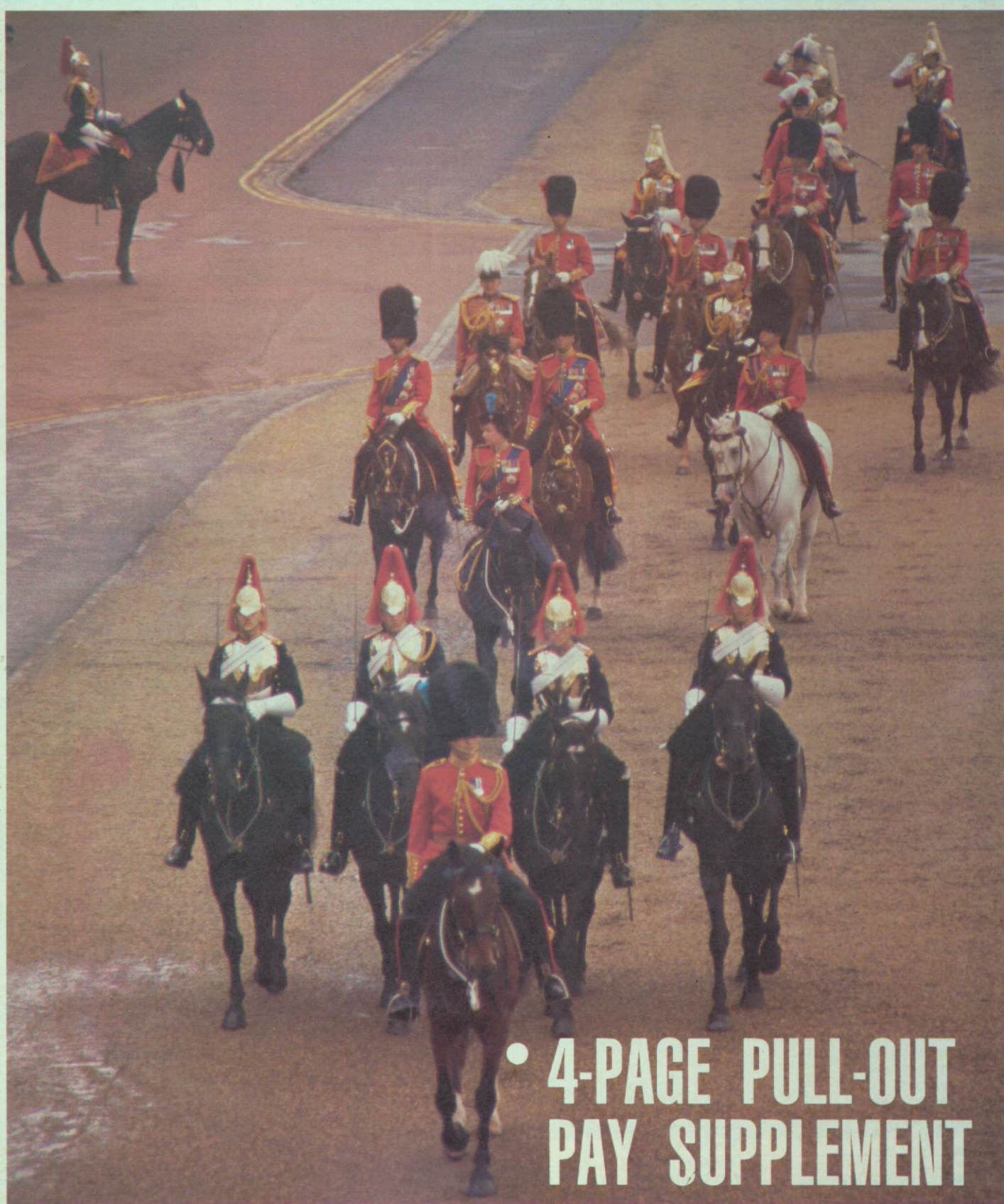


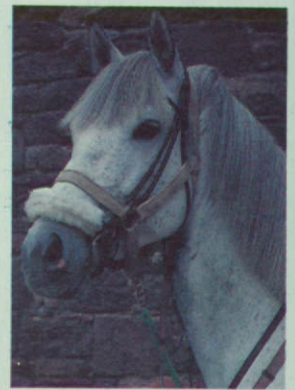
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Her Majesty the Queen on Horse Guards during the annual Trooping the Colour ceremony — a picture full of pride and pageantry to brighten even the dulllest summer. This year the Queen's Birthday Parade takes place on Saturday 11 June. Picture by Paul Haley

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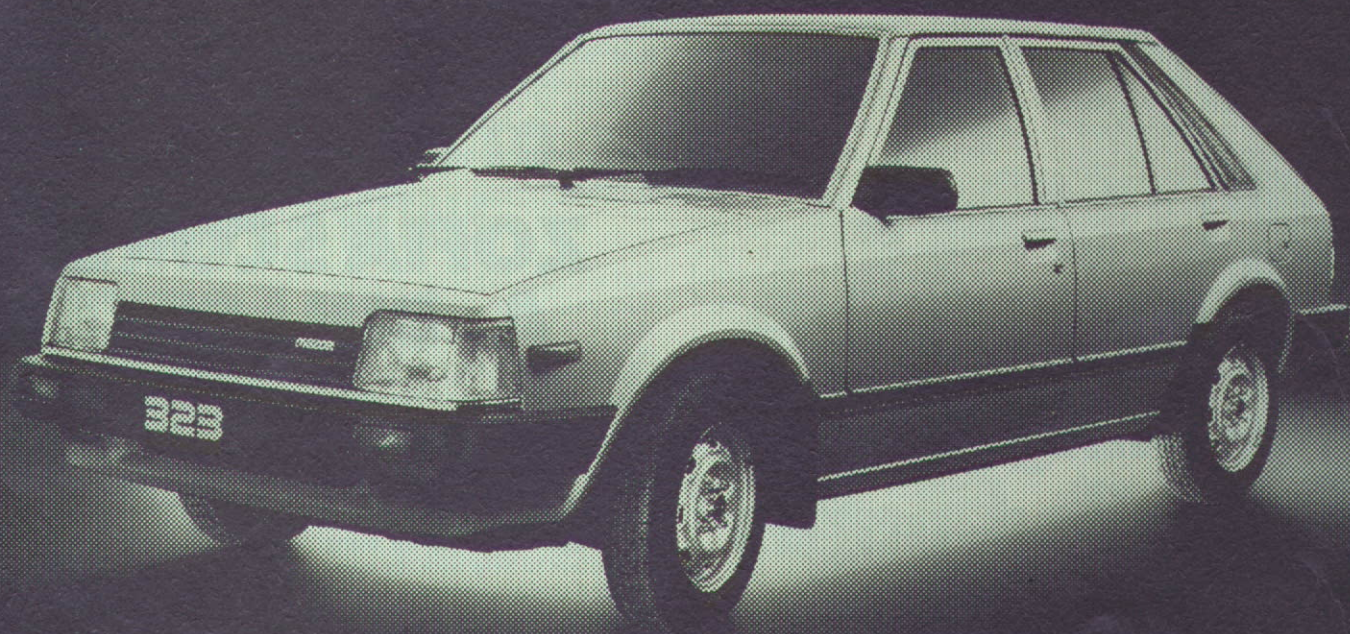
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# PAY RISE - IT'S 7%

**PAY RISES** for the Services averaging over seven per cent have been proposed by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body. Their recommendations, accepted by the Government and back dated to April 1, mean rises ranging from 3.9 per cent for a second lieutenant to 9.9 per cent for a brigadier. A private's pay goes up by 6.2 per cent and that of a warrant officer class one by 9.2 per cent.

But some of the extra money will be offset by increases in food and accommodation charges. And a bid by Service chiefs to get an increase in the X factor — which takes into account differences in Service and civilian life — got the thumbs down from the Pay Body. It stays at 10 per cent for men and 7½ for Servicewomen. They also turned a blind eye to the strain imposed on the Services in the Falklands war.

"We came to the conclusion that the events in the Falklands could not have a direct and immediate

implication for our task — which is to ensure a fair reward for the overall capabilities which the armed forces have to maintain continuously and sometimes have to exercise," they said in their 46-page report.

They add: "It would be inconsistent with this view of our task to add to the military salary concept the notion of payment for specific operations."

But while there is nothing extra for those based in the South Atlantic, soldiers in Northern Ireland will get an extra 15p a day on top of

the existing £2 a day allowance.

The Pay Body put the cost of their recommendations at around £165 million after deducting nearly £18 million that will be paid back in extra food and accommodation charges.

Details of all the new pay and charges scales are in a special pull-out supplement in the middle of this issue.



"Common as muck — just been given a pay rise and they still come in asking for the ale list."

## ZOFIA SCORES A BULLSEYE

**STAFF SERGEANT** Zofia Widajewska, WRAC is £100 richer thanks to her part in revolutionising the scoring system at Bisley's annual Army Shooting Championships.

She was stationed at the Defence ADP Training Centre Blandford Forum in Dorset (see page 38) while a feasibility study was being carried out on using computers to help with the complicated scoring system in shooting competitions.

Mr Brian Garden, senior lecturer at the Centre, analysed the problem and designed a suitable programme, but Staff Widajewska carried out the programming. Together they share a

£200 prize awarded under the MOD small awards scheme.

The new system, which will be in use for the third time at this year's Bisley championships, saves the work of a dozen people laboriously calculating the scores over the entire championship fortnight. Now, even with time spent feeding data into the computer, the scores can be worked out in just a few hours.

## Full turn-out for Ten Tors

A FULL TURN-OUT of 2400 walkers making up 400 teams set off in the 24th Ten Tors expedition on Dartmoor. But injuries and bad weather caused 406 to drop out on the way.

The event, a two-day endurance test aimed at giving youngsters a taste of adventure, was organised by the Army's HQ South-West District. Hundreds of officers and other ranks gave up their weekend to lend support, among them signallers, cooks, medics and helicopter pilots. And TA helpers also turned out in force.

Ten Tors was founded in 1960 by the CO of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Signals at Newton Abbott.

Each team has to visit ten nominated tors on one of 24 different routes, covering distances of 35, 45 or 55 miles according to age. High standards of equipment and training are demanded.

### JULIE MOXON

Julie Moxon, former SOLDIER cover-girl and pin-up to the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, has died following injuries received in a motorway car crash (see last issue).

## Marching orders for jailed paras

THREE OF THE six paratroopers jailed for the rape and assault of a 15-year-old schoolgirl in their Aldershot barracks, are to be discharged from the Army.

"The paperwork for this to be carried out has already started," said a Ministry of Defence spokesman, "and the future of the other three is under consideration."

But he denied that because of the case General Sir Frank Kitson, Commander-in-Chief, UK Land Forces, had ordered a security review at all Army establishments.

"Allegations were made during the trial and investigations will be on a local basis only," he said.

The six men jailed were: Pte Anthony McMenamin, 21, five years for rape, indecent assault and common assault, Pte Thomas Elliott, 20, three years for rape, Pte Kevin Ellett, 25, one year for indecent assault, Ptes Paul Towner, 19, and Ian Osbourne, 20, six months each for indecent assault and Pte Russell Roberts, 19, four months for indecent assault.

## SAS CHURCH WINDOW

A SPECIAL church service has been held in Hereford to dedicate a stained glass window to the memory of members of the Special Air Service Regiment killed on secret operations. The window, in the regimental church of St Martins, was paid for from a £27,000 appeal fund set up following the deaths of 19 SAS men killed in a helicopter crash during the Falklands campaign. King Hussein of Jordan gave £10,000 to the fund.



# NO VOTE FOR HALF THE ARMY

ONLY JUST over half of all Army personnel and a third of their spouses are registered to vote in the General Election on June 9th.

This is in spite of efforts last year to remind soldiers and their families to complete F-Vote 33 and F-Vote 34 forms, which included sending the forms to all UK Army married

quarters.

But although only 53 per cent of eligible Army voters have bothered to complete the forms, the figure is still an improvement on the last election when only 43 per cent had done so. And registration of Army spouses have increased from 19 to 33 per cent.

The presence of the initial 'S'

alongside wives' names in the voting lists is thought to have discouraged registration in the past, but this has now been banished by legislation. Even so, Service voters overseas are not allowed a postal vote and some appear reluctant to entrust their votes to proxies.

A recent report from the House of Commons Home

Affairs Committee recommended ways to ease the problems of overseas voting for the Services and for 18-year-old dependants who, currently, are disenfranchised if living overseas with their parents. But such changes would require legislation.

● Are you eligible to vote on June 9th? Turn to page 15.

## MERCY DASH TO SAVE TWINS

THE ARMY, Navy and Air Force joined forces in a special rescue mission to save the lives of twin boys delivered prematurely to a soldier's wife in Gibraltar.

Craig and Gavin Collins weighed only 2½lb and 2lb, when they arrived three months before they were due. Their mother is 20-year-old Mrs Diane Collins, wife of Private Brian Collins, a driver with the 1st Battalion the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

Navy doctors on the Rock decided the babies' best chance of survival was to get them to a specialist hospital as

soon as possible and the RAF laid on a Hercules to ferry them and Mrs Collins back to Heathrow. From there they were rushed to the Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital at Aldershot and put into incubators.

Private Collins was with them and will stay as long as his wife is there, said the hospital.

Sadly, Craig failed to pull through and died three days later.

As SOLDIER went to press the hospital said that Gavin was "holding his own, but obviously giving cause for some concern."



Waiting anxiously —  
Pte Brian  
Collins and wife Diane

## QUEEN PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER MEN



MEMORIES of last year's Hyde Park bomb outrage were recalled when the Queen presented new standards to the Household Cavalry in a moving ceremony on Horse Guards Parade. Four members of the Blues and Royals lost their lives and seven horses had to be destroyed last summer when an IRA bomb exploded as they rode past.

"In the midst of this pageantry, there could be no more timely or honourable reminder to those of us that need reminding, that the soldier's life is never free from danger," said Her Majesty as the tattered scarlet and gold standard of the Blues and Royals, damaged in the blast, was borne from the parade ground.

Soldiers injured in the explosion were on parade as was 20-year-old Sefton, the horse who sustained 38 shrapnel wounds.

Armoured cars and tanks dipped their guns in salute as they passed the Queen after she had handed over four new standards to the Life Guards and four to the Blues and Royals.

## BANKS WAIVE FALKLANDS CHARGES

A ROW over charges levied by banks when exchanging Falkland Island bank notes for sterling, has led to two of the 'Big Four' waiving their commission when dealing with Servicemen and their families.

Barclays and Midland say they will both give a £ for a £ with no extra charge.

Lloyds Bank and Nat West will continue to levy a 50p administration charge for such transactions but regardless of the amount to be exchanged.

The issue came to a head when a Service wife was charged £2.17 by one bank for changing a £10 Falklands note. She complained to her MP who took the matter up with the Ministry of Defence.

But the banks say they get little call to change Falklands money. And they advise all Servicemen to change their local money for sterling before they return from the South Atlantic and not to send cash through the post.

## GUN PULL RAISES £1000

A PROMISE to raise £1000 for mentally handicapped people has been kept by 60 Gunners of 12 Air Defence Regiment. From their barracks at Kirton-in-Lindsey, Gainsborough, six teams of

ten leap-frogged each other to tow a 105mm gun 50 miles in three days to raise cash for The Home Farm Trust at Sheffield.

The sponsored pull should have taken place last September, but a posting to the Falklands meant delaying the event till the regiment's return.

But it was worth waiting for as the main sponsor was a local brewery who supplied the team with free beer at 12 of their pubs along the 50-mile route.



# NEWS VIEW

## FATHERLY ADVICE

Good advice for young recruits from Lt General Sir Robert Richardson, Colonel of The Royal Scots and GOC Northern Ireland. The General was the inspecting officer for the passing out parade of the Dargai Recruit Platoon, commanded by his son, Lt Charles Richardson (left) at the Scottish Infantry Depot at Glencorse. No stranger to the barrack square at Glencorse, the General was adjutant of the then Royal Scots Depot nearly 30 years ago.

## HAPPY RETURNS

Cheryl Newing, youngest of the 12 QARANC nurses in the Falklands Military Hospital, Stanley, makes ready with cake and wine to celebrate her 21st birthday. It was appropriate that Cheryl became of age in the South Atlantic isles, for her father was born there and she still has many relatives living locally who came along to wish her happy birthday.



## STAR ATTRACTIONS

Emerging from the hold of a giant GZ 5 Galaxy, which can carry them and a good deal more besides, is the band of the 2nd Battalion the Royal Irish Rangers. Together with the aircraft — the world's largest — they were 'star' attractions at a USAF air show and open day at Tempelhof, Berlin.



## TEST PILOT

Last minute adjustments for England Test cricketer Ian Botham before take-off in a Lynx helicopter. A keen amateur pilot with ambitions to fly round the world, Ian was making a one-day tour of the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop. As well as getting airborne he made a complete tour of the camp and finished by signing autographs for schoolboy admirers in the Centre's museum.

## TANKIES' PRIDE

Memories are revived for Major General Bob Foote and Captain Pip Gardner — both VCs — perched in and on a Chieftain tank at Bhurtore Barracks, Tidworth. The two heroes were among several hundred old comrades attending the annual reunion of the 4th and 7th RTRs. Highlight of the weekend look-about was a dinner in the gymnasium when more than 500 were catered for. Sunday saw a church service and parade followed by a march past of the 4th RTR and the Reunion Association. The salute was taken by Lt General Sir Richard Lawson.



## BURIED TREASURE

Latest acquisition at the Tank Museum at Bovington is a 42-year-old Covenanter, which had been buried for 40 years under 12 feet of chalk on an estate in Surrey. Thought to be the only remaining example, the Covenanter is now being cleaned and repaired to join 150 other armoured fighting vehicles in the museum.

## TREE TRIBUTE

Painful memories are revived as Mrs Dorothy Heritage (left) and Mrs Sandra Barker plant a weeping willow tree in memory of their husbands, murdered by the IRA in Regent's Park a year ago.

The two men, Sergeant-Major Graham Barker and Bandsman John Heritage of the Royal Green Jackets, died in the London bomb outrage last July when they and five of their comrades were in the booby-trapped bandstand.



## STANLEY BOUND

Two ladies from the Aldershot St Helena Guild have made a white altar cloth for the Port Stanley Cathedral in the Falklands. Pictured here are Mrs Marjorie Shepherd (left) and Miss Diana Owen. The cloth will make the 8000-mile journey to the South Atlantic at the end of June with the Rev Harry Bagnall from the Cathedral who is currently in the UK.



## SPORTING SQUAD

Parading under the eagle eye of ex-RAOC Lance-Corporal Henry Cooper are sporting stars of the fifties gathered together for a Thames TV programme on Coronation Year. Squad from left to right: Bill Edrich, Trevor Bailey, Billy Wright, Peter Alliss and Stan Mortensen. In the next issue of SOLDIER Henry Cooper talks about his Army days.



# NEW PLATOONS FOR FALKLANDS



## TOPICS

**FOUR TA PLATOONS** are to be formed in the Falklands. Already an appeal on the islands' radio station has yielded 36 recruits for the planned 100-strong force.

Major Paddy Chambers, senior officer for joint force training in the South Atlantic, said two platoons would be based in Stanley and two around the islands.

The town-based units would man key installations and carry out reconnaissance work, while those outside the town would

act as guides, guards and intelligence collectors.

A defence force has existed in the Falklands since the 1880s, but the Argentinians put an end to it when they invaded. Then the FIDF were equipped with .303 rifles, now they are to be kitted out with SLRs, SMGs and GPMGs.

While Major Chambers is responsible for getting the force "off the ground", the man in charge will be Major Pat Peck who works in Stanley's public works department.

"We hope to have seven officers and 93 men. That's our target," said Major Chambers. "When we get them they will have proper training and equipment and a proper TA role."

"Women, too, can sign on in non-combatant roles and letters have gone out to all the settlements urging everyone to play a part in their islands' defence."

"Their local knowledge would be invaluable should trouble loom. We're just hoping that these people will answer our call."



## HATS OFF TO TOMORROW'S OFFICERS

**NO WONDER** these 17 officer cadets were throwing their hats in the air. They'd just earned a place at Sandhurst on the two-week TA commissioning course.

Their success marked the completion of the first year of Northern Ireland's Direct Entry Scheme to a TA Commission. For the cadets it meant the end of a six month slog that included two separate weeks of in-camp training and six weekends.

