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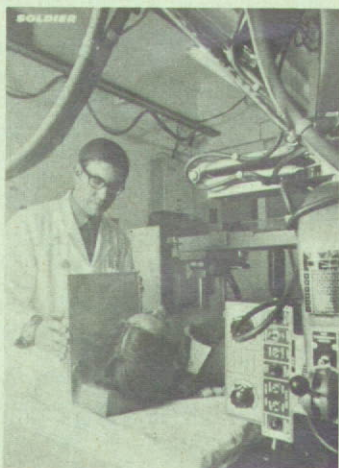
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FRONT COVER

The Mounted Troop of 160 Provost Company, Royal Military Police, is the last remaining RMP horse troop in the Army. Corporal Peter Smith (left) and Corporal Richard Aiano are pictured patrolling Aldershot's military town.

Picture by Arthur Blundell.



BACK COVER

At the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, Warrant Officer II Keith Ingram positions a plate before taking a skull X-ray with one of the latest machines. It has a closed-circuit television monitor to show the X-ray.

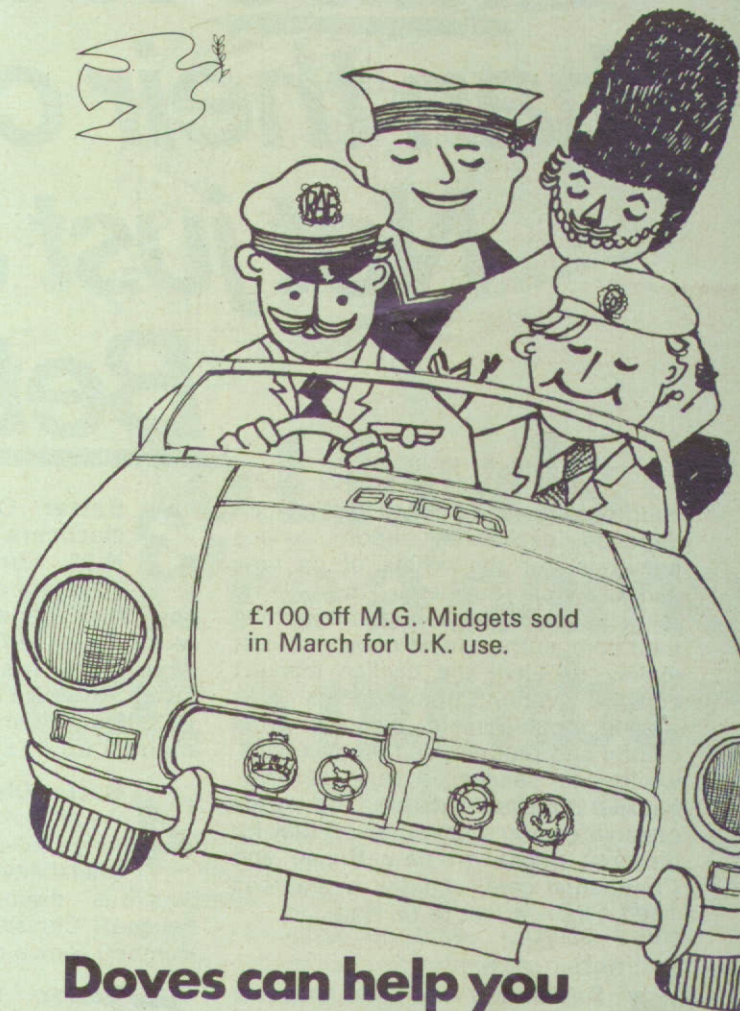
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In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment. Amendments and additions to previous lists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

MAY 1973

- 4 Newark Show (band) (4-5 May).
- 11 **Concert by Band of Royal Military School of Music, Royal Festival Hall, London (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).**
- 12 Freedom of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars.
- 14 Brentwood Carnival, Essex (band).
- 16 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 16 West Midland Agricultural Show, Shrewsbury (band) (16-17 May).
- 16 Focus on Manchester 73 (band).
- 19 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 19 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band, Blue Eagles helicopter display team, White Helmets motorcycle display team).
- 23 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 26 Lord Mayor's Procession, Birmingham (bands).
- 26 Tidworth Tattoo (26-28 May).
- 26 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 26 Watford Carnival (band).
- 28 **SSAFA Air Display, RAF Church Fenton.**
- 28 Wells Moat Race and Youth Fellowship (band).
- 30 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 30 Suffolk County Show (bands, **RA motorcycle display**) (30-31 May).

JUNE 1973

- 1 Manchester Services Display (bands, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, Red Devils freefall team) (1-3 June).
- 1 Impel 73 Doncaster Civic Week (bands) (1-9 June).
- 2 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 2 Stevenage Day (band).
- 2 Beating Retreat, Edinburgh Castle.
- 6 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 8 Chasewater Festival, **Hereford** (bands, **RA motorcycles**) (8-9 June).
- 9 Catterick Army Display (9-10 June).
- 9 Glasgow Military Display (bands, Blue Eagles, White Helmets) (9-16 June).
- 9 Birkenhead Army Display (Red Devils) (9-10 June).
- 12 Monarchy 1000, Bath (bands) (12-16 June).
- 13 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 14 Installation of Governor, Edinburgh Castle.
- 14 Beating Retreat, Chelmsford.
- 14 Coventry Carnival (band, Red Devils, RA motorcycle display team) (14-16 June).
- 15 Essex County Show (band) (15-16 June).
- 16 Open Day, Depot The Queen's Division, Basingstoke Barracks, Royston, Herts.
- 16 Cadet Forces Tattoo, Swindon.
- 16 Wrexham Garden City Fête (Red Devils).
- 17 Welsh 3000s (17-18 June).
- 20 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 22 **Household Division beats Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund) (22-24 June).**
- 22 Edinburgh Air Show (bands, Blue Eagles) (22-24 June).
- 22 Aldershot Army Display (22-24 June).
- 23 Pontypridd Chamber of Trade Fête (RA motorcycle team).
- 27 (Provisional). Freedom of Aldershot, Royal Army Medical Corps.
- 27 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Royal Norfolk Show (band) (27-28 June).
- 29 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (29-30 June).
- 30 Hucclecote Fête, Gloucester (band, arena display).
- 30 Open Day, Army Apprentices College, Harrogate (band).
- 30 Tamworth Carnival (band, Red Devils, White Helmets).

JULY 1973

- 4 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 6 Kirby Show, Liverpool (band) (6-7 July).
- 6 Birkenshaw Show (band) (6-7 July).
- 7 Military Musical Pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).



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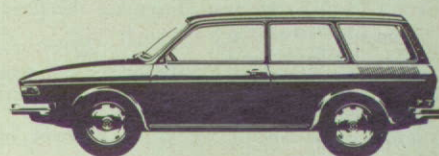
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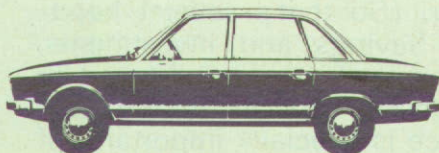
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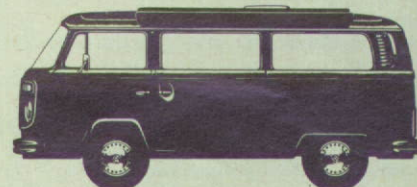
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- 7 Newport, Mon, Carnival (RA motorcyclists) (7-8 July).
- 7 Exeter Air Day (Blue Eagles).
- 10 Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (band) (10-12 July).
- 11 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Royal Tournament (11-28 July).
- 11 Massed bands display, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill.
- 13 Pudsey Show, Leeds (band) (13-14 July).
- 13 Masham Traction Engine Rally (band) (13-16 July).
- 13 Nottingham Festival (band) (13-16 July).
- 14 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 14 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 14 Plymouth Air Show (band).
- 14 Weston-super-Mare Dairy Festival (bands) (14-21 July).
- 14 Open Day, 38 Engineer Regiment, Ripon.
- 14 Calne Carnival (band, arena display).
- 14 Welwyn Garden City Carnival (band).
- 17 East of England Show (bands) (17-18 July).
- 18 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 19 Liverpool Show (bands, RA motorcyclists, Red Devils) (19-21 July).
- 20 Teesside Show (band) (20-23 July).
- 21 Stroud Show (band).
- 21 Bristol 600 (21 July-12 August) (King's Troop RHA 6-11 August, Red Devils 21-26 July, White Helmets 6-11 August).
- 22 Corby Highland Show (band).
- 23 Wigan Pier Display (bands, RA motorcycles) (23-24 July).
- 25 Driffield Show (band).
- 26 Manchester Flower Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcycles (27-28 July), White Helmets) (26-28 July).
- 26 St Helens Show (band, Red Devils, RA motorcyclists) (26-28 July).
- 27 Northampton Show (band) (27-28 July).
- 28 Army Air Day, Middle Wallop.
- 29 Gloucester Carnival (band) (29 July-10 August).
- 29 Open Day, RAC Centre, Bovingdon.
- 30 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (bands) (30 July-5 August).
- 31 Royal Lancashire Show (band, Red Devils) (31 July-2 August).

AUGUST 1973

- 1 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (1-4 August).
- 1 Rutland County Show (band).
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-4 August).
- 3 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (3-11 August).
- 7 Bingley Show (band) (7-8 August).
- 9 Darlington Army Week (band) (9-19 August).
- 15 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 17 Edinburgh Tattoo (17 August-8 September).
- 18 Crewe Carnival (band) (18-19 August).
- 18 Pontypool Carnival (Red Devils).
- 19 Hartlepool Show (band).
- 22 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 23 Southport Flower Show (band, Blue Eagles, Red Devils) (23-26 August).
- 24 Bebington Carnival, Wirral (band, Red Devils) (24-26 August).
- 24 Leeds Gala (band) (24-27 August).
- 26 Aylsham Show (band).
- 27 Swansea Carnival (Red Devils).
- 28 City of Leicester Show (band) (28-29 August).
- 29 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 29 Sheffield Show (band) (29 August-1 September).
- 31 Keighley Show (band) (31 August-1 September).

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 2 Hinckley Steam Fair (band).
- 5 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 7 Blackburn Army Display (7-9 September).
- 9 Burma Star Association Military and Flying Display, Water-beach Barracks, Cambridge.
- 10 DLI Festival, Co Durham (10-12 September).
- 12 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 12 Cambrian March (12-16 September).
- 13 Kendal Gathering (band) (13-15 September).
- 15 Welwyn Garden City Water Festival (band).

NOVEMBER 1973

- 4 Berlin Tattoo (4-6 November).
- 10 Festival of Remembrance, Bristol.
- 11 Remembrance Day Parade, Bristol (band).

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The tank was filling with water and there was only a six- or seven-inch gap between the outside water level and the driver's hatch. Staff Carney volunteered to lead Sergeant Shinton into the tank, through a gap ten inches wide behind the driver's seat, to examine the commander. The commander was found to be dead. By this time the water level was within three inches of the driver's hatch and both men had to go under water to get clear of the tank.

The citation concludes: "Had the tank settled whilst Carney and Shinton were inside, it could well have proved impossible to rescue either of them before they suffocated, a fact which both must have known. The conduct of this team . . . their combined efforts to rescue the tank commander, the courage, initiative and leadership shown by them throughout this incident were in the very highest tradition of the Army."

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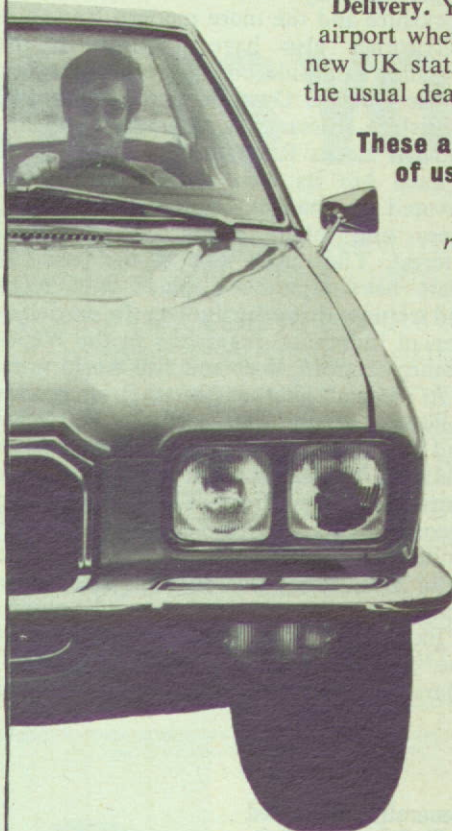
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The 268-year-old Debtors' Prison contains the museum's military section designed to show, as far as possible, the history, traditions and dress of the Yorkshire regiments and of the county's militia, yeomanry and volunteer units.

Every year some three-quarters of a million people file through the ten rooms which house this splendid collection of militaria to learn something of the past glories and battle records of the six Yorkshire regiments of the line: the West Yorkshires, East Yorkshires, Green Howards, Duke of Wellington's, York and Lancaster and The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. The old Volunteers of Yorkshire and the more modern Yorkshire Territorials also have a place in the museum alongside county regiments such as the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons, Yorkshire Hussars, East Riding Yeomanry and the Leeds Rifles.

Each has its own section with space devoted to badges, buttons, weaponry, dress and other items of regimental interest. The major wars of the past 150 years have separate displays with relics and trophies throwing light on the participation of individual regiments in the Napoleonic, Crimean, Boer and two world wars.

A special feature is the museum's collection of uniforms spanning 200 years and illustrating the changes that have taken place in the dress and headdress of a British infantry officer. The uniforms and accoutrements of the Yeomanry Cavalry, Volunteer Artillery and Engineers and Rifle Volunteers, rich in their lace, braid and plumes, are also shown to advantage.

