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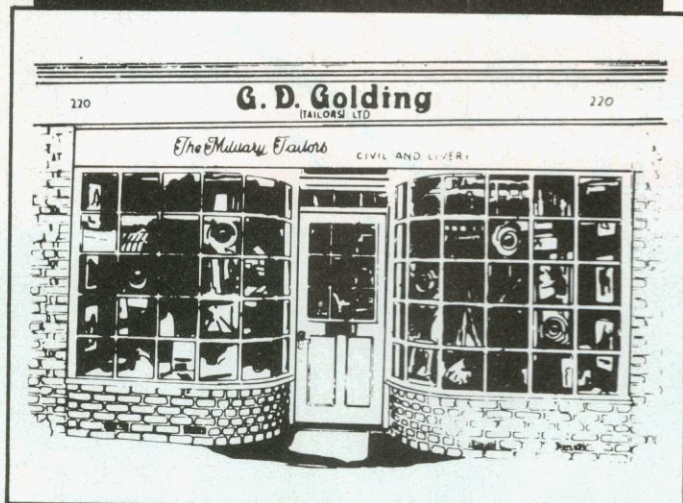
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ONLY THING WE DODGED WAS BULLETS

PRIZE LETTER

WITH reference to your item on D-Day Dodgers (SOLDIER March 7) many readers no doubt wondered who the D-Day Dodgers were supposed to be if they had not themselves served in Italy during the Second World War. It was Lady Nancy Astor who publicly labelled the 8th Army and those British divisions with the 5th American Army as this.

It was ignorance on her part, no doubt believing that Italy was the peacetime holiday resort she had known. That we had gone there to fight escaped her imagination. She made her insensitive remark after we had lost 16,000 killed and wounded in the Salerno landings on one day alone, and did not retract it at any time during this gruelling campaign of terrible terrain and one of the worst winters in living memory.

It is strange that she used to campaign against the taking of life through hanging (of murderers) while at the same time belittling young soldiers she thought were avoiding mass slaughter.

The Italy campaign commenced many months before D-Day was launched and it drew German troops from the Russian front and eventually occupied crack German troops

who would have strengthened their Normandy garrison and could quite possibly have thwarted the Second Front (D-Day landings).

We were dodging D-Day so much that my battalion was disbanded in Italy due to the heavy losses we had suffered! — **Gerald Rowe, (ex-Grenadier Guards and disabled D-Day Dodger), 14 Euston Street, Huntingdon PE18 6QR.**

● Mr Rowe wins our prize letter book — Editor.

Private is lowest of low

SOME time ago I raised a query regarding the term "private soldier". A reader claimed it was justified on the grounds that as a soldier of the lowest rank was not in command of other men it was correct to refer to him as a private soldier.

My question now is: "In that case how is it that we never see mention of a trooper, guardsman, gunner, sapper, rifleman, fusilier, signaller, bandsman, craftsman or driver soldier?"

In a newspaper there was mention of Mr Sapper. Had he enlisted in the Royal Engineers he would, of course, have started as Sapper Sapper. Come to think of it, in the RAOC we had a Major Major and a Sergeant Sargent who rose to be Major Sargent! — **A Worley, 42 Yatesbury Cres, Nottingham NG8 3AW.**

Calling

● **Bill Chamberlain**, ex 65 Coy RASC, who is being sought by John Taylor of 15 Cambrain Road, Off Garden Lane, Chester, with whom he served in the Western Desert, Iraq and Italy during the Second World War.

● Former comrades of **Sgt Bryan Hobbs**, ex Signal Corps, especially Vic Thompson, Bryan Bogus and John Hogg of 234 Signal Sqn, Malta; Johnny Bullen of 3 Div, Blandford; Ivor Reece, Tony Kelly and Colin Joseph of 260 Signal Sqn, Dortmund. Contact his daughter Mrs S Whitter, 116 High St, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 5LR.

**Calling all
HOAY fans**

Hundreds of SOLDIER readers have won valuable cash prizes in the magazine's HOAY competition. Now there's an even greater chance to win a prize. Added to the £50 prize awarded in each competition in future will be two runners-up prizes of new books, most of them dealing with military subjects. Turn to Page 43 now and try your hand at spotting the differences. Latest winner of HOAY's £50 prize (Comp 435) is Mr G R Joyce, of The Hedgerow, Oxstalls, Gloucester GL2 9JE.

Sloppy lacing or bad fitting?



BCH Mark II

IS IT no longer a requirement that boots should be laced tightly? Regulations (Drill - All Arms) stated in my service days that "laces must be done up tight so as to close the lace holes; this is a matter of fitting and is a Service requirement for protection of the instep".

I notice in many photographs the Boot Combat High laced loosely and it looks so sloppy. Even the colour sergeant from the Infantry Trials Development Unit demonstrating the BCH Mark II at Chelsea Barracks, in London in

February had his boots loosely laced. Does the commercially available zip insert for BCH have official approval? This too looks awful with the boot gaping open.

If anyone claims that it is physically impossible to lace the boots tightly may I suggest that they have an incorrect fitting. The troops of the Household Division appear to have no difficulty in achieving the correct lacing when wearing the BCH, resulting in a much smarter appearance. - **Name and address supplied.**

No benefit for old soldier

If after years of long and dedicated service you are set to retire at the age of 55 years, or in fact are already retired, and are not able to slot straight into alternative employment, forget it if you thought that you would be able to draw unemployment benefit.

The Government under the Social Security Bill has decided that from January 1, 1989 any person of that age and in receipt of an occupational pension (HM Forces, Police and Fire Brigade for example) will be barred from drawing benefit.

With the NHS in such turmoil, and state pensions in doubt for those in receipt of alternative pensions, one can be excused for wondering just what the contributions are for.

It is about time the whole system was investigated by an outside body, as surely it would be if a private organisation carried on in this manner. It is also time that the title National Insurance was dropped, and substituted by surtax or some similar description. - **A C Dart (ex RMP), Police Station, John Street, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2LA.**

There's only one Josef Stalin III

I NOTICED in the April 18 issue of SOLDIER a piece on the swap of the Josef Stalin tank from the USSR with the Duxford Conqueror. You state there are "several Josef Stalin IIIs in the country". There is only one to my knowledge, and that is not in the Tank Museum at Bovington but in the AF Budge Military Collection.

It was brought from Egypt, complete with dust, last year.

The Tank Museum has several Soviet AFVs, two T34/85s, a Klimenty Voroshilov, a T54, a SU76 and a SU100 self propelled gun, but I am

afraid it has, alas, no Stalins.

The Budge JSIII can be seen at their open day on May 21-22, details from them at West Carr Road, Retford, Notts DN22 7SW, and there may well be one or more of the Bovington museum vehicles moving at the Bovington Camp Battle Day on July 31.

Incidentally, Josef Stalin IIs are still supposedly in service in China and Cuba despite dating from 1944! - **Peter Brown, Society of Friends of the Tank Museum, 10 Langley Avenue, Somercotes, Derbyshire DE55 4LT.**

Sherman Priest is not a tank

WITH reference to your Newline item on Sherman Priest tanks (SOLDIER April 4), the armoured vehicle which features in this article is a self-propelled gun, not a tank. It was manned by the Royal Artillery, not the Royal Armoured Corps.

A 105mm SP gun (The Priest) has been on display at the Museum of Artillery in the Rotunda at Woolwich since about 1981. - **Brig R J Lewendon (ret'd), The Royal**

Artillery Institution, Old Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, London SE18 4DN.

● Capt F W K Baldwin RA, HQ Royal Artillery, 4 Armd Div, BFPO 15, has also written to point out that the Priest should not have been referred to as a tank and says he is surprised none of the recovered guns have been reserved for the regiment that served them, The Royal Regiment of Artillery. - **Editor.**

(See story in Page 9)

Bayonet rifle

YOU will recall that I wrote to you and appealed for assistance in identifying a strange "weapon" which I took to be a bayonet-fighting training aid.

The response to my letter and your publication (SOLDIER March 7) has been overwhelming.

I would like to thank you and your readers who responded to my query and to express, on their behalf, the thanks and appreciation of the Zimbabwean Militaria Society. - **Wing Commander C R Nicholls (Ret'd), 3 Glenside Drive, Harare, Zimbabwe.**

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Everest climbers so close

AS SOLDIER was going to press, members of the British Services Everest expedition were about to launch an attempt on the summit of the 29,028ft mountain.

Project officer Maj John Fitzgerald RCT revealed that the first four-man summit team including Sgt Dave Maxwell 7RHA was just 1,500 feet from its goal.

If the team was successful another team, including SSgt Merv Middleton RMP and Cpl Luke Hughes TA, was poised to make a second bid to reach the mountain top.

With the Services team set to achieve the first British conquest of Everest by the north ridge, Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher was standing by to congratulate them. The MoD had made it possible for her to speak directly to the men on the summit via a satellite link.



COL Charles Ewing, Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, and Inspector of Army Bands, takes a close look at the B flat bass of Bdsman Peter McCullagh during the quinquennial inspection of the regimental band of the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars at Detmold,

West Germany. All military bands are required to undergo a rigorous examination of their musical skills, both practical and theoretical, every five years. It was a nerve racking experience for 15/19 H's new bandmaster, WO1 Chris Gold, whose efforts were rewarded by a good pass mark.



Farewell honours for the Colours of the 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers which have become the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment. Seen saluting here are Maj Gen Colin Shortis, Colonel Commandant of the Prince of Wales's

Division, and Lt Col Graham Jefferies, CO. The occasion, the retitling parade at Lichfield, was also attended by the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment (late the 1st Mercian Volunteers) and the 3rd Battalion, the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

Gordons on guard

THE 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders has taken over the Edinburgh Castle Guard from the 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment.

The Old Guard of the Cheshires was commanded by Lt Richard Ford-Johnson and the New Guard of The Gordon Highlanders by Lt Matthew Wells.

This exchange of duties between English and Scottish regiments, was particularly appropriate as the Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief of both. Also, when the Gordons were stationed in Chester from 1978 to 1980 several soldiers married Cheshire girls. The last time the Gordons guarded Edinburgh Castle was in 1982.

● Edinburgh Castle in English hands – see Pages 14-15

Donnington fire inquiry

A BOARD of Inquiry has been set up to examine the circumstances of a major fire at the main storehouse of the British Army, the Central Ordnance Depot, Donnington.

There were no casualties among the 190 staff but B1 warehouse and its contents of motor transport and technical stores was destroyed. In 1983 fire destroyed another of the depot's warehouses causing damage estimated at £150 million.

Second LAW 80 order placed

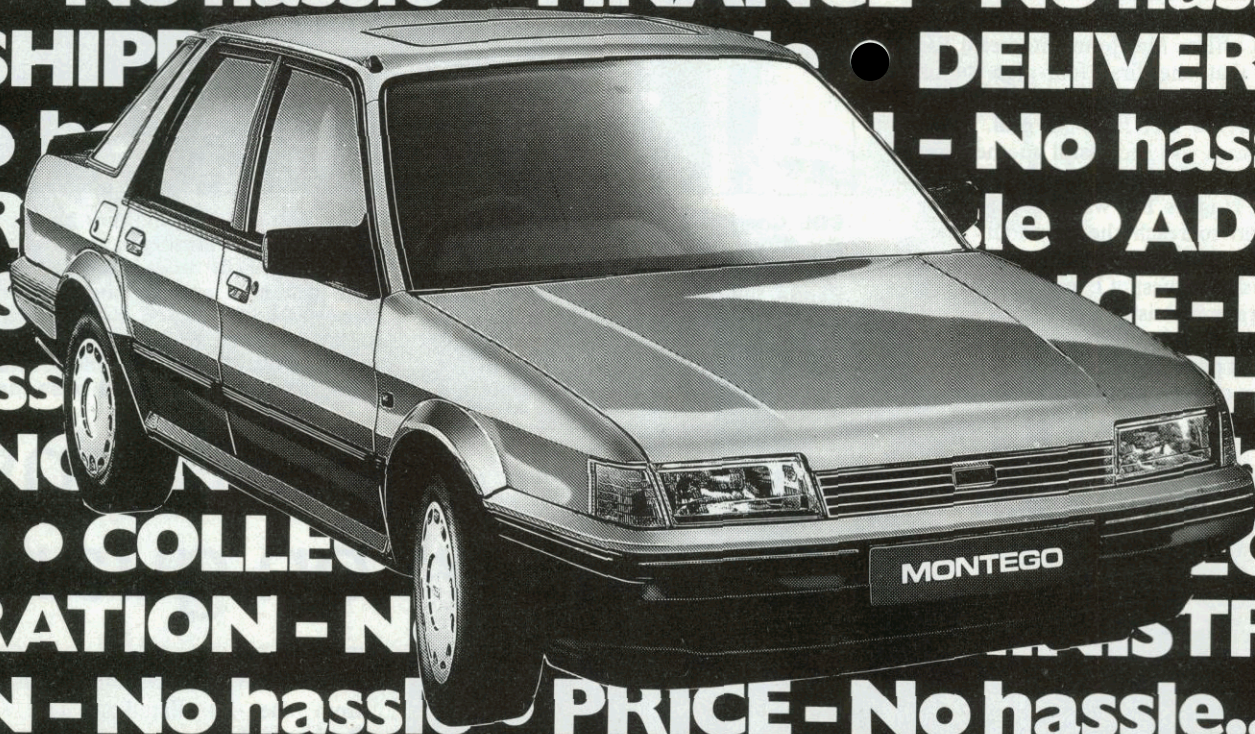
LAW 80 (Light Anti-Tank Weapon for the 80s), the primary infantry anti-armour weapon for the next decade, is now in service with the Army.

The first production order for 20,000 LAW 80 rounds was placed with Hunting Engineering Limited (HEL) in April last year and a second order for 40,000 rounds was placed this February. The launchers are

made at the HEL factory at Bedford and the components and materials are produced at 7 Royal Ordnance plc and 2 HEL factories.

The UK has joined France and West Germany in a project to develop third generation anti-tank guided weapons systems. Trigat will replace systems such as Milan, HOT, TOW and Swingfire from the mid 1990s onwards.

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The Royal Armoured Corps range at Castlemartin provides superb grazing for several hundred cattle and more than 24,000 sheep every winter. But in the spring they have to be rounded up, penned, sorted and taken back to the Preseli Hills before the tanks can start firing.

The round up is very much a matter of all hands on deck for the farmers who are grateful for help from range staff. This provides an opportunity for Lt Col Patrick Lort-Phillips, commandant of the range, and 15-year-old daughter Alexandra to get into the saddle to help corral 'those ornery critters'.

Sheep have been brought down from the

Preseli Hills in North Pembrokeshire to over-winter on the 6,000 acre range since 1948.

Moving the sheep and cattle has been made easier by an extensive fencing programme initiated by the Property Services Agency Estates Department which maintains the range.

"Before, there was a great mix-up of cattle, sheep and military hardware" said Mr Gareth Hall of PSA, "but new fencing separates everyone, making the round up much easier."

Sheep which graze the Western Range are sorted out at Brownslade Farm, a complex of 19th Century listed buildings which have been extensively tidied by range staff during European Year of the Environment. In the Thirties it was the home of the renowned Castlemartin Welsh Black cattle herd.



Lt Col Patrick Lort-Phillips and daughter Alexandra lend a hand on the Castlemartin cattle drive

AAC set to move into Dishforth

THE ARMY is to base a light helicopter regiment at RAF Dishforth, North Yorkshire, to support the newly titled 24th Airmobile Brigade which has its headquarters at nearby Catterick Garrison.

The decision to station an Army Air Corps regiment at Dishforth has been confirmed by the Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, Mr Roger Freeman. The conversion of the 24th Infantry Brigade to an airmobile role became effective on April 1.

Work at Dishforth to accommodate the regiment and its personnel will begin as soon as possible and it is hoped the first squadron of 12 aircraft will move in within 15 months. They will be Gazelle and Lynx helicopters for troop carrying, reconnaissance and anti tank warfare, the Lynx being equipped with TOW anti tank missiles.

It is expected the first squadron will be joined by other squadrons over a two year period between 1990-1992 until a complete regiment of about 30 helicopters and 400 all ranks is based at Dishforth.

Black Watch receive Wilmersdorf Freedom

THE Black Watch have received the Freedom of the Berlin borough of Wilmersdorf. After a parade to mark the occasion, speeches were made by the mayor, Herr Horst Dohm, and the CO of 1 BW, Lt Col Alistair Irwin, who has now left Berlin for the Staff College at Camberley, Surrey.



