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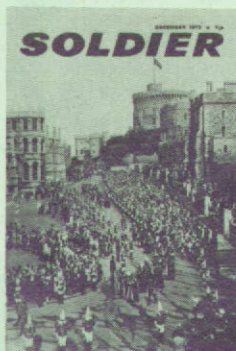
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One of the Merrie England spectacles which bring the tourists flocking to Britain. The Order of the Garter procession wends its way to St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle while men of the Household Cavalry line the route. The Garter is Britain's most ancient order of chivalry, having been founded in 1348.

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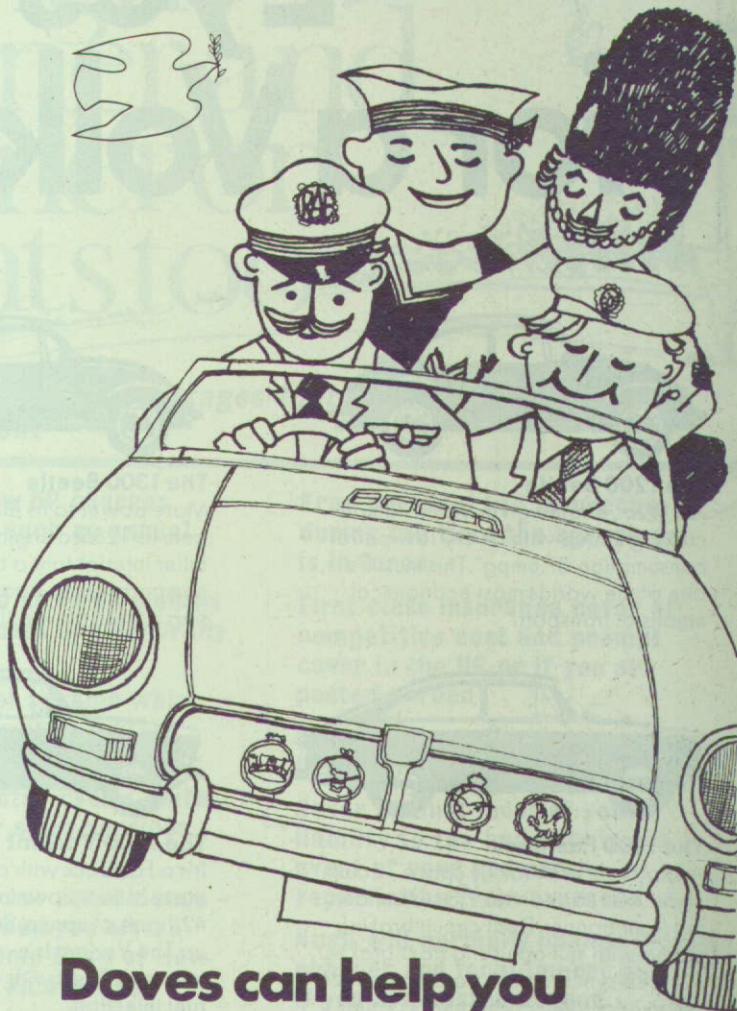
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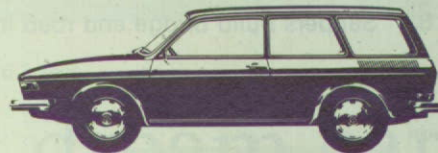
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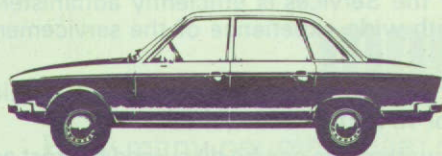
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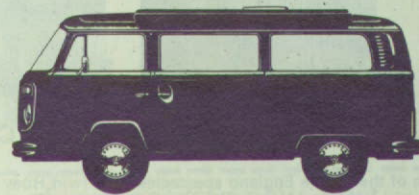
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MAY 1974

- 11 Cardiff Army Display (Royal Signals motorcycle team White Helmets, Red Devils freefall team, bands) (11-12 May).
- 18 Swansea Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles helicopter team, bands) (18-19 May).
- 25 Tidworth Tattoo (25-27 May).

JUNE 1974

- 1 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 8 Second (dress) rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 15 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 18 The Light Division beats Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (18-20 June).
- 22 Catterick Army Display (bands) (22-23 June).
- 22 Bolton Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, bands) (22-23 June).
- 28 Aldershot Army Display (28-30 June).
- 31 Preston Army Display (Red Devils, Blue Eagles, White Helmets, Royal Military Police tent-pegging, RAVC, bands) (31 May-2 June).

JULY 1974

- 10 Royal Tournament, Earls Court (10-27 July).
- 12 Cheltenham Tattoo (12-13 July).
- 22 Warrington Army Show (Royal Artillery motorcycle team, Red Devils, bands) (22-23 July).
- 31 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (31 July-3 August).

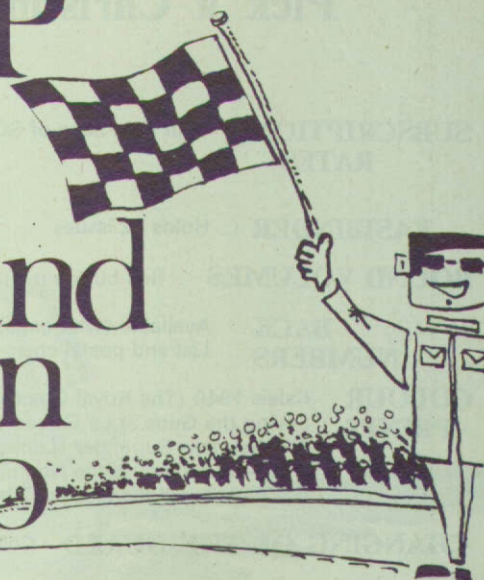
AUGUST 1974

- 16 Edinburgh Tattoo (16 August-7 September).
- 30 Stockport Army Display (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, RMP tent-pegging, Blue Eagles, RAVC, bands) (30 August-1 September).
- 31 Cadet Tattoo, Swindon.

SEPTEMBER 1974

- 6 Bootle Army Display (RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, RMP tent-pegging, Blue Eagles, RAVC, bands) (6-8 September).
- 7 Wrexham Army Display (Blue Eagles, RA motorcyclists, Red Devils, King's Troop RHA, bands) (7-8 September).
- 26 Wessex Searchlight Tattoo, Wessex Depot, Exeter (26-28 September).

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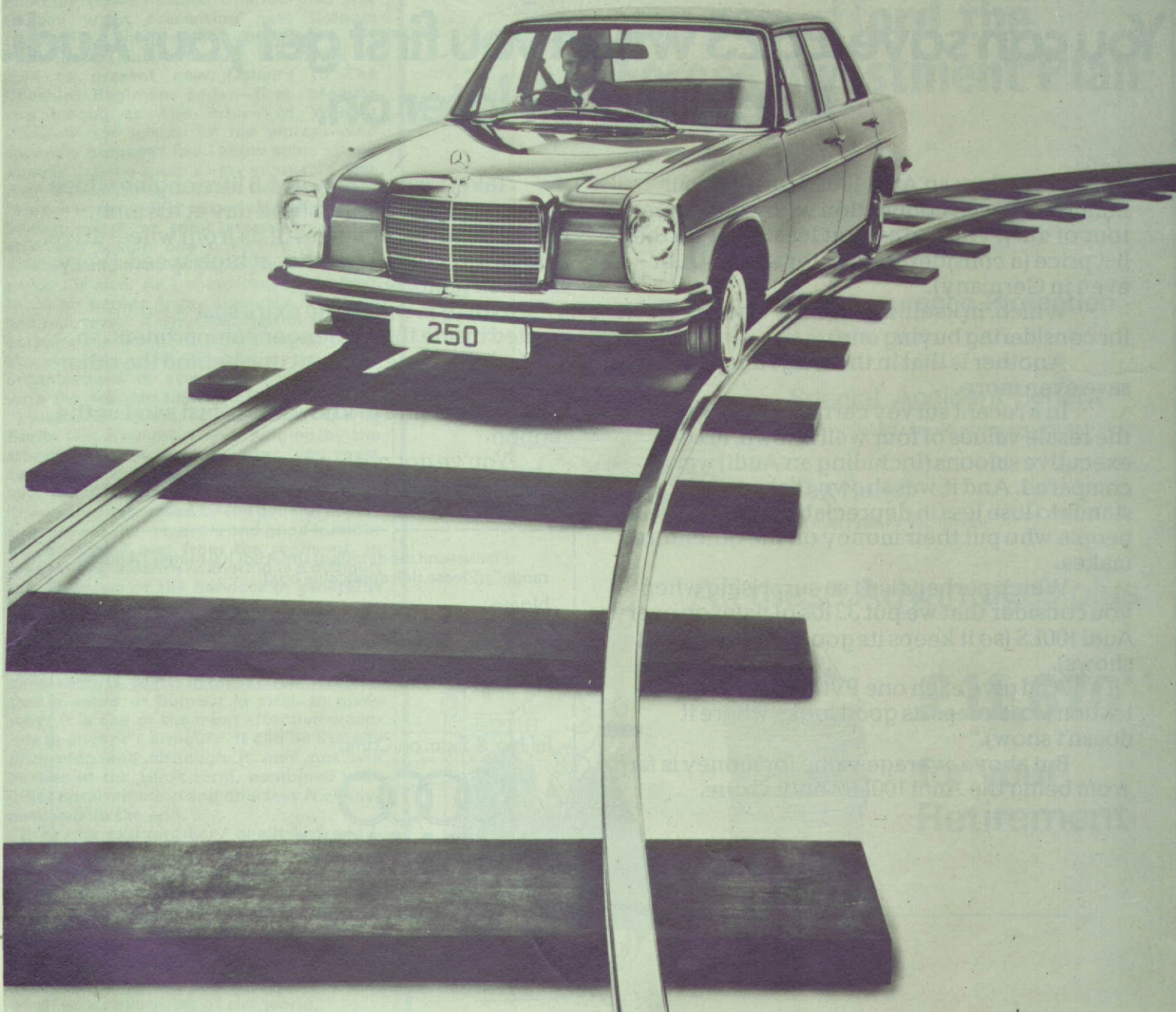
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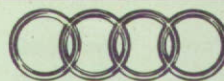
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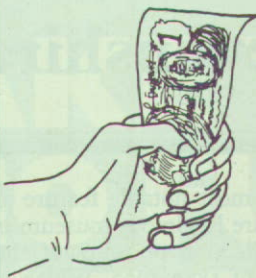
"I seem to remember witnessing a battalion boxing match at some stage during my visit and seeing one unfortunate young soldier completely poleaxed by a colleague twice his size. As I could find no bruised faces on parade today I assume everyone has recovered. It also occurred to me that perhaps one way of solving the Irish situation would be to send invitations to various organisations to attend a boxing match with the dreaded Cheshire Regiment . . .

"I was most impressed with what I saw in Berlin last November and, judging by the standard of the parade today, you must have been practising ever since I last saw you. Many congratulations.

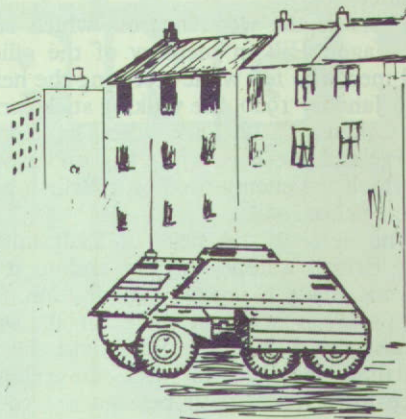
"I was also impressed by the general cheerfulness, excellent morale and good humour of all those I met from the regiment. In many ways, modern soldiering is a difficult art. Criticism of the Services in general is fairly common, and the Army is always the most obvious target for attack. Army methods are often misunderstood and people are usually inclined to believe adverse reports, so it is in these circumstances that a sense of humour is vital. In many ways it is one of the most effective weapons in anyone's armoury. It can be literally disarming and although it may not win battles in the short term, combined with quiet determination and courtesy it always succeeds in the end.

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"I have travelled widely in the past few years and it is extraordinary in what high regard the British nation is still held. This isn't necessarily because of the things we achieved in the past; it is because of the good-humoured, genuine way in which British people tend to operate. It is because people like yourselves tend to be damn good ambassadors when abroad—apart from one or two who happen to become inextricably involved in places like the Reeperbahn in Hamburg or Bugis Street in Singapore!—and this has undeniable results, all of which add up to prestige. This is well worth preserving—as is the prestige of The Cheshire Regiment. It is this prestige and all the splendid qualities of humanity, good humour, tolerance, courage and honesty which are symbolised and enshrined in these new Colours which I have just presented to you. Guard them always, for they represent the qualities which will matter for ever."



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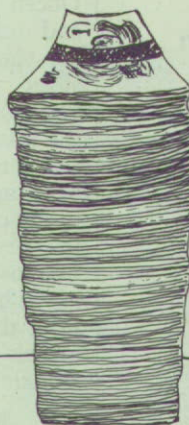
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Military museums

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The Devonshire Regiment

PERHAPS the most notable feature of The Devonshire Regiment museum is its prolific collection of relics of the South African War of 1899-1902. Which is not altogether surprising since both the 1st and 2nd battalions fought in that bitter conflict.

There is the wooden cross which stood on Wagon Hill in memory of the officers and men who fell while storming the height on 6 January 1900, the walking stick carried by Colonel C W Park when he led the charge and the Boer white flag under cover of which the enemy fired on a British party at Inzefelaar.

The defence and siege of Ladysmith is now British military history and to it the Devons made a unique contribution. The 1st Battalion held out there for six weeks against the fury of the Boers and the 2nd Battalion marched in with the relieving force to welcome their beleaguered county comrades with hearty shouts of recognition and gifts of food and tobacco, the latter a welcome change from the plug sold to the defenders during the siege. Samples of the plug, pipes (including six presented by Queen Alexandra), bullets, water bottles and other souvenirs can be seen in the museum which also boasts four of the eight silver side drums presented to the two battalions by the people of Devon to honour the valour of their regiment.

There is an interesting set of 11 Peninsular War miniatures depicting famous battles in the campaign including Salamanca where the 11th of Foot, later to become The Devonshire Regiment, earned the nickname of "The Bloody Eleventh." Another item from this period is a rare gold Peninsular medal presented to Colonel Sir Rufane Donkin by George IV.

The regiment's three Victoria Crosses are on display and nearby is the Croix de Guerre presented to the Devons by the French Government for "conspicuous bravery displayed by all ranks at Bois des Buttes, 27th May 1918." At this key point north of Rheims the 2nd Battalion fought to the last to hold a vital sector at a cost of 551 officers and other ranks out of an original strength of 580, thereby effectively delaying the German onslaught towards the Channel coast. In lighter vein is the oval wooden tub which served as bath and packing case for a Devons officer in World War One.

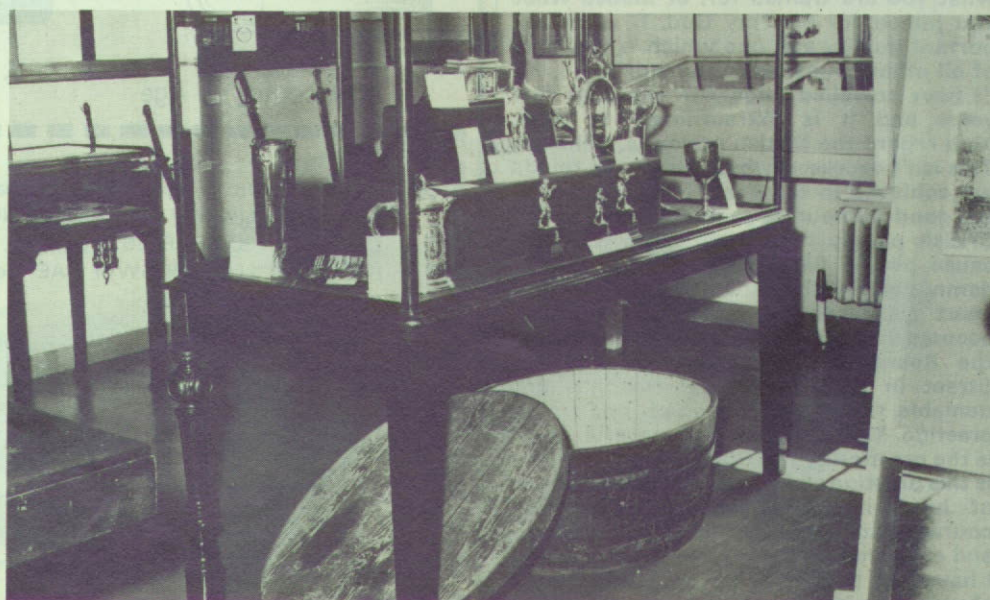
A good collection of uniforms includes the No 1 dress of Lance-Corporal Thomas Hooper with its ten long service and good conduct stripes. When he retired in 1964, Corporal Hooper had 47 years' service to his credit and was the longest-serving soldier in the British Army.

Although small, this museum has much to offer. Maximum use, without crowding, has been made of the available space, but the pity is that many regimental treasures must remain in store for want of larger premises.

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The Army's new light reconnaissance vehicle has

"Go-anywhere" Scorpion

Story by Mike Starke
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Scorpion speeds across rough terrain with the ease of a rally-cross car.



A crew moves to a new tactical position on the first major Scorpion exercise.