The training weekends, each covering an aspect of the Sandhurst Course plus a special-to-arm presentation, were each sponsored by TA units so as to allow the cadets an appreciation of the overall TA picture.

The lucky 17 were the only survivors from 96 original applications a year ago and a final course intake of 42 last September.

Finale of the course was a week long battle camp at Magilligan

WETC, County Londonderry, followed by a passing out parade inspected by the Chief of Staff at HQNI, Col John Wilsey and attended by parents, wives and girlfriends.

In all, 21 officer cadets were on parade — the unlucky four will have another chance next year. Those remaining will be off to Sandhurst between now and November.

## CLEAN SWEEP FOR THE FIFTH



**THE FIFTH** are the finest — or certainly as far as TA Shooting is concerned. At the Northern Ireland Skill at Arms Meeting on Ballykinler ranges the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, Royal Irish Rangers virtually wiped the board in competition with other TA Units and notched up scores that compared excellently with Regulars.

The Armagh based part-timers captured the five TA competitions and Captain Bill Potter,

team captain, took The McGinn Trophy for best aggregate and the RUR Cup as the Individual TA Rifle Champion. Now the 5th go forward with confidence to the TA Skill at Arms Meeting at Bisley in July.

Lieutenant-General Bob Richardson, GOC Northern Ireland, presented the trophies. The picture above shows him congratulating WO2 Jim Mullen, a long time stalwart of the 5th's shooting team.

## DEATHS RIDDLE ON SALISBURY PLAIN

**TWO TA soldiers** were found dead in a 4-ton Bedford Army lorry during a weekend exercise on Salisbury Plain. The two men were Corporal William Kerr (28) of the Army Catering Corps attached to 71 Signals Regiment and another member of the regiment Lance Corporal Richard Desmond aged 26.

The two men were discov-

ered in their vehicle parked near some generators early on Sunday morning. They were taken to hospital but all attempts at resuscitation failed. The post mortem will be followed by an inquest but military and civilian police investigating the deaths are working on the theory that both died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

# MEDICS GO TO WAR

THE PART-TIME medics of 304 (City of Glasgow) General Hospital have just been to war in the heart of Belgium. The war, of course, was a pretend one, but nothing else was left to the imagination, including the flow of hundreds of 'live' casualties, whose wounds were simulated by make-up specialists.

Under the constant scrutiny of 'umpires', the Territorial Army medics, nurses, and doctors — which included four complete surgical teams equipped to perform emergency operations in field conditions — dealt with the wounded in a hospital of tents.

Just to make life more complicated, the Directing Staff of Exercise 'Mini Mash' fed into the situation notional enemy attacks with nerve gas and other chemical weapons, along with numerous other problems.

For an intensive three days, the part-timers were given an unrelenting, round the clock taste of what they might have to do if the British Army ever had to fight again in Europe. The 'casualties' were supplied by Regular soldiers.

As a TA sponsored unit, 304 General Hospital is entirely staffed and run by part-timers. Its Commanding Officer, Colonel Ivan Tait, is a consultant based in Glasgow Infirmary in civilian life. And among its 100 ordinary medics are people from all walks of life who joined to learn medical and military skills and who come not only from Glasgow, but from elsewhere in Scotland, and indeed the rest of the UK.

Explaining the purpose of 'Mini-Mash', Colonel Tait said: "Basically this is a learning experience for us. It is not a test or an examination, but an exercise from which we are expected to learn."

Everything we do, short of an actual operation, is precisely what we would have to do in a real situation."



15th (Scottish) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, lay up their old Colours in Glasgow Cathedral. In the foreground are Lt J McWilliams and 2nd Lt S Turner, with behind him WO2 Ritchie and C/Sgts Swanson and McGowan.



TA Padre Raymond Webb comforts a casualty in 'Mini Mash'.



Leg blown off below knee — a typical simulation.

## HSF MAKE THEIR DEBUT

MAKING A WELCOME debut in this year's 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers Skill-at-arms meeting were members of the new Home Service Force. The 'young veterans' of No 1 Company, commanded by solicitor Major Robert Sandeman, turned out in strength at Barry Buddon to pit their shooting skills against their part-time rivals from throughout the battalion with Private Bill McGavock finishing as top HSF marksman.

The day was a new experience for many of 1/51's younger soldiers too, who were able to get their first taste of competition in ideal shooting conditions.

Honours were well distributed throughout the companies with the overall team championship going to V (Liverpool Scottish) Company (see picture).

Individual competitions were won by L/Cpl Ronnie Millar, HQ (BW) Coy (Rifle Cup), Pte Garry Denton, V Coy (Class B SLR), Cpl Gordon Giles A (BW) Coy Dundee (pistol), Cpl George Hartley, HQ Coy (SMG), Pte Bill McGavock, Dundee (best HSF) and Pte Gerry Molyneaux, V Coy (best young soldier).

## TA MAKE PAUL'S DAY

Paul sets off on his march.



PAUL UNSWORTH and his dad have just taken an expensive taxi ride from Leigh near Wigan to South Wales — and back — just to spend the day with the Territorial Army.

For Paul, just 11, was the winner from nearly 5000 entries in a slogan competition organised by Pallitoy, as part of a national Action Man Assault Course contest advertised in his *Warlord* comic.

His reward: a day with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, who 'cammed up' his face and gave him an RRW beret and badge when they went out on the inhospitable Sennybridge Training Area amid the Brecon Beacons.

The men of 'B' Company took Paul on a tough route march — all of a mile! And they fed him on compo rations.

Paul told SOLDIER: "Every time they stopped for a smoke they gave me a peppermint. I'm a bit too young for cigarettes. The lads were fantastic with me."

Mum, Mrs Frances Unsworth added: "They jollied him along. He's never stopped talk-

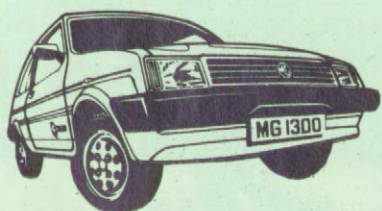
ing about it. Paul was really very excited.

"The Army dressed him up while he was there and they went over mountains and jumped over brooks. When he came home he sat down to watch a final story in a TV serial involving the SAS — but he fell asleep and missed all the action."

Later, out of the hearing of his Army hosts, Britain's youngest Action Man slogan writer quietly confided: "My real ambition is to get into the Royal Air Force."

But that off his chest, he quickly added: "If I couldn't get in then I wouldn't mind doing something in the Army."

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**N**O LESS than six guards of honour were on parade at Colchester when The Queen Mother visited the Royal Anglian Regiment as their Colonel-in-Chief.

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Rarely is it possible for one regiment to assemble all its regular and TA battalions at the same time. But all three of the Royal Anglians' regular battalions are currently stationed close to each other and their sister TA units.

The 1st Battalion — 'The Vikings' — have just returned to Oakington Barracks, Cambridge

after six months in Belize, the 2nd — 'the Poachers' — are at Hyderabad Barracks Colchester having recently spent two years in Londonderry, and the 3rd — 'the Pompadours' — are at Meance Barracks, Colchester, following four weeks exercising in Seattle, USA.

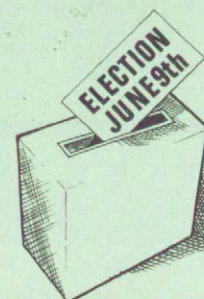
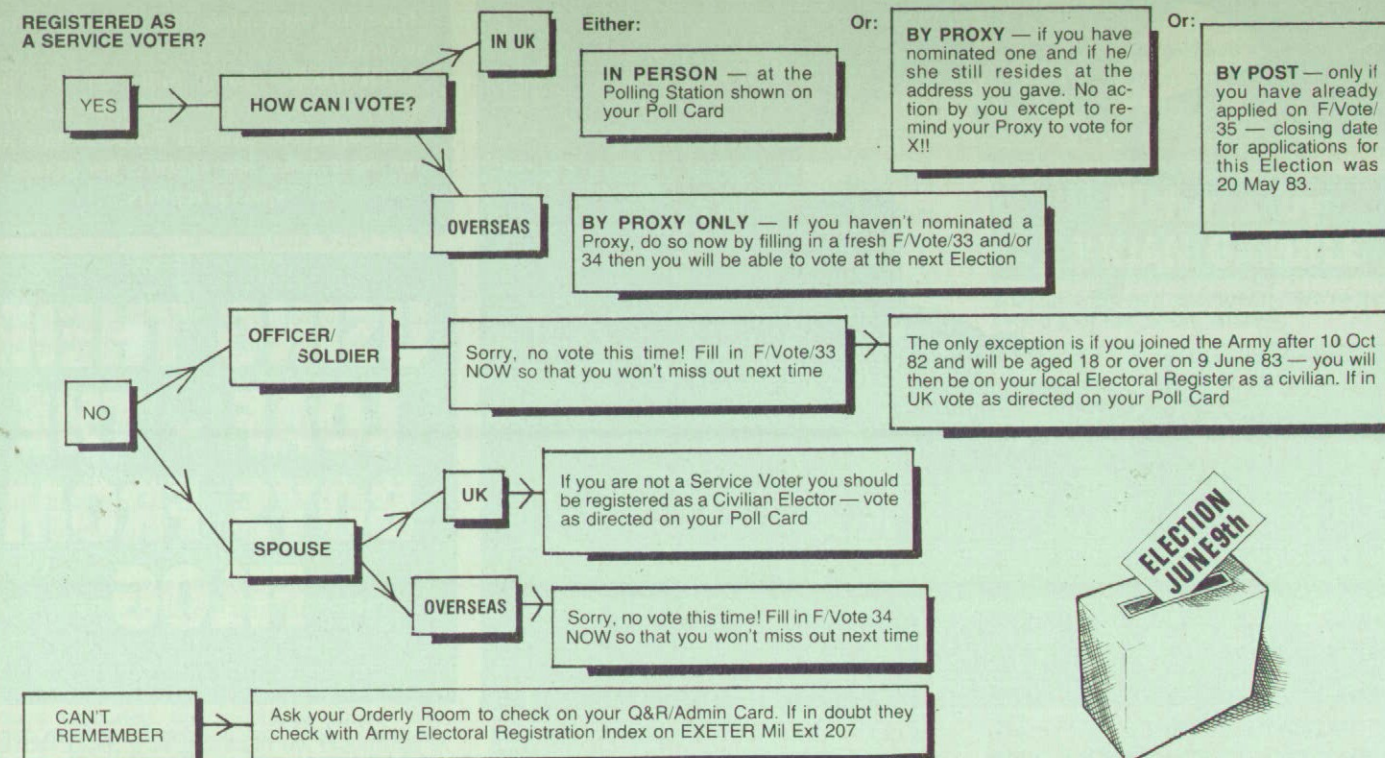
Also on parade were four bands — the massed bands and drums of the three regular units plus the drums of the Volunteer 5th Battalion.

After watching the musical display the Queen Mother made one of her famous walkabouts, meeting and chatting to many of the soldiers and their families. It was a great regimental occasion and even the occasional down-pour couldn't dampen spirits. ■



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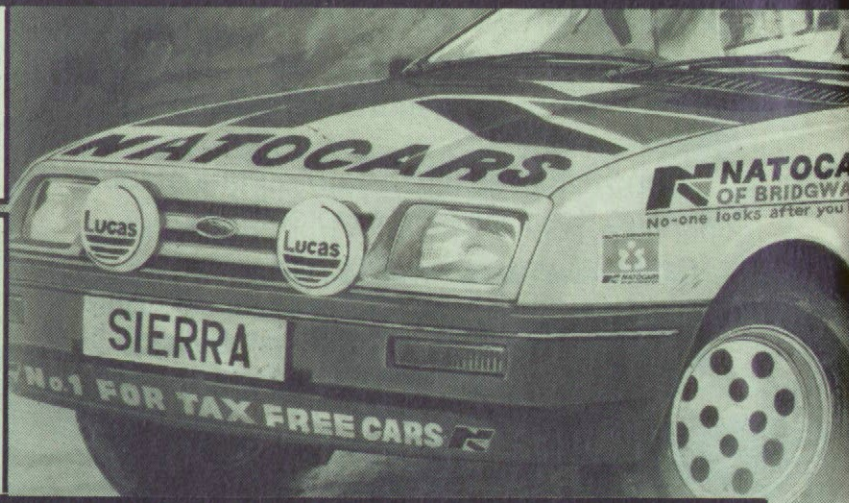


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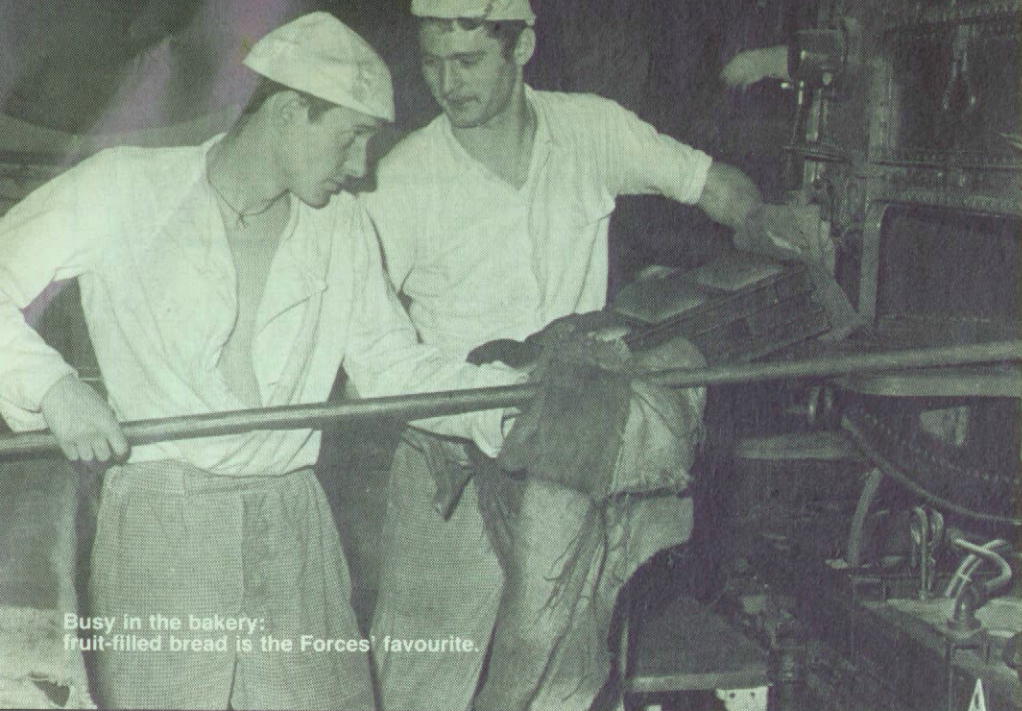
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Busy in the bakery: fruit-filled bread is the Forces' favourite.

**I**F FRIDAY is payday for most people, it's currant loaf day for the lads in the Falklands.

For Friday is the day that master baker WO2 Ron Louis bakes his weekly quota of fruit-filled loaves for the ever-hungry boys on the islands.

"It's the Forces favourite down here," said Ron who, with a team of 13 produces 1800 one-kilo loaves a day, seven days a week. And it's all done with equipment nearly 50 years old borrowed from a museum.

"We're the only mobile bakery operating in the Army today," said Ron, who turns out crisp, crusty bread beneath a leaky tent with kit on the point of collapse.

"The mixer motor is on its last legs — we'll have to get the REME in again — and we've already returned one of our two oil-fired ovens to the museum in the UK and borrowed another from them to keep us going."

But despite these operating handicaps, Ron and his sidekick Lance Corporal Carl Jenkins and his 11 on-the-job-trained bakers — all of them RAOC and who had never cooked anything more than a can of beans before — continue to turn out their oven-baked product with rain pouring through the flapping tent roof and rainwater gurgling around their feet.

"They're the salt of the earth," said Major General Keith Spacie, Commander British Forces in the Falklands. "And so are the laundrymen," he added. "They work in similar conditions and both teams are unsung heroes."

Run by Staff-Sergeant Arnie George the laundry, like the bakery, is part of the Falkland Islands Logistics Battalion (FILOG) under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Larry Brown.

While Arnie and his men don't wash socks, underwear or 'woolly pullies', they do every other item of clothing including sleep-

ing bags in their six-and-a-half-day working week. They, too, work in a tent but at the opposite end of Stanley to the bakers at a place called Moody Brook which lives up to its name in every respect. It's damp, miserable and exposed to the elements.

They are not alone though in their make-do-and-mend situation. For a mile further down the harbour — right at the very end in fact — live the lads of 2 Field Workshops REME.

Here, in a structure that can hardly be called a building since it was condemned years ago as unsafe, 51 men and three officers under the command of Major David McManamon, carry out second-line repairs on electronics, vehicles, instruments and weapons.

This, too, is part of FILOG as is the Accommodation Service Unit under Captain John Ore at the other end of Stanley.

"You name it, we're responsible for it,"



Less than a year ago British soldiers in the Falklands were still fighting to repel the Argentine invaders. Today they are fighting battles of a different kind — to overcome daunting problems of weather, accommodation and transport as they strive to guarantee the islands' future security.

**SOLDIER's** John Margetts has just spent a week in the Falklands watching many different units at work. In this and our next issue we feature his series of special reports.

## USING THEIR LOAF - THE BOYS FROM FILOG

he said. "And that is everything from cups and saucers to coffins. We supply the goods to all three Services, but it's a real DIY affair down here.

"Although everyone is willing to get stuck in and get the job done, you can't do a bloody thing without a helicopter or a ship. That's the only way to move anything. By the time my tour is up in June we will, with a bit of luck, have kitted out seven camps including the second 'Coastel' barge which is due any time now."

While Captain Ore plans how to move furniture and the like around the seemingly impassable terrain, Captain Ossie Crawford and his 52 men of the Royal Pioneer Corps Company get on with the never-ending task of trying to keep the township clear of military debris.

"We provide labour for everyone," said

Another loaf rolls off the RAOC's museum-piece production line. ▼

Captain Crawford. "I've got 15 men with 7 Squadron RE building huts, two driving HGVs, seven on EOD, four making bricks, three emptying dustbins for the FILOG battalion and the rest on permanent guard.

"They're a super set of guys and they've got a never-ending job. Just to ease the boredom we ring the changes with jobs every week or so."

Yet another outfit under Col Larry Brown's umbrella is 73 Port Squadron RCT. It's OC is Major David Hammett who, with 115 men of all trades in the maritime world under his command, described his job as "crisis management".

"With a seven day working week — it's not yet possible for everyone to have a day off every week — no two days are the same. Since last October the squadron has unloaded by barge from ships 100,000 tons of stores ranging from lavatory paper to stone crushers.

"The worst items in this little lot were 2000 tons of cement, much of which had burst and was lying loose in the ship's hold, and 2000 tons of tangled barbed wire."

Though no stranger to this type of work having done a similar job in Cyprus in 1974 for which he was awarded the MBE, Major Hammett considered this far tougher because of the lack of port facilities, dreadful roads and the promise of a severe winter.

But as fast as Major Hammett and his boys unloaded the incoming ships, WO Brian Scott, who arrived at the beginning of May — was packing it away in his ration store as quickly as possible in a never-ending cycle.

And WO1 'Taff' Horner and WO2 Jim Burnett of the Stores Company were reloading hundreds of tons onto barges and ship-

**W**HILE THE fight for the Falklands finished almost a year ago, there's a battle still raging down there in the South Atlantic. It is the fight against the elements; the wind and rain, the constant damp and appalling travelling and, in numerous cases, dreadful accommodation.

"But we are beating these problems," said Major General Keith Spacie, Commander British Forces in the islands. "Despite the awful conditions and the long hours — most people are working a 12-hour day — there is



ping it to the store ship *Tor Caledonia* moored half a mile off-shore.

A huge box-like vessel, the *Caledonia* is on hire at a rate running into thousands of pounds a day.

"But it's ideal for our purposes," said Taff Horner. "We couldn't manage without it. There's just nowhere else to store anything."

With 1200 tons of stores on board — everything except petrol, rations and ammunition — it takes a team of 65 men to keep everything in order and moving.

"We're the Tesco's of the South Atlantic," said Jim Burnett. Not an overstatement considering there are more than 11,500 different items stacked away in the 550ft-long ship.