Tank Museum director Lt Col (retd) George Forty with the new M7B1 Priest self-propelled gun

Priest in residence

A PRIEST and a Ram have been causing a stir at their new home in the Tank Museum at Bovington. The museum has just taken delivery of two new armoured additions to its collection - a Ram Mk 2 and a M7B1 Priest.

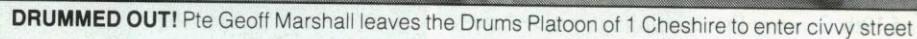
The Ram, a Canadian designed tank, was originally acquired in the Netherlands by the Sherwood Rangers' Old Comrades Association with the intention of displaying it at Nijmegen in recognition of the Sherwood Rangers' role in liberating the Netherlands in 1944. It was restored by the 17th/21st Lancers and their attached REME units.

In the event, a Sherman tank was felt more appropriate as an exhibit, so the Ram

was earmarked for the Tank Museum. It is a significant addition to the Bovington collection, being the only tank designed and built in Canada and having played a vital part in training for the Allied invasion of Europe. It is the only Ram preserved for a museum in Europe.

The M7B1 Priest self-propelled gun (see SOLDIER April 4) was spotted on the training area at Cremlingen by Capt Alexander Mackenzie, 13/18 H, who initiated the recovery of the gun so that 1st Armoured Division could donate it to the Tank Museum.

Both vehicles were shipped to Marchwood on the logistic landing ship *Sir Lancelot* for delivery to Bovington.



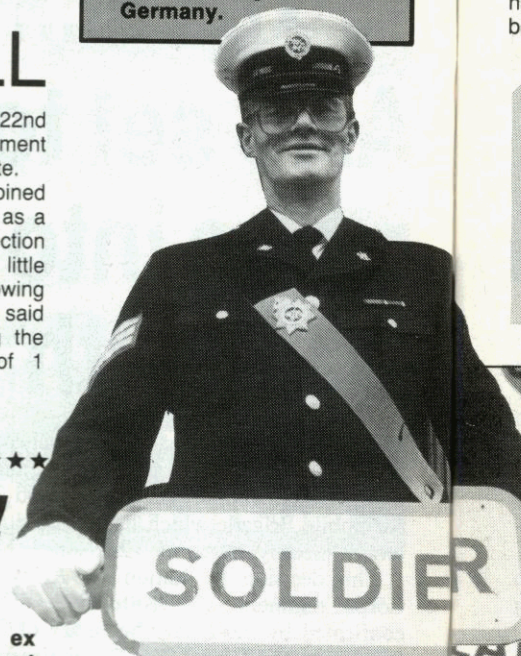
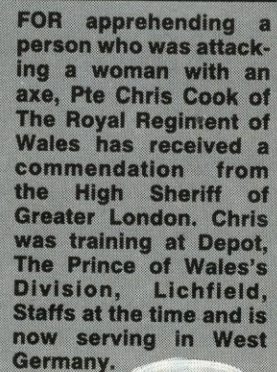
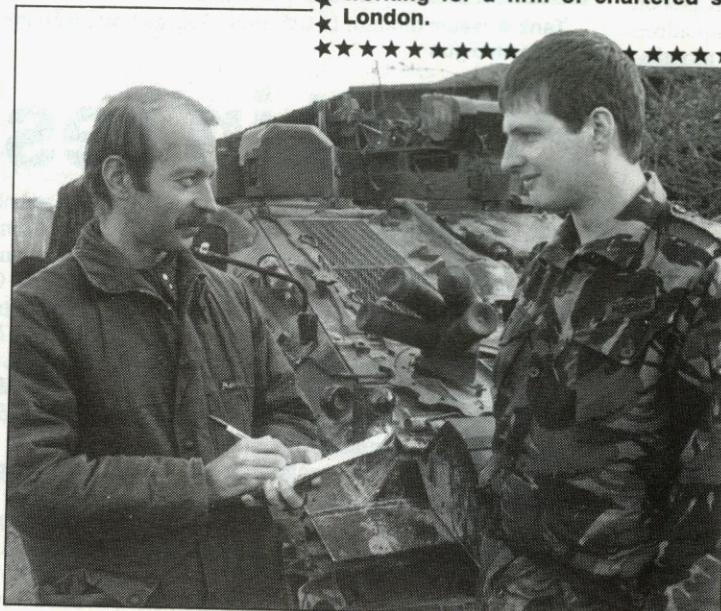
GEOFF Marshall has just left the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment – the 22nd regiment of foot – after 22 years as a private.

After training at Lichfield, Geoff joined the battalion at Warminster in 1966 as a member of 9 Platoon C Coy under section commander Cpl **Ron Goodwin**. A little over two decades later, and following service all over the world, Pte Geoff said farewell to his colleagues including the now Capt Ron Goodwin, TQM of 1 Cheshire.



ENJOYING the high life is Sgt Frank Roberts, currently serving with HQ Int and Sy Gp in Rheindahlen, West Germany but pictured here doing a bit of volunteer installation work on the old steam railway line in the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset. It runs from Swanage to Corfe Castle and Wareham.

Frank has been helping to install a communications system along the railway line.



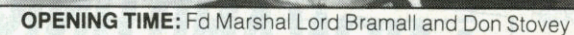
★ **LATEST** recruit to the
★ **Corps of Commission-**
★ **aires is Peter Reid (right), ex**
★ **King's Own Royal Regiment**
★ **(Lancaster), Royal Pioneer Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and**
★ **SOLDIER. Peter signed up in 1957 and retired 20 years later as a**
★ **sergeant in the RAMC before joining the Civil Service. Now, after a**
★ **stint with SOLDIER as an admin assistant, he is back in uniform**
★ **working for a firm of chartered surveyors in New Bond Street,**
★ **London.**

FANCY bumping into you! SOLDIER writer **Laurie Manton** (left) got a surprise while visiting 1 QDG in the field at Farmsen, West Germany when he was confronted by his nephew, Cfn **Steve Morris** REME, who was providing support to the Dragoon Guards with 7 Armd Wksp.

It is some years since the two had met, and the chance encounter came completely out of the blue.

DON Stovey will say farewell later this year to the Victory Services Club in the West End of London where he started as accountant 38 years ago and for the past eight has been general manager.

The club had only about 25,000 Service and ex-Service members when Don started there; now it has some 40,000 with 300 bedrooms.



PEOPLE



IT was a long wait for 74-year-old Mr **Savvas Argerou** of Cyprus, but worth it! Nearly 50 years late, Savvas (above) has received the Second World War campaign medals he earned on active duty with the Pioneer Company of the Cyprus Regiment in North Africa, Greece, Italy and Palestine.

A chance meeting with Maj **Dennis Lodge**, a retired British officer now living in Savvas's home village of Tala near Paphos,

led to the discovery that he had not received his medals.

The British Army Medal Office soon came up trumps and Savvas was presented with five campaign medals by Air Vice-Marshal **Ken Hayr**, Commander British Forces Cyprus.

Ministerial approval



HEALTHY EATERS: Mrs Edwina Currie and WO2 Harold Ash

HEALTHY diet campaigner **Edwina Currie**, the junior Health Minister, samples a plate of balanced and nutritional fare offered her by WO2 **Harold Ash** during her visit to the Services at the Army Catering Corps Training Centre in Aldershot. She watched trade and field training, took an interest in ration packs, and attended discussions on catering topics.

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Farewell George

The initials "GRH" will no longer be seen on SOLDIER's book review pages. George Hogan, former deputy editor of the magazine 20 years ago has been forced by failing eyesight to discontinue his book reviews.

Major Hogan began his association with the British Army News Unit and SOLDIER in 1953 at Reuters, providing a news service to



GEORGE HOGAN

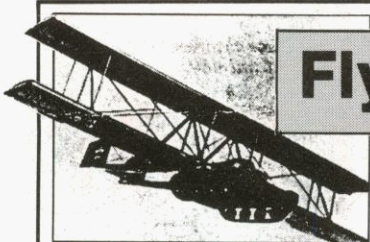
troops all over the world, but it was back in 1919 that he first wrote for the Army, submitting a story to the Army newspaper *Cologne Post*.

His connection with journalism and the Army will continue - his book *Malta The Triumphant Years 1940-43* is currently being published in paperback on the island.

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SOLDIER to Soldier

Flying tanks



Although at least one reader thought the story (SOLDIER April 4) about a Russian made flying tank was an April Fool's Day joke, it was not!

And to prove it, Mr Russell Hadler of Orpington, Kent, has sent SOLDIER a photograph of the tank with wings.

One published report in Mr

Hadler's possession describes the Kyrliaty Tank (KT) or winged tank designed by a team led by Oleg Antonov as "one of the most interesting tank experiments by any country in World War 2."

The winged tank apparently performed satisfactorily, but eventually the project was cancelled because of a shortage of four-engined towing aircraft necessary for the tank gliders, according to the report.

Birdmen wanted

Is there a Birdman in the Army? SSAFA are looking for a modern day Icarus - or Eddie the Eagle - to take to the skies in a bid to become the first ever SSAFA Birdman of the Year.

The winner will be acclaimed at the International Birdman Rally on August 14 at Bognor Regis, Sussex when Birdmen from around the world will compete.

The International Birdman Rally is run annually by the Bognor Regis Lions Club who have, this year, chosen SSAFA as the main beneficiary. And SSAFA is adding a new class for entrants - the SSAFA class for Best Blimp/Prototype/Ori-

ginal Design.

Says SSAFA Controller, Maj Gen Charles Grey: "It would be especially nice if a Service entry won the SSAFA Trophy."

Journey into hell

First nighters at the new production of *Journey's End* in Whitehall nearly fell off their seats when the stage virtually disintegrated in a memorable finale of smoke and gun fire.

Special stage effects at the Whitehall Theatre bring vividly to life the First World War trench atmosphere of R C Sheriff's classic play about life - and death - in the trenches.

Tensions and strains of officers in a dug out at St Quentin in 1918 are captured

by an all male cast headed by Jason Connery, son of the famous Sean.

SOLDIER readers can take advantage of a special ticket offer, details of which appear in Page 36.

That's the drill . . .

Ever heard of the 250 Club? The club consists of ex Army dentists, and meets every month in the Victory Services Club in London, with an annual dinner in October. But why "250"?

The answer apparently goes back to the Second World War when there was an edict from the War Office that every dental officer should complete 250 fillings a month. The dentists chewed that one over at the time and eventually decided to use it in their organisation title.

In and out

On the way in . . . Ranks, abolished in the Chinese army during the Cultural Revolution, are apparently being reintroduced.

On the way out . . . Cuts in the Chinese army are reported to have resulted in massive manpower reductions with nearly 1½ million men and women being retired or returned to civilian life.

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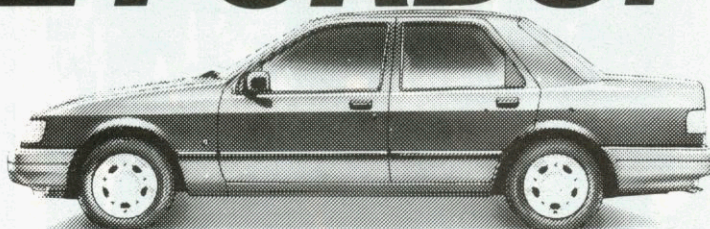
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Edinburgh Castle in English hands!

WHEN a group of high spirited Englishmen arrived at the gates of Edinburgh Castle, the story goes, they boldly announced to the guard that they had come to capture it, writes **Mervyn Wynne Jones**.

His reply, by popular agreement, was: "Too late! We have already done so . . ."

Sure enough, that bastion of all things Scottish has been under English guard since January while The Royal Highland Fusiliers, the Edinburgh public duties battalion, have been training for Northern Ireland.

First to mount guard were the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, and their successors were the 1st Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, on their way back to Chester after a two year tour of public duties in London.

Men of the battalion are well used to being in the public eye after mounting guard at Buckingham Palace and Windsor and, being the first non-Guards infantry regiment

of the line to complete a full tour of public duties in London, showed more than a hint of polish in their performance at the castle.

Maj Bryan Watters, OC B Company, said: "They do it rather well, I must say. We have enjoyed our spell of duty here and have surprised many tourists who expected to find Scotsmen guarding their most famous castle."

Sgt Steven Lowe added: "It can be quite amusing at times, especially when people try and get the lads to smile and talk while they are on duty."

The Cheshires have now arrived back in Chester where, in 1689, they were raised as a regiment for service in Ireland.

They have not been back since, but their timely return this spring means they will be in the historic city next year for their tercentenary celebrations.

Joining them in their celebrations will be the newly raised 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion of The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment.



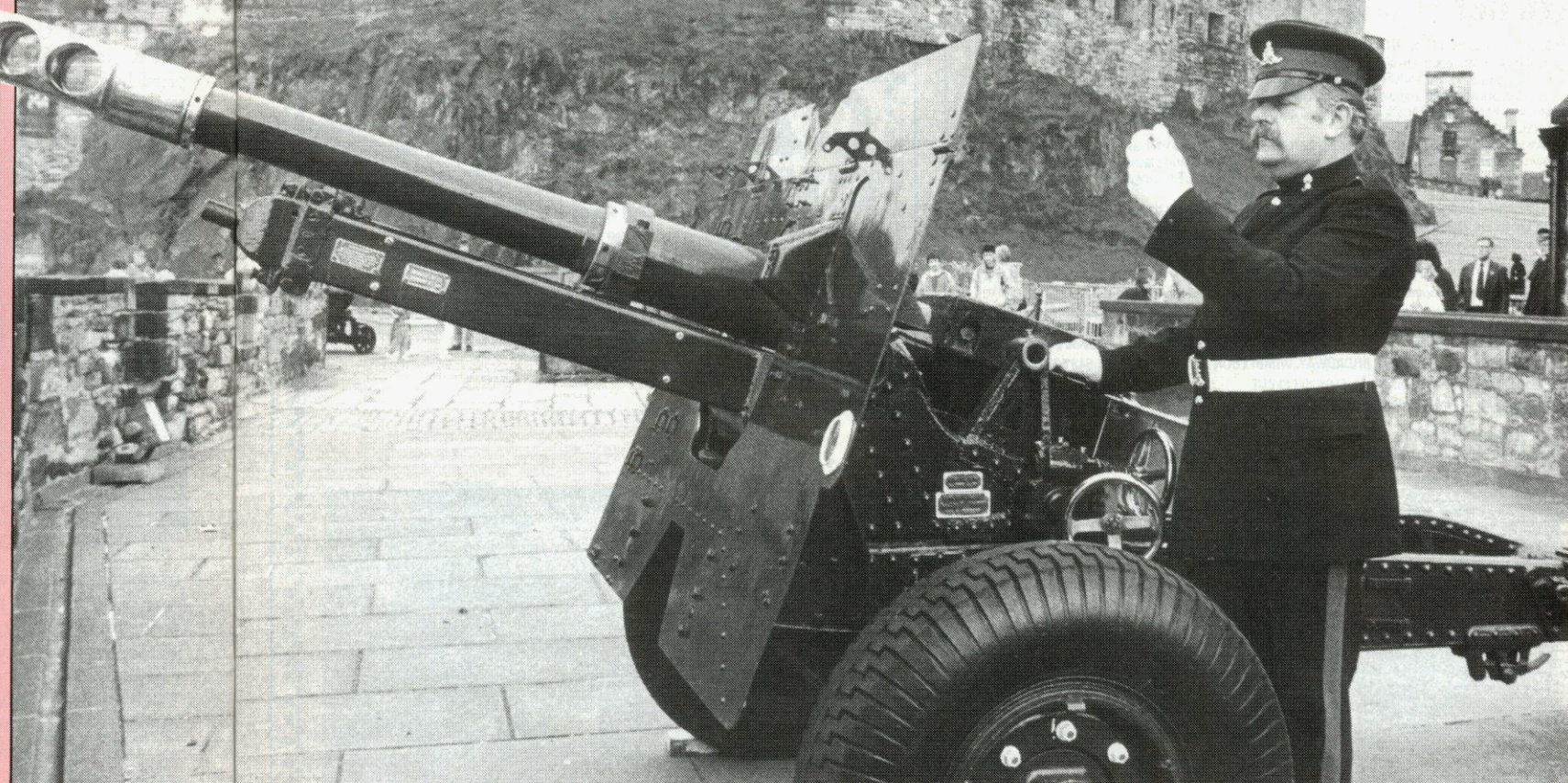
Sgt Stephen Lowe inspects Pte David Quail before he steps out of the guardroom to take his place at the castle gate



A highly polished performance from men of the Cheshires who had just completed a two year tour of public duties in London



Standing proudly at the entrance to Edinburgh Castle - LCpl Andrew McCall



His stopwatch set after a telephone call to "Tim" the talking clock, Sgt McKay gets ready to fire the gun at precisely one o'clock

Tam the Gun has to be spot on – every time

AT THE stroke of one o'clock each day, the sharp crack of a 25 pdr field gun echoes across Edinburgh.