"**W**HEREVER you can walk, Scorpion can go," says Lance-Corporal George Platt of his new "car." For the five-pound per square inch ground pressure exerted by the rubber-padded tracks of the Army's latest light reconnaissance vehicle is no more than that of a man's feet.

Of course it is not just lightness that makes the aluminium-alloy armoured Scorpion a "go-anywhere" vehicle. Its size, manoeuvrability and power unit make it as nippy as a large car (crews call their Scorpions cars, such is the similarity to them) but several times sturdier.

Scorpions have replaced the Saladins of the 17th/21st Lancers and 14th/20th King's Hussars and both regiments put their new vehicles through their paces in Germany in the first major exercise using Scorpion.

The three-man crew comprises commander, driver and gunner. The driver's foot operates the seven-speed gearbox which works in forward or reverse. The engine he controls is a military form of the Jaguar 4.2-litre unit which powers the saloon car. Scorpion can accelerate from start to 30 miles an hour in 16 seconds and reach a top speed well

been put through its paces in Germany . . .



WRAC Private Ingrid Fahr drops the chequered flag on the Nurburgring circuit.

in excess of the 50 miles an hour modestly claimed by Alvis, the manufacturers. Literally and metaphorically "Scorpion leaves Saladin standing," as Lieutenant John Walker, of the 17th/21st Lancers, declared.

Crews remark on the speed produced and the ease of servicing as the major advantages of the Jaguar engine. It is also relatively quiet—this is helped by the padded tracks which each have an active life of 3000 miles and can be changed in an hour.

Germans living in exercise areas are constantly concerned about the damage that can be done by military vehicles and a "Damage control" organisation is part of every Rhine Army exercise. Scorpion answers the prayers of damage control and civilians alike. Its size, weight and rubber-padded track mean a considerable reduction in potential damage.

So confident was the cavalry that its new "mount" could behave impeccably that a race between two Scorpions—one from each regiment—was run on the hallowed tarmac of the Nurburgring Grand Prix circuit. A close inspection by track officials revealed not a single blemish on the cherished surface.

Scorpion not only "floats like a butterfly,"

it "stings like a bee"—the theme tune of that other professional fighter of renown, Mohammad Ali. The main armament is a lightened version of the 76-millimetre gun used in the Saladin. It fires the same ammunition and 40 shells can be carried in bins inside the vehicle. On the left of the main gun is a co-axially mounted 7.62-millimetre machine-gun which can be used as a ranging gun to give a high probability of a first-round hit.

Scorpion can take to the air (two can be carried for more than 1000 miles by a Hercules aircraft) or to the water (a fitted flotation screen can be hoisted all round the hull). Track propulsion in the water paddles Scorpion along at about four miles an hour, more with propellers fitted.

Manoeuvrability is one of the most-mentioned advantages of Scorpion and it takes to cross-country like a seasoned orienteer. There is a tendency for it to "see-saw" over bumps due to its high speeds coupled with light weight and small size. But experienced drivers can avoid this by skilful use of the controls. While bucketing uphill and down dale, some drivers have found that some of the aluminium trim is vulnerable.



Above: An overgrown ditch presents no problems for a Scorpion getting into a new lookout position (below).





The smoke clears after a salvo is fired from five Scorpions lined up specially for SOLDIER.

But many crews admitted the only fault they could find with Scorpion was a lack of space for men and equipment in the driving and fighting compartments. A new rear turret is to be fitted for extra stowage.

Scorpion's low, wedge-shaped silhouette and lack of noise, plus its armament, make it ideal for passive or aggressive reconnaissance in all theatres of operation. It will operate in temperature as violently opposed as minus 30 degrees Centigrade and plus 50 degrees Centigrade. Further, it can give substantial support to infantry—especially valuable should artillery and tanks be unavailable.

Crews now shaking down with Scorpion are enthusiastic about their new "cars." Teething troubles have cropped up in these early months—the gearbox has already been modified—but the general opinion is that once all the wrinkles are ironed out, Scorpion will be a world-beater.



The purposeful lines of Scorpion's sleek hull show to advantage in this action shot.

Using Scorpion as the basic vehicle and using the same transmission and suspension, the family has been enlarged to include Spartan (armoured personnel carrier), Striker (guided weapons vehicle), Sultan (command vehicle), Samaritan (armoured ambulance), Samson (recovery vehicle) and Scimitar (mounting a 30-millimetre Rarden gun for the anti-armoured personnel carrier role).



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Slainte na gaidheil!



Above: Scottish war pipes took on an eerie tone in the swirling dawn mist.

Below: The same pipes stirred crowds in Bury St Edmunds the night before.



THE skirl of the pipes was muffled by a dawn mist that swirled around the kilts pipers reducing their highland tartans to mere silhouettes bobbing to the rhythm of marching as they followed their commanding officer into "battle" in the Stanford training area.

Less than 12 hours earlier the same pipes and drums—spats and buttons gleaming in the evening sun—had beaten Retreat before an admiring crowd in nearby Bury St Edmunds.

Just one example of the variety which is the pride and power of 1st Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers—a Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve unit directly descended from the 51st (Highland) Division which so distinguished itself in World War Two.

Now, as then, the rivalries of clan, county and even country are set aside under the symbol of a circle enclosing the initials HD. Training Major Phillip Halford-McLeod emphasised the point: "We all come from such different places and all do such different jobs. But we all work so well together as a unit. In a sense, the pipers and drummers symbolise the unity and diversity of the battalion. They all wear the tartans of their parent units. They are the figure-head of the battalion."

Company home-towns form a chain across Scotland from Dumbarton to Stirling, Perth and Dundee then down to Kirkcaldy and Grangemouth. There are also two companies raised south of the border in Liverpool and London.

"I think I've got the biggest 'parish' in all the TAVR," commented the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel I B Robertson, who was a company commander in The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the days of Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell.

All except one of the eight companies were represented at Stanford and nearly 500 men were involved—more than half the total strength of the far-flung battalion. A (Black Watch) Company went to Gibraltar earlier in the year and so was not at camp. Next year the battalion hopes to go to Cyprus where 300 men went last year. "We're getting quite blasé about our air travel," said Major Halford-McLeod.

The Stanford exercise, Autumn Gallop, involved the battalion in an internal security situation facing guerrilla marauders—"Rutherford's Ruffians"—who included a Scorpion troop of The Blues and Royals.

The battle reached its climax in the mist of that dawn to the strains of the pipes and drums. The exercise came at the end of a fortnight's annual camp which brought the volunteers together to train as a battalion.

After the battle smoke and the dawn mist had cleared, the men split up once more to return to civilian life, to their jobs from surgeon to warehouseman . . . to their homes from Brighton to Dundee, but all Highlanders at heart.

Slainte na gaidheil!—Here's to the Highlanders!

Story by Mike Starke
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



Camouflage netting is thrown back to show this mortar crew in action.



A patrol of Highlanders dashes for cover—the enemy has been spotted!



Unwary Scorpion about to have sting removed by an anti-tank gun crew.



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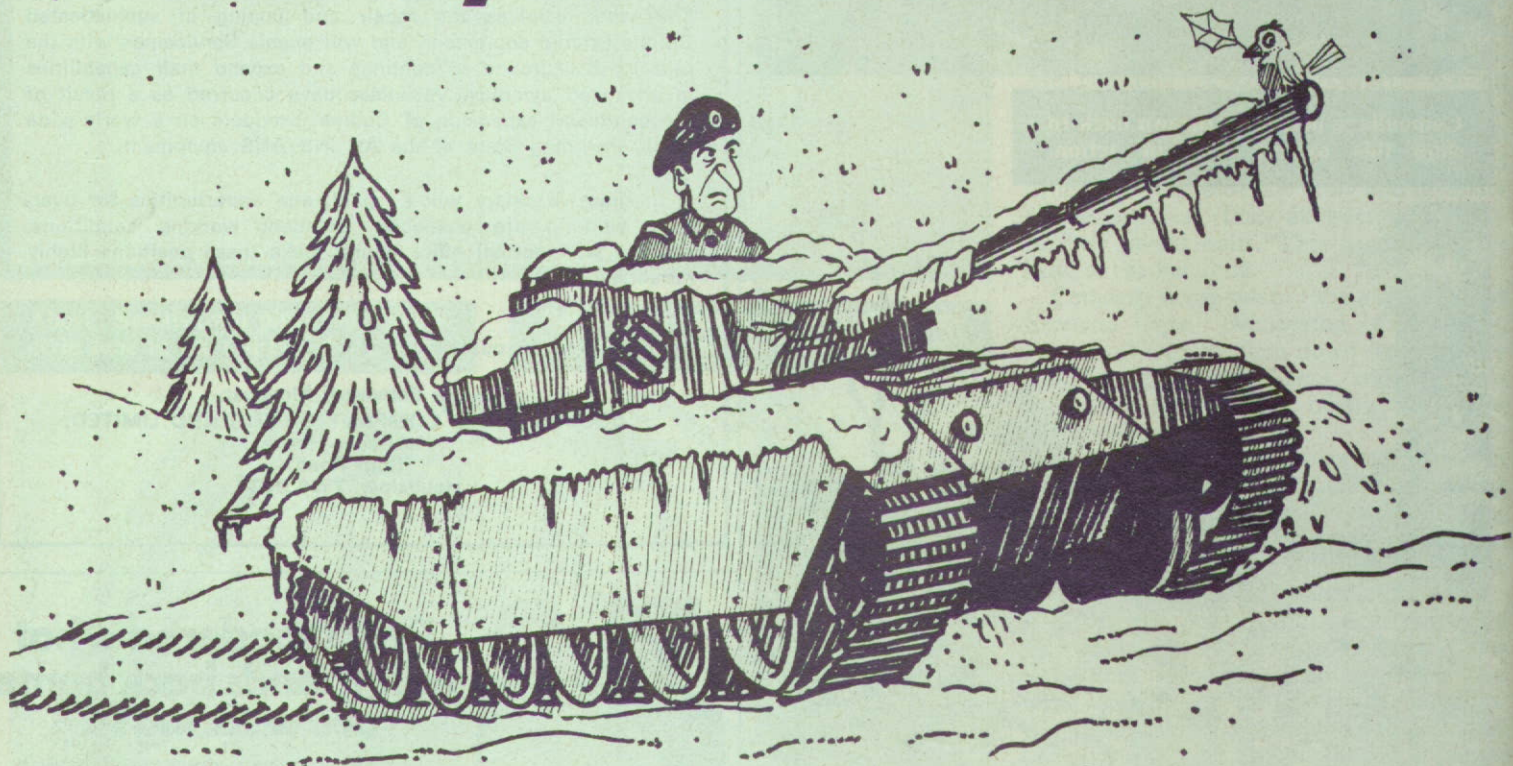
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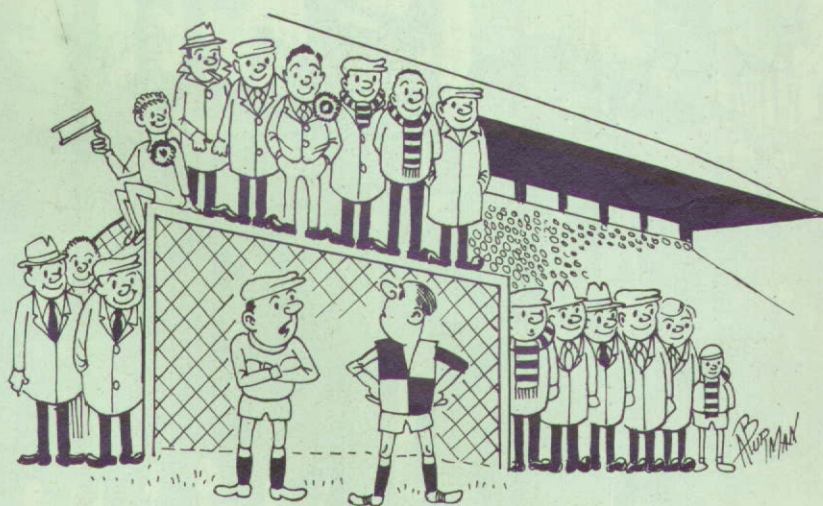
"The pay doesn't compare with Service pay, but there's eleven months holiday a year."



"That's right - you watch out for St Francis!"



"The old colonel certainly enters into the spirit of Christmas."



"Pretty crowded today?"



"H-Halt! Who ghost there?"

Left, right and centre



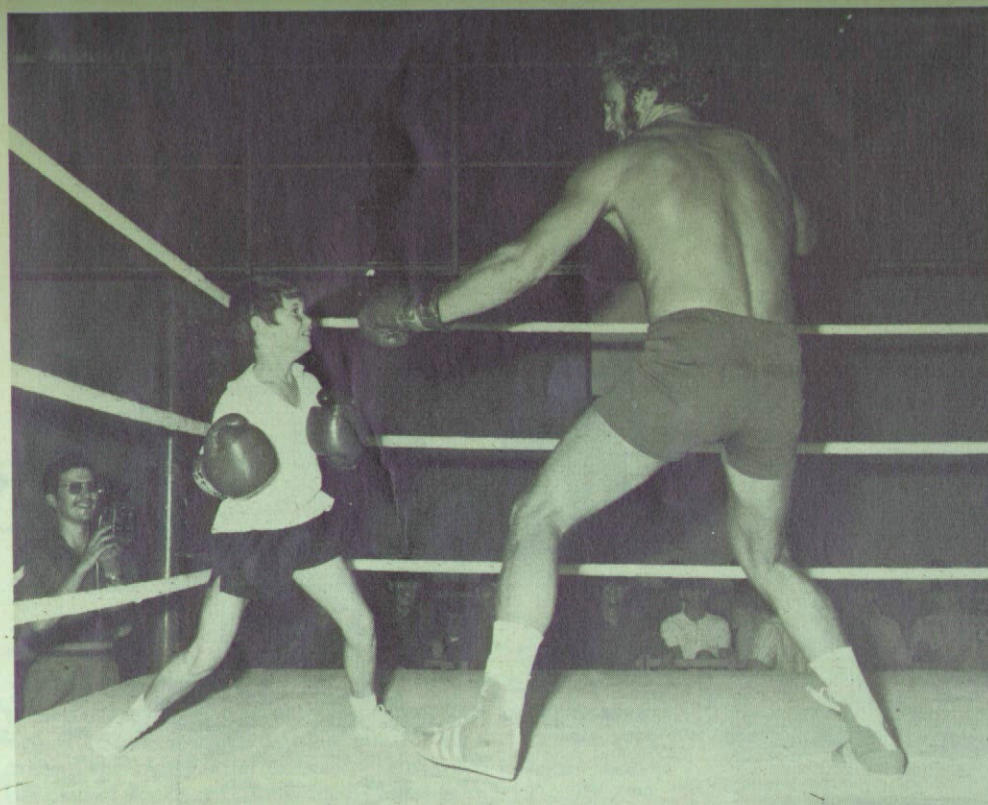
German Army bridging equipment was explained to British, Canadian, United States and Australian Army sappers on the river Danube on one of the regular two-week courses arranged by the German

Army Engineer School, Munich, to familiarise allied engineers with Bundeswehr equipment. The M2 amphibious bridging equipment used by the Royal Engineers is German.



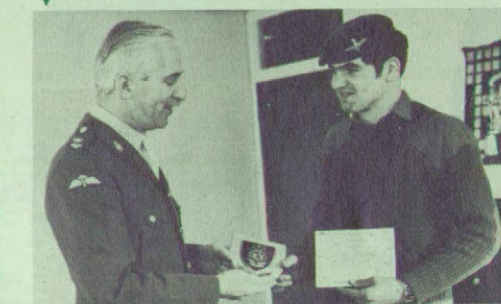
Men of all three Services laid on a military tattoo as part of the British contribution to the Europalia Festival in Brussels. The festival was this year devoted to Britain to mark entry into the European Economic Community. Produced by Major Aubrey Jackman, the tattoo included a performance by the Royal Artillery motorcycle team and men of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, wearing 19th century uniforms in a Battle of Waterloo musical fantasy.

The Duchess of Kent accepted the Freedom of the City of York on behalf of The Yorkshire Volunteers in York. Some 250 members of the regiment formed the ceremonial parade which marched through the city. The Duchess, formerly of nearby Hovingham Hall, became Honorary Colonel of the 1st Battalion in 1968. The 2nd and 3rd battalions were formed in 1971. The Yorkshire Volunteers were formed when units of the Territorial infantry in Yorkshire bearing the titles of the parent Regular regiments (Prince of Wales's Own, Green Howards, Duke of Wellington's Regiment and York and Lancaster Regiment) were brought together under their new title in the reorganisation of the Reserve Army in 1967.



Joe Bugner, Britain's European heavyweight boxing king, went to Cyprus to take part in the 25th anniversary of the British Forces Broadcasting Service on the island. In the picture genial Joe takes on a worthy successor to Joe Frazier and Ali—ten-year-old Phillip, son of Sergeant G McCann. Joe lasted one round!

A special certificate and plaque were presented to the 5000th student to complete the clerks' all arms B3 course at the Training Battalion, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Deepcut, since it was converted to the programmed learning system in 1969. The commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel D R Jolley, presented the mementoes to Private D J Childs, of 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.



Television and stage star Leslie Crowther took time out to entertain an audience of far younger members of the public than were watching his cabaret show at a Hong Kong hotel. For Leslie is well known to millions of children through the "Crackerjack" programme on BBC 1. By special request, the star spent some time with his young fans at the British Forces' St George's School in Hong Kong.