Exhibits of more general interest include the familiar bush hat worn by Field-Marshal Lord Slim when he commanded

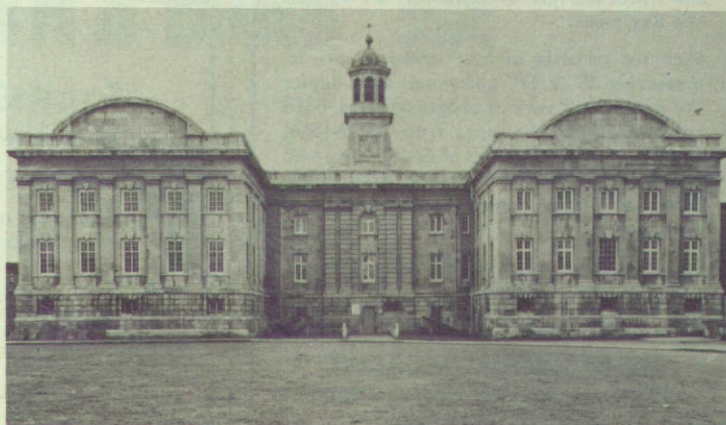
Fourteenth Army in Burma; a rare model in cork of a rowed landing barge carrying troops ready to storm the Heights of Abraham, Quebec, in 1759; a World War One dug-out with a life-size figure of an officer using a field wireless set and on the floor a wooden head which would be impaled on a Tommy's bayonet then "incautiously" revealed at intervals "over the top" to draw a watchful enemy's fire; and the intriguing patent fusee candle cooking lamp "for use in India, Crimea and Aldershot."

Many and varied were the uses claimed for this remarkable contraption. It would "boil or stew a pound of meat in one hour; fry and bake; boil water, eggs, rice and soup etc giving at the same time a most brilliant light." Complete with cup "fitted with coffee or tea strainer and stew pan, the lid of which serves for frying pan or plate," this fascinating example of a portable field cooker of a bygone age cost 25 shillings plus 8s for a canister of 60 candles.

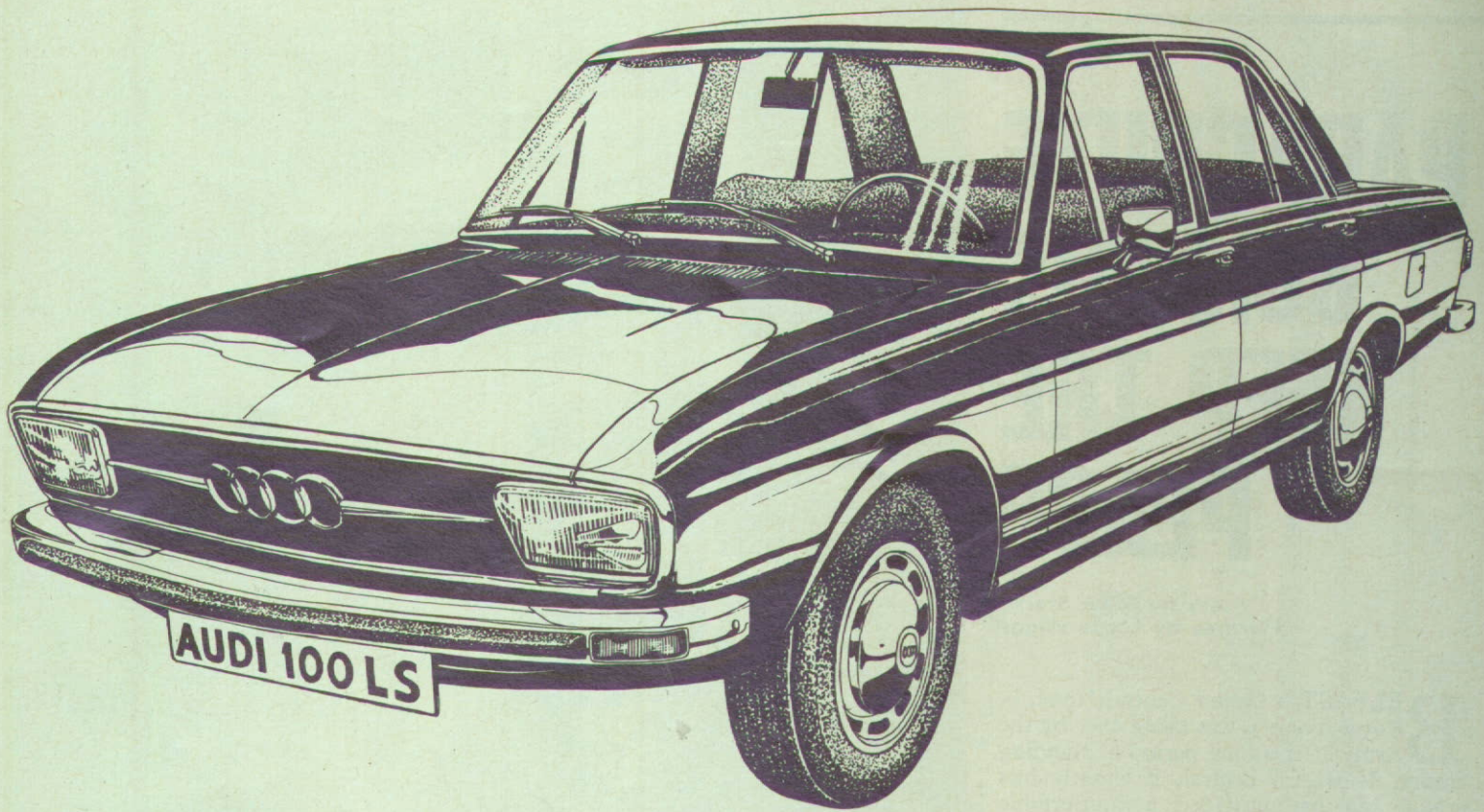
Not to be missed is the museum's collection of arms and armour which ranks among the best in the country.

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How to get there:	No 4 (Fulford) bus from York Station or an easy walk from city centre

Generally attributed to Sir John Vanbrugh, the Debtors' Prison (right) was built in 1705. Daniel Defoe described it as "the most stately and complete prison in the whole Kingdom, if not in Europe—kept as neat within-side as it is noble without."



Next month: The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire museum.



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PARACHUTE GUNNERS KEEP THE PEACE

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

BELFAST'S Grand Central Hotel, in Royal Avenue, was taken over by the Army after a long period of standing empty. It is still central, if slightly less grand, but has provided a comfortable home for 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, which returns to England this month after a four-month tour.

The parachute gunners have now done three stints in Northern Ireland, each of which has brought them new tasks and operational areas as well as different accommodation. A year ago found them based on a disused factory on the outskirts of Belfast where the slightest noise echoed like thunder across the one-time shop floor divided into living areas by paper-thin temporary walls.

The relative luxury of the Grand Central has not gone unnoticed. As one gunner put it: "The hotel's pretty comfortable, it's not nearly as noisy as the factory." This has meant one very important thing for the duty-worn soldiers—they have been able to enjoy uninterrupted sleep between 'stags.'

An officer added: "It's swings and roundabouts in Northern Ireland. This time we seem to have drawn a winning ticket as far as accommodation is concerned." This goes a long way to relieve the stresses and strains of maintaining constant vigilance on duties that follow a routine pattern day in, day out.

Past the improvised guardroom which bears the hotel's old 'reception' sign, patrols go out to safeguard the city's people and property. The soldiers pass through steel gates outside the building set in high wire mesh that protects the hotel from rocket attack.

The regiment's most important task has been to man the entry points to the sealed city centre. A cordon of stout metal fences with gates was the security forces' answer to the wave of terror bombings sweeping the heart of Belfast. The plan has paid off. No car bombs have slipped through the steel net and only two devices have been smuggled in by pedestrians.

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▲ Under command of the parachute gunners is 58 (Eyres) Light Air Defence Battery whose men are pictured here on patrol in Belfast.

◀ "... Do we get room service, sarge?" On duty at 'reception' is Sergeant Les Gregory seen having a chat with Bombardier Cliff Platt.

A mobile patrol finds few people about in the segments on a Sunday morning. Usually these streets are packed with pedestrians.





A massive guard is needed to cover the seven segments of the cordoned area. There are 19 entry points, eight of which are for vehicles. Five are open 24 hours a day and the rest are closed between 11pm and seven in the morning. Some large stores have entrances both outside and inside the segments and although shops' security staffs search customers, the Army makes random checks on pedestrians inside the cordon.

On busy shopping days long queues form at the gates but most people accept the soldiers searching them. They know it is for their own safety. Few need the gaunt shells of blasted buildings scarring the city to remind them of the horror that could return to the packed shopping streets if the soldiers took away the barriers.

The guard on the segments has not been the parachute gunners' only duty. Mobile and foot patrols have been working in districts near the city centre.

A sister unit joined them to keep the peace in the notorious Markets area where tension is bow-string taut and unsmiling

faces greet the troops. This and nearby sectors were covered by 58 (Eyes) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery. The battery shared the Grand Central Hotel as a headquarters with 7 Parachute Regiment and maintained a forward base in a Protestant mission hall whose temporary military tenants changed over every three days.

Two observation posts and a watch on a telephone exchange constantly threatened with bomb scares added to the task and both foot and mobile patrols roamed the whole central area with the exception of the segments.

Battery commander Major John Proctor summed up: "It's routine work, hour in, hour out." But the battery has had its successes to relieve the monotony with the capture of IRA men including two company commanders and an explosives officer.

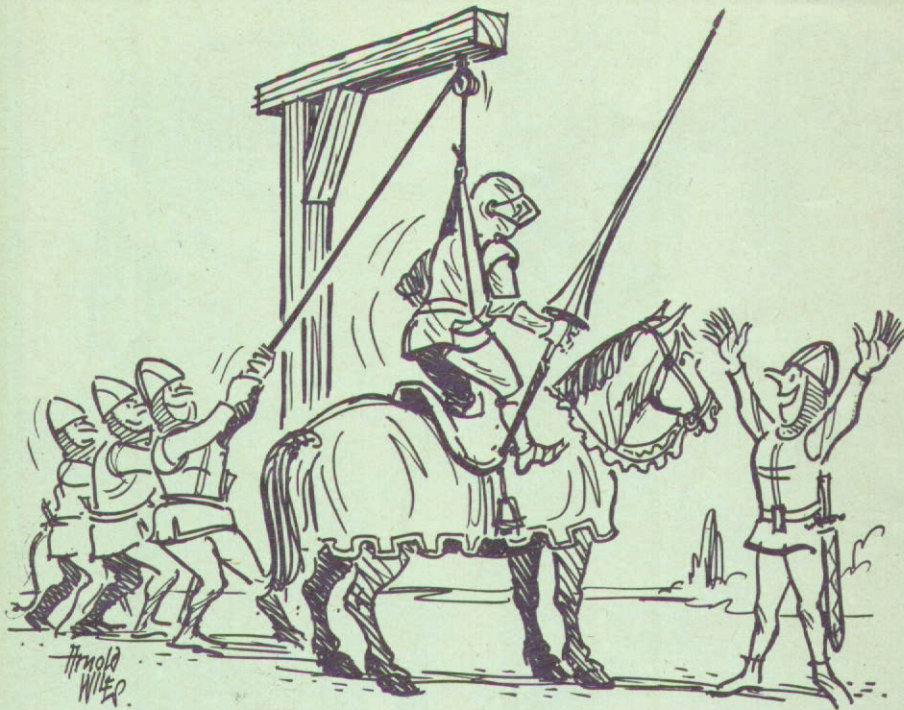
Back at the hotel the gunners made every effort to recreate at least a semblance of the facilities once offered to guests. Their pride and joy was a new canteen and, as with so many units, television provided a window on to the world outside the urban guerrilla war they are in Northern Ireland to combat.

A gunner admitted: "There's not much social life here—that's what we miss. You can go out but there are so many restrictions for security reasons that it's not really worth it." A comrade added: "It's not bad coming out here for a tour of duty but when you know you're coming back every other four months or so it's a bit of a bind."

But to the men of 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, a 'bit of a bind' is not enough to sway their determination to get on with the job of stamping out the wanton violence that has been unleashed on Northern Ireland.

▲ For a few pleasant minutes the strife is forgotten as a proud little girl shows off a new tooth to a soldier on segment duty.

◀ The lone vigil in a Belfast bathed in the cold morning sun of winter. Concentration on routine duties can be as hard as battle.



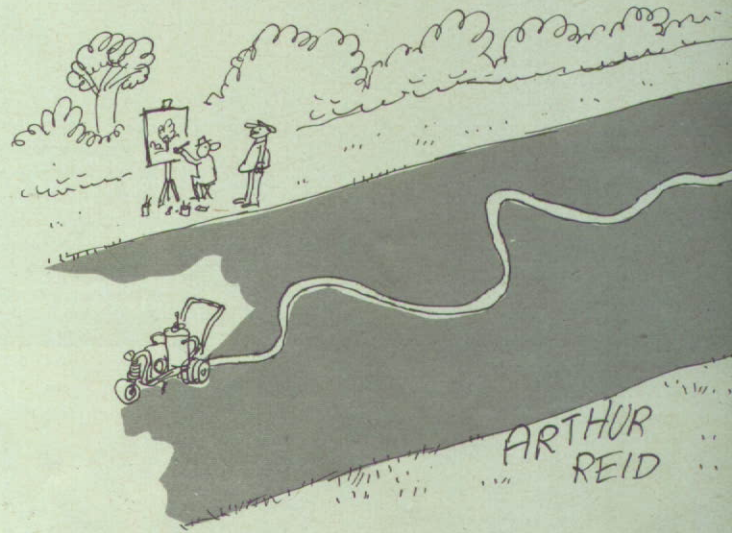
"Lift-off! We have lift-off!"



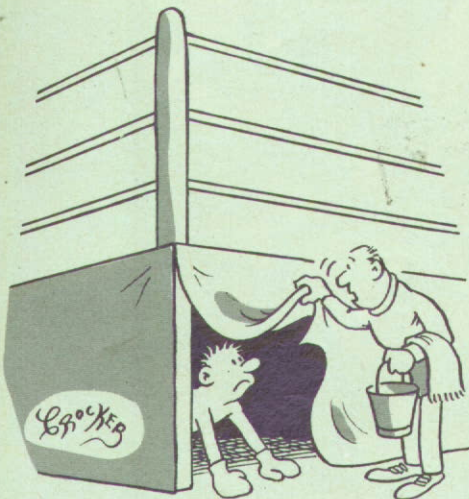
"That twenty-one gun salute you just heard was a coup d'état."