You can always spot a tourist, they say, because he jumps. The locals merely look at their timepieces to check them for accuracy, writes Mervyn Wynne Jones.

"I have only had one misfire in ten years," said Sgt Tom McKay – Tam the

Gun – who holds the unique post of Edinburgh District Gunner. "Not a bad record when all is said and done."

Sgt McKay RA has fired the gun literally thousands of times on the ramparts of Edinburgh Castle in keeping with a tradition that dates back to 1861.

The idea was introduced to Edinburgh from France by one Charles Hewitt, a

local worthy who thought it a good way of letting shipping on the River Forth know what hour of the day it was.

It has been fired ever since except for the periods of war from 1914 to 1918 and 1939 to 1945.

Sgt McKay, formerly a member of 102 Air Defence Regiment (V) and now attached to Heriot Watt University Officer Training Corps, fires the

gun every day except Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

The gun itself – a veteran of the Second World War – is one of five held by the Edinburgh based 105 (Scottish) Air Defence Regiment (V). The others join it on the castle battlements eight times a year for 21 gun salutes to mark Royal birthdays and special occasions.

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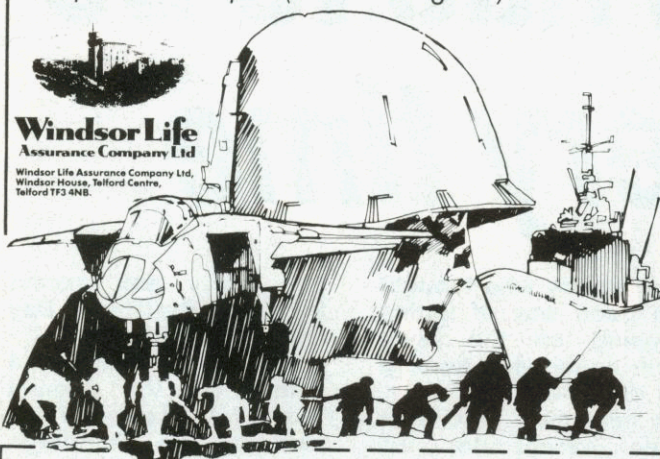
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MoD's new game – HUNTING THE REMEDIES

From my reading of the Seventeenth Report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body it looks as though at last a positive response is being made to the implications brought about by social changes in the civilian world.

The family is mentioned as a whole and changes which have been evident to soldiers and wives for many years at last warrant a paragraph which spells out some of the differences between Service and civilian life.

One change relates to the extent to which people are prepared for their work to have adverse effects upon them and their families.

The AFPRB accepts that a Service career must involve a degree of turbulence and separation but acknowledges that what was acceptable in the 1960s may be significantly out of line with the 1980s.

Areas highlighted include house ownership, possession of consumer durables, the choice of planning leisure activities and children's education.

Once again the employment of dependants is mentioned, the report giving the percentage of working Service wives as four out of ten compared with a national average of six out of ten.

It states: "MoD has acknowledged the difficulty and informed us that it is seeking remedies."

I would like to know what remedies?

The National Audit Board reported recently in great detail on the difficulties which beset any move to increase the number of jobs available to dependants in Germany.

If the increase follows the three per cent managed from 1985 to 1988 it will take until 2028 to reach the 60 per cent figure now obtaining in the UK.

But of course the whole scene may change in 1992 when the single European



Common Market is due to come into effect.

Service accommodation is closely scrutinised by the AFPRB.

Much of it is described as being "of poor quality, badly maintained, or both, but the practice varies greatly between the Services as to whether Servicemen and Service women are encouraged to live in them or in their own homes."

Compared with the Naval Assisted House Purchase Scheme the Army and RAF are losers.

It must be ten years since this problem was highlighted and still no alternative package has been produced.

The findings of the latest study into this important subject are still awaited.

Turbulence adds to the difficulty of buying and letting homes, says the AFPRB report, which adds that the lack of adequate house purchase schemes in the Army and RAF contributes to the premature loss of trained and experienced personnel.

They leave to be able to enter the housing market.

It seems obvious, therefore, that housing or lack of it, the poor standard of many married quarters, and indifferent accommodation for single Servicemen and women will continue to be a contributory factor to the problem of retaining them.

A recent letter from a sergeant (SOLDIER April

18) raised some pertinent points on the subject of single soldiers.

The AFPRB report in dealing with the subject states that since the introduction of the military salary in its present form both single and married personnel have been treated equally but "anomalies remain... in the field of allowances and conditions of service."

The accommodation of single people is sometimes poor, often they cannot live off camp, and some allowances – such as separation allowance – is not available to them. The report states:

"While these matters are primarily for the MoD, we see an obvious anomaly in the continued existence of a system which works to the disadvantage of single people, given the advantage to the management of employing single Servicemen and women. We await changes from the MoD review of allowances."

Women also feature in the report – and quite rightly so because the Services manage to gloss over the fact that they are not bound by the Equal Pay Act.

The AFPRB report underlines the fact that some women doing the same job as men in the Services are paid differently.

The AFPRB have asked the MoD to re-examine the committal arrangements and says "we shall reconsider committal bonuses for WRAC and WRAF when this review is complete."

At the end of their conclusions the AFPRB report states:

"We remain convinced that it is right to relate the pay of the Armed Forces to the earnings of civilians in the economy generally; and to continue to recommend levels of pay which will enable the Armed Forces to recruit and retain sufficient personnel of the right quality to perform the duties required..."



Scots veterans find a hame from hame

IT IS A heartwarming experience to visit the Scottish Veterans' Residence in Edinburgh.

Everyone is so cheerful. No old soldier is going to fade away easily there.

The veterans believe that life really goes with a swing when they retire from active soldiering.

Harry Cummings, who lives in Whiteford House, Edinburgh, is as proud of his veteran's outfit as he was of his old Royal Scots uniform. And he wore the navy blue suit and bonnet plus his medals when he took the salute at a recent passing out parade for recruits at the Scottish Division Depot, Glencorse.

The residents take full advantage of the facilities available including the all-weather bowls green at Whiteford House.

If infirmity does creep up on them they can transfer to Murray Home which proves 24-hour medical cover.

Mrs Madge Allan, the superintendent, would like to hear from any Army wives with nursing experience. There may be jobs available.

The home is also on the look-out for gardeners. Victor Brown, one of the trustees, would like to build a raised garden.

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WITH FAMILIES IN MIND Anne Armstrong

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Lament from a wife: beware the thieves

I HAVE had the following letter from a soldier's wife living in a quarter in Edinburgh whose husband is in Northern Ireland.

"I am quite accustomed to my husband's frequent absences and have always felt safe in my own quarter until now.

In the 12 months since our regiment has been in Edinburgh there have been 43 burglaries of MQs.

Some were carried out while the occupants were at home.

When I go out for the day I dread returning home. Many wives are frightened to stay in their quarters while their husbands are away.

I have gone to a lot of expense to make my quarter secure (the writer lists her expenditure) and spent nearly £40.

I have also had a telephone and extension installed for around £100.

I feel this expense for a two-year posting is quite unsatisfactory. It is the

price I have to pay for peace of mind.

I will not be sorry when we have to move on but I feel sorry for the wife who takes over from me as she will have to buy the same locks and chains to keep out the uninvited."

Some UK areas have been designated "high risk" where burglary or break-

ins are concerned. In such cases action will be taken.

I am advised that a case to establish this must be submitted to the relevant District HQ but must be fully backed up by evidence. All cases of burglary or break-ins must be reported to the police – civil and military and must be fully documented.

Facts about flights for schoolchildren

Another readers writes:

"There seems to be some confusion about my application for taking my child to UK on initial entry to boarding school.

We have been told we cannot fly direct from Germany to Scotland but must travel via Luton.

Is this correct? When the child comes out at the end of term he can fly direct from Scotland to Germany

and return by the same route."

HQ BAOR tells me:

"The crux of the matter is that it is a fallacy to assume that a child returning from BAOR to enter boarding school in Scotland is eligible to travel by civilian airline. In these circumstances the child is travelling against its entitlement to an "anticipated family passage" for which the official

Mrs Mac in the chair

CAROLINE Maclean has been appointed the first Federation of Army Wives' District Co-ordinator for Scotland.

The FAW office is housed in Craighall, Edinburgh, the lovely old Scottish building which houses Army HQ Scotland.

The appointment means that the Federation's activities for Scotland will have a focal point where wives can either write or phone a 24 hour answer service to keep abreast of FAW activities.

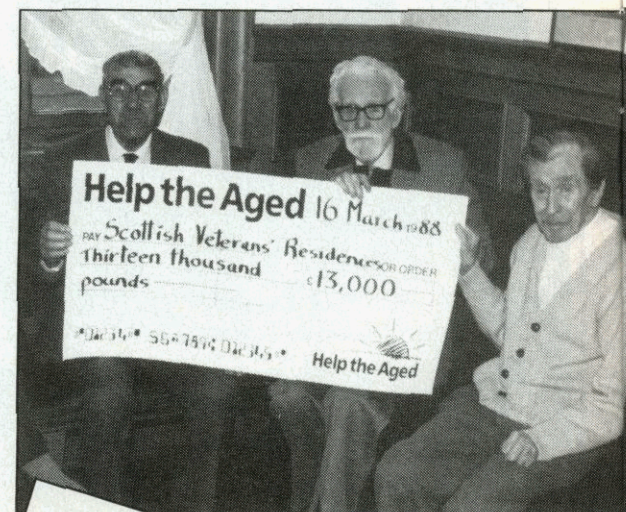
method of movement is air trooping aircraft, regardless of the ultimate destination in UK. Free terminal travel is included in a family passage.

It is true of course that children at school in Scotland may travel to and from BAOR by commercial airline for holiday visits.

Para 28 of the BAOR Standing Order relates to the Schoolchildren's Visits Scheme and ought not to be confused with the family passage rules.

The main reason for the differing methods of travel is that for a holiday visit a child faces a long journey, probably alone, which must be completed as quickly as possible avoiding long distance rail travel; whereas early repatriation to UK to start boarding school is a one-way accompanied trip of no great urgency for which there is no need to waive the rules which apply to everyone else travelling from BAOR to Scotland.

The purpose of the concession which allows a parent to accompany is to place the Serviceman serving overseas on the same footing as his opposite number stationed in UK, where there is no free travel for school purposes.



Big smiles for a big cheque for the Scots veterans from Help the Aged



Youth Club disco in action

WITH their menfolk away in Northern Ireland for six months the wives of the 1st Battalion The Highland Fusiliers are preparing for a host of summer activities.

They seem determined that no one will be bored or lonely.

There is already a coffee shop and a thriving playgroup (organised by Mrs Jenny McLaughlin) at Dregghorn, Edinburgh.

The mothers are keen to refurbish run down and inadequate play areas and even want to build a new one.

The paths on a play area were put right recently at the cost of thousands but nothing was done to repair

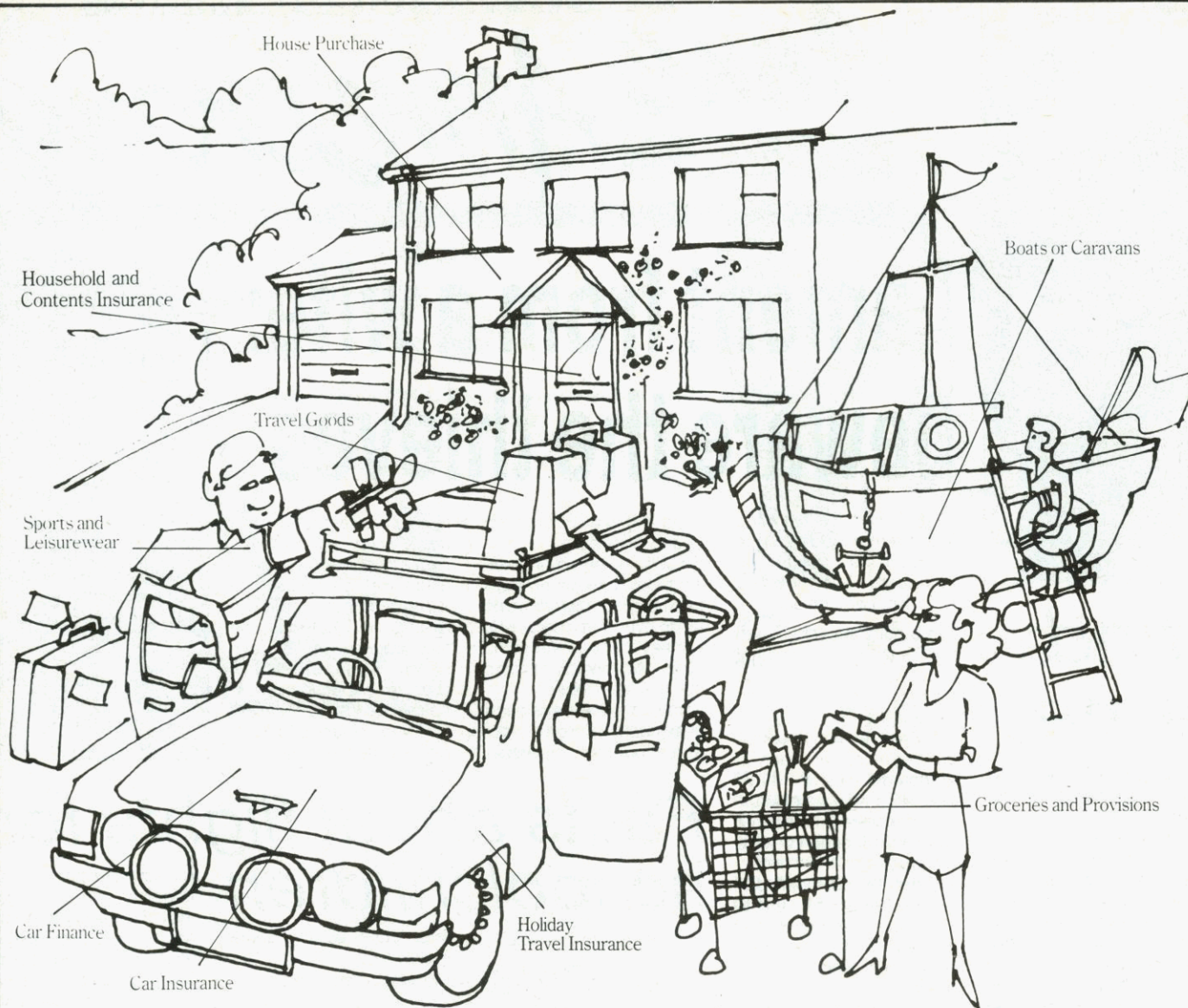
the surface of the ground under two sets of swings or to replace a dangerous seesaw.

It seems to me the money might have been better spent on a play area for the under-fives.

The youth club (for seniors and juniors) is hoping to extend its activities as it has been found to be very popular (under Mrs Robertson and Col Sgt Martin).

Flora Winter, the CO's wife, is full of ideas and is determined to achieve something while the men are away.

"With a marvellous team of wives to help I am sure we will succeed," she said.



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10 Para on the Rock

Assault pioneers in making

A NUMBER of crucial elements go into making an efficient assault pioneer platoon – the skill and expertise of its instructors, the availability of an extensive range of training facilities, and goodwill on the part of the soldiers under training, writes 2nd Lt Anita Newcourt WRAC.

In Gibraltar, London based 10 Para certainly had the former at their finger-tips, and were definitely not lacking the latter.