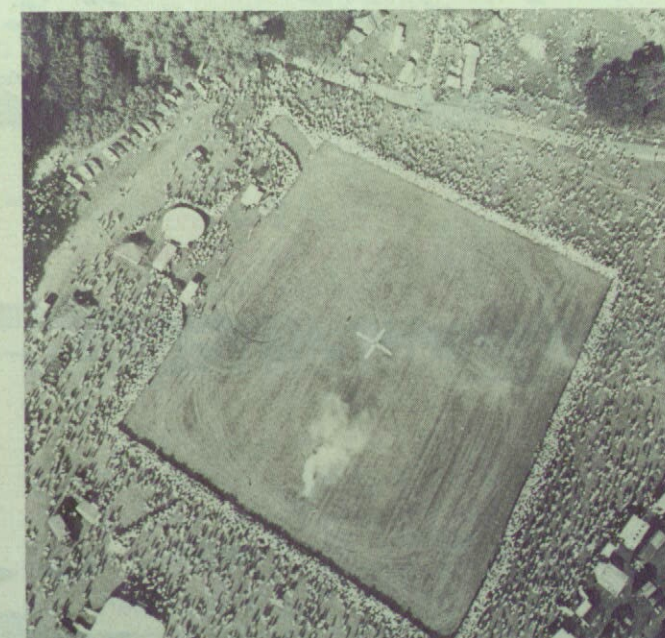


A Victoria Cross won by a sergeant-major in France during World War One was presented to the Royal Artillery at a ceremony in York. Awarded to Sergeant-Major John Crawshaw Raynes, Royal Horse and Field Artillery, it was handed

over by his daughter-in-law, Mrs Margaret Raynes, to Major-General Geoffrey Collin, GOC North East District. Sergeant-Major Raynes won his VC at Bethune when his battery was under heavy bombardment from armour-piercing and gas shells. When "cease fire" was ordered he went 40 yards to assist a wounded comrade. Later, when "cease fire" was ordered again, he and two other gunners carried the soldier into a dugout which was hit by a gas shell. The other two men were killed shortly afterwards. On the following day eight soldiers were trapped in a house hit by a shell. Mr Raynes, wounded in the head and leg, was the first to be rescued but he insisted on remaining, under heavy fire, to assist the rescue. After his wounds were dressed he returned immediately to his battery. He was discharged in 1918 and died in 1929. His medal will be displayed in the Medal Room at Woolwich.



With two of the battalions of 28th ANZUK Brigade, Singapore, getting ready to go home, a brigade parade was held at Sembawang ANZUK base. The units about to depart were 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, and 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. Picture shows the Highlanders marching past.



Have you ever wondered what it looks like to freefall into an arena surrounded by thousands of spectators? This shot was taken by Lance-Corporal Steve Slater, of the Red Devils, as he dropped in freefall at Blackburn Army Tattoo. The 35mm camera was clipped to his helmet.

Lashed by salt spray and biting winds, a DUKW ploughs its way across the sands. In the distance a lonely line of searching figures is silhouetted . . . beachcombers, whose quarry is a vast accumulation of explosives, many still in a dangerous state

Where Danger Lurks Beneath the Sands

Story by John Walton
Pictures by Arthur Blundell



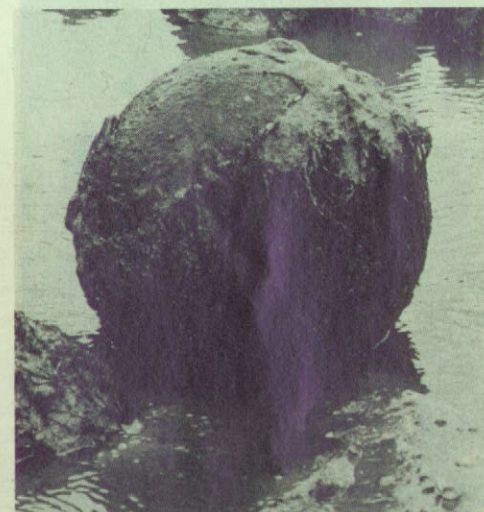
Above: Two ammunition experts, one of them a civilian and the other RAF, prepare for blowing up a shell found in the sands. Top: A line of mechanical diggers sends the spray flying as they move across the sands. But much of the work has to be manual.

IN a few years' time, if all goes according to plan, giant jets will be landing there. But today at Maplin Sands there is only the sea at high tide, sand at low tide and, hidden from view, upwards of a quarter of a million shells and other missiles, perhaps ten per cent of which are still in deadly condition.

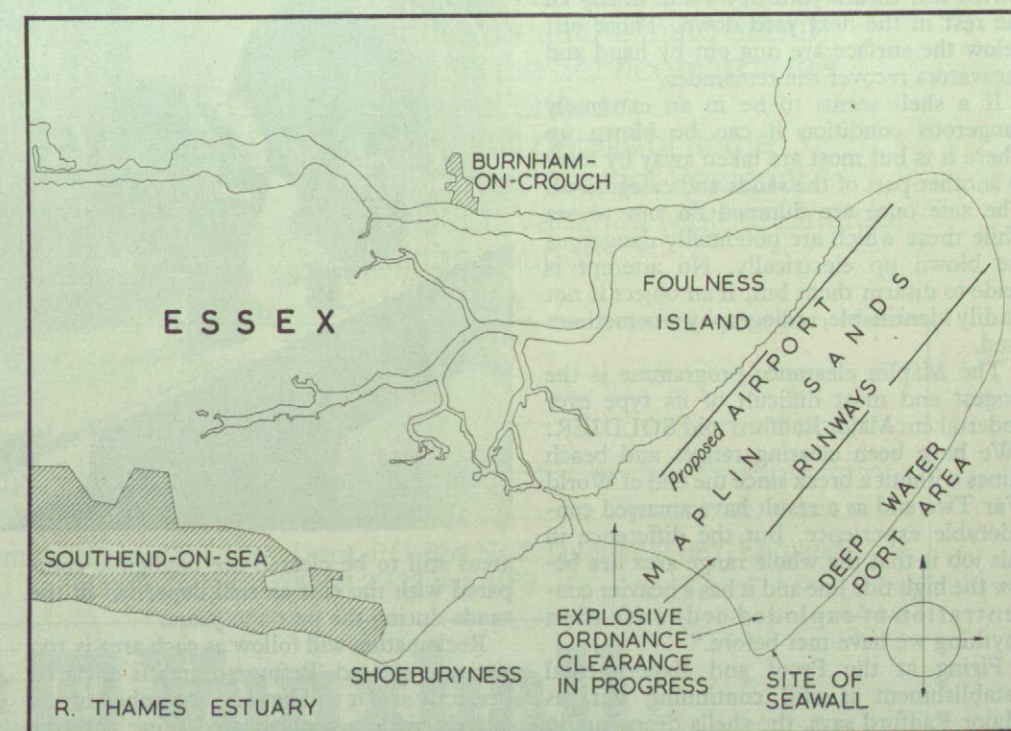
Just over a year ago, when these sandbanks off the Essex coast were first earmarked as the site of London's third airport, a small party of sapper bomb disposal experts began the mammoth ten-year task of clearing this explosives graveyard.

Civilians were taken on for the work of detecting the shells—car workers seeking the open-air, ex-servicemen, young and old—all of them prepared to work odd hours according to the tides and with only one week-end off each fortnight. Working hours vary from day to day. Sometimes it is mornings, sometimes afternoons and evenings and sometimes a split shift. Winter poses additional problems with short daylight hours—on several days last winter only about an hour's work was possible.

What does not deter the gangs is the weather. Even on a sunny day there is a cold



Thick encrustation on 13-inch cannonballs just unearthed. Inside they may be mint.



Right: Map shows vastness of proposed airport site near busy Southend-on-Sea.

Where Danger Lurks Beneath the Sands

continued

wind on the exposed sands. When SOLDIER travelled out by DUKW, salt spray lashed down accompanied by a biting wind, but the shell detection continued unabated.

The sands off Shoeburyness have been used for shell-testing since the early 19th century when Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Shrapnel first tested his exploding shells. In 1840 the old ranges at Shoeburyness were bought and regular firing began.

Genuine pieces of shrapnel have been found already among many other experimental items tested over the years, including shells from many different countries and of all shapes and sizes. Lots of cannon balls, early models from famous names like Armstrong and Whitworth, muzzle rounds, the Belgian Van Deuren Bombe of World War One vintage and even World War Two German 88-millimetre anti-tank rounds which were obviously taken to Shoeburyness for experiments after being captured in the Western Desert.

Major Iain Radford, commanding 71 Explosives Ordnance Disposal Squadron, Royal Engineers, the unit carrying out the massive clearing operations, has also accumulated unidentified items. Some may have been dropped from Zeppelins. Early rockets discovered include Congreve's and Hale's. All are encrusted with barnacles but when the encrustment is cracked open they often emerge new and shiny.

It is estimated that at least a quarter of a million shells lie beneath the sands. With seven gangs of 12 to 20 men operating, each with a non-commissioned officer in charge, about 150 explosives are detected on each shift. Because the intention in an experimental range is to recover the missiles where possible, something like 90 per cent are found buried less than a yard down and nearly all the rest in the next yard down. Those just below the surface are dug out by hand and excavators recover the remainder.

If a shell seems to be in an extremely dangerous condition it can be blown up where it is but most are taken away by lorry to another part of the sands and categorised. The safe ones are dumped far out to sea while those which are potentially dangerous are blown up electrically. No attempt is made to disarm them but, if an object is not readily identifiable, radiography is sometimes used.

The Maplin clearance programme is the longest and most difficult of its type ever undertaken. Major Radford told SOLDIER: "We have been clearing ranges and beach mines without a break since the end of World War Two and as a result have amassed considerable experience. But the difference in this job is that the whole range area lies below the high tide line and it has a heavier concentration of exploded ordnance than anything we have met before."

Firing at the Proof and Experimental Establishment is still continuing but, as Major Radford says, the shells dropping in

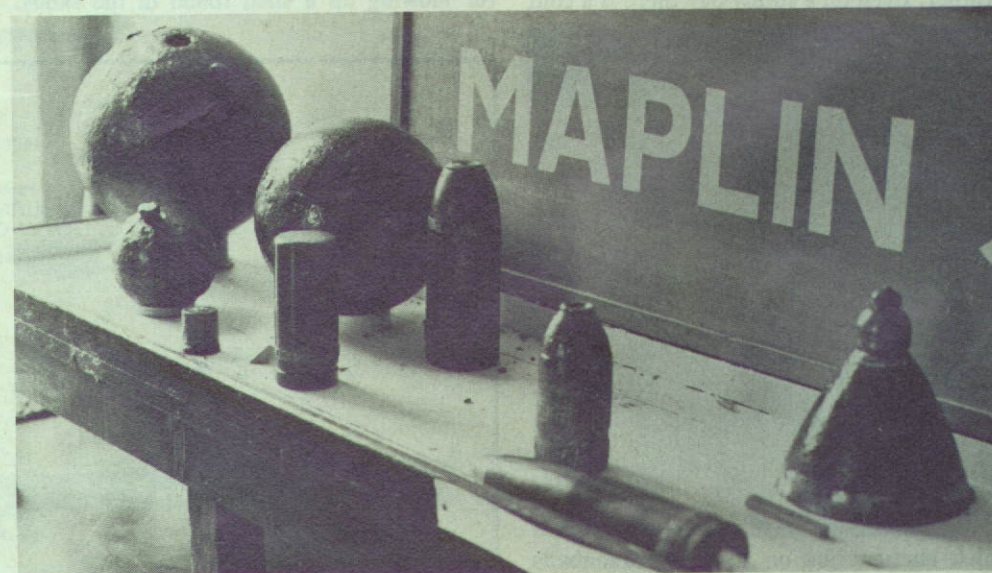


Mechanical digger is used to unearth any explosives which are buried a bit deeper.

Right: Civilian worker sweeps the sands with sophisticated mine detector which can reveal shells to a depth of 17 feet.



Below: All shapes and sizes. Just some of the hundreds of different relics which have already been brought up to the surface.

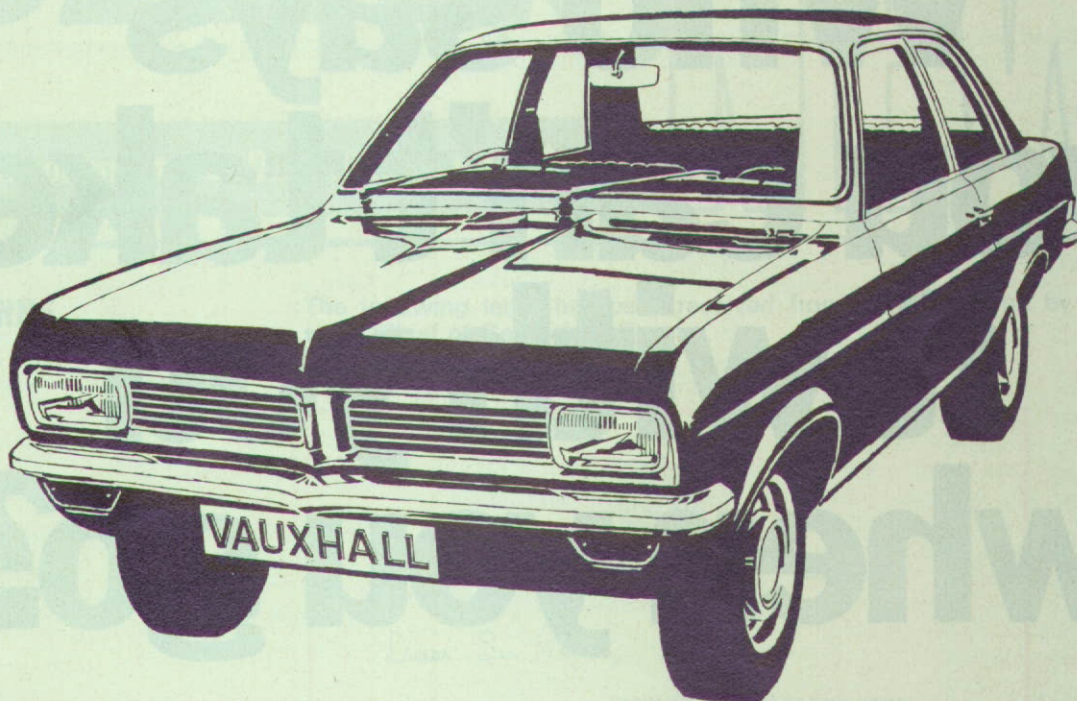


areas still to be cleared are negligible compared with the vast arsenal deposited in the sands during the past 130 years.

Reclamation will follow as each area is 100 per cent cleared. Before an area is declared perfectly safe it will have been combed twice, latterly with a sophisticated mine detector

which can detect material to a depth well below that necessary for safety.

In ten years' time Maplin Sands will be completely free of shells. Exactly what development comes after that is for the Government to decide. The job of Major Radford and his men is to make it possible.



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PRINCESS ANNE THANKS THE ARMY

The following letter has been received from Princess Anne by General Sir Peter Hunt, Chief of General Staff:



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Dear Sir Peter,

I would like to express my warm thanks and appreciation to All Ranks of the Regular Army and the Reserve Forces for the truly magnificent Wedding Present of a beautiful Queen Anne Walnut Tallboy with which I have been presented.

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With renewed thanks to All Ranks for giving me such a beautiful Wedding Present.

Yours sincerely,

Anne

NEW SERVICE EXTENSION SCHEME

Male soldiers wishing to stay in the Service at the end of their 22-year engagements may qualify for the new Sales and Training Manpower Scheme (STMS). This offers the opportunity for suitable candidates to stay in the Army for up to five years more with the possibility of a second period of extension to follow. This could give a career to about the age of 50. The posts covered by the scheme are those primarily of benefit to other governments and so outside normal defence requirements. They include jobs, for example, in support of arms sales overseas, in demonstration teams, training, repair and maintenance. There are some posts in United Kingdom training establishments for the instruction of overseas military students and some for the clearance of explosives from Maplin sands. Soldiers granted continuance under the scheme would release younger soldiers.

Eligibility is similar to that for a longer career on an extended career regimentally (ECR) or on the long-service list (LSL). Rank and pay are dependent on the post in which a soldier can be employed but are no less favourable than for other forms of continuance. Further details are in DCI (Army) T143 of 1973. (DMA)

IN PARLIAMENT

- Mr Gilmour told Mr Robert Edwards (Labour and Co-operative, Bilston) that over 200,000 of the total strength of the Armed Forces now have their pay directly credited to a bank account. He added: "This represents nearly 60 per cent of the total strength."
- A total of 11 awards for gallantry or meritorious service has been made to members of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Five other awards have been made to members of the Regular Army while attached to the regiment. Mr Peter Blaker, Under-Secretary of State for the Army, listed them in answer to a question from Mr John Biggs-Davison (Conservative, Chigwell). Five members of the regiment have been

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mentioned in despatches, four have received the MBE for meritorious service, one has received an MBE for gallantry and one an OBE for meritorious service. Of the Regular Army personnel serving with the regiment, one has received the CBE, two the OBE for meritorious service and two the MBE for meritorious service.

● All ranks in the Services have 43.4p a day spent on each one of them on food at wholesale prices. This figure does not include the cost of preparation and overheads. Mr Blaker gave this information in reply to Mr William Price (Labour, Rugby).



"Dear Private Jones, I am sorry to hear your sergeant called you a two-toed sloth. It may interest you to know that one of my constituents has just called me a yellow-bellied titmouse."