The Port Squadron was also busy dealing

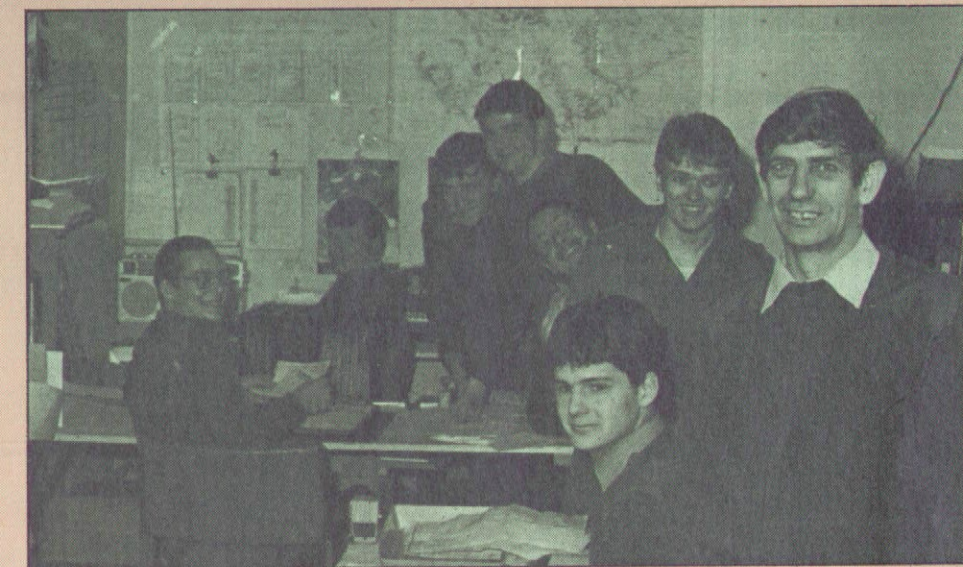
with the *Orwell Fisher*, a 5000-tonner from Barrow-in-Furness, with a cargo of building materials.

Tied up alongside the sole rotting wooden jetty, Major Hammett looked down into No 1 hold where two of his lads were toiling in bitter cold drizzle unloading huge drums of creosote.

"What a way to have to work," he said. "We'll get it done, but those two lads will be stinking for a month after handling this cargo. Still, at least we'll know who's been doing the work!"

## Pictures by BRIAN GAMBLE

WO2 Jim Burnett and team: "We're the Tesco's of the South Atlantic".



## 'WE'RE WINNING', SAYS THE GENERAL

a tremendous sense of purpose among the troops here, boosted by a remarkable spirit."

Said the General (pictured left), who has only just taken over in the post: "We are living with the local population in a wartime situation, but we have extremely good relations with them."

"It would be easy for the Army to take over the running of the town of Stanley, but it is important the civil community continues to do its own thing. We want to live as a parallel community rather than as an integrated community."

"We want to live in tandem with the local population rather than on top of them, as we are in many instances at the moment."

"The change will come about gradually as soldiers are re-housed from the cathedral hall, the gymnasium and private houses in Stanley to the Portakabin camps which are springing up around the area. A number will also transfer to the second floating 'Coastel' accommodation which is due to arrive soon."

Referring to his area of command General Spacie described it as a "truly professional joint command".

"I'm enjoying myself very much," he said. "Of course, it's not just the Falklands

which comes under my umbrella, but South Georgia, too, which is about 1,000 miles south of the islands.

"We have a detachment there and communicating with them — as with soldiers based in and around Stanley — is not without its difficulties. "Travel here is extremely difficult. You either fly or walk. It's the only way to get around because of the appalling state of the roads."

To boost communication links and, with it, morale, the General plans a weekly news-sheet.

"It's not off the ground yet," he said, "but it's very much in the pipeline."

He spoke highly, too, of the work of the SSVC team of broadcasters who are there in support of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service.

"They're doing a great job helping people keep in touch," he said.

"Up till now the lads have been working seven days a week — and most still do — but my latest order of the day is that everyone should get one day off a week."

His edict was well received and appreciated, but with work demands running at a phenomenal high, it will be some time before everyone starts to enjoy the ordered leisure. ■

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## FALKLANDS FILE



**I**F YOU ARE a QARANC nurse and have never tried your hand at sheep shearing, get your name down for a Falklands posting. For in the clipping season, nurses of the Forces' hospital in Stanley often spend their spare time on farms helping out in this and any other way they can.

"It's a total break from hospital routine and helps soothe anxieties new nurses might have about the place," said Matron, Major Sylvia Scott.

Nine months ago there were no nurses on the Falklands. Now there are 12 to help tend the 24-bed military wing of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital. Thirteen of these beds were filled with sick Servicemen when SOLDIER called for a walkabout.

But although the nurse-patient ratio might seem extremely favourable, it should be noted that the girls have to combine nursing with keeping the place clean.

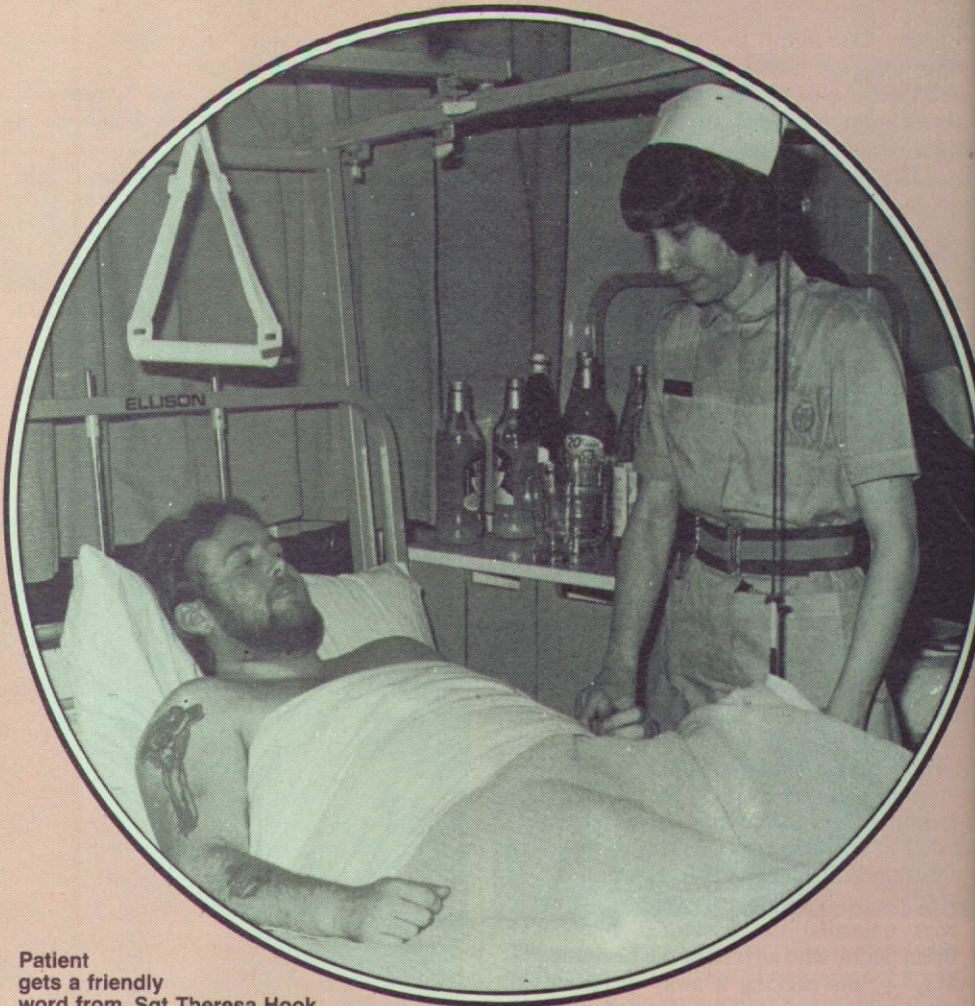
"The trouble is we are extremely short of domestic staff, so we have to do it ourselves," said Sylvia Scott.

She doesn't just say it though, she leads from the front in true DIY style. Only that day she had made and put up curtains, laid floor covering and hung several lengths of wallpaper in addition to completing her admin and nursing rounds.

"It's not a bad place," conceded Sylvia, who, with her staff, does a four-month tour. "The social life could be quite hectic with invites from ships and units if we let it," she added. "But as we work a 24-hour shift system and the work load can be quite heavy, we have to let a number slip."

Her immediate boss is Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Banks, one of the few non-doctors, running a military hospital.

**Major Sylvia Scott (right) with Army hospital colleagues.**



Patient gets a friendly word from Sgt Theresa Hook.

## CARING AND SHEARING

He obviously has problems with the military sharing a civilian hospital and occupying the majority of beds — 24 to 16.

"But we have the surgeon, physician and anaesthetist and we help them out with surgery after which the patient returns to the civilian section of the hospital," pointed out Colonel Banks.

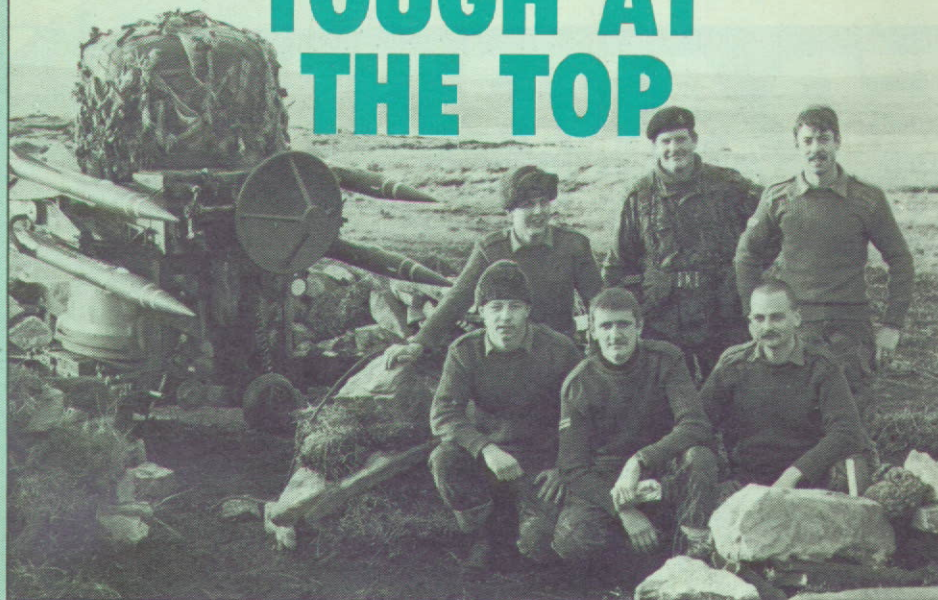
"It's an integrated effort," he said producing an outline plan showing a 30-bed extension costing about £80,000.

"This extension will solve a good many accommodation and stores problems since we have little or no space for anything. At the moment we are using the hospital garage and ships' containers as medical and ration stores."

Tapping the map he explained that the extension will be a temporary building and will stay in use until the new hospital — now in the planning stage — is built.

But while neither Col Banks nor Major Sylvia Scott would claim a panacea for the administration and accommodation problems facing them and the locals, their presence, and that of their respective staffs, has provided a therapeutic value that will long be cherished by both the inhabitants and the Servicemen serving in the South Atlantic. ■

# TOUGH AT THE TOP



**T**HE NOTICE over the sack-covered doorway said: 'The Little House on the Prairie'. But it would have been more appropriate if 'Hill' had been substituted for 'Prairie'.

For it was the home of a seven-strong Rapier troop perched on top of a ridge overlooking San Carlos Water — 'Bomb Alley' — on one side, and miles of uncompromising, barren Falklands landscape on the other.

Except for the water, a few sheep hundreds of feet below and a solitary hut in the far distance, nothing could be seen.

This is the view the seven young soldiers of F Troop, 30 Air Defence Battery, 16 Air Defence Regiment, have endured for two months.

"It's tough at the top," admitted Lieutenant Tom Fleetwood, 23, who commands F Troop and others like it. "The lads are up here for three months with only one day off in seven and no booze."

"They get airlifted by helicopter down to Kelly's Garden camp for a shower and a rest. Then it's back to the top of the ridge again to their tin and mud-covered, two-roomed home for another six-day stint. It's no joke when the rain lashes down and the wind howls by at a ferocious speed."

"But we manage," said Bombardier Frank Kerr, who heads the team of Gunners.

"Our watches keep us fairly busy — NCOs do five hours on 10 off and Gunners five on and 15 off."

◀ Lt Tom Fleetwood with F Troop — Rapiers ready for any invaders.

"Our off-duty times are spent improving the living and sleeping areas, cooking, at which we all take a daily turn, washing our clothes and generally tidying the place up."

"Every now and again we have target practice which makes for a good deal of interest and excitement."

Daily, Tom Fleetwood pays a call on them, either by the water and food delivery helicopter or by climbing to the ridge.

"It helps keep me fit," he said. "But I like to see how the lads are getting on."

He has no real worries on that score, for he knows that F Troop are a professional, self-reliant group who, when they are not keeping an eye out for possible invaders, are snug, warm and dry in the 'Little House on the Hill'.

Home — but no joke when it rains.



**E**VERY TIME the Beaver float plane belonging to the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) needs to fly, the maintenance crews of 658 Squadron AAC have to clear out of the way.

For they share a bomb-holed hangar with the company aircraft and it means shifting their Scout helicopters and themselves on to the slipway on Stanley's inner harbour.

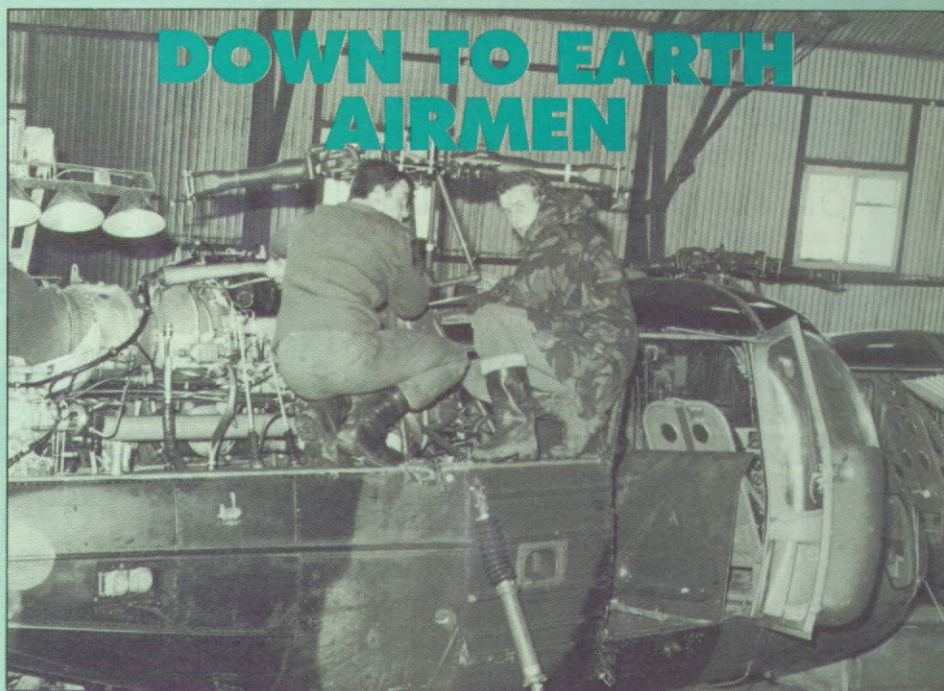
Perched feet from the water's edge they then carry on with repairs, often in pouring rain and howling wind.

"It won't get any better, either, before we leave for Netheravon in June," said Captain Stephen Andrews, OC the LAD.

Conditions are not enhanced by the fact that the helicopters fly three times as many hours as they do in the UK — anything up to 85 hours a month — which means that many more checks are required by the maintenance crews outside in the elements under the watchful eye of WO1 ASM Bob Leech of REME.

Basically 658 are in the Falklands in a support role. They ferry food, mail, anybody and anything that needs moving. To do this they have four Scouts and four Gazelles at Stanley and another four Scouts at Fox Bay in support of 1 Royal Irish.

Like everyone else they are working and operating in rotten conditions — and cramped at that. There is barely room to move in the hangar, made full of holes by a cluster bomb — one of ours incidentally — in last year's fighting.



Working in the bomb-holed hangar.

And when it rains, which it does most days, water pours in under the entrance doors, around their feet and out into the harbour.

They are not ideal conditions in which to repair and maintain aircraft. "It's a real make-do-and-mend situation," explained Stephen Andrews.

"Even our dining tent is a home-made

affair where 60 soldiers eat and spend what little recreation time they have."

But morale is high with 658 — as it is with all the troops — for they are counting the days off on their 'chuff charts' when they will say farewell to the South Atlantic.

Replacing them will be 651 Squadron from BAOR with their Lynx helicopters. "They'll get used to it," said Captain Andrews — "We did."

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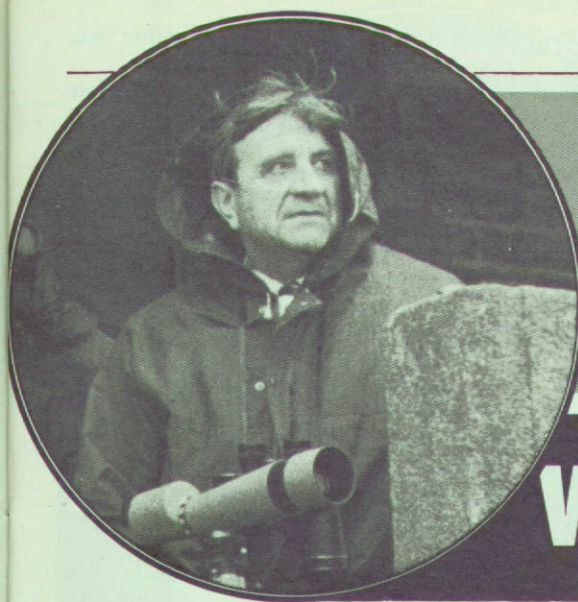
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John Walton talks to the ex-Army officer who now spearheads a different kind of defence mission . . .

## WILD ABOUT NATURE

**T**EN YEARS have passed since the Ministry of Defence began its conservation battle and appointed a man to run it who has proved a redoubtable champion of wildlife on the ranges and stations throughout the British Isles — Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Clayden.

Colonel Clayden was among several hundred hopefuls who applied for the post of MoD Conservation Officer back in 1973. He had been an infantry soldier for 35 years with the Middlesex Regiment in which he had followed his father only to see it eventually disappear into the Queen's Regiment.

But undoubtedly the factors which swung the appointment his way were his tremendous energy and enthusiasm and a genuine affinity with nature dating back to his childhood.



The Hobby — 40 per cent of the pairs are on Ministry of Defence land.



The Natterjack Toad — thriving again.

"When I was in India at the age of four I went out with my father on his horse and first met a cobra. You were involved with wildlife every day of your life — krait and other snakes used to come into your house which is why we kept a mongoose. When we came back to England we spent part of every Sunday rambling over the Yorkshire Moors."

During his Army service around the world Norman continued to study wildlife — particularly birds. He had been a member of the Army Birdwatching Society for many years and had run it for the previous five when he was appointed to the MoD job.

He sped immediately into top gear and has never stopped since. Retiring from the Army on a Saturday he started his new job on the Monday.

"There were three Birdwatching Societies but other than that there was nothing going at all, apart from one or two commandants or superintendents who had personal interests in things like pheasant shooting, fishing and deer stalking.

"My charter was to co-ordinate conservation activities, to liaise with thousands of organisations and to educate the Services in conservation and environmental matters. There was no money and no labour available apart from my own and one assistant."

He began with three volunteer conserva-

tion groups not far from his home in Fleet, Hampshire. At Bordon he co-opted local naturalists onto his group and they recorded what there was in the way of wildlife and architectural and scientific interest. "With that information we were able to study the habitat required to sustain that wildlife."

This was to provide the pattern for 60 groups formed during that first year — the largest being at Shoeburyness with some 90 members. This has now expanded to 189 groups embracing some 4000 volunteers

**'All wildlife asks is to be left in peace to do its stuff and breed quietly. So much of it cannot adapt quickly enough to change.'**

and covering two-thirds of the defence estate.

Full dossiers have now been prepared on 20 sites and 32 are in the pipeline.

"We have a much better knowledge of what is on the property and where it is exactly. Our main aim has been to find out what is there, to keep it the same as it is now and then to try and improve it. The next stage will probably be reintroducing species and finding suitable habitats."