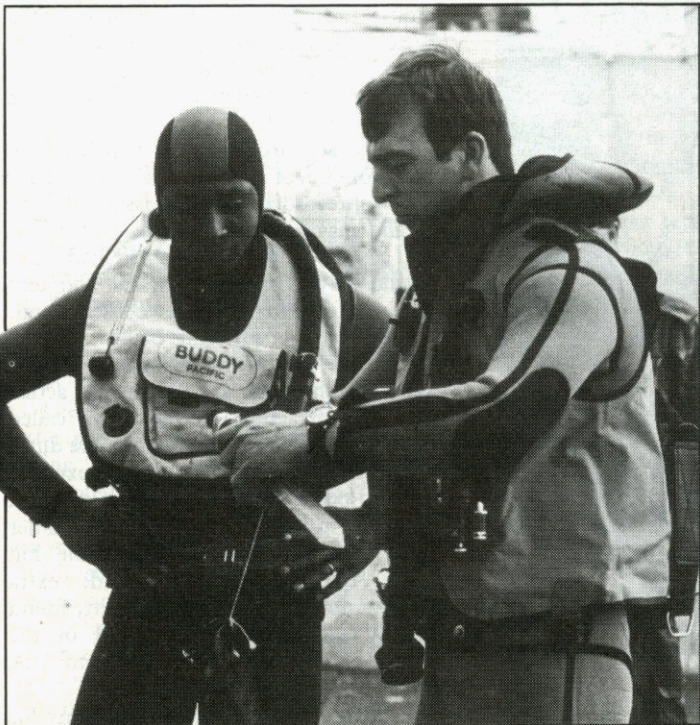
Training a rifle platoon into an assault pioneer platoon was the responsibility of Maj Phil Everson: "We saw our stay in Gibraltar as an opportunity for concentrated specialist training, with an emphasis on watermanship skills."

The instructors, all members of the 1st Bn The Royal

Anglians, had the most difficult job, running an intensive two weeks of lectures, demonstrations, and practicals covering all aspects of assault pioneering from trench construction to the intricacies of mine laying.

Their patience and professionalism was rewarded when the platoon demonstrated how much they had assimilated during their final exercise. The baby, having learnt to walk in Gibraltar, is now growing up to be an established platoon in London's Para battalion.

Two weeks on the Rock might sound like a swan, especially for the TA soldier who has to take a vacation from his civvy job to go on the trip. However, 110 soldiers from 10 Para found there was far too much to do to allow time for lying on the beach.



Pte Ansford Hart (left) of 10 Para and instructor Sgt Gary Ounsworth consult before youth worker Hart's first dive



What am I doing here? LCpl Christopher Gwinell, a heavy goods vehicle driver in civvy street, clings on during adventurous training on the Rock.

10 Para was on Exercise Marble Tor under the wing of the resident battalion, 1 R Anglian. The Royal Anglians provided the Marble Tor company with some of the instructors for the military and adventure training. They also combined forces with 10 Para in a joint Milan live firing exercise.

The TA paras practised the more unusual military skills of beach landings off Rigid Raiders, cliff assaults, battle

swimming and flotation drills, and also had the opportunity to use training aids such as SAWES and Invertron.

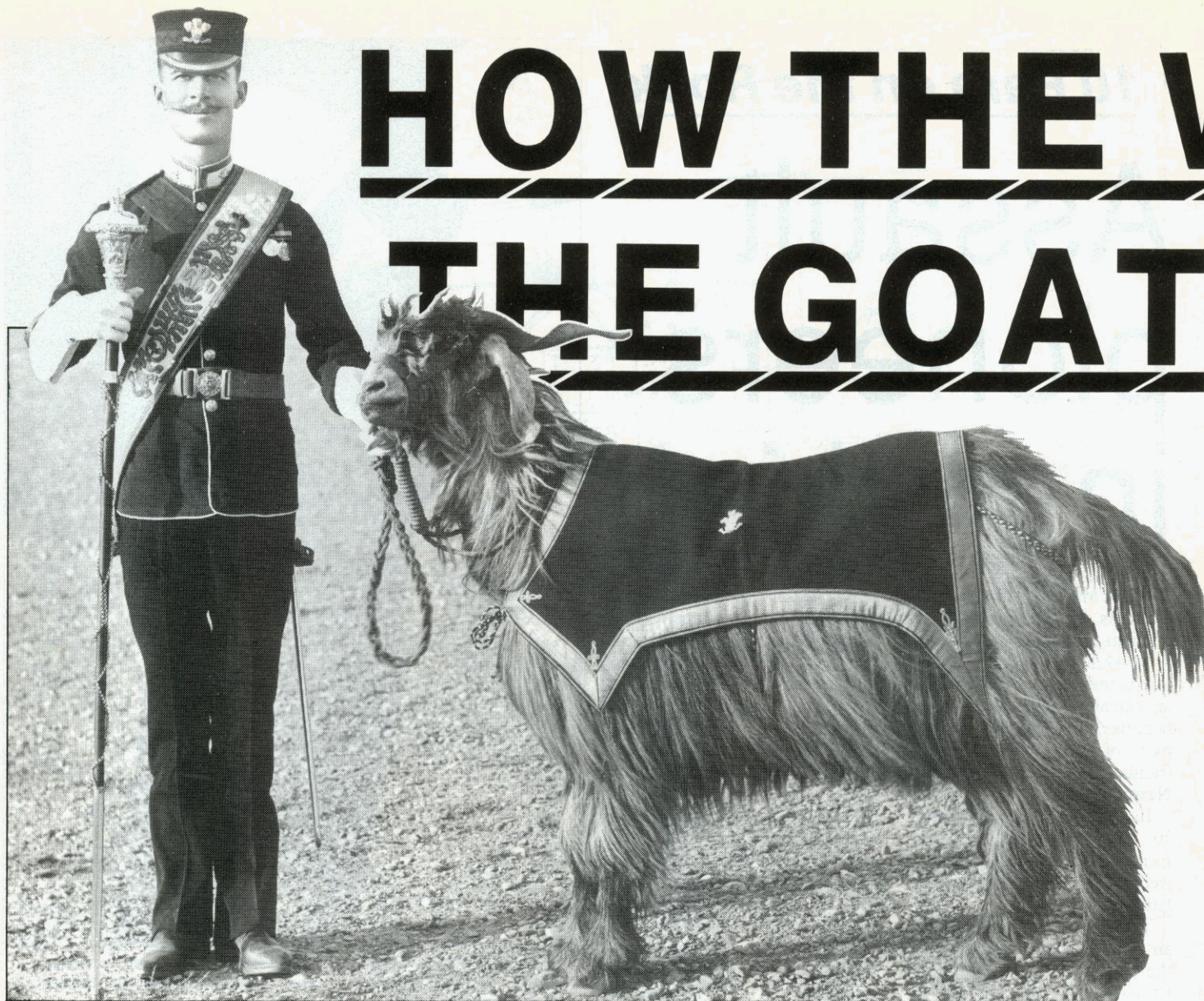
Facilities for adventure training on the Rock are extensive and each soldier tried his hand at all the activities available.

After the final exercise, which was a culmination of both their military and adventurous training, the soldiers enjoyed two days of R and R, some in Torremolinos, others on the piste in Sierra Nevada.

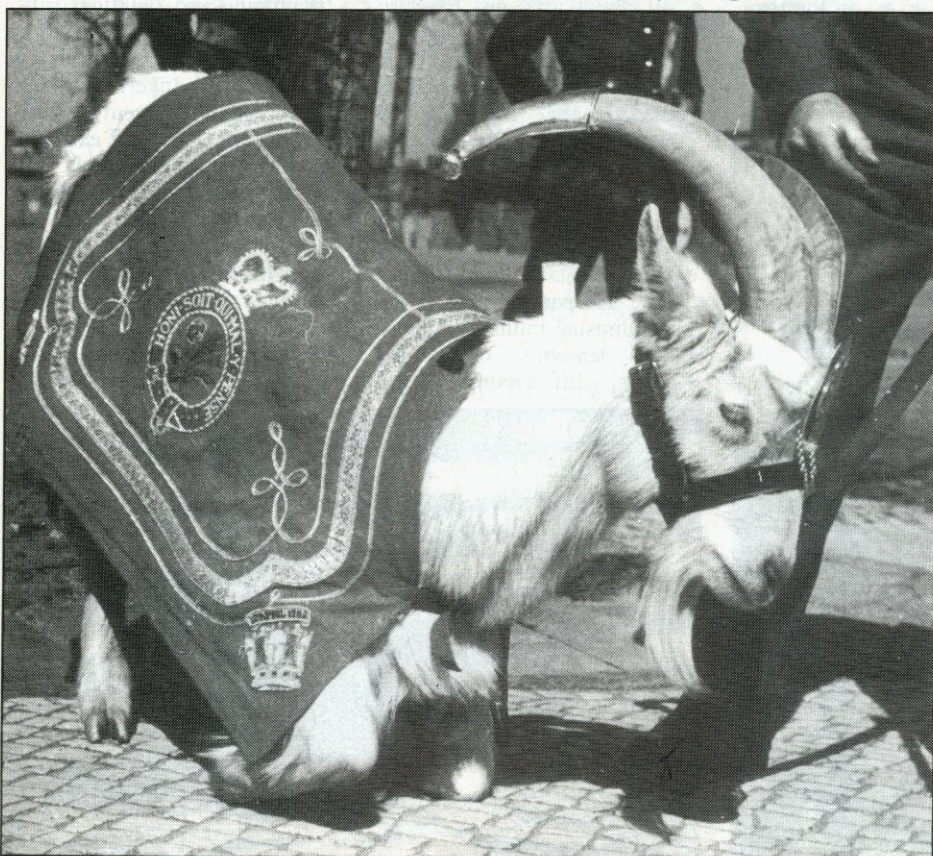


Pte Errol Gregory, a driver from Wimbledon, finds time for a grin during flotation drills

HOW THE WELSH GOT THE GOAT



The outsize Tirah Goat of the 2nd Welch poses with the Drum Major at Agra in 1905



Taffy VII, regimental goat No 15 of the 1st Welch practises ceremonial duty. This was the goat which accompanied the battalion to Korea

PARADING a regimental goat was considered to be an old practice in the 23rd Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers as far back as 1777.

Copied by many regiments of Welsh militia, the custom was not taken up by the Welch regiment until the late winter of 1854-55 when the then 41st (The Welch) Regiment of Infantry was serving in the Crimea.

The exact circumstances which led to the adoption of a Russian kid goat have gone unrecorded but an issue of *The Strand* magazine towards the end of the last century suggested the kid had been acquired by a private of the 41st and kept alive for fattening and later consumption.

The 41st was suffering badly from the effects of the hard Crimean winter. Weakened by sickness more than by actual casualties in action, fit men were called upon to shoulder the burden of extra duty.

Treble turns on sentry duty in exposed forward positions were commonplace, and this was to be the lot of the soldier concerned who, having placed the kid inside his greatcoat to provide extra warmth and to guard against theft, found himself employed well forward of the advance trenches and close to the Russians.

Unable to move about much during his long vigil, he was drifting into a state of hypothermia when a bleat from the goat

THE STUFFING OF DEWI III

STUFFED for posterity, the preserved figure of Dewi 111 – former Goat Mascot of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales – will soon be displayed in The Welch Regiment Museum at Cardiff Castle, writes Mervyn Wynne Jones.

Dewi – a descendant of the Royal herd of Kashmiri goats which once roamed free in Windsor Great Park – joined the battalion from Whipsnade Zoo in 1979. He died in 1986 and it was decided that he be preserved for exhibition.

His remains were handed over to Mr Alan Morgan, natural history officer and taxidermist with the Council of Museums in Wales, and will soon stand in the museum in all his finery and silver.

Right – Mr Morgan stitches the skin on to a manikin shaped to the exact proportions of Dewi 111



Pictures Mike Weston

alerted him to Russian activity and he was able to warn the forward picket.

The successful repulse of the Russian attack resulted in a commendation for the 41st from Lord Raglan. The adjutant asked whether the goat was a billy or a nanny.

"He be a He, Sir," replied the soldier, whereupon it was directed that the goat be kept as a regimental pet under the name of "Hebe".

Hebe survived to return to England with the regiment and was introduced to Queen

by Lt Bryn Owen RN (retd),
curator of the Welch Regiment
Museum, Cardiff Castle.

Victoria at a parade held in Aldershot in 1856.

The late Colonel Anley described it as "the ugliest of creatures" and accused it of trying to butt the Queen when she attempted to feed it.

The Sovereign did not forget the encounter and, on being informed of its death some years later, directed that a successor be provided from the Royal herd – the first of many Royal successors.

Since then the custom has been perpetuated by all battalions of The Welch Regiment through to 1969 when, on amalgamation with the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers to form the 1st Battalion,

The Royal Regiment of Wales, the last goat mascot of the 1st Welch became Taffy 1 of the new regiment.

Not all who served had the distinction of being Royal goats. Particularly on foreign service, the death of a Royal beast and the difficulty in replacing it resulted in the adoption of goats of local origin.

These were often Angoras which, rather like mongrels, were somewhat harder than the thoroughbred, and surprisingly intelligent.

Such a creature was the Lahej goat presented to the 41st by the Sultan of Lahej when the regiment was serving in Aden in 1874. It was trained to kneel when the National Anthem was being played and, even more remarkably, was accustomed to marching unattended at the head of the regiment.

The sudden demise of Regimental Goat No 4, then serving with the 1st Welch in Egypt in the 1880s is worth mentioning.

Lt Col A B Tulloch relates in his memoirs: "An expedition up the Nile against Dervishes was thought possible. Our Colours would then, by regulation, have to be left behind, but a drapeau of some sort, was, I considered, very necessary.

"As our old goat was getting very frail, I decided that as he could no longer march at the head of the regiment, his spirit should at least lead the way into action; so I had him beheaded, and his head, or rather his horns beautifully mounted on a spear head."

Both horns and the spear are today preserved in the regimental museum at Cardiff Castle.

His magnificent successor and a character of note was the famous Private Gwilym Jenkins acquired as a stand-in while the battalion was in Natal in the early 1880s.

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The Glencorse way forward is . . .

Waste not, want not!

LOSS of recruits during basic training has been slashed from 46 per cent of the annual intake to 18 per cent at The Scottish Division Depot, Glencorse.

Fewer recruits than ever are dropping out through injury, poor morale, lack of aptitude and lack of support as the depot's commanding officer strives to nurture an increasingly precious commodity.

"The country has hit a demographic trough as regards its youngsters and recruiting is becoming more of a problem," said Lt Col Finlay Maclean, RS.

"Retaining our recruits and getting them through training is therefore of vital importance."

It costs, says Lt Col Maclean, about £9,000 to train a recruit and any reduction in the drop out rate is good news for the British taxpayer.

Getting a recruit to the gate of the depot costs about £1,000 before even attempting to get him through the 19 week course at a cost of about £70 a day. The loss of a recruit at week eight through injury means £4,500 down the drain.

"Our low wastage rate means we have saved the taxpayer literally millions of pounds," said Lt Col Maclean, who highlights specific aspects of the depot's approach to training as being the keys to its success.

These are the careful selection of all permanent staff, the reduction in medical wastage, the monitoring of each recruit throughout his training and the fostering of parental involvement.

"Our aim is to pass, not fail," said Lt Col Maclean. "Our approach is progressive because you cannot produce supermen in the first few weeks."

"I vet all my permanent staff. My corporals are very important, the key to the whole thing, and if they can relate to young people, are not overly aggressive, are good, top-class trainers and instructors, then they are ideal."

"Staff in other places are often posted in by computer but here they are carefully selected. I always tell them to think back to their early days in the army and to bear this in mind when they meet new recruits."

"Our job, once the recruits arrive, is to train them and not to go on selecting them. They have already been through the selection mill and so I tell my staff to train, train, train."

Lt Col Maclean tells his subalterns to write a first impression of each recruit in his platoon and to report back after 19 weeks with a revised sketch. It can often be a salutary lesson in the pitfalls of leaping to early conclusions.

Mervyn Wynne Jones reports on how The Scottish Division Depot has slashed its drop out rate.

"Someone who is pretty rosy raw material on day one may turn out to be a first class recruit, so first impressions can be absolutely wrong," he said.

"Medical wastage has always been a considerable problem and this is something we are tackling. One's approach today has to be different because our society is breeding a race of softies with little emphasis on physical training and development."

