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FRONT COVER

Corporal Sally Waters (21), of 68 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, won the Women's Royal Army Corps individual small-bore rifle championship this year, regaining the title she held in 1971. She is pictured here as a member of the WRAC team in the Inter-Services championship in which she came fourth, dropping only nine points.

Picture by Martin Adam.



BACK COVER

A Starnet tower looms out of the evergreens in a German woodland. A wintry sun glints on the dishes' mushroom-like covers as a crescent moon competes for sky-space to the left of the structure. The tower is a vital link in the radio relay system which is revolutionising telecommunications for the Army in Germany.

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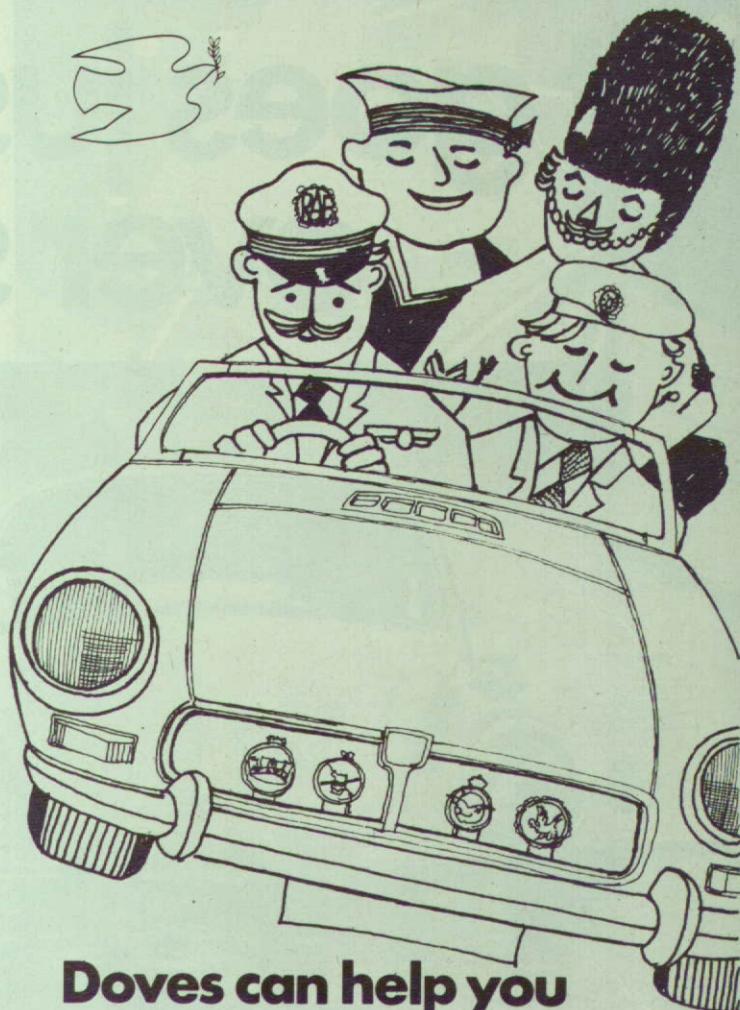
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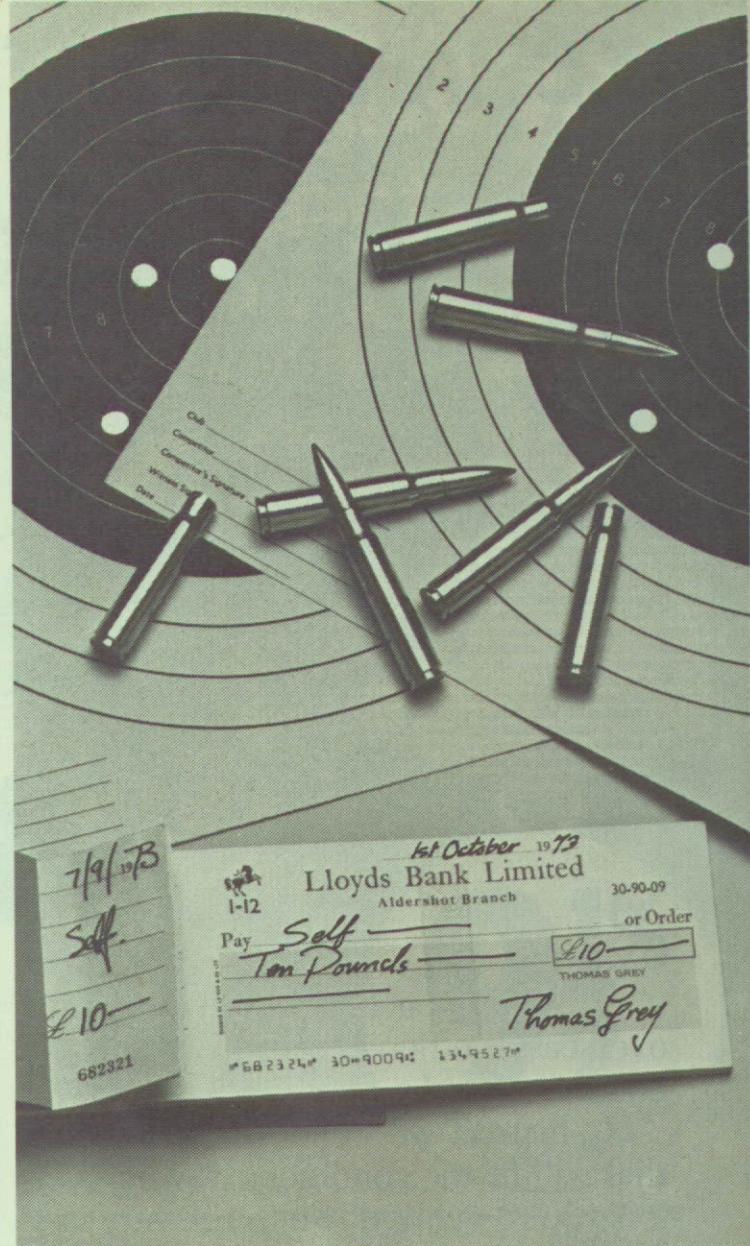
In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment. Amendments and additions to previous lists are indicated in bold type.

APRIL 1974

- 22 King's Troop RHA salute, Hyde Park, London (Queen's birthday).
- 22 Glasgow KAPE Show (Royal Signals motorcycle team White Helmets, Golden Lions freefall team, band) (22-29 April).
- 23 Royal Regiment of Fusiliers tercentenary celebrations, Lancashire (23-28 April)—2nd Battalion band and drums in Bury, 23 April (display and opening of Fusiliers exhibition); in Rochdale, 24 April (display and concert); in Salford, 25 April (display and concert). New freedom deed and regimental march through Bury, 27 April; Gallipoli parade service Bury Parish Church and march past, 28 April.
- 24 Music group/singer contest finals, BBC Playhouse Theatre, London (24-25 April).
- 28 Burma remembrance parade, Horse Guards Parade to Cenotaph, London.
- 30 King's Troop RHA salute, Windsor (State visit, Queen of Denmark).

MAY 1974

- 1 Ayr Agricultural Show (White Helmets, Golden Lions, two bands, pipe band) (1-2 May).
- 2 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, tattoo, Dover Castle (2-4 May).
- 3 Newark Agricultural Show (display team, band) (3-4 May).
- 4 Queen Margrethe II of Denmark presents Colours to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (Volunteer) battalions, The Queen's Regiment, Armoury House, London, followed by privilege march through City of London.
- 4 Freedom of Auchterarder, The Black Watch.
- 5 Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Association 50th anniversary dedication and wreath-laying, cavalry memorial, Hyde Park, London.
- 10 Recruiting display, Edinburgh (Blue Arrows motorcycle display team 11, 18-19 May; Golden Lions 11-12, 14-19 May; Junior Para gymnastic team, three bands) (10-20 May).
- 10 Royal Windsor Show (King's Troop RHA) (10-11 May).
- 11 St Albans Grammar School Fête (Junior Para PT team).
- 11 Pontypridd Army Display (Royal Artillery motorcycle team, Red Devils freefall team, two bands) (11-12 May).
- 13 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, KAPE, Yorkshire (band, drums, company) (13-25 May).
- 15 West Midland Agricultural Show, Shrewsbury (RCT Silver Stars freefall team, band) (15-16 May).
- 15 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 18 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band).
- 18 Long Eaton Carnival, Derby (display team, band) (18-19 May).
- 18 Swansea Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles helicopter team, two bands) (18-19 May).
- 18 TAVR massed bands, pipe bands beat Retreat, Stirling Castle.
- 20 General Assembly Church of Scotland, Edinburgh (band, pipe band) (20-29 May).
- 22 Film premiere "The Dove," ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, London, attended by Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, in aid of Army Benevolent Fund.
- 22 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 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, Hartman Common (band).
- 27 Southam Carnival (band).
- 27 Open day and fete, Army Apprentices College, Chepstow.
- 29 Suffolk Show, Ipswich (Red Devils, band) (29-30 May).
- 29 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 30 Queen presents new Colours, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.



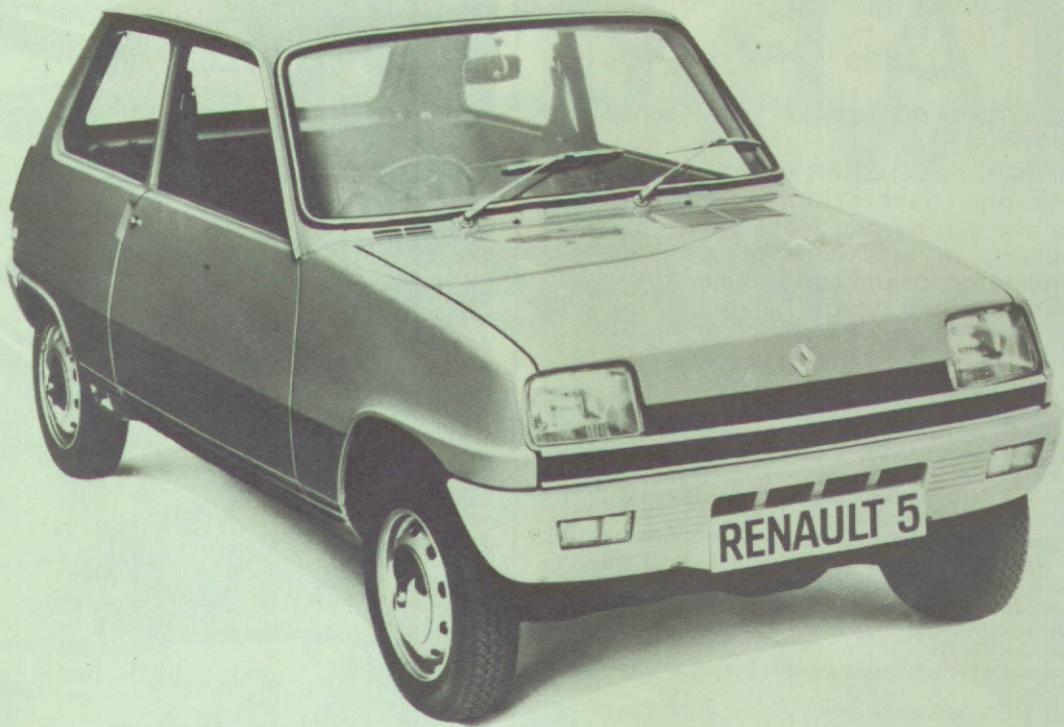
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30 Preston Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, three bands) (30 May-2 June).

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).

1 Portobello Festival (Blue Arrows, band).

1 Brechin Round Table Pageant (Blue Arrows, Golden Lions, band, pipe band, all 2 June) (1-2 June).

3 King's Troop RHA salute, Hyde Park (Coronation).

4 Massed bands, The Household Division, beat Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (4-6 June).

5 Kneller Hall band concert.

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 Longniddry Gala (Blue Arrows).

8 Tranent Gala (Blue Arrows).

8 Dumfries Gala (Blue Eagles, RMP tent-pegging, band, pipe band).

8 Cumnock Carnival, Ayrshire (RA motorcyclists, pipe band).

8 Aberdeen Festival (Golden Lions 8 June, RA motorcyclists 9 June, Blue Eagles 16 June, RMP tent-pegging 23 June, band 22 June) (8-23 June).

8 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.

8 Prestwick Air Day (Blue Eagles, RA motorcyclists, RMP tent-pegging).

8 Old Merchant Taylors Fête, Croxley Green (display team).

8 Vauxhall Motors Spectacular, Luton (display team, band).

9 Glasgow KAPE Show (Golden Lions, Red Devils, Blue Eagles 10-15, 17 June, RMP tent-pegging, RA motorcyclists 10-16 June, band, pipe band 9-15 June) (9-17 June).

9 Open Day, Scottish Infantry Depot, Glencorse (Golden Lions, band).

9 Callander Park ACF Tattoo, Falkirk (Blue Arrows, band, pipe bands).

10 King's Troop RHA salute, Hyde Park (Prince Philip's birthday).

12 Kneller Hall band concert.

14 Army Display, Stoke-on-Trent (RA Junior Leaders, two bands) (14-16 June).

14 Essex Show, Chelmsford (band) (14-15 June).

15 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.

15 Queen's Birthday Parade, Edinburgh (five bands, two pipe bands).

15 Coventry Carnival (band).

15 National Steam Traction Show, Aberdeen (band).

15 Larkhall Gala, Lanarkshire (Golden Lions, band).

18 Massed bands, The Light Division, sound Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (18-20 June).

18 Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh (RMP tent-pegging, band, three pipe bands) (18-21 June).

18 Riding of Marches, Linlithgow (Blue Eagles, band).

18 Melrose Gala (Blue Eagles, band).

19 Lincolnshire Agricultural Show, Lincoln (band) (19-20 June).

19 Kneller Hall band concert.

21 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (21-22 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).

25 Royal Signals freedom march, Richmond, Yorkshire.

26 Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich (display team, band) (26-27 June).

26 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.

28 Aldershot Army Display (King's Troop RHA, White Helmets, RMP tent-pegging, gymnastic display, Silver Stars 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 Whitburn Gala, West Lothian (band).

29 Galashiels Gala (Blue Eagles, band).

29 Princess Anne opens new TAVR Centre, Worksop.

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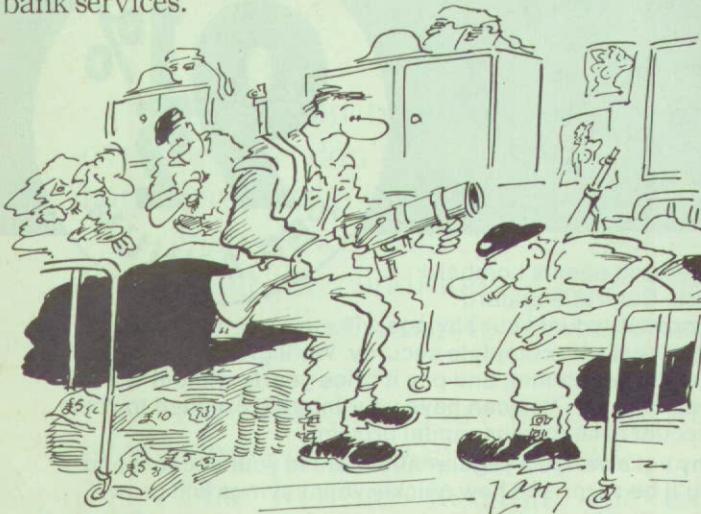
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Charitable work within the Army, as outside it, has never attracted much publicity beyond the case details, necessarily cloaked in a dull anonymity, periodically issued by the Army Benevolent Fund and given in corps and regimental magazines. Perhaps the knowledge that corps and regimental associations, backed by the Army Benevolent Fund, are always there to help in need, is sufficient assurance for the soldier and his family.

Though they might well have shrunk from seeking publicity themselves, it is right that the Scots Guards should have mildly hit the headlines with their "old boy network" of former officers who offer financial advice to young widows receiving large sums of compensation money. This is yet another need being met within the regiment as a follow up to the ever-present practical help in times of distress—arranging a funeral, issuing and obtaining grants—which has always been an accepted commitment of the regimental family.

Not surprisingly the soldier has in the past had problems in trying to make adequate provision for his dependants. Much more surprisingly, many of today's soldiers, more readily able to afford insurance and offered the benefits of a special scheme, have yet to take advantage of the Army Dependents Assurance Trust. They owe it to themselves and their dependants to join. Now.



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One hears of lads who have been told to put on more weight—reminiscent of the sergeant-major confronted with a Yul Brynner scalp and, not taken aback, ordering the reverse of a haircut—and now, ascribed to sweets, chips and not enough exercise, come the weak and flabby.

But the Army is unlikely to lose its sense of proportion. It has a long way to go yet before anyone need be quite as worried as when this problem arose more than a decade ago across the Atlantic. The United States Army became very weight-conscious—encouraged by threats to pay and career unless they kept fit.

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On 11 June 1685, King James II authorised Lord Dartmouth, Master-General of Ordnance and Constable of the Tower, to raise an ordnance regiment to protect the guns of the artillery. It was to be quartered in the Tower, armed with a new type of flint-lock musket known as a "fuzil" and, as the regiment was the first of its kind in the English service, the king named it "Our Royal Regiment of Fuzileers."

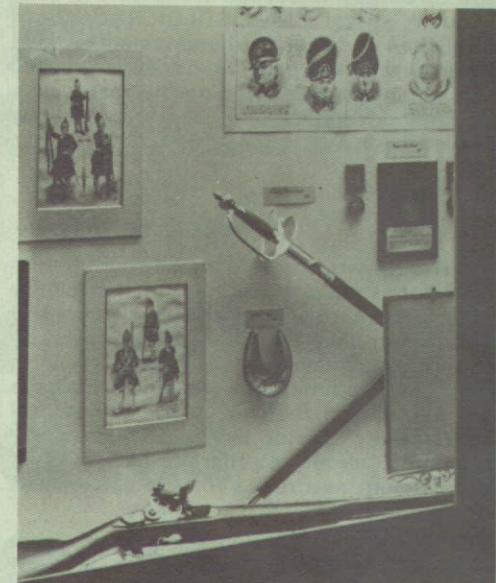
Until the end of Queen Anne's reign in 1714 all guns were stamped with the royal badge of the union rose and crown, and two of these early cannon bearing this emblem, the first badge of The Royal Fusiliers, can be seen on the steps leading to the museum.

Inside, in the first of three rooms, a fusil of James II vintage catches the eye. Other exhibits in this section, covering the period 1685-1853, include regimental silver, a diorama of the battle of Albuhera in 1811, and an interesting colour chart depicting different types of headdress worn from 1685 to 1800. Oil paintings of the first three colonels of the 7th of the Line, one of whom was the Duke of Marlborough, adorn the walls and there is a portrait of Field-Marshal Sir Edward Blakeney, who commanded the 2nd Battalion at Albuhera.