● Members of Parliament have expressed concern over the effect on servicemen's wage packets as a result of recent currency crises in which the "floating" pound has lost value compared with some European currencies. In answer to a question on the subject from Mr Edwin Wainwright (Labour, Dearne Valley), the Minister of State for Defence, Mr Ian Gilmour, replied: "I assume that Mr Wainwright is referring to the introduction from 1st May of lower fixed exchange rates for the Forces to replace those which had been in force before the pound was floated. Rates of local overseas allowance were increased from the same date in compensation."

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PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Prize money of £300 is at stake for entrants in the annual Bertrand Stewart prize essay contest this year. A legacy by the late Captain Bertrand Stewart provides a first prize of £150, a second of £100 and a third of £50 for the best essays on a military subject selected by the Army Board of the Defence Council. The contest is open to past and present members of the armed forces of any Commonwealth country. Closing date for the competition is 21 June 1974. Details of subjects and conditions of entry are set out in Defence Council Instruction T142.

SERVICES AIR TRAVEL

Flying is today the accepted form of travel for the majority of Service or civilian passengers. With a large package-tour trade and millions of miles flown by international airlines every year, few people have never flown. But there is a first time for everyone and it is natural for the new passenger to worry. The mind dwells on reports of air crashes which, in fact, represent a tiny fraction of the number of aircraft flying daily throughout the world. Friends may have spoken of "technical delays," meaning long, hot and uncomfortable waiting about at airports. These delays are the hazard of air travel. It is because a flight is delayed to correct something technical that a journey is made safe.

In the United Kingdom, the Ministry of Defence and Department of Trade and Industry have strict regulations covering the operation of passenger aircraft. The unusually high standards of operating insisted on by the Royal Air Force make flying in RAF aircraft the safest in the world.

Servicemen and their families come to realise that air travel is little different from a coach trip. They are well looked after by cabin staff and should they need any advice, particularly about baby care and the preparation of baby food, they have only to ask. It must be remembered that baby food is not available on board an aircraft and parents must carry their own cans or jars of it unless the child is old enough to eat adult food. A new edition of the booklet to help Service passengers travelling by air has been published. It covers many topics about flying—particularly for families. The booklet is called "Joint Service Air Travel Guide." (D Mov A)

NEW EQUIPMENT NEWS

The title of the Directorate of Clothing Procurement has been changed to the Directorate of Clothing and Textiles—DCT for short. The director has three staff branches in Whitehall and three outstations. Clothing and Textiles 1 handles development and scaling, Clothing and Textiles 2 deals with provision policy and Clothing and Textiles 3 is for finance. The three outstations are SCRDE Colchester (the design and development establishment), QAD (SC) Didcot, which is responsible for quality assurance, and Contracts Branch, Leeds, which places contracts with civilian firms.

Combat dress

All Regular soldiers in temperate zones have now been issued with camouflaged combat dress. Issues have also been made to some Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve units. The rest of the TAVR will be equipped in the next few months. Troop trials of the tropical version have been completed. The majority of unit recommendations for minor changes in design will be adopted. The size range will cover requirements for Gurkhas. Material for the first production has been ordered and the new tropical combat dress should enter service in mid-1975.

Heavy wool jersey

Various treatments of the wool are being investigated to improve this garment's resistance to snagging and shrinkage. And because of the rising cost of wool, alternative



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get that hemline shortened!"*

fibres and blends with other fibres are being examined. Wool for repairing the jersey is available in quartermasters' stores.

Motorcyclist helmet

The old-style helmet which has seen many years of service was outlawed in the United Kingdom this year by new legal requirements. A new helmet similar to a commercial pattern has been issued to replace the old tin "skidlid." Although the legislation applies only to the UK, all units worldwide are to be issued with the new helmet as soon as they can be produced.

New tentage

Many units will by now have received examples of the new range of tents and shelters. These are made from a new material, have a light alloy framework and are much lighter than the canvas-and-wood range that has served the Army for so long. Financial restrictions have meant that the new range is being purchased over a long period; priority of issues is laid down by the Ministry of Defence. Since the programme gives priority to operational field units, the familiar MUGS (marquee universal GS) will remain a feature of unit sports days and regimental functions for some time to come.

(DCT)

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

A total of £788,000 has been disbursed by the Army Benevolent Fund and corps and regimental associations working in partnership, an increase of £54,000 on the previous twelve months. The total provided by the Army Benevolent Fund on its own came to £404,000, an increase of £37,000. By far the biggest income came from donations and fund-raising—a total of £368,900. Donations from the public totalled £96,854.

The fund aims to raise the whole level of benevolent work throughout the Army by giving financial support to corps and regimental associations to help them provide

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adequate relief in cases which would otherwise be beyond their resources, and to increase the Army's scale of support to those national charities which provide for the needs of the soldier, the ex-soldier and their dependants. The overall aim is to give adequate relief in the many cases where state assistance is not applicable or not enough. (ABF)

The Services were particularly generous in support of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association, says the organisation's annual report. This was put down to "serving men and their families seeing SSAFA's health visitors and social workers constantly in action in their midst, and units in Germany know all about service in Northern Ireland and what it means to the men and their families."

Nearly a quarter of the year's flag day total was raised overseas. A spontaneous collection of more than £500 was sent to SSAFA from the 20th Armoured Brigade and Detmold Garrison in Germany because "it is realised by all ranks that SSAFA support to the Army and to this brigade and garrison is under greater strain than ever before due to the heavy commitment in Northern Ireland."

The Army received the lion's share of the 14,264 grants the association made in the year with 10,125 grants making up £209,903. The total cash paid out to Service and ex-Service families came to £325,531. (SSAFA)

FREE FILMS

With effect from September this year, no charge is being made to units in Northern Ireland for entertainment films supplied by the Services Kinema Corporation.

The corporation has announced that it will bear the cost "in recognition of the difficult circumstances in which the Services operate in Northern Ireland and as a token of appreciation for the tremendous world-wide support given by the forces to the corporation's cinema services and television hire service." (AKC)

HONORARY GENERAL

The Queen appointed His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal an honorary general with effect from August 28 this year. The King's late father, His Majesty Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah, Maharajadhiraja of Nepal, was appointed honorary general in 1955 and promoted field-marshal in 1960. He died in 1972 aged 51.

NEW CHAPLAIN FOR THE QUEEN

The Reverend W G A Wright, of the Church of Scotland, who is senior chaplain to the Army in Scotland, has been appointed Queen's Honorary Chaplain. Born in India in 1916, he joined the Army in 1943 and served with Fourteenth Army in Burma and immediately afterwards in the Dutch East Indies. He was on active service again with The Essex Regiment in Korea, The Black Watch in Kenya, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Cyprus and The Gordon Highlanders in Borneo.

More peaceful postings have included Germany, Salisbury Plain, Scotland, Swaziland, and the Persian Gulf. In 1950 Padre Wright left the Army to become a Church of Scotland Minister in Liverpool and was chaplain to the Liverpool Scottish. Three years later he was back with the Colours. He is one of the few chaplains who have held five types of Army commission—war emergency, short service, Territorial, extended service and Regular. (PR)

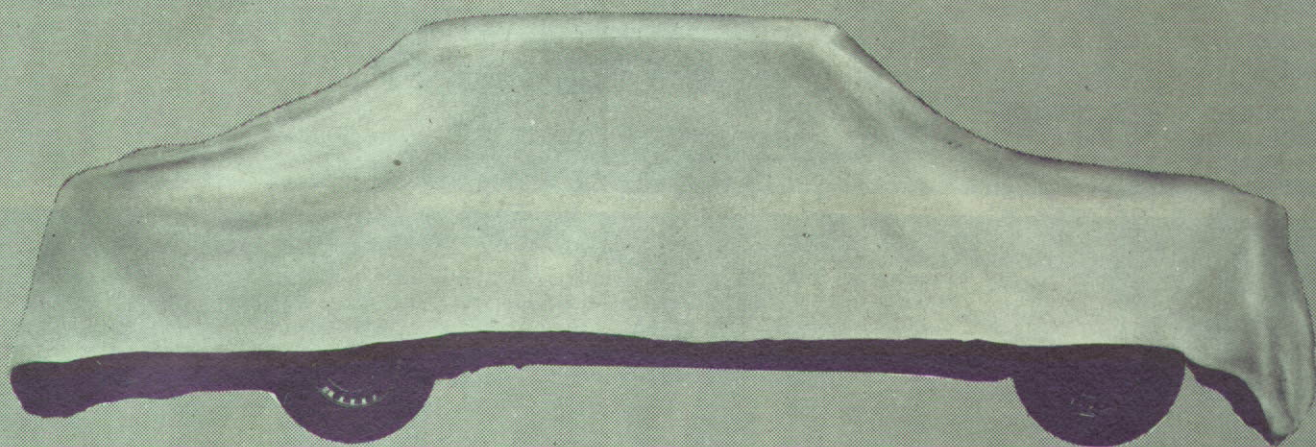
APPOINTMENTS

Lieutenant-General Sir Roland Gibbs relinquishes his post as General Officer Commanding 1st (British) Corps in Germany to become Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Land Forces, in the rank of general next April in succession to General Sir Basil Eugster. The new GOC of 1st (British) Corps in January will be Major-General J W Harman, who will be promoted to lieutenant-general. He is at present commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, where his successor will be Major-General R C Ford, lately commanding land forces in Northern Ireland.

Brigadier J W Stanier, Director of Army Public Relations, is now GOC of 1st Division in Germany as a major-general in succession to Major-General E N W Bramall who takes over this month as Commander, British Forces, Hong Kong, in the rank of lieutenant-general. The new Director of Army Public Relations is Brigadier W T Macfarlane who was Commander Royal Signals, 1st (British) Corps. Leaving the Hong Kong post is Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Ward who next month becomes Chief of Personnel and Logistics at the Ministry of Defence, as a general.

Brigadier N H Speller, Director of Systems Co-ordination, is now Director of Ordnance Services as a major-general. He succeeds Major-General L T H Phelps. Brigadier Oliver Toome, recently Director of Army Recruiting, is now Chief of the Joint Services Liaison Organisation in Bonn as a major-general in succession to Major-General S M O'H Abraham who is to retire. (DPR)

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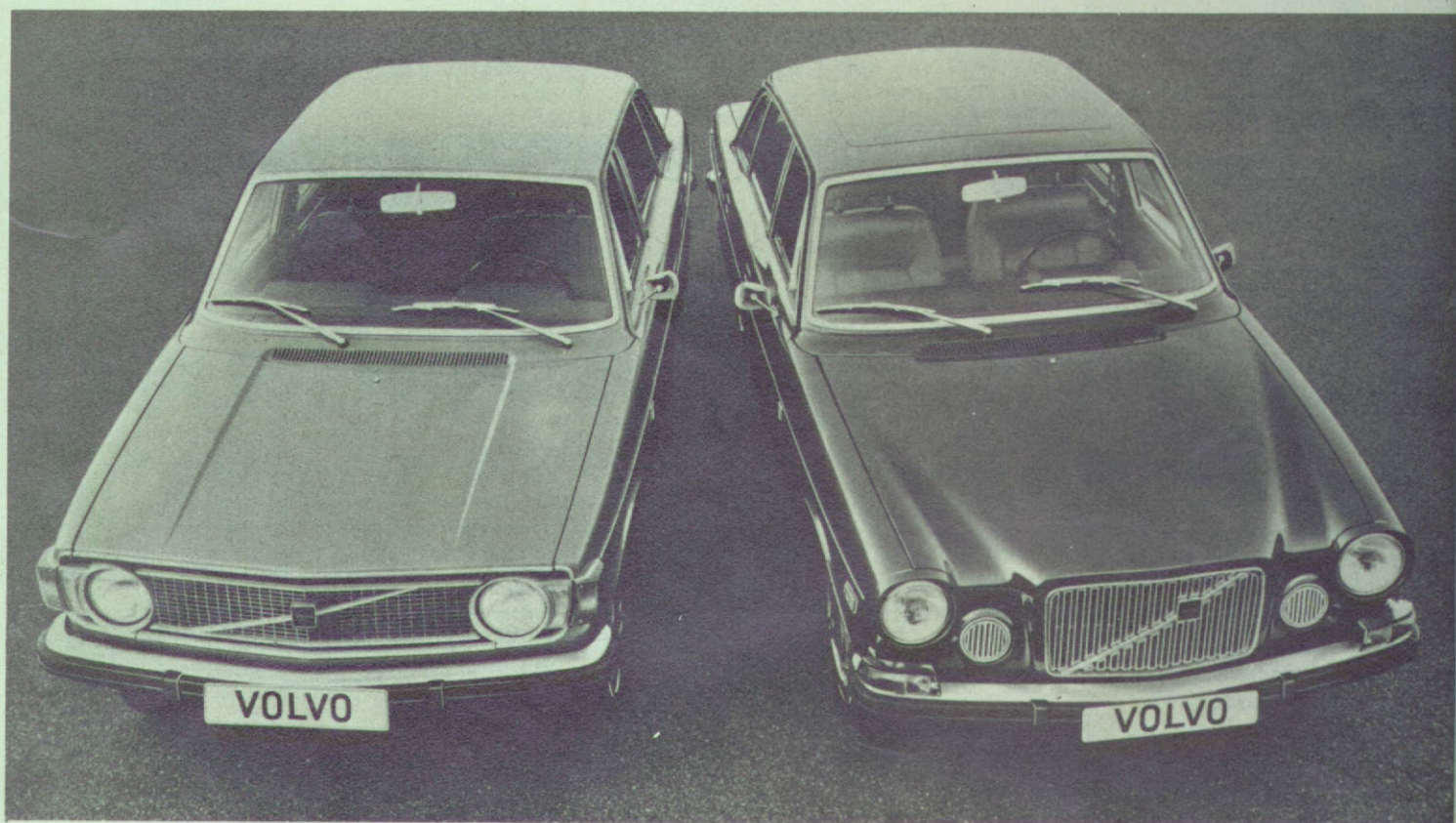
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On Record

"Sousa Marches" played by Men o' Brass (the combined bands of Fairey, Foden's, City of Coventry) (Conducted by Harry Mortimer) (Columbia Studio 2 Stereo Two 385).

My old friend HM achieves wonders with his Men o' Brass in a series of Sousa pops and not-so-pops. With, as far as I know, not a single day's military service to his name, he gets a perfect tempo and infectious lilt that should be the envy (and the shame) of all we so-called professionals. Not only does he set an inevitable tempo but *maintains it* and because of all this I found that some of Sousa's lesser efforts are far better than I have ever given them credit for. Much credit too must go to the players who, if they ever marched at all, were in the army that is more care-full of souls than soles of the feet.

I recommend this as one of the finest LPs of marches ever produced. For sheer perfection of pace, dynamics, and (in terms of army character reports) application, aptitude and zest, I can't remember a better. If only I could have written a march half as good as the worst of this lot and knowing it would receive such a performance as here: "Semper Sousa," "The Picadore," "The Corcoran Cadets," "The Directorate," "Fairest of the Fair," "Beau Ideal," "King Cotton," "The Freelance," "National Fencibles," "Our Flirtations," "The Occidental," "El Capitan."

RB

"Regimental Marches of the British Army" (Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards) (Director of Music, Major Trevor L Sharpe) (Polydor Circle of Sound 2383 207 Super)

I hope all readers who write to me for sources of regimental marches make a note of this one, another LP at last of much asked-for marches of past and present regiments. Unfortunately

I detect nothing to suggest other discs are to follow. I hope I'm wrong. I can promise Polydor that I still receive royalties on a record of regimental marches made as far back as 1955; it is still selling abroad, especially in the USA. It is time someone took a minimal risk and recorded the lot; sales would be regular and long-lasting.

So here, meticulously prepared and performed, are the marches of: The Life Guards, The Blues and Royals, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, 3rd Carabiniers, The Queen's Own Hussars, 9th/12th Lancers, 14th/20th King's Hussars, 17th/21st Lancers, Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery, Royal Signals, Grenadier Guards, Scots Guards, Irish Guards, Welsh Guards, Coldstream Guards, The Royal Scots, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, The Queen's Regiment, The Royal Anglian Regiment, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, The Green Howards, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, The Gloucestershire Regiment, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, The Sherwood Foresters, The Light Infantry, The Royal Green Jackets and The Parachute Regiment.

RB

"Wellington's Victory or The Battle of Vitoria, OP 91; Music for the Ritterballet, Woor; Jena Symphony" (Westphalian Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hubert Reichert) (Decca Turnabout TV 34409S)

Although an orchestral record, "Wellington's Victory" has a rightful place in these columns if only for its trumpet fanfares, drums, and marching bands. A pity it can't have Kneller Hall's fireworks.

Programme music rarely produces the best of a composer and Beethoven is no exception,

but the innocent, almost ingenuous devices he uses for battle noises grow on you rather than irritate. Herr Reichert takes the work at a much more leisurely pace than Karajan, a decision I applaud for obviously Karajan thinks little of it and gets it over with as quickly as possible as did Yehudi Menuhin when he took the massed Guards bands through it at breakneck speed at a Windsor festival. Talk about red-hot clarinets!

For those interested here is a brief summary of the action. The English trumpeter sounds an alarm and the English army advances to "Rule Britannia." Repeat process for the French who advance to "Malbrouck s'en va-t-en guerre." Both trumpeters sound the attack and the battle is on. The French get a hiding, their tune being torn to musical shreds and ending fragmented in minor key, rattle, trumpets and drums adding to the din throughout. Part 2 comprises a "Victory Symphony" and includes two very Beethovenish settings of our National Anthem in minuet form. The fugue which ends the whole thing is great fun.