"Young men now wear trainers and soft shoes all the time so when they put a pair



Getting to grips with bagpipes at the depot's Pipes and Drums School which serves The Scottish Division regiments, The Royal Irish Rangers, the Irish Guards, the Scots Guards, the Brigade of Gurkhas, 5th Bn, Ulster Defence Regiment, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and 4th Bn, the Royal Tank Regiment

strength is built up in the lower limbs. of high-neck boots on they suffer all kinds of ailments.

Lt Col Maclean has hired a part time physiotherapist who spends 20 hours each week at the depot helping to ease muscle strain, for example, among the recruits.

None of the recruits wear boots while running during the first eight weeks. Instead they use training shoes while



Young recruits bearing different badges of The Scottish Division look ahead to the day they pass out as soldiers

They wear boots at other times.

"If you run them into the ground for the first few weeks you are likely to lose up to a third or a half through medical wastage," said Lt Col Maclean.

A recruit's progress is monitored during training and each is led with a balance of encouragement, example and concentrated tuition.

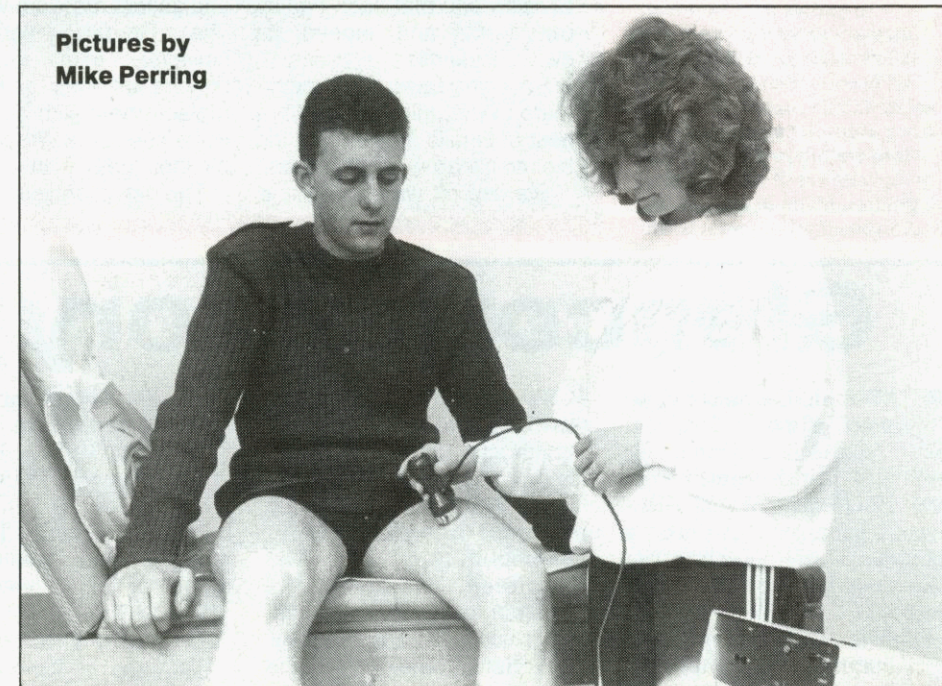
"We adopt the carrot and stick approach," said Lt Col Maclean. "Jocks respond as well as anyone to good tuition."

"We keep in touch with parents as much as possible because the lads undoubtedly need parental support in times of need. We also encourage them to attend Passing Off The Square at week eight and the final passing out parade at the end of their training."

It is not unusual to have 600 spectators watching a platoon of about 40. One Hebridean recruit invited almost all his island's population to his passing out parade!

It is to the credit of the depot and its training methods that few of the initial intake now miss that final parade.

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Keeping the lads in shape - physiotherapist Mrs Vivian Boyd with Fus Mark Morris, RHF

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A precise fit, Col Sgt Stanley Hon tries out a Tam o' Shanter on Pte Stuart Davidson, BW. Col Sgt Hon makes miniature "bonnets" as a hobby

Why the Colour Sergeant can size a man up instantly

RECRUITS come in all shapes and sizes, but Col Sgt Stanley Hon – The Scottish Division Depot Quartermaster – does not have to be reminded of that, writes **Mervyn Wynne Jones.**

His job is to ensure every recruit – short legged or pigeon chested – is immaculately turned out in the dress appropriate to his regiment.

No mean feat when one considers that there are seven regiments in The Scottish Division and that each has its own tartan and, indeed, its own peculiarities of dress.

Scottish dress is a nightmare to the uninitiated, with a host of pitfalls designed to trip the most learned of observers.

Starting off with the basics,

Highlanders wear kilts and Lowlanders wear trews. The Black Watch and The Queen's Own Highlanders, however, wear trews as evening dress after 6pm.

Trews for each regiment have to be turned up at the bottom one inch below the prominent horizontal line running through each tartan except, that is, for The Royal Scots who turn up their three inches below the line.

Spats are worn with trews and gaiters are worn with kilts. The Gordon Highlanders, however, take the white buttons off their gaiters and replace them with black ones while The Black Watch square off their gaiters at the toe.

The list is endless and Col

Sgt Hon, Gordons, knows each item by rote after 12 years on the job.

"There's always plenty to do," he said, "especially when you get the occasional bloke coming through who is a different shape to the rest."

Recruits are issued with full dress at week ten when their body weight and shape have settled down after the initial physical training.

With 18 sizes of kilt and 20 sizes of trews, there is a fighting chance that most can be kitted out with little fuss straight off the rack.

Col Sgt Hon, veteran of the barrel chest and stubby leg, can size a new man up in the time it takes him to walk through the door.



Above – An unusual line-up featuring all but one – 4 RTR – of the regiments that use the depot's Pipes and Drums School. Regiments represented are, back, from left to right: SG, QO Hldrs, Scots DG, QO Hldrs, BW, RS and IG. Front, from left: RHF, R Irish, 5 UDR, KOSB, Scots DG, 6 GR, A and SH, RHF and R Irish



Pictures by Mike Perring

Left – Young recruits at The Scottish Division Depot – destined for a variety of Scottish regiments – are put through their paces with SA 80 on the parade ground by Sgt Tom Lindsay of The Black Watch. Scottish Juniors go to Glencorse to complete their training after first undergoing six months of initial training at JIB Ouston in Northumberland.

Glencorse story began with French prisoners of war

BUILT as an internment camp for French prisoners of war and as a convalescent camp for wounded British seamen from the Napoleonic Wars, Glencorse Barracks has had a chequered role since the site was bought by the Government in 1803.

Situated eight miles south of Edinburgh, the camp had accommodation for 6,000

PoWs by 1812 but, when the wars ended two years later, it became a transit camp and, still later, a military prison.

By 1873 it was a training depot and in 1902 Glencorse was officially named Depot The Royal Scots. The Royal Scots memorial gates commemorate the 11,000 officers and men of the regiment who died in the First World War.

During the Second World War it became an Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) centre and between 1943 and 1946 reverted to its old role of convalescent camp. The Royal Military Police and the Royal Corps of Signals used it from 1948 to 1954.

The camp's association with The Royal Scots was renewed in 1954 and for the next six

years it again became their depot. In 1960 Glencorse was rebuilt as The Lowland Brigade Depot.

Regiments of the Lowland and Highland Brigades combined in 1969 to form the Scottish Division and Glencorse became the depot for the adult recruits of the division.

Ten years later, the Scottish Division formed a junior

SCOTLAND'S ONLY INFANTRY DEPOT

company at nearby Milton Bridge Camp and placed it under the command of the depot at Glencorse. This company was disbanded in 1982.

The closure in 1986 of the

Junior Soldiers Depot at Bridge of Don near Aberdeen meant that Glencorse was the only infantry depot in Scotland and it was renamed The Scottish Division Depot.

Milton Bridge Camp was

reopened to accommodate the increased numbers passing through, including pipers and drummers.

Junior soldiers of the Scottish and King's Division now begin their training south of the border at Ouston, in Northumberland, and the Scottish Juniors go to Glencorse after six months to complete their training before

joining their new regiments.

There are seven regiments in the Scottish Division – The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), The Royal Highland Fusiliers, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Cameronians, The Black Watch, the Queen's Own Highlanders, The Gordon Highlanders and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

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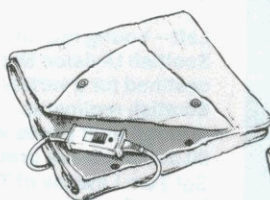
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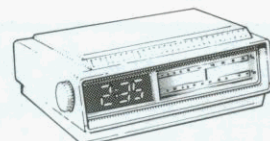
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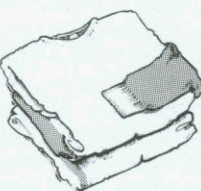
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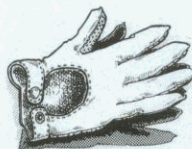
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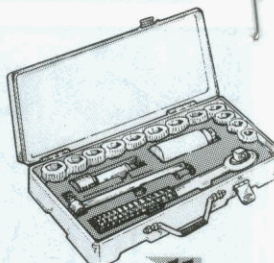
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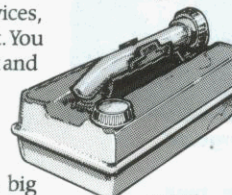
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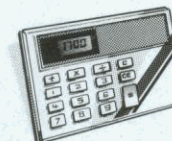
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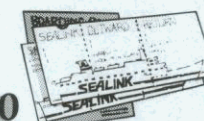
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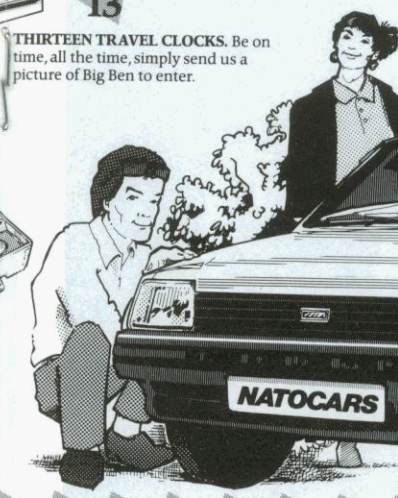
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Above – Adding a splash of colour to the skyline of Tacoma near Seattle in Washington State are (from left) 1 PWO's Band Sergeant Major, WO2 John Cocker, Bandmaster WO1 Stephen Thompson and Drum Major Sgt Ronald Pennington

Below – A vivid dusk sky gives a dramatic backdrop to this photograph of a Yorky soldier lining up his 84mm Carl Gustaf anti-tank weapon during Exercise Trumpet Dance II





The regimental band drummed up support in many schools around Washington State



Yorkys prepare for rappelling (abseiling) from a Blackhawk helicopter

YORKYS TUNE UP WEST OF THE ROCKIES

THE 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire has just returned from Exercise Trumpet Dance II, in Fort Lewis, Washington State, USA.

A force of 650 – including

elements of 51 Field Squadron RE who are based at Ripon and the gunners of 6 Field Battery 27 Field Regiment from Topcliffe near Thirsk – took part, writes **Martin Paterson**.

The battalion, which has

only just been issued with the SA 80 and light support weapon, took part in a live firing training package which ran from section attack and defence ranges up to company level live firing exercises.

It made full use of the wide range of facilities that the American hosts had to offer and in addition to taking part in a battalion beach landing courtesy of the US Army Reserve, had a go at rappelling (abseiling) US Special Forces style, from a Blackhawk helicopter; winter and mountain warfare training at the Crystal Mountain National Park and desert warfare anti-tank live firing on Yakima Desert Ranges.

While all this was going on the regimental band under the guidance of WO1 Stephen Thompson undertook a gruelling schedule of concerts in Washington and Oregon states, playing at up to four venues a day.

Yorkshire's musical ambassadors got their reward when, with the rest of the exercise participants, they were able to indulge in a few days R and R. Fort Lewis being on the Pacific Coast, the Yorkys and Co were able to enjoy trips to pleasure spots as far apart as Vancouver and Hawaii. By far the most popular choice was Disneyland in California.



A pause on the beach – but this was no picnic for men of 1 PWO in the United States

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Two new recruits for The Royal Regiment of Wales photographed in 1986. On the left is Goat Major Colin Pryce, 3rd Battalion, with Dewi IV, and on the right is Goat Major Barry John, 4th Battalion, with Sospan who died last year and has now been replaced

WELSH GOATS

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Born near Isandhlwana, it is recorded that he destroyed the battalion band tent in Cairo, damaging instruments and making a meal of the music sheets, because bandmen refused to indulge him with his favourite tobacco.

In Malta one morning in 1890 he was reported missing, only to be found suspended from the battlements by his tether contentedly browsing on weeds which were growing out of the crevices 25ft below the steep Floriana Barracks casements.

Accompanying the battalion back to Pembroke Dock in 1893, he achieved considerable fame in both the national and provincial press because of his insatiable appetite for tobacco and beer – a characteristic which condemned him in the eyes of several conformist ministers.

He died in 1895 from that scourge of all goats, the combined effects of rheumatism and arthritis.

Taffy III, a Royal goat, accompanied the 1 Welch to South Africa in 1899 where its temper deteriorated considerably after experiencing Boer shell fire near the Modder River.

It died on the march to Bloemfontein and was replaced by a small Angora of South African origin who, after a short period of training, was able to put in a good performance at the head of the

battalion as it marched in to occupy Pretoria.

As far as is known, this was the first goat to be put up for the award of campaign medals, the ribbons of which were stitched to its coat.

On August 12, 1914, Taffy IV, 2nd Battalion embarked at Southampton for France. The four footed "Old Contemptible" was present with the battalion at Mons, the retreat from Mons, the battle of the Aisne and the first battle of Ypres.

He died on active service and was buried on the canal bank at Bethune, a passing greatly mourned by the then pitifully few survivors of the old pre-war battalion.

It was customary for recruits at the depot to be route marched and, on the return journey, to be met and led back over a mile or so by the band and goat.

One day the normal route was changed to pass close by a public house not far from the barracks. The goat made for the door of the public bar and refused to march any further. The clever beast had recognised the spot where he and his handler were accustomed to spending the odd happy hour.

Like soldiers, goats are not always models of perfection but their adaptability, tenacity and fearless temperament typify the qualities so often looked for in their soldier companions. What better symbol for the soldiers of the Principality!