Perhaps the most interesting item in Room Two (1854-1918) is the original Victoria Cross struck in 1856 for the inspection and approval of Queen Victoria. On display are two Alma VCs won by Private M Hughes and Private W Norman, both of whom received their award from the Queen at the first Victoria Cross investiture in Hyde Park on 26 June 1857. Near a diorama of the battle of the Alma (1854) is a letter written by Lieutenant-Colonel Lacy Yea to W H Russell, The Times war correspondent in the Crimea, criticising his account of the battle as "very unfair."

Another diorama shows the 1914 battle of Mons in the course of which two fusiliers, Lieutenant M J Dease and Private S F Godley, won the first two Victoria Crosses of World War One. In all, the museum has seven of the regiment's 20 VCs. The South African War is recalled in a separate display and mementos of the Tibetan expedition of 1904 include an unusual hunting horn and a ceremonial brass cymbal.

An Iron Cross complete with black-and-white ribbon, 25 German commemorative medals intercepted by the British postal censorship department, a sniper's rifle with telescopic sight and a trench log book with



entries by Lieutenant Bliss, 13th Battalion, later to become Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick, are among numerous souvenirs of the 1914-18 conflict.

Room Three brings the story of the regiment up to date. On a wall hang the framed commissions of fusilier officers signed by eight consecutive sovereigns: George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI and Elizabeth II. A diorama showing the 2nd Battalion attacking Monte Cassino and a drum brought back from the Dunkirk beaches, its skin signed by the few survivors of the battalion's corps of drums, are among many evocative relics of World War Two.

Not to be missed are the horse furniture presented by officers of the regiment to the Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief from 1937 until his death in an air crash in 1942, and a collection of 15 Standards of World War One battalions.

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Tankies in training

YOU are driving a Chieftain tank carefully along a country road, you pass round a bend and there, coming towards you, is a monster whose six legs straddle the road!

This confrontation occurs not in a Hammer horror film but at the Royal Armoured Corps Training Centre at Catterick where trainee tank drivers are sometimes frightened out of their wits by spiders placed strategically on the scale model used to

feed television pictures back to the Chieftain tank simulator.

Practical jokes apart, the simulator is certainly a remarkable piece of equipment. The model, representing a five-mile perimeter of roads and cross-country routes, can provide every hazard which a tank driver may encounter, including obstacles, slopes, knife edges, loss of fuel, brakes or even a fire in the tank. An 18-inch loudspeaker reproduces a Chieftain's engine

noise and everything is done to make things as realistic as possible.

The Royal Armoured Corps adopts a somewhat unusual policy towards its training centre—it is staffed almost entirely by a complete regiment. The present incumbents are 4th Royal Tank Regiment who at the end of this year will be replaced by the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

These two-year tours have advantages. Lieutenant-Colonel David Sands, command-



Tomorrow's tankies get the feel of their Chieftains at Catterick.

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



Tankies continued

ing the 4th, says: "The great advantage is that you bring into the training people who are field minded and who know what end product is required. It also gives the regiment a refreshing change from its optional or field role. Everyone has had a lot of turbulence in recent years so this provides a welcome spell both regimentally and personally. Our regiment consists of 80 per cent Jocks and we are fairly near the border so they can get home easily."

Of course, turning a regiment in toto into a training unit has its drawbacks—"Too many chiefs and not enough Indians," according to Colonel Sands. But even this aspect is not wholly negative for many young lance-corporals and corporals get the opportunity to shine as instructors to a far greater degree than they would in the field.

One squadron of the regiment is based in Berlin and to make up this deficiency the Training Centre also employs around 80 "link instructors" from each of the family regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Bovington and Lulworth are better known RAC training camps but their roles are

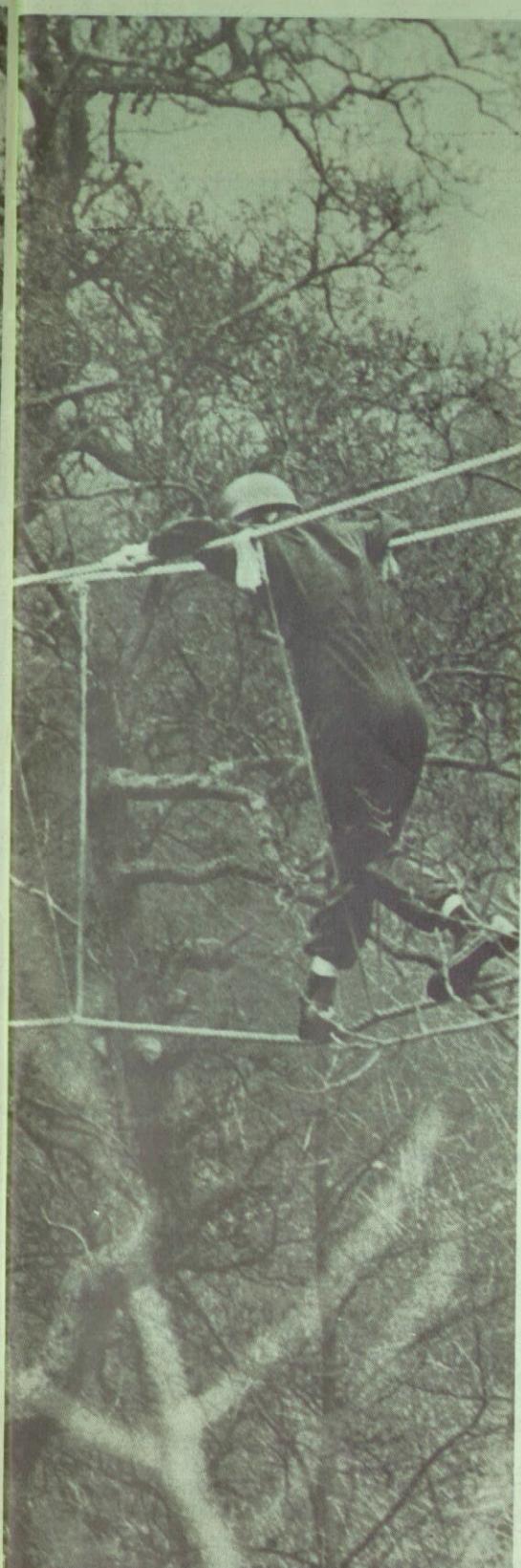
completely different, for while Dorset is used for instructor training, Catterick deals with raw recruits.

They arrive straight from the Sutton Coldfield selection centre and start with eight weeks of basic military training—square bashing, weapon training, some first aid, fieldcraft and a certain amount of education. Each intake then passes off but remains at the centre in the employment training wings. Recently the centre took over responsibility for initial training of the new Army Air Corps direct recruits—with startling results. In the first two pass-off parades this year an AAC soldier took the

best recruit award. Recruits at various stages, up to 400 in all, are accommodated at the centre—ranging from newly arrived lads who do not even wear hats or badges until they have learned how to salute, to men who have become trained tank drivers or gunners.

Tank gunnery is a nine-week course and driving lasts six weeks, both including two weeks of signals training. Signallers as such have now disappeared in the Royal Armoured Corps. Joining them at this stage are recruits from the Household Cavalry who have already completed basic military training and go to Catterick only for trade training.

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The Chinese Eye

All the tanks used by 4th Royal Tank Regiment at Catterick bear a "Chinese Eye." The origin of this addition dates back half a century. During World War One a tank was presented to the British Government by a Chinese sympathiser and this was allotted to the regiment. The donor insisted that it had an eye painted on each horn to ward off evil. For according to Chinese belief nothing can see without eyes. In 1923 the commanding officer, Colonel H R G Burgess-Short, who had spent two years in China, decided to make it a tradition. In his own words: "I obtained, or made, a copy of the conventional sign for an eye outside an optician's shop in Bournemouth

and Major Hobbs made specimens from which Corporal Sketcher prepared stencils of various sizes to suit different vehicles. We had them painted with the iris in battalion colours—namely bright blue."



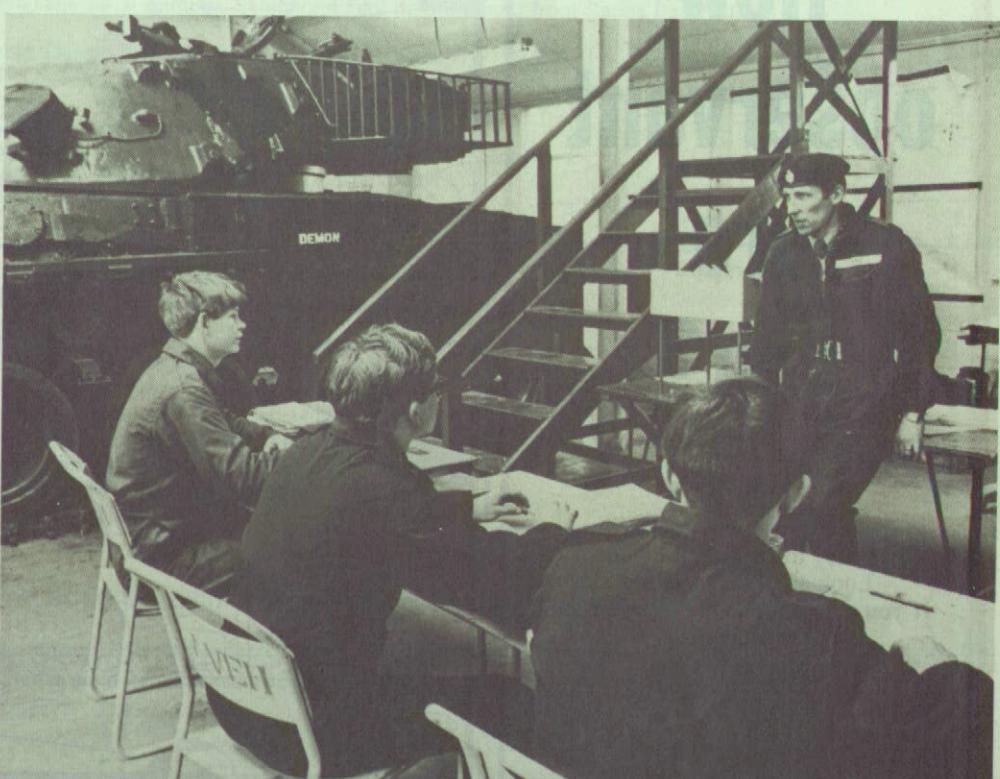
"I see no ships . . . only ruddy hardships!"
Zest for a confidence course gets dampened.

Left: Potential officers swing through the trees—it's all to test their confidence.

Below: Students learn about the Chieftain's clutch and gearbox systems near Demon.



Instructor Cpl W Edwardson, 13/18 Hussars, at the console of the Chieftain simulator.

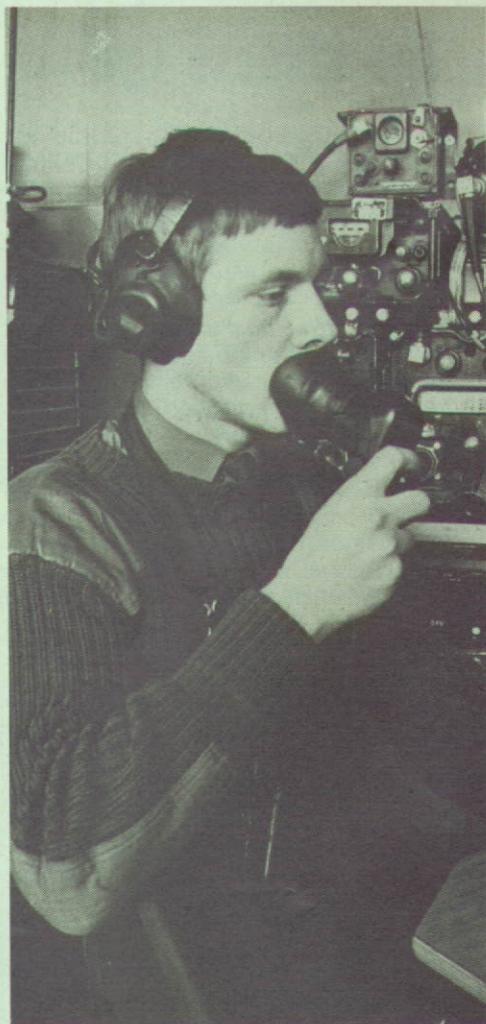


Most recruits are trained for Chieftain tanks although an increasing proportion are going to Scorpion-equipped units. But the Chieftain's presence is everywhere—from the computer-assisted simulator, to a demonstration model sitting firmly in the middle of a classroom, to the instructional mounting. This mounting provides all the normal dimensions and controls of a tank. An automatic .22 rifle is lined up with the sighting mechanism of the gun and firing practice on the indoor range is thus comparable with practice on a live range.

At first sight the bleak moorland around Catterick looks ideal for tank training—but it is not so. The clay subsoil makes it extremely boggy the whole year round and novice tank drivers are liable to get stuck. Indeed it is reputed that there are still tanks of bygone times irredeemably bogged down on the moors.

The ranges at Warcop, some miles further north, are used and an all-weather circuit has now been completed at Catterick. Suitable for day and night driving, the 2½-mile-long circuit incorporates all the knife edges, dips, shallow fords and vertical drops which the trainee has already encountered on the simulator.

The 4th Royal Tank Regiment is now looking ahead to its next field role, back in Germany. But its men are likely to look back with pleasure on the two years they spent as the only Regular armoured unit between Tidworth and John o' Groats.



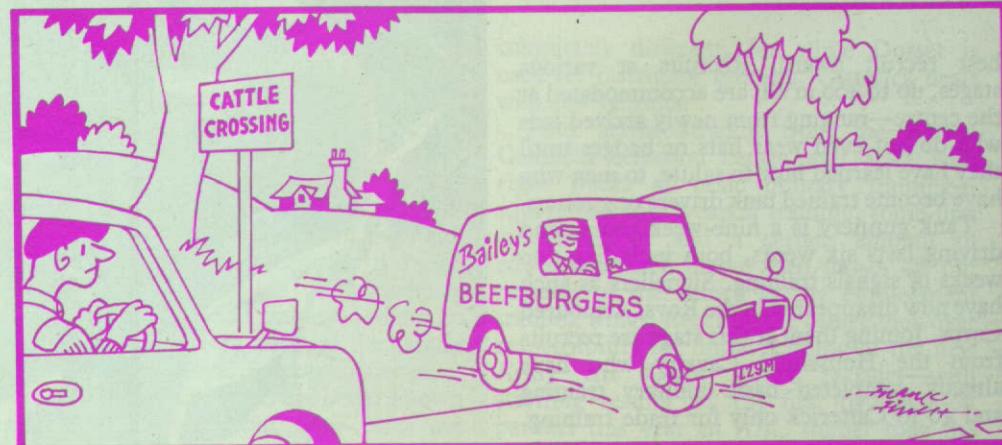
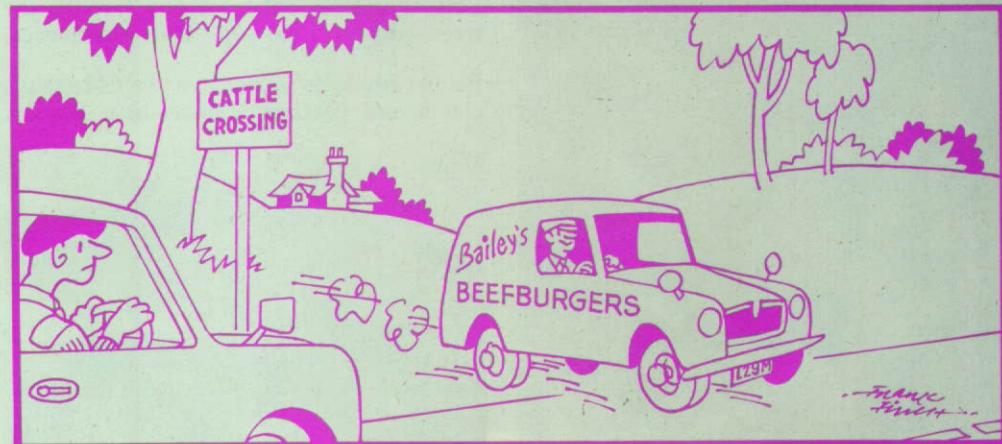
A student practises his voice procedures.



Right: A recruit is shown some ammunition.

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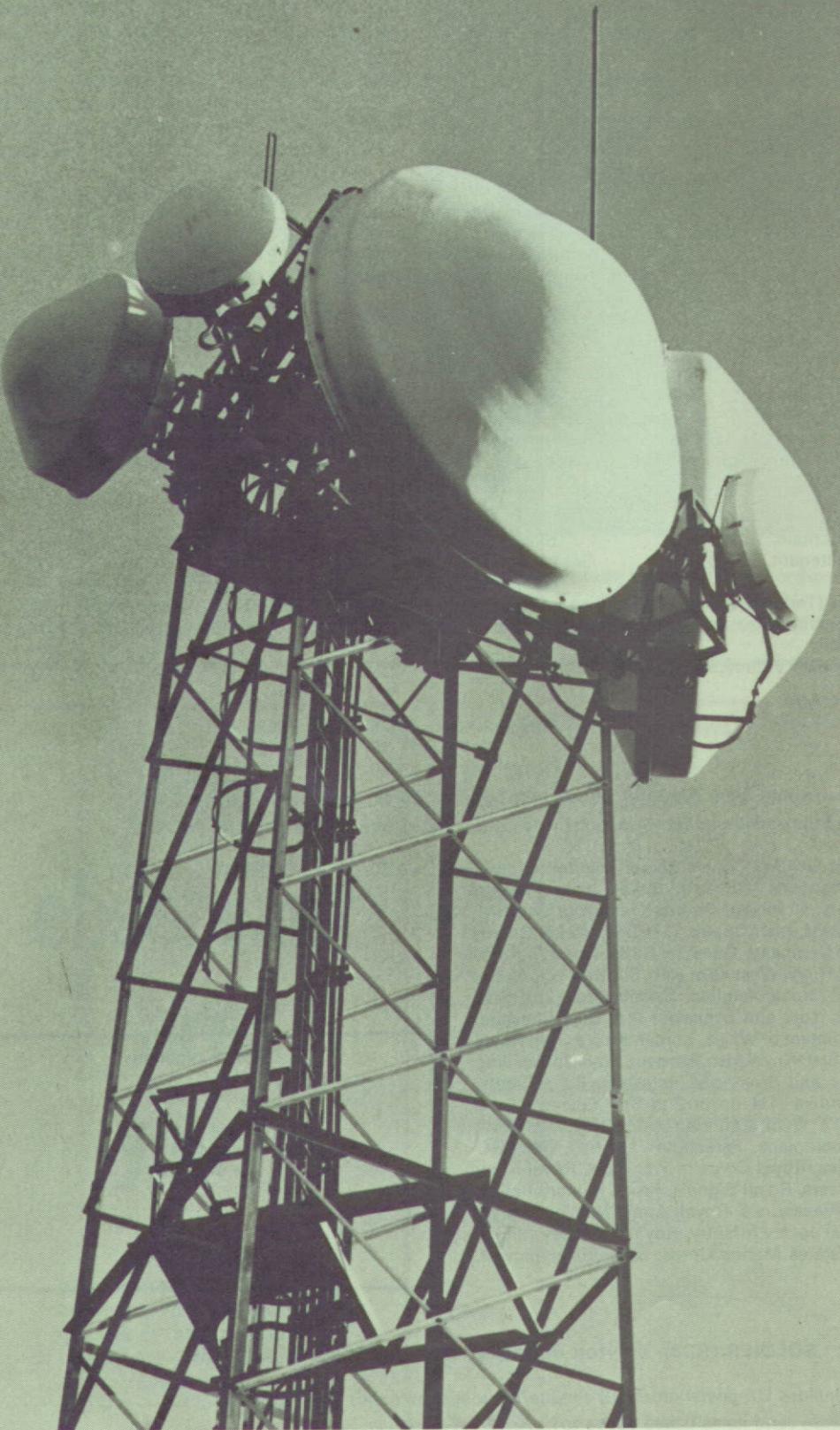
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They'll see stars — on Starrnet



This cluster of space-age mushrooms tops a Starrnet mast at Bielefeld.