The fillers are "Musik zu einem Ritterballett" and the "Jena Symphony," the latter almost certainly not by Beethoven. RB

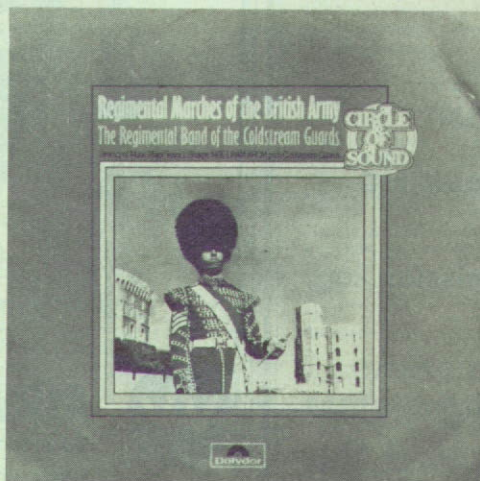


"Bagpipes, Brass and Accordion" (Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band) (with accompaniment by the Scottish Brass Ensemble, conducted by G MacIlwham, and accordion (Stewart Bell) (Decca GBS 1009)

Another of the great pipe bands has succumbed to the temptation of "commercial music" in this record of varied melodies, but has resisted music not originally composed for the bagpipe. My only criticism of the "mixture" is that I find the brass accompaniment rather overpowering.

The record begins with the ensemble playing some old favourite 4/4 and 2/4 marches—"Scotland the Brave," "Hielan' Laddie," "The Earl of Mansfield" and "The Barren Rocks of Aden." Next comes a selection of three rollicking 6/8 marches, the "10th HLI," "Mrs Lily Christie" and the old favourite "Dovecot Park." The group shows clearly the great art of tuning bagpipes in unison, an art in which Shotts and Dykehead have shown the way since the late 1940s. Side one ends with a mixture of tunes, typical of what is now known in pipe band circles as a "Musical selection."

Side two opens with a varied selection of very melodic tunes including the evergreen Retreat march "Far o'er Struy," beginning in slow time for a change, and perhaps the most favourite air on the bagpipe, "The Green Hills of Tyrol." Next is a group of really traditional music—"Hearken my Love," "The Herding Song," "My Lodging's on the Cold Cold Ground" and "Westering Home." These too are accompanied but most tastefully



and with a satisfying blend of tones. The next group is of allegedly traditional music arranged by McAllister and Duthart. But "King George V's Army," here incorrectly titled "Kitchener's Army," was composed by the late Pipe-Major G S MacLennan, "The Balkan Hills" by Corporal Gillon, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and "The Rhodesian Regiment" by the late Peter MacLeod. As for arrangements, I do not detect even one gracenote having been changed from the original scores. Let us have credit where it is due—the beatings may be Duthart's but the tunes are not arranged.

In all a well-produced and very "listenable" record of many good tunes. At 99p it is certainly a bargain buy. **JM**

Also on this LP: Side one—Waltzes "Loch Broom Bay," "My Home;" 4/4 march, strathspeys, reels, hornpipes and jigs "Peter McKenzie Warren," "Sporting Jamie," "The Smith's a Gallant Fireman," "Lord James Murray," "The Linen Cap," "Jimmy Tweedie's Sealegs," "Walking the Floor." Side two—3/4 retreats (accompanied by accordion) "Torosay Castle," "Lord Byron;" 2/4 march, strathspey and reel "Miss Elspeth Campbell," "The Shepherd's Crook," "The Smith of Chillechassie."

"The Amazing Sound of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards" (The Pipes and Drums and Military Band of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) (RCA Victor SF 8310) The really amazing thing about this LP is that, since we all look at a strip cartoon from left to right or top to bottom, the band and pipes and drums of this now famous regiment

are seen on the front sleeve marching backwards down a hill—the hill we saw so often on our TV screens.

The regiment ransacks the repertoire for tunes likely to succeed on pipes and band and comes up with some odd if attractive choices—"Staendchen" by Jonny Heykens (Heykens' Serenade), "The Day Thou Gavest" and "Now is the Hour" being the most surprising. These tunes shouldn't work but they do and the result, if not amazing, is at least graceful.

Other items which include pipes, drums and band are "The Earl of Mansfield," "The Black Bear," "Wooden Heart," a very good arrangement of "Scottish Soldier," "Amazing Grace," "Let's Have a Ceilidh," "The Fairy Dance," that tremendous tune "Lord of the Dance," and "Glendaruel Highlanders." The band is mistakenly allowed to give voice in four items, the singing being either not lusty enough or poorly recorded.

The military band on its own plays the popular trumpet solo "Il Silenzio" and "Hootenanny." The pipes and drums play two medleys, the first including "Major G Morrison DSO," "Banjo Breakdown," "Circassian Circle," "The Gruagach," "O'er the Bows to Ballindalloch" and "High Level Hornpipe." A waltz medley includes "My Home," "Pipers' Waltz" and "Morag of Dunvegan."

I found it all very acceptable. **RB**

"Scarlet & Tartan" (Pipes and Drums and Massed Military Bands of The Royal Scots Greys and The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders) (Decca Eclipse ECS 2116)

Ten years old, this reissue features a band which disappeared into The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and another which disappeared altogether and was then resuscitated. In spite of blurbish sleeve notes the LP more

or less lives up to them and, as a change from present trends, the items reflect the title of the record. Mercifully "Amazing Grace" had not been "arranged" in 1963.

After a non-starter of a "Fanfare for a Dedication" by Maurice Pope the combined bands, pipes and drums can be heard marching to "Badge of Scotland" and "The Rowan Tree." The military bands are served well by the inimitable Eric Rogers (who among other things writes the music for all the "Carry On . . ." films) with a characteristic "Robbie Burns Medley" of Scottish tunes.

An extended and well-played "Drummer's Call" is followed by a Highland dance set comprising "Loch Rannoch," "Glendaruel Highlanders," "Macdonald's Awa' Tae the Wars" and "HRH The Duke of Kent's Wedding March," the latter by Pipe-Major John Pryde. Only half of "Colonel Bogey" ends side one in an attempt to imitate the River Kwai march, but without the River Kwai theme.

That fine march "Scottish Emblem" leads to "Past Days with the Greys" which includes all the regiment's old marches plus that of the Argylls. The pipes and drums play tunes for a marching display, the bands play Alford's "Holyrood" and the old pop "The Kiltie's Courtship," and the album ends with "Green Hills of Tyrol" and "We're No Awa' Tae Bide Awa'."

Medleys comprise: "The De'il's Awa Wi' the Excise Man," "Wee Bonnie Wee Thing," "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet," "Ae Fond Kiss," "There Was a Lad Was Born in Kyle," "My Love is Like a Red Red Rose," "The Thin Red Line," "Hielan' Laddie," "Keel Row," "Bonnie Dundee," "Garb of Auld Gaul," "Australian Ladies," "Dorroter Bridge," "Over the Isles to America" and "Pipe-Major Sam Scot." **RB**

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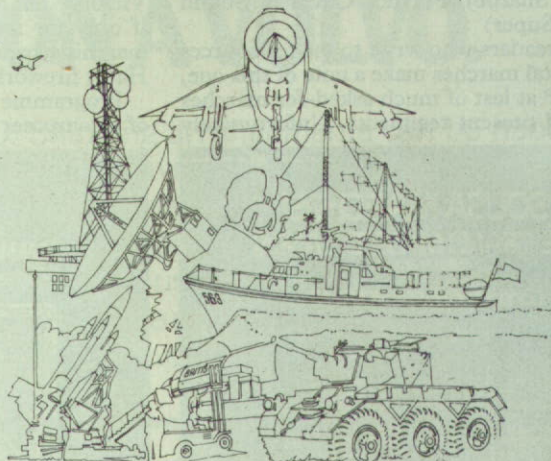
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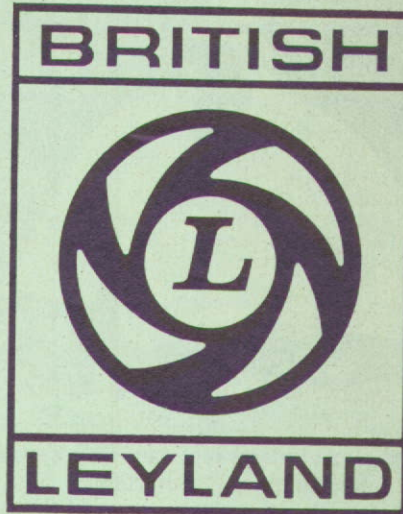
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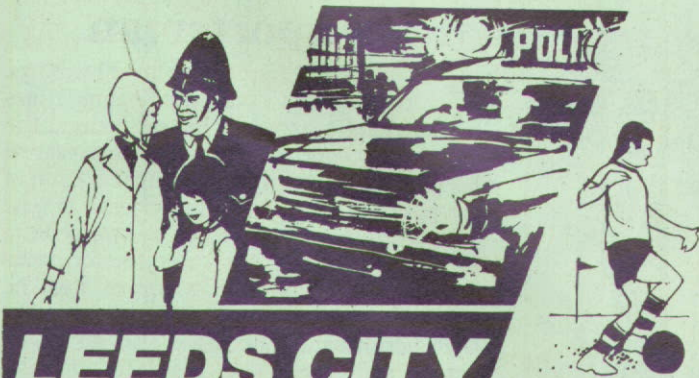
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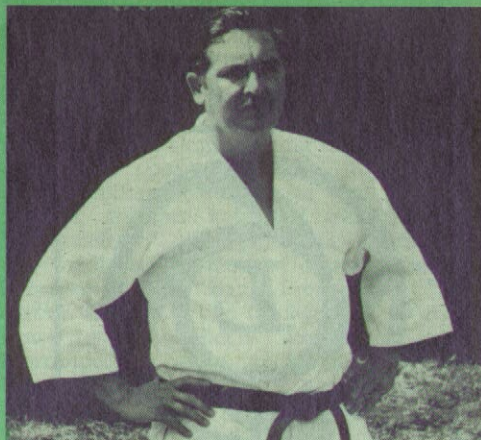
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Judo master, pilot and marksman

CAPTAIN Graham Macdonald, of 17 Base Vehicle Depot, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, has been promoted into the 3rd Dan Master Grade of judo after a quarter of a century's involvement in the art. He started his judo career as a founder member of Scotland's first judo club, the Edinburgh-based Tora Scotia Ryugi, when he was a 13-year-old schoolboy. By the time he joined The Royal Scots at 18 he had fought his way to the brown belt—the highest student grade.

Captain Macdonald lost a year's judo because of illness, but having transferred to the Special Investigation Branch of the Royal Military Police, he found himself as a 20-year-old sergeant in south Japan—the home of his sport. He practised daily with Japanese police and became a special student of Ogato Hisato, a 9th Dan Black Belt and one-time champion of all Japan.

Six weeks after going to Japan, Captain Macdonald had been awarded his 1st Master Grade of Shodan Black Belt. During the next year he earned a place in the Kure City



ten-man judo team—the only foreigner ever to do so—and became respected for his strong attacking technique. Ogato entered him in the 1956 Kure City championship in the 2nd Dan Black Belt group, although Captain Macdonald was holding only the 1st Dan grade at the time. Ogato's confidence was rewarded when his student emerged as 2nd

Dan champion and was immediately promoted into the Ni Dan Black Belt status.

By this time the Japanese had given the British master of their art the fighting name of "Tiger" and he was invited to stay on in Japan and go to the premier judo school in Tokyo for special training. But he put his Army career first and left Japan, becoming a British National referee and then being recommended for several refereeing courses held by the European Judo Union. In 1969, after successfully refereeing the Italian national championships, he received his international referee's certificate. His ability in this field has resulted in East European countries inviting him to referee for them, an offer he hopes to take up in the future.

This judo master enjoys other sports as well, especially shooting and flying. He holds a civil aviation private pilot's licence and a gliding instructor's rating. He was a member of 17 Base Vehicle Depot's highly successful shooting team this year—the first RAOC team ever to win the ICI Challenge Trophy, open to all units of the British Army.

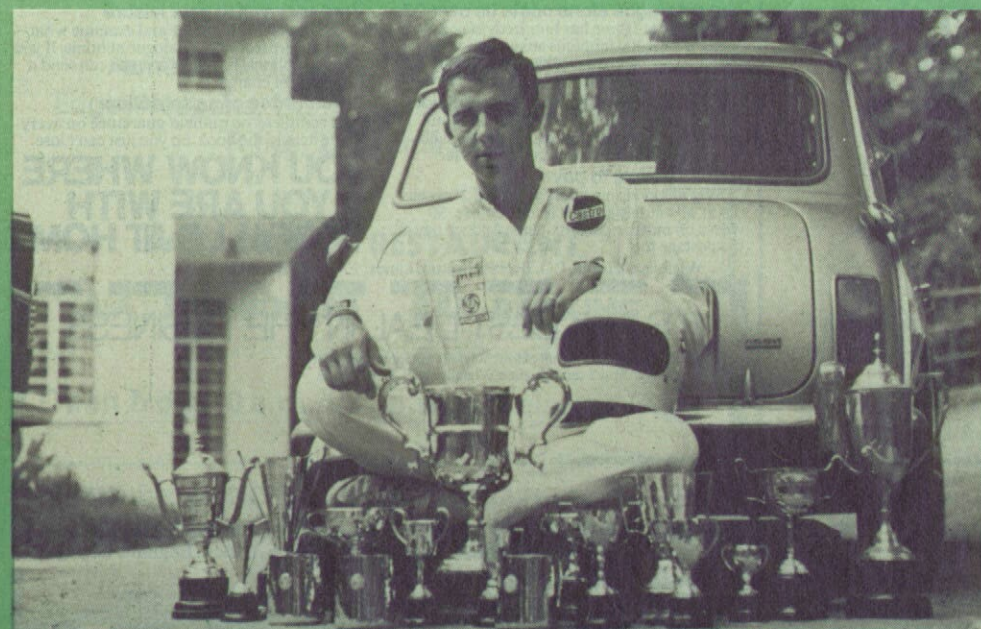
Trophy for non-finalist

A unique honour went to Army boxer Private Roger Maxwell, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, when he represented Great Britain in the multi-nations tournament in East Berlin. He won the trophy for the strongest boxer in the competition although he reached only the quarter-finals. It is believed to be the first time the trophy has gone to a boxer who did not reach the finals. Boxing at light middleweight, Maxwell won his first series bout against a Rumanian. He lost the quarter-final bout against an East Germany by a very close majority decision of three to two.

Another Army boxer, Lance-Corporal Norman Phillip, 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, represented England in the international against Scotland at Bournemouth. Boxing at bantamweight, Philip was narrowly defeated on a majority decision in his bout against Watts, the Scottish selection for the Commonwealth Games.

Right: Private Roger Maxwell in action while training. **Far right:** Lance-Corporal Norman Phillips shown with his guard up.

Below: Capt John Fraser and trophies.



Motor sportsman

In Hong Kong, Captain John Fraser, 31 Squadron, Gurkha Transport Regiment, has been making a name for himself behind the wheel of a competition car in the first year of his membership of the Motor Sports Club of Hong Kong. To mark his success in just 12 months, Captain Fraser was awarded the Novices Cup for his best performance among the beginners. On top of this, he carried off the Venezuela Trophy for the best performance touring car in all speed events and the Tank Regiment Trophy presented to the best Army member of the club.

During the year, he won many class awards in slalom and auto-cross events and won outright the toughest event on the calendar—the Jebson Rallycross—in his privately-entered Mini Cooper S. As a result of his successes, Captain Fraser has driven for the local British Leyland agents in rallies and Macao Grand Prix events.

Sports shorts

ORIENTEERING

The SOLDIER Magazine cup for the Regular Soldier individual trophy went to SSI R H Webb (APTC), RMA Sandhurst, in this year's Army orienteering championships at Stanford PTA. Other results: Major units team trophy, RMCS, Shrivenham; minor units team trophy, 11 Sig Regt, Catterick; TAVR team trophy, HQ Coy, 1 Yorks; TAVR individual trophy, Cpl A G Jones, B Coy, Mercian Volunteers; WRAC team trophy, WRAC HQ SE District; WRAC individual trophy, 2/Lieut C E Birtwhistle, HQ Catterick Grn; WRAC TAVR individual trophy, Pte P A Jones, 48 Sqn, 35 (SM) Sig Regt.

SAILING

This year's winner of the British Kiel Yacht Club's autumn regatta was Major Spencer Holton, crewed by Captain Martin Walker and his wife Elizabeth from 1 Wing, Army Air Corps. The yacht club has been established at Kiel since the end of World War Two. Its board of management is shared between serving Army and Royal Air Force officers in Germany. The Commodore is traditionally the Chief Engineer, British Army of the Rhine. Existing to provide offshore adventurous training for all ranks of the British forces in Germany, it trains hundreds of men each year and owns or has jurisdiction over 20 boats of varying size.

The Army inter-unit dinghy sailing championship was held at Netley in a force four to five easterly wind. The Junior Leaders Regiment RE won with 171 points followed by 8 Signal Regiment (24 points) with the Depot and Training Centre RAPC third.

DRIVING

Nearly 100 crews of driver and navigator from TAVR units all over the country took part in the Reserve Army driving championships. During the two-day event the crews and their Army Land-Rovers were put through a tough test of driving skills, vehicle servicing, map reading, road courtesy, personal endurance and leadership. There were seven tests including a skilled driving test conducted by the Institute of Advanced Motorists and a cross-country test at the Vauxhall test track with six hazards to be negotiated. But the main test was the night navigation run of 200 miles.