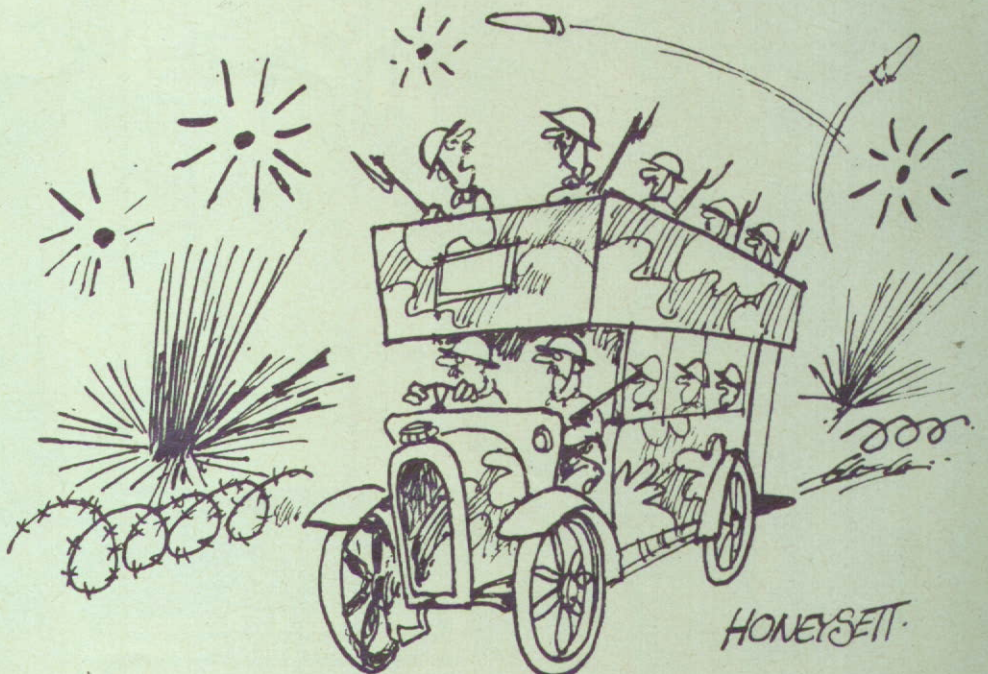
Humour



"You're lucky—I couldn't even draw a straight line!"



"You can come out now—he's gone!"



"I hope it doesn't rain."

Left, right and centre



Not even the Queen's Shilling could buy Miss Great Britain, Elizabeth Robinson, when she met Army recruiters Sergeant Ian Hartley (left) and Sergeant Bob Robinson at the check-out of a supermarket. But 24-year-old Elizabeth couldn't resist halting her sales promotion tour of the Birkenhead store for a ride in a shop trolley.



Rifleman Adrian Morris could hardly be described as a raw recruit when he passed out into The Royal Green Jackets at Winchester. For Rifleman Morris is an Australian, now living in Wales, who saw action in Vietnam with the Australian Army. One of the three Australian medals he is still entitled to wear on British uniform was awarded for completing 90 or more days in combat. No wonder he got a prize as best all-round recruit at the Winchester pass-off parade.



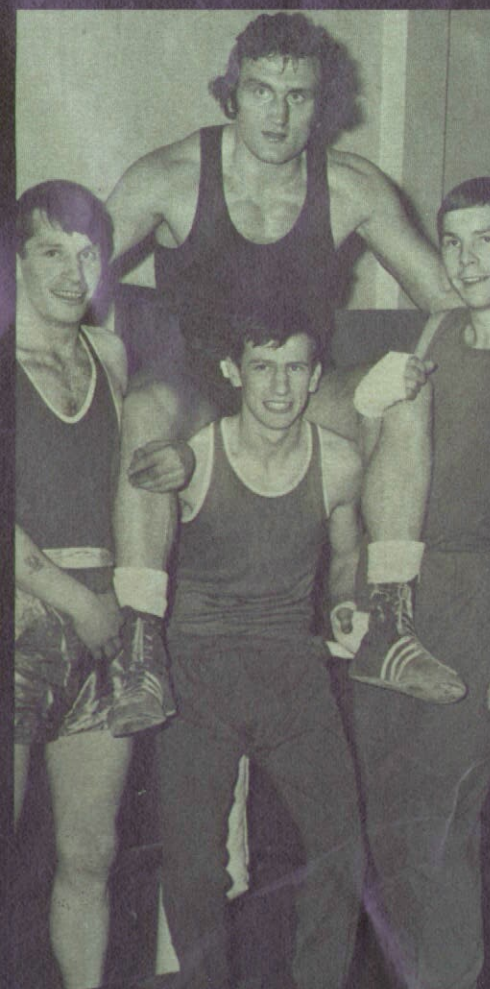
British Army of the Rhine rally championship winning driver, Sergeant K Gibb (left), of 115 Provost Company, Royal Military Police, and winning navigator Warrant Officer II J Roussell, of 153 Security Section, pictured after their successes in the first year of the contest sponsored by the British Army Motoring Association, BAOR.

Internal security operations came to Salisbury Plain in the form of Exercise "Rake's Progress" which used a rural setting for the task. Flushing out "terrorists" were men of A Company, 2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers), pictured here.



The Mitchiner Medal, awarded annually by the Royal College of Surgeons, has gone this year to Brigadier J B N Milne, Deputy Director Medical Services, HQ Scotland. Picture shows Brigadier Milne (right) receiving the medal from Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Talbot, Director-General of Army Medical Services. The medal was founded in 1953 with an endowment subscribed in memory of Major-General Philip Henry Mitchiner. It is awarded each year to the medical officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps or Army Medical Service who has brought about an advance in any branch of medical science in its application to service in the Army, or has contributed to an improvement in any matter affecting the health or living conditions of the Army.

The Army's new North East District, comprising Regular and Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve units in Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland, was given a ceremonial send-off outside the headquarters in Fishergate, York, on 1 January. The new district headquarters moved into the offices of Northern Command HQ which ceased to exist at the end of December, after 67 years. During the ceremony, members of the Royal Military Police lowered the flag of the command and unfurled the new district flag.



Sappers from Mill Hill support European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner during a break in training at a gymnasium he and the sapper boxers use.

Those traditional Chinese lions were out in force when a newly re-equipped community playground for children was handed over at Shaukeiwan, Hong Kong. Warrant Officer II Les Ayres, who headed the team of Royal Corps of Transport men who erected swings and a new roundabout, is seen giving a little Chinese girl a closer look at a "lion."





A communal pet absorbs the interest of this young family. They have learned to live with the barbed wire.



ON THE FAMILY FRONT

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

LONDONDERRY was a world away from the Army families watching a film about it in the peace of sunny Hong Kong. But Northern Ireland's second city, where any street could erupt into a battle front, is now their home. They joined the local community as 'families-of-war.'

The 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, spanned the globe at the end of a two-year posting in Hong Kong to move into Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry, in March last year for an 18-month tour. With the soldiers came some 245 families to be plunged into the nerve-wracking life of a province gripped by guerilla war. But they have remained surprisingly undaunted.

"We take it as we find it here," said Mrs Dorothy Cook, wife of Lance-Corporal Arthur Cook. "We saw a film to show us what it was like and I suppose we were all a bit dubious, but we've found it's quite reasonable really. It's not as bad as we were led to believe. I find the Irish very easy to get on with even when they know we're 'Army.' Some go out of their way to be friendly."

Unlike other accompanied tour locations in the Province, the battalion's married quarters are spread throughout a series of six small estates. One is some 15 miles from Londonderry. Another is shared with the local people. Each estate has one house occupied by special tenants—a 24-hour guard of soldiers.

The battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel G D Inkin, commented: "Our families are spread out, but the risk is minimal. There are soldiers based on each area as a rallying point in case of trouble and as a deterrent."

The battle the wives find they have to fight is against loneliness. The battalion has three companies deployed on full operations which take a man away from home for at least a fortnight at a time. The unit's area, divided into three sectors, contains the vital bridge over the River Foyle in Londonderry itself and a part of the Eire border including the flashpoint frontier town of Strabane.

The constant vigilance of peacekeeping demands 15-day duties in one of the three sectors followed by a five-day 'rest' period which is invariably swallowed up by reserve duties, training or administrative work. Eyes red-rimmed with tiredness show the effect on the men.

But inevitably it is the wives and families who suffer most. Living in semi-isolation on their estates they have little to distract them from their solitude during the days their menfolk are away.

Town-centre shopping restrictions in Londonderry have been eased but bus services from the surrounding districts are erratic despite a special Army service laid on to supplement local transport made irregular by the current crisis. "People with cars have a distinct advantage," said one wife.

"It's entertainment we miss," said Mrs Pam Granfield, wife of Sergeant Ron Granfield, "I wouldn't like to go anywhere with a lot of people gathered together in one place." Events had shown her that the shadow of the gunman and bomber loom large over public places—the Abercorn restaurant and Belfast bus station bear witness to that. Mrs Granfield added: "It's nice to go out for a cuppa and a natter—that's one thing I miss being able to do."

The wives have gone a long way to counter loneliness and boredom themselves. Ebrington Barracks is shared by 8th Infantry Brigade's Headquarters and Signal Squadron whose wives have set up a thriving thrift shop which has become a focal point for families. As well as providing household bargains, the shop has a coffee

bar which caters for that 'cuppa and a natter.' A brand-new amenity centre within the barrack complex offers laundry facilities, library, café and the families' office.

There is a determination among the wives not to let the Northern Ireland troubles get them down. If anything, the fact that they all have to face the situation together strengthens their spirit more than a normal accompanied tour might.

The thrift shop is not the only project the wives run. Mrs Cook and Mrs Betty Davies, wife of Colour-Sergeant Ralph Davies, are two of a group who run a special amenity centre which they share with local people on the same estate. A youth club for six- to ten-year-olds on Wednesdays, run by Mrs Davies, and a disco on Fridays for the over-tens, supervised by Mrs Cook, has become a community relations effort in its own right by involving local youngsters as well as soldiers' children.

Other Royal Welch Fusiliers' wives have started a nursery school in the barracks for pre-school children. The over-fives go to local schools in the normal way. The commanding officer's wife, Mrs Susan Inkin, said: "Education is good here, especially at primary level. There is the same serious approach to schooling as in Scotland." How do the children react to the tensions of Northern Ireland? "They get used to it," said Mrs Inkin. "It depends on how you react as a parent."

Also in the camp is a specially set up families medical centre open daily except weekends. There had been anxiety about scattered incidents of discrimination against Army patients in local surgeries and in a

Right: The nursery school run by the wives themselves gives a welcome break to mothers.

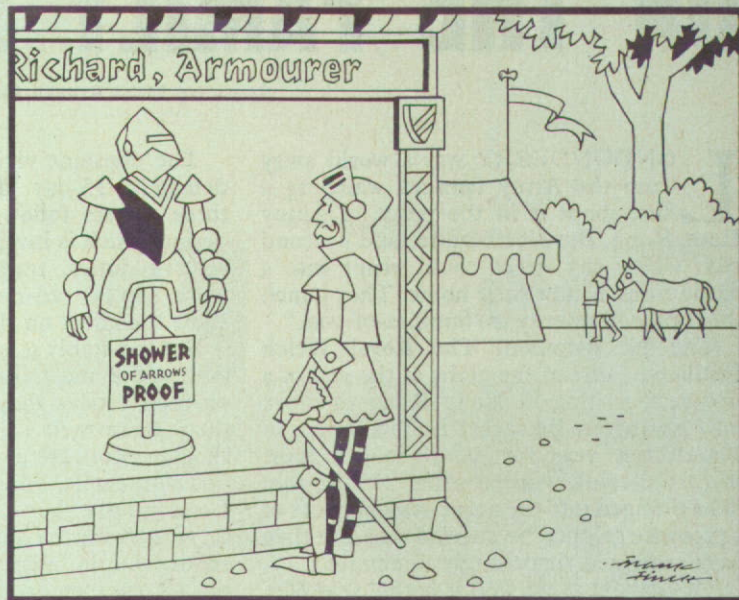
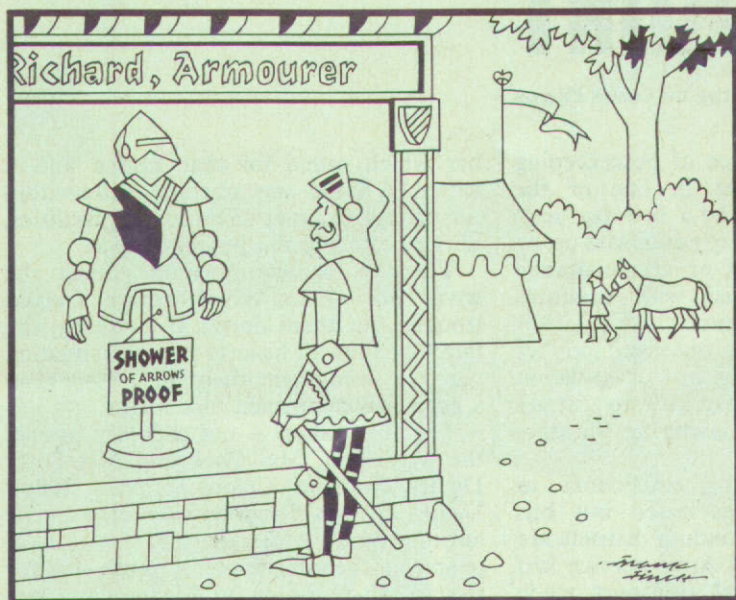
Left: Mrs Dorothy Cook serves a soft drink in the estate amenity centre she helps run.

Far left: A fusilier keeps watch on a road in one of the six married quarters estates.



HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences, see page 38.



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predominantly Roman Catholic district like Londonderry, family planning advice and prescription is denied by some doctors. The unit aims to set up its own clinic linked with the local Family Planning Association doctor.

Whatever adversities the families face in the strained environment of Northern Ireland, two factors outweigh inconveniences and anxieties. Despite the long duty hours, wives see more of their husbands than they would if the families had remained in Britain. Also, they are on the

spot and can feel the pulse of the situation. One wife summed up: "We took it as a chance—no-one was keen but everyone took a chance."