Story by John Walton / Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

A NEW radio relay microwave telecommunications system which has already transformed Rhine Army's telephone links both internally and with the United Kingdom may in the future provide British families in Germany with television programmes from home.

Although live transmission of Coronation Street from Britain to the thousands of Army quarters in Germany is still some way off, a pilot scheme is likely to start in the Celle area around the end of 1974. It will be transmitted from a mobile television cine-studio and will feature pre-recorded programmes from all channels. The idea is that the system will be gradually extended throughout Rhine Army and by the time it is complete it will be possible to receive a programme direct from Britain.

Mr Harry Smith, chief telecommunications officer of 4 Signal Group, heads a staff of about 40 civilians, most of them ex-Post Office, who have been responsible for the setting up and running of Starrnet, the new system which has enabled the Army in Britain to get through to Germany without the long delays of a few years ago.

He sums up his team's job as maintaining the 85 Army telephone exchanges, introducing new facilities and keeping the whole network running smoothly and efficiently. Co-operation with the German Post Office is also important because German equipment is used, the system has to conform with German regulations and routine maintenance of exchanges is by Germans.

In the manual exchanges there is now often a mixture of German operators, British civilians, dependants and Women's Royal Army Corps. It all seems to work extraordinarily well. As well as taking some 14,000 receivers off the German telephone system, Starrnet has also saved a significant amount of money. A similar system may be introduced for Cyprus in the future.

At the present stage of development Rhine Army Headquarters in Rheindahlen has a 24-position military exchange and an automatic trunk switching centre. Between major switching points there is now a trunk network with towers erected on a normal line-of-sight basis. From high ground to high ground these can be up to 70 kilometres apart. The surveying to check the line of sight of some links was carried out by telecommunications engineers in Army helicopters.

Starrnet (static radio relay network) at present has 120 channels but this number will soon be increased. It has direct extensions to both the United Kingdom and to Berlin (Bernet). One man sitting before a panel in Rheindahlen is able to supervise the system all the way to Berlin. If anything goes wrong an alarm light shows and he carries out a sequence of tests to reveal the fault. He can then check with the station and see if the reserve transmitter is operating. A five-man shift provides supervision for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Many of the telecommunications engineers working on Starrnet were seconded from the British Post Office just after World War Two. When the GPO became a corporation a few years back they were offered the choice of returning to Britain or transferring to the Ministry of Defence. Few went back. As Harry Smith says: "This is our home until we finish the job."



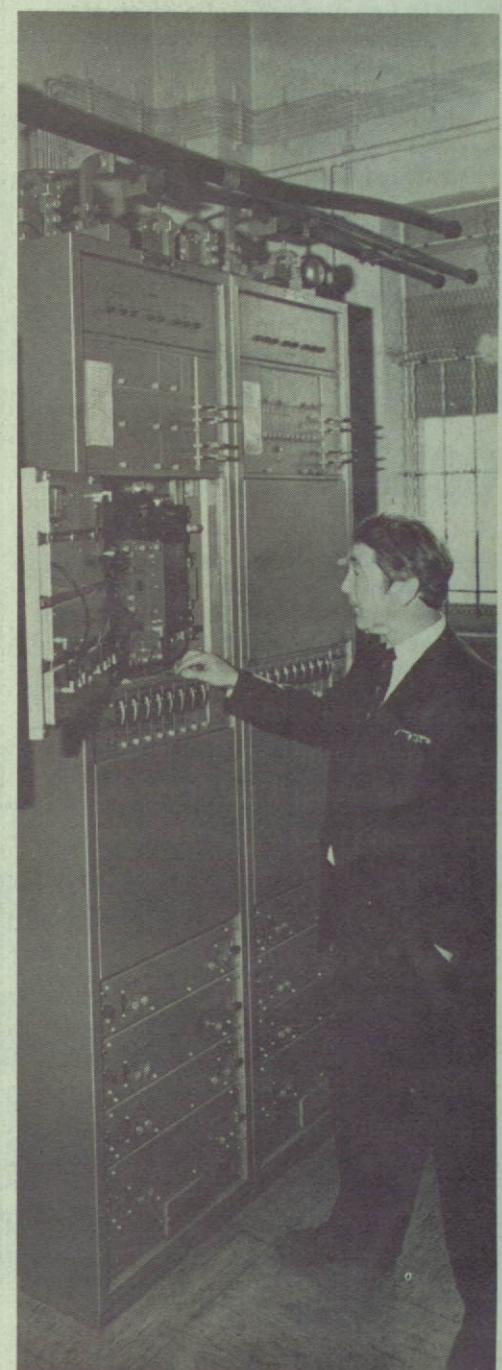
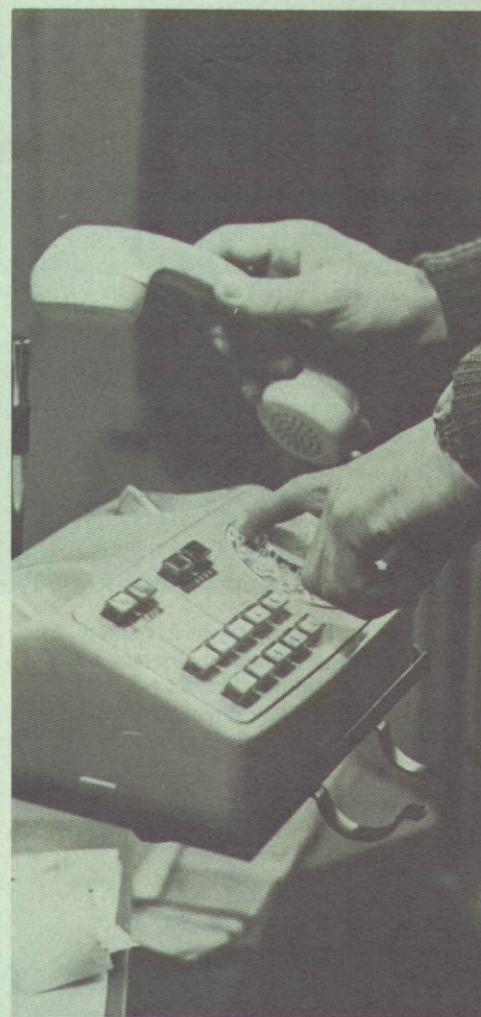
"Number please . . ." Bielefeld exchange.



Think of a number . . . fingers on the pulse.

Left: Working Starrnet supervisory panel.

Right: Mr Harry Smith admires the system.





Volunteers from the Army Catering Corps took their turn with other units in Aldershot to help clear the section of the old Basingstoke Canal that runs through the military town. The 30 or so miles of canal between Woking and Basingstoke, after years of neglect, are being refurbished as a public amenity by the various local authorities. One stage of this process is the hard slog of emptying the old waterway of everything but water that has accumulated there over the years.

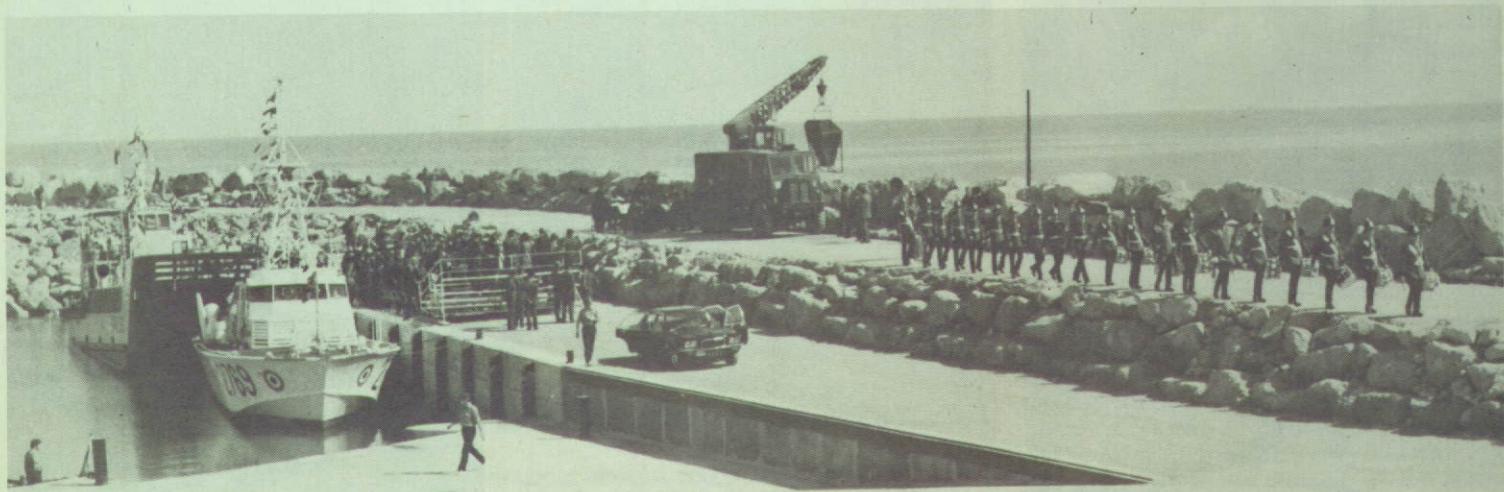
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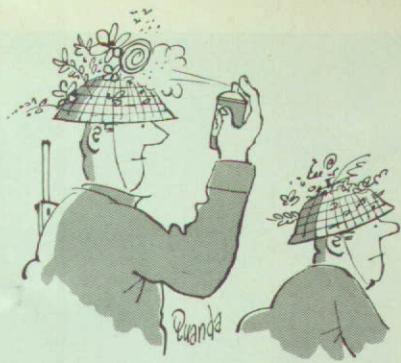
Eighteen months of hard work by Royal Engineers in Cyprus came to fruition when General Sir Noel Thomas, Master-General of the Ordnance, cut the ribbon to declare open the new Akrotiri mole harbour. Among the heavier tasks involved in the project was the placing of 72,000 tons of rock—some in four-ton chunks—to build the mole, which is 750 feet long, 40 feet high and 300 feet across at its outer end.



A total of four centuries of extended service has been signed for by some 150 men of 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, in Germany during the past year. The drive to extend the

engagements of the rangers—landing the Ministry of Defence with a wage bill of about £1,000,000—was masterminded by Captain Jim Howcroft, pictured at the head of 55 of his success stories.





Rumour



"Just a few plants—nettles,
thistles and the like!"



"How're we doing?"





The smoke of battle still swirls around a casualty as a comrade gives first aid.

Below: A dash to a tracked ambulance sets the wounded on the road to recovery.



Six minutes to survival

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

WHAT happens in the first six minutes after a man is wounded in battle can determine whether he lives or dies. This was the clear message from a vivid demonstration by the Royal Army Medical Corps of its battlefield role.

All the experience and expertise of the corps' personnel waiting to receive casualties behind the battle front can be useless if a casualty does not get swift and sure first aid from his comrades.

Spectators at the corps' Mytchett training centre had a graphic view of the need for all servicemen and women to have a grounding in first aid as a "battle" raged around them and the thud of explosives and rattle of small-arms fire mingled with some realistic screams from the "wounded" who were quickly tended by their comrades before a tracked ambulance roared up to take them away.

The road to recovery takes the casualty first to a combat team aid post where he gets further first aid before evacuation to a regimental aid post some two to five kilometres behind the lines. It can take anything from 20 to 90 minutes for a wounded man to reach this point where he is made fit for movement on to the main dressing station of the field ambulance.

Shock and infection are major factors in

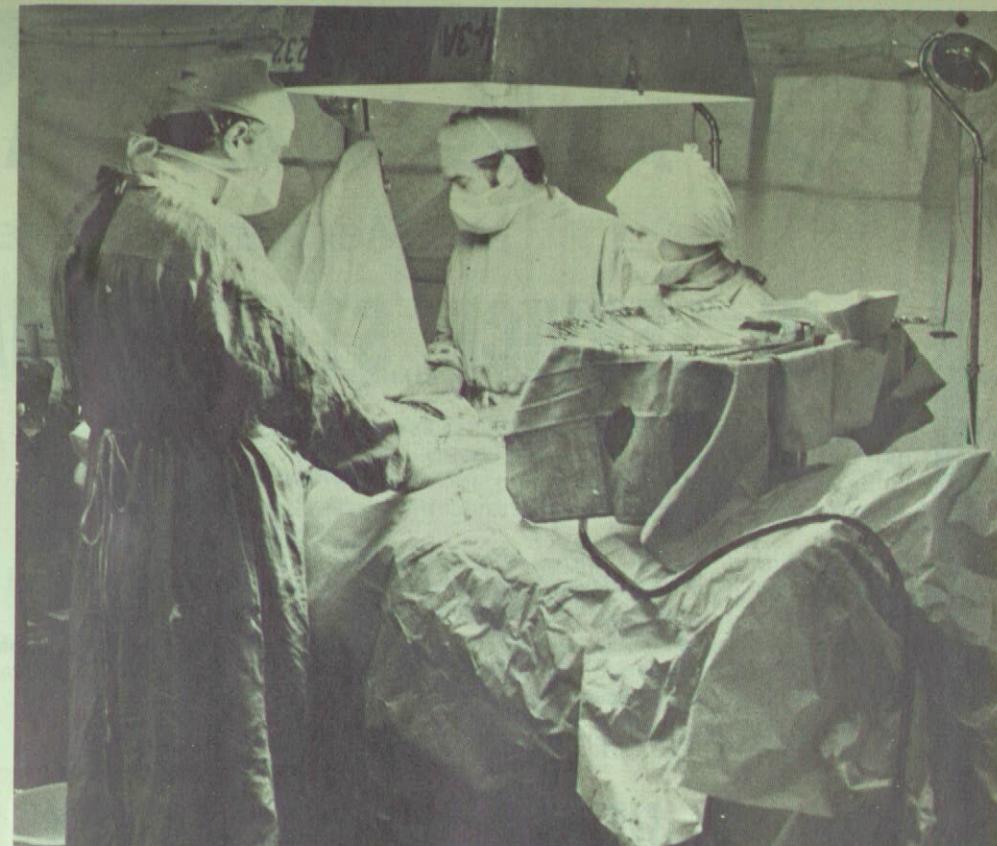
battle wounds which must be attended to by a surgeon within six hours. So to speed the casualty on his way tracked, wheeled and even airborne vehicles—in the form of helicopters—can be used at each stage of his evacuation back to the operating theatre of a field hospital.

Apart from the specialist departments and operating theatres, there are four wards in the hospital, each of 50 beds. All this needs 30 four-ton lorries to move but urgent cases can be treated within four to six hours of the hospital arriving at a new location. It is fully operational in 12 to 24 hours.

Location of the hospital is important. It must be close enough to the battle zone to allow casualties to arrive within the six-hour period critical to avoiding wound infection and yet far enough away to be in quiet surroundings.

Disease casualties have always far outnumbered battle casualties in war so the Army's field hygiene sections play a vital role in protecting the health of the soldier. An impressive array of weapons in the fight against disease is on call for each Army division's handful of hygiene experts who can cope with anything from pest control to purification of water.

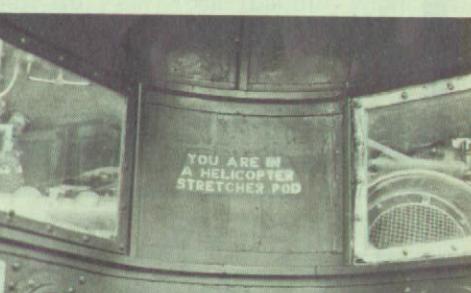
In war—as in peace—the Royal Army Medical Corps is determined to show it can safeguard the health of the soldier.



After one kind of operation—in battle—a soldier might need this surgical sort!

Left: A scene familiar to film fans who saw "MASH." Casevac is grimmer in reality.

Right: Reassurance for casualties waking up in mid-flight: "You're not in your coffin"!



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NEW DEFENCE MINISTER

Ex-miner Mr Roy Mason (49) has taken over the £13,000 a year job of Secretary of State for Defence in the new government. He took over from Mr Ian Gilmour who had only had a few weeks in the post under the Conservative administration when he filled the gap left by Lord Carrington who went to the newly created post of Secretary of State for Energy.

Labour's Under-Secretary of State for the Army is Lord Brayley, who succeeds Mr Dudley Smith. Lord Brayley is an ex-paratrooper who became a lieutenant-colonel and won a Military Cross in World War Two.

Mr Mason is no stranger to defence matters—he was Minister of Defence (Equipment) from January 1967 to April 1968. He was a National Union of Mineworkers' branch official until he was elected MP for Barnsley, a seat he has held since 1953. He was Postmaster-General for three months in 1968 until becoming Minister of Power in June of that year. He was appointed President of the Board of Trade in October 1969.

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● The new Defence Minister, Mr Roy Mason, was soon in harness in the House of Commons answering members' questions. Mr Paul Rose (Labour, Manchester Blackley) asked what was the cost of the military operations in Northern Ireland during 1973. He was told this was estimated at £33,000,000. The original defence estimates for the year costed this item at some £29,000,000.

● High praise for Britain's Chieftain tank came from the new Minister of State for Defence, Mr William Rodgers, in reply to another question from Mr Rose who asked if the minister was satisfied with the numbers of these tanks in service in the light of the recent tank warfare in the Middle East. Mr Rodgers assured the questioner



that the re-equipment of all Britain's armoured units with Chieftains was complete and added: "It is probably the best tank in the world, as the success of its predecessor, Centurion, in the Middle East war, underlined. But an increase in numbers is not necessarily the best way of improving our total capability."

● Mr Jim Sillars (Labour, South Ayrshire) highlighted the problem of recruiting when he asked for information on comparative figures for those who have signed on in all the Services during the last five years. Of all three Services—the Royal Marines are counted in with the Royal Navy—the Army is always the highest figure with the highest demand for manpower. This has dropped from an Army figure of more than 20,000 in 1969-70 to 14,600 estimated for the current year. The Minister of State for Defence, Mr William Rodgers, admitted: "During the last three months of 1973 the intake of recruits was well below the levels needed. In January there was an improvement, especially in the Army. It is too soon to say whether this was the beginning of a new trend."

● Mr Rodgers pointed out to Mr Anthony Kershaw (Conservative, Stroud) that a "number of projects" were in progress designed to improve military communications systems. He referred to the Army's new generation of combat net radio equipment, Clansman.