The Range Warden and Colonel Clayden at Longmoor Ranges, an oasis of calm. ▼



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It is when we go onto specifics that Norman Clayden displays his infectious enthusiasm as he rattles off the details.

"We discovered in the middle of Salisbury Plain a plant which was last seen in 1887. At Stanford we found three species of water beetle last known in this country in 1897, 1901 and 1905.

"We have one site — in the middle of Wiltshire — containing nine of the 15 species of bat. We found four of the Bechstein bat which have never been found more than one at a time. Then there is the Serotine which we found for the first time in a cave — they are tree dwelling bats. And we have one of the largest colonies of Greater Horseshoe Bat.

"In the same site we found a complete skeleton of a crocodile and ammonites are two a penny. We have created other havens and have what could well be the last remaining wild otters in East Anglia.

"We have three sites for natterjack toads, including the last remaining in the south of England. From 11 toads in 1975 we now have a thriving population, probably in hundreds, ranging from one to six years old. There are eight sites for the sand lizard, including one where it has been reintroduced and is thriving and the same for the smooth snake."

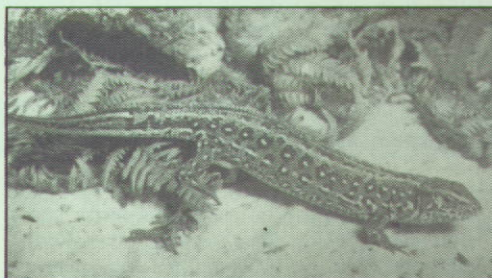
Colonel Clayden also runs the ministry's deer organisation and there is no culling of deer without his permission. Despite being a conservationist he is not starry eyed about animals and accepts that deer do damage and have to be kept to acceptable numbers.

Birds are still his own speciality and here again the statistics are impressive. "We have

50 per cent of the breeding pairs of Stone Curlew, 40 per cent of the pairs of the Hobby and the largest Little Tern colony in England. We have about one-fifth of the world's population of Brent Geese wintering on one of our sites and the highest concentrations of Woodlark with 48 pairs at one site."

All of the rare and uncommon plants in Britain can be found on MoD sites. In many cases they are the last specimens in the county, the region or even the country.

Butterflies too have retreated into MoD sanctuaries. "We have ten sites with more than 30 species of butterfly. Salisbury Plain



The Sand Lizard — now on eight sites.

is alive with butterflies. We have several sites for the Duke of Burgundy, a site for the Glanville Fritillary and have just discovered a colony of the Essex Skipper."

And so the catalogue goes on. A Berkshire site with 437 species of moth. Four sites with more than 20 species of dragonfly . . .

Why is the Ministry of Defence so successful in the conservation field when it might be imagined that all the noise, explosions and churning up by military vehicles

would destroy the environment rather than preserve it?

Colonel Clayden believes there is a simple explanation. When the sites were acquired they were not good for farming. Today, although they are used for training, troops do not live on them permanently and the areas are left to grow.

"We have grassland which has not been touched and grazed for 200 years and woodland which has not been touched for 50 to 60 years. We have the largest chalk downland site which is now sheep grazed but has had no pesticides or herbicides and has not been ploughed.

"We have eight duneland sites which have not been eroded by trampling — the areas might be a bombing range or we might fire across them. We also have the largest dry heathland site left in Britain and the public cannot get into it because we are firing seven days a week.

"All wildlife asks is to be left in peace to do its stuff and breed quietly. So much of it cannot adapt quickly enough to change. If we hadn't taken over, most of these sites would be holiday camps or caravan sites or excavated for gravel and so on. It's people — with their transistors, dogs and big boots — who harass these creatures and plants."

What of the next ten years? Norman Clayden is a man in a hurry — at 62 he has only three of those years left, before retirement. He says: "I still have to look at 150,000 acres and I know of another 40 interesting sites. But I am delighted with what has already been achieved. It is so rewarding to achieve something good in the conditions in which we all live." ■

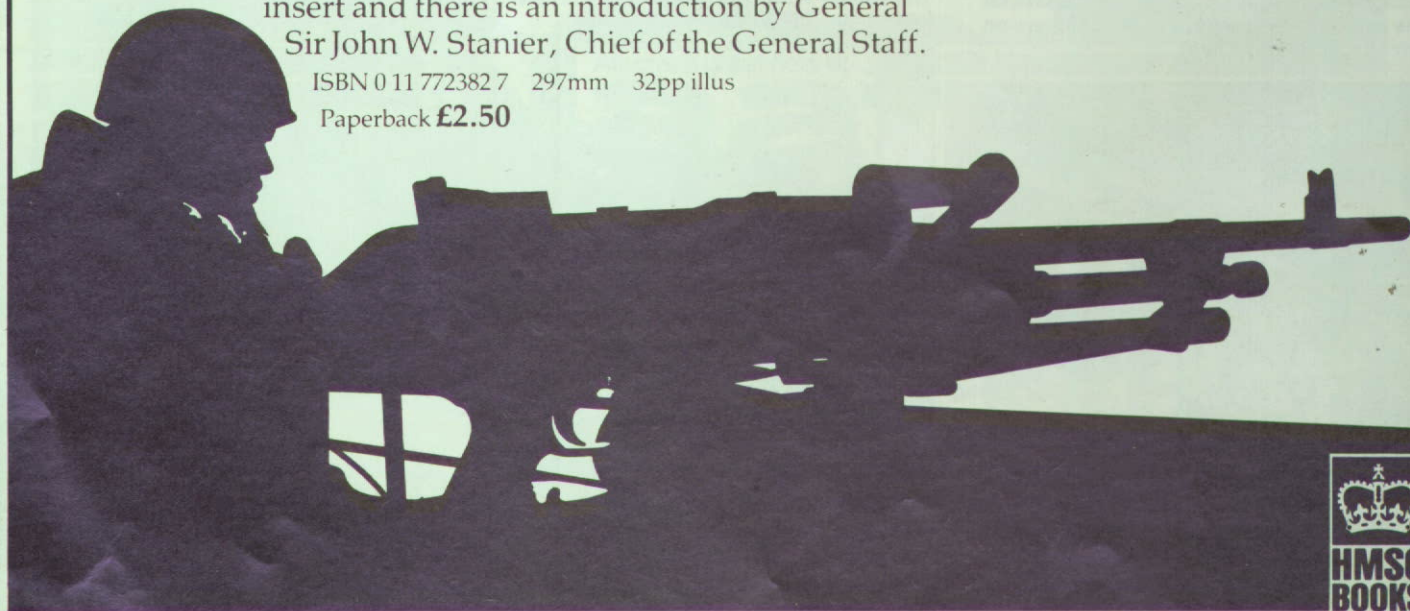
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## PUTTING A STAMP ON HISTORY

**T**HREE HUNDRED and fifty years of military history, from pikemen to paratroopers, are to be commemorated by the Post Office's first ever stamps featuring British Army regiments through the ages.

The five special stamps, to be issued on 6 July, have been designed by Mr Eric Stemp (pictured above), a 59-year-old part-time lecturer at a London art college.

Unveiling the designs at a press preview at London's National Army Museum, Mr John MacKay, the Post Office's Assistant Director of Philately and Counter Marketing, said: "The best way of commemorating the British Army is the British soldier in his ordinary uniform rather than that of his general. Eric Stemp has captured the spirit of the regiments which we all know and love."

Major-General John Arthur — a cavalryman among the assembled infantrymen and Director of Personnel Services (Army) — remarked on the close collaboration between the Post Office and the Army in producing the stamps.

"I hope and I'm sure they will be of mutual benefit. They are very attractive designs and will help keep the Army in the public

eye which is something we are always trying to do. Not the least, they will provide funds for the Army and regimental charities. This is most important to us."

Designer Eric Stemp — an ex-RAF man — was one of three designers to submit their ideas for approval by the judging committee. In 1979 he designed the Rowland Hill issue and miniature sheet. He also designed the stamp booklet covers showing 19th century ladies' costume issued from May 1981 to October 1982.

He told **SOLDIER**: "These Army regiment designs took me nine months to complete. Originally, I was asked to submit four but because of the Falklands I was asked to include the Parachute Regiment. I came down to the Parachute Regiment HQ at Aldershot to do my researches. I am surprised and delighted to win again and I entered the essay because of my particular interest in costume really and modern fashion illustration. I was asked to concentrate on uniforms. Now, I would like to do the rest of the regiments on stamps."

Special first day covers designed by Keith Bassford will be available from the British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, Edinburgh EH3 5TT and at most post offices.

The first day of issue facilities will be provided at offices with philatelic posting boxes and there will also be two pictorial first day of issue handstamps available, one from the Bureau Edinburgh and one from Aldershot.

Limited editions of other special first day covers being produced include ones for the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and the Queen's Own Hussars Regimental Museum.

## FROM PIKEMEN TO PARATROOPERS — HOW THE ARMY'S UNIFORMS HAVE CHANGED

ONCE SOLDIERS were accoutred in armour for personal protection. Then they were dressed in bright colours for dash and panache. Today they wear camouflage combat kit for concealment.

This changing concept of the military uniform is illustrated in the five new British Army stamps being issued to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the raising of The Royal Scots.

On the 16p stamp is a pikeman, forerunner of the Royal Scots, equipped with pot helmet, breastplate and hinged tassels covering his thighs — all designed to deflect musket balls and blows from enemy edged weapons.

Pikemen formed a protective 'hedge' of levelled pikes to prevent musketeers being trampled by charging cavalry during the laborious business of loading and firing their cumbersome matchlock muskets.

The 20½ stamp depicts the Royal Welch Fusiliers, raised in 1689, the senior regiment of Welsh line infantry. Fusiliers were originally specialist troops — used for guarding artillery trains and ammunition depots — who were armed with a fusil, a comparatively light flintlock musket with a smaller bore than the matchlock musket then in general use.

The stamp illustrates the regiment's uniform in the middle of the 18th century. The mitre cap, similar to that worn by grenadiers, increased the soldier's stature and was supposed to make it easier for him to sling his musket on his back.

Two riflemen, circa 1805, are featured on the 26p stamp. Members of the 95th Rifles (later the Rifle Brigade), a forerunner of The Royal Green Jackets, they are about to fire their Baker rifles from the standing and kneeling positions.

Their inconspicuous green uniforms were pioneered by another of the Green Jackets' former regiments, the 60th Rifles, who discarded their very visible redcoats to merge with their surroundings when fighting the French and red indians in the forests of Canada.



Later, with the 95th, they pioneered the use of the rifle in the British Army. Its long range and accuracy, coupled with the inconspicuous uniforms and American-style tactics, proved highly effective in the Peninsula War.

Camouflage clothing of a different era, worn by a sergeant of the Irish Guards in the South African War, appears on the 28p stamp. His drab khaki uniform, complete with slouch hat and puttees, contrasts with his comrade in arms who stands in the background resplendent in full dress uniform of red tunic and bearskin.

Finally, coming right up to date, the 31p stamp shows the strictly practical combat kit of the modern paratrooper: disruptive pattern camouflage smock, lightweight olive green trousers, rubber-soled boots — topped off, of course, by the Parachute Regiment's distinctive red beret. A para wielding a GPMG advances ahead of a colleague and a collapsing parachute.

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# BLIZZARDS AND BLISTERS

**T**HEY CAME. They skied. They conquered. The 15-man team — mostly drawn from 2nd Battalion The Coldstream Guards — who set out a few weeks ago to commemorate the epic withdrawal from northern Norway by the 24th Guards Brigade in 1940, successfully completed their 100 mile Arctic journey in just seven days.

Bernard Ash in *Norway 1940* vividly describes the 24th's fighting retreat thus: '... the Jocks had marched nearly 100 miles in a week, fighting rearguard actions, outflanked and outnumbered and continually attacked

from the air. They had lost everything but their personal weapons and what they stood up in.'

For their successors, 43 years later, retracing the exact route taken by the 24th from Mo I Rana was impossible. The Scots Guards had followed for the most part the E6 — the only road in this wild region. Instead the team on Exercise Snowballers Diamond, led by Captain Joel Poznansky, Coldstream Guards, set out to cover the same distance in the same time but using a parallel, more mountainous route.

The group — a mix of novice and expert skiers — had to carry most of their kit and rations on their backs apart from a couple of stops on the E6 to take on fresh supplies from the company minibus. At night they took refuge in snow holes.

"It proved more testing than we had anticipated," admitted Captain Poznansky "mainly due to the basic ability of the skiers, the very varied weather and remote, mountainous terrain.

"The scenery was spectacular — the ice, the avalanche-prone cliffs, wild elk and reindeer herds for instance — and the weather conditions were alarming enough to keep us alert.

"The ski-ing too, apart from a very icy second day, was fantastic — fresh, untouched snow, ideal for cross-country. But when we skied out of the mountains into Sulitjelma on the final day the sense of achievement was mixed with a tinge of relief." ■

Day Six — and everyone still in step. ▲

L to r: Gdsm Keat, L/Cpl Houchen, Cfn Spicer and Sgt Rothwell share a joke. ▼



The Diamond-studded cast: Front left, the expedition leader, Capt Joel Poznansky. ▼

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THE GUILD OF St Helena is one of those admirable charities that do so much good and yet are little known even among those for whom they work.

Guilds can be found in most garrisons from Hong Kong to Antwerp, from Cyprus to UK. Their members aim to "help wives and families of Servicemen and ex-Servicemen by bringing them into Christian fellowship one with another" and membership is open to all wives everywhere.

Yet how many of you realise the extent of aid given to the Services by the Guild of St Helena?

Considerable amounts of money have been donated to organisations such as the Royal Cambridge Widows Home, the Royal Soldiers' Daughters School, to Blesma for the training of the handicapped for re-employment and to the organisers of the annual holiday for handicapped Service children's holiday at Shorncliffe run by the Guild. In fact the 1983 AGM held earlier this month revealed that a staggering total of £16,000 had been distributed in grants and donations during the preceding year.

The Guild takes a special interest in the handicapped and its annual holiday for handicapped Service children is always very popular. In addition, the Guild donates £250 a year for three years to a brain damaged Service child from its Handicapped Children's Trust Fund and a covenant of £1000 to the Infant Hypercalcaemia Foundation.

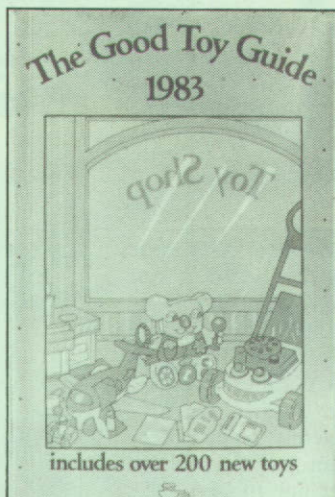
The 1983 Guild Project is to raise money for the work of the Church Army who do so much to help in prisons, with single, homeless men and women, drug addicts and alcoholics and in hostels for those who need rehabilitation of all kinds. It is in caring even outside the Guild itself that makes the Guild of St Helena so special and so effective.

If you would like more details on the Guild, you should contact your Padre or Guild representative or write direct to the Guild Secretary at the Guild of St Helena HQ, Room 5, Block E, Duke of Yorks HQ, Chelsea SW3 4RX.

*Anne Armstrong*

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

IT TAKES SOME DOING to sort out the good books on children from the not so good, particularly when there are so many written. Parents naturally want good sound advice on bringing up their children and a good book can be a valuable guide through the tangle of those preschool years. Luckily there are



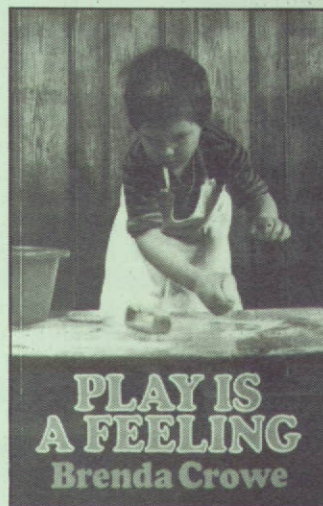
some books that stand out from the crowded shelves as worthy of a closer look. Five such outstanding books have appeared in the last couple of months which I would recommend to anyone who is interested in the under-fives and their development.

The "Good Toy Guide 1983" should prove an invaluable asset to parents bemused by the seemingly infinite variety of toys on offer. Should a toy be one from which a child can learn as he plays or simply a 'fun' toy? How can you tell which toy will remain a firm favourite in years to come and which will be discarded completely after a few hours in favour of an old cardboard box? Toys today are expensive and the constructive guidance on toys for all ages in

the "Good Toy Guide" can save parents pounds. There are chapters on toys for children with special needs, toys that will encourage each stage of child development and toys that are just fun and games. And all the recommended toys have been thoroughly tested by experts — the children themselves.

Next, two books from authors closely connected with the Pre-School Playgroups Association: "Play is a Feeling" by Brenda Crowe and "Running a Mother and Toddler Group" by Joyce Donoghue.

Brenda has already written a number of books about children and this latest is an exploration of the world of childhood which

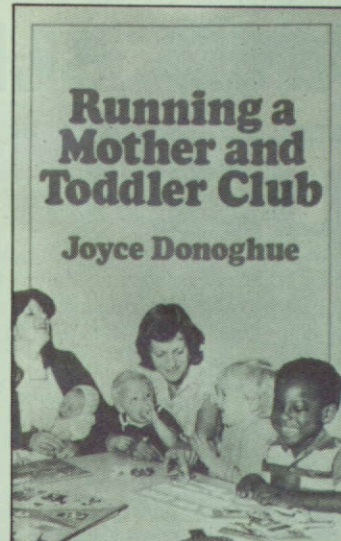


includes the first discoveries of movement, language, surroundings and feelings. It will help many parents-to-be to prepare for parenthood and those with children already may find themselves looking at them with a fresh understanding.

Joyce Donoghue developed a special interest in under-threes and realised the value of mother and toddler groups during her

time as a PPA national Vice-Chairman. Her book takes a practical yet imaginative line as she answers all the questions and problems faced by others who also feel that mother and toddler groups open up a whole new world to lonely mothers and want to start groups of their own. In one valuable publication, Joyce covers all aspects of the organisation, role, content and potential of these groups.

The National Association for



the Welfare of Children in Hospital, NAWCH, has been gradually receiving the recognition and support that it deserves. They have brought out a book which reviews the varying practices in hospitals when a new baby needs hospital care and how these practices can affect the parents as well as the babies. Entitled "Special Care for Babies in Hospital", the book is written by Priscilla Alderson with the sensitivity of personal experience as she mentions parents who suffered great distress when they were prevented from being with their baby while others were encouraged to spend as much time as possible with their child. The book is illustrated with moving photos by Camilla Jessel and is available from NAWCH, 7 Exton Street, SE1 at £2.00.

Also from NAWCH, although actually written by a co-ordinated group, comes "Setting up playschemes in Hospitals". This is another step forward in the campaign to provide play facilities for children in all hospitals.

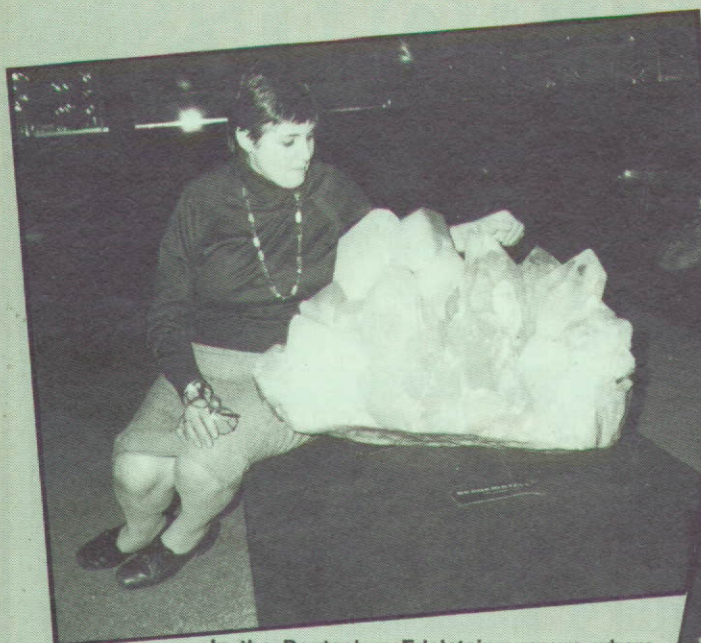
As parents we all want to do the best by our children and these books are a selection taken from the titles available which may help us do just that little bit better or just reassure us that our children are developing along the right lines.