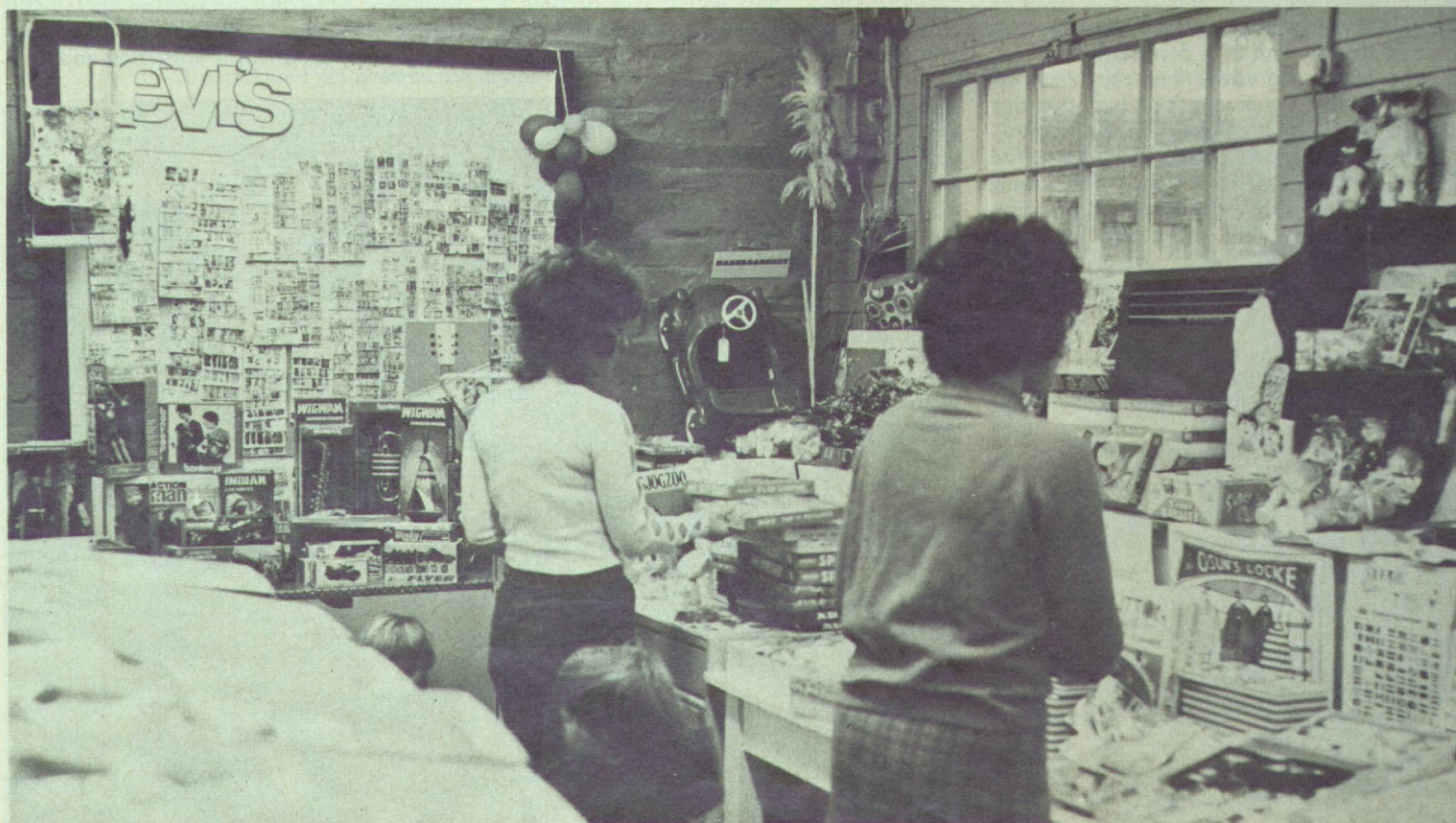
Families officer Major Johnny Johns said: "I'm full of admiration for them and the way they stand up to the stresses and strains and the frequent absences of their husbands."

He added: "To say any wife wasn't worried before coming here is to gild the lily too much. They weighed against this the advantage of being where their husbands were. Once here there was as much

morale and regimental spirit among the wives as the fusiliers; this is continuing to carry them through. In fact, I find there are fewer problems here than generally on other stations, possibly because of this cohesive spirit. Since we came here the whole attitude to long-tour battalions in Northern Ireland has been to bolster up and improve facilities with a degree of priority you don't get elsewhere in the world.

"The wives have taken an active part in seeking the same solutions we're trying to establish . . . peace and a return to normality."

The wives' thrift shop in Ebrington Barracks is a boon for the bargain hunter and a meeting place as well.





Warrant Officer I Gordon Rabet is one of 140 long-service list recruiters employed in Army careers information offices from Jersey to Inverness and Londonderry to Norwich. Their work involves close contact with the public and in particular talking to and advising potential recruits, parents, teachers and careers advisers and maintaining close links with employment offices. To be eligible for appointment as a long-service list recruiter, a soldier must have completed his current engagement and 22 years' service, be under 50 years old and a warrant officer or staff-sergeant. If he successfully completes a course at the Army School of Recruiting and a year's probation, he can be employed up to the age of 55. Details are in DCI (Army) 118/71.

IMAGINE being posted to a sunshine isle where you are the only serving British soldier. Add to that an office looking out over a beautiful beach on which curvaceous, bikini-clad lovelies disport themselves daily throughout the summer. A dream job—and one which has come true for a man more used to the less inspiring delights of Aldershot.

Warrant Officer I Gordon Rabet, of The Parachute Regiment, has come home, after more than a quarter of a century's soldiering, to the Channel Islands where he was born. As recruiter for Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and the lesser islands he is responsible for enlisting young Channel Islanders into the British Army. And results, he says, compare favourably with similar population areas on the mainland.

Mr Rabet, who is 49, was the first non-corps man to take up the post when he returned to Jersey in 1971. As a local boy he finds knowledge of the islands and their people invaluable in a job which, because of its location, involves many other facets than recruiting.

"I spend a lot of my time sorting out problems for islanders serving in the Army," he says. "I visit parents, wives and girl friends and from this office I ran the funeral of the only Jersey man killed in Northern Ireland." A strong believer in the personal touch, he encourages lads who

Meet the warrant officers

I OUR MAN IN JERSEY

enlist to visit him while on leave and he always interviews parents before their sons join up.

"One problem here is that the school leaving age has remained at 15 and the would-be soldier has to take a job for a year," he says. "But the quality of recruit we get is high—they are more amenable to discipline than most."

Despite his obvious job satisfaction, Mr Rabet misses the mess life and comradeship he had during his Army career. He joined

The Gordon Highlanders in 1945 after a Gordon he had befriended persuaded him that it was the best regiment to join.

"When I first got up to Scotland I hardly understood a word they were saying and they must have thought the same of me," he reminisces. "I'm sure I was the only Channel Islander in the kilt!"

Three years later while on a physical training course in Aldershot he came into contact with The Parachute Regiment and soon was a part of it. In 1964 he joined the recently formed Red Devils freefall parachute team as team warrant officer. As the Army equivalent of a team manager he handled the administrative and organisational side of the Red Devils' programme, dealing with correspondence, arranging aircraft, doing the commentary and a thousand and one jobs.

"People watching a display like this just don't realise that the actual display is the easiest bit," he declares. "The hardest thing is getting the men, the aircraft, the accommodation, the money and the vehicles in the right place at the right time."

Today the glamour of freefall displays and Army life has gone but Warrant Officer Gordon Rabet still proudly wears the red beret as he carries out a task which many soldiers would give their eye teeth to do.

Sorry lads, it will be six years before it becomes vacant again.

Channel Islands recruiter WO I Gordon Rabet sorts out a leave problem for Shaun Peckitt, an apprentice at Arborfield.

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2 TOPS IN MAN MANAGEMENT

REGIMENTAL Sergeant - Major Peter Rafferty surprised his civilian classmates when he went on a management course at his local technical college. Not only did he show that in today's Army man-management RSM-style is not just bawling out orders but he walked off with the trophy as the best pupil on the course.

Mr Rafferty, of the Signal School at the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington, Dorset, is the biggest single success to date in a scheme which is being introduced throughout the Army. For the last three years non-commissioned officers from the Centre have been taking part with their civilian counterparts in courses enabling them to get management qualifications from the National Examination Board of Supervisory Studies.

These qualifications, of which Mr Rafferty now has both the ordinary and advanced stages, will be useful on leaving the Army. Indeed one warrant officer from Bovington has already landed a job as training officer with a large caravan firm as a result of passing the examination.

Mr Ted Holding, lecturer in supervisory studies at Poole Technical College, says the cross-fertilisation scheme has been a real eye-opener for both the Army and civilian students.

"Most of them were very surprised to find out what the modern Army was like," he said. "They still imagined that the sergeant-major was a shaven-headed bully with a swagger stick. Instead they have found the sort of man that industry is crying out for at a supervisory level."

Mr Rafferty, of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is anything but a shaven-headed bully. When he leaves the Army in July he hopes to put his management techniques to good use in civilian life.

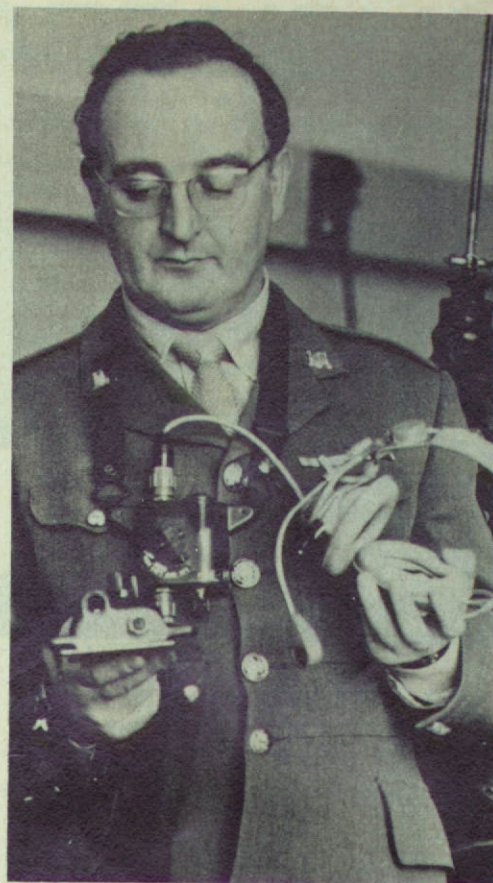
"In my job at the Centre I am already very concerned in management of both men and materials," he said. "But I have never believed that you have to drive men to do their particular work. I believe in involving those who work below me."

He has also found that management techniques in industry vary little from the Army. Line management is the basic military chain of command—"my only problem was in learning their jargon."

Each student on the course has to do a special management research project and those from Bovington look at something which is connected with their own jobs. Many of the suggestions are later put into practice so from the courses the RAC Centre benefits in more ways than one.

Mr Rafferty's own project was to find a method of getting more students through the Signal School by using existing facilities and without increasing staff. Throughput was doubled as a result of putting his recommendations into effect.

"Some people might think you are attacking the system by doing this but you are not—merely tidying it up," he explained. "As far as the Army is concerned studies like this do not cut manpower but they do make better use of it."



Above: Mr Rafferty using some of the signal equipment at Bovington and (below) he sits in on a management course session at Poole.



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General Sir Michael Carver (below, left), the present Chief of the General Staff, is to be promoted field-marshal in July and in October will become Chief of the Defence Staff in succession to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton. Sir Michael, who is 58, was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment in 1935. He took command of 1st Royal Tank Regiment in the final stages of the North African campaign and continued as its commander in Italy and later in the Normandy beachhead. Soon after, he took command of 4th Independent Armoured Brigade at the age of 29. More recently he was Deputy Commander United Nations Force, Cyprus (1964), Commander-in-Chief Far East (1967-69) and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command (1969-71).



The new Chief of the General Staff will be General Sir Peter Hunt (above, right), who was appointed Commander Northern Army Group and Commander-in-Chief Rhine Army in November 1970. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1935 and was wounded with the regiment's 1st Battalion in the operations before Dunkirk. He ended the war as commanding officer of 7th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, and post-war appointments have included Chief of Staff Scottish Command, General Officer Commanding 17th Division and Major-General Brigade of Gurkhas. He was land forces commander during the Borneo operations and from 1965 to 1968 was Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, before being appointed Commander Far East Land Forces.

Two senior Army appointments have been announced to come into effect next month. Major-General D W Fraser, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy), Ministry of Defence, is to be Vice-Chief of the General Staff in the rank of lieutenant-general, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Cecil Blacker. Brigadier P J H Leng, lately Deputy Military Secretary 1, Ministry of Defence, becomes Commander Land Forces Northern Ireland in the rank of major-general. He succeeds Major-General R C Ford.

General Fraser was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1941 and commanded the 1st Battalion from 1960 to 1962. Before his present appointment he was General Officer Commanding 4th Division in Rhine Army.

Brigadier Leng was commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1943 and won the Military Cross in Germany in 1945. He commanded 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, from 1964 to 1966 and 24th Airborne Brigade from 1968 to 1970.

Major-General P R C Hobart is to be Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, from April in succession to Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp. General Hobart (55) was commissioned into the Royal Tank Corps in 1937. He saw war service in France and with 7th Armoured Division in the Western Desert. He won the Military Cross at Alamein. In 1944 he returned to Europe as chief staff

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officer of the Guards Armoured Division and commanded 1st Royal Tank Regiment in the final stages of the Falaise battle. Later, in Belgium, he commanded a battle group and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

From 1957 to 1961 General Hobart commanded 2nd Royal Tank Regiment in Rhine Army and Libya and from 1961 to 1962 20th Armoured Brigade Group in Germany. In 1964 he became Chief of Staff 1 (British) Corps in Rhine Army. For two years from 1966 he was Director of Military Operations at the Ministry of Defence as a major-general. In 1968 he was appointed Chief of Staff at Headquarters, Strategic Command, and in July 1970 became Director, Royal Armoured Corps.

NAAFI'S TURNOVER UP

Naafi's £106,000,000 turnover last financial year was the best since the days of National Service, says the annual report. The president of the Naafi council, Air Chief-Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, says that one has to go back to 1946 to find a better result—but at that time Naafi had 2,000,000 Services customers against only 370,000 today.

