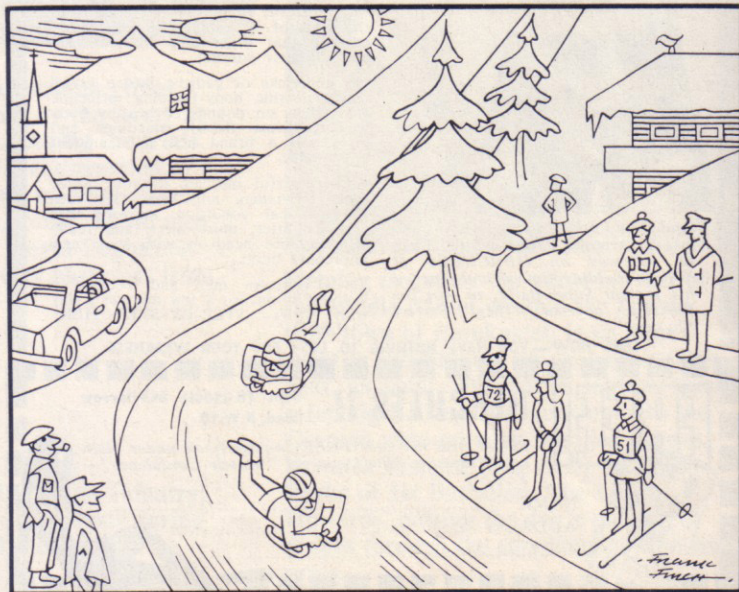
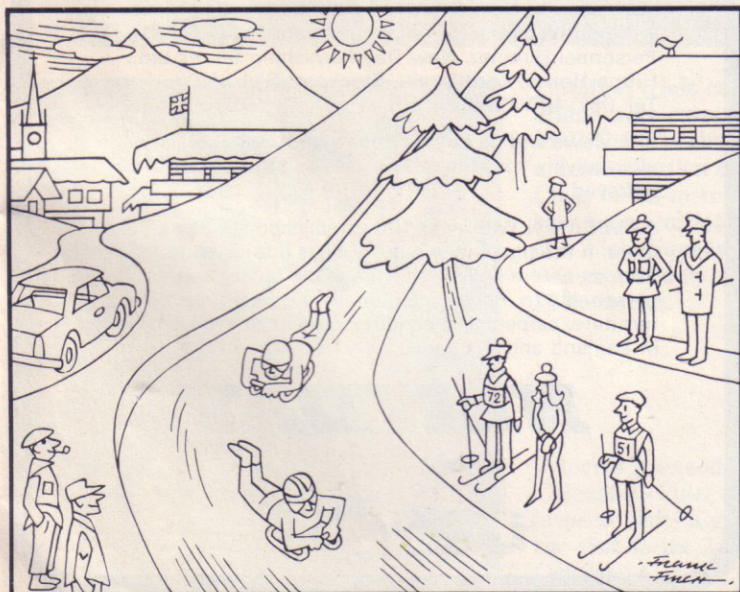
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These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences, see page 43.





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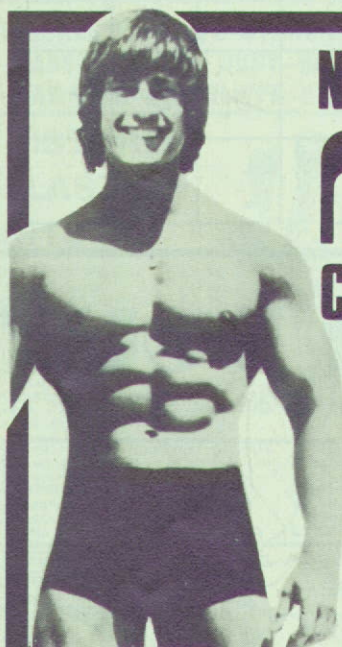
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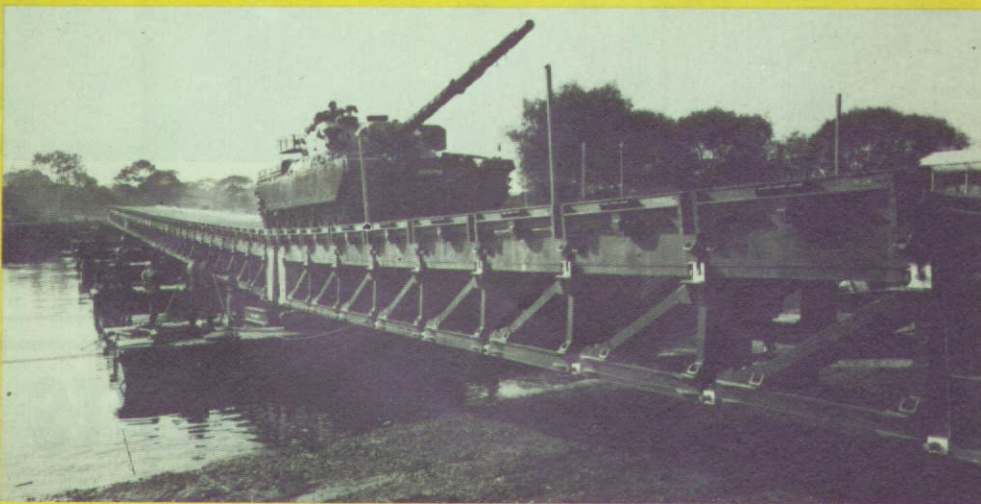