## DID YOU KNOW?

THERE IS NOW even more help at hand for Service dependants looking for employment in Germany. An English/German booklet which spells out your rights — and your duties — as an unemployed foreigner hoping to find work should now be available at your local PCLU in Germany (or from me here at SOLDIER if you cannot get hold of a copy anywhere else).

The booklet spells out the necessary procedures for signing on, explains your obligations once you have registered for work and details your rights to benefit, all in a clear dual-language format which will help break down the language barrier that has cropped up previously. A few of the procedures will not apply to wives working for the British as the booklet is primarily for those wishing to work on the German economy, but it should prove an asset to anyone seeking guidance through the Arbeitsamt maze.

Ask for the orange, pink and yellow booklet at the PCLU within seven days of your arrival in Germany.



In the Deutsches Edelsteinmuseum where Leslie indulges her interest in gem stones.

## FLYING THE FLAG

LESLIE AYRES HAS been an ambassador of a very special sort for Britain and as she prepares for her 28th move with the Army she will be leaving behind a good many friends who have learnt a lot about the British and their way of life from Leslie's single-handed efforts.

Idar-Oberstein — and anyone may be forgiven for not knowing where that is — has been home for Leslie and her husband Roger for the last two-and-a-half years. Roger was posted to the German Artillery School there as Liaison Officer and the Ayres soon discovered that they were the only British Service family in town. In fact the town today is a single built-up area consisting of the smaller settlements of Idar and Oberstein which have merged over the years. It nestles in a gorge south west of Frankfurt and not far from the Luxembourg border but hundreds of miles from the nearest British stations.

A posting as a liaison officer's wife would be a daunting prospect for many wives, but Leslie mastered the language barrier and found that it opened doors not only within the Artillery School but also among the local civilian population who were tremendously keen to learn British customs and ways. "I try to keep everything I do totally Eng-

lish," explains Leslie; "even down to the tea and the china!"

She found that her German friends were interested to learn about such British basics as shepherd's pie, Cornish pasties, mince pies and Christmas pudding, most of which they had never even heard of. In return, Leslie has learnt much about the traditional German way of life by joining groups of German wives for coffee, evenings out sampling the local speciality restaurants, swimming and tea parties. "At these gatherings we take it in turn to do something a bit special if there are people from other countries there too. I have been very lucky and learnt about the German customs and I have had the most interesting and lively discussions. One always takes a present to these gatherings for example and it should, ideally, be home made. It's a lovely custom."

Home made presents are no problem for Leslie. She has always found time to keep up with her interest in crafts and has become extremely skilful in a number of different fields. She has made a suit for herself right from the raw wool which she spun herself before weaving the material and making it up; she has mastered the art of making pot pourri, learnt to make American quilts and actually finished



Leslie works on a quilt with a Star of David pattern. She is wearing a skirt that she spun and wove herself and is using a workbox that she also made.

four, including two queen size ones. She has dabbled in upholstery and made countless small gifts especially for the tea parties, among which were some Christmas crackers that were a delightful novelty for her German friends. She has been asked to give demonstrations and classes in the arts of cracker making, spinning and weaving and other skills at the wives' clubs and these have been greeted with great enthusiasm.

A further interest for Leslie was her love of gem stones. Idar-Oberstein is ideally suited to anyone with such an interest as it is an important centre for cutting and polishing precious stones and for costume jewellery manufacture. There is a precious stone museum — the Deutsches Edelsteinmuseum — which boasts a comprehensive collection of every stone known to man in their natural and remodelled state. Leslie has become extremely knowledgeable from her frequent visits to the museum during her tour.

Apart from these 'spare time' pursuits, Leslie has also managed to bring up a family and involve herself and her daughter Judy in work at the American Red Cross

clinic at the nearby base. Judy also passed the necessary tests to qualify as an accredited foster mother as she spent two days a week at the Child Care Centre. "We are grateful to the Americans for their friendship and for the use of their many facilities including the library and the Arts and Crafts Centre," said Leslie.

There have been times in the last two-and-a-half years when the Ayres have proudly flown the flag for Britain in a much more obvious way. "As the Union Jack fluttered from our quarter," relates Leslie with a smile "the people round about tried to guess what we British were celebrating — Prince William's birth, the Falklands victory, St George's Day or some other typically British occasion."

Leslie has spent her life with the Army, both before and after her marriage and has learnt to adapt to the demands of a wide variety of postings but she will look back on her time with the German Artillery School as a posting with a difference: "It has been both fascinating and challenging. I have learnt a lot and been very lucky," agrees the sole British envoy in Idar-Oberstein.

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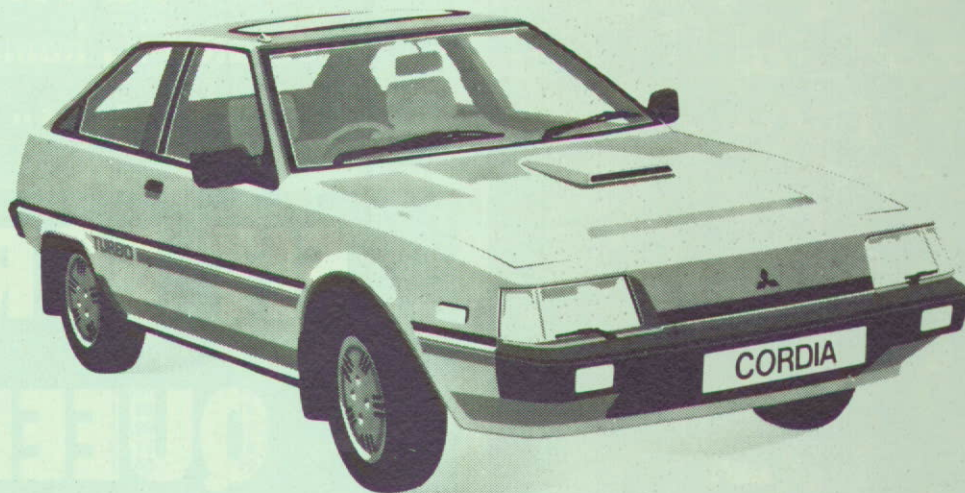
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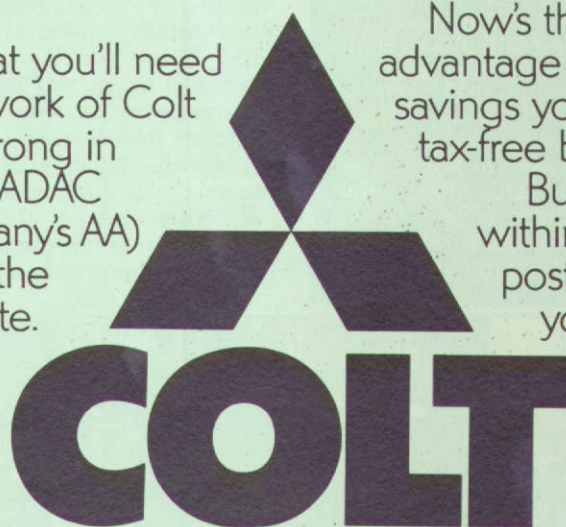
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# FIT FOR A QUEEN



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**THE FAMOUS WALLED** city of York has been home to a garrison since Roman times. But it has seen few more memorable military occasions than this month's parade at Imphal Barracks when the Queen welcomed home the Army's largest division — the 2nd Infantry Division — after an absence of 41 years.

More than 1000 men from Regular and TA units throughout the UK were drawn up for an occasion that marked not only the 2nd Division's homecoming but also the 75th anniversary of the Territorial Army.

In the barracks which has echoed to the sound of marching feet for 102 years and from which thousands of young soldiers left to fight in two world wars, the Queen was greeted by a parade ranging from be-medalled veterans to young soldiers whose first medal is yet to be gained.

As the Royal car entered the barracks a 21-gun Royal Salute was fired by 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, based at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire and a ceremonial fanfare was sounded by trumpeters of The Royal Yeomanry from London.

In her speech the Queen made reference to the 2nd Division and the Territorial Army when she said: "Units of the Territorial Army have always taken a proud

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"Despatched immediately to the Peninsular War, representatives of the Division fought subsequently in France, in many theatres of two world wars and elsewhere confronting opponents as diverse and brave as the Chinese and the Zulus.

"Wherever it went the Division maintained a fine reputation, alike for courage and that spirit of enterprise and initiative which has recently made it pioneer the use of battlefield computers.

"My father, King George VI, visited the Second Division before its departure for India and Burma 41 years ago. They helped to change the course of the war in the Far East by their great victory at Kohima. The inscription on the memorial there speaks eloquently of the sacrifices made by that generation in defence of our freedoms. 'When you go home tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today'.

"This year you have come back to a part of the country where you are well-known and

On her inspection the Queen passes some of the TA men on parade — 6 RRF.

## IN COMMAND

The Commander of 2nd Infantry Division, Major-General Patrick Palmer, is the man who first commanded the 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders when they were reformed in 1972. Major-General Palmer, whose father also served in the Argylls, went to York a year ago as GOC after being Commander of the British team in Zimbabwe. (UKLF Mobile Team picture).



# YOUR NEW PAY SCALES

# SOLDIER

ALL RATES ARE FOR DAILY PAYMENTS

## SERVICEMEN (Normal Rates)

Rank	Band 1			Band 2			Band 3					
	Scale A £	Scale B £	Scale C £	Scale A £	Scale B £	Scale C £	Scale A £	Scale B £	Scale C £			
Private Class 4	12.03	12.33	12.78									
Private Class 3	12.95	13.25	13.70	14.76	15.06	15.51						
Private Class 2	13.91	14.21	14.66	15.72	16.02	16.47						
Private Class 1	14.87	15.17	15.62	16.68	16.98	17.43	18.76	19.06	19.51			
L/Corporal Class 3	14.87	15.17	15.62	16.68	16.98	17.43						
L/Corporal Class 2	15.89	16.19	17.70	18.00			16.64	18.45				
L/Corporal Class 1	16.99	17.29	17.74	18.80	19.10	19.55	20.88	21.18	21.63			
Corporal Class 2	18.15	18.45	18.90	19.96	20.26	20.71						
Corporal Class 1	19.40	19.70	20.15	21.21	21.51	21.96	23.29	23.59	24.04			
	Band 4			Band 5			Band 6			Band 7		
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
Sergeant	21.27	21.57	22.02	23.24	23.54	23.99	25.49	25.79	26.24			
Staff Sergeant	22.61	22.91	23.36	24.58	24.88	25.33	26.83	27.13	27.58	29.47	29.77	30.22
Warrant Officer 2	24.17	24.47	24.92	26.14	26.44	26.89	28.39	28.69	29.14	31.03	31.33	31.78
Warrant Officer 1	25.88	26.18	26.63	27.85	28.15	28.60	30.10	30.40	30.85	32.74	33.04	33.49

## JUNIOR ENTRANTS

Age	£
16 but under 16½	6.70
16½ but under 17	7.49
17 but under 17½	9.10
17½ or posted to Adult Service	12.03*

\*Plus committal pay if appropriate

Above rates of pay are for service from the age of 18 or from date of attestation if later

## OFFICER CADETS

On entry	£
	12.47*



## SERVICEWOMEN (Normal Rates)

Rank	Band 1			Band 2			Band 3					
	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £			
Private Class 4	11.75			12.05			12.50					
Private Class 3	12.65	12.95	13.40	14.42	14.72	15.17						
Private Class 2	13.59	13.89	14.34	15.36	15.66	16.11						
Private Class 1	14.52	14.82	15.27	16.29	16.59	17.04	18.32	18.62	19.07			
L/Corporal Class 3	14.52	14.82	15.27	16.29	16.59	17.04						
L/Corporal Class 2	15.52	15.82	16.27	17.29	17.59	18.04						
L/Corporal Class 1	16.60	16.90	17.35	18.37	18.67	19.12	20.40	20.70	21.15			
Corporal Class 2	17.73	18.03	18.48	19.50	19.80	20.25						
Corporal Class 1	18.95	19.25	19.70	20.72	21.02	21.47	22.75	23.05	23.50			
	Band 4			Band 5			Band 6			Band 7		
	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)
Sergeant	20.77	21.07	21.52	22.70	23.00	23.45	24.90	25.20	25.65			
Staff Sergeant	22.08	22.38	22.83	24.01	24.31	24.76	26.21	26.51	26.96	28.79	29.09	29.54
Warrant Officer 2	23.61	23.91	24.36	25.54	25.84	26.29	27.74	28.04	28.49	30.32	30.62	31.07
Warrant Officer 1	25.28	25.58	26.03	27.21	27.51	27.96	29.41	29.71	30.16	31.99	32.29	32.76

## Type R Engagements

Rank	Band 1			Band 2			Band 3					
	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £	6 yrs (-) £	6-9 yrs £	9 yrs (+) £			
Private Class 4	11.18	11.48	11.93									
Private Class 3	12.03	12.33	12.78	13.72	14.02	14.47						
Private Class 2	12.92	13.22	13.67	14.61	14.91	15.36						
Private Class 1	13.81	14.11	14.56	15.50	15.80	16.25	17.44	17.74	18.19			
L/Corporal Class 3	13.81	14.11	14.56	15.50	15.80	16.25						
L/Corporal Class 2	14.76	15.06	15.51	16.45	16.75	17.20						
L/Corporal Class 1	15.78	16.08	16.53	17.47	17.77	18.22	19.41	19.71	20.16			
Corporal Class 2	16.87	17.17	17.62	18.56	18.86	19.31						
Corporal Class 1	18.03	18.33	18.78	19.72	20.02	20.47	21.66	21.96	22.41			
	Band 4			Band 5			Band 6			Band 7		
	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)	6 yrs (-)	6-9 yrs	9 yrs (+)
Sergeant	19.78	20.08	20.53	21.61	21.91	22.36	23.71	24.01	24.46			
Staff Sergeant	21.03	21.33	21.78	22.86	23.16	23.61	24.96	25.26	25.71	27.42	27.72	28.17
Warrant Officer 2	22.48	22.78	23.23	24.31	24.61	25.06	26.41	26.71	27.16	28.87	29.17	29.62
Warrant Officer 1	24.07	24.37	24.82	25.90	26.20	26.65	28.00	28.30	28.75	30.46	30.76	31.21

## JUNIOR ENTRANTS (WRAC)

Age	£
17 but under 17½	8.89

## TYPE R JUNIOR ENTRANTS

Age	£
17 but under 17½	8.47

## OFFICER CADETS

On entry	£
	12.19

## ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT — PERMANENT CADRE — NORMAL RATES

	MALE			FEMALE				MALE			FEMALE		
	A	B	C	A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C
Pte B (aged 19 or below)	12.03	12.33	12.78	11.75	12.05	12.50	Lance Corporal	17.68	17.98	18.43	17.27	17.57	18.02
Pte B (aged 20)	13.29	13.59	14.04	12.98	13.28	13.73	Corporal	21.21	21.51	21.96	20.72	21.02	21.47
Pte B (aged 21 and above)	14.54	14.84	15.29	14.20	14.50	14.95	Sergeant	23.24	23.54	23.99	22.70	23.00	23.45
Pte A	16.05	16.35	16.80	15.68	15.98	16.43	Staff Sergeant	24.58	24.88	25.33	24.01	24.31	24.76
							Warrant Officer 2	28.39	28.69	29.14	27.74	28.04	28.49

## ADDITIONAL PAY

Army pilots and flying instructors	
REME servicing test pilots	£
While under training as a pilot	
(all ranks)	1.50
Sgts-WO1 lower rate	3.08
Sgts-WO1 higher rate*	4.73
2Lt-Lt-Col lower rate	4.73
2Lt-Lt-Col higher rate*	7.27
Col	5.46
Brig	3.64

Aircrewman	
While under training	1.50
Lower rate	3.08
Higher rate*	4.73

RCT Helicopter crews	
All ranks	1.50

Air despatch pay and Air despatch duties	
RCT Instructors	
All ranks under training and lower rate	1.50
Higher rate*	2.43

\*Higher rates are payable after lower rate has been in issue for 4 years.

Parachutists	
All ranks	1.63

Parachute Jumping Instructors	
All ranks	1.86

Divers	
All ranks	Category 1 1.25
	Category 2 2.48
	Category 3 4.60

Hard lying money	
All ranks	0.60

Experimental Pay	
All ranks	0.85

Northern Ireland Pay	
All ranks	2.15

## OFFICERS (Normal Rates)

(Including Officers of the Army Legal Corps and Officers of the UDR (Permanent Cadre) serving on the new terms of service)

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	On appointment	12.50**
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 1 years service	14.00**
Second Lieutenant (UC)*	After 2 years service	15.51**
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	On commissioning	13.32
Second Lieutenant (SSLC)***	After 9 months commissioned service	14.22
Second Lieutenant	On appointment	17.76
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	22.78
	After 2 years in the rank	23.38
	After 3 years in the rank	23.98
	After 4 years in the rank	24.58
Captain	On appointment	25.18
	After 1 year in the rank	28.56
	After 2 years in the rank	29.33
	After 3 years in the rank	30.10
	After 4 years in the rank	30.87
	After 5 years in the rank	31.64
	After 6 years in the rank	32.41
Major	On appointment	33.18
	After 1 year in the rank	36.13
	After 2 years in the rank	37.02
	After 3 years in the rank	37.91
	After 4 years in the rank	38.80
	After 5 years in the rank	39.69
	After 6 years in the rank	40.58
	After 7 years in the rank	41.47
	After 8 years in the rank	42.36
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment	43.25
Lieutenant Colonel	After 8 years in the rank	48.73
	(Special List)	
Lieutenant Colonel	On Appointment or less than 19 years service	48.81
	After 2 years in rank or 19 years service	50.09
	After 4 years in rank or 21 years service	51.37
	After 6 years in rank or 23 years service	52.65
	After 8 years in rank or 25 years service	53.93
Colonel	On appointment	56.80
	After 2 years in the rank	58.29
	After 4 years in the rank	59.78
	After 6 years in the rank	61.27
	After 8 years in the rank	62.76
Brigadier	On appointment	68.31

\* UC = University Cadet

\*\* Includes an element of education grant

\*\*\* SSLC = Short Service Limited Commission

## OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

Rank	Service	£
	On entry	28.56
	After 2 years service	30.47
	After 4 years service	32.37
	After 6 years service	34.27
	After 8 years service	36.17
Chaplain	After 10 years service	38.07
Class 4 (Captain)	After 12 years service	39.97
Class 3 (Major)	After 14 years service	41.87
Class 2 (Lt Colonel)	After 16 years service	43.77
	After 18 years service	45.67
	After 20 years service	47.57
	After 22 years service	49.47
	After 24 years service	51.37
	After 26 years service	53.27
Chaplain Class 1 (Colonel)	On appointment, less than 24 years service	51.37
	After 2 years in rank or 24 years service	53.27
Principal Chaplain (Colonel)		56.80
Deputy Chaplain General (Brigadier)		59.78
Chaplain General (Major-General)		68.31

## MALE OFFICERS OF THE QUARTERMASTER CATEGORY

Rank	Service	£
	On appointment	34.86
	After 1 year service	35.40
	After 2 years service	35.94
	After 3 years service	36.48
	After 4 years service	37.02
Captain and Major	After 5 years service	37.56
	After 6 years service	38.10
	After 8 years service	38.64
	After 10 years service	39.18

Lieutenant Colonel

## VETERINARY OFFICERS OF THE ARMY VETERINARY AND REMOUNT SERVICES

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
	On entry	28.56
	After 1 years service	30.52
	After 3 years service	32.49
	After 5 years service	34.46
	After 7 years service	36.43
	After 9 years service	38.40
	After 11 years service	40.37
Capt, Maj & Lt-Col	After 13 years service	42.18
	After 15 years service	43.99
	After 17 years service	45.80
	After 19 years service	47.61
	After 21 years service	49.19
	After 23 years service	50.77
	After 25 years service	52.35
Colonel	After 27 years service	53.93
	On appointment	56.80
	After 2 years	58.29
	After 4 years	59.78
	After 6 years	61.27
Brigadier	After 8 years	62.76
		68.31

## COMMISSIONED FROM THE RANKS\*

Years of Commissioned service	Years of soldier service			
Years of Commissioned service	Under 12 years	12 but under 15	15 and over	
Lieutenants and captains only	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay	Daily rate of pay	
	£	£	£	
On commissioning	32.02	33.44	34.86	
After 1 years service	32.73	34.15	35.40	
After 2 years service	33.44	34.86	35.94	
After 3 years service	34.15	35.40	36.48	
After 4 years service	34.86	35.94	37.02	
After 5 years service	35.40	36.48	37.56	
After 6 years service	35.94	37.02	38.10	
After 8 years service	36.48	37.56	38.64	
After 10 years service	37.02	38.10	38.64	
After 12 years service	37.56	38.64	38.64	
After 14 years service	38.10	38.64	38.64	
After 16 years service	38.64	38.64	38.64	

\*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding SRCs and SSCs awarded following the normal Royal Military Academy Sandhurst course.