● Guidance to troops on the decision to open fire in Northern Ireland is "as satisfactory as can be devised," Mr Rodgers claimed in answer to a question from Mr Jim Lester (Beeston) who had called for a re-examination of instructions to troops "countering hostile acts in Northern Ireland" and particularly the responsibility thrown on young soldiers of determining when to open fire. Mr Rodgers regretted the difficult conditions in the strife-torn province and accepted that in many cases the decision to open fire has to be taken by an individual soldier. He added: "But I think the present instructions and guidance to troops are as satisfactory as can be

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continued

devised, having regard both to the conditions in which the troops are operating and to the need to act at all times within the law."

● The Army comes bottom in the forces' league of fuel oil consumers. Its 144 million gallons for the financial year 1973-74 cost the country £19,000,000, it was revealed by Mr Rodgers in answer to a question from Mr Frank Allaun (Labour, Salford East). The RAF tops the chart with £43,000,000 worth of 442,000,000 gallons. The Royal Navy steers a middle course with 320,000,000 gallons costing £24,000,000. The figure shown for all oil products including lubricants, Mr Rodgers went on, was £89,750,000 in the defence estimates for the year 1974-75. But he warned this did not reflect the price increases since the end of last year. He urged that the need for fuel economy was of "the utmost importance" at present and assured the House of Commons that "the Armed Services are continuing to exercise the maximum economy consistent with safeguarding their capability and efficiency."

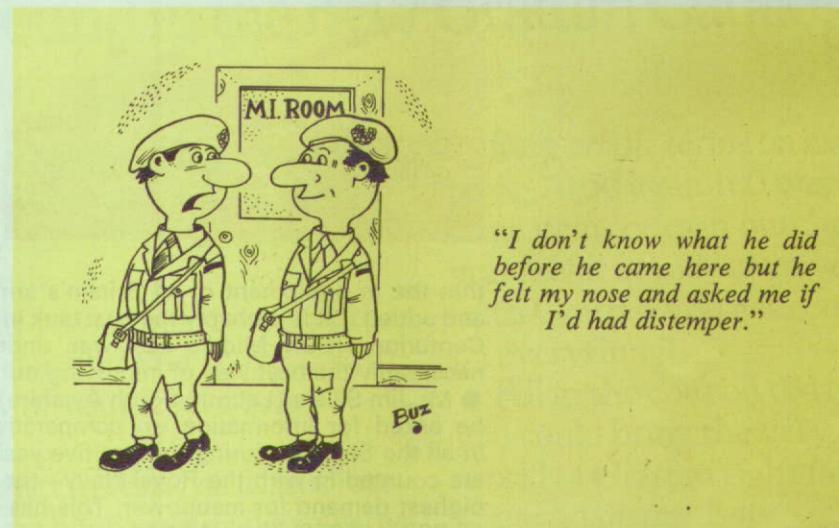
● Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve soldiers do get instruction in internal security operations within the context of a general war situation, Mr Rodgers told Mr M F Madden (Sowerby). He answered another of Mr Madden's questions by saying that the current strength of the TAVR was more than 54,000, an increase of 6000-plus since June 1970. The cost of recruiting and publicity for the TAVR, Mr Rodgers added, was £4.50 per recruit in 1969-70 as opposed to £5.50 in 1972-73, making no adjustment for inflation.

● Regular Army and Ulster Defence Regiment deaths in Northern Ireland have accounted for well over one-third of the total fatalities since August 1969. Northern Ireland Office Under Secretary of State, Mr Peter Mills, gave a detailed breakdown of deaths in the province between 1969 and January this year in answer to a question from Mr Jerry Wiggin (Conservative, Weston-super-Mare) in the closing days of the last parliament. The figures showed 204 Army deaths, 42 Ulster Defence Regiment deaths, 48 Royal Ulster Constabulary deaths and 471 civilians.

NEW DEAL FOR DOCTORS

A "choose your unit" scheme has been introduced to encourage civilian doctors to take up a medical career in the Army. The scheme allows commanding officers to invite doctors to apply for commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps with the assurance that if the new doctor wishes, he or she will stay with that unit wherever it may serve.

After passing a selection board at the Royal Army Medical College, the doctor may



"I don't know what he did before he came here but he felt my nose and asked me if I'd had distemper."

choose to serve for either three or five years which can be extended to a maximum of eight years. At any time the doctor can apply to convert to a Regular commission and stay within the scheme—with the opportunity of promotion to colonel. The doctor's seniority on entry depends on his experience so some will enter as captains and some as majors. The officer joins his or her chosen unit after military courses lasting about 14 weeks.

(PR)

ARMY HOUSING JOURNAL

The third issue of the Army Housing Journal includes details of what is happening in the field of Army quartering and allows families to express their own views on the subject. In a foreword, General Sir Cecil Blacker, Adjutant-General, explains his concern over housing matters: "Houses are for families, and families—being human—have problems," he says. "Many of these problems have been worsened by the frequency of unaccompanied tours and the current shortage of quarters. I am afraid that in spite of urgent action and a rapid increase in the rate of building, this shortage will

be with us for some years to come. I am convinced that the housing commandant organisation, by using its liaison with unit families' officers and local authorities welfare organisations has an important part to play in helping to solve these problems. This is why the organisation has recently been strengthened by the employment, albeit on a temporary basis, of SSAFA social workers in four principal garrisons and by Women's Royal Army Corps welfare assistants in some of the remaining ones."

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON

Brigadier The Duke of Wellington has been appointed Colonel-in-Chief of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding). He becomes the regiment's first Colonel-in-Chief—a unique occasion for a regiment with a unique title for it is the only regiment to be named after a person who is not a member of the Royal Family. The appointment is in answer to the express wish of the regiment to be more closely linked with the family whose distinguished ancestor gave it its name. The first Duke of Wellington held a commission in the 76th Foot and later commanded the 33rd. The latter was accorded the present title of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment by Queen Victoria in 1853 after the first duke's death. In 1881, under the Cardwell



Reforms, the 33rd and 76th were joined to become the 1st and 2nd Battalions, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The present duke's cousin, the 6th duke, served with the regiment from 1936. He was killed at Salerno in 1943. The new Colonel-in-Chief was commissioned into the Royal Horse Guards in 1939. He commanded from 1954 to 1958, going on to command the Household Cavalry (1959-60) and 22nd Armoured Brigade (TA) (1960-61). He was Commander Royal Armoured Corps at Headquarters 1 (British) Corps in Rhine Army from 1962 to 1964. For three years after this he served as British Military Attaché in Madrid. He retired from the Army in 1968 with the honorary rank of brigadier.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Windproof camouflaged smock

This garment has been approved for the Special Air Service and Royal Marines. It provides a high degree of protection against wind and has a water-repelling finish. It includes a hood and the sleeves have been designed to give maximum arm mobility.

Quilted arctic jacket and trousers

These have been developed for wear with the waterproof green/white reversible smock and trousers as an alternative to the Canadian Du-Liners. A further use is as a thermal liner for the proposed windproof arctic smock and trousers tried out on exercises in 1972/73.

Clothing for cadets

Issue of the new range of clothing for cadets over the last two financial years is now almost complete. Authority for the issue of the final item—anoraks for the Army Cadet Force—was given in December last year. A working party is being set up to review the present scale of cadets' clothing and equipment.

New range of tentage

Deployment of the new range of tents and shelters continues and issue has already begun on a Ministry of Defence programme. Issues will be made automatically as receipts arrive at Bicester and units should not submit demands.

NEW EQUIPMENT*continued***Camouflage nets**

Metrication has brought a rationalisation of the size range of camouflage nets, reducing it to four. They are: 4.5 x 4.5 metres, 7.5 x 7.5 metres, 11.0 x 5.5 metres and 11.0 x 11.0 metres. The new sizes are being introduced on a maintenance basis. First deliveries are due in 12 to 18 months' time. Metric nets can, of course, be used with the existing imperial measure models. The detailed requirement for the new Mark VI woodland camouflage net has been agreed and development has begun. If all goes according to plan, the new net should enter service on a modified maintenance basis in early 1979. (DCT)

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ESTATE WARDENS NEEDED IN GERMANY

A housing commandant's organisation similar to that in the United Kingdom, but on a military basis, is being established in Rhine Army. For this, 117 estate wardens are required in the ranks of sergeant to warrant officer 2. These will be found from the long service list. Terms and conditions of service will be published soon and will be on the lines of those for the LSL laid down by DCI (Army) 118 of 1971. In this instance, the ten-month time bar is waived. Applications should be made to Officer-in-Charge Central Clearing Wing, Exeter, through parent manning and record offices in accordance with the DCI. (DM(A))

ADAT PAYS OUT MORE

Membership of the Army Dépendants Assurance Trust is now well past the 7500 mark and ADAT benefit is now in payment to the dependants of three soldiers who died on service. Monthly amounts are from £40 to more than £129 tax free and will be paid for periods ranging from 14 to more than 22 years. Membership costs as little as 30p a week and can be arranged through unit pay offices. (DPS(A))

EXTENDING SERVICE

Opportunities still exist in most of the major arms and services of the Army for soldiers of all ranks to stay in, after completing their 22-year engagements, under the sales and training manpower scheme outlined in SOLDIER News last December. Conditions for eligibility are broadly similar to those for regimental extended careers and the long service list. The scheme provides for an initial period of up to five years continuance beyond 22 years with the possibility of a second similar period, thereafter offering the chance of an extended career to about the age of 50. Details can be found in DCI (Army) T143 of 1973 which can be seen in unit orderly rooms. (DM(A))

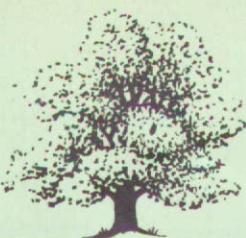
GENERAL GETS SSAFA POST

Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, who retired from the Army in September 1972, has become vice-chairman of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. His last appointment before retiring was as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command. He is president of the Army Gliding Association and an associate fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He is also a trustee of the Imperial War Museum and the Airborne Forces Security Fund.

As brigade major of 6th Airlanding Brigade in 6th Airborne Division, he went to Normandy by glider on D-Day. He is now writing a book on the airborne aspects of D-Day. In 1963 he qualified as an Army pilot and from 1964 to 1966 was Director of Land/Air Warfare. During this period he played a leading part in the Anglo/French helicopter negotiations and in the procurement of the Sioux helicopter for the Army. General Crookenden's wife, Patricia, was president of the Chester branch of SSAFA. Their elder son is serving with the Scots Guards.

RECRUITING BOOST

Recent gloomy recruiting reports got a boost in one sector at least when 81 men signed on in one night. They were Yorkshiremen who responded to a "Come and join us" campaign by the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve's 1st Battalion, The Yorkshire Volunteers, and packed in to the unit's four reception centres at York, Sheffield, Leeds and Halifax. These part-time soldiers can expect trips to Germany and Denmark this year for training exercises. The battalion was formed in 1967 and recruits from most of Yorkshire's main cities.



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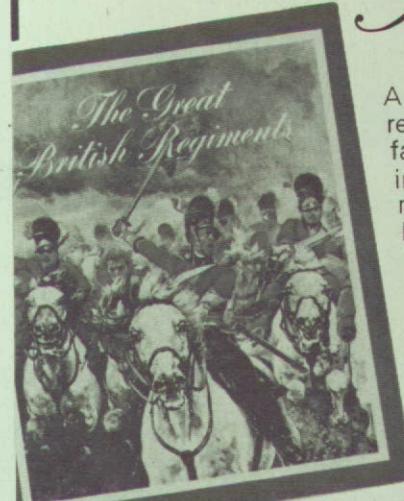
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THE much-travelled 4 Regiment, Royal Artillery, has made Sunderland its home town and with some 50 per cent of its men Geordies, the town has taken the regiment to its heart by honouring it with the freedom of the borough.

The "borough—bayonet" links are many. The gunners have already nicknamed themselves "Sunderland's own" and the mayor of no other town visits the regiment or receives visits from its commanding officer. Sunderland presents a pennant for gunnery and the Seaburn Rotary Club presents a skill-at-arms trophy.

On the military side, the regiment provides many of the permanent staff for 101 (Northumbrian) Medium Regiment (V) and the present regimental sergeant-major moved to 4 Regiment from the same appointment with 101. A "Miss Fourth" is chosen from Sunderland lasses and the regimental football team, which has humbly worn the colours of cup-winning Sunderland AFC for some time, tries hard to emulate the club's success.

Highlight of the freedom ceremony was a spectacular salute fired out to sea from the regiment's 105mm pack-howitzers lined up on the front. More than 350 men—among them some 100 from Wearside

itself—took part in the one-and-a-half mile freedom march with 18 guns and 50 Land-Rovers. Leading the parade was the Royal Artillery band from Woolwich.

The mayor, Councillor G Park, presented to the regiment a scroll and casket officially recording the honour and the freeman's roll was signed by the regiment's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel M T Skinner. A single round was fired in nearby Mowbray Park as the town's coat of arms was unveiled on the regiment's guns.

The regiment has just moved to Catterick from a tour of duty in Germany. Although its component batteries have long and distinguished military histories, the regiment was formed just before World War Two as a Royal Horse Artillery regiment. It became the close support regiment of 7th Armoured Division and between 1940 and 1943 fought in most of the desert battles including Tobruk and El Alamein. The highest distinction was the award of the Victoria Cross to "Jock" Campbell—later Brigadier Campbell—who commanded from 1940 to 1941.

The "Fighting Fourth" returned to the United Kingdom to take part in the invasion of Normandy and fought through France, Belgium and Holland, finally reaching the Rhine in February 1945.

Except for one three-year break, the regiment has served in Germany since the end of the war. Following two years in Hong Kong it spent 1965 on an emergency tour in Borneo. Until the present posting, the only other departure from Germany was for an emergency tour in Northern Ireland in 1972.



The neat array of 18 guns on the front salutes the regiment's link with its adopted town.

Top: In formal line abreast the regiment's gun detachments drive past the saluting base.

Below: Sunderland's mayor, Coun G Park, hands to Lieut-Col Skinner the casket.



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... Class one corporal

Corporal Christine Richardson, Women's Royal Army Corps, serving with 227 Provost Company, Royal Military Police, in Cyprus, has become the only serving member of her corps and, at just 21, probably the youngest driver to hold a United Kingdom heavy goods vehicle class one driving licence. This means she can cope with the tricky task of controlling articulated vehicles all the way up to the mighty Antar tank transporter if necessary. It took Chris six hours to complete her instruction for the test. A practical application of her new qualification is that she could now drive away abandoned, parked or stolen vehicles of this class.

Long iron road

A childhood ambition was realised for **Corporal Paul Milner** (24) of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers when he travelled 5901 miles on Russia's Trans-Siberian railway. At the end of his Hong Kong tour, Paul, with Army blessing, sailed to Vladivostok where the railway begins. For eight days he traversed the snowy wilderness until reaching Moscow, where he stayed two nights before continuing his train journey home via Warsaw.



It's a girl, a girl, a girl!

One, two, three . . . count 'em. **Corporal Ron Allen** and his wife **Doreen** are the proud parents of the first triplets to be born to a Rhine Army Service family. Their three new daughters (they have two already) were born at the British Military Hospital, Iserlohn. Corporal Allen is in the Royal Signals, stationed at Soest.

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Smith duo

Brother and sister **Peter and Alvine Smith**, both serving in the Army but unaware that the other was in Northern Ireland, had a chance meeting in Belfast's Andersonstown district. **Private Peter Smith**, 1st Battalion The Devon and Dorsetshire Regiment, and **Private Alvine Smith**, 181 WRAC (Provost) Company, were both tasked to the same search mission and have subsequently met on similar missions.



Clan Fraser

Corporal Margaret Fraser inspecting a parade of five soldiers—two of them her brothers, two of them her sisters and one her cousin. The six members of this fighting family from East Lothian, Scotland, met in Tidworth for the first time in six years.

On parade (left to right): **Lance-**



Four and three

Two sets of brothers, totalling seven in all and each of them serving in the Royal Pioneer Corps, were at a passing-out parade at the Corps Training Centre, Northampton. **Private Peter Haywood** had his brothers **Nick, Mick and Danny** in attendance for

Corporal Robert Fraser, The Royal Scots; **Lance-Corporal May Fraser**, a stewardess at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst; **Corporal Dave Fraser**, The Royal Scots; **Private Catherine Fraser**, a stewardess at Larkhill; and cousin **Private Helen Rybak**, who had then been in the Army only a fortnight.

his passing out and **Private Philip Ledsham** was watched by brothers, **David and John**. Also at the parade (centre) was **Mrs Kitty Brindley**, nurse at the Centre, who was presented with a gift on the occasion of her 100th parade.

Plot-a-course course

A khaki uniform was a familiar sight recently aboard Hong Kong's permanent guardship HMS Chichester. It belonged to **Major Kefli ("Kef") Razali** of the Royal Brunei Malay Regiment. After his ten-week navigation course, "Kef" will later this year be commanding one of his regiment's fast patrol boats. Picture shows him receiving instruction from navigating officer **Lieutenant John Nance**.



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On Record

"The Staff Band of the Women's Royal Army Corps" (Director of Music: Captain Zara Bowness Smith) (SSLX 376)

Having courted (without catching) a FANY or two in the late 30s and married an ATS corporal in the late 40s I can hardly be called an unprejudiced reviewer of this LP by their successors, the WRAC. In the 50s, 60s, and 70s I have watched with interest and some nostalgia their uniforms, hairstyles and (especially) their skirt-lengths changing, their standard of musical performance improve out of all recognition since that disastrous BBC audition in the early part of the war, right to the present day when their professionalism and versatility on or off parade are there for all to admire.

This record, issued and reprinted, does not reflect their present capabilities but is still a very acceptable, pleasant and leisurely



"This is the last time all the bandsmen go on leave together."

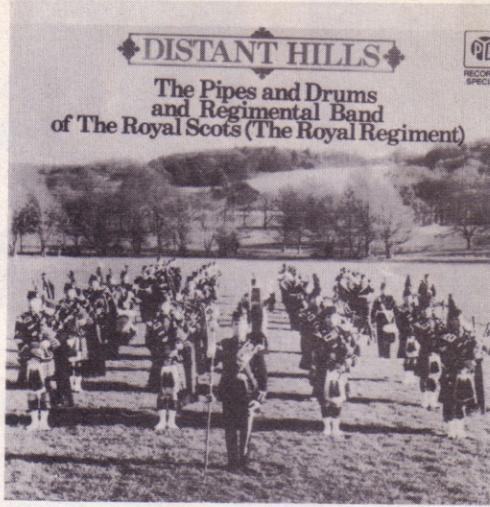
amble through a quite normal programme such as a male band would play. And why not? Girls are tough and would be the last to want concessions. They will roar you as gently as any sucking dove but the lion's cooing is by no means beyond them.

Given a good trainer there is no reason why this band should not outdo all other bands in verve, brio, dynamic, call it what you will. And, girls, never ever play too slowly and gently simply because you are girls. Music is a hard taskmaster; in being its handmaidens beware of servility.