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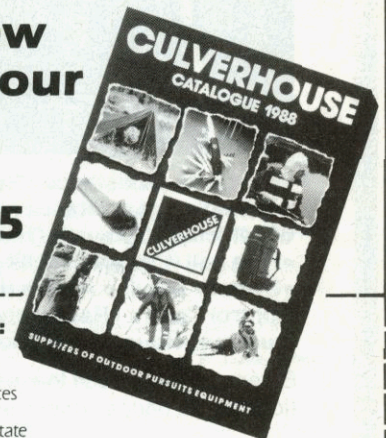
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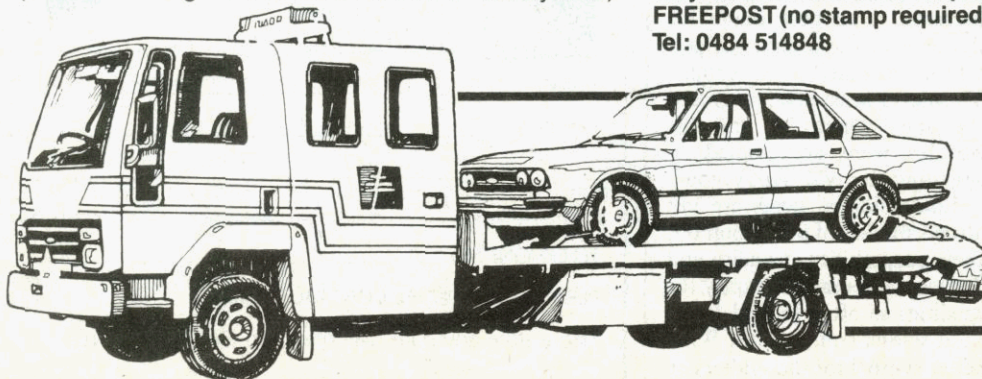
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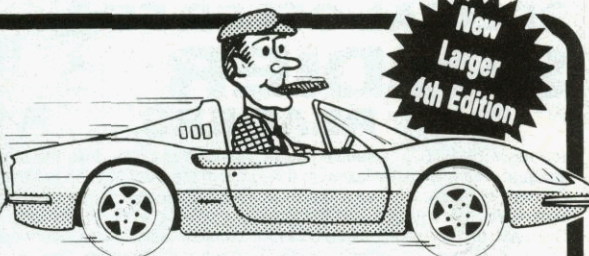
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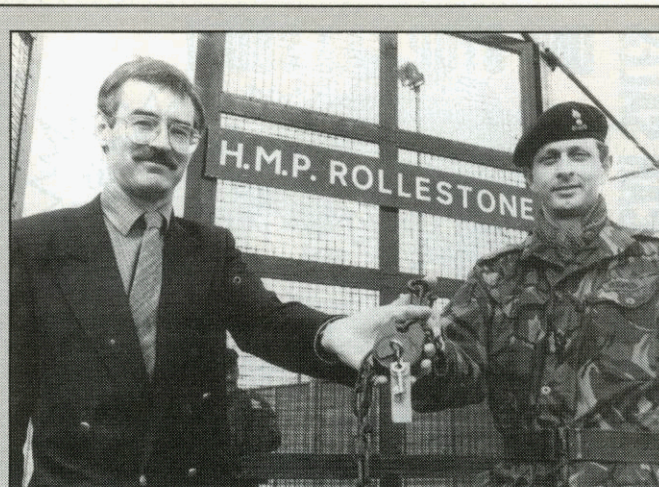
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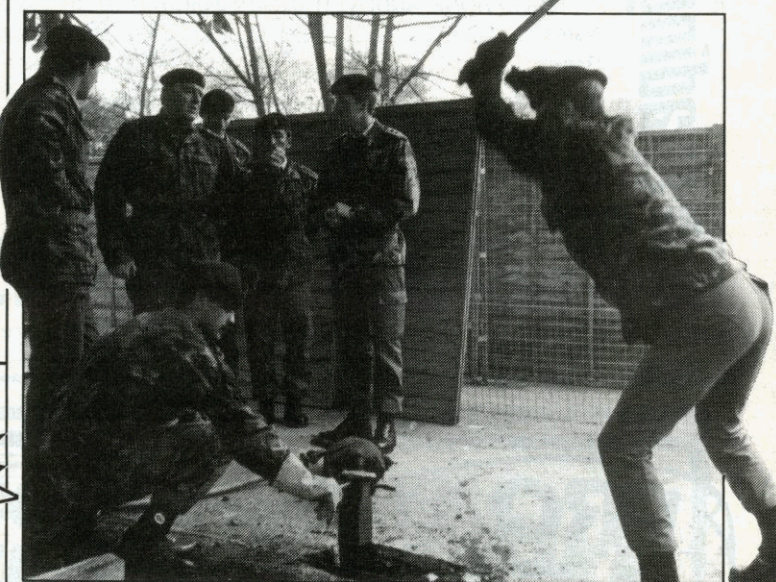
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Royal Irish Rangers site fence posts at Deepcut while Engineer in Chief Maj Gen Richard Peck looks on

AN URGENT Home Office need to create extra space for prisoners in England led to 69 Gurkha Independent Field Sqn based at Chatham being given the unusual job of creating a temporary prison at Alma-Dettingen Barracks, Deepcut, which until 1986 was the home of the RAOC Apprentice College for 32 years, writes Laurie Manton.

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Deadly deterrent! Razor wire surrounds the accommodation blocks at Alma-Dettingen Barracks

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THE early months of 1939 saw the formation of many British Territorial Army regiments, among them the 136th (1st West Lancashire) Field Regiment RA, as a second line unit of the 87th Field Regiment. It was intended for home defence, serving on the east and south east coasts before sailing for India in January 1943.

They came under the banner of the 7th Indian Division and were in action in the Arakan district of the Indo-Burmese border, helping to inflict the first major defeat on the Japanese by Allied forces.

In December 1944 the regiment became the first unit of the 7th Indian Division to be engaged in the final campaign against the invaders of Burma. In pursuit, the 136th crossed the mighty Irrawaddy River no less than three times, supporting the infantry in fierce encounters.

The regiment was still in action when the war in the east ended in 1945 and is claimed to have been the last Allied gunner unit in action in the Second World War.

Still the 136th's adventures were not over. Following an

interesting three months in Siam, the regiment survived the mining of its troopship in 1946 while en route for Singapore. Its next and final task was an internal security role in Malacca until the regiment was disbanded in March 1946.

This history of the wartime unit is an enterprising publishing project by the unit's Old Comrades Association. In his foreword, Gen Sir Walter Walker points out that "many of the actions described will not be found in the divisional history and certainly not in the official history of the Second World War . . ."

This is how it should be with histories of smaller units. Oh, that there were more of them!

It is a comprehensive history, with the author, G W Robertson, going back to 1815 when the first Lancashire volunteer unit of artillery was raised in Liverpool.

Why the title, *The Rose and the Arrow*? Simply because the red rose of Lancaster was the sign of the 55th Division to which the 136th was attached in the early period of the war and a golden arrow was the sign of the 7th Indian Division with which the unit saw its actions overseas.

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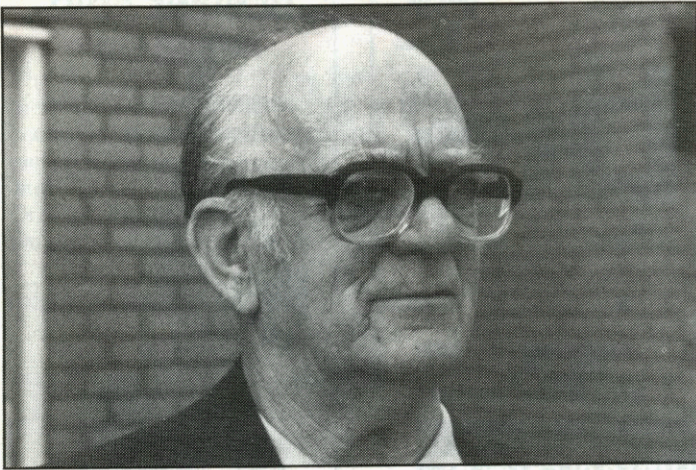
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After nearly drowning in the

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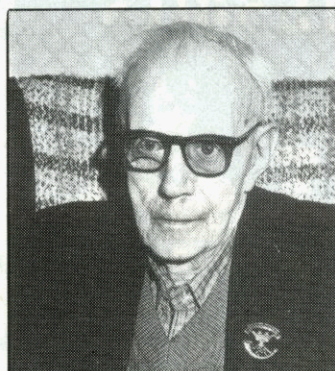
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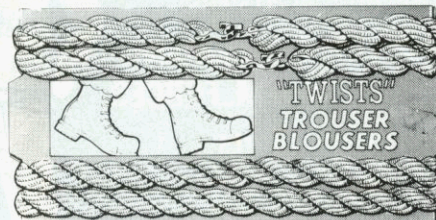
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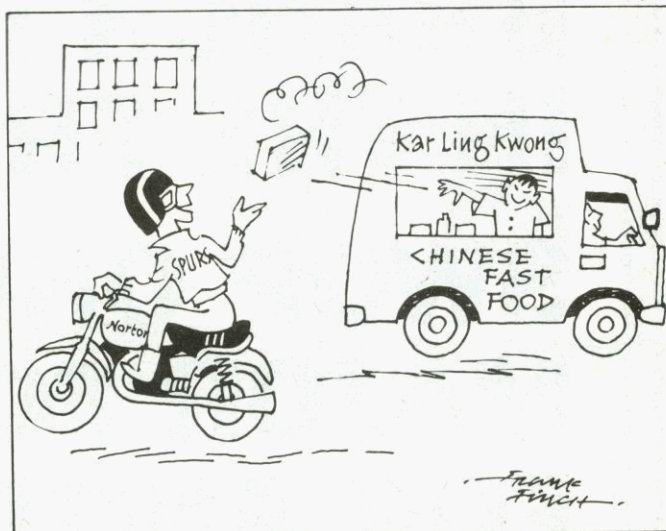
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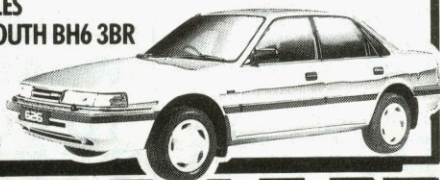
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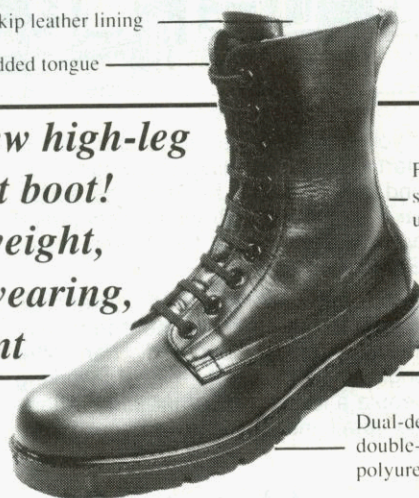
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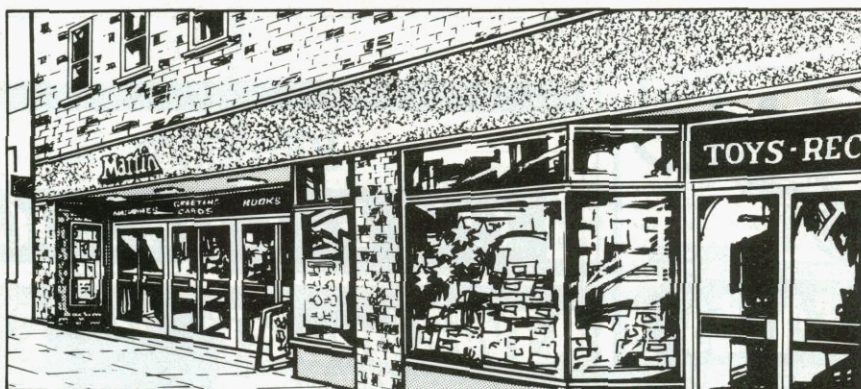
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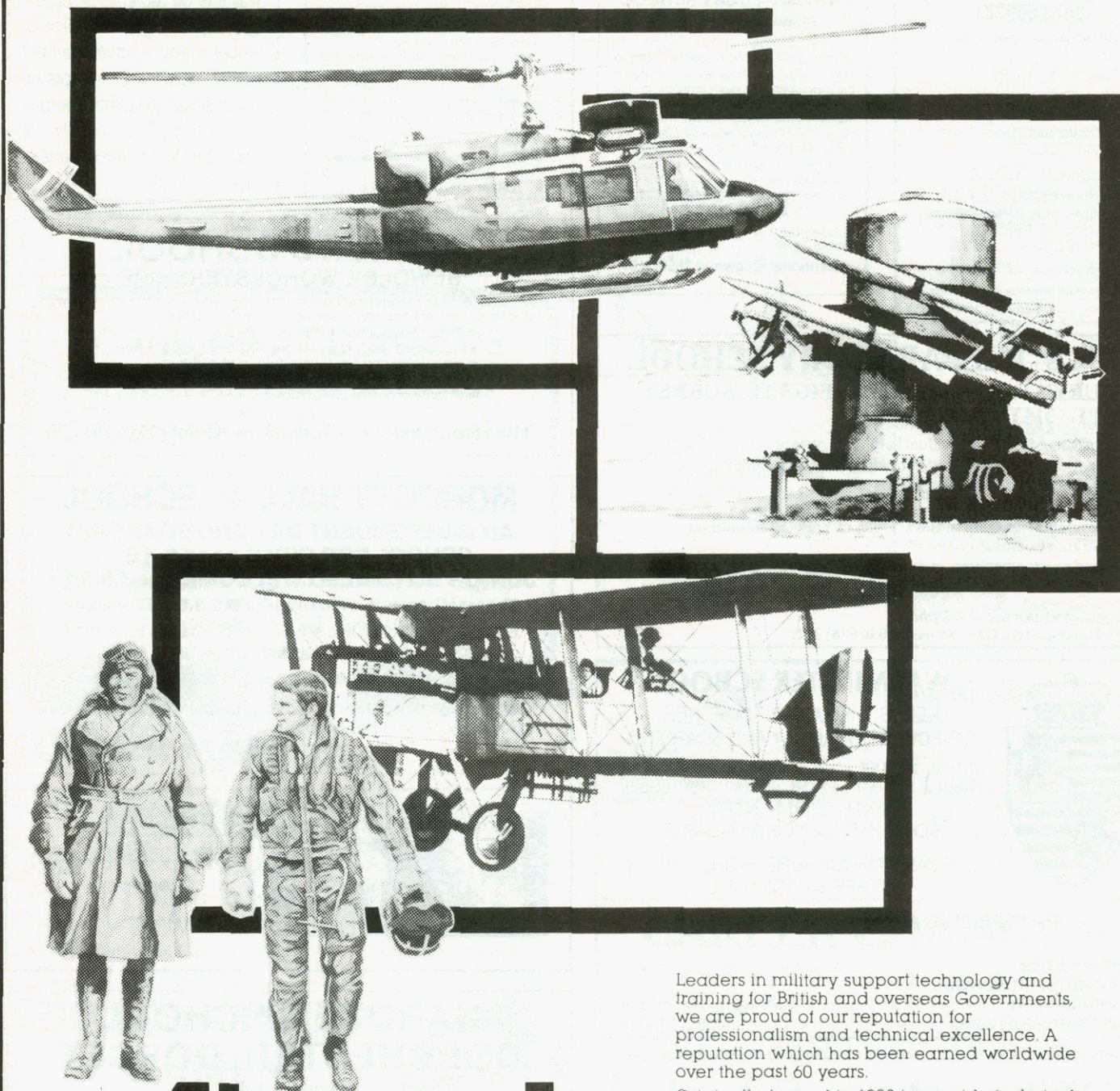
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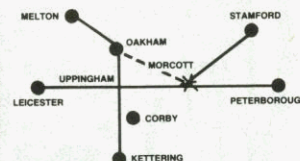
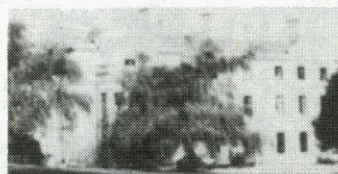
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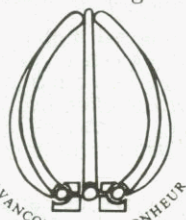
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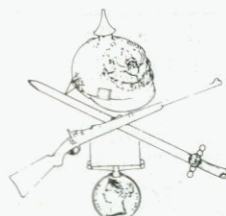
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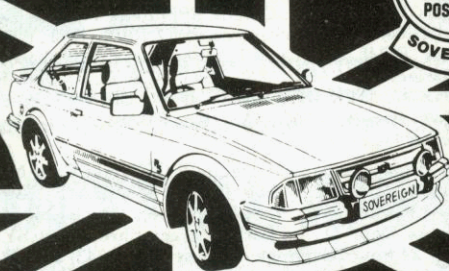
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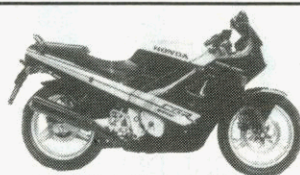
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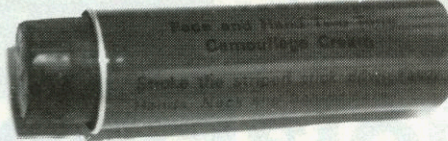
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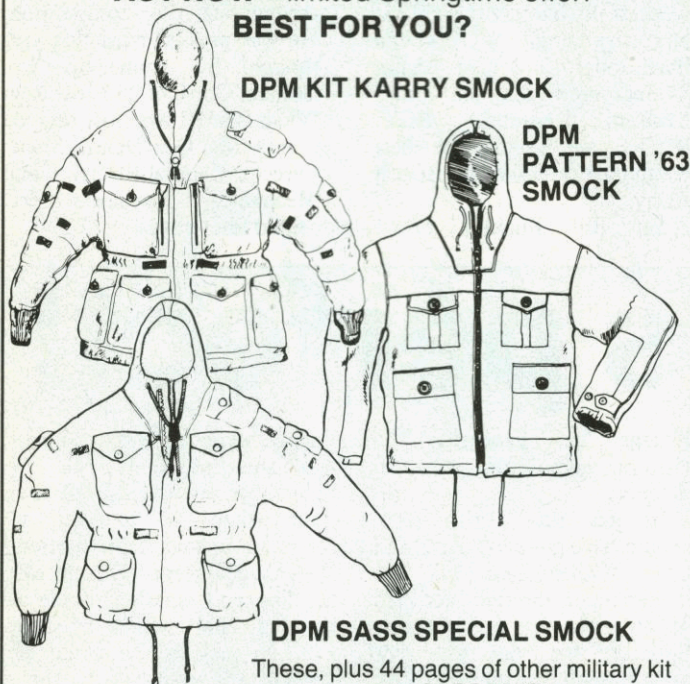
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Buckley beats the mud

THE 1988 Army motor cycle championships were held at Bordon, hosted in the event's 50th anniversary by SEME. More than 100 competitors from BAOR and UK took part in the event, arranged as a four stage trial over two days.