A new venture launched last year is the sale and finance of boats and marine engines, coupled with marine insurance. This is an extension of Naafi's car hire-purchase



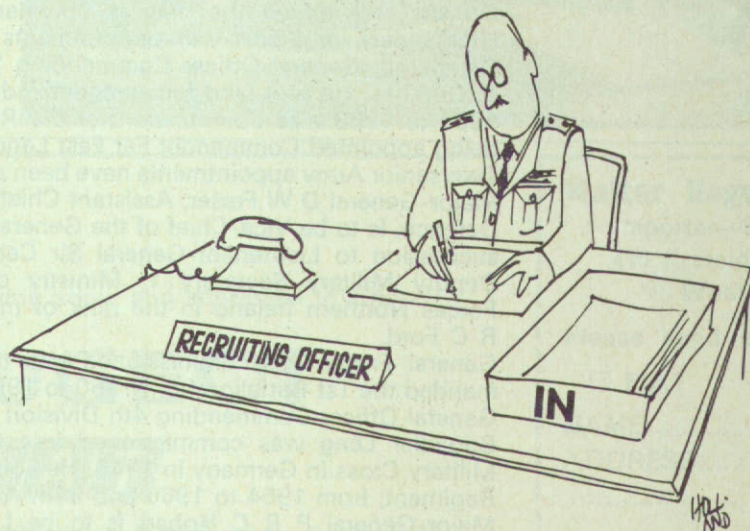
"He wants a nice sophisticated claret, at room temperature, to go with egg and chips."

scheme which last year led to a rise of 21 per cent in the number of servicemen buying cars through Naafi. Other growth points were clothing, household goods, jewellery, insurance and audio equipment.

Turnover in clubs was 14 per cent up but lack of club accommodation in Northern Ireland was an acute problem because of the large number of troops there. Improvements had been made by acquiring other buildings and erecting prefabricated units. More are in the pipeline.

JUNIOR RECRUITS—A RECORD

Junior recruits during 1972 broke the 10,000 figure for the first time ever. The final total of 10,214 included a particularly high intake in September when special arrangements had to be made to cope. This year, with the raising of the school leaving age to 16, there is expected to be a very small junior intake. The figure for young soldiers and adults joining the Army was 15,923, a drop of nearly 3500 on the previous year. (DAR)



NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

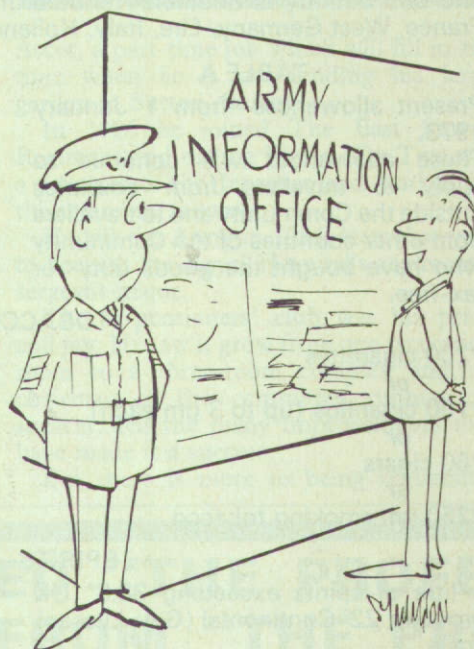
Another £423,000 is still needed to finish Phase 2 of the National Army Museum, says its annual report. By June last year the fund reached £1,071,000 thus covering the cost of acquiring the site, building the museum as it stands and running the appeal. There is an estimated £50,000 in hand towards the next phase.

IN THE HOUSE

There are 84 war widows' pensions being paid in respect of casualties in Northern Ireland, the House of Lords was told by Lord Aberdare, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security. Of these, 69 included allowances for children. Pensions were being paid to 15 widows of Ulster Defence Regiment men. Lord Aberdare said there had been a substantial improvement in the real value of war pensions over the years. The 100 per cent rate of pension had gone up by just under 400 per cent since 1946 compared with a rise in prices of just under 200 per cent.

NEW CAREERS OFFICES

A new careers information office, shared by the Royal Navy and the Army, has been opened above New Street railway station in Britain's second city, Birmingham. Another new office, shared with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, has opened in West Side Centre, Luton. (DAR)



"Tell me, sergeant, does a field-marshal get more money than an admiral of the fleet?"

RHINE ARMY WIVES AIDED

Rhine Army wives, left in a foreign country while their husbands are on duty in Northern Ireland, have been supported by the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association through its professionally trained staff and its local voluntary committees, says SSAFA's annual report. The report adds that the wives, few of whom spoke German and were far from relatives and friends, were provided with friendship and regular visits.

SAVINGS BOOST

Good news for savers. From 1 January 1973 interest on ordinary accounts in the National Savings Bank went up from $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to four per cent. The first £21 of interest remains free of income tax. Interest in the Investment Account went up from $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to eight per cent at the same time. The Trustee Savings Bank also recently raised its interest rate for the ordinary department accounts from $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to four per cent. (FSC)

CHARACTER ASSESSMENT CHANGES

Changes in the Army's methods of character assessment for discharge certificates have been introduced to bring all three Services into line. Now a minimum of six years' service is no longer necessary before an assessment of exemplary can be awarded. In addition an assessment awarded to any soldier with less than two years' service will be followed by the qualification "assessed on . . . months' service." The aim is to ensure that a soldier seeking civilian employment will not be at a disadvantage compared with his Navy and RAF counterparts. (DM(A))

RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN

A mature ex-serviceman is a far more impressive counsellor than some bright young man wearing a flowered tie, says the latest issue of the Services Resettlement Bulletin in its article "A Career as a Solicitor." This has been written by a former infantry officer, now established in the legal profession, who goes into detail about training, articles, salary, job satisfaction and the opportunities at home and abroad. This issue, No. 1 of 1973, also describes the work of a medical representative and a baker and openings in the Ulster Defence Regiment and Corps of Commissionaires. There is information about the Civil Service's special scheme for ex-service entrants,

RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN

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NEW DUTY-FREE ALLOWANCES

an article on regional opportunities in Yorkshire and Humberside, and nine pages of situations vacant.

Copies are available free from local Royal Army Educational Corps officers.

Since Britain's entry into the European Economic Community on 1 January new allowances have been made for travellers entering Britain. Additional allowances will now be given for goods which travellers have acquired in another Common Market country unless the goods have been bought in a duty-free or tax-free shop or on board a ship, aircraft or hovercraft. For this purpose Naafi regards itself as a duty- and tax-free trader within Europe.

From the tables below it can be seen that, because of the increased allowances, it may pay some people to import goods which have paid duty and tax if travelling from one EEC country to another. The other members of the bloc are Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Eire, Italy, Holland and Luxembourg.

TABLE A

Present allowances—from 1 January 1973.

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(DPS(A))

CUSTOMS



WAR GRAVES

A standardisation of roadside direction signs to war graves throughout the world has led to a marked increase in the number of visitors to cemeteries and memorials, reports the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Commission is responsible for nearly 1,700,000 Commonwealth war dead buried or commemorated in 145 countries.

Meet the warrant officers

3 RSM OF THE OLD BOYS

MR Jim Ives left in January after 19 years in his "village." For it is as a village that he saw the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where for nearly two decades he served as regimental sergeant-major of the 400 in-pensioners.

"What has impressed me most over the years is that this is like a little village right in the middle of London," he said. "Here everyone is friendly and kind. One thing that always strikes me here is the old-time courtesy."

Mr Ives has been in uniform since 1925 when he enlisted in the 23rd London Regiment.

Now 66, he is still in uniform—as a security officer at the royal enclosure,

Ascot, a part-time job which will fill in the time when he is not tending his large garden in Sutton, Surrey.

In 1926 he joined The East Surrey Regiment and during World War Two was a prisoner of the Japanese and worked on the infamous railway.

He left the Army in 1954, later that year to become the Royal Hospital's regimental sergeant-major.

The in-pensioners' club was his pride and joy. He saw it grow from one recreation room to a three-room complex and, as chairman of the committee running it, spearheaded the many improvements that have made it a success.

But there is more to being regimental

sergeant-major at Chelsea than just administration and discipline. Mr Ives explained: "Here there's no Army manual—you've got to get by on your personality. You must always be prepared to listen to anything a man comes and tells you otherwise they think you're not taking an interest. I've always made a point of knowing all their names and faces and a little bit about each fellow. They're a jovial lot. Discipline and esprit de corps go hand in hand here."

Many times Mr Ives met royalty in the course of his duties. Was he ever nervous? "At first you get a bit scared and think 'Will I say the right thing?' But you get used to it."



Mr Jim Ives takes a last look from his own 'corridor of power' at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where for 19 years he was regimental sergeant-major.

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Radio Poole, opened last year, is housed in a basement in the bowels of the modern hospital. For Warrant Officer II Dennis Sherwood, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and Sergeant Steve Reeves, The Queen's Own Hussars, giving up their spare time to entertain patients involves no hardship at all. Both are keen broadcasting enthusiasts.

Mr Sherwood began his career on the air in Germany in 1954 where he gave sports reports for the British Forces Network. He followed this up with a regular disc jockey spot for Radio Canadian Army Europe.

Later he broadcast for the Aden Forces Broadcasting Authority and became head of its lighter pop music department. At this point he began to specialise in hospital requests, building up to over 200 requests a week.

Later he acted as a sports reporter for the British Forces Broadcasting Service in Berlin and was a guest disc jockey for the American Forces Network. After a spell recording blind textbooks "to keep his hand in" he had a tour in Cyprus where he presented and produced his own international request show for the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation.

Sergeant Reeves began his radio career in Hong Kong in 1968 as disc jockey with Radio Sek Kong in the New Territories. He ran his own record and chat show and on one evening a week was duty announcer.

Radio Poole is expanding at an astonishing rate. From one show a week it is now operating daily and there are plans for



Sergeant Steve Reeves coping with all the paraphernalia during a disc-jockey session.

outside broadcasts from the local speedway station, television programmes using the hospital closed-circuit television system and other innovations.

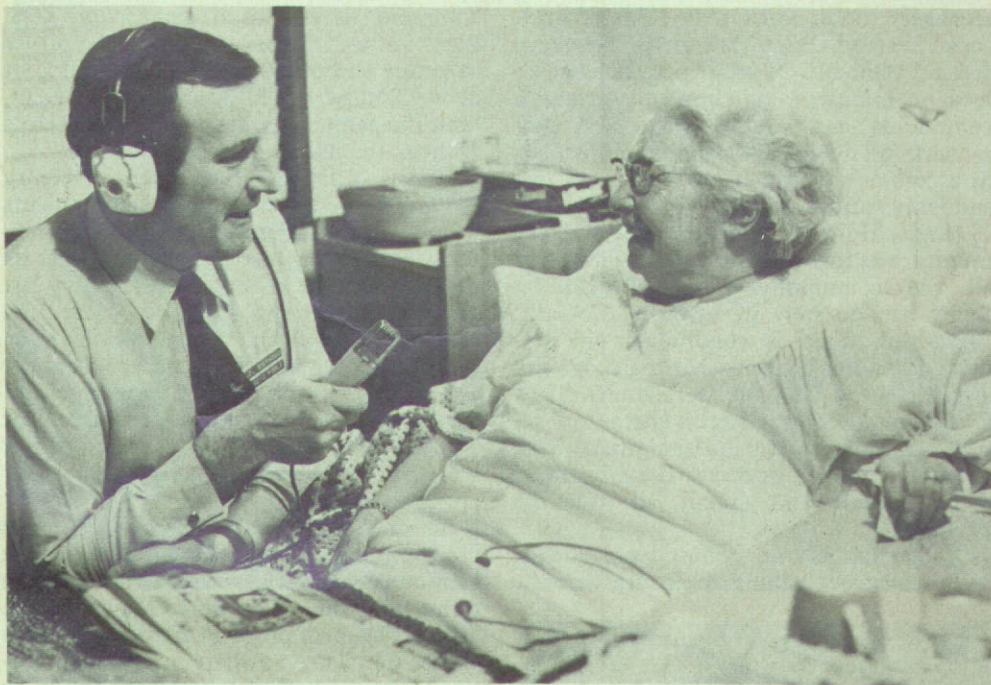
Says Sergeant Reeves: "The secret of our success is the personal contact. We interview and chat with patients and they know if they make a request there is a good chance of it being played. We also get a lot of laughs.

"Such as when I was interviewing someone live and had told him to choose a request—from a list I had given him. When the time came I asked if he would like to choose a record and he replied 'What, from this list you have given me?'"

Judging by the number of patients plugged in when SOLDIER visited Radio Poole, its success seems assured. But for Warrant Officer Sherwood the link will soon be over for he leaves the Army this summer.

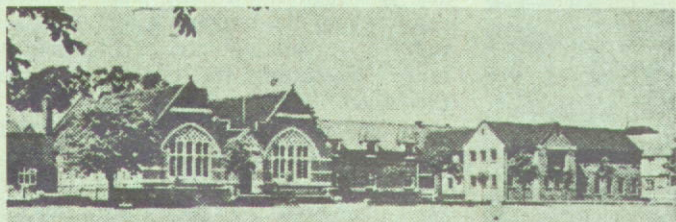
He hopes that in civilian life it will not be long before he is on the air again.

Warrant Officer Dennis Sherwood interviews a patient and tapes for a future broadcast.



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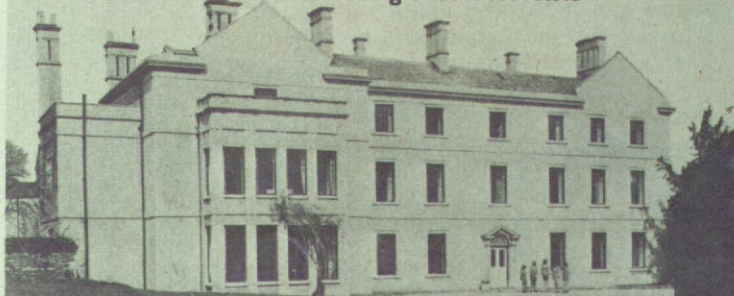


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As part of the process of returning the province to normality, more than a hundred officers and non-commissioned officers are directly involved in community relations . . .

THEY LEAD FROM BEHIND

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Leslie Wiggs

SERGEANT Brian Dent scarcely limps now. He carries with him as souvenirs of his injury a monogrammed wallet given to him in hospital by the Belfast people he works with and his 'obituary' from the Republican press. But he has little time to talk about the night the IRA captured him and pumped five bullets into his leg . . . he is too busy getting on with his job as a member of the Army's community relations team.