Quaite naively played here are the WRAC march "The Lass of Richmond Hill," "The Great Little Army," "Army of the Nile," a medley of "Robert Farnon Melodies," "Hootenanny," Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps march "Grey and Scarlet," "Lazy Trumpeter," "Forty Fathoms" and another composer-medley, "Mancini Magic."

Watch out for the band's next LP, you male chauvinists!

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The Staff Band of the Women's Royal Army Corps



"Distant Hills" (The Pipes and Drums and Regimental Band of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)) (Bandmaster: WO1 B E P Briggs-Watson) (Pipe-Major: Sgt P W Morecroft) (Drum-Major: S/Sgt J F Blyth)

This evocative version of the title piece, with babbling burns, warbling wagtails and all, is undoubtedly aimed at the "Amazing Grace" market. But for the quirks of fate and the luck of timing, "Distant Hills" might have earned The Royal Scots a fortune. Timing is everything—never be second in the queue.

Very attractive though, as are all the band items on this disc except for a matter of tempo. I had previously imagined it impossible to make Trevor Sharpe's "Fanfare and Soliloquy" sound dull. The impossible is achieved, and I'm afraid the lush theme of the "Onedin Line" is delivered so slowly that the ship is becalmed. It certainly had too little way to survive the brief storm in the middle of the piece.

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career for all concerned. I was particularly impressed, staggered even, by the "Drum Salute" and all the drumming and piping. With the military band the pipes and drums play only two items, "The Skye Boat Song" and "The Royal Scots Polka" which, being the last track, I would have preferred with a fade-out. The device has been overdone in the pop world but was just made for pipers. The band's contributions in attractive arrangements are the march "Pentland Hills," "Eye Level," "Hey Jude," "Zorba's Dance," and the euphonium solo "Facilita," in addition to those already mentioned.

When the tempos are right I will go along with anything this band produces. Although many Scottish "atmospheric" records have been made, with such evocative titles as Mist Covered Mountains, Distant Hills, Amazing Grace, Scottish Glory, and Highland Pageantry, we still await the record. The material available needs only thought and close co-operation between conductor and producer to find the winning formula. So what about it, Mr Briggs-Watson? A very few well-placed sound effects, fades in and out, fewer "scrolls" and more continuity, the right choice of music and imaginative merging of items (all Scottish of course) would have even us Sassenachs wha-hae-ing.

The pipes and drums also play: "Dalnahaasig," "Orange and Blue," "Reel o' Tulloch," "The Fairy Dance," "The Kilt is My Delight," "Mrs Macleod of Raasay," "HRH Princess Mary's Wedding March," "The Long Island," "Hot Punch," "Kemmure's Up and Awa' Willy," "Boys of Blue Hill," "The Golden Wreath," "The Jig of the Beggarman," "Irish Washerwoman," "Jig of the Slurs," "Hills of Alva," "Wee Highland Laddie," and "Battle of Waterloo."

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This disc is the music played at the concert after the 1973 Wills championships. A mass of talent plus what was in my day the prettiest choir in the world give some stirring performances of favourites old and new, the old winning by a mile. It all took place at the Royal Albert Hall so don't expect too much in the way of clarity but as usual the Old Lady provides just the right atmosphere for a gala concert.

Bliss's "Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion" is a suitable starter with that somewhat shabby march "Thunderbirds" to follow. A very characteristic little piece by BBC's Peter Haysom Craddy, "Tenderfoot Trail," is in his Whispering Brass mood while Ronnie Hanmer's "Brass Spectacular" is all bounce and bombast, and very acceptable. The girls join the bands for an arrangement of Léhar's "Gold and Silver" waltz, the trumpets let go in "Trumpet Tune for a Ceremonial Occasion" by the late Harold Scull, Grieg's elegiac melody "Spring" lends a touch of repose, and side one ends with the Liszt "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2" in which HM controls a vivid performance right up to the last bar, when nasty things happen.

Side two has a 6/8 march "Ballycastle Bay," the overture to "Rienzi," "The Skye Boat Song" and "Amazing Grace," in which a piper and the choir are incorporated. A rousing march version of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and a free-for-all in "Now Thank We All Our God" bring the entertainment to a close. A happy evening, I trust, for players, singers and sponsors alike. Whatever happened to Gold Flake?

RB

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HERE is another combination of acrostic and code to keep you busy for ten minutes—or so! Turn first to the acrostic, solve the clues and enter the answers. Then transfer the letters to their appropriate squares in the coded message, which is divided into words and punctuated.

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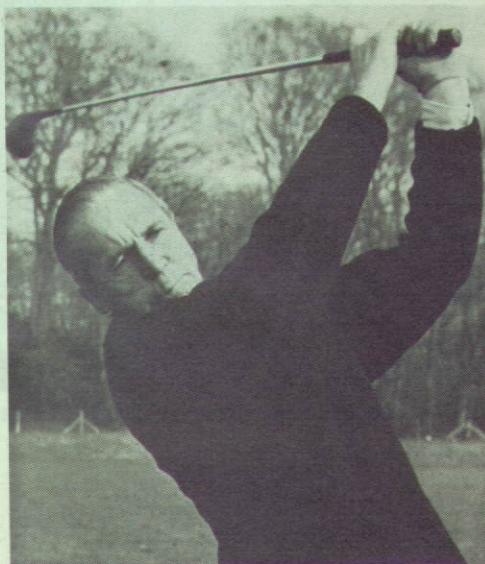
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Tee time

THE Army Golf Association, newly founded to foster the interests of serving golfers of all ranks, is accepting applications for membership through district golf secretaries from this month. The association's first president is Lieutenant-General Sir Allan Taylor (right), Deputy Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces, a keen golfer with a low single figure handicap. The captain for 1974-75 is Major Nick Fleming and the vice-captain is Warrant Officer 2 C J Hanna. Both are Army team players.

Membership is open to golfers of all handicaps at an annual subscription of £1. The main impact of the AGA will be felt almost at once in a new annual inter-corps match-play contest, for a trophy presented by The Royal Irish Rangers, to be inaugurated at Tidworth on 11 and 12 June. This is the first Army-wide golf competition in which golfers of all ranks will have a chance to represent their corps. Up to now, inter-corps, inter-battalion/regiment and inter "large regiment" competitions run by the long-established Army Golfing Society have been restricted to officers only.

None but the best golfers with low single figure handicaps are likely to find places in the corps teams. Again for the experts, a



triangular match between the Army UK and BAOR plus RAF Germany is also to be played in late June at Bruggen.

AGA members in the more modest six to 12 handicap range will have an opportunity to represent the association in matches organised at district level. And for those with still higher handicaps there will be a great incentive to reduce their handicaps so that they too can find a place in AGA or corps and unit teams.

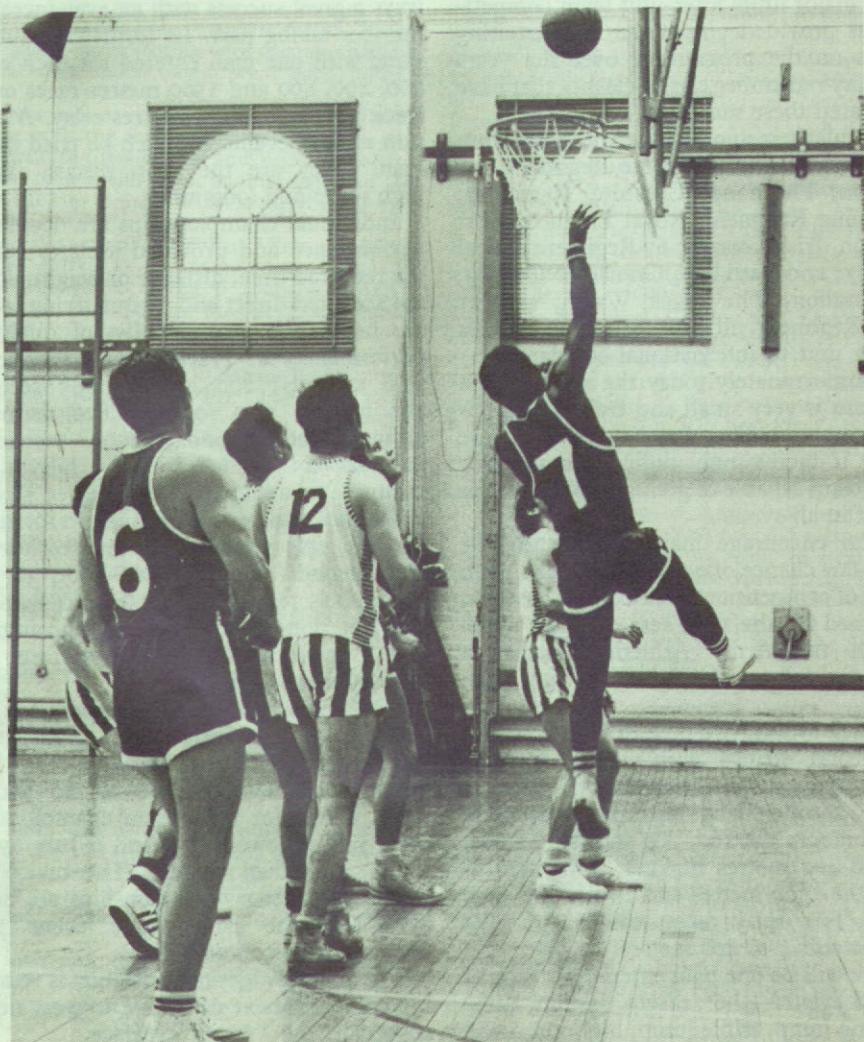
In September the AGA is running the final stages of the annual inter-unit com-

petition for the Army Challenge Cup at Tidworth in which eight teams compete, arrived at through competition at district level. Interest in this contest has been enhanced by the promise of a second trophy to be called the General Beard Trophy. It will be played for by the four teams defeated in the first round.

The late Major-General E C Beard won many golf trophies in his lifetime and was at one time president of the AGA. His son, Lieutenant-Colonel Dion Beard, Royal Tank Regiment, has offered one of his father's cups for AGA competition. With two trophies to compete for, all eight teams in the final stage are guaranteed one full day's golf and there will be two finals being played at the same time on the last morning to sustain interest to the last.

In 1975 it is hoped to start a new UKLF individual scratch stroke play competition over 72 holes to be played at Little Aston. Qualification for this event will be through district 36-hole events. The leading players from each district—numbers to be related to the numerical size of each district—will go forward to Little Aston. Another competition under consideration by the AGA committee is an under-23 event.

An AGA tie in maroon with green and silver stripes has been designed and will be available when membership opens. It will cost £1. An immediate membership of 300 is anticipated, rising by the end of the first year to about 1000.



Basketball championships

THE 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, had a winning day at the Army's basketball championships. Its team emerged as major units winner—with the School of Electronic Engineering runners-up—and also scored a decisive 74-63 point win over 3rd Royal Tank Regiment in the UK versus BAOR winners' contest.

The individual Fuller Trophy went to a member of the Guards team, Staff-Sergeant Instructor R Burniston, Army Physical Training Corps. The minor units final was fought out between The Depot, Royal Green Jackets, and Army Apprentices' College, Chepstow. The Green Jackets won 79-54. The win came as a climax to a highly successful season that netted the team 3126 points after playing 37 matches, winning 33 and losing only four.

The Army junior basketball team flexed its muscles at the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, in the week following the Army championships and was narrowly beaten by Leeds Juniors 48-45 and by Wakefield Juniors 70-64.

The Greenjackets' No 7 scores against AAC Chepstow in the minor units' final match.

BOXING'S BIG NIGHT OUT

THREE Army boxers who represented England on six occasions during the past season celebrated at a boxers' dinner evening when tribute was paid to these and many other achievements of 34 team and individual sportsmen.

Among the celebrities at the Army School of Physical Training for the dinner was Major-General G C A Gilbert, chairman of the Army Boxing Association. He expressed appreciation to all Army boxers who, under Staff-Sergeant Instructor J Kiernan, the Army boxing coach, had achieved great success. He highlighted the three who had represented their country—Corporal J Matthews (1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets), Lance-Corporal N Phillips (4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards) and Lance-Corporal R Maxwell (3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment), who is the national amateur light-middleweight champion.

Other achievements honoured were the Army team's wins over Wales, Territorial



Leading figures in Army boxing plus the stars of the ring at the special dinner.

Army Volunteer Reserve, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy. Many members of the Army team and reserves appeared with success at civilian-sponsored tournaments throughout the South of England and in Birmingham. By invitation of the Battersea Amateur Boxing Club, six Army boxers entered a match in Denmark where Lance-Corporal J Spring (3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers) won the award

for the best stylist and Corporal M Oluban won the best boxer title. Army "colours" were presented to Corporal E Case (2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets), Corporal A Dunn (36 Engineer Regiment), Lance-Corporal V Northover (206 Company, Royal Pioneer Corps), Kingsman C Metcalf (1st Battalion, The Kings Regiment) and Craftsman G Yetton (School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Bordon).

NEW ATHLETIC CONTEST

A BRAND new format of competition has been thought up by Army athletics experts designed to give even the smallest units a chance to take part in what is to be called the single event team competition. It is hoped that the streamlined style of the new contest will give a boost to both numbers and effort of participants in Army athletics.

Events which can be entered singly by soldiers on the posted strength of the same unit are: 4×100 metres relay, 4×200 metres relay, 4×400 metres relay and 4×800 metres relay. Two-man teams can compete in each of the 1500-metre and 5000-metre races plus the 3000 metres steeple-chase. For hurdlers there are 2×120 yards shuttle relays and 2×400 metres hurdle races.

In the field events of shot, discus, javelin, hammer, long jump, triple jump, high jump and pole vault, two-man teams enter each event and the aggregate height or distance for each team decides its place.

Almost every unit in the Army can boast one or more outstanding athletes. This competition will give a chance for them to compete as a representative small team from their unit. The best six teams in each event will compete in the Army championships at Aldershot and allocation of places in the final from division or district championships will be the same as for the major units team competition.

The new contest is designed to suit all athletes and all units, however small, and enables units to enter small teams for particular events as and when they have the talent. It also gives a second chance to athletes of unit teams eliminated early in the major and minor units team competitions and especially to those athletes on the strength of units too small even to muster a team for

the minor units contest. The single event team competition is a bold move to give new vigour to Army athletics. But it will in no way detract from the existing contests.

The major units inter-unit team competition has provided one of the most exciting fixtures on the programme over the years and many remember classic clashes that have punctuated these meetings.

Particularly memorable are the teams from 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment; 1st Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment; 3 Training Regiment, Royal Engineers; 1st Battalion, Irish Guards; 67 Regiment, Royal Artillery; 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards; 1st Battalion, The Black Watch, and 21 Signal Regiment, all with many fine athletes of from unit to international standard.

But unfortunately today the nucleus of a unit team is very small and training time is at a premium. The majority of units are finding it increasingly difficult to produce a large team capable of giving a good account of itself in all events.

So, to encourage major units and give them a fair chance of getting together a team worthy of competition, their contest has been redesigned for the 1974 season. After much research the Army Athletic Association finally decided to adopt the following team format.

In track events, two men to be run as first and second strings with places deciding format. In track events, two men to be run as first and second strings with places deciding team points in the 100, 200 and 400 metres, 110 and 400 metres hurdles. Two men to run in the 1500 metres and two in the 5000 metres. Two relay races will be run—the 4×100 and 4×400 metres.

There will be one man entered for each of the field events—shot, discus, javelin, hammer, long jump, triple jump, high jump and

pole vault. The rules allow athletes to compete in three events—two field and one track or vice versa—as in the old system.

The minor units team competition is always a great success with an ever-increasing number taking part. Its format remains the same with one man entered for each of the 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres races on the track plus a 4×100 metres relay. A selection of field events can each be tried by one man. They are the shot, discus, javelin, high jump and long jump.

Individual championships are decided by performance and provided athletes achieve the required time, distance or height, entries are accepted direct and no qualifying rounds are held. The amended list of qualifying performances is: Track events—100 metres, 11.6 seconds; 200 metres, 24.5 seconds; 400 metres, 54.0 seconds; 800 metres, 2 minutes .06 seconds; 1500 metres, 4 minutes 25 seconds; 5000 metres, 16 minutes 20 seconds; 3000 metres steeple-chase, 10 minutes 30 seconds; 110 metres hurdles, 17.5 seconds; 400 metres hurdles, 62.0 seconds. Field events—shot, 38 feet; discus, 115 feet; javelin, 150 feet; hammer, 120 feet; long jump, 19 feet; high jump, 5 feet 4 inches; triple jump, 39 feet; pole vault, 9 feet 6 inches.

The finals of all these competitions will be held on the brand new "tartan" track at Aldershot Military Stadium. The individual championships are on 20 and 21 June, the junior units team championships on 4 July followed on 5 and 6 July by the junior individual contest. The major and minor units team championships are on 24 July and the new single event team championships on 26 July.

The Army Athletic Association is reminding competitors at Aldershot to wear needle spikes on the "tartan" surface.

SPORTS SHORTS

SOCER

The Army team failed to stop the RAF cruising home to its third successive annual inter-Services soccer championship. Both the goals in the match were scored in the second half. And both went to the RAF. The Army dominated most of the early play and attacks were robbed of success by a series of near-misses at goal. The Army lost 1-4 to a Fire Services team and drew 2-2 in a match with the Royal Navy. Junior Leaders Regiment RA lost in the Army Cup (UK) final at Aldershot scoring one goal to SEME's two. But the Junior Leaders went on to beat 216 Para Sig Sqn 2-1 in the UK minor units final.

RUGBY

After suffering a 25-3 drubbing at the hands of the Navy, the Army XV regained its spurs by beating the TAVR 37 points to 9. The side dropped star scrum-half Spawforth for both matches. 2/Lieut R G Bell (RMA Sandhurst) was brought in and in the Navy match had difficulty replacing the vastly experienced Spawforth. The hallowed turf of Twickenham seemed to sap the Army nerve and the team was outplayed to the last when—a minute or so from no-side—Capt. G A Miller (RAEC) was sent off after a clash in the scrum-mage. Having lost both Service tournament matches, the Army returned to home ground at Aldershot to play the TAVR and a gamble to try out fresh talent in the side paid off in a very respectable scoreline.

BADMINTON

For a third successive year Pte O Salem (RAOC) is the Army's badminton champion. In this year's finals, at Worthy Down, he defeated another seeded player, L/Cpl M Feehily (RAMC). In the first game Salem ran from 2-2 to a lead of 11-4 and allowed Feehily only two more points. In the second game, again scoring with accurate placing and neat drop-shots, Salem went even further ahead to 9-1, 11-2 and 14-5.

There was earlier compensation for Feehily in retaining both the men's inter-unit doubles and mixed doubles titles but he and WO2 G Pollard (RE) lost their men's open doubles title and the SOLDIER cup to S/Sgt F Linnane (RAOC) and Pte Salem.

Men's singles—Semi-finals: Pte O Salem (RAOC) beat Cpl Burke 15-17, 15-3, 15-9; L/Cpl M Feehily (RAMC) bt S/Sgt F Linnane (RAOC) 15-9, 19-14. Final: Salem (holder) beat Feehily 15-6, 15-6.