Results: President's Trophy (for overall first team), 156 Regt, RCT (V); Standard Triumph Trophy (second team), 35 (SM) Sig Regt (V); Vauxhall Trophy (third team), 221 (Surrey) Fd Amb, RAMC (V); Rover Trophy (first individual vehicle), 210 Lt AD Bty, RA (V); Motor Trophy (second individual vehicle), 156 Regt, RCT (V); Commer Trophy (third individual vehicle), 225 Fd Sqn, R Mon RE (V); WRAC Trophy (first WRAC team), 163 (MC) Regt (V); Ford Trophy (first team in night drive), 156 Regt, RCT (V); Southern Command Trophy, 221 (Surrey) Fd Amb; Northern Command Trophy, 156 Regt, RCT (V); Western Command Trophy, 35 (SM) Sig Regt (V); Scottish Command Trophy, 153 (H) Regt, RCT (V); Wales District Trophy, R Mon RE Wksp, REME; DRA Trophy, 210 Lt AD Bty, RA (V); RASC Trophy, 156 Regt, RCT (V); Royal Signals Challenge Trophy, 35 (SM) Sig Regt (V); Infantry Trophy, 1 Yorks; REME (Lucas) Trophy, R Mon RE Wksp.

Two prizes for the best individual crew and best Regular Army individual crew went to a REME pair in the British Army Motoring Association's driving championships for its Scottish branch. Second-Lieutenant Martin Whale and Cpl David Hulott, both serving in the workshop of 22 Engr Regt, manned one of the 100 Army Land-Rovers

which took part. The teams from all over Britain and Rhine Army—including girls from the WRAC—faced a series of exhaustive tests on the 24-hour trial.

RUGBY

A busy month for the Army's rugby XV with the trials week fixed for 12-14 December in Aldershot. The side will turn out against RMAS at Sandhurst, RMCS at Shrivenham and Aldershot Services/Airborne at Aldershot.

The Army Rugby Union proposes to organise a minor units seven-a-side competition this season. It will run in conjunction with the divisional and Rhine Army sevens.

The age limit for the Army Junior rugby XV is to conform this season with the national colts qualification for players to be under 18 on 1 January preceding the current rugby season. There will be a junior triangular tournament with the junior RAF team playing both the Army and Navy counterparts.

It was agreed at the annual general meeting of the Army Rugby Union that the possibility of an inter-corps league with a shield or cup for the winners should be examined. The Ellis Cup Competition in Rhine Army fulfils this type of requirement at present.

The Army rugby team played 18 games last season, winning eight, losing nine and drawing one. Acclaimed as the highlight of the season is the inter-Service game against the Navy when the Army narrowly lost 7-10. Skill and fitness were the hallmarks of a clash hailed as the most exciting inter-Service game for years.

JUDO

The Army Judo Association team swept the board in a match against the British Police in Aberdeen. A 6-0 victory was achieved by Cpl T Dolan, RAOC, 1st Dan (won three); Cpl S Browning, Para, 1st Dan (won five); L/Cpl S Travis, RPC, 2nd Dan (won ten); SI C Johnston, APTC, 1st Dan (won ten); Pte I Rodgers, Para, 1st Dan (won ten) and Cpl G Bryson, RE, 1st Kyu (won five).

TENNIS

After the first-ever Army Lawn Tennis Association's inter-unit knockout contest this year, comments are invited on possible future improvements. Teams and officials should put forward any suggestions for changes to the rules by 15 December 1973 for consideration at the ALTA annual general meeting early next year. The competition resulted in a win for Guards Depot, Pirbright, over AAC Chesham, in the United Kingdom round, by five matches to three. In the UK versus Rhine Army overall final, 15/19 Hussars beat the Guards Depot by five matches to two.

PENTATHLON

Selected to represent Great Britain in the three-nation modern pentathlon competition in Barcelona this year was SI P Brierley, APTC. Facing stiff opposition from Spanish and Italian experts, he took sixth place with 4213 points.

SHOOTING

For the second year running a team of TAVR officers has won a convincing victory at the annual international small-arms championship held in Belgium by taking four out of five first places. The two-day Challenge Internationale de Tir was created in 1972 by the Reserve Officers' Club of Brussels and is open to teams of four reserve officers from NATO countries. They fire standard Belgian Army weapons—self-loading rifle, light machine-gun and sub-machine-gun (the pistol shoot was cancelled due to bad weather). Twelve teams took part from Belgium (two), France (three), Germany (three), Luxembourg (one), Netherlands (one) and United Kingdom (two).

The British teams were sponsored by the Reserve Forces Association and captained by Lieut Anthony Fraser, HAC. The A team comprised Lieut Fraser; Capt Peter Marshall, 218 Sqn, RCT; Capt James Rafferty, North Irish Militia,

and Lieut Martin Farnam, Queen's University OTC. In the B team were: Capt Robert Aitken 51 Highland; Maj William Ellis-Jones, RWF; Capt Lesley James, R Mon RE, and 2/Lieut Richard Duxbury, IC and CY.

The four wins were in the team aggregate (three weapons), individual aggregate (three weapons), individual rifle and light machine-gun pairs. The only laurel wreath missed was in the individual sub-machine-gun.

HORSE TRIALS

The Household Cavalry's horse Tiara, ridden by Lieut C Goodhall, emerged a clear winner in the novice military class of the Army one-day trials at Tweseldown with total marks of 37—eleven points clear of his nearest rival, King's Troop, RHA, mount Barbican, ridden by Gnr Talbot. Third was another King's Troop horse, Relic (Gnr Dee up), only one point behind Barbican.

Disappointment for the Army in its Royal Artillery Hunter Trials at Larkhill when RAF Flying Officer Andy Young and his horse Gentleman Jim carried off the coveted first prize—the first time in the competition's 30-year history that a non-Army mount and rider had won. The gruelling one-and-a-half-mile course had 23 fences and only 30 of the 167 entries completed the course.

FENCING

A strong Army team entered the Granville Cup competition at the de Beaumont Centre, West Kensington. Twelve of the strongest clubs in the United Kingdom were represented and the Army was seeded sixth after the preliminary pool. The Army team fenced its way through six hours of eliminating rounds to reach the semi-final where it was narrowly beaten by the eventual winners. Of the four semi-finalists, the Army was placed third—a best-ever placing in this event. The team comprised Maj J A G Moore, RA (sabre), Lieut T E Belson, Glosters (épée) and Cpl S Graham, R Signals (foil). The team coach was Capt R Craig, RCT.

Combined Services officer fencers won every event in the annual contest with the Royal Netherlands Officer Fencing Association hosted this year by the Army at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot. Every event produced very close results and the standard was hailed as extremely high on both sides. Representing Combined Services were: Navy, Lieut-Cdr C C Walker, Instr Lieut-Cdr J McGrath, Lieut D P Foster, Army, Maj J A G Moore (team captain), Capt R Craig, Capt G W Gelder; RAF, Gp-Capt J L Price, Flt-Lieut A S Painter, Flt-Offr C W Johnston, Flt-Lieut M Wylie.

CANOEING

In the Inter-Services canoe slalom championships the Army swept the board with first, second and third places in the individual Canadian single event and took first place in the individual Canadian double. But this was not enough to secure an overall win in the championships which went to the RAF with 735 points. The Army came second with 617 and the Navy third with 418. Results: Individual kayak singles, RAF first, second and third; individual Canadian single, Army first, second and third; individual Canadian double, Army first, RAF second, Navy third. Six teams of three from each Service took part in the team event. The RAF gained 144 points, the Army 122 and the Navy 74. The Army teams came second, fourth, seventh, ninth, twelfth and eighteenth.

Taking part in the championships for the Army were: Capt Crawford (16/5 L, Jun Ldrs Regt RAC), Tpr Irvine (16/5 L), Cpl Moore (16/5 L, Jun Ldrs Regt RAC), Tpr Crutchley (4/7 DG), Tpr Thompson (15/19 H), J/Tpr Ross (Jun Ldrs Regt RAC), J/Tpr Ritchey (Jun Ldrs Regt RAC), S/Sgt Brett (R Signals), 2/Lieut Cornforth (R Signals), Cpl Chandler (47 AD Sqn RCT), Lieut Gillespie (QARANC) and SSI Hewett (APTC) who were all in the kayak class. In the Canadian singles were SSI Dyer (APTC), SSI Hewett, and Sgt White (R Signals). In the Canadian doubles were SSI Hewett and SSI Dyer, Sgt Harper (R Signals), and Sgt White (R Signals), and J/L/Cpl Catton (Para) and J/Infm Shaw (Para).

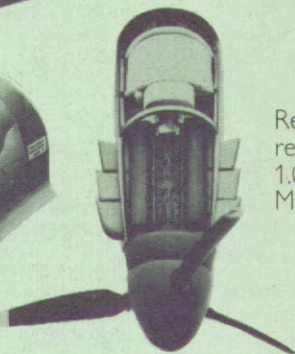
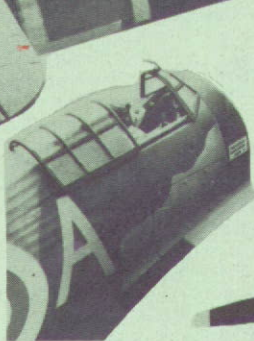
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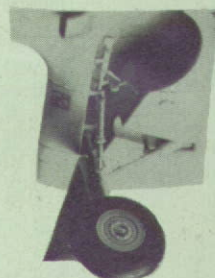
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The finished models may appear rather Heath-Robinsonish to the perfectionist. However, one of them does resemble a Russian Samokhodnaya Ustanovka (SU) self-propelled gun, another looks a bit like a truncated Ferret Scout Car and a third smacks of a Stalwart. Though the rest—half-track, anti-aircraft gun, ambulance, light tank, mobile searchlight, field gun and limber, and missile launcher—do stretch the imagination

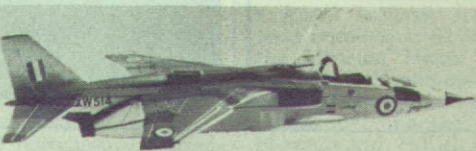
Below: With stickers, road wheels and firing guns, there's action in today's Meccano.

somewhat. The guns, by the way, can be made to fire harmless (when unlit) matches.

With a certain amount of ingenuity and a few extra parts some of these models can be motorised. The power can be provided by Meccano's battery-operated six-ratio gearbox motor (costing £4.00) though this necessitates lengthening the model. I provided a transmission as follows: Pinion on the motor axle meshing with a contrate on a rod—supported by a washer over a bracket of angled strips—linked to the rear axle by bevel gears; the whole assembly being held in place with grub-screw collars.

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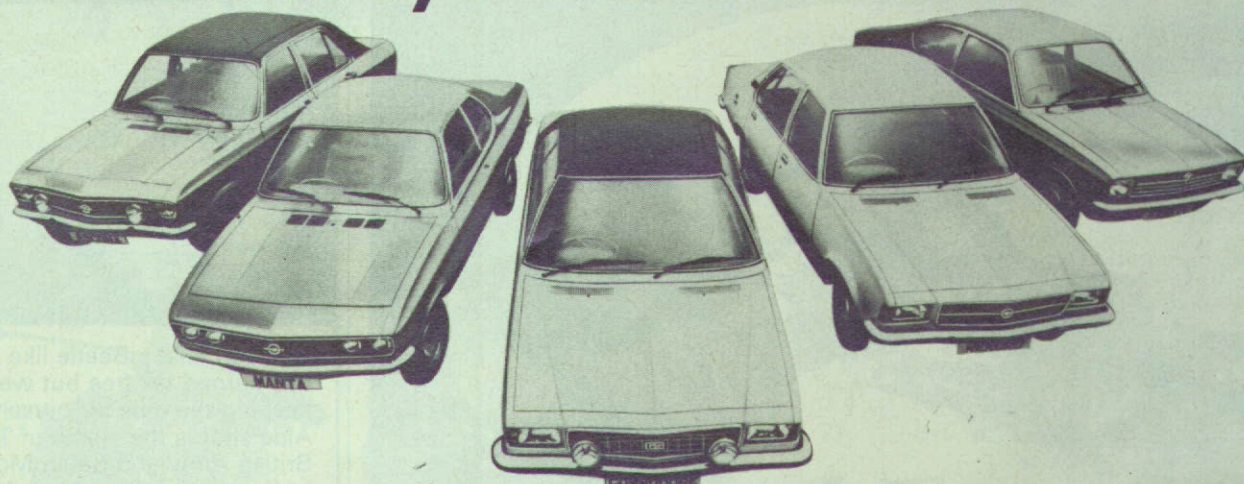
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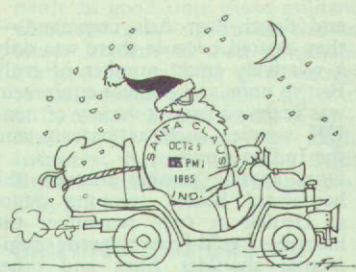
Also thanks a lot to the bandsmen soldiers of 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, who helped carry crippled ex-servicemen under cover in the stands from the ringside area when it rained during the Saturday afternoon performance on 4 August. And thanks, too, to all the lads and lasses of the three Services for a fine display in adverse weather conditions at this year's Cardiff Tattoo.—**Danny Marlow, 24 Whitewell Road, Colcot, Barry, Glamorgan, CF6 7TU.**

The other side

In our regimental museums throughout the country one will find on display flags, eagles, guidons and military material captured by British Army units in various military campaigns over the past centuries. One can only assume that similar items are on display in military museums in, for example, France, Germany and perhaps even the USA—or did we recapture everything when in due course, as with most campaigns, we finally won? I would be most interested to know if any readers have come across foreign military museums where captured British Army material is still displayed.—**Capt Derek Dawson (Retd), Lakeside, Hensting Lane, Fishers Pond, Eastleigh, Hants, SO5 7HH.**

Calling escapers

One can have a certain sympathy for Mr P R Preece (August letters) for there has been a great deal of publicity about Colditz in the past, be it on film or in book form. But is he really serious in his comments about conditions in the castle? Surely not. Space will not permit me to go into details but I would like to say this, quite briefly, on the point of escapers. Each man who arrived at Colditz and was classified as an "escaper" had to have escaped from another camp. It is as simple as that. Maybe they are the less fortunate officers



Letters

and men he speaks of. Who knows? —**M J Booker, 50 Edgehill Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2HU.**

Muster rolls

I am hoping to arrange an exhibition of decorated regimental muster rolls which were very popular with the Imperial Army in the period 1890 to 1904. Many were drawn in colour as well as black-and-white, and the usual size was 24 by 18 inches.

It would be helpful to ascertain how many different units, including Militia and Volunteers, had such elaborate rolls designed for them, and I would appreciate full data from regimental museums and others who possess one or more. The muster year, boldly shown, is very important when sending details.

Of about 20 rolls so far inspected, the names of the rank and file of each company or battery are enshrined within circles or stars, but it is the lavishly emblazoned crests, laurel wreaths and scrolls encrusted with battle honours, which transform them into works of art.

A splendid polychromatic specimen is that of The Blues, Royal Horse Guards, dated 1898, which, apart from superb embellishments, bears such names as the Prince of Wales (Colonel-in-Chief), Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley (Colonel), Charles Godfrey (Bandmaster), and shows no fewer than 13 members of the titled nobility among the 30-strong officer corps headed by Lieutenant-Colonel John Fielden Brocklehurst who later became an equerry to Queen Victoria. It also displays six illustrations including one of the redoubtable Colonel Burnaby in a mêlée at Abu Klea in 1885 charging amid the flashing spears and sabres of ferocious tribesmen.

Another fascinating muster roll is that of the 21st Empress of India's Lancers, who served in the Sudan, entitled "A memento of the

famous charge at Omdurman, Sept 2nd 1898." This roll also includes the names of men killed in action.

Almost all these rolls bear a signature implying that they were designed and drawn by "Sgt G Hicks, late 3rd Grenadier Guards," but there are strong indications that the artist was a Crimean veteran, one Private Henry Hicks, of the 3rd Battalion who left the Grenadiers as a private in 1869 but later served in the Berkshire Volunteers as a drill sergeant.

The reason for the initial G instead of H will forever remain his secret.—**David Marks, 40 Marpeth Road, London E9.**

Canloan Association

In 1944, when the war situation was at a critical stage, 673 young Canadian officers volunteered to serve in the British Army. They arrived in this country and passed through Colchester—the Red Lion Hotel still has strong ties with them—before going on to serve with 22 infantry regiments and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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In 1968 the Canloan Association came back to Britain and Europe for a grand national reunion. There were reunions at St James's Palace, the Mansion House and Scottish Command Headquarters, not forgetting the welcome in Caen, Normandy, and the strengthening of bonds with British regiments.

Today the Canloan Association continues to flourish and in June 1974 its members return to Ottawa for their national reunion, which they hope will be an opportunity for them to act as hosts to their brother officers from those British regiments in which they once served. The Glasgow Highlanders have already started negotiations and hope to take over a party, flying from Prestwick on 4 June to Montreal and then on to Ottawa for the reunion celebrations from 7 to 9 June.