He is one of a six-man team of non-commissioned officers who work closely with the people of Belfast, each in one sector of the city. They are probably the only soldiers in the British Army ordered to lead from behind. For it is this policy which ensures that projects they aid will carry on by themselves without further help from the Army.

There are nearly 130 officers and non-commissioned officers bound up with community relations work in Northern Ireland, many of them full-time. Every soldier on the ground is briefed to look and listen out for community work possibilities. It is all part of the painstaking process of trying to return the shattered life of the Province to normality.

The Belfast team is drawn from 1st

Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, based for a two-year tour of duty at Holywood just outside the city. In overall charge of the community relations effort there is Major M H Sharpe. He explained: "Many of the housing estates in this city lack recreational facilities and boredom, especially among teenagers, often leads to a form of anti-social recreation well-known in Northern Ireland. Our NCOs are expert at advising local committees on how to establish community and youth centres and particularly on getting government grants. So, in a community which has no centre, one suddenly springs up."

Major Howard James runs the community relations branch and co-ordinates all the community relations work at Army headquarters in Lisburn. He said: "Anything done is conditional on self-help. All units going to Northern Ireland are briefed on community relations. They all appoint a senior officer in charge and set up their own internal organisation. Vast amounts of good work are done by these teams quickly and quietly all over the Province."

A member of the Belfast team added: "We lead from behind to ensure that the

finished product stands on its own without us."

One such project is Dent Hall—named after Sergeant Dent by the Belfast people he works with. The hall was once an emergency store and much had to be done to start it on its way to a community centre. Now it houses a disco and clubroom as well as a gymnasium area. Plans are well advanced for it to be of use to young and old alike. "There's still a lot of work to be done," said Sergeant Dent, "but the people here are doing it themselves—that's the main point."

Fellow team-member Sergeant Henry Holmes helped the Short Strand residents to get a playground for their children. Built by 23 Engineer Regiment during its four-month tour, it was opened in July last year. Said Sergeant Holmes: "The idea came originally from the people living here. A local policeman, 23 Engineer Regiment and I got it moving. When the playground first opened it was 'blacked' by the IRA and the kids were told not to use it. But being kids they crept in and eventually they got to use it a lot."

Throughout Belfast ordinary people face the constant threat of terrorism. The community relations team has to come to terms with this in its work. Major Sharpe said: "The great problem these people have is that they have nowhere to go for recreation. They daren't let their children play in the streets—they've got television and that's about it. They invariably can't get to playgrounds without going through the other faction's territory therefore one's aim is to provide a place where a mother can send her children and where grown-ups can feel reasonably safe. If this centre is mixed, Protestant and Catholic, so much the better. But people here like to stay in their own area and because of the troubles they've been forced to do so."

In the Shankill a community centre has been such a success that an extra block has been added to accommodate the daily uses ranging from keep-fit classes to jumble sales. The centre, first of its kind, was started by 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales and officially opened by 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, which preceded the Prince of Wales's



Own at Holywood and pioneered much of the Belfast community relations work.

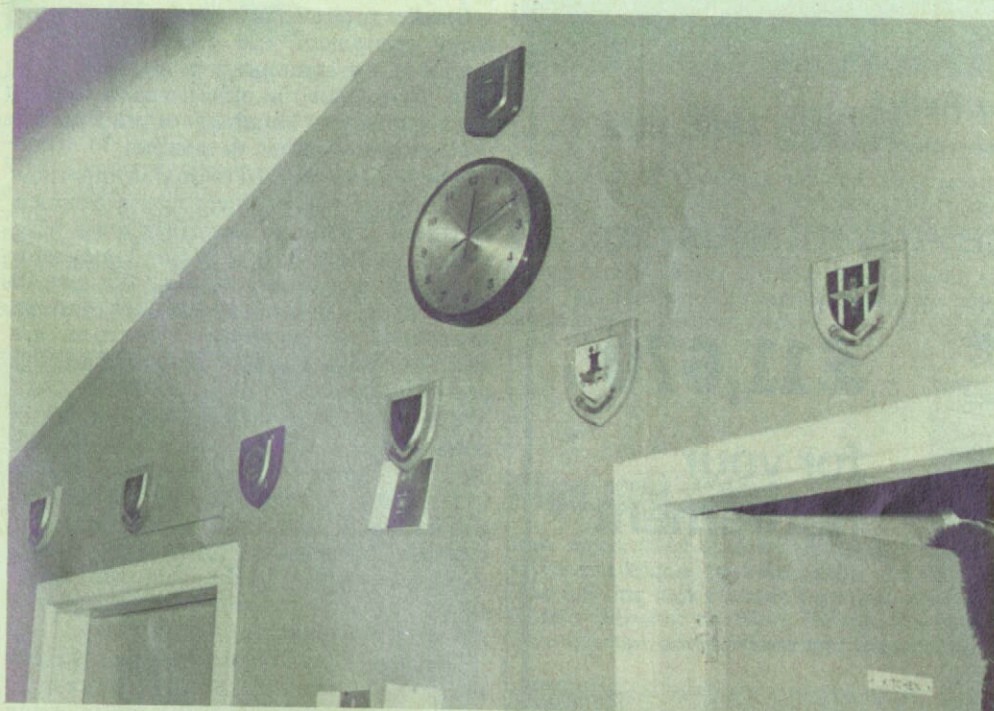
The community relations work does not end with amenity centres. Smaller efforts, from providing new billiard cues for a youth club to marking out netball courts, are not forgotten—"All those little things that make the world go round," as Major Sharpe put it.

Among bigger projects the community *continued on page 28*

Jumble sales are popular anywhere. This one in a Shankill community centre drew a large crowd of customers from the nearby district.

Regimental plaques on a community centre wall tell of the units that have lent a hand here.

Below: A new block has been added to this hut to accommodate all the activities housed there.

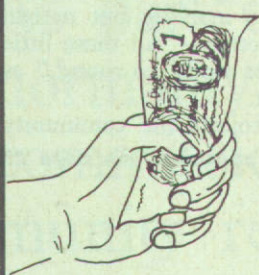


Community relations is part of the Army's operational task in Northern Ireland. The work is not aimed at recruiting, or publicity but on helping people to help themselves. The Army works in close co-operation with the civilian agencies involved. The Ministry of Community Relations was formed in late 1969 with the main function of administering the Social Needs Act which provides cash grants up to 90 per cent for worthwhile social schemes. The ministry also deals with damage and grievances as well as acting as a co-ordinating body with other ministries.

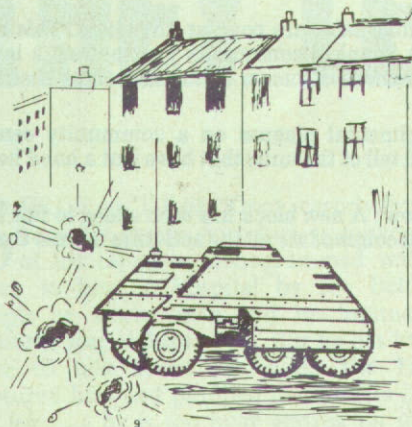
The Community Relations Commission has been in existence for two years. It is not part of the government but is government-sponsored. It has a chairman and eight members who are appointed annually for part-time duties and a full-time staff of about 35. The commission's aim is social development as opposed to pure community relations and its objectives are therefore longer term than the Army's community relations work. Local authorities and voluntary services have responsibilities in this field and many voluntary groups exist in the Province. These bodies welcome suggestions on the giving of practical aid.



A playground built by 23 Engineer Regiment is one of the projects in Belfast.



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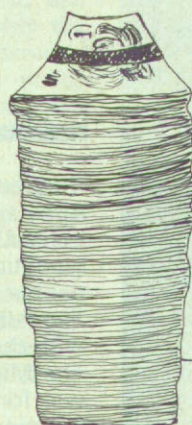
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relations branch numbers such ambitious schemes as Crawfordsburn Camp organised from July to September last year in a country park. Each week a different unit ran the camp for 60 young people from their own operational area or elsewhere. Weekend camps were run from June to October in the country and on the coast. Community relations workers were behind a project that gave 70 youths a ten-day holiday in Majorca financed by voluntary subscriptions.

Handicapped children's schools have also been helped. In one case a government grant was obtained to buy a house in south Belfast to be specially equipped for the children.

Perhaps the most ambitious single project now on the stocks is an environmental scheme originally planned by the Army. This will involve the buying and renting of properties in four of the city's most troubled areas. These premises are to be run by local civilian groups to cater for everyone from pre-school children to senior citizens. The streets where the premises stand are to be pedestrian precincts and the derelict areas converted to play areas.

Smaller projects have involved the use of Army equipment and expertise to give service to the community as a whole. This is so varied that the official report lists as the ninth item: "Hundreds of other minor projects too countless to mention."

The soldiers selected to do this important job designed solely to help return troubled Northern Ireland to normality must have special qualities. Yet, as Major James said, "There is no special training. It's just 18 hours a day, seven days a week and an abundance of patience. The men are selected for personality rather than any previous training."

The work must have its frustrations in communities that are sometimes hostile. Sergeant Holmes said: "You can go for four or five bad days sometimes and you get fed up to the teeth with community relations, then always something happens to lift you again. It helps being an experienced non-commissioned officer—you've got the determination to go on."

Sergeant Dent added: "I think it helped me being 11 years a civilian—I was a lorry driver—before joining the Regular Army five years ago. I was in the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve for six years before that."

A colleague commented: "You've got to liaise with people all the time. One of the most important things is contact with people in an area—visiting them for a chat and asking how things are going. You're constantly approached by people who want to do something in the community and we just draw it together and advise—again, leading from behind."

Speaking of his Belfast team, Major Sharpe summed up: "They work with a very, very feet-on-the-ground approach. I don't actually get involved in their work but when I visit in the town I get the feeling that the team's down-to-earth practicality is slowly rubbing off on the communities. For a battalion to give up skilled non-commissioned officers for this is quite something, and the results are most impressive."

Purely Personal



Meet Miss 3 RTR

Pretty **Andrea Duffell** (above), of Poole, Dorset, recently visited in Germany the soldiers who have made her their pin-up—men of 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, the West Country's armoured regiment. Andrea, a 21-year-old bank clerk, spent a weekend with "her regiment" just before it left for a Northern Ireland duty tour. She drove a Chieftain tank, kicked off at a rugger match, went shopping and to church and had a sightseeing trip around Bremen.



... and Miss 4th/7th

A fanfare of trumpets greeted 19-year-old **Wendy Ryan** (above), of Bradford, when she visited the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards in Germany. As "Miss 4th/7th," Wendy spent a day being shown around the regiment as well as visiting the surrounding area and attending a squadron dance.



... and Miss KOSB

Here's one very special reason why the men of 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, will be eager to get home after their current tour of duty in Northern Ireland. Waiting for them in Scotland is shapely **Susan Mathieson** (above), their pin-up. Susan takes a keen interest in the battalion . . . the feeling is mutual. (Photograph: *Scottish Daily Express*)



Ex-Duke Peter West

Television viewers of "Come Dancing" and sports programmes should recognise this 30-year-old picture (above) of a captain in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. It is **Peter West**, who has turned his talents as a broadcaster to a BBC radio appeal on behalf of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. Mr West had a particular reason for helping SSAFA—his first job after being invalided out of the Army in 1943 was as assistant secretary at the association's head office.

Olga and Elena

East meets West (below) on the lap of **Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Yeoman** pictured with **Olga and Elena**, twin daughters of **Lieutenant-Colonel Bychenkov** of the Russian Army. The meeting took place at a party to which officers and families of the Soviet Commander-in-Chief's Mission to West Germany were invited. Lieutenant-Colonel Yeoman commands Headquarters 2nd Division and Signal Regiment in Bunde.



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On Record

"The National Anthems of 25 Nations"
(Das Stabsmusikkorps der Bundeswehr Bonn) (Director: Oberstleutnant Gerhard Scholz) (One-Up OU 2004)

This type of record is always useful to someone, even to the forces if no band is available for a visiting foreign dignitary. But you have only to listen to our own national anthem as played here to realise how wide of the mark are all the others except presumably the German anthem. These anthems all sound German as they would French if the Garde Républicaine had made the recording. The ubiquitous glockenspiel, beloved of German bands, turns many a fine stirring melody into a tinkly third-rate Christmas carol.

The research required for a record of this kind is daunting—and you can never win. A national anthem is paradoxically a very personal thing and woe betide anyone saddled with conducting 25 of them. Colonel Scholz takes the fast anthems too fast, especially La Marseillaise, and some of the slow ones too slowly. The balance is not good, the melody often being lost, and there is some poor ensemble and attack, making some already dull tunes quite uninspiring.

It is a nice gesture when a foreign band plays one's own anthem but the Olympic Games always prove what a hazard this can be. And how wise we are to have such a short anthem. Try not to get caught in Spain or Czechoslovakia when theirs are played and, if you are ever in El Salvador, sit down and pretend a faint.

If you do collect national anthems I think you will find British bands have recorded them all to better effect, achieving more authenticity of style than here. The sleeve notes give sources of words and music where known and rightly attribute "God Save the Queen" to Anon, not John Bull as is usual. For my money Netherlands has the pick of the bunch with Japan's beautiful and short anthem a close runner-up.

RB

The anthems are those of France (La Marseillaise), USA (The Star Spangled Banner), Austria (Osterreichische), Switzerland (Schweizer Psalm), Turkey (Istiklal Marsi), Canada (O Canada), Portugal, USSR, Czechoslovakia (Kde Domoj Muj and Nad Tatru Sa Blýská), Poland, Belgium (La Brabançonne), Greece, Germany (Deutschlandlied), Great Britain (God Save the Queen), Italy (Inno Di Mameli), Sweden (Du Gamla, Du Fria), Denmark (Kong Kristian), Japan, Spain (Marcha Real), Yugoslavia (Hej Slaveni), Norway (Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet), Finland (Maamme), Netherlands (Wilhelmus Van Nassouwe), Luxembourg (Ons Hemecht) and Hungary.

"The European Anthem" (Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra) (conducted by Herbert von Karajan) (Polydor 2001320)
This EP carries "L'Hymne Européen" in a version for full orchestra and wind instruments and on the reverse side the United

Kingdom's national anthem. Karajan's LP of the "The European Anthem," the final chorus of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony from which it is taken, and the national anthems of the 17 member states of the Council of Europe, was reviewed in the September 1972 SOLDIER.