## OFFICERS OF THE WOMENS SERVICES WRAC/QARANC

Including UDR (PC) Normal Rates

Rank	Service	Daily rate of pay £
Second lieutenant	On appointment	17.36
Lieutenant	After 1 year in the rank	22.26
	After 2 years in the rank	22.85
	After 3 years in the rank	23.43
	After 4 years in the rank	24.02
Captain	On appointment	24.61
	After 1 year in the rank	27.91
	After 2 years in the rank	28.66
	After 3 years in the rank	29.42
	After 4 years in the rank	30.17
	After 5 years in the rank	30.92
	After 6 years in the rank	31.67
Major	On appointment	32.43
	After 1 year in the rank	35.31
	After 2 years in the rank	36.18
	After 3 years in the rank	37.05
	After 4 years in the rank	37.92
	After 5 years in the rank	38.79
	After 6 years in the rank	39.66
	After 7 years in the rank	40.53
	After 8 years in the rank	41.40
Lieutenant Colonel	On appointment with less than 19 years service	42.27
		47.70

# YOUR NEW PAY SCALES

# SOLDIER

Colonel	With 19 years service or after 2 years in the rank	48.95
	With 21 years service or after 4 years in the rank	50.21
	With 23 years service or after 6 years in the rank	51.49
	With 25 years service or after 8 years in the rank	52.77
	On appointment	56.03
	After 2 years in the rank	57.52
	After 4 years in the rank	59.01
	After 6 years in the rank	60.50
Brigadier	After 8 years in the rank	61.99
		67.93

\*Includes officers aged under 29 on commissioning from the ranks

## WRAC QUARTERMASTERS

Rank	Service	Daily rates of pay £
Captain and Major	On appointment	34.07
	After 1 year's service	34.60
	After 2 years' service	35.12
	After 3 years' service	35.65
	After 4 years' service	36.18
	After 5 years' service	36.71
	After 6 years' service	37.23
	After 8 years' service	37.76
	After 10 years' service	38.29
	After 12 years' service	38.82
	After 14 years' service	39.34
	After 16 years' service	39.87
	On appointment	44.93
	After 3 years in the rank	45.57
Lieutenant-Colonel		

## TA OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily rates of pay £
2nd Lieutenant	On appointment	16.95
	After 1 year in the rank	21.74
	After 2 years in the rank	22.32
	After 3 years in the rank	22.89
Lieutenant	On appointment	23.46
	After 1 year in the rank	24.04
	After 2 years in the rank	27.26
	After 3 years in the rank	28.00
Captain	On appointment	28.73
	After 1 year in the rank	29.47
	After 2 years in the rank	30.20
	After 3 years in the rank	30.94
Major	On appointment	31.67
	After 1 year in the rank	34.49
	After 2 years in the rank	35.34
	After 3 years in the rank	36.19
Lt Colonel	On appointment	37.04
	After 1 year in the rank	37.89
	After 2 years in the rank	38.74
	After 3 years in the rank	39.58
Colonel	On appointment	40.43
	After 1 year in the rank	41.28
	After 2 years in the rank	46.59
	After 3 years in the rank	47.81
Brigadier	On appointment	49.05
	After 1 year in the rank	50.33
	After 2 years in the rank	51.61
	After 3 years in the rank	55.26
	On appointment	56.75
	After 1 year in the rank	58.24
	After 2 years in the rank	59.73
	After 3 years in the rank	61.22
		67.56

## WRAC COMMISSIONED FROM THE RANKS

Years of commissioned service	Years of soldier service			
	Under 12 years	12 but under 15	15 and over	
Lieutenants and Captains only	Daily rates of pay £	Daily rates of pay £	Daily rates of pay £	
	On commissioning	31.29	32.68	34.07
	After 1 year's service	31.99	33.37	34.60
	After 2 years' service	32.68	34.07	35.12
	After 3 years' service	33.37	34.60	35.65
	After 4 years' service	34.07	35.12	36.18
	After 5 years' service	34.60	35.65	36.71
	After 6 years' service	35.12	36.18	37.23
	After 8 years' service	35.65	36.71	37.76
	After 10 years' service	36.18	37.23	37.76
	After 12 years' service	36.71	37.76	37.76
	After 14 years' service	37.23	37.76	37.76
	After 16 years' service	37.76	37.76	37.76

\*Other than officers of the quartermaster category and excluding special regular commissions and short service commissions awarded following the normal WRAC College, Camberley course.

## ALL RATES ARE FOR DAILY PAYMENTS

## TA OFFICERS — FEMALE

Rank	Service	Daily rates of pay £
2nd Lieutenant	On appointment	16.71
	After 1 year in the rank	21.43
	After 2 years in the rank	22.00
	After 3 years in the rank	22.56
Lieutenant	On appointment	23.13
	After 1 year in the rank	23.69
	After 2 years in the rank	26.87
	After 3 years in the rank	27.60
Captain	On appointment	28.32
	After 1 year in the rank	29.05
	After 2 years in the rank	29.77
	After 3 years in the rank	30.49
Major	On appointment	31.22
	After 1 year in the rank	34.00
	After 2 years in the rank	34.83
	After 3 years in the rank	35.67
Lt Colonel	On appointment	36.51
	After 1 year in the rank	37.34
	After 2 years in the rank	38.18
	After 3 years in the rank	39.02
Colonel	On appointment	39.86
	After 1 year in the rank	40.69
	After 2 years in the rank	45.93
	After 3 years in the rank	47.13
Brigadier	On appointment	48.35
	After 1 year in the rank	49.63
	After 2 years in the rank	50.91
	After 3 years in the rank	54.80
	On appointment	56.29
	After 1 year in the rank	57.78
	After 2 years in the rank	59.27
	After 3 years in the rank	60.76
		67.33

Notes The pay ranges of the three categories are as follows:  
Nursing Officers — Lt to Brigadier  
Non-nursing Officers — 2nd Lt to Lt Col  
WRAC — 2nd Lt to Brigadier

## TA SOLDIERS

	Band 1			Band 2			Band 3			Band 4			Band 5			Band 6			Band 7		
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
Private (Class IV)	11.47	11.77	12.22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private (Class III)	12.35	12.65	13.10	14.08	14.38	14.83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private (Class II)	13.26	13.56	14.01	14.99	15.29	15.74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private (Class I)	14.18	14.48	14.93	15.91	16.21	16.66	17.90	18.20	18.65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lance Corporal (Class III)	14.18	14.48	14.93	15.91	16.21	16.66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lance Corporal (Class II)	15.15	15.45	15.90	16.88	17.18	17.63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lance Corporal (Class I)	16.20	16.50	16.95	17.93	18.23	18.68	19.92	20.22	20.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corporal (Class II)	17.31	17.61	18.06	19.04	19.34	19.79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corporal (Class I)	18.50	18.80	19.25	20.23	20.53	20.98	22.22	22.52	22.97	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sergeant	20.29	20.59	22.02	22.17	22.47	23.99	24.32	24.62	26.24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Staff Sergeant	21.57	21.87	23.36	23.45	23.75	25.33	25.60	25.90	27.58	28.12	28.42	30.22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warrant Officer (Class II)	23.06	23.36	24.92	24.94	25.24	26.89	27.09	27.39	29.14	29.61	29.91	31.78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warrant Officer (Class I)	24.69	24.99	26.63	26.57	26.87	28.60	28.72	29.02	30.85	31.24	31.54	33.49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## TA SERVICEWOMEN

	Band 1			Band 2			Band 3		
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
Private (Class IV) (under 17½)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private (Class IV)	11.30	11.60	12.05	—	—	—	—	—	—
Private (Class III)	12.17	12.47	12.92	13.87	14.17	14.62	—	—	—
Private (Class II)	13.07	13.37	13.82	14.77	15.07	15.52	—	—	—
Private (Class I)	13.98	14.28	14.73	15.68	15.98	16.43	17.64	17.94	18.39
Lance Corporal (Class III)	13.98	14.28	14.73	15.68	15.98	16.43	—	—	—
Lance Corporal (Class II)	14.94	15.24	15.69	16.64	16.94	17.39	—	—	—

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Lance Corporal (Class I)  
Corporal (Class II)  
Corporal (Class I)

15.97 16.27 16.72 17.67 17.97 18.42 19.63 19.93 20.38  
17.06 17.36 17.81 18.76 19.06 19.51 — — —  
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Staff Sergeant	21.26	21.56	22.01	23.11	23.41	23.86	25.23	25.53	25.98	27.71	28.01	28.46
Warrant Officer (Class II)	22.73	23.03	23.48	24.58	24.88	25.33	26.70	27.00	27.45	29.18	29.48	29.93
Warrant Officer (Class I)	24.34	24.64	25.09	26.19	26.49	26.94	28.31	28.61	29.06	30.79	31.09	31.54

## MALE SOLDIERS — NORMAL RATES

### GROUP A NON REGULAR PERMANENT STAFF OF THE TA

Rank	On appointment £	Service After 3 years in the rank £	After 6 years in the rank £	After 9 years in the rank £
Pte	13.38	13.48	13.58	13.68
L Cpl	15.29	15.39	15.49	15.59
Cpl (Class II)	18.64	18.74	18.84	18.94
Cpl (Class I)	19.76	19.86	19.96	20.06
Sgt	21.59	21.69	21.79	21.89
SSGT/Signal Instructors	22.80	22.90	23.00	23.10
WO II	26.23	26.33	26.43	26.53
WO I	30.14	30.24	30.34	30.44

## NON REGULAR PERMANENT STAFF OF THE TA

### MALE OFFICERS — NORMAL RATES

Rank	Service	Daily rates of pay £
Captain	On appointment	25.70
	After 1 year	26.40
	After 2 years	27.09
	After 3 years	27.78
	After 4 years	28.48
	After 5 years	29.17
Major	After 6 years	29.86
	On appointment	32.52
	After 1 year	33.32
	After 2 years	34.12
	After 3 years	34.92
	After 4 years	35.72
Lt Colonel	After 5 years	36.52
	After 6 years	37.32
	On appointment	43.93

### GROUP B NON REGULAR PERMANENT STAFF OF THE TA (APPOINTED SOLELY FOR DUTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND)

Rank	On appointment £	Service After 3 years in the rank £	After 6 years in the rank £	After 9 years in the rank £
Pte	13.38	13.48	13.58	13.68
L Cpl	15.29	15.39	15.49	15.59
Cpl	17.46	17.56	17.66	17.76

### FEMALE OFFICERS — NORMAL RATES

Rank	Service	Daily rates of pay £
Captain	On appointment	25.12
	After 1 year	25.79
	After 2 years	26.48
	After 3 years	27.15
	After 4 years	27.83
	After 5 years	28.50
	After 6 years	29.19

## ALL RATES ARE FOR DAILY PAYMENTS

## MARRIED SOLDIERS QUARTERS AND HIRING CHARGES

Furnished quarters	Standard Daily rate (£)	Sub-standard Daily rate (£)	Below standard Daily rate (£)
Type A	1.50	0.86	0.77
Type B	2.15	1.15	1.04
Type C	2.43	1.29	1.16
Type D/Wc	2.78	1.50	1.35
Unfurnished quarters (with carpets and curtains)	Standard Daily rate (£)	Sub standard Daily rate (£)	Below standard Daily rate (£)
Type A	1.41	0.81	0.73
Type B	2.04	1.09	0.98
Type C	2.29	1.22	1.10
Type D/WO	2.61	1.41	1.27

### Additional bedroom charge

	Daily rate (£)
Furnished	0.18
Unfurnished	0.16

Notes a. Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.  
b. Sub-standard and below standard charges are not applicable to hirings.

### SINGLE ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

	Daily rate of pay £
a. Standard Officers:	Captains and below 1.94 Majors and above 2.31
Soldiers:	Junior entrants receiving less than the minimum adult rate of pay (i.e. Private Class IV Scale A) 0.54 Corporals and below 0.73 Sergeants and above 1.38
b. Sub-standard Officers:	Captains and below 1.06 Majors and above 1.25
Soldiers:	Junior entrants receiving less than the minimum adult rate of pay (i.e. Private Class IV Scale A) 0.29 Corporals and below 0.39 Sergeants and above 0.74
c. Junior officers accommodation occupied by senior officers	
(1) Standard	Majors and above 1.94
(2) Sub-standard	Majors and above 1.06

## MARRIED OFFICERS QUARTERS AND HIRINGS CHARGES

Standard quarters and hirings	Annual rate £	Daily rate £
Type V	1262.70	3.45
Type IV	1442.04	3.94
Type III	1632.36	4.46
Type II	1866.60	5.10
Type I	2082.54	5.69
Unfurnished quarters (with carpets and curtains)		
Type V	1174.86	3.21
Type IV	1339.56	3.66
Type III	1526.22	4.17
Type II	1738.50	4.75
Type I	1939.80	5.30

### Sub-standard quarters

Furnished	680.76	1.86
Unfurnished	633.18	1.73

### Below standard quarters

Furnished		
3 bedrooms or less	611.22	1.67
4 bedrooms or more	691.74	1.89

### Unfurnished

3 bedrooms or less	570.96	1.56
4 bedrooms or more	644.16	1.76

Notes a. Unfurnished charges are not applicable where advantage has been taken of the Army Wharf Scheme.  
b. Sub-standard and below standard charges are not applicable to hirings.

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warmly welcomed but where a new role awaits you. With a new role comes new challenges. The high standards and proud tradition which you inherit will, I am sure, enable you to meet these challenges and maintain and enhance the fine reputation which has always been yours."

The Queen was welcomed by the Commander of the Division, Major-General Patrick Palmer who, in reply, said: "We, of the 2nd Infantry Division, are conscious of our historic past and of the reputation gained by the Division since the Peninsular Campaign. We assure Your Majesty that we will do our utmost to maintain the high standards set by our forbears and we will continue in loyal service to Your

#### The Queen and her generals chat outside the Officers' Mess.

Majesty wherever we may be."

On parade were 600 officers and men, in Guards and Colour Parties, representing 12 battalions forming the three infantry brigades in the Division, one Regular and two TA — 24 Infantry Brigade (HQ at Catterick), 15 Infantry Brigade (HQ at Topcliffe) and 49 Infantry Brigade (HQ at Chilwell).

More than 70 guns, armoured cars, Rapier missile systems plus sapper, signals and logistic vehicles took part in the drive-past representing the 28 other units in the Division.

Meanwhile, in the air, the RAF mounted a fly-past of Harriers, Pumas and Chinooks — all

## VC WINNER

Watching the parade was a man who, 43 years earlier to the day, won the first Army Victoria Cross of the Second World War. Mr Richard Wallace Annand, who lives in Durham, was a second lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry when he earned his VC on the site of a blown bridge on the River Doyle in Belgium. He twice attacked an enemy with hand grenades and after being ordered to withdraw returned to rescue his wounded batman in a



wheelbarrow before losing consciousness as a result of his own wounds.

support to Army in the field — while the Army Air Corps flew Lynx and Gazelle helicopters.

Music for the historic day was provided by 200 musicians from five Regular and TA bands and there to enjoy it were 4000 military and civilian guests.

Commander of the dismounted parade was Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Wolverson, CO of the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment based at Catterick, while the drive-past was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Sandy Cramsie, CO of The Queen's Own Yeomanry based at Newcastle upon Tyne.

After the hour-long parade the Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque outside the Headquarters of the 2nd Infantry Division and met some of the Division's veterans as well as former members of the TA who enlisted 75 years ago and are now in their nineties.

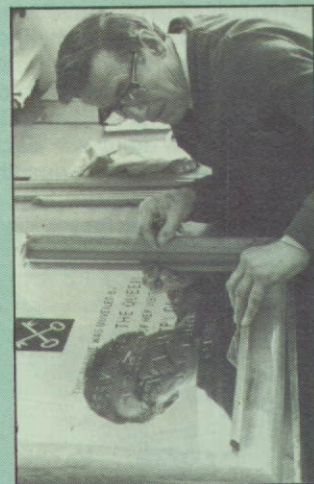
Later, Her Majesty took afternoon tea at private receptions for all ranks of the Division and the staff and guests of the Army's North-East District with which it shares the barracks.

The 2nd Infantry Division and its Signal Regiment returned from Germany to Yorkshire — from where it sailed to India 41 years ago — to begin forming at York on January 1st. Three months later it was fully oper-

ational at its new location.

With its main HQ in York and a Forward HQ in Lübbecke, its role is the rapid reinforcement, in time of tension, of the 1st British Corps in BAOR of which it remains a vital part. ■

## UNVEILED

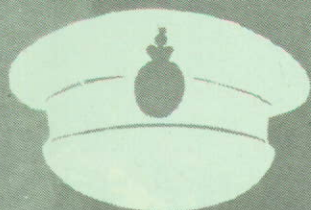


The commemorative plaque which the Queen unveiled outside the 2 Div HQ was made in Strensall at 41 Command Workshops. Here Mr Dusty Miller applies the finishing touches. (UKLF Mobile Team picture)

The Colours of the 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, dipped for Royal Salute.



Pictures: Paul Haley



## Your Cap Badge

No 42

### THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

THE GLOSTERS is as fine an example of an English infantry regiment as can be found in the Army List. Among its battle honours are two separated by a century and a half.

The first, 'Egypt', recalls the gallant action of the 28th Foot when attacked from the front, flanks and rear at the Battle of Alexandria on 21st March 1801. This day, now kept as 'Back Badge Day', subsequently

obtained for the regiment the unique distinction of wearing its regimental number on the back of its head-dress as well as the front. Although not officially authorised until 1830 it was, in fact, worn for years before.

The second honour 'Imjin' recalls the three days and nights of bitter fighting when, completely surrounded, the 1st Battalion fought a vastly superior number of Chinese and North Korean troops at the Battle of Solma-ri during the 23rd, 24th and 25th April 1951. Not only were two Victoria Crosses and other gallantry awards earned but yet another unique distinction was conferred upon the regiment — the United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. This, however, is not shown on the head-dress but is commemorated by the wearing of a small flask of watered dark blue ribbon enclosed in a gilt frame on the sleeves near each shoulder.

The Gloucestershire Regiment was formed in 1881 by amalgamation of the 28th Foot (North Gloucestershire) with the 61st (South Gloucestershire). The former were raised in 1694 and the latter somewhat later in 1756, having been raised originally as the 2nd Battalion of the 3rd Regiment of Foot and re-



numbered in 1758. Both took part in the Egyptian campaign of 1801 and their early badges bore the device of the Sphinx to commemorate this.

The Sphinx front badge, now worn in anodised silver finish, was first sealed in white metal on 14th July 1896. From then on it was worn together with the back badge — consisting of a sphinx within a laurel wreath all in gilding metal, now silver anodised — until 1958. The front badge was then replaced by the Wyvern, worn in common with the other regiments forming the Wessex Brigade, but the back badge was retained.

The Sphinx front badge was

The unique back badge ▲

eventually restored in the early '70s on the dissolution of the Wessex Brigade. Variations in the back badge over the years included the introduction, for a time, of an enlarged version, in brass and white metal, to mark yet another back-to-back stand at Festubert in 1918. This was subsequently discarded in favour of the former size.

Hugh L King

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## How working with the mentally handicapped has taught young soldiers

**G**IVING UP PART of their leave, members of Tuzo Troop, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery from Bramcote, have spent a week in a form of public service far removed from their normal military life.

Coleshill Hall near Birmingham is a hospital for the mentally handicapped caring for patients of all ages with varying degrees of affliction. It was here that the thirty young soldiers had their first experience of working on a one to one basis with the mentally handicapped.

The scheme was the brainchild of Captain Jimmy Littler, the troop commander, who first took a troop to the hospital last year. "For this week in their training I



## A LESSON IN LIVING

and it works very well."

After a brief introduction to the hospital and to what mental handicap means, the boys soon made themselves useful by taking 'high grade' or the less afflicted patients out to a local Bank Holiday carnival. From then on they became fully involved with the whole range of hospital activities: serving meals, helping with sporting, recreational and ward activities, accompanying patients on bus and shopping trips and joining them for a disco and a camp fire sing-song.