The Canloan Association's members want their British comrades to join them, which is the reason for this letter. I hope that all regimental associations will rally to the call and notify all who may have served with Canloan officers. If any reader cannot join his own regimental party and wishes to join the Glasgow

Highlanders party we shall certainly give him a warm welcome and full details of the trip.—**Archie G B Mason, 65 Bellevue Road, Edinburgh, EH7 4DJ.**

Marching with Alford

Mr T J Koldewyn (August) mentions the record "Colonel Bogey Marches On" and states that the notes on the sleeve were by Lieutenant-Colonel V Dunn.

These notes state that Major F J Ricketts enlisted in The Royal Irish Fusiliers whereas he enlisted in the XVIIIth The Royal Irish Regiment on 5 September 1895. He was posted to the 2nd Battalion at Jubbelpore on 26 November 1896 and served with the 2nd Battalion until 15 August 1904 when he went to Kneller Hall. On 4 June 1908 he was appointed bandmaster, 2nd Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, an appointment he held until 1927.

His younger brother, R R Ricketts, also enlisted in The Royal Irish Regiment on 31 August 1900 and served with the 2nd Battalion until 14 October 1913 when he was appointed bandmaster to 2nd Battalion, The Essex Regiment, and became bandmaster of the Royal Signals in 1926. F J Ricketts wrote under the name of Alford and R R Ricketts used the name Leo Stanley. Both composed many marches.

The two brothers came under the instruction of two first-class bandmasters when they joined the Royal Irish, Mr J Phillips up to 1905 and Mr F Burnell, both of whom were responsible for the great progress these two fine musicians made and inspired them to contribute the wonderful marches both gave to the British Army.

At no time did either brother serve with The Royal Irish Fusiliers.—**R P J S Boyce (Hon Sec, The XVIIIth The Royal Irish Regiment OCA), Attarapultan, 13 Sticklepath Terrace, Barnstaple, N Devon, EX31 2A Y.**

And with Ord Hume

Major Cross (August) has my full backing with his suggestion that an LP be devoted to Ord Hume marches. As far back as 1919 I was stationed with the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars in Lucknow, India. I was in the band and I remember we had a book of about a dozen Ord Hume marches. One particular march that has stuck in my memory is "Prairie Flower."

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I wrote to the BBC and it was played for me on 22 March 1969 by Major J Howe and the excellent band of the Scots Guards. I haven't heard it since. These fine marches could still be in the library of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. Why they are not played more often is beyond me. I have tried without success to get a record of even one march. I hope you print this letter and consequently give this grand old march composer the publicity he deserves.—**R P Hayes, 9 Wandersford Grove, Hipswell, Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.**

Right sleeve only

I was interested in Corporal Shaw's letter (August) regarding the wearing of badges of rank by non-commissioned officers. In India and Burma in 1944-45 it was the practice of NCOs in the 11th East African Division to wear

their badges of rank on their epaulettes—as suggested by Corporal Shaw. Whether this was a divisional order I do not know but I thought it was a sensible idea and, being the only British NCO attached to an Indian unit, adopted it myself. The logic behind the idea was easy removal of badges of rank since Japanese snipers were prone to pick off officers and NCOs. Later in India in 1945-46, following recommendations by the medical authorities, when orders were issued for shirts not to be worn during the day when on duty, it became the practice to wear brass or tape chevrons on the wrist. Some keen types even had them tattooed on their arms. The shorts only order, incidentally, caused some concern to some of the "gentlefolk" in the cantonments who were disgusted to see British troops walking about like "natives." Much could be written about deviations in uniform in the India

and South-East Asia commands—they existed because there was only a relatively small number of truly British units and because equipment was received from a variety of non-UK sources such as bazaars and the Indian Army. Does anyone passing through the homeward bound trooping depot at Deolali in 1946 remember the horrible gold-embroidered regimental shoulder titles and other bazaar-made monstrosities that some troops put on their uniforms? Most of them were going straight home, otherwise I imagine their depot regimental sergeant-major would have had apoplexy. Now to Wolseley topees. After being told not to talk about going overseas I recall marching through the centre of Leeds in 1943 from the clothing depot with solar topees slung on the back of packs. A high proportion of troops ditched these either officially or unofficially on arrival in India and acquired either

locally made lightweight topees or bush hats. Cloth jungle hats similar to current types were later issued but not before early 1945. One I have has an Indian ordnance stamp dated 4/45.—**K P Darke, 10 Wakefield Close, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.**

Parker the macaw

Reading about Parker the macaw (July) took me back to a very happy time I spent in British Honduras with 2 Troop, 20 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers. As a young sapper on my first task abroad it turned out to be quite an initiation. There is a plaque on the main office block recording the fact that between July and December 1962, 2 Troop, with the aid of local labour, erected virtually a new camp. It consisted of 16 aluminium huts for other ranks, sergeants and officers messes, guard room and main office block and several married quarters. If the present occupants ever investigate the ceilings or other inaccessible places no doubt they will find a white hand print with the legend "the phantom strikes." He struck in all sorts of odd places. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, which went out with us, decided very early that the engineers were quite barmy, mainly because we held frequent lifeboat drills on the verandah of our hut.—**C H Duller, 66 Oak Avenue, Wharf Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.**

Thomas Atkins MC

I am writing on behalf of my father, Colour-Sergeant S J Common MM, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, with reference to Captain Purvis's letter (June) in which the captain asserts that only senior officers are awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Surely the award of the DSO to my father's platoon commander, Second-Lieutenant William Purves, KOSB, immediately after the battle of "5th November" in Korea in 1951 totally disproves this? Purves was, incidentally, at 19 years of age the youngest officer and only National Service officer ever to be awarded the DSO. It came as quite a surprise to note that this unique instance of bravery was not mentioned in your article on the Korean War in the July **SOLDIER**.—**William A Common, 32 Bellwood Crescent, Milton Bridge, Penicuik, Midlothian.**

May I support Captain Purvis in his plea for revision of our system of decorations and awards, which has grown up over the years and undoubtedly has some feudal ideas built in. These are not necessarily good just because they are old. Times change, and despite the opinion of Mr McConnell (August), so does the award system. Unfortunately the changes applied to it are slow to come to fruition and unco-ordinated as the solutions apply to a particular circumstance. There never seems to be an overall appraisal of the entire system. In case anyone believes I am wrong in saying there is a slow alteration to the system from time to time I would remind them of the Orders of St Patrick, Crown of India, Indian Empire, Star of India, also the Albert and Edward medals, Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry, Queen's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry among others which are no longer

awarded to living people. In addition the Order of the British Empire itself has, since its inception, undergone at least six changes, if one counts the associated medals, in an effort to keep up-to-date. The latest is the introduction in 1958 of the oak leaf emblem for gallantry. The fact is that our system of rewarding everyone, not only the military, is in a mess. There are so many awards possible that it is doubtful if those in authority know them or use them to the full. The Order of the British Empire for Gallantry is probably the worst example of muddle since it can be applied with dual standards. For example, if two bomb disposal experts were rewarded for the same deed, one a warrant officer and the other a sergeant, they would be eligible for the following in diminishing order of value. Warrant officer: GC, MBE, GM, Queen's Commendation. Sergeant: GC, GM, BEM, Queen's Commendation. I do not see how anyone can make five grades of distinction between acts of gallantry and, more important, this arrangement gives the George Medal a relatively different precedence dependent on rank—and this is entirely due to the MBE/BEM nonsense. The differential between the long service awards is equally peculiar, ranging from 27 years for a Meritorious Service Medal and 25 for an Imperial Service Order/Imperial Service Medal down to three years in war for the Special Constabulary Medal. Even in the Services we do not agree. Regular soldiers and airmen have to serve 18 years for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal against the 15 years required for sailors. In my view we should have rewards based on a common scale for all. Although it may be possible to decide on many different types of award dependent on the type of act eg naval leadership, military leadership, bravery, gallantry in the face of the enemy, merit in peace and war etc; it should only be possible, within each of these headings, to decide on one of two awards. For example, the scale for personal bravery in the face of the enemy might be the Victoria Cross for extreme courage, as it is now, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal for above average bravery covering all the cases of bravery which may now be rewarded with the DSO, MC, DCM, DSC, DSM, DFC, AFC, DFM, AFM and mentioned-in-despatches in certain cases. High leadership in war might bring the DSO and its lesser companion might be the Military Cross. In such a system we could maintain all our historic awards in much the same situation as they are currently used, but we should (a) give a better chance of making the same award for the same level of act regardless of the person writing the citation and (b) eliminate the class consciousness inherent in our present system and align rewards to the job done. The effect would be small but would ensure more equality. In particular the platoon sergeant acting as platoon commander—a frequent occurrence—would be eligible for the award for junior leadership, perhaps the MC. The reward would be in line with the task instead of being aimed at his rank. In a world of increasing "democracy" I am sure this could do nothing but good. I feel strongly that we should do all we can to eliminate abrasive or potentially abrasive matters before they become an issue. If we fail to grasp the

nettle in good time those militants who want to stir up trouble will use minor irritants to their advantage. Perhaps you will be good enough to use some of this letter, if not all of it, to stir the pot for all of us.—**Maj A R Tinson, The Light Infantry, British Defence Staff, British Embassy, Washington DC, USA.**

Marines and Guards

In reply to Lieutenant D J Glossop (May) may I say that far from sitting with tongue in cheek, as he imputes, I sat with reference book in hand! Had Lieutenant Glossop carefully read my letter no doubt he would not have replied so hastily in the vein that he did. He states, quite rightly, that in October 1664 a force of 1200 men for sea service was to be raised. My letter (January) stated: "In the early part of 1664, 500 additional men were raised by royal warrant to augment the establish-

ment of the Captain-General's Foot Guards (Coldstream Guards) for sea service." Therefore the Coldstream Guards were fighting at sea well before the 1200 were raised in October, 250 of whom went to sea. I did not state that serving or ex-Coldstreamers were members of the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot. This statement is made only by Lieutenant Glossop himself. To refute his statement that "even in 1664 the training of a guardsman was not sufficient for the Marines," may I remind him that guardsmen of 3rd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, fought at sea as late as 1667. Presumably the balance of the 1200 raised in 1664 were still undergoing training in the art of soldiering at Southampton in 1667! I admire Lieutenant Glossop leaping to the defence of his corps. We all have our pride in our regiments. This, after all, is what makes regiments what they were and are today. Long may they remain so.—

WO II G Evans, Grenadier Guards, Pirbright Camp, Woking, Surrey.



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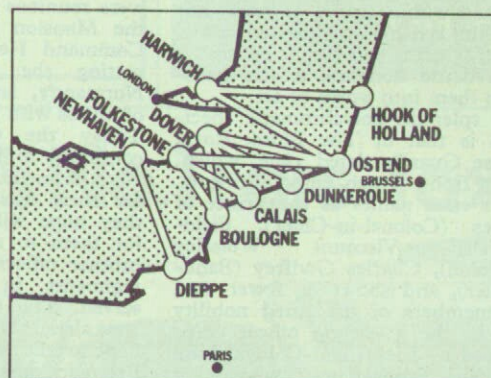
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BATTLE OF WITS

Competition 181 (June) was compiled to produce one additional battle in each of the six vertical columns. These six—Maidan, Berlin, Minden, Aachen, Barnet and Dargai—and the

25 others were reasonably well-known land battles selected from a long list but competitors found other battles in the vertical columns. Of these Tamaii (column 1), Dunbar (3), Bailen (5), Oswego, Nanhuan and Norway (6) were accepted.

The 25 battles were Towton, Majuba, Camden, Warsaw, Shiloh, Sangro, Madrid, Gazala, Calais, Abukir, Verdun, Moscow, Arnhem, Tobruk, Aliwal, Dieppe, Busaco, Inchon, Danzig, Bardia, Amiens, Naseby, Jhansi Kirkee and Oporto. Prizewinners:

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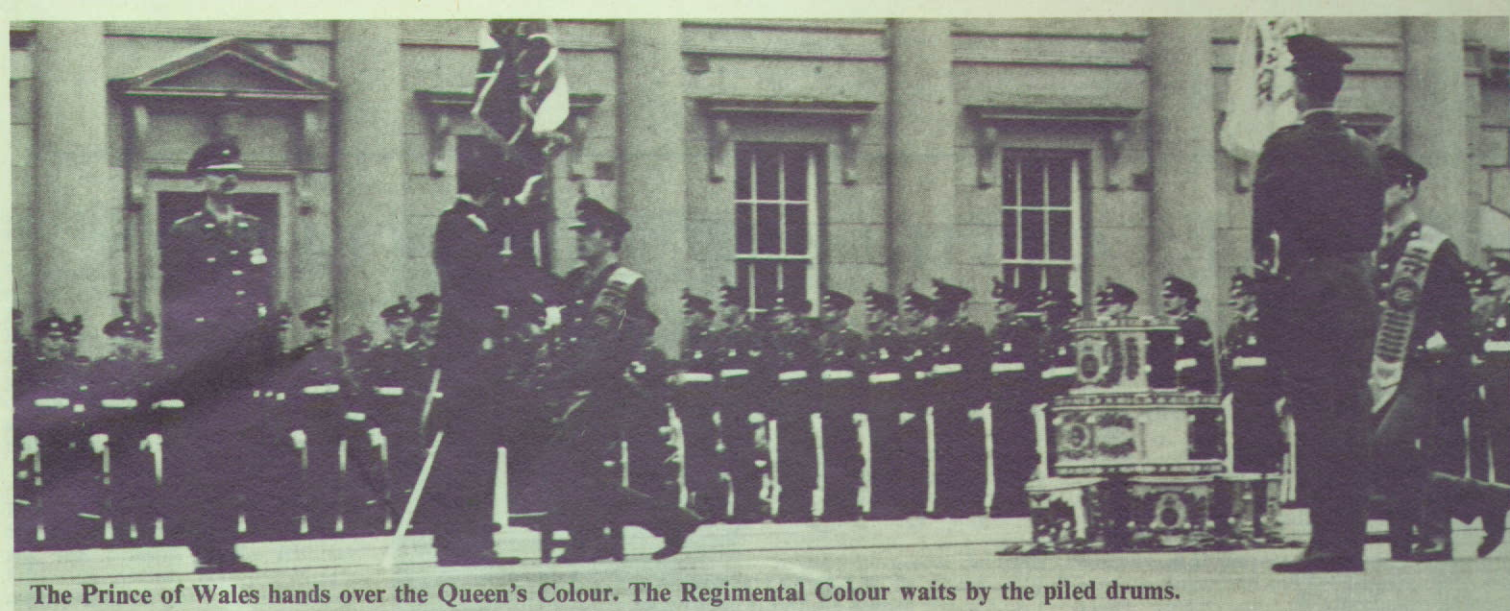
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The Prince of Wales hands over the Queen's Colour. The Regimental Colour waits by the piled drums.

New Colours for the 22nd

Story by John Jesse

OFFICERS of The 22nd, take post!" Sharp and clear the order rang out to set the scene at Chester Castle for the presentation by the Prince of Wales, who is Earl of Chester, of new Colours to 1st Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment. A few minutes earlier there were bursts of spontaneous applause from the 4000 spectators as the band and drums, wearing for the first time their new scarlet uniforms, led the battalion on to the parade ground.

A royal salute and the breaking of the Prince of Wales's personal standard on the castle flagstaff heralded his arrival. The battalion was now drawn up ready for inspection, every man wearing in his cap a sprig of oak leaves, thereby maintaining a regimental

privilege dating back to the battle of Dettingen in 1743. It was there that a detachment of the 22nd saved George II from capture. In gratitude he picked a twig from a nearby oak tree and gave it to the officer in charge with the wish that it might become the regiment's badge. It also earned for the 22nd the right to wear oak leaves in their head-dress in the presence of royalty.

The inspection over, the old Colours, presented by the Queen in 1957, were solemnly trooped for the last time. Then followed the service of consecration conducted by the Chaplain General, the Venerable Archdeacon J R Youens, who blessed and "set apart" the new Colours as they lay draped over piled drums surrounded by the battalion which had

formed three sides of a square. Now they were handed to Prince Charles by the two field officers, Major R C Peel and Major F J Goddard, who were ensigns at that earlier Colours parade in 1957.

After presenting the Colours the Prince congratulated the regiment on the high standard of the parade. He went on to refer to the "extraordinary quality of good-humoured tolerance that characterises the British Army and makes it unique - and which even turns a British soldier into an excellent policeman when the circumstances demand." (The Prince's speech is given in full on page 9 of this issue).

The new Colours, each with its golden-crowned pike encircled with a wreath of oak leaves, were then given a general salute. The battalion formed into eight divisions which, with the Colours in their midst, marched past to the regimental slow and quick marches—"The 22nd Slow March" and "Wha Wadna' Fecht for Charlie." Then followed the advance in review order and finally the march off the Castle Square with the band and drums playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

This was the start of the battalion's march through the ancient streets of Chester proudly exercising the regiment's freedom privilege, granted in 1948, to march in the city "with drums beating, Colours flying and bayonets fixed."

The new Colours are the Queen's Colour, which bears the 20 most-prized battle honours won by The Cheshire Regiment during the two world wars, and the buff Regimental Colour showing seven of the battle honours won before 1914.