Men's open doubles—Semi-finals: S/Sgt F Linnane (RAOC) and Pte O Salem (RAOC) beat Cpl J Rasell (RAMC) and Pte Chad 15-9, 15-6; WO2 G Pollard (RE) and L/Cpl M Feehily (RAMC) beat Cpl Burke and L/Cpl W Copland (RE) 15-8, 15-9. Final: Linnane and Salem beat Pollard and Feehily (holders) 15-12, 17-14.

Ladies' singles—Semi-finals: WO1 J Whitehead (WRAC) beat Sgt E Somerville (WRAC) (holder) 11-8, 12-10; Pte P Laws (WRAC) beat S/Sgt J Kemp (WRAC) 11-6, 8-11, 11-8. Final: Whitehead beat Laws 12-10, 11-4.

Ladies' doubles—Semi-finals: S/Sgt J Kemp (WRAC) and Cpl H Ikert (WRAC) beat Cpl Hinton and Pte S Laws (WRAC) 15-9, 15-8; Pte C Rolfe (WRAC) and Pte H Abbott (WRAC) beat WO1 J Whitehead (WRAC) and Sgt E Somerville (WRAC) 15-8, 9-15, 15-9. Final: Kemp and Ikert beat Rolfe and Abbott 15-9, 15-5.

Mixed doubles—Semi-finals: L/Cpl M Feehily (RAMC) and WO1 J Whitehead (WRAC) beat L/Cpl Hills and L/Cpl Calladine 15-3, 15-7; L/Cpl W Copland (RE) and Cpl H Ikert (WRAC) beat WO2 G Pollard (RE) and Sgt E Somerville (WRAC) 10-15, 15-8, 15-7. Final: Feehily and Whitehead (holders) beat Copland and Ikert 15-9, 15-10.

Men's inter-unit doubles—Semi-finals: RAMC Trg Centre (L/Cpl M Feehily and Cpl J Rasell) beat 1 Fortress Sqn RE (Pollard and Farish) 15-8, 15-9; RAOC Trg Centre (S/Sgt F Linnane and

Cpl G Nonis) beat Bulford Garrison (Hopkin and Lumsden) 15-4, 15-7. Final: RAMC Trg Centre (holders) beat RAOC Trg Centre 15-9, 15-9.

Junior singles—Final: A/T G Wilson (AAC Arborfield) beat Pte B Reader (R Anglian) 15-7, 5-15, 15-9. Junior inter-unit doubles—Semi-finals: AAC Arborfield (A/T C Bates and A/T G Wilson) beat AAC Harrogate (Clark and Morton) 15-12, 15-7; AAC Arborfield (A/T A Spargo and A/T D Harries) beat Inf JLB Oswestry (Donovan and Chilvers) 15-4, 15-10. Final: AAC Arborfield (Bates and Wilson) beat AAC Arborfield (Spargo and Harries) 15-3, 15-7.

TETRATHLON

Rhine Army, represented by the Queen's Own Hussars, fielded a team for the first time in many years at the Army tetrathlon in Aldershot. A qualifying competition for the Army pentathlon, which adds riding to the list of events, the tetrathlon covers fencing, swimming, shooting and running. This year's record entry included a number of guests. Individual winner was Cpl P J Twine, REME, with 3658 points and Army team winners were the School of Electronic Engineering, Arborfield, with 9592 points.

BOXING

Results of the Army individual championships from semi-finals onwards—Flyweight: Rgr J Wilson (1 RIR) beat Pte A McDonald (1 RS), L/Cpl J Spring (3 RRF) beat Sig J Hopkinson (12 Bde HQ & Sig Sqn); final: Spring beat Wilson. Bantamweight: L/Cpl N Phillip (4/7 DG) beat L/Cpl R Bain (1 RS), Pte P O'Hara beat Pte B Smith (Ord Depot, Antwerp); final: Phillip beat O'Hara. Featherweight: L/Cpl G Metcalf (1 Kings) beat L/Cpl D Sweeney (1 RWF), Sgt A Reid (1 RS) beat Fus J Lucas (1 RWF); final: Metcalf beat Reid. Lightweight: Fus M Williams (1 RWF) beat L/Cpl A Hough (JLR RAC), Pte C Foy (1 QLR) beat Pte S Eden-Wynn (16 Bn RAOC); final: Foy beat Williams. Light welterweight: Spr B Cherry (59 Cdo Sqn RE) walk-over against L/Cpl W Morgan (1 RWF), L/Cpl E Case (2 RGJ) beat L/Cpl A Sexton (1 BW); final: Case beat Cherry. Welterweight: Cpl G Harper (1 RS) beat Pte P Townsend (206 Coy RPC); final: L/Cpl D Dublin (10 Regt RCT) beat Harper. Light middleweight—L/Cpl R Maxwell (3 R Anglian) beat Sig T Rocque (HQ 12 Bde & Sig Sqn), Fus A Jones (1 RWF) beat Dvr P Lewis (10 Regt RCT); final: Maxwell beat Jones. Middleweight: Bdr C Kelly (JLR RA) beat Rfn L Williams (1 RGJ), Cpl M Olyban (2 Para) beat L/Cpl J Rudman (1 LI); final: Kelly beat Oluban. Light heavyweight: Rfn T Brade (1 RGJ) beat Fus S Williams (1 DERR), Cpl J Matthews (1 RGJ) beat Pte R Basten (1 DERR); final: Matthews beat Brade. Heavyweight: Cfn A Yetton (SEME) beat Pte R Dixon (18 Coy RPC), Cpl A Clayton (COD Donnington) beat Pte R Watters (1 RS); final: Clayton beat Yetton.

In a series of special bouts Pte A Clark (1 RS) beat Pte P Mulholland (16 Bn RAOC) and Rfn M Marsh (2 RGJ) beat L/Cpl A Hough (RHG/D), both at lightweight. At light welterweight Spr J Kinkaid (28 Amph Sqn RE) beat Rfn G Harrison (1 RGJ) and Rfn L Williams (1 RGJ) beat L/Cpl J Rudman (1 LI) at middleweight.

L/Cpl Metcalf and Cpl Case were awarded Army colours, having won an Army title and represented the Army in at least one full team match. Subject to representing the Army in a full team match, colours were also awarded to L/Cpl Dublin and Pte Foy. Recommendations for the award of colours were made for Cfn Yetton, Pte Northover and Cpl Dunn who have represented the Army in at least three team matches.

In the Combined Services Boxing Association championships a preliminary series of bouts resulted in nine Army boxers qualifying for the finals of the eleven championship weight divisions. Cpl E Case lost on a controversial points majority decision in favour of AB P Kelly (Royal Navy) and Cpl A Clayton lost on an unanimous verdict in his bout against LAM M Daniel (RN). In the finals there were walk-overs for light flyweight Rgr J Wilson (1 RIR) and flyweight L/Cpl J Spring (3 RRF). The following won their bouts: L/Cpl N Phillip (bantamweight), L/Cpl G Metcalf (featherweight), L/Cpl E Dublin (welterweight), L/Cpl R Maxwell (light middleweight) and Cpl J Matthews (light heavyweight). Losers were Bdr C Kelly at middleweight and Pte C Foy at lightweight.

The seven-combined Services title holders from the Army went on to the Amateur Boxing Association's quarter finals when, as part of the Combined Services team, they met Western Counties boxers. And all won their bouts. The overall score was nine bouts to two.

Army junior individual championships results. 15 and under 16 years old—45-48 kgs: Pte R Leggett (Mercian Depot) only entrant—no contest; 48-51 kgs semi-final: Pte U Reid (Mercian Depot) beat J/Rgr G Mills (RIR); final: Reid beat J/S M Ullah (Welsh Depot); 51-54 kgs: J/L Bdr S Betty (JLR RA) only entrant—no contest; 54-57 kgs semi-final: J/Gdsman M Murphy beat J/Gdsman K Clayton (both Gds Depot), J/L/Cpl A Mason (Welsh Depot) walk-over J/Pte R Morley (1 JLB); final: Murphy beat Mason; 57-60 kgs (2 entries): J/Sgt M Holman (Welsh Depot) beat A/T R Cowan (AAC Arborfield); 60-63.4 kgs semi-final: J/Spr R Ingram (JLR RE) beat J/Cpl W Malarky (JIB), J/Gnr D Hutton (JLR RA) beat J/Pte E Baker (1 JLB); final: Ingram beat Hutton; 63.5-67 kgs semi-final: J/L/Cpl R Clawson beat A/T M Eagle (AAC Arborfield); final: Clawson beat J/Inf D Walker (Mercian Depot); 67-71 kgs final: J/Gnr B Young (JLR RA) beat A/T P Borrett (AAC RAOC); 71-74 kgs: J/L/Cpl P Davis (JLR RAC) only entrant—no contest. 17 and under 18 years old—45-48 kgs no entries; 48-51 kgs final: A/Sgt W O'Rourke (AAC RAOC) beat Y/S T Rees (Welsh Depot); 51-54 kgs: J/Gnr G Simmonds (JLR RA) only entrant—no contest; 54-57 kgs semi-final: J/L/Cpl S Brook (JLR RE) beat J/Cpl R Bevan (Mercian Depot), J/Kgm D Owen (1 JLB) beat J/Sgt M Fox (JLR RA); final: Owen beat Brook; 57-60 kgs semi-final: J/Sgt S Brown (Gds Depot) beat Y/S W White (Welsh Depot), J/Gnr E Lindsay (JLR RA) beat J/Pte G Eyre (1 JLB); final: Brown beat Lindsay; 60-63.5 kgs semi-final: J/Sgt I Harper (Gds Depot) beat J/L/Cpl B Campbell (IJB), J/L/Cpl P McDonald (JIB), beat A/T G Mallen (AAC Chepstow); final: Harper beat McDonald; 63.5-67 kgs semi-final: A/T S Maginnis (AAC Arborfield) beat Y/S C James (Welsh Depot); final: J/Pte D Hatton (1 JLB) beat Maginnis; 67-71 kgs semi-final: A/T G White beat J/Gdsman G Hepworth (1 JIB); final: White beat J/Sgt F Maguire (Gds Depot); 71-74 kgs semi-finals: A/Pte C Moffatt (AAC RAOC) beat J/Spr I Taylor (JLR RE), J/L/Sgt L Mulhern (Gds Depot) beat J/L/Bdr K Speed (JLR RA); final: Mulhern beat C Moffatt.

HOCKEY

Fixtures have been coming thick and fast for the Army hockey team. The results show mixed fortunes: Army v Brooklands 1-1, Army v Bowden 0-2, Army v Hounslow 2-0, Army under-22 v Middlesex Wanderers 1-2, Army v Beckenham 1-4, Army v RAF 1-2, Army under-22 v RAF under-22 2-4, Army v TAVR 3-1. In the Army junior final, Jun Ldrs Regt RAC beat Jnr Inf Bn 3-0. The Army junior soldiers cup went to Inf Coy LI Depot who beat AAC RAPC, the holders, 3-0.

JUDO

In the final of the UK inter-unit team contest, 1 Para beat 4 RTR 3-2. In the semi-finals 1 Para had beaten 1 Trg Regt RE 3-2 and 4 RTR had beaten Depot RAOC 4-1. The five-man 1 Para team went on to beat 40 Fd Regt RA (BAOR) in the all-Army inter-unit championship.

Individual events—Special Kyu heavy class: Cpl K Gill (3 LI) beat L/Cpl J Hand (Depot Para). Special Kyu light class: Pte J Watter (Depot Para) beat Gnr K Parker (42 Hvy Regt RA).

Heavyweight: Cpl S Browning (1 Para) beat Sigm Coles (8 Sig Regt). Light heavyweight: Bdr D Lyon (40 Fd Regt RA) beat Cpl T Dolan (Depot RAOC). Middleweight: L/Cpl S Travis (RPC Trg Centre) beat L/Cpl M Williams (1 Trg Regt RE). Welterweight: Pte I Rodgers (1 Para) beat SI C Johnston (APTC). Lightweight: Cpl R Jarman (JLR RE) beat Cpl Castillo (Depot RAOC). Open class: L/Cpl S Travis (RPC Trg Centre) beat SI C Johnston (APTC). Trophy for best losing performance: L/Cpl M Williams.

Army juniors championships. Heavyweight: App Bourne (AAC ACC). Light-heavyweight: J/Tpr Allum (JLR RAC). Middleweight: J/Sgt Short (JLR RA). Welterweight: J/Spr Harrison (JLR RE). Lightweight: A/T Bull (AAC Arborfield). Open: J/Tpr Allum. Unit team winners were the Army Apprentices College, Arborfield.

Mentioned in despatches

Northern Ireland awards

The following awards have been made for service in Northern Ireland between 1 August and 31 October 1973:

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (for meritorious service): Brigadier A C S Boswell, late infantry.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire (for meritorious service): Lieutenant-Colonel A L Hayes-Newington, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel D G Hopkins, Royal Artillery; Lieutenant-Colonel B M Lane, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel M E Thorne, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Member of the Order of the British Empire (for meritorious service): Major W T Dodd, Major R J McG Drummond, both The Royal Anglian Regiment; Major B M Elliot, The Light Infantry; Major A H Le Tissier, Royal Military Police; Major W K L Prosser, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment; Major R K Sampson, Royal Artillery; Captain I M Walden, Royal Marines.

Distinguished Conduct Medal: Staff-Sergeant D Bradley, The Light Infantry; Warrant Officer 2 T P Whelan, The Royal

Regiment of Fusiliers.

George Medal: Lieutenant-Colonel M H Mackenzie-Orr, Staff-Sergeant A V Glasby, both Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Military Medal: Marine N Gibson, Royal Marines; Corporal D J Sinclair, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Colour-Sergeant A J Underwood, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Warrant Officer 2 P Wharton, The Light Infantry.

British Empire Medal (for gallantry): Staff-Sergeant D Greenway, Staff-Sergeant R R P Kirby, Sergeant G Lightfoot, Staff-Sergeant G Wells, all Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

British Empire Medal (for meritorious service): Staff-Sergeant J V Fazackerley, Royal Engineers; Staff-Sergeant R C Jones, Royal Signals; Sergeant J McC MacFarlane, Scots Guards; Corporal R L Rencher, Staff-Sergeant B D Treadwell, both Intelligence Corps; Sergeant W Y Wyatt, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major J W Allison, The Gloucestershire Regiment; Corporal R J Arrand, The Light Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel D J A Atkinson, Bombardier S Douglas, Major D P Earlam, Sergeant D Mahan, all Royal Artillery; Warrant Officer 2 M J Barham, Major F J W Filor, Sergeant P N Hinds, all The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire; Staff-Sergeant R Beckett (now deceased), Warrant Officer 2 D Shone, both Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Staff-Sergeant L H Beesley, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; Corporal C R Butcher, Captain E P O Springfield, Corporal S L Walker, all Intelligence Corps; Corporal J S Carlin, Captain A de C L Leask, both Scots Guards; Corporal E Cox (now retired), Women's Royal Army Corps; Corporal G E Crossley, Royal Military Police; Captain M A Evans, Royal Engineers; Major E J Everett-Heath, Major P T Jones, both Army Air Corps; Major J C M Garnett, The Royal Regiment of Wales; Major J M C Garrod, Lieutenant-Colonel J F Mottrain, both Royal Marines; Major R D H H Greenwood, Sergeant J P Richards, both The Queen's Own Hussars; Lieutenant T E Hall, Major D L Lewis, both Royal Tank Regiment; Warrant Officer 2 A E Haslam, Lieutenant-Colonel I R D Shapter, both Royal Signals; Major C W Ivey, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; Major A F S Ling, The Queen's Regiment; Lieutenant D W M Long, Irish Guards; Second-Lieutenant C M McCabe (now deceased), Ulster Defence Regiment; Sergeant A J Mutch, Royal Corps of Transport; Squadron-Leader J N Roberts, Royal Air Force; Sergeant G W Wright, The Royal Anglian Regiment.



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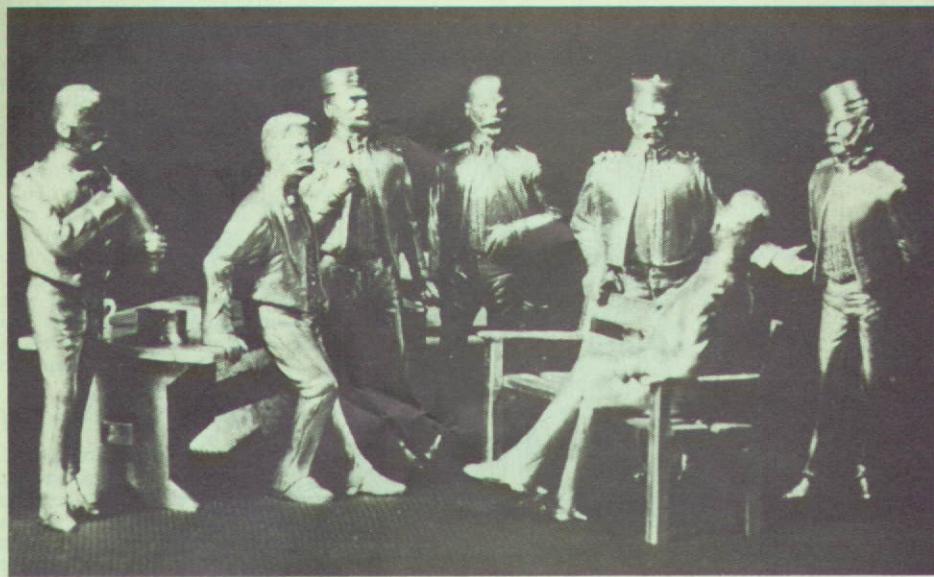
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Military Models

Dressed up to the 1900s

CLASHING with sword against shield, galloping with swirling plumes and charging with fixed bayonets—model soldiers have been cast in many such action poses. So it might appear that a new range limited to figures sitting and standing around in mess dress would make a diorama without drama.

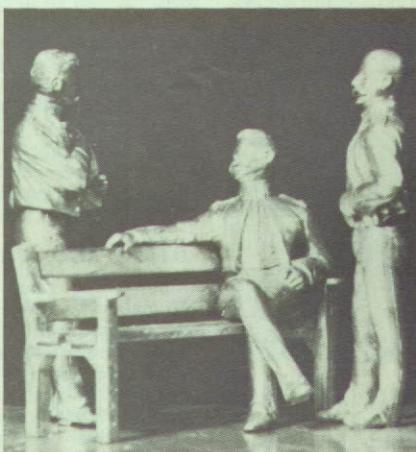
However, Ensign Miniatures really capture the atmosphere of unhurried elegance of a late Victorian officers' mess with such individuals as an aristocratic guards officer, business-like sapper and dapper rifleman.

The figures—based on "Dress Regulations 1900"—comprise more or less every British regiment and corps of the time. Although painting instructions are included, it would have been more helpful for the manufacturers to have provided coloured illustrations, especially for those modellers who want to get right not just colours such as red and green but the actual shade of red and green. It is pleasing to note though that one of the directors, Major Bob Rowe, consulted the curators of regimental museums before sculpting his "masters."