The boys admit that they were a little bit worried about coming to the hospital and how they were going to react to the patients. "I think we were all apprehensive at first," Junior Gunner Dave Henley explained. "We didn't know what to expect as none of us had had anything to do with mentally handicapped people before. But you get used to them very quickly and now we understand them a bit we can make allowances for the way they are."

Junior Lance Bombardier Martin Little said they had got used to patients approaching them, asking questions and grabbing their arms. "They grab you and won't let you go! It's a bit like having a younger brother or sister and you treat them like that. They're just little children in adult bodies. It's weird at first, but you adapt."

One of the most popular activities, for patients and soldiers, was the soft play area. This is a room filled with foam cushions of different shapes, colours and density with one large one giving the effect of a trampoline.

Junior Sergeant Shaun Chalker spent a morning there with a group of patients and admitted to having a whale of a time. "I had more fun than they did," he told SOLDIER.

"We were teaching them the shapes and colours as well as just

throwing them about and working off energy. I never knew they had so much energy — I was shattered when we came out! One of the patients was quite shy and didn't take much part in things at all to begin with, but once we got going he really started to enjoy himself. It was great!"

Janice Campbell is the co-ordinator of voluntary services for the hospital and together with Captain Littler devised the Junior Leaders' programme. "For a week the hospital has an extra thirty pairs of hands," she said as she explained how much the hospital appreciated the Army's help.

"The patients can do so much more than they would normally. We just haven't got the staff to take them out or play with them as much as we would like. The patients love having the soldiers here — they relate to them very well. This week has really become the highlight of their year — after all, they see so few people usually."

"We have odd visits from voluntary workers from time to

Time for a joke with patients as junior gunners serve lunch.

time but usually adults. School children are more trouble than they're worth — until they're 17 or 18 they don't really know how to handle the patients. These boys are different though. They seem to know how to behave and cope with the patients very well. I think it must be the military discipline — they don't argue with the staff and they do what they're told."

So will Tuzo Troop be more mature after their spell with the social services? Junior Gunner Graeme McIntosh certainly thought so: "I think we've all learnt a lot here and now when we see mentally handicapped people in the street we will know how to deal with them and talk to them instead of just walking away or poking fun." ■

**Story: Sally Daniell  
Pictures: Doug Pratt**

Helping patients let off steam in the soft play area.



Washing: J/Sgt Shaun Chalker.  
Wiping: J/Gnr Richard Blandford.

wanted the boys to do something non-military. We are teaching them to be soldiers but there is more to becoming a mature adult than just military skills and adventure training.

"I wrote to Reports Action and various other organisations to see if anyone would be interested in having us. Eventually we heard from Coleshill and the week was a great success so we've come back again this year. It's a form of character building, if you like,





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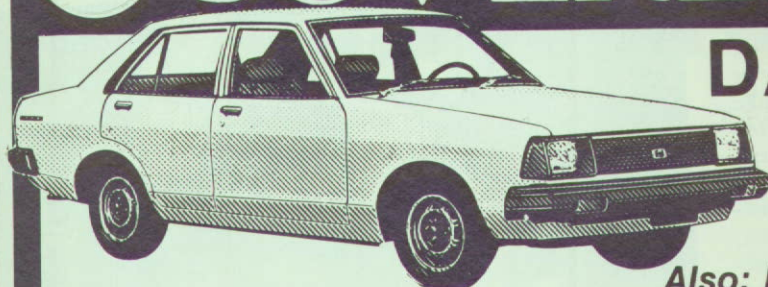
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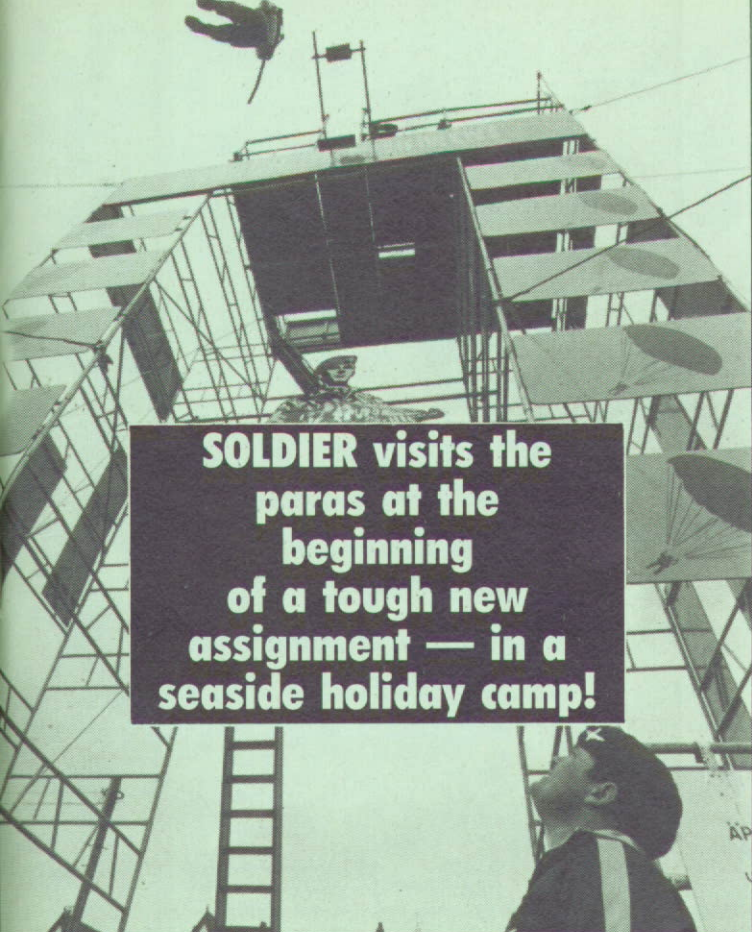
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**SOLDIER visits the  
paras at the  
beginning  
of a tough new  
assignment — in a  
seaside holiday camp!**

**T**EN TOUGH PARAS, including four veterans of last year's Falklands fighting, have just spent three weeks in the 'Hi-de-Hi' surrounds of a Butlins holiday camp at Barry Island. And all in the cause of promoting the Parachute Regiment.

The Red Berets' visit to Wales was the start of a nationwide tour by the Aldershot-based Parachute Regiment Mobile Display Team. Drawn from all three parachute battalions and led by Colour Sergeant Jim Newbury, they expect to travel thousands of miles by the end of September.

With them, in three support

**Sgt Tim Gatherum explains to an attentive audience what's required for the tower descent.**

vehicles, will go 16 tons of scaffolding to build the 50-foot 'fan' tower and 120 yard 'death slide' that always prove irresistible for eager youngsters.

The team has been in existence for ten years but all this year's members are newcomers and will spend two years with it. Working seven days a week in the huge Butlins car park with up to 50 youngsters an hour queuing to sample the ups-and-down thrills, gave them a good taste of what to expect on their 29-venue tour.

"The start at Butlins is a good shake-out for the team," explained Colour Sergeant Newbury, formerly admin man with the Red Devils parachute team and now 'roadie' for the travelling display team.



◀ A youngster starts his rapid descent on the 'fan'.

Teacher takes his chance on the 'death slide'.

## HIGH-DE-HIGH!

"We are not recruiters, as such, but just trying to keep the Army — and, of course, the regiment, in the public eye.

"During our first week here we had just 60 refusals in about 1000 takers. That's not bad. And we had about 25 youngsters who had shown a keen interest in joining the Army. Parents, too, were coming up to us at one show — Swansea Motor Rally on a day's detachment — saying how proud they were of the paras in the Falklands and thanking the regiment for its performance there."

Nearly 2000 school children, accompanied by their teachers were staying at the Barry centre — their ages ranging from 10 to 15 — and with 30 different acti-

vities to choose from, ranging from basketball to basket-weaving, they never had a dull moment.

But there was no doubt that the paras' spectacular apparatus was among the main attractions. As they landed on mats in just two or three seconds from the fan or came to an abrupt halt on the death slide, each child was presented with a certificate to mark the feat.

First off the tower with his school chums from north Manchester, was 11-year-old Darren Walton who, clutching his certificate confirming a successful ascent and descent, told SOLDIER: "It was a bit scary up

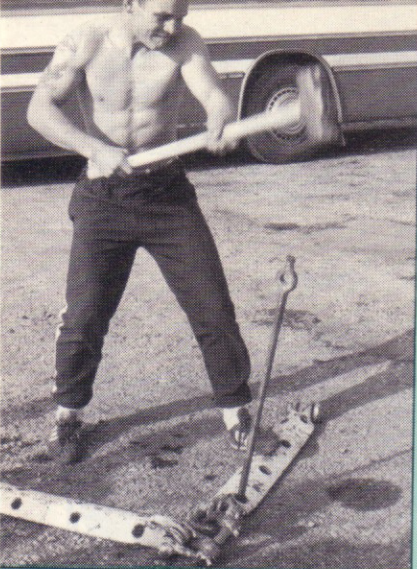
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**Adjusting a youngster's harness.**



**Story: Graham Smith  
Pictures: Paul Haley**

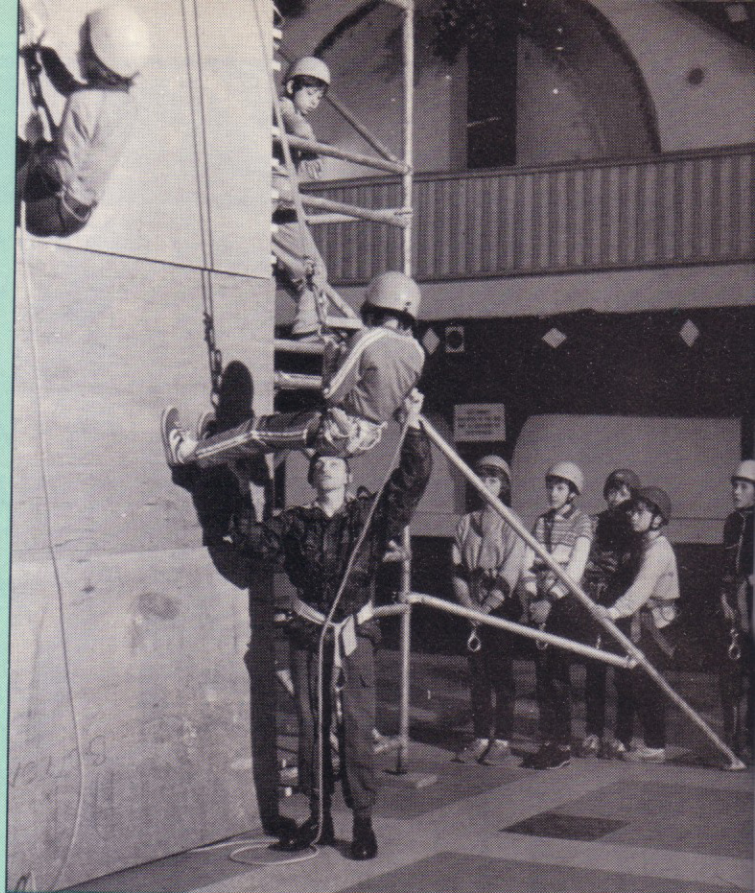




Pte 'Boy' Gray hammers in one of the tower anchor bars.



Darren Walton proudly shows off his certificate.



◀ The finishing touches go into the tower construction.

Sgt Nigel Walton helps an abseiling teenager. ▲



there and the tower was a bit shaky. I don't know if I'll join the Army when I'm old enough — it depends on what jobs are going. But I wanted to do the jump, and I did it. This certificate will go into the living room cupboard with my other six for gymnastics and swimming."

As Sergeant Tim Gatherum, the team's second-in-command, pointed out: "You've got to treat it like a game for the kids. That way, it boosts their confidence and takes away any nerves."

Elsewhere, inside the huge green-and-yellow liveried Butlins complex, Sergeant Nigel Walton,

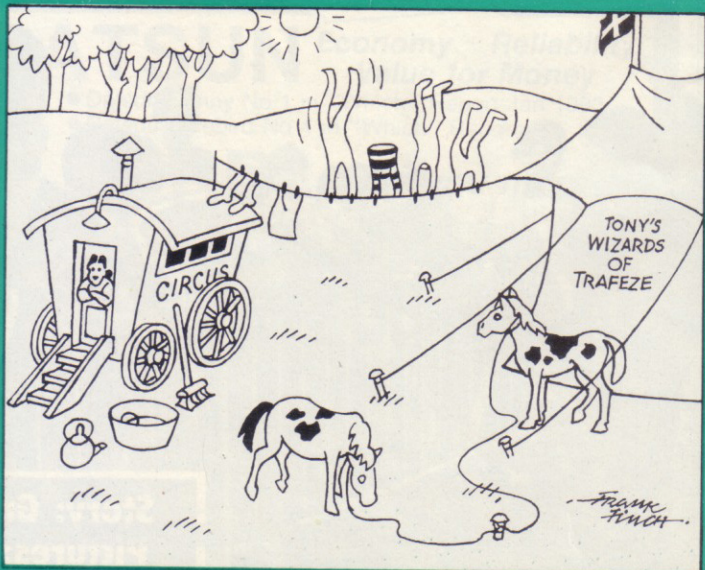
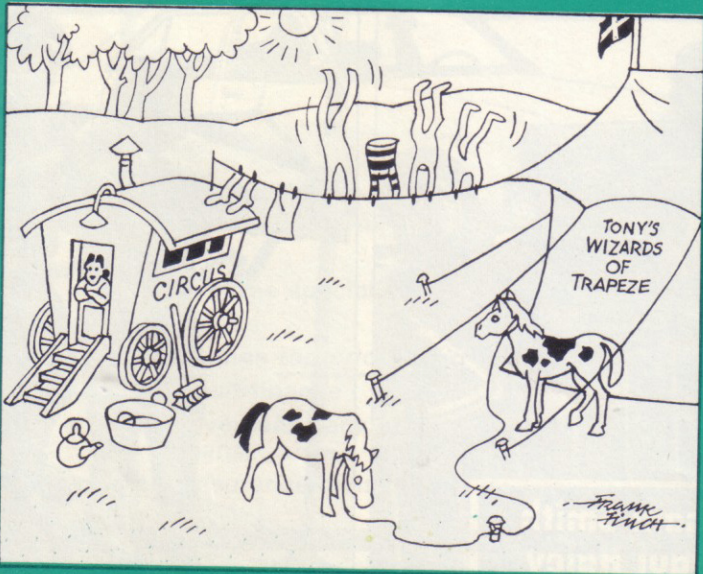
a section commander with B Company, 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales, based at Raglan Barracks, Newport, was putting other youngsters through a 22-foot-high abseiling test on a mix of scaffolding and eight sections of hard board.

Working daily from nine in the morning, to eight in the evening, he expected all the young resident children to sample the gentle 'let down' facility during his three weeks' stay.

"It's all rather worthwhile and does a lot for their young egos," he said, helping a 10-year-old out of her harness. ■

# How observant are you?

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



# CUCKOO WOOD

**C**UCKOO WOOD is approximately a square since, to make our puzzle easier, we have pruned the outstanding pieces both externally and internally.

Every spring the cuckoo comes to the clearing in the centre of the wood and many local inhabitants make the trip through the wood to get a glimpse of it.

On a day in May, John and Mary took a walk through the trees to see the cuckoo but, as they were in no great hurry, took a somewhat circuitous route. Being keen

ornithologists they took careful note of the different birds seen during the ramble.

They entered the wood by one of the fence gates A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and eventually arrived at the central clearing through one of the six gates K, L, M, N, O, P.

If you should follow their route letter by letter from the entrance gate they chose to the centre, you will find that the letters in continuity will give you the names of eighteen birds noted on the ramble.

So, can you say by which gate John and

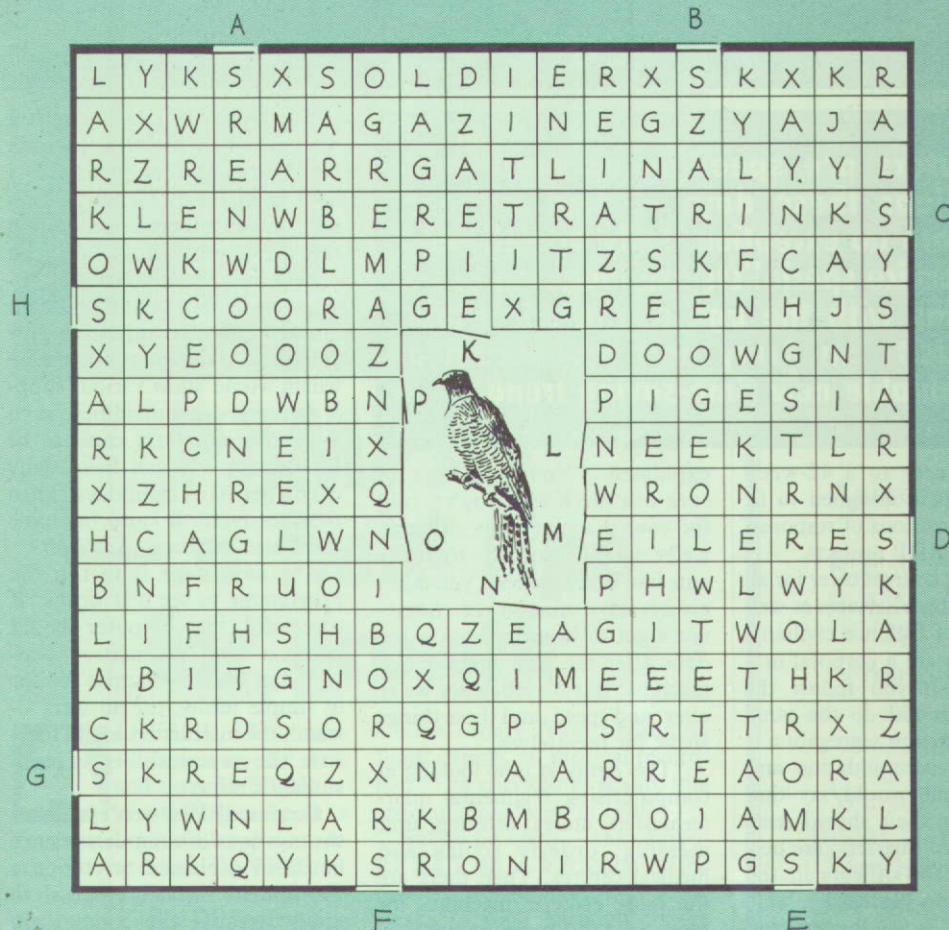
## COMPETITION 318

Mary entered the wood and by which gate they entered the clearing? And can you list the eighteen birds that they noted in correct sequence?

You may move one square at a time horizontally, vertically or diagonally, but a square must not be used twice. By the way, the first bird noted was the SKYLARK. That helps you get started — or does it?

Oh, yes, John and Mary did see the cuckoo in the clearing but this is not one of the eighteen birds listed by sighting en route. Oh, and yes again — some birds have more than one word in their name.

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 1 July. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 25 July 1983 and no correspondence can be entered into. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 318' label. In the case of ties, winners will be drawn by lots. Send your answer by postcard or letter with the 'Competition 318' label to: Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU.



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# FUN FOR BEGINNERS

**T**HE SERVICES have always been good at making do, especially where accommodation is concerned. It is amazing, for instance, what can be done with a Portakabin with a bit of imagination. But it seems strange to find some of the most up to date computers, not in a complex akin to the flight deck of the USS Enterprise, but in a series of pre-war, single-storey wooden huts.

At the Defence Automatic Data Processing Training Centre (DADPTC) at Blandford Forum in Dorset, instruments of modern computer technology are hosted by relics of an age when the telegraph and the cat's whisker were still the most common form of communication.

But it works very well. There is plenty of room for the 40 visual display units linked to the Dec 10 computer with smaller offices housing desk-top microcomputers. Put in heating, carpeting and the odd bit of soundproofing and you could be in IBM headquarters.

The DADPTC provides training in those elements of computer science which have a common application in all three Services. Over 700 students a year, amounting to more than 2000 student weeks of training, attend eight different courses. These range from a week's computer

**Instructor Brian Garden, a TA major in his spare time, gives advice to a WREN operator.**



**Computers are speeding up more and more jobs these days — and military tasks are no exception. Sally Daniell sees how Service specialists are taught to come to terms with the age of the micro-chip and visits an Army unit pioneering a valuable new time-saving trend.**

concepts course to a 42-week advanced course designed to fit officers for positions of responsibility within ADP projects.