Mr Ted Johns, an instructor at SEME and an international expert motor cycling enthusiast, had set a testing nine mile course; but even he could not have envisaged how difficult the very wet weather conditions would make it. Pools of water became mud swamps and exposed tree roots in the wooden areas snared the unsuspecting rider.

One competitor, seen dripping mud from head to toe, explained that after entering a seemingly harmless puddle, he



Sgt Bill Buckley races to victory in the Army motor cycle championships at soggy Bordon

had found himself up to his handlebars in mud and water. Moving 320lb of motorcycle out of the mire was just another problem.

The afternoon saw a slight improvement but at the end of the day 20 per cent of the competitors had succumbed to the conditions.

A bright warm sun and gentle breeze next morning soon dried out much of the circuit. Swamps of the previous

day became mere puddles again.

The final stage, where riders were required to cover 54 miles in 2½ hours was completed successfully by only two riders. Not surprisingly WO2 Gwyn Barraclough and Cpl Shaun Skinner both from the Junior Leaders Regiment RCT/RAOC, are among the best endurance riders in the British Army.

Sgt Bill Buckley of 1

Armoured Div Tpt Regt RCT became the Army champion, retaining the title from last year. Sgt Buckley triumphed after losing only 49 points throughout the competition. He was pressed hard this year though by runner-up Cpl Graham Gorse of 26 Field Regt Wksp REME who lost only 62 points. Maj-Gen Dennis Shaw, Director General Electrical and Mechanical Engineers presented the prizes.

39 Engr Regt in control

THE finals of both the Army major and minor units squash championships took place on the superb courts of the Light Infantry Depot, Winchester, writes Lance Brett. In these competitions the UK winners meet the BAOR winners for the Army championship.

In the major units event 39 Engr Regt RE had comfortably beaten the School of Infantry to meet in the final 4 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt, Herford who had beaten the holders, 4 Armd Wksp REME.

Apart from a win at No 1 seed by WO1 Arthur Harvey over WO1 Dave Collins, the Herford team lost all the other games and 39 Engr Regt RE won 4-1.

The minor units event was won 4-1 by AAC Harrogate over a strong team from RAOC Viersen. Sgt Dave Tressler beat Capt John Wallis at No 2, but otherwise the Harrogate team headed by Army player Cpl Tom Pollard was too strong.

The event was sponsored by Allied Breweries.

That's perfect!

Belgian Armed Forces 0
UK Combined Services 2

COMBINED Services got off to a perfect start in their British Telecom Kentish Cup opener against Belgian Armed Forces, the holders of the trophy, on the delightful Harelbeke club ground at Kortrijk in Belgium, writes Pat Massey.

A defender tried to steer the ball back to his goalkeeper but LCpl Guy Whittingham nipped in and slotted it home.

Cpl Chris Lomas in the Services goal had to save sharply from Houwaart of FC

Brugge but generally the visitors gave little away in defence.

In fact the British team should have gone further ahead when Whittingham beat two defenders on the right and laid off a perfect pass to Sgt Micky Spencer. But from two yards out and with just the 'keeper to beat he screwed his shot wide.

Bdr Clint Webbe did a great marking job on Houben of FC Luik as the young Belgian professionals stepped up their game after the interval. But when they did threaten Sgt Sandy Brown and Sgt Kevin

Parkins were invariably there to snuff out the danger.

Spencer sewed it up on the hour when he collected a clearance in mid field, spotted Belgian goalkeeper Deman off his line and smashed home a dipping shot which crashed into the net in the angle of upright and crossbar.

Post match hospitality was outstanding, even by Belgian Kentish Cup standards. The hosts marked the occasion with a presentation to Maj Alan Dobson, retiring AFA secretary, who has been involved in the competition for 40 years.

A PROMISE OF BOXING TALENT TO COME

ARMY boxing is still in fine fettle with lots of up and coming youngsters waiting to move into next year's Army senior squad.

This was the message from this year's Army Novices Grade Two and Three championships at Aldershot which included lots of spirit and at least two bouts in which both participants look to have bright futures.

Probably the best match of the finals was at light-welter where Irish Guardsman Jimmy Brennan met LCpl Sean Gallagher, one of six 1 Staffords men to make the finals. Gallagher patiently kept out of trouble and in the final round piled on the pressure to get a unanimous points verdict.

Army coach SSI Mick Gannon said he hoped both men would join his squad.

Another all action contest was at light-heavy where Staffords Pte Gavin Golbey gained a unanimous points decision over Spr Kevin Butterton (9 Para Sqn RE).

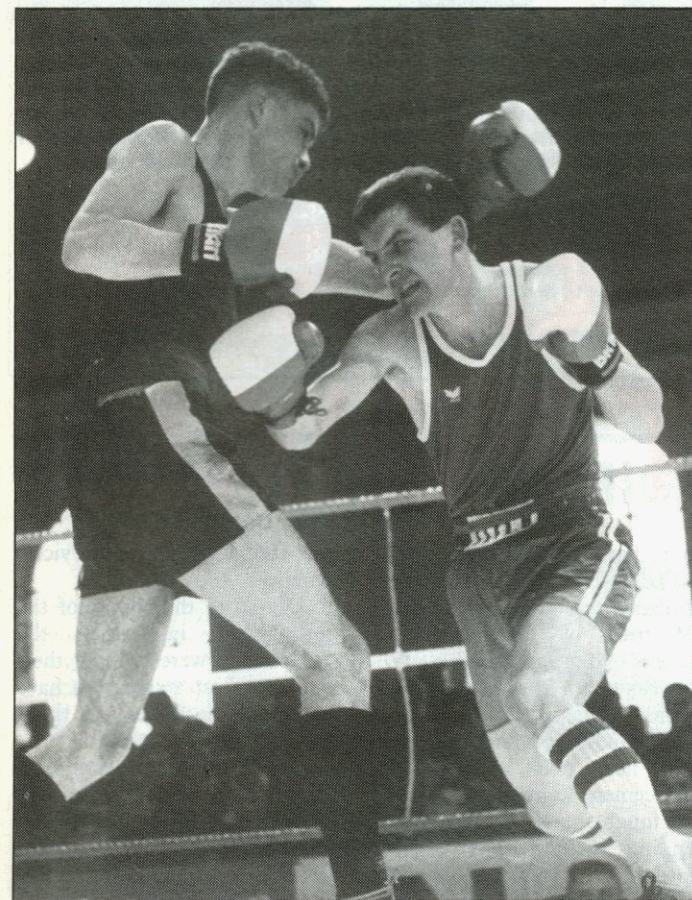
There were three walk over wins, at flyweight (Sig Scott Smith of 4 Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt), light middle (Pte John Culwick of 23 Para Fd Amb) and heavy (Pte Jim Collins).

The bantamweight contest

Wembley wonder!

BATTLING bantamweight Sgt Keith Howlett (39 Engr Regt) is through to the finals of the George Wimpey ABA championships at Wembley where he will meet Londoner Marlon Ward.

Howlett reached his first ABA final by beating Michael Deveney in the UK semi-finals at Blackpool. In what is a major success for Combined Services boxing he will be joined at Wembley by Royal Marines Rob Wiseman and Mark Edwards.



LCpl Sean Gallagher (left) of 1 Staffords on his way to victory over Gdsmn Jimmy Brennan IG in one of the best novice contests of the night

matched Pte Paul Roffey (1 Queens) and Rfn Alan Ruddock (3 RGJ). Roffey's punching was the more accurate and the referee stopped the contest towards the end of the final round. Lightweights Pte Lee Westwood (1 Staffords) and Pte Ian Staley (1 Para) had a whirlwind milling contest which ended abruptly 30 seconds into the second round when Staley floored his man.

Colts pay penalty for rash decision

THE Army and RAF colts rugby teams, both having beaten the Royal Navy, met at RAF Halton to decide the fate of this year's Inter-Service colts championship. As both had beaten the Royal Navy by a nine point margin a close encounter was expected and so it proved, writes Peter Salisbury.

The Army, playing against

the wind, did well to lead 4-0 at half time through a try by AT Sgt Neil Willcoxson (PMC Arborfield) on the right wing. On the restart they went further ahead with a try by the left wing Sig Ian Kennedy (30 Sig Regt). Then, as against the Royal Navy, they seemed to relax and the RAF hit back with a try and a goal.

But the Army reasserted themselves and laid siege to the RAF line. With two minutes to go they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Foolishly they decided to run it instead of accepting the three points for victory. The hoped for try was not forthcoming.

It was a most disappointing end to a season which had promised so much.

Army star was Spr Stuart Johnstone (42 Svy Engr Gp) who had a magnificent game at full back. He was most unlucky not to be selected for the visit of Combined Services to Wales.

The match against Cardiff and District at under 19 level, for which players were awarded Combined Services colours, was played for the first time at Cardiff Arms Park.

Four Army players were selected, Cfn Paul Jinks (SEME Bordon) who was captain for the second year, Spr Lee Jones (39 Engr Regt) who had an excellent game and scored the Combined Services only try, AT SSM Paul Browning (AAC Harrogate) and Kennedy. After leading 7-0 at half time Combined Services were eventually overhauled and beaten 16-10.

Next day the intention was to play Bridgend and District at under 18 level.

To achieve a balanced side, however, it was necessary to fill three places with over 18 players and to play four players out of position. Nevertheless, Combined Services achieved a spectacular 39-6 win.

Two of the Army's three "capped" under 18 players, AT Richard Brimacombe (AAC Chepstow) and Fus Julian Davies (1 RWF) played, the latter captaining the side. The Army also provided two of the three over 18 players, Spr David Robinson (24 Fd Sqn) and Spr Lou Snook (39 Engr Regt). Robinson scored 11 points with the boot.

Sappers deny SA 80 a 4 Div clean sweep

TOP gun in this year's 4 Armd Div Skill at Arms Meeting was without doubt the SA 80 with its optical sight, writes Pete Brown.

It was used for the first time in the Div SAAM in direct competition against the SLR.

Of the 24 teams entered in this year's match only two, 3 R Anglian and 1 RRW were equipped with SA 80 and the optical sight, against the others with SLR and "iron sights".

The mix of the two weapons in competitive use is governed by the Army Rifle Association's rule that SA 80 should be used by all units so equipped, which means that at the moment infantry units have the advantage given by the accuracy of the superior weapon.

The SA 80 made an early showing with individual scores being in many cases over 100 points ahead of SLR users.

In the falling plate competition SA 80 was beaten when a determined 35 Engr Regt team took on 1 RRW in the final and proved that team work and familiarity with the SLR could win the day.

The meeting was well organized and run by 3 R Anglian whose hard work paid off in a very successful meeting with their band lending a musical touch to the occasion.

Winning optic sight unit - 3 R Anglian; winning iron sight major unit - 35 Engr Regt; winning iron sight minor unit - 65 Corps Sp Sqn.

Champion at arms: optic sight - LCpl Hazlewood, 3 R Anglian; iron sight - Cpl Quilliam, 65 Corps Sp Sqn.

Falling plate match - 35 Engr Regt.

Stormy Sabre limps on

HMSTY SABRE with 12 Service personnel on board battled for 24 hours through stormy seas and high winds gusting to 40 knots after her rigging parted in the middle of the South Pacific.

The 55ft Gosport, Hants based yacht is taking part with her sister ship HMSTY Adventure in the sail training expedition Australian Adventure 88.

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Sabre, skippered by Mr Brian Colliss, an MoD civilian employed as a permanent skipper at the Joint Services Sailing Centre at Gosport was on leg 10 from Tahiti to Panama, some 5,000 nautical miles.

Leg 10 is the longest and most arduous of the 13 legs that are taking Adventure and Sabre around the world, having visited Australia to celebrate its bicentenary in January.

Sabre, escorted by Adventure, resorted to its motor to make its way to the Gambier Islands. The crews are in no danger and are now awaiting spare rigging.

Once Sabre is repaired it will continue on its passage to Panama where the yacht will rendezvous with Adventure. They will then continue their return passage to the UK.



Debbie takes the strain

Cpl Deborah Ley and her team mates from the 4th Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales based at Swansea pull for victory in a special tug of war event during the HQ 160 (W) Infantry Brigade sports day at Cwrt-y-Gollen Training

Camp, Crickhowell, near Abergavenny. Hundreds of Terriers from all over the Principality took part in the competition, with Wrexham based 3rd (Volunteer) Bn The Royal Welch Fusiliers winning the unit trophy.

Picture: Gerry Nicholas

SERVICES IN FIRST FINAL

A SERIES of brilliant performances by the Combined Services hockey team took them to the very brink of their first senior divisional title at Sunderland.

Having won their pool on superior goal difference after beating the Midlands for the first time and losing to the South, Combined Services then knocked out the West - hot favourites to retain their title - before losing to the North in a

dour, hard fought final.

The 3-1 victory over the Midlands was achieved with a hat trick of rasping short corners by Sgt Ian Jennings (17 Tg Regt RA), who was in superb form.

Down 3-0 to the South in their next pool match, the Servicemen kept their heads and fought back with goals by Jennings and Capt Nick Gordon (7 RHA). A second Jennings effort from open play that screamed into the roof of the net was disallowed on the grounds that it would have decapitated the 'keeper if he had been unfortunate enough to get in the way!

With the Midlands beating the South 4-2, Combined Services went through on goal difference.

The Servicemen, whose squad contained seven Army players plus two Army reserves, went two up against the fancied West with goals by CPO Graeme Mather of the Royal Navy and the brilliant 21-year-old 2nd Lt Simon Hazlitt. The West got one back but were denied further

progress by resolute Services' defence.

And so to the climax of the tournament in which the Servicemen were making their debut against a side who have contested the final three times in the past four years.

Although they went 2-0 down, Services replied through Hazlitt and finished strongly. But the North held on and just about deserved to take the title on the run of play.

For Lt Cdr Alan Walker, RN, the Combined Services manager and selector, it was a wonderful team achievement after years of knocking at the door.

To cap his pleasure, Hazlitt has been named in the British Olympic squad and is being tipped as one of the sport's "greats", and Ian Jennings is back in the England senior squad with an outside chance of forcing himself into Olympic contention.

Also in contention is goalkeeper Ft Lt Vryan Papping of the RAF, the England No 2 and understudy to England and GB 'keeper Ian Taylor.