"Highland Pageantry" (Regimental Band, Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)) (Bandmaster: Warrant Officer John Baker) (Pipe-Major John McNicol) (Drum-Major Roy Dear) (Beltona SBE 131)

This reissue is a fine, if unintentional, tribute to one man. It resounds with his personality and for those who knew him it will recall the

ample figure and smiling face of John Baker, hearty extrovert, unobtrusive and not too self-critical yet liked by all, gagster (more often the victim of his own gags), a showman who drove the largest car ever seen at Kneller Hall and too soon to be the victim of a fatal disease. It is all here in the music. Don't look for perfection in the playing but swing along with the shade of John Baker at his exuberant best.

Bliss's "Fanfare for a Dignified Occasion" gives this record a characteristically bluff and short-winded start and introduces the regimental march on pipes and band. Then follows a medley for band alone the likes of which I'm glad never to have had to play—the melodic line includes many of the grace notes (the twiddly bits) beloved of pipers and of course makes it very difficult for the band cornets and clarinets. This medley should have been a failure—it's a riot.

A march by JB himself called "Highland Pageantry" is a splendid straightforward example but hasn't a ghost of what hae in it. John Amers's famous patrol "The Wee MacGregor" is right up this band's creek and is put across in true style. A very old medley, "Harry Lauder's Songs" by Ord-Hume, is given in all its glory—long-winded bridge passages, corny modulations and all,



and with the final burst of "Barren Rocks of Aden," "The Black Bear" and "Hielan' Laddie" I found myself agreeing for once with the sleeve blurb, "Here is music to make your hackles rise."

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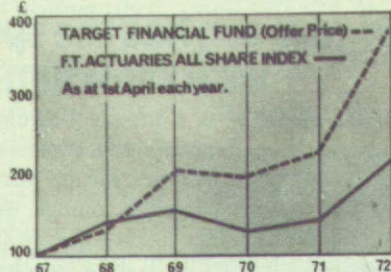
Other music by the pipes and drums: "Loch Rannoch," "The Siege of Delhi," "Thick Lies the Mist on Yonder Hill," "Katie Dalrymple," "Lady Dorothy Stewart Murray," "The Soldier's Return," "Granny Duncan," "Say Will We Yet," "Miss Girdle," "Erchless Castle," "Hey Johnny Cope." The band medley comprises "The Road to the Isles," "Atholl Highlanders," "Lord Alexander Kennedy," "The Brown-Haired Maiden," "Scotland the Brave," "Steamboat."

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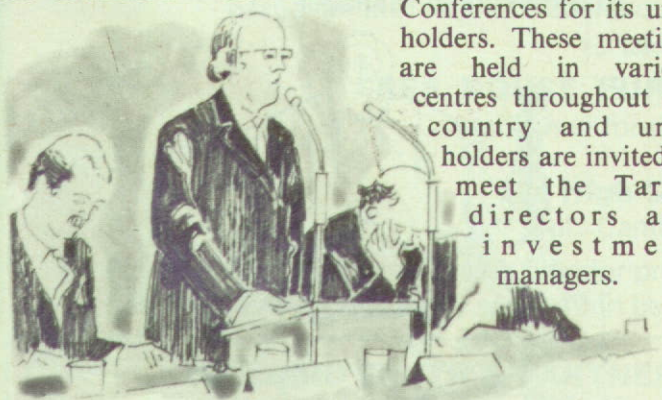
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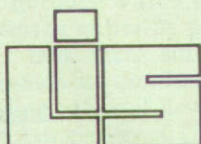


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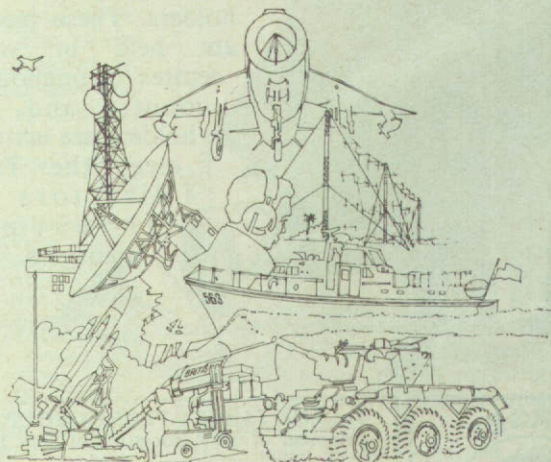
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Airfix have chosen this latter car as the first in a series of VIP vehicles (Rommel's armoured command vehicle is to follow later). The kit is in 1:32nd scale, moulded in dark green plastic, has more than 130 parts with individual items such as door handles, foot pedals, gear lever and handbrake, and costs a reasonable 68 pence. The Monty figure, although moulded in one piece, captures the drama of the occasion with an earnest expression yet a cheery wave to passing Tommies. And even

those two famous beret badges are discernible.

British staff cars are badly documented but it appears the correct colour is a khaki-green. The recipe is a base of dark-green plastic paint with the addition of khaki and some yellow and white. The immaculate parade-ground appearance of staff cars can be achieved with a light coat of unstirred matt polyurethane varnish. If stirred, the varnish dries a little too matt.

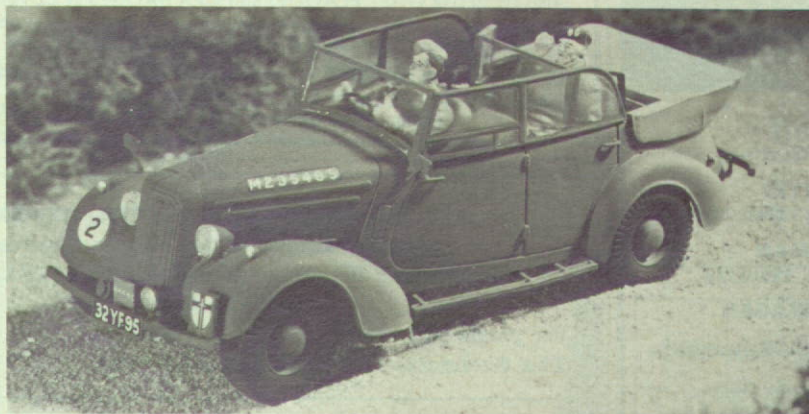
Airfix also have new releases for navy

and air force modellers. There is a Vosper motor torpedo boat in 1:72 scale costing 35 pence and 1:600 HMS Amazon at 25 pence; RAF personnel in OO/HO scale (19p), Dornier Do 17E/F (54p) and De Havilland Mosquito (35p) both in 1:72 scale, and a superb 1:24 North American Mustang at £2.15.

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In super-scale aircraft the all-British firm of Airfix is rivalled by Revell, an American company which achieved world sales of £5.8 million in the first three quarters of 1972. Its new 1:32 Phantom F-4J not only has access panels but the General Electric afterburning jet engine itself is removable. With the price at a cheap £1.95 the battle of the plastic model warplanes is on!

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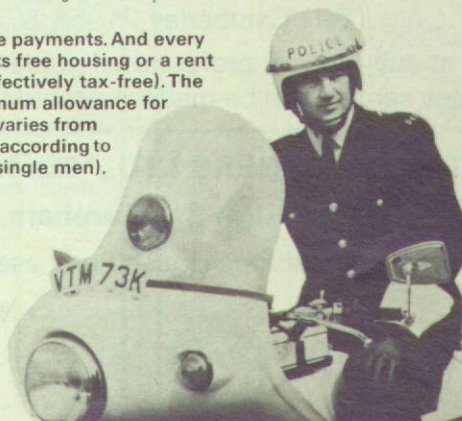
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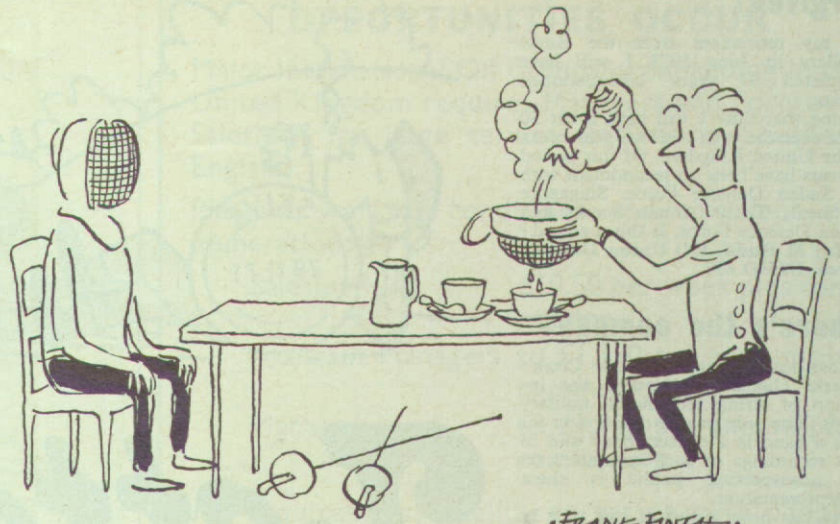
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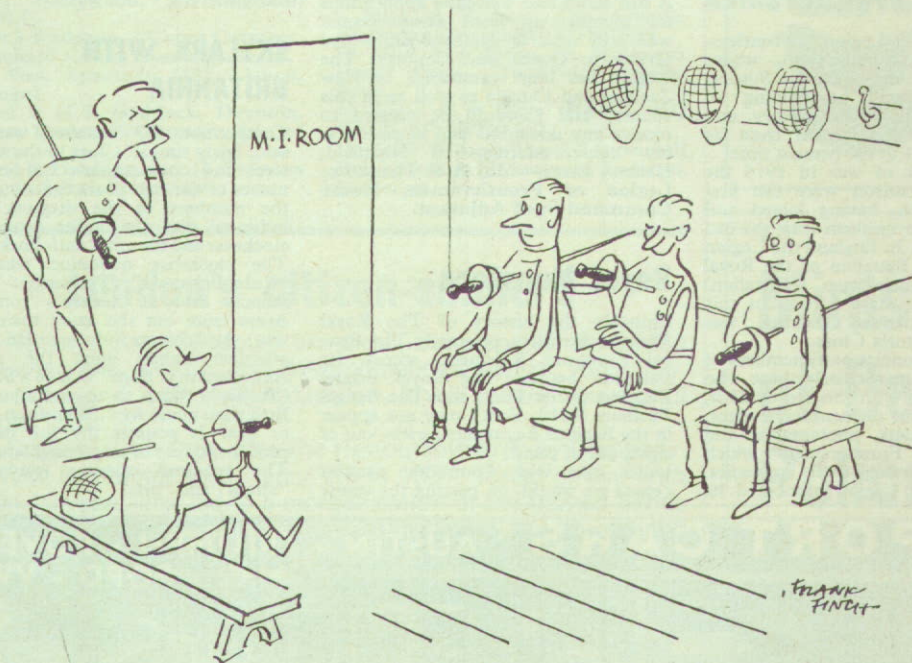
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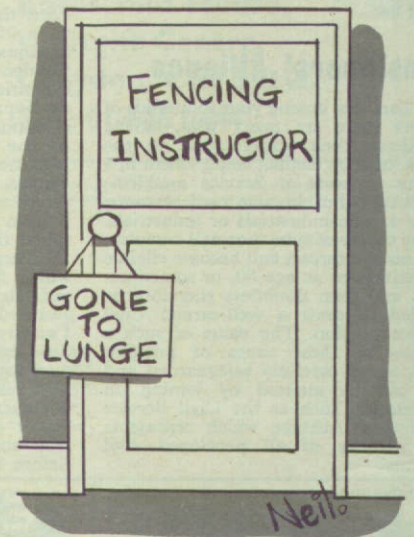


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"Rogerson!—Take that silly grin off your face."

Come home, all is forgiven!

On my retirement from the Royal Artillery in June 1973 I will have completed 33 years' commissioned service. During that time I will have spent 30 years overseas with one two-year break in the United Kingdom. Of this period 26 years have been on secondment with the Sudan Defence Force, Singapore Regiment, Trucial Oman Scouts and Union Defence Force. Is this a record? —**Maj M Budd, HQ Union Defence Force, BFPO 627.**

Where's the oompah?

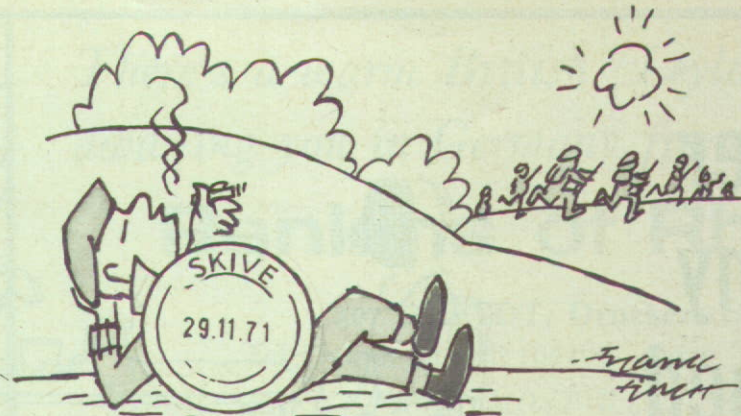
I most heartily agree with Mr Clark's remarks (January) regarding the inclusion of string sections in military bands. The only proper description for such a band is a concert band and to foist recordings of such ensembles on the unsuspecting public is sheer misrepresentation.

There has been a glut of this type of recording just lately, one of the most blatant examples being the recently issued LP by the Band of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This was the band's first recording and, after listening to the first two tracks, I must remark that I sincerely hope it will be their last!

Since there are thousands of excellent marches and other types of parade music which have never been recorded, I cannot understand why bandmasters and record producers inflict such rubbishy programmes on us.—**H L S Plunkett (Hon Sec Band Section, Military Historical Society), 93 Springbank, Lakenham, Norwich, NOR 84C.**

Pensioners' Alliance

I am sure that among your thousands of readers there are many who, having completed their engagements in the Army, took up civilian employment in a variety of posts at Service establishments and thus became civil servants, either as non-industrial or industrial. In the course of time they will complete their second careers and become eligible for retirement at age 60, or sometimes later, and then doubtless therefore be entitled to draw a well-earned Civil Service pension. The value of such a pension in these times of inflation needs to be carefully safeguarded and this can be assisted by joining an organisation such as the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance which represents the interests of all pensioned civil servants.