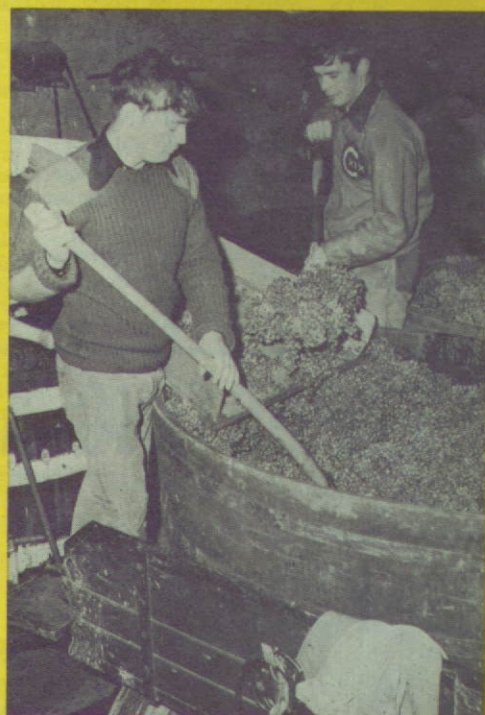


# Left, right and centre

Men of 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, exercising in Arctic conditions. Not a photograph but a realistic painting by Michael Rhys-Jenkins, son of the World War One artist, Griffiths Rhys-Jenkins. It was commissioned by the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Nigel Stistead, to commemorate a three-year tour of duty with NATO Ace Mobile Force (Land) which included many exercises in these conditions.



Flotation trials of the medium girder bridge were carried out by the Army at MVEE Christchurch. During the trials a demonstration of the construction of a Class 60 88-metre-long medium girder bridge on Uniflote pontoons, by 48 men of 3 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, was attended by military observers from 12 countries.



Helping to gather the grape harvest of the middle Mosel, around the famous wine town of Bernkastel, is an annual event in the Rhine Army calendar. This year, as usual, 300 British soldiers spent a fortnight living and working with the German wine-growing families. Above, Privates Richard Haw (left) and Tony Parks of 1st Battalion, The Green Howards, putting the day's picking of grapes through the shredder into the wine press.



Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Light Infantry, inspects (left) a guard of honour during her visit to the 2nd Battalion at Colchester.



# Left, right and centre

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One million miles of motoring, mostly on Singapore's chock-a-block roads and with only seven minor bumps. That is the proud boast of the tri-nation ANZUK Base Transport Platoon. The platoon has 139 vehicles and most of its drivers are locally enlisted civilians. Above, Staff-Sergeant Brian Bailey, UK driver-testing officer, takes the wheel of one of the unit's articulated trucks.



In a scene reminiscent of bygone days, men of 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, marched from the railway station to their

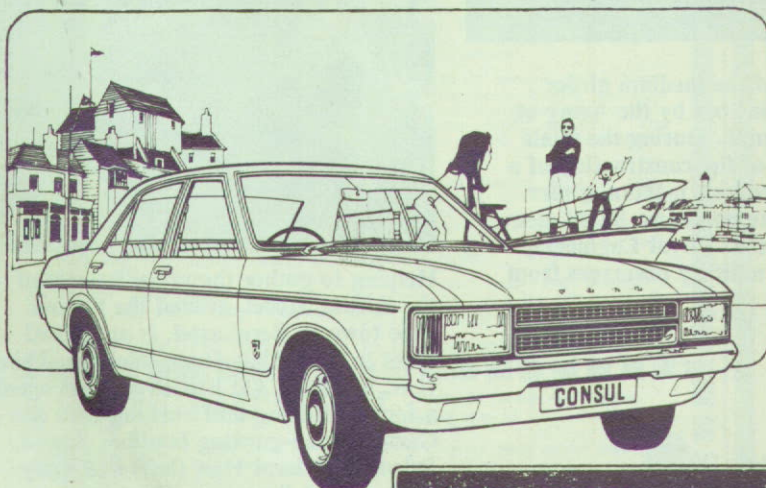
barracks at Windsor when they returned from a recent tour of duty in Northern Ireland.