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There are additional items such as chairs, tables, benches, beer tankards as well as open and closed books. So, apart from all the intricate piping, braid and hooks and eyes, perfectionist painters are going to need a magnifying glass to reproduce a title like "Queen's Regulations 1899."

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Letters

THAT VEXED QUESTION

Once again I write to you as the Army's forum. The armed forces need men. Recruitment is down. The Ministry of Defence has said that neither pay nor Ulster is a prime cause and that it is investigating the problem. The very simple answer is hair. Young men—potential soldiers—have realised that the Army today *does* offer an exceedingly good career to those who are prepared to work for it. I have three in my own village, good material, 19, 19 and 17, who would love to join but say, quite bluntly, "I'm not going to have my hair cut just to join the Army." When is the Ministry of Defence going to wake up to the fact that this is 1974 and that lads *do* wear their hair long? I have served in four armies, in three of which a proportion of the soldiers had long hair. Apart from looking exceedingly smart, this makes not a scrap of difference to their discipline, morale, or fighting qualities.—**Maj I A S McEwan, Al Husn, Tarbrax, Midlothian, Scotland.**

A record?

I think the sergeants mess of the School of Preliminary Education, Corsham, can beat the record claimed (Letters, February) by the Recruit Selection Centre sergeants mess, Sutton Coldfield. Our mess strength is 28 against their 36. They beat us in years' service—we have only 510 years against their 770. We do, however, outnumber them in cap badges—out of 28 members we have 19 different badges. Our oldest member, too, has 36 years' service, but our youngest beats theirs with only four years. Taking all statistics into consideration I think SPE Corsham comes out on top. Sorry to break Sutton Coldfield's record.—**Cpl G V Colbourne RE, School of Preliminary Education, Basil Hill Barracks, Corsham, Wilts.**

We have 80 members in the MT Wing, Army School of Transport, sergeants mess. The total service is 1180 years, giving an average of 14 years nine months per member. Our cap badges total 22. We cannot match the longest serving member, but our shortest serving member has six years' and 11 months' service. We have six members with less than nine years' service.—**RSM V H Vaughan RCT, Mechanical Transport Wing, Army School of Transport, Bordon, Hants.**

The specials

Many of your readers who attend, either as visitors or as participants, the changing of the guard ceremonies at Horse Guards or Buckingham Palace on a Sunday morning will perhaps have noticed that the policing arrangements are undertaken by the men and women of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary. Recently the Special Constabulary of the Metropolitan Police launched its first-ever recruitment drive which is designed to increase the strength of the Force from 1650 to 5000

members. It is hoped to recruit representatives from all sections of the community.

Special Constables are used to assist the regular police in times of emergency and to help with such things as traffic and peace-keeping and their efforts and loyalty are also greatly appreciated at the big ceremonial occasions and international sporting events where large crowds have to be controlled. Should any readers living in London be interested in joining I will be only too pleased to send them the necessary information.—**H F Howse, Commandant, Metropolitan Special Constabulary, A Division, Divisional Headquarters, 1 Cannon Row, London, SW1A 2JL.**

Music without words

I was interested in reading Mr Dodsworth's letter (January) on the onomatopoeics of bugle calls. Was not there one which went "Now, turn out, and fall in?"

Mr Dodsworth is right in saying that such things will soon be lost to posterity, and I think this feeling runs through many of the letters and articles in your magazine. My particular interest is the study of the events of the Boer War and nearly all the books I have read on this period are good on events but very weak on social background. Contemporary writers left out the details, obvious to them, which are the things which most interest us.

I am currently canvassing support for the promotion of a historical society with a specific interest in the study of Army life in the Victorian era. Aims of the society would be interchange of information between specialist collectors or students, publication of books and articles on the period and organisation of lectures and visits to places of interest at home and abroad.

So may I invite readers to drop me a line stating their particular interest, whether bugle calls, military music, Indian Mutiny, medals, G E Stevens

—the list of possibilities is endless—providing it has relevance to the period 1850-1905. I am hopeful of a favourable response because people are already phoning me, and my number isn't in the phone book!—**J D Crouch, 18 Tudor Court, Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 0AH.**

After the war

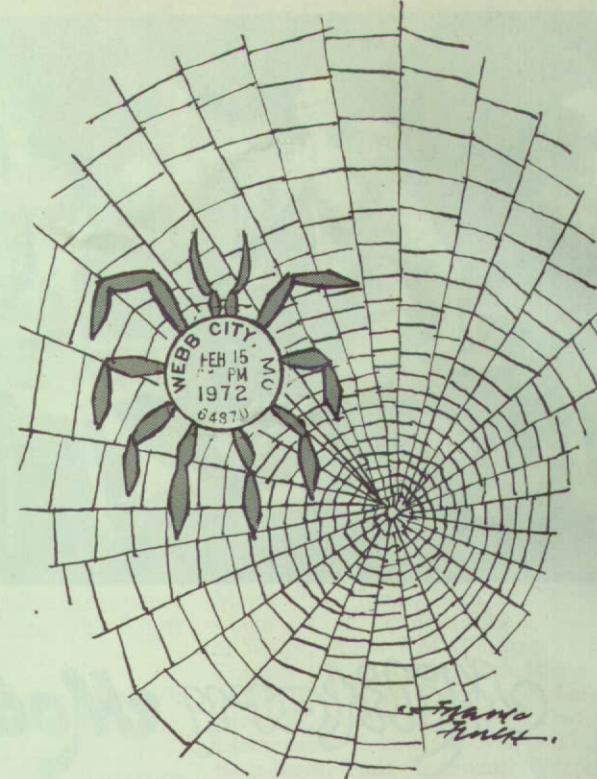
Some three years ago you kindly reviewed two books we wrote—"Not for Glory" and "The Long Carry." Both were attempts to view World War One through the eyes of the ordinary (if that is the right term) soldier. Whatever success the books enjoyed we feel was due to the immediacy and originality of the recollections of the serving soldiers we studied.

We are now researching what could be regarded as a sequel in that we are working on a book which will look at the years 1918 to 1926 to try and discover what the "soldiers from the wars returning" experienced during this period. We are particularly interested in World War One veterans' recollections of this period in their lives—whether it was better or worse than they expected, whether a let-down etc. All communications will, of course, be acknowledged.—**R H Haigh and P W Turner, 22 Highcliffe Drive, Swinton, Mexborough, Yorkshire, S64 8LX.**

Ord Hume

I am rather surprised at RB's remarks on Ord Hume marches—that bandsmen are choked with oompah marches and that "Ord Hume in particular bores the pants off them." James Ord Hume, in my opinion, is

mand organisation, Headquarters North West District took on additional responsibilities and two more counties, Westmorland and Cumberland. So the GOC, Major-General Corran Purdon, commissioned Mr John Rietekker, a civil servant on his staff, to design a new badge incorporating the added counties.



one of our greatest military band composers and certainly equal in stature to Kenneth Alford and Thomas Bidgood. Ord Hume composed about 150 marches of which only about six have ever been recorded by military bands—so the present generation of bandsmen must indeed get bored extremely easily, if RB is to be believed!

Ord Hume composed a number of marches in honour of famous regiments and, with the exception of "Second to None" (Royal Scots Greys), not one has been recorded. Those honoured by him include the Royal Artillery, The Green Howards and also Kneller Hall.

So please let us have more Ord Hume marches, certainly not fewer.—**H L S Plunkett (Hon Secretary, Band Section, Military Historical Society), 93 Springbank, Lakenham, Norwich, NOR 84C.**

They were there

Mr K R Charles recalls (February) the re-forming of 29th Independent Infantry Brigade in October 1950. I wonder how many serving members know its history?

Its white circle sign represented the name of the then brigade commander, Oliver Leese—Oliver's Own—and the original brigade comprised battalions of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, The East Lancashire Regiment and The South Lancashire Regiment. The brigade was formed in 1940, trained for amphibious landings, took part in the Madagascar campaign and fought in Burma where it joined 72nd Brigade in the 36th Division which had so many successes in Burma. The white circle was then joined by a red circle on a black background

New formation sign



A thorny protocol problem has been averted by the Army in the choice of a new formation sign (left) for its North West District which used to have military responsibility for Lancashire, Cheshire and the Isle of Man. The old sign identified the main geographical links but, with the restructuring of the com-

Rather than attempt what he said would have been a "heraldic dog's breakfast," Mr Rietekker plumped for simple designs and finally came up with the unencumbered device which is now stamped on military vehicles travelling the region—a sword in gold, pointing north west on a red-and-white diamond base.

I served with the brigade, in The Royal Welch Fusiliers, from its formation until November 1945 and, always knew it was second to none. Incidentally I am still serving, in the TA VR, and still with the RWF (37 years).—**Capt S R Roberts, 21 St David's Avenue, Llandudno Junction, Caernarvonshire.**

★ And, one must add, still a very active over-fifty! Captain Roberts modestly did not mention that he made a name for himself (see *SOLDIER*, November 1972) competing with the British team in the tough international military competition for reserve officers in the United States two years ago.

Two by two

I would refer to your article on the museum of The East Yorkshire Regiment (March). This regiment was not the only one to have two battalions in the first assault wave on the Normandy beaches. The Green Howards had their 6th and 7th battalions in 69th Brigade and the East Yorkshires their 4th battalion in this brigade. They may have had one more in another formation but we had two that went ashore in the same formation at the initial assault.—**Col J M Forbes, Curator, The Green Howards Regimental Museum, Richmond, Yorkshire, DL10 4QN.**

Drummers' dress

In reply to Mr M J E Mead's letter (February) concerning the drummers' dress of 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, it is stated in a footnote that "the battalion had the helmet made in 1972 as a perfect copy . . ."

Presumably this means a copy of the pre-1914 blue helmet. A close examination, however, of the helmets in the picture shows them as being much larger and more bell-shaped than the old pattern of helmet which fitted much closer to the head. The helmets in the photograph in



Decorations

One of the most exceptional groups of decorations ever awarded to a British soldier—the Victoria Cross, Order of Merit, four of his five Grand Crosses and his campaign medals—can now be seen in the National Army Museum. They belonged to (left) Field-Marshal Sir George White (1835-1912) and have been loaned by his daughter, Miss Georgina White.

George Stuart White was commissioned into the Inniskilling Fusiliers in 1853 and saw service with the regiment during the Indian Mutiny. In the Second Afghan War (1878-1880), while serving with The Gordon Highlanders, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for extreme gallantry in two separate

actions. He was on the Nile Expedition of 1884-85, in Burma (1885-88), where he was promoted major-general for distinguished service in the field, and in 1889 commanded the Zib Valley expedition.

From 1893 to 1898 he was Commander-in-Chief India and then Quartermaster-General to the Forces. He commanded the Ladysmith garrison until its relief. Sir George was awarded the Order of Merit after his Governorship of Gibraltar, and the Grand Crosses of five British Orders: Indian Empire (1893), Bath (1897), St Michael and St George and Victorian Order (both in 1900). These are now in the museum. The fifth, the Star of India, was presumably returned to the Sovereign.

fact look suspiciously like modern police helmets which have been made to resemble the old army pattern by having spikes and chin chains added plus the star plate. Other battalions also appear to have adopted similar helmets for their drummers.

The old helmet is said to have been described as ugly in its day but these modern replacements surely are even uglier and not nearly as neat as the old type.

As to the No 1 Dress cap being out of keeping with the scarlet tunics, an exactly similar cap was frequently worn with the scarlet tunic 1905-14 and by bands and drummers between the wars.—**J T Thomson, 52 Grove Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8AT.**

British victory

The reference by RB in the December "On Record" to the "English" Army at the Battle of Vitoria is exacerbated by the fact that the attack on the French was led by the 71st Highland Light Infantry, which suffered the heaviest of all the casualties, and that also engaged were The Royal Scots, the 74th (later the 2nd Battalion Highland Light Infantry) and the 92nd (Gordon Highlanders). If RB is ever the guest of The Royal Highland Fusiliers (21st, 71st and 74th) he will be summoned to dinner by "The Heroes of Vitoria," one of the pipe tunes contributed to the regiment by the HLI.

Vitoria was fought, I would add, in 1813, one hundred and six years after the last English army!—**T S Cunningham, 6 The Lindens, Prospect Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 3EJ.**

★ Sorry, Mr Cunningham. Your insular Editor nodding off again! But you've had to read quite a number of issues this time before being able to spring once more to the defence of Scotland and Britain!

Hannoverians

Calling all those who were in Hannover during the last weeks of World War Two. The old comrades association of the German pre-war Hannoverian Artillery Regiment 19—which carried on the tradition of the famous Hanoverian Legion fighting with the British Army—has appealed to me for help in tracing the whereabouts of some items of traditional interest. These are the former regimental Standard, the kettle-drummer's uniform and gear and the kettle-drum drapings of the drum horse.

The old comrades would very much like to photograph these items for their regimental history which is shortly to appear in book form. I understand that they were stored in the former headquarters of the 11th Hanover Army Corps at Misburger Damm and taken as war booty. Perhaps somebody could kindly put me on the right track?—**Col K H Böttger, Military Attaché, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, 23 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PZ.**



Bike on rails

I read with interest the article (April) on bicycles past and present. I took the photograph (above) in February while visiting Fort Klapperkop outside Pretoria. It is of an eight-seater bicycle used by the Australian Cycle Corps in the Boer War when the Boers were causing endless trouble by blowing up railway lines. The guide assured us it could reach 60 miles an hour, but I rather doubt it!—**Norman L Dodd (Col Retd), The Old Forge, Plymtree, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2JY.**

With a y

I was very interested in "The other Legion" (Letters, March) in which reference was made to General Sir Neville Lyttleton, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and would point out that his surname is spelt with a y, not i. My father was on his staff throughout the South African campaign, was at the relief of Ladysmith and, mounted on horseback, is in a picture of the relief with General Lyttleton, General Buller and General White. Sir Neville, my godfather, nominated me for entry to the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, on 13 May 1911. I left in 1916 for the Army as a fully trained bandsman. Above my bed at the school was a wooden plaque with a brass plate with the name of Lyttleton, my nominator, on it. I am one of the few left of the original boys who entered the school

and, although crippled in a wheelchair, I still attend the old school for the annual dinner.—**R G Shaw, Vredehoek, 38 The Circle, Pinchurst, Swindon, Wilts.**

Rorke's Drift

I should like to take issue with RB regarding a comment in his review (March) of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1973 record.

While in general agreeing with every word he says, I cannot allow to pass the description of Rorke's Drift as being "a battle in which the sappers distinguished themselves." There was in fact only one sapper there—the officer commanding, Lieutenant Chard, subsequently VC. Most of the men in the battle were of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Foot (The South Wales Borderers). I have no desire to belittle the very considerable abilities of Lieutenant Chard, but please, RB, credit where it's due!

Incidentally, as there have been so many amalgamations and disbands of regiments over the years, would it not be possible to record some more of the marches of the vanishing regiments? We have had two such records from Kneller

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Forces art

The Armed Forces Art Society, formed originally in 1925 as an Army society, was reconstituted in 1947 with the aim of encouraging art in all three Services. Anyone, male or female, who is serving or has ever served in any branch of the armed forces is entitled to submit works in any recognised medium for the society's annual exhibition and may in due course be considered for election to membership. Most exhibitors are amateur, but there is a hard core of professional artists who have served in the forces. Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, himself a keen artist, was chairman for many years and succeeded Princess Marina as patron. The present chairman is Rear-Admiral John Moore.

There are at present some 150 members of the society about half of whom, and some 100 non-members, exhibit each year. Further details of the society can be obtained from Colonel E L L Vulliamy, Hon Secretary, Armed Forces Art Society, Meyricks, Blanford Road, Reigate, Surrey.



Museum "guardsman"

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more letters

Hall—can we have another one please, RB?—Mrs C Jennings, Fuentes d'Onoro, 71 Valley Road, Streatham, London, SW16 2XL.

★RB replies: I wasn't giving credit to anyone. I merely mentioned that the sappers distinguished themselves at the battle. There was more than one sapper there, and if a VC to the corps is not "distinguished" in action I don't know what is.

The Coldstream Band is in process of putting all present regimental marches on disc: one is published, the second is awaiting issue, and it is hoped a third is on its way. I have it in mind to continue with the Vanished Regiments series as and when the record companies agree.

Dual role

I was very interested in Mr J Beasley's letter (February). During World War Two our regiment, 112 HAA Regiment, did in fact train with the 3.7in AA gun for use in an anti-tank role. Indeed, we trained for four roles: AA, field, anti-tank and anti-sea. We took part in the D-Day landings and I am sure would have proved our point if called upon to fire as an anti-tank gun. However, we were used in a field gun capacity in North-West Europe and took part in the Rhine crossing as such.

I am sure the British 3.7in gun was the equal of the German 88mm.—R Short (ex-gunner), 15 Georges Close, Whipton Lane, Exeter, Devon.

I understand from "Artillery" (John Batchelor and Ian Hogg) that the United Kingdom did in fact develop the 3.7in for use as an anti-aircraft gun. It was known as the 32-pounder. The authors state that it was "... a monster anti-tank gun which, fortunately for the gunners who might have had to push it, arrived too late to take part in the war."

I hope this information will be of use to Mr Beasley and I would like to hear the Royal Artillery Institution's comments on the 32-pounder.

—WOR D E J Boak RAOC, Staff Communications, SHAPE, BFPO 26.

Marching with Ord Hume

Lieutenant Ord Hume (Letters, March) who was bandmaster of the Seaford Highlanders during World War One, relieved my old bandmaster, Joe Ricketts of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, while he was in hospital wounded. I was then a band boy in the Argylls.

During the war I had to check an address given by a couple arrested in Portsmouth. The address—33 Meon Road, Southsea—proved to be false, but who should I meet in his smoke cap, and still writing music, but Ord Hume. I also met his son in his full-dress uniform as a bandsman who came in while I was there.—R G Shaw, Vredeshoek, 38 The Circle, Pinehurst, Swindon, Wilts.

The belt below

I read with interest Mr Tabrett's query (February) about hussars wearing the sword belt over the tunic. At no time did this happen while in review order, whether mounted or dismounted. When dis-

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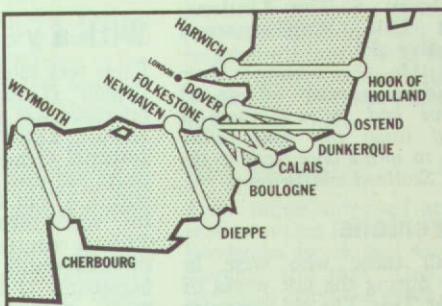
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mounted, the hussar wore his sword attached to the sword belt which was worn underneath the tunic. When mounted, the sword was carried in a frog attached to the rear of the saddle on the near side. The belt was still worn under the tunic with straps, ordinarily hooked on the scabbard, clamped together. When in khaki service dress, officers and warrant officers wore the regulation Sam Browne belt over the tunic while troopers and non-commissioned officers wore the sword belt under the tunic as in review order.