Letters

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Legion of Frontiersmen

Later this year the Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth, whose headquarters are at 6 Belgrave Square, London SW1, will be holding an exhibition to show the history and development of the Legion from its inception in 1904 to the present time.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 the Manchester Squadron were the first British in action, having joined and served in Legion uniform with the 3rd Belgian Lancers. In England the Legion raised the 25th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (Frontiersmen Battalion) which fought in East Africa. In this campaign Lieutenant Dartnell was awarded the Victoria Cross.

I am trying to contact past members of the Legion, and particularly those who may have served with the 3rd or 25th, in order to obtain mementoes, badges, documents, medals, photographs and copies of the "Frontiersman" which may still be among their souvenirs. Before 1939 the Legion numbered its

members by the thousand and it is possible that there are past members and relatives of past members who would be willing to donate such items of interest to the Legion.

I am sure many readers of SOLDIER will be pleased to know that the Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth is still active and welcomes applications for membership from ex-servicemen who still wish to continue uniformed service to Queen and Country. The Legion has large commands in New Zealand and Canada as well as in this country and I would be pleased to receive any donations and enquiries at my home address, 10 Highfield, Harlow, Essex.—**Maj A R Thurston, Legion of Frontiersmen, Home Command Staff Adjutant.**

Royal Munsters

Probably the history of The Royal Munster Fusiliers, originally The Bengal European Regiment, whose 1st Battalion became The Royal Bengal Fusiliers (101st Foot) and The Bengal Fusiliers (104th Foot), may not appear in the Famous Regiments series—out of sight, out of mind!

Until our Old Comrades parades ceased we would, on passing the statue

of Lord Clive on the St James's Park side of the India Office, always doff our hats to our first Colonel.

There are today very few survivors of the regiment. Only two pre-1914 Regular officers are alive now. I joined 2nd Battalion in November 1910.—**Lieut-Col H B Holt, 10 St Patrick's Court, Bathwick Hill, Bath, BA2 6ER.**

Gallantry in Ireland

I cannot explain the sudden change of policy Mr W L James mentions (Letters, January), but I can tell him that a very unusual Military Medal was earned on Easter Monday 1916 in Dublin. It went to a young civilian lady aged just 18. She rescued a British officer, who had been wounded by the rebels in Lower Mount Street, by dragging him off the road to safety whilst under rifle fire and bomb-throwing.

She was Miss Louise Nolan who later became a Gaiety Girl and actress. I do not know if she is still alive but in 1965 she was living in a flat in Baker Street, London. She received her MM from King George V. Surely a unique decoration for a lady civilian?—**Wing-Commander J A C Houghton RAF (Retd), Toad Hall, Waterditch, Christchurch, Hants.**

In reply to Mr James a number of gallantry awards were made for the 1916 incident, my own uncle receiving a Distinguished Conduct Medal with The Sherwood Foresters.

The awards were: Distinguished Service Order nine, Military Cross ten, DCM 17 and MM (including two ladies) seven.—**A W Cooper, 11 Willow Close, Orpington, Kent.**

SKYLARK WITH BRITANNIA

Competition 173 (October) was, as it said, fairly simple. Clues to the solution were the competition's heading, the names of the two poets concerned, and the numbers in the diagram which indicated that one of the extracts ran clockwise and the other anti-clockwise.

The clockwise quotation was from "Rule Britannia" (Thomson): "When Britain first at heaven's command, Arose from out the azure main, This was the charter of her land And guardian angels sung the strain." Anti-clockwise from "Ode to a Skylark" (Shelley): "Hail to thee, blithe spirit, Bird thou never wert, That from heaven or near it pourest thy full heart In profuse strains of unpremeditated art." The required missing words were "strain" and "art."



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Quite by chance I also saw the name of Sergeant J Shaul VC on the distinguished citizens board in the Town Hall of Kings Lynn.—Brig (Retd) D A Pringle, Bursar, The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, Kent.

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Though the Boer War showed the potentially important role to be played by auxiliary forces, it also exposed the deficiencies in their training and organisation. These led to the formation of the Territorial Force of 1908. London volunteers were among the first territorials to reinforce the Regular expeditionary army in France in 1914. Renamed the Territorial Army in 1920, the auxiliaries suffered from insufficient government support between the wars. At the end of World War Two the Territorial Army stood down until the tensions of the cold war brought about its reconstruction in 1947. Then, a drastic reorganisation created in 1967 the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve, some units being equipped to Regular army standards, prepared to reinforce NATO in Europe.

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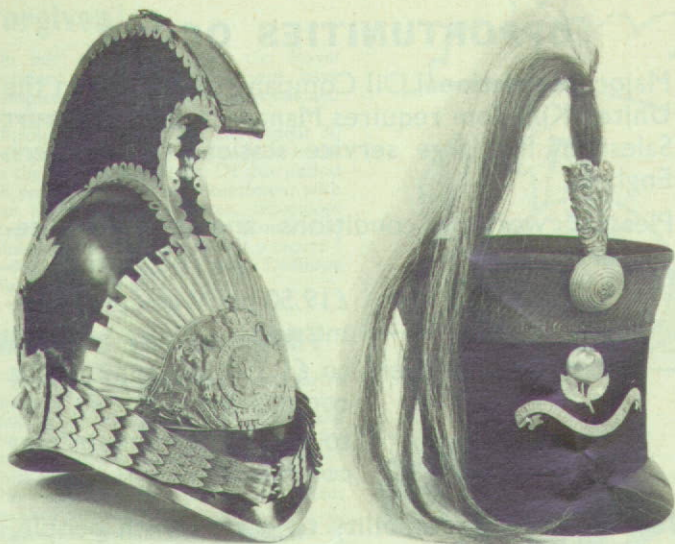
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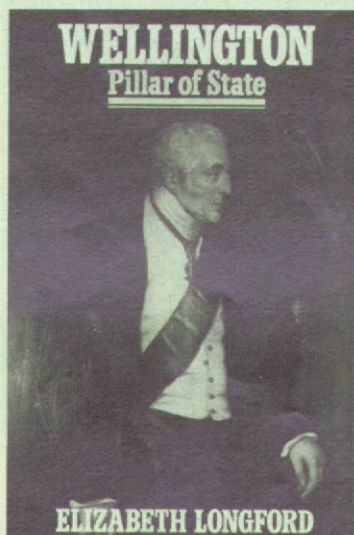
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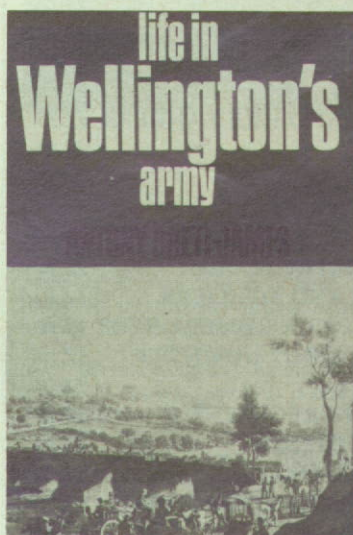
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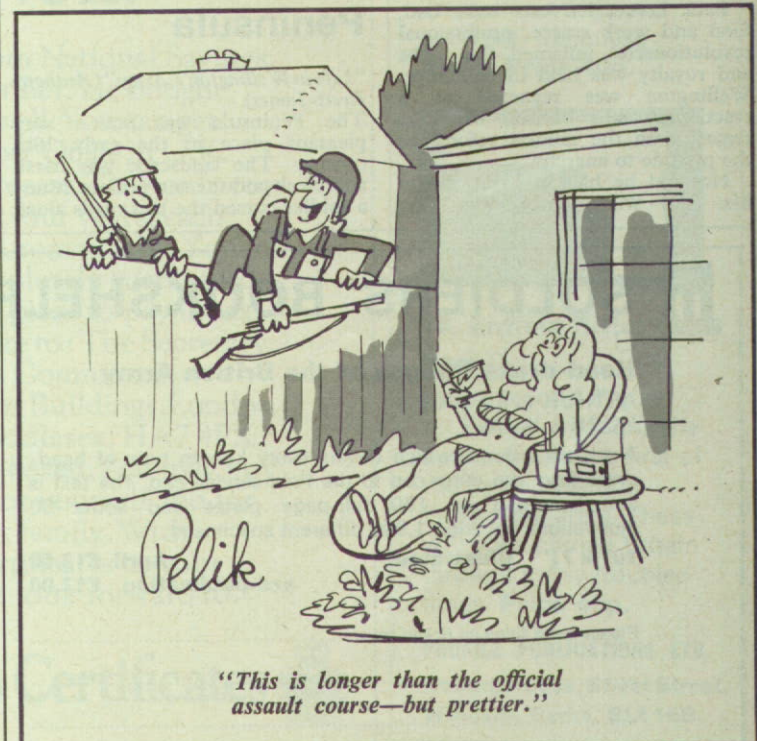
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Mrs Shuttleworth is an American with a long experience of writing about natural history for children. Her book on the Tower, shorter and less expensive than Professor A L Rowse's (SOLDIER, November

"Military Vehicle Data" 12 and 13 (M P Conniford)

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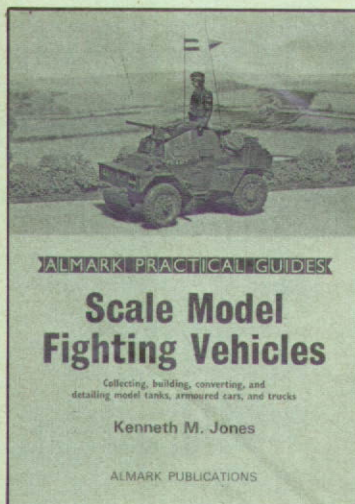
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Longman House, Burnt Mill, Harlow, Essex, £1.50



"Scale Model Fighting Vehicles" (Kenneth M Jones)

The author offers two particularly useful tips about making shell holes in tank skirting armour and reproducing "Zimmerit" anti-mine paste

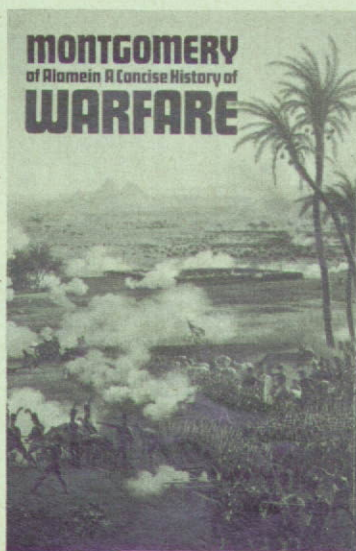
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on World War Two panzers. "Battle-scarring" changes the whole effect of a model from factory-fresh or static inspection to war-torn and dramatic combat action.

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This is a shortened version of Lord Montgomery's "History of Warfare," published in 1968. The text has been reduced by a third, mainly by leaving out political background, and some maps and pictures have also been omitted.

Monty worked with a small team of researchers, imposing on their work his characteristic crisp style and clear thoughts. In its shortened version the work is readable, thought-provoking and a convenient reference book as well.

William Collins, Sons & Co Ltd, 14 St James's Place, London SW1, £2.95

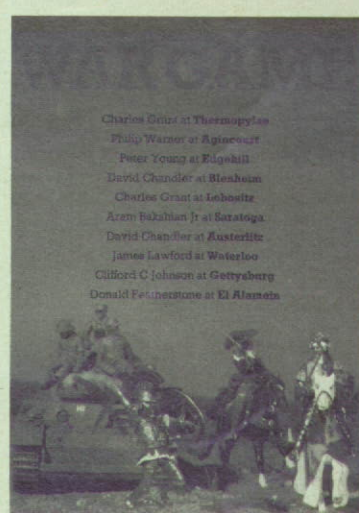
"War or Peace" (Colin Burnham)

"War is very human," admits the author in his first sentence, but like many others he has decided that nuclear weapons make the question of war or peace more crucial than ever before. Things, he says, appear to be out of control. This reflects a lack of knowledge of war. Understanding must precede control and so he makes a bid to demolish the "understanding barrier."

He looks at the nature of war, its technology, manpower and psychology; the roots of war in politics, aggression and internal unrest; and the search for peace through law, deterrence and understanding.

Despite the dangers of war today he takes some comfort from the opinion that matters which yesterday were reasons for war are now subjects for negotiations.

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"The War Game" (edited by Peter Young)

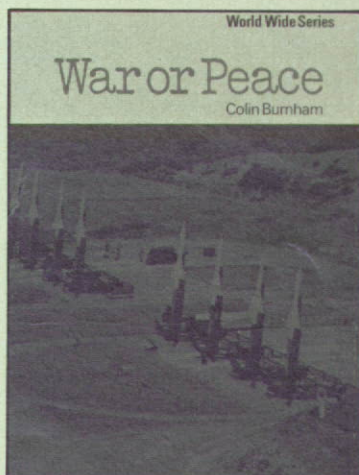
Brigadier Young and his fellow contributors have produced portraits of ten great battles which they hope will interest and entertain all students of war and may help to foster an interest in the fascinating hobby of wargaming. Many a student will derive extra benefit from the documentary evidence on which the book is based. It is one of the best in its field.

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Cassell & Co Ltd, 35 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4SJ, £3.00

"Records of the Scottish Volunteer Force 1859-1909" (Lieutenant-General Sir James Moncrieff Grierson)

In 1859 France was in a very belligerent mood. French senior officers spoke of raising the tricolour on the House of Commons. A wave of patriotic indignation swept Britain, volunteer units were instantly formed and men swarmed to the Colours. Units vied with each other to produce the most attractive uniforms. There were greens, greys and browns galore with lots of braid



and lace matched with shakos and plumes. No fewer than 239 different uniforms emerged during this period. The author, who died in France while commanding the 2nd Army of the BEF, preserved plates of them and wrote a history of the volunteer movement.

Although it is fashionable to reprint rare military classics this must surely be one of the best purchases for a connoisseur, even if it is expensive.

Frederick Muller Ltd, Ludgate House, 110 Fleet Street, London EC4, £10.00



"British Line Infantry 1815" (Keith Over)

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Cambridge Aids to Learning, 91 King Street, Cambridge, £1.00

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