These three wenches in old-time costume, carried aloft by a group of Royal Greenjackets, took part in London's Lord Mayor's Show. The girls, in 18th century

parlour-maid uniforms, accompanied the Greenjackets in handing out buns and bangers and urging young passers-by to join the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve.

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Burma was the scene in World War Two of one of the greatest British feats of arms in one of the hardest campaigns ever fought. Before Slim's march of conquest, however, there was the harrowing retreat to the north before the might of the Imperial Japanese Army.

Colonel Mains, a former officer of the 9th Gurkhas commanding a small intelligence unit, tells his own story of that retreat, the longest in the British Army's history. It is a tale of dogged courage and fortitude in the face of overwhelming difficulties, not by any means a detailed history but a graphic personal account. Not the least valuable part is Colonel Mains's vivid account of the "last ditchers" of Rangoon, a story never before given complete coverage.

Retreats are never happy affairs but he tells his story with objectivity and good humour and throws quite a lot of new light on this subject. *W Foulsham & Co Ltd, Yeovil Road, Slough, Bucks, £2.20 JCW*

## LOST RECORDS

**"Machine Gunner, 1914-1918"** (Compiler, C E Crutchley)

The Machine Gun Corps was created in 1915 and lasted three years. During this time 170,500 officers and men served in its ranks and 62,049 became casualties.

Two separate disasters destroyed the records of the corps. In this book, survivors strive to recreate something of those records by putting their memories on paper. It says something for their spirit that they should go to this trouble after 55 years.

They were proud to be known as "suicide squads." They developed their own techniques of war, including the machine-gun barrage. This was first tried on the Western Front in 1916, when ten Vickers guns kept up a continuous barrage for 12 hours, firing just short of a million rounds. In the first Battle of Cambrai there was a barrage of 100 guns firing 500 rounds a minute each, but we are not told for how long.

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## "PEOPLE'S WAR"

**"Subversion"** (Ian Greig)

The author covers the development of "people's war" and examines the situation as it is today across the world. Conveniently topical is his assessment of some of the "new revolutionaries" in Britain, notably the Trotskyist groups who are making special efforts to infiltrate key trade unions, among them those of the electrical workers, motor industry, journalists, teachers and local government officers.

It is also useful to be reminded that behind the scenes of the Civil Rights and IRA (both kinds) movements in Ireland are string-pullers whose main political affiliations are to communist and other left wing revolutionary groups.

The author uses the Olympic Games massacre in Munich as an

illustration of how the odds are loaded against the security forces in attempting preventive action. He looks at the problems of levelling those odds and leaves the reader feeling gloomy that the solutions are a very long way away.

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## NO SHORT CUT

**"Haig as Military Commander"** (James Marshall-Cornwall)

Field-Marshal Earl Haig has been severely criticised for the tremendous casualties suffered through his policy of wearing down the enemy. But even Churchill, one of Haig's leading critics, had to admit that "no other subject of the King could have endured the ordeal which was his lot with the phlegm, the temper



and the fortitude of Sir Douglas Haig."

In what must be the first really dispassionate account of Haig's leadership, General Marshall-Cornwall shows that Haig took the only course open to him. It was a long and painful process with unprecedented casualty lists, but there was no short cut. A lesser man might well have been deflected by the glib persuasion of Lloyd George who sought to transfer British divisions to other theatres to win quick successes. But Haig was quite correct when he said "We cannot hope to win until we have defeated the German Army."

The author agrees that a perhaps more valid criticism of Haig is that he protracted his offensives unduly, particularly those of 1916 and 1917. But Haig was under pressures which he could not reject.