The foregoing also applied to lancers, although the 21st Lancers were known to have worn the belt over the khaki tunic for a period during the Sudan Campaign of 1898. In review order lancers wore a "girdle" over their tunic. The actual sword belt, like that of the hussars, was worn underneath the garment. The non-regulation appearance of the men in the photograph was, to my mind, inexcusable. The 10th Royal Hussars and the 11th Prince Albert's Own Hussars had their respective honour guards (Guidon escorts) correctly turned out in 1914 full dress at their amalgamation parade as pictured in your magazine (December, 1969). It is a pity that more attention is not given to the old regulations when turning personnel out in the old full dress. These regulations still exist and can be consulted. I should think that old regimental photo albums would also be a tremendous help. I hope that Regular soldiers reading this will not think me over-critical of an institution which is not my own. I have a great admiration for the British Army and its professionalism and I want to see this tradition carried over into every endeavour which it undertakes.—William

L McCaughey, 333 S Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22204, USA.

The other side

Reference Mr James's letter (March). It should be remembered that the various French Governments of 1815 had more important things to worry about than the preservation of captured British Colours. In fact, to the restored Bourbons they would be an embarrassment as they could hardly display trophies belonging to their saviours. The defeated Napoleonic armies were hardly in a

Collectors' Corner

B A Jackson, 104 Sandygate, Wath-upon-Dearne, Rotherham, Yorks.—Has MM group of four to 1/cpl, 11th Northumberland Fusiliers, comprising MM, 1914-15 Star, BWM and Victory Medal, all NEF; also original citation signed dated 14.10.17; plus document headed 23rd Div noting further act of bravery in field 15.6.18 with citation signed major-general commanding 23rd Div 25.6.18. For exchange only. My interest pre-1900 British militaria.

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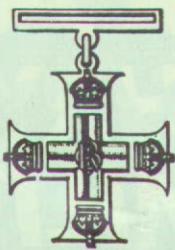
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position to keep track of these Colours especially after Napoleon had left the army.

There are several good reasons for the comparative lack of trophies in France, the main one being that on the night of 30 March 1814 something like 1800 Standards, Guidons and Colours were burned to prevent them falling into the hands of the allied armies of Russia, Prussia, Austria, Sweden and the smaller German states. These included the remains of 44 English Colours captured from Charles I's army in 1627 at the Ile de Rhé. There were also Colours captured from William III's defeats at Steenkirk and Neerwinden in 1692 and 1693; also the Colours taken in Minorca from the 4th, 23rd, 24th and 34th Foot in 1756; and those of the 51st and 61st and two Hanoverian battalions which fell into French hands when the same island was captured again in 1781. Finally, there was a Colour surrendered at Yorktown and presented to Louis XVI by Congress. Nearly all the 340 Prussian trophies taken after the Jena campaign went up in flames at the same time.

The scarcity of Eagles in general and of the Imperial Guard in particular is easily explained. Many of them were destroyed by order of the Bourbon Government in 1814; those issued to the army during the Hundred Days were destroyed during the Second Restoration. Only a few managed to escape the destruction, but one that did was the most famous of all. This was the Eagle of the Adieu, belonging to the 1st Grenadiers of the Imperial Guard.

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"Brassey's Annual 1973" (Editor: Major-General J L Moulton)

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It is a sad fact of life that armed forces—the Americans in Vietnam are a good example—have suffered at the hands of skilled enemy propagandists. Under the heading of "Effect on the Army," Brigadier Thompson considers that Northern Ireland has brought great responsibility to and tested to the full the Army's junior leadership. It has provided invaluable training hard come by in peacetime, taught men to live on the battlefield and greatly raised the standard of marksmanship.

On the debit side this training and experience has been at the expense of many of the skills required in Rhine Army and of collective training generally and has put considerable strain on Service families. He remains convinced, however, that morale is remarkably high and that the number of married men buying themselves out does not appear to be excessive. On the other hand, the continuing casualties to soldiers seem to be affecting the attitudes of parents and girl friends of young men who might join the Army and



almost certainly accounts for the fall in recruiting.

In concentrating on Brigadier Thompson's essay, no slight is intended to the other contributors to this valuable survey of defence topics which this year include Vietnam, East-West negotiations, various aspects of NATO, developments in land, air and sea forces, the Far East, contrasts in US and Soviet strategies, Canadian defence and the northern flank, an international disaster relief force and control of defence budgeting.

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Captain Carey's Blunder

The Death of The Crown Prince Imperial June 1879

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leaped for his horse, part of the prince's saddlery broke and he fell. With two other soldiers he was hacked to death. Carey and the rest of the party galloped to safety.

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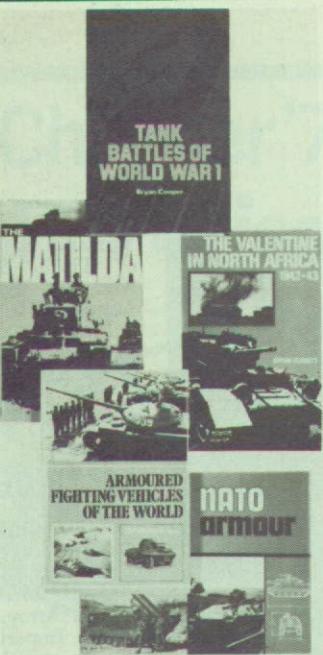
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acted on it with merciless efficiency.

Mr Wykes paints a horrifying portrait of this monster whose crimes will never be forgotten. But though he toys with the idea that Himmler was in some way connected with the July bomb plot, he omits to mention Himmler's greatest crime against Hitler—his entering into talks with Count Folke Bernadotte in a naive bid to end the war. It was this treachery, after years of "unconditional obedience," which convinced Hitler that all was lost and made him decide to stay in Berlin to the end.

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"Colditz Recaptured" (Compiled by Reinhold Eggers, edited by John Watton)

A most unlikely team is responsible for this engrossing book about Schloss Colditz, the grim castle where the Germans housed in-veterate escapees from other prison camps. Captain Eggers was on the Colditz staff, mostly as security officer, from November 1940 to the end of the war. Mr Watton was a prisoner there for five years.

Captain Eggers collected short memoirs from his former captives about their imprisonment at Colditz and strings these together with linking chapters and background material both on events and on the German staff. It says much for this retired German schoolmaster that his ex-prisoners kept in touch with him after the war and that many willingly contributed chapters.

The current British television series has sharpened interest in the subject and "Colditz Recaptured" arrives in time to broaden the canvas. For one should remember that six Frenchmen and four Dutchmen made successful home runs before the first Briton, Lieutenant Airey Neave, got away with another Dutchman.

The British hold the Colditz record with seven successful escapes, but one of these, a Lieutenant Miller, who got away on 8 January

1944, vanished without trace. The French and the Dutch each had six home-runs. A further five French Colditz prisoners escaped while in the custody of guards other than those of the castle, and to this number should be added one Briton, one Pole and one Belgian.

This is a well-balanced guide to Colditz 1940-45.

Robert Hale & Co, 63 Old Brompton Road, London, SW7 3JU, £2.80

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"Crimsoned Prairie: The Indian Wars on the Great Plain" (S L A Marshall) Although he was once a member of the fabled 7th US Cavalry which Custer led to disaster at the Little Big Horn, Brigadier-General Marshall makes no apologies for his bias towards the Red Indian in this study of the Plains wars against the white immigrants. He dedicates his book to "the Delaware squaw who married my Revolutionary War forebear—and her name nobody ever bothered to tell me" and admits to adoption by the Sioux in the 1930s with the name Iron Eyes—"which fits no better than most Indian names."

His analysis of the Little Big Horn and Custer's last stand is most enlightening and seems scrupulously fair to all concerned. He dismisses the infamous "massacre" at Wounded Knee as a clear case of Indian treachery.

The author draws some uncomfortable comparisons between the Indian wars and Vietnam and his clear style throws an uncompromising flash of light on a period of American history many prefer to keep in the shadows.

Macdonald & Jane Publishers, St Giles House, 49-50 Poland Street, London, W1A 2LG, £3.25 MJS

UNIVERSAL

"Making Tracks: British Carrier Story 1914 to 1972" (P Chamberlain and C Ellis)

Britain's most prolific writers on armour turn their attention to the carriers, starting in 1914 with motorcycle combinations and the early armoured lorries. Gun tractors and

light carriers, including many experimental types which never got into service, take the story through to the rearmament period before World War Two when the dominating vehicle was the universal carrier. It was often called a Bren carrier but this was an erroneous description. The universal carrier performed sterling service throughout the war, carrying armaments which were wide-ranging and often improvised.

The Germans captured many carriers in France in 1940 and converted them to various uses including Panzerjaeger (tank hunters), troop carriers for the Russian front, supply tractors and snowploughs.

Though a bit on the costly side, this profusely illustrated soft-covered book will be welcome by students of military transport and by modellers. Profile Publications Ltd, Coburg House, Sheet Street, Windsor, Berks, SLA 1EB, £1.75

came the foundation stone on which the splendid Canadians were to build their military tradition.

Major Macksey tells the story of Vimy Ridge with insight, vigour and compassion.

Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 50p

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CANADIAN CORNERSTONE

"Vimy Ridge 1914-18 (Book 6, World War One)" (Kenneth Macksey)

When the Kaiser launched his armies along the Schlieffen route in a gigantic wheeling movement pivoted on the Vosges Mountains, the advance was finally held on the Marne. Every attempt by the Germans to resume the attack westwards was countered by an allied extension of the line until it stretched up through Amiens, across the Belgian frontier and the Flanders plain to end on the sea between Nieuport and Ostend. Mobility lost, the opposing armies dug in—and the stalemate was to last for four years.

Major Macksey writes: "Standing firm in the centre of the Western front and coveted with predatory zeal by both sides alike, the fields around Arras and, in particular, the Heights of Vimy, were to serve as a proving ground for the slow evolution of new techniques."

The German-held Vimy Ridge became the focal point for allied offensives. Britain and France suffered some 250,000 casualties; the German defenders lost some 210,000 men. In 1917 the young Canadian Army was thrown into the assault. With all the drive and adaptability of youth it took and held the ridge. Vimy be-

In brief

"History of the Second World War" (B H Liddell Hart)

This was Sir Basil Liddell Hart's last book, published after his death in 1970 (reviewed SOLDIER June 1971) and now republished in paperback. Into it went the fruits of the "notes for history" the author made when visiting allied commanders during the war, and captured German generals afterwards, along with research and reflections matured over more than 20 years.

Readable and reliable, it is a worthy swansong of a historian whose own brilliance inspired generalship on both sides.

Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 95p

"Militaria: Collecting Print and Manuscript" (Rev A H Denney)

This is a slim but handsome introduction to several fascinating fields for collectors. Military prints, picture postcards, stamps and cigarette cards are illustrated and there are chapters on soldiers' letters and diaries. Some posters, newspapers, paper money and concert programmes are also featured. In ninety-six pages, some chapters are necessarily brief, but many illustrations are in full colour and the book is printed on good paper and well bound.

Photo Precision Ltd, Caxton Road, St Ives, Huntingdon, PE17 4LS, £2.50

"War"

This is an album of war photographs, from the first taken in the Crimea by Roger Fenton to some produced in Vietnam last year. It has a large number of editors; Playboy Press is co-owner of the copyright.

Albert R Leventhal, who wrote the crisp texts (the two world wars get five pages of words each), says the editors have chosen the pictures they regard as coming close to the truth. They have done a good job—the pictures have great dramatic quality, and are splendidly reproduced.

The Hamlyn Group, Astronaut House, Hounslow Road, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 9AR, £4.95

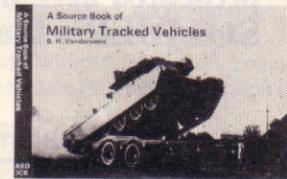
"There are no Frontiers" (Edward Fursdon)

Colonel Fursdon is a sapper officer now working as a Defence Fellow at Aberdeen for two terms. His verses were written during a tour in Rhine Army. They reflect wide tastes, keen enjoyment of life and a dislike of loneliness. There is an introduction by General Sir Harry Tuzo.

Fine Feather Publications, Elm Tree Cottage, Ridlands Lane, Oxted, Surrey, 95p

"A Source Book of Military Tracked Vehicles" (B H Vanderveen) Chieftain, Leopard, Scorpion, ASU-85, M60A1 are the current big names in a galaxy of military tracked vehicles which stemmed from Britain's invention of the tank in World War One.

This splendid little book, a companion volume to "A Source Book of Military Wheeled Vehicles,"



tells the outline story from its start until the present day. The author leads us confidently through a bewildering array of tracked and half-tracked vehicles including tanks, prime-movers, artillery tractors, bulldozers, amphibians and troop-carriers to present a wide-ranging survey.

Ward Lock Ltd, Warwick House, 116 Baker Street, London, W1M 2BB, 95p

"The British Army in the American Revolution" (Alan Kemp)

This handy little book, though containing little for the historian, will please modellers and militaria enthusiasts with its well-presented coverage of uniforms and equipment of the British troops who fought against the American revolutionaries.

This companion volume to "American Soldiers of the Revolution" is well illustrated with line drawings and colour plates and its detailed information is concise and lucid. It covers infantry, cavalry and artillery, with special sections on Highland troops and the Marines landed by the Royal Navy to form two infantry battalions.

Almark Publishing Co Ltd, 49 Malden Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 6EA, hardback £2.25, paperback £1.50

"Hitler Youth: History, Organisation, Uniforms and Insignia" (F J Stephens)

The Hitler Jugend grew into a complex organisation with activities ranging from scouting for ten-year-olds to combat duties as the Third Reich tottered. It is not widely known that the "Werewolves," formed as resistance units as Germany was overrun, were made up largely of Hitler Youth. Werewolves troubled the Western allies little, but according to Mr Stephens they inflicted a great deal of damage on the Russians during the fall of Berlin and for some time after surrender.

Even more remarkable is that their founder, the spymaster Major-General Reinhard Gehlen, later revived many of them in the service of the USA during the Cold War of the 1950s.

There is scope for a book on the wartime activities of the Hitler Youth, but meanwhile Mr Stephens caters well for militaria collectors by devoting most of his well-illustrated pages to this rich field of Nazi uniforms and badges.

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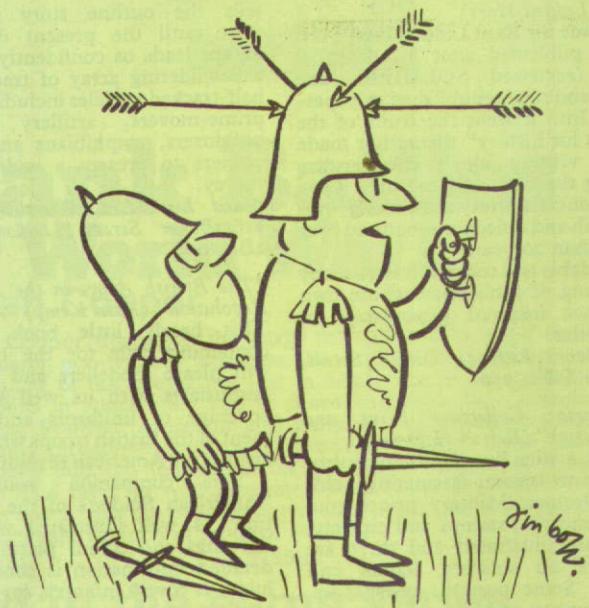


Bows 'n arrers

An arrow in the back—at best less than comfortable—is perhaps a natural extension of banana-skin humour. Certainly this is a popular theme with cartoonists, some of whose offerings are presented here in a selection from **SOLDIER**'s files



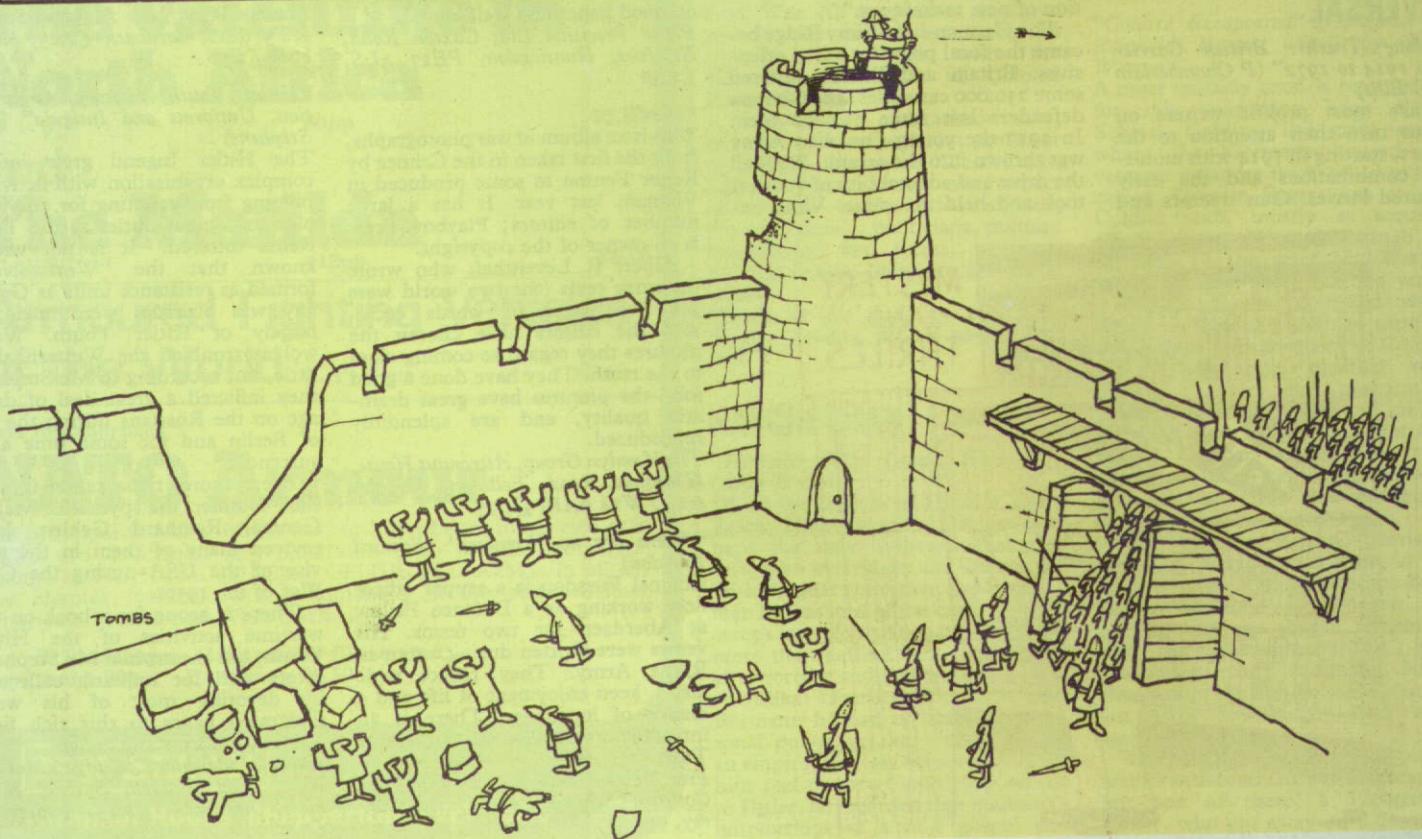
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