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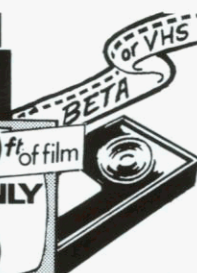
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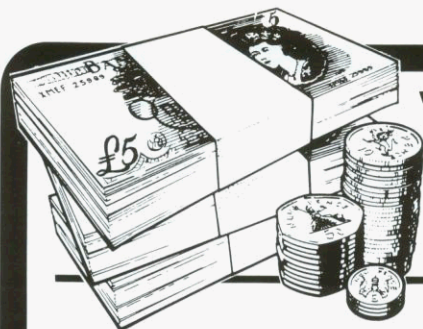
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	2	23.63	6.3
	3	26.65	6.7
LCpl 3	Band 1	20.85	6.0
	2	23.63	6.3
	3	26.65	6.7
2	Band 1	22.46	6.3
	2	25.24	6.5
	3	28.26	6.9
1	Band 1	24.16	6.5
	2	26.94	6.7
	3	29.96	7.1
Cpl 2	Band 1	25.99	6.8
	2	28.77	7.0
	3	31.79	7.3
1	Band 1	27.89	6.8
	2	30.67	7.0
	3	33.69	7.3
Sgt	Band 4	30.48	6.8
	5	33.50	6.9
	6	36.81	7.1
SSgt	Band 4	32.41	6.8
	5	35.43	6.9
	6	38.74	7.1
	7	42.31	7.3
WO2	Band 4	34.63	6.8
	5	37.65	6.9
	6	40.96	7.1
	7	44.53	7.3
WO1	Band 4	37.02	6.8
	5	40.04	6.9
	6	43.35	7.1
	7	46.92	7.3

NOTE: For Scale A DEDUCT 30 pence
For Scale C ADD 45 pence

MALE REGULAR COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY) OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay
		£
Capt	On appointment	49.26
	After 1 years service	50.12
	After 2 years service	50.98
	After 3 years service	51.84
	After 4 years service	52.70
	After 5 years service	53.56
	After 6 years service	54.42
	After 8 years service	55.28

COMMITTAL PAY – NO CHANGE

MALE OFFICERS – MAIN SCALE

		Daily rate	Per cent increase
2Lt (UC)	On appointment	10.04	2.8
	1 year	11.92	2.8
	2 years	13.83	2.8
	3 years	15.97	2.8
2Lt (SSLC)	On commissioning	18.55	6.2
	After 9 months	19.82	6.3
2Lt	–	24.74	6.3
Lt	On appointment	32.55	7.3
	1 year	33.41	7.3
	2 years	34.27	7.3
	3 years	35.13	7.3
	4 years	35.99	7.3
Capt	On appointment	41.06	7.3
	1 year	42.17	7.3
	2 years	43.28	7.3
	3 years	44.39	7.3
	4 years	45.50	7.3
	5 years	46.61	7.3
	6 years	47.72	7.3
Maj	On appointment	52.20	7.3
	1 year	53.50	7.3
	2 years	54.80	7.3
	3 years	56.10	7.3
	4 years	57.40	7.3
	5 years	58.70	7.3
	6 years	60.00	7.3
	7 years	61.30	7.3
	8 years	62.60	7.3
Lt Col (Special List)		71.65	7.6
Lt Col	O/A or less than 19 years	72.49	7.5
	2 years or 19 years	74.40	7.5
	4 years or 21 years	76.31	7.5
	6 years or 23 years	78.22	7.5
	8 years or 25 years	80.13	7.5
Col	On appointment	83.60	7.6
	2 years	85.80	7.5
	4 years	88.00	7.5
	6 years	90.20	7.5
	8 years	92.40	7.5
Brig	–	100.15	7.5

MALE SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY) OFFICERS

Includes Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the revised financial terms of service introduced on April 21, 1977

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lts and Cpts only	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay
	£	£	£
On commissioning	44.66	46.96	49.26
After 1 years service	45.81	48.11	50.12
After 2 years service	46.96	49.26	50.98
After 3 years service	48.11	50.12	51.84
After 4 years service	49.26	50.98	52.70
After 5 years service	50.12	51.84	53.56
After 6 years service	50.98	52.70	54.42
After 8 years service	51.84	53.56	55.28
After 10 years service	52.70	54.42	55.28
After 12 years service	53.56	55.28	55.28
After 14 years service	54.42	55.28	55.28
After 16 years service	55.28	55.28	55.28

MALE JUNIOR ENTRANTS

All categories, including young soldier, but excluding officer cadets

Age	Daily rate
	£
16 but under 16½	8.55
16½ but under 17	9.55
17 but under 17½	11.59
17½ or posted to adult service	15.33

Plus committal pay if appropriate

MALE OFFICER CADETS

	Daily rate
	£
On entry	17.36

Plus committal pay if appropriate

FEMALE OFFICER CADETS

	Daily rate
	£
On entry	17.20

UDR SOLDIERS – PERMANENT CADRE

Male soldiers serving before April 21, 1977 who opted not to transfer to the revised financial terms of service

	Daily rate of pay
	£
Pte B (aged 19 and below)	15.33
Pte B (aged 20)	17.43
Pte B (aged 21 and over)	19.50
Pte A	22.02
LCpl	24.74
Cpl	30.37
Sgt	31.28
SSgt	33.01
WO2	37.99

UDR SOLDIERS – PERMANENT CADRE

Male soldiers enrolled on or after April 21, 1977, and male soldiers enrolled before that date who opted to transfer to the revised financial terms of service)

	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
	£	£	£
Pte B (aged 21 and above)	19.50	19.80	20.25
Pte A	22.02	22.32	22.77
LCpl	24.74	25.04	25.49
Cpl	30.37	30.67	31.12
Sgt	33.20	33.50	33.95
SSgt	35.13	35.43	35.88
WO2	40.66	40.96	41.41

UDR SERVICEWOMEN – PERMANENT CADRE

Rank	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
	£	£	£
Pte B (aged 19 and below)	15.19	15.49	15.94
Pte B (aged 20)	17.27	17.57	18.02
Pte B (aged 21 and above)	19.32	19.62	20.07
Pte A	21.82	22.12	22.57
LCpl	24.51	24.81	25.26
Cpl	30.09	30.39	30.84
Sgt	32.90	33.20	33.65
SSgt	34.81	35.11	35.56
WO2	40.29	40.59	41.04

PART TIME MEMBERS – ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT BOUNTIES

Rates of bounty for training years beginning on or after April 1, 1988

	£
First year	300
Second year	500
Third and subsequent years	700

VETERINARY OFFICERS OF THE ARMY VETERINARY AND REMOUNT SERVICES

	Daily rate of pay
	£
Capt, Maj and Lt Col	
On entry	41.06
After 1 years service	44.08
After 3 years service	47.10
After 5 years service	50.12
After 6 years service	53.14
After 9 years service	56.16
After 11 years service	59.18
After 13 years service	61.95
After 15 years service	64.72
After 17 years service	67.50
After 19 years service	70.28
After 21 years service	72.74
After 23 years service	75.20
After 25 years service	77.66
After 27 years service	80.13
Col	
On appointment	83.60
After 2 years service	85.80
After 4 years service	88.00
After 6 years service	90.20
After 8 years service	92.40
Brig	
–	100.15

OFFICERS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS AND WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS MAIN SCALE

	Daily rate of pay
	£
2nd Lt (UC)	
On appointment	9.90
After 1 years service	11.76
After 2 years service	13.65
After 3 years service	15.77
2nd Lt	
–	24.52
Lt	
On appointment	32.25
After 1 year in rank	33.11
After 2 years in rank	33.96
After 3 years in rank	34.81
After 4 years in rank	35.66
Capt	
On appointment	40.69
After 1 year in rank	41.79
After 2 years in rank	42.89
After 3 years in rank	43.99
After 4 years in rank	45.09
After 5 years in rank	46.19
After 6 years in rank	47.29
Maj	
On appointment	51.73
After 1 year in rank	53.01
After 2 years in rank	54.30
After 3 years in rank	55.59
After 4 years in rank	56.88
After 5 years in rank	58.17
After 6 years in rank	59.45
After 7 years in rank	60.74
After 8 years in rank	62.03
Lt Col	
On appointment with less than 19 years in service	71.83
With 19 years service or or after 2 years in rank	73.72
With after 21 years service or after 4 years in rank	75.62
With 23 years service or after 6 years in rank	77.53
With 25 years service or after 8 years in rank	79.44
Col	
On appointment	83.14
After 2 years in rank	85.34
After 4 years in rank	87.54
After 6 years in rank	89.74
After 8 years in rank	91.94
Brig	
–	99.92

OFFICERS OF THE WRAC REGUL AR COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY)

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay	Service	Daily rate of pay
Capt	On appointment	48.81	After 4 years service	52.22
	After 1 years service	49.66	After 5 years service	53.07
	After 2 years service	50.52	After 6 years service	53.93
	After 3 years service	51.37	After 8 years service	54.78

QARANC/WRAC TYPE 'R' ENGAGEMENTS

Rank	Less than 6 years			6 years but less than 9 years			9 years or more		
	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pte Class 4 Age 17-17½	11.19	–	–	15.10	–	–	15.55	–	–
Pte Class 4	14.80	–	–	16.63	19.31	22.23	17.07	19.76	22.68
Pte Class 3	16.33	19.01	21.93	18.58	21.26	24.18	19.02	21.71	24.63
Pte Class 2	18.28	20.96	23.88	20.15	22.83	25.75	20.59	23.28	26.20
Pte Class 1	19.85	22.53	25.45	20.15	22.83	25.75	20.59	23.28	26.20
LCpl Class 3	19.85	22.53	25.45	20.15	22.83	25.75	20.59	23.28	26.20
LCpl Class 2	21.40	24.08	27.00	21.70	24.38	27.30	22.14	24.83	27.75
LCpl Class 1	23.05	25.73	28.65	23.35	26.03	28.95	23.79	26.48	29.40
Cpl Class 2	24.82	27.50	30.42	25.12	27.80	30.72	25.56	28.25	31.17
Cpl Class 1	26.65	29.33	32.25	26.95	29.63	32.55	27.39	30.08	33.00

QARANC/WRAC

Rank	Less than 6 years				6 years but less than 9 years				9 years or more			
	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7	Band 4	Band 5	Band 6	Band 7
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pte Class 4 Age 17-17½	11.48	–	–	–	15.49	–	–	–	15.94	–	–	–
Pte Class 4	15.19	–	–	–	17.06	19.81	22.80	17.51	20.26	23.25	–	–
Pte Class 3	16.76	19.51	22.50	24.50	19.06	21.81	24.80	19.51	22.26	25.25	–	–
Pte Class 2	18.76	21.51	24.50	26.11	20.67	23.42	26.41	21.12	23.87	26.86	–	–
Pte Class 1	20.37	23.12	26.11	27.70	22.26	25.01	28.00	22.71	25.46	28.45	–	–
LCpl Class 3	20.37	23.12	26.11	27.70	22.26	25.01	28.00	22.71	25.46	28.45	–	–
LCpl Class 2	21.96	24.71	27.70	29.39	23.95	26.70	29.69	24.40	27.15	30.14	–	–
LCpl Class 1	23.65	26.40	29.39	31.20	25.76	28.51	31.50	26.21	28.96	31.95	–	–
Cpl Class 2	25.46	28.21	31.20	33.08	27.64	30.39	33.38	28.09	30.84	33.83	–	–
Cpl Class 1	27.34	30.09	33.08	35.00	29.63	32.38	35.37	29.90	32.65	35.64	–	–

WRAC SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY) OFFICERS

Includes Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps – Nursing Officers aged 29 and over on commissioning from the ranks, and Non-Nursing Officers Commissioned from the Ranks

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service		
	Under 12	12 but under 15	15 and over
Lts and Capts only	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay
	£	£	£
On commissioning	44.25	46.53	48.81
After 1 years service	45.39	47.67	49.66
After 2 years service	46.53	48.81	50.52
After 3 years service	47.67	49.66	51.37
After 4 years service	48.81	50.52	52.22
After 5 years service	49.66	51.37	53.07
After 6 years service	50.52	52.22	53.93
After 8 years service	51.37	53.07	54.78
After 10 years service	52.22	53.93	54.78
After 12 years service	53.07	54.78	54.78
After 14 years service	53.93	54.78	54.78
After 16 years service	54.78	54.78	54.78

OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

	Daily rate of pay
	£
Chaplain	
On entry	41.06
After 2 years service	43.99
After 4 years service	46.92
After 6 years service	49.85
After 8 years service	52.79
After 10 years service	55.73
After 12 years service	58.67
After 14 years service	61.61
After 16 years service	64.55
After 18 years service	67.49
After 20 years service	70.43
After 22 years service	73.37
After 24 years service	76.31
After 26 years service	79.25
Chaplain Class 1 (Col)	
On appointment with less than 24 years service	76.31
After 2 years in rank or with 24 years service	79.25
Principal Chaplain (Col)	
–	83.60
Deputy Chaplain-General (Brig)	
–	88.00
Chaplain-General (Maj Gen)	
–	100.15

ADDITIONAL PAY

<i>Officer Pilots and Flying Instructors</i>			
	£		
Under training	1.97 (1.00 wef 1 Jul)		
Lower rate	6.63		
Middle rate	10.18		
Top rate	11.95 (wef 1 Jul)		
<i>Soldier Pilots and Flying Instructors</i>			
All ranks under training	1.97 (1.00 wef 1 Jul)		
Lower rate	4.31		
Higher rate	6.63		
<i>Parachutists</i>			
All ranks	2.28		
<i>Parachute Jumping Instructors</i>			
All ranks	3.04		
<i>Air Despatch Pay</i>			
Under training	1.97 (1.00 wef 1 Jul)		
Lower rate	2.10		
Higher rate	3.40		
<i>RCT helicopter crews</i>			
Under training	1.97 (1.00 wef 1 Jul)		
All ranks	2.10		
<i>Aircrewmen</i>			
All ranks under training	1.97 (1.00 wef 1 Jul)		
Lower rate	4.31		
Higher rate	6.63		
<i>SAS</i>			
	Lower rate	Higher rate	
All officers and WO1	10.15	14.22	
WO2, SSgt, Sgt	8.13	12.20	
Cpl and below	6.62	10.65	
<i>PWON</i>			
All ranks	0.90		
<i>Hard lying money</i>			
	WITHDRAWN		
<i>Falkland Islands pay</i>			
All ranks	2.75		
<i>Northern Ireland pay</i>			
All ranks up to and incl BRIG	2.75		
<i>Gurkha Service pay</i>			
Lt Col and above	3.50		
Major	3.05		
Capt	2.60		
Lt/2Lt	2.20		
<i>Gurkha language pay</i>			
All ranks lower rate	0.35		
higher rate	0.60		
<i>Experimental pay</i>			
All ranks per test	1.15		
<i>Sea command money</i>			
All officers/WOs	1.00		
<i>Academy Sgt Maj Sandhurst</i>			
	3.57		
<i>Special communications pay</i>			
Sgt to WO1	4.87		
Sig to Cpl	3.64		
<i>Divers</i>			
All Ranks	CAT		
ACAD	1	1.75	
UDS: Army	2	3.47	
AAD	3	4.80	
ADS	4	8.54	
ADI	4	8.54	
<i>Separation allowance</i>			
UK and NW Europe	1.95		
Elsewhere	2.50		
<i>PWUC</i>			
	0.40		
<i>London Pay</i>			
	Inner London	Outer London	
Basic rate	1.97	1.11	
Additional housing rate	1.03	0.41	

CHARGES: what you have to pay

ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

Married Quarters (£ per day)

Type	GRADE			
	1	2	3	4
Officers I	8.83	7.99	6.11	4.03
II	7.93	7.16	5.48	3.61
III	7.03	6.36	4.87	3.21
IV	6.08	5.50	4.26	2.77
V	5.27	4.78	3.64	2.44
ORs DWO	4.16	3.76	2.92	1.89
C	3.71	3.36	2.59	1.70
B	3.32	3.00	2.30	1.51
A	2.22	2.00	1.53	1.01

Single accommodation

Rank	GRADE			
	1	2	3	4
Officers	3.53	3.11	2.38	1.57
Maj and above	2.85	2.57	1.97	1.33
Capt and below				
ORs:				
WO/SNCO	2.04	1.85	1.41	0.93
Cpl and below	1.09	0.99	0.75	0.50
Young Serviceman	0.82	0.73	0.56	0.38

New food charges (£ per day)

Single	All ranks	2.47
MUA	All ranks	1.26

Rent and rate rebates – Due to recent DHSS legislation the rent/rate rebate calculation has changed. The new rates will be promulgated as soon as possible, but in the interim to avoid possible overpayments there is to be no local calculation of the rates.

LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREMENTS (LSI) – DAILY RATE

Total increments after completion of the number of years of reckonable service stated

	9	12	15	18	22
	£	£	£	£	£
Pte	0.55	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
LCpl	0.55	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Cpl	0.55	0.75	0.90	0.90	0.90
Sgt	0.65	0.90	1.10	1.35	1.35
SSgt	0.65	0.90	1.10	1.55	1.55
WO2	0.65	0.90	1.10	1.55	1.75
WO1	0.65	0.90	1.10	1.55	2.00

TERRITORIAL ARMY PAY

**BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF SPACE
IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO
INCLUDE THE PAY SCALES FOR THE
TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

**THESE DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN
OUR NEXT ISSUE.**



Men of B Company, 1st Bn The Staffordshire Regiment experienced some pretty unusual conditions for a patrol after severe flooding in North Germany. The Staffords, led by Sgt Ian Reeves, soon found themselves waist deep in water in a forest between Celle and Hannover. Very heavy rains in the area caused some problems with exercises. The Staffords are based at Fallingbommel as part of BAOR's 1st Armoured Division.

Picture: Cpl Dave Miles RAOC