The author compares Haig to General Ulysses S Grant, the victor in the American Civil War, who has also been stigmatised as a "bloody butcher." Both, he says, were of shy and withdrawn character, both essentially kindly and humane, both had the quality of inflexible determination to attain their goals. *B T Batsford Ltd, 4 Fitzhardinge Street, London, W1H 0AH, £5.00 JCW*

## PANZERS

**"Armoured Fighting Vehicles of the World, Volume 5: German AFVs of**



**World War II"** (Edited by Duncan Crow)

**"Wehrmacht Illustrated 6: Panzerkampfwagen (German Combat Tanks 1939-1945)"** (J Williamson)

In a thought-provoking study of the achievements of German armour, Brigadier H B C Watkins, one of the expert contributors to Volume 5 of this excellent series, emphasises that it was the harshness of the Versailles Treaty which brought about a German rethinking of land warfare. In the light of the 100,000 men Germany was permitted to have under arms, armour became an essential. So were born the Panzers.

Brigadier Watkins highlights the brilliance of individual tank generals, backed up by sound training and an imaginative equipment programme. It was fortunate for the allies that reactionary forces in the German High Command refused to grasp the true significance of the role of large armoured formations. He emphasises, however, that despite the dangers of training to win a war already fought, we must recognise that there is still much to be learned from the German armoured experience of 1919 to 1945.

For this reason, this study is probably the most enlightening in the series. First come the profiles of the Panzers, including armoured cars and self-propelled guns mounted on tank chassis, written by Major-General N W Duncan, Walter J Spielberger, John F Milsom, Chris Ellis, Peter Chamberlain and Hilary L Doyle. Mr Crow contributes an

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## ON BOTH SIDES

**"With the German Guns"** (Herbert Sulzbach)

Herr Sulzbach is probably unique in that he held a commission in the German Army in World War One and in the British Army at the end of World War Two. The diaries he kept on the Western Front were published in Germany in 1935 and well received, even by Nazi editors who probably did not realise that he was a member of a Jewish banking family.

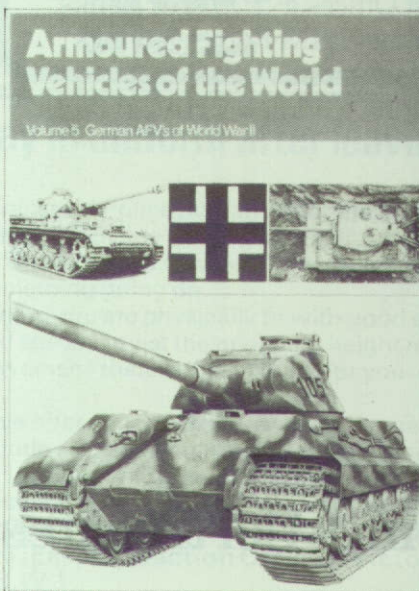
He fled to Britain in 1937 and unsuccessfully offered his book for translation. The climate was not right. In 1939 he was interned, but became a private in the Royal Pioneer Corps a year later. In 1944 he became interpreter at a prisoner-of-war camp and began "converting" Nazi officers. He and a group of his "converts" are still active today in the field of Anglo-German relations.

His diaries record many battles, beginning with one in which the British "fired" an unmanned locomotive at a trainload of German sappers.

He is full of patriotic fervour and sentimental over his military friendships and apparently happy relations with the French and Belgians whose territory was occupied. When it was all over and he wore his uniform for the last time, "I felt I was walking to my own funeral."

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"The English Civil War" (R Potter and G A Embleton)

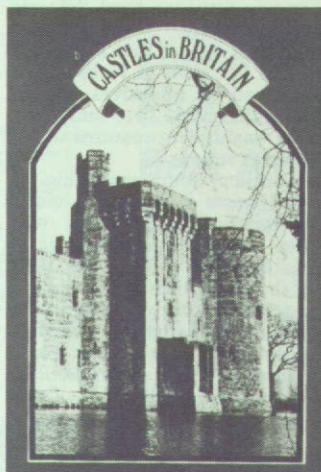
This is an invaluable compendium for wargamers and students interested in the turbulent days of the 17th century. Concise and comprehensive, it gives a great deal of hard-to-obtain information on the flags, weapons and costumes of both Roundhead and Cavalier. Apart from interesting details on architecture, transport, furniture and the arts generally, there are fascinating character studies of the leading military figures of the period—Essex, Hopton, Montrose, Cromwell, Fairfax and Rupert.

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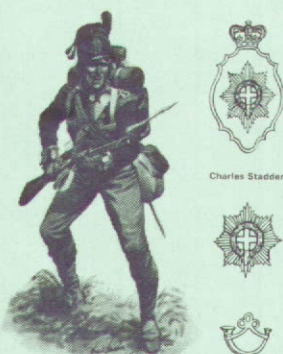
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uninitiated it means 4th Corps, 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion, Company B, 11th vehicle. It is a good example of the comprehensive system of numbering which operated in the US Army and US Marine Corps during the war.

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