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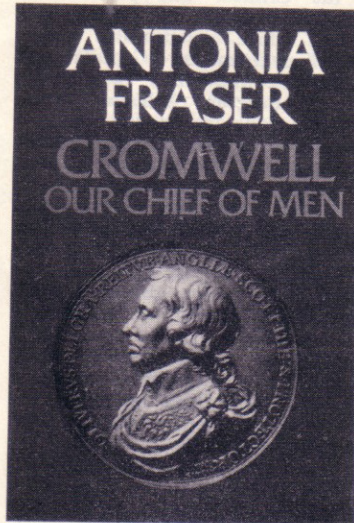
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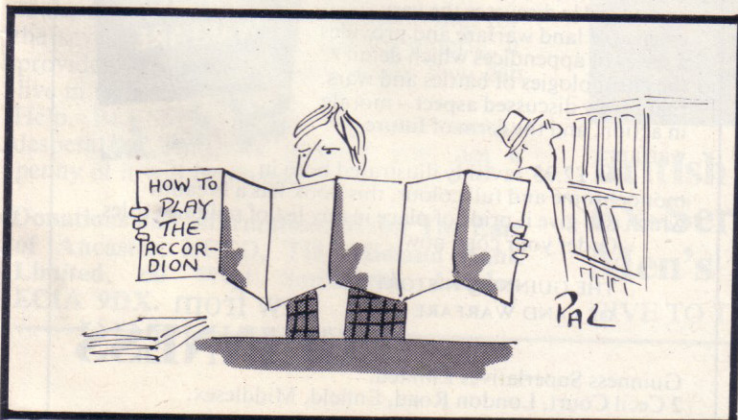
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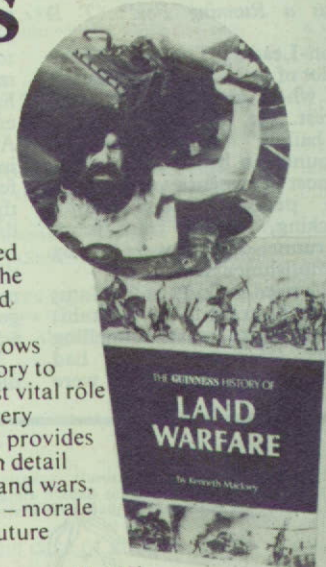
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All there and up-to-date in a revised edition, with alterations since the last edition usefully indicated in italics, and authorised by the International Football Association Board.
Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 20p

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An official publication of the Football Association giving the season's fixtures, last season's complete results at home and in Europe and going back down the years to list cup winners, goal scorers, capped players, international match results and lots more detail to settle many an argument.
Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street, London SW1, 35p

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New and expanded edition with profiles of more than 200 selected pubs including, as in a previous edition, a pub that does not exist. All in alphabetical order but gathered by districts in a gazeteer and with, as the final two pages, a brewography listing, would you believe, well over 100 pale ales, export ales, strong ales or barley wines, brown

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When Gehlen saw the war was lost, he realised how valuable his files would be to the Americans.

He did a deal and later, when the West German state came into existence, became head of the Federal Intelligence Service.

Herr Höhne and the late Herr Zolling have produced an enthralling picture of Gehlen's twilight world, his rise, ascendancy and his decline.

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Strategic arms limitation talks may sound pie-in-the-sky but last year they produced the solid fact of the Nixon-Brezhnev treaty intended to limit the expansion of nuclear weapons. It was the product of years of arms control negotiations; more years of negotiation will follow. This book reproduces nine papers which seek to clarify the issues underlying them. Subjects include earlier arms treaties, SALT and the international system, the super-powers, the secondary powers and the "almost-nuclear" powers, the role of China and Japan, technological change and arms control.

General Learning Press, Morristown, New Jersey, USA, \$5.95

"To the War with Waugh" (John St John)

"Sword of Honour," Evelyn Waugh's wartime trilogy, may (to some, at least, of his readers) lack the sparkle and invention of his pre-war novels, but its regiment, the Halberdiers, soldiers bravely on in memoirs and literary gossip.

The Halberdiers were based on the Royal Marine Commandos, with whom Waugh served, as did Mr St John. He describes his experiences, which were not of outstanding interest, up to and including the abortive expedition to Dakar, and links his real-life Royal Marine characters to Halberdiers Waugh built upon them.

There are some interesting line drawings by Peter MacKarell and a memoir of Waugh by Christopher Hollis. It all comes in a numbered edition of 600 copies, each one signed by the author.
Whittington Press, BCM-Whittington, London, WC1V 6XX, £5.25

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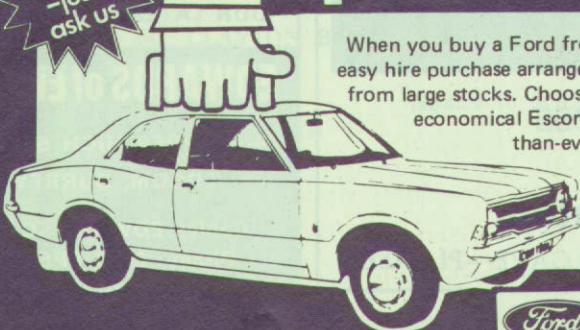
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Sapper **Captain Clive Lee** became the first man to "paraglide" from Asia into Europe by crossing the Dardanelles from Asian Turkey. Captain Lee, who is attached to HQ 16 Parachute Brigade, had been taking part in NATO exercise "Deep Furrow." He was towed across by a 17-foot dory of 1st Raiding Squadron, Royal Marines. In paragliding, or parascending as it is also known, the parachutist starts on the ground and is towed at speed until he rises into the air like a kite.



Uplift

Handle with care. Three men of The Royal Greenjackets lift pretty **Kaye Mackenzie** on to their lorry—she was the centrepiece decoration of the regiment's float in this year's Winchester carnival.

Airlift

The first recruit to be enlisted direct into the Army Air Corps as an air trooper was **Anthony Power** (right) of Ripley, Derbyshire. He was whisked off in a helicopter from Derby straight to Middle Wallop to begin his training. Seeing him off were the Mayor of Derby, **Alderman Jack Russell**, and **Major Tom Hill**, Army careers officer for Derby and Derbyshire.



Lift to port

Sergeant J E Farnworth, Royal Army Pay Corps, stationed at Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, Surrey, has his own answer to easing the road traffic congestion . . . he has built his own 24-foot catamaran. He said: "I've never done anything with boats before in my life. I just got fed up with cars." At a cost of some £800, Sergeant Farnworth built his boat in the barracks. To buy it ready made, he reckons, would have cost

more than £2000. Now he is faced with the problem of lifting his craft over a ten-foot wall and getting it down to the sea. For this at least, he will have to make a reluctant return to the road. And with his craft promised a berth at Netley where the Army has its dinghy centre, Sergeant Farnworth plans a maiden voyage to Guernsey to christen the catamaran. Why Guernsey? "It's a place I've never been to and so I just fancy it."

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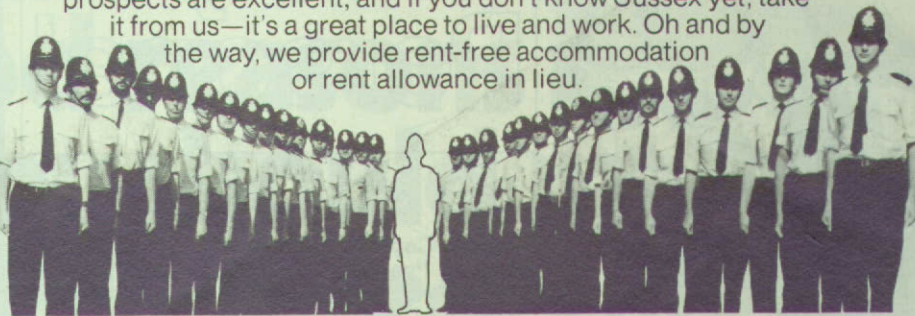
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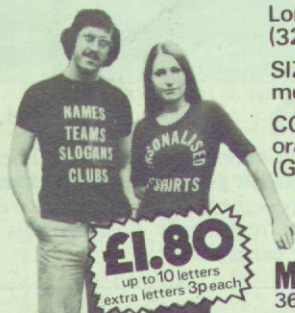
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Timber-r-r! Two Royal Pioneers use a power saw to bring yet another tree crashing to the ground.

The lumberjacks from Longmoor

IT was the biggest sapper task in Canada since the Caribou Trail—building a five-mile road through thick forest, marsh and rock while beset by torrential rain, mosquitoes and blackfly. But the men of 66 Plant Squadron, Royal Engineers, from Longmoor, supported by other small groups including Royal Pioneer Corps men from Bicester, finished the job on time despite the natural hazards.

This virgin territory of Quebec Province was far from the Canada of sunshine and

rolling prairies. And it was the first time that 66 Plant Squadron had ever carried out a squadron-sized task overseas. The only unit of its type in the British Army, it is, according to its commander, Major Peter Treays, "tailor-made for earth-moving construction tasks and holds a large proportion of plant operators and drivers."

Their skills were certainly put to the test in Exercise Waterleap 73 in the Canadian Armed Forces' recently expanded Valcartier training area. The task was to build in just

three months a five-mile-long road to link existing roads and enable greater use of the training area. There were many pitfalls. Before any work could even begin the Canadians had to remove four large beaver dams and take the beavers far away so that they would not return and rebuild.

Cutting a path through the trees was a hard and gruelling business. A field troop from 5me Escadron de Génie du Canada began at one end and at the other was another field troop from 24 Field Squadron, Royal

Story by John Walton/Pictures by Martin Adam



"Route Durnford" is the name given to the road built by 66 Plant Squadron at Valcartier. It is named after Lieutenant-General Elias Walker Durnford, one of a famous family of Royal Engineers who served in the corps continuously for a century. He was Commanding Engineer Canada from 1816 to 1831. The Caribou Trail, a 400-mile-long road, was built in the early 1860s to improve communications after the discovery of gold in British Columbia. Sappers built only two stretches of the road, 15 miles in all, but they were involved in supervisory and survey work.

Left: Corporal "Chalky" White operates a grader on a road which ran up to Dam Village and the Mess.

Below: At last the new road is ready and sappers give it a final rolling in readiness for the official opening.



Engineers, Chatham, which included a small group of Royal Pioneers. The project officer, Captain Nick Carter, controlled the work as the two troops hacked their way through the thick forest cutting a 100-foot-wide swathe at the rate of 600 yards a week. Power saws and axes were used to fell 600,000 trees ranging from three to 18 inches in diameter.

During the whole period of the project the sappers enjoyed only one hot dry spell—for the rest of the time heavy rains alternated with fine days. Mosquitoes and blackfly tormented the tree fellers who were forced to wear special headgear reminiscent of beekeepers' outfits. Despite this many soldiers had badly swollen arms from insect bites.

The art of tree toppling was soon picked up with a few tips from the Canadians and before long the two field troops met at the half-way mark. But there was a lot of hard work still to come for the two plant troops

following along behind. For most of the time the sappers worked through regardless of the weather but on five days the rain was so heavy that work became impossible. To make this up, key men worked for the full seven days and at one stage a double-shift system was operated with equipment in use from dawn to dusk.

Even with the trees out of the way the going was tough. Rock had to be blasted and much of the ground which appeared hard at first glance consisted of swamp. Said Captain Carter: "As you lifted a rock so water would start pouring out from underneath and it was quite difficult to carry on with forward clearance by dozer."

Bulldozer driver Lance-Corporal David Davey has worked on airfield and motorway construction in both Britain and Germany but this was the worst terrain he had met. On one day alone his bulldozer was stuck

nine times and he had to winch it out using logs and rocks. "It is really treacherous. It is dry on top and just two feet down it is bog. The pattern changes every few yards."

The "bogey" for road construction was 100 yards a day and by working at full stretch this was achieved. Living at Dam Village in tented accommodation, with the addition of a few shacks left behind by farmers ousted to make room for the expanded training area, the men were often too tired to go out and sample the local night life.

For maintenance men from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers the pressure was also on. The 57 power saws had to be constantly overhauled and mechanics often worked far into the night to make a vehicle serviceable for the next day.

Heading the 11 Pioneers was Corporal Dick Ledgeway, until recently an infantry section commander and instructor with 1st

Eric and the three bears

Once upon a time there were three bears who lived in the middle of a forest in Canada. One evening as it grew dark Baby Bear and Middle-Sized Bear were walking by a road which had been cut through the trees. Two men called to the bears and tried to entice them nearer so that they could take a picture of them. Then one of the men, Corporal Eric Bowers, remembered that there were some buns in a nearby tent.

As he entered the tent Corporal Eric ran straight into Great Big Bear who had been helping himself to jam and evaporated milk from the larder. Without so much

as a "who's been eating my porridge" both shot off—the Great Big Bear back to the woods and Corporal Eric into a nearby hut. And his friend, Sapper Dave Ellis, was left outside pleading to be admitted.

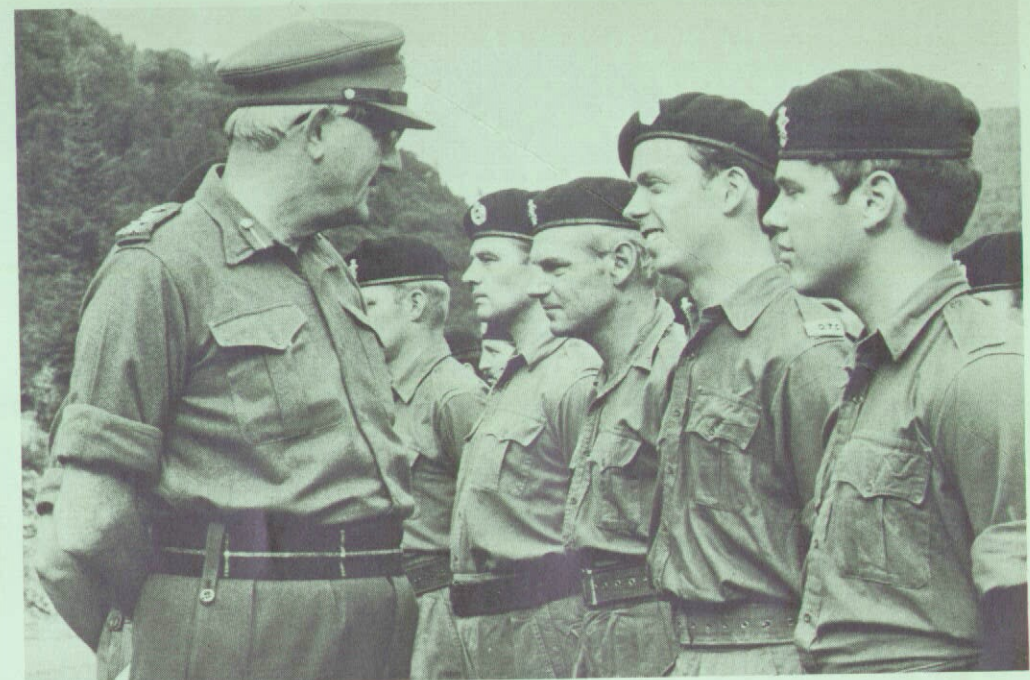
Said Corporal Eric, who was on site guard at the time: "It was the most hair-raising experience of my life. I realised just how dangerous the seven-foot high bear was the next night when he came back and ripped great holes in the wall and roof of the tent."



Corporal Eric Bowers shows the massive hole in the tent caused by a bear's claws.

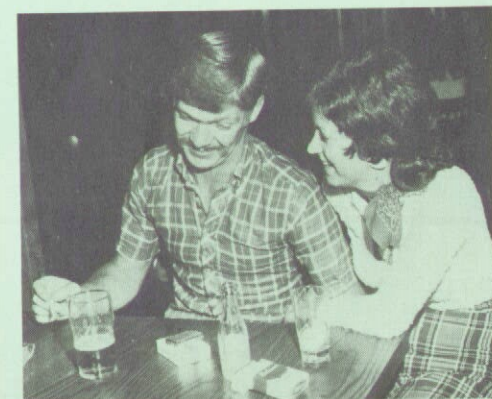
Right: General Sir Peter Hunt stops to have a word with Andrew Thomas, a University officer cadet on the job.

Below: Work is finally over and time for a Christmas-style feast as Major Treays waits upon his happy sappers.



Left: Corporal George "Splash" Waters and fiancée Donna Gorman.

Below: The plaque unveiled by Chief of General Staff, Sir Peter Hunt.



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Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. His infantry career ended when he injured his legs in an accident. He told SOLDIER: "Our chaps have fitted in well with the sappers. It's been an interesting job for me as I have never done anything like it before—the biggest thing I'd ever built was a Meccano model!"

The French-Canadians, with whom the British soldiers were on excellent terms, built a bridge which formed part of the completed road. As the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Peter Hunt, said when he officially opened the road: "It's been a completely joint effort."

Several of the men found time to court local girls and some are planning to marry. Lance-Corporal George Waters from 24 Squadron met his fiancée, Donna Gorman, a 19-year-old bi-lingual secretary, in a discothèque. She said that what first at-

tracted her to the English boys was "they were so polite and didn't push us around!"

All work and no play does not get the best out of men—the sappers took over a chalet about 12 miles away on the edge of a lake and during the three months every man spent at least three days relaxing there. There was also time for a bit of adventure. A team of ten men went on a five-day expedition down the Jacques Cartier river in an inflatable boat. After five days of rapid shooting the sappers were tired but proficient—they had a race with Canadian soldiers and beat them!

Major Treays summed up: "We are expected to go independent next year and this proves that we are capable of running a squadron exercise with outside support as opposed to deploying troops in support of other people. From the start the sappers were keen to get the job done—it's been invaluable training."

Two officer cadets from Bristol University Officer Training Corps, Peter Cracknell and Andrew Thomas, spent their summer holidays working with the sappers on Exercise Waterleap. Soldiers immediately christened them "Pinky and Perky" but both impressed with their hard work as "privates."

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