Most other courses cater for all ranks in the three Services as well as Ministry of Defence civilians. Whether you are a corporal or a major general, you follow the same syllabus and do the same exercises, although segregation is applied to accommodation and messing. Some would say that the NCOs, in their shared reasigned married quarters, are better off than the officers in the accommodation blocks.

Senior NCOs use the garrison sergeants' mess but the Training Centre has its own officers' mess — an unusual one in that it has a space invader machine, something most Army officers' messes have so far resisted but perhaps to be expected in this computer-based environment.

The study bedrooms are important because a great deal of private study is needed to keep up with most of the courses. The three week Fundamentals (Fun) course is just one and SOLDIER visited the Training Centre when the one hundredth was drawing to a close.

Chief instructor Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Williams described the course as a stepping stone to becoming an ADP practitioner and one that is increasingly popular now that the use of computers is becoming more widespread.

"The microcomputer explosion is about to hit the Army," he

explained. "You only have to save one clerk and you've paid for your machine. But although we're under pressure to make cuts like everyone else, you don't always save manpower. Someone's got to keep feeding in the data after all, and operate the machine. But it's efficiency we're after, and speed, and these things speak for themselves.

"The Army is now looking at computerising regimental quartermasters' stores, catering, unit messing, orderly rooms and medical centres. Then there are the more esoteric machines for operations and weapons systems. Computers were into ships and aircraft long before they were into tanks and guns. So the Army has got some catching up to do."

Students on the Fun course can expect to have to work from 0830 to 2130 each day in order to grasp the basic grounding in analysis, systems design and programming. Warrant Officer John Collier said he had found it "quite a hard course really but very good."

"Some bits are harder than others — the systems design part especially. I have a microcomputer of my own so I knew a little about the subject anyway. But I have learnt much more on this course than I ever would just reading the books." WO 1 Collier is with 2 Group, Royal Corps of Transport in Düsseldorf and the experience he now has might prove useful if the RCT decide to computerise all their BAOR schedules.

The climax of this course is a day-and-a-half practical exercise based on everything the students have been taught. The test is a stiff one and there were quite a few harassed faces to be seen poring over the terminals.

Given certain conditions contained in the data input file they are asked to design a programme which would allow various supply items and commodities, such as rations and Jerry cans, to be brought to a beach head daily over a period of eight days. Then they convert it into a basic computer language, Argol 60.

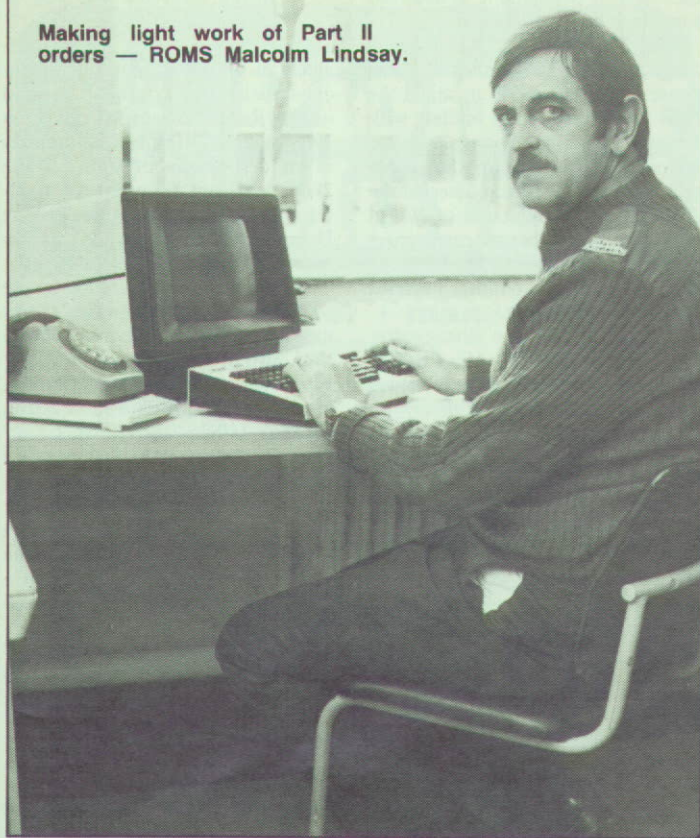
The next stage is to run the programme to see if it works. If successful, the computer should produce the information contained in a master output file, or in simple terms, the answers — which the instructors use to measure the practicability of each student's effort.

Confused? You won't be, after the mystique of computer science has been explained to you on a Fun course. But don't all rush to apply because the courses are solidly booked until November.

**Lt-Col Mike Williams watches students on final test exercise.** ▼



Making light work of Part II orders — RQMS Malcolm Lindsay.



## PAMPAS — a field ripe for growth

**A**LREADY TEN units — seven in the UK and three in BAOR — are taking part in a year's trial of a desk top computer system called PAMPAS — Personnel Administrative Microcomputer Pilot ADP System.

The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment in Colchester is the one regular infantry unit selected for the trial and there is no doubt just how useful it is proving in knocking out Part II Orders and keeping unit records up to date.

Recently the battalion has been on exercise in the United States and prior to departure naturally there was a great deal of preparation involved. For in-

stance, apart from arranging flight details, all medical records had to be checked to ensure that inoculations were in order.

But no problem — the computer did it all in a fraction of the time it would have taken the clerks to wade through all the unit files. In fact, the computer is designed to produce information of any predetermined nature and answer research questions.

According to Major Mike Parry-Evans of the Microcomputer Section at Worthy Down, the object of the trial is "to prove the concept that microcomputers can be useful in producing internal information and facilitate data transmission from the master nominal roll (at Worthy Down) to units throughout the Army."

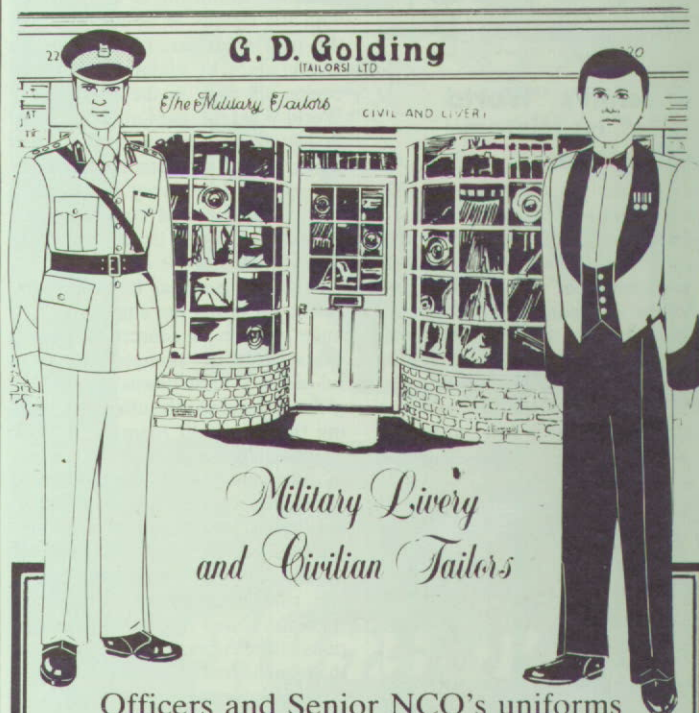
Having been guinea-pigs, 3 Royal Anglian are convinced the computerised Army is here to stay. As RQMS Malcolm Lindsay explained: "In the interim period we do not see any saving in manpower but more an increase in efficiency. When it comes to internal research of documents it's invaluable and it also means the poor unit clerk has more time to take part in normal regimental activities." ■



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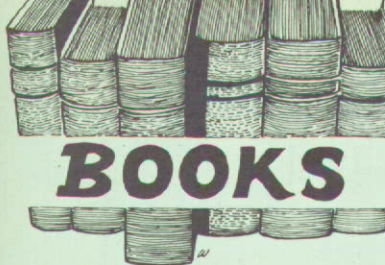
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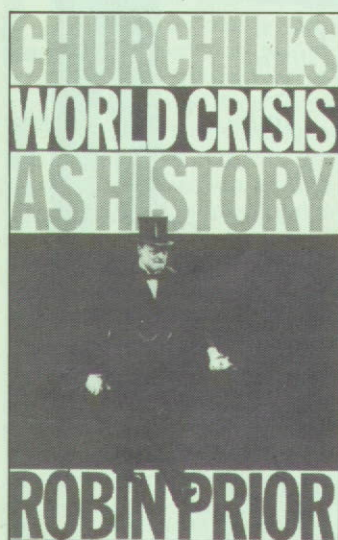
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## Churchill's "World Crisis" as History: Robin Prior

This is one for the scholarly. Mr Prior examines the section of Sir Winston Churchill's best-seller that covers World War One. He finds flaws, caused by the author's commitment to vindicating his own actions and point of view. This commitment, carried out with verve, the strong thread of humanity and the power of writing are attributes which ensure that the book will continue to



be read when more accurate works are forgotten. Part of the book is about naval matters (Sir Winston was, after all, First Lord) but there is much for the students of Gallipoli, the Somme and the casualty statistics controversy as well as the birth of the tank.

Croom Helm, Provident House, 6-20 Burrell Row, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1AT — £15.95.

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## And We Shall Shock Them: David Fraser

With so much material appearing so

regularly on the Second World War it might appear that there is little more to be said, so it comes as a relief to find that General Sir David Fraser's analytical history of the British Army during this most testing of wars is comprehensive, meaty and readable. Admitting to a fascination with the lessons to be learned from the trial of defeat, rather than the heady glory of victory, Sir David begins his story in the aftermath of World War One, exploring the extent to which Britain's natural, but ill thought-out, pacifism corroded the efficiency of the Army and resulted first, in a welter of confusion, and secondly with the defeat and withdrawal from Europe of the BEF.

In the subsequent lull which followed, the Army was augmented by a huge infusion of conscripts, and its character greatly changed. In a painful series of 'false dawns' around the globe, it regained the offensive, turning the tide at El Alamein in 1942, evolving a professionalism which was to wear down even the dedicated opposition of Germany and Japan. Inevitably, with such a large and complex subject, many important actions have been passed by lightly, and, since the emphasis is deliberately on the British Army, the contributions of the Allies are assumed rather than considered in detail.

What remains presents a very lucid over-view, a clear, thoughtful account of the Army's varied experience around the world, the way it coped, adapted and ultimately triumphed, and of some of the personalities who dominated it. Whilst the point of illustrating British commanders and their Axis counterparts is obvious, a wider choice of illustrations might have been welcome, but this is a minor criticism.

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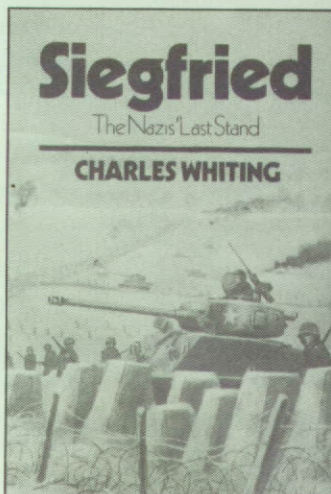
## Siegfried — The Nazis' Last Stand: Charles Whiting

"Let us all urinate on the great West Wall of Germany," Sir Winston Churchill invited a gathering of generals in 1945. It was not the most tasteful of Churchillian gestures. It expressed, of course, contempt for Hitler and his regime, but many thousands of Allied troops had lost life or limb in the struggle to breach the Wall, and many Germans had

died bravely to defend it. It deserved some respect.

The West Wall, otherwise the Siegfried Line, was built at vast expense in the late 1930s to shield the Nazi Reich behind the borders with France, Luxembourg and Belgium. It had its influence on the power politics of the 1930s and deterred the Allies in the early stages of World War Two, even though entertainers in Britain were promising to "Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line".

Though it fell into disuse after Dunkirk, in 1944 the Allies had to take it very seriously indeed. It was defended largely, though by no means entirely, by the poorest of



German troops, but it held up the Allies. Mr. Whiting considers it prolonged the war by six months and the cost in Allied dead and wounded was higher than that suffered by the Americans in the Korean and Vietnam wars combined.

One after another, American divisions tackled it, fighting not only its well-planned fortifications, but dense forest, snow, frost and flood as well, and they were badly hurt. Britain's 43 Infantry Division had a go, too, along with an American division at Geilenkirchen, and this attack, also, was repulsed.

At Christmas 1944 the Wall was still largely intact, and from it the Germans made their last bid for victory in the Ardennes. When that was beaten back in the Battle of the Bulge, the Wall still held. Finally, Montgomery's armies in the north and the Americans farther south overwhelmed it, and in March 1945

Sir Winston Churchill was able to make his gesture.

Mr Whiting writes colourfully, albeit in a very American style for one of British background (he served in the Reconnaissance Corps from 1944 to 1947). He pulls no punches in his descriptions of failure: "The 28th (American Division) set a pattern for sloppy operations in the Huertgen which would lead to disgrace and disaster."

He had no great admiration for the high command: "They weren't great men, these generals who won World War Two in the West for the Allies: Eisenhower, Montgomery, Bradley, Hodges, Simpson and Patton, though of them all 'Ole Blood an' Guts' at least had the makings of a great general."

Now and again there is a passage that jars: after initial success in an attack, " 'Splendid', the British senior officers chortled. 'Jolly splendid!'" Even so, this is a jolly readable book.

Leo Cooper Secker and Warburg, 54 Poland St., London W1V 3DF — £8.95.

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## Walk Warily in Waziristan: Francis (Tim) Stockdale

This book contains the reminiscences of Captain Tim Stockdale RE (Rtd) of his brief service in India and in particular of the Mahsud Expedition of 1919, written when he was in his mid eighties.

This expedition was sent to restore peace between the Waziris and the Mahsuds during which there was some of the bloodiest fighting the North-West Frontier has ever known and this was the first time the RAF had operated in this area in strength, proving a decisive factor.

The author does not attempt to recount the operation in detail and gives only some first hand accounts of his own actions and several second hand of others. It is a great pity he gives no surnames to his characters as this might have added to our knowledge of individuals; however, this may be due to his failing memory.

These are the delightful and slightly jumbled reminiscences of an old soldier which add little to history but are enchanting vignettes of service on the NW Frontier sixty-four years ago — both on and off duty.

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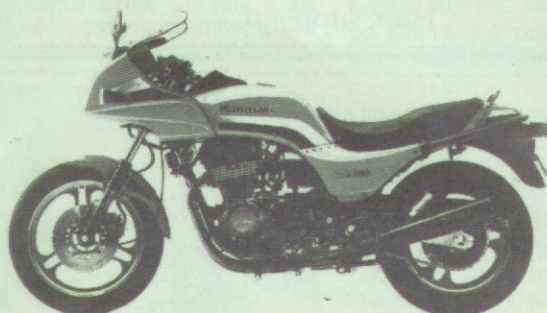
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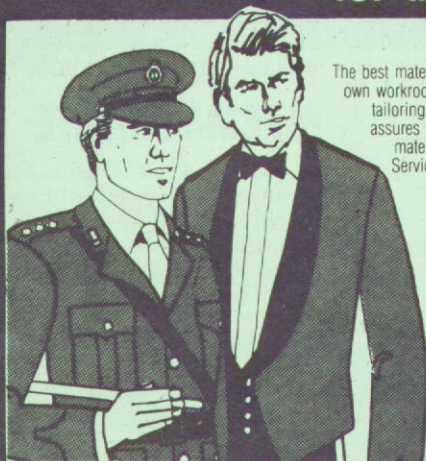
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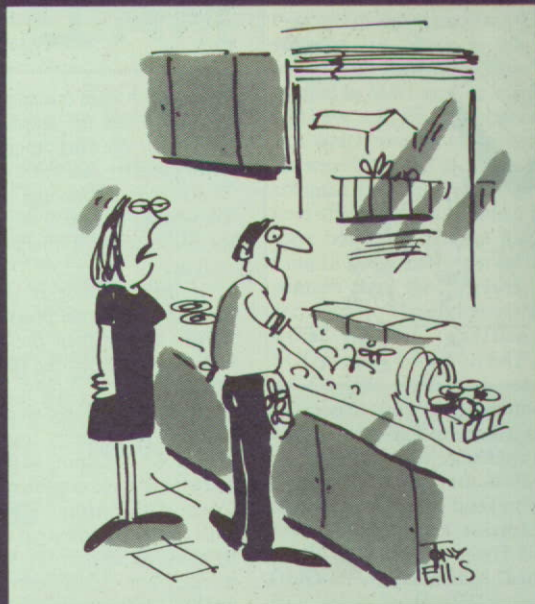
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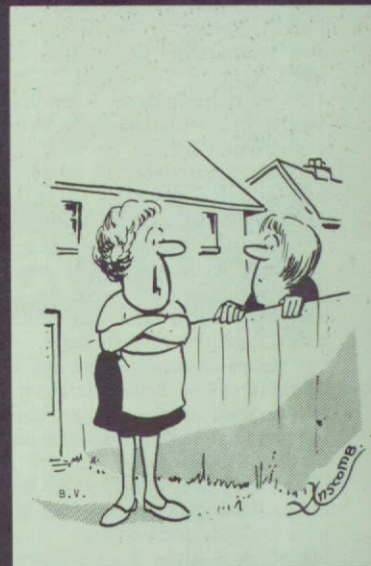


"Seeing as it's your birthday we'll eat our fish and chips out of the newspaper tonight."

## Humour



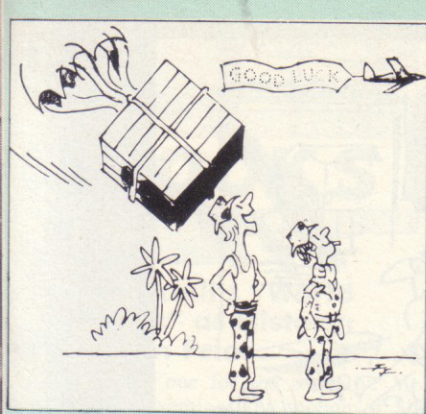
"Don't look now darling, but you're still wearing your apron."



"I promised not to repeat this, so I can only tell you it once."



"Don't believe all the nonsense you hear about us being over staffed."



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## WORKS V WALES

There have been many remarks passed over the years similar to Mr Smart's of Warwickshire regarding The South Wales Borderers' claim to the Battle Honours 'Rorke's Drift' and 'Isandhlwana' (2 May). Of course all will agree that the 24th Regt were The 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment until the Reforms of 1881. But the fact is that due probably to the industrialisation of the Birmingham and surrounding areas, The 24th were from 1875 onwards or even 1874, recruited from the South Wales Border areas with their depot at Brecon in South Wales.

If Mr Smart were to study the nominal roll of those that fell at both battles he would find the vast majority were Welshmen. Also, where in the world, I ask Mr Smart, were all the Warwickshire lads when the VCs were awarded? I trust they weren't hiding behind the 'mealy bags'.

I am of course joking, but the tradition of the British Infantry or British ships for that matter, claiming association with the glorious deeds of their forefathers must not be smiled at or denied us. The tradition is a good one and envied by those that have none or little past worth speaking of. — **Captain Haydn Davies, The Royal Regiment of Wales, 24/41st of Foot.**

## NO JOKE

Before it is too late, may the papers about the Gleam Machine (21 March) be combined with those about Bearskins at the Barbers and shredded?

If Gleam Machine is a joke, it is certainly one without wit. If not, I mourn what my Regiment and others have become, and under such circumstances, I should not augment the article in this way but, I am convinced that this is something which if ignored will not go away. The inanity however, is that just such a thing as this can indeed happen. In secluded bunks throughout the Services there are individuals to whom the Gleam Machine will be a fantasy come true and for which their fertile imaginations will devise uses that even the inventor could not have foreseen. How could he? His concern is with furniture.

I suspect I am missing the point. If so, I concede my stupidity. If I am not then, drawing upon the experience of thirty one years in the Army, I must underline the dangers and indignities of mindlessly judging the performance of soldiers as if they are robots.

If this machine is accepted and used in the manner proposed, it is the judges rather than the judged who will ultimately suffer the greater indignity.

There is nothing wrong with the acumen of properly trained, experienced NCOs; not without reason they were once considered the backbone of the Army. The inadequate will find no compensation in the Gleam Machine. It will merely though not lightly, compound their mental deficiencies. As the age of Star Wars nears, mankind needs more not less dependence upon the incomparable commonsense and justice of the human brain.

There could however be hope for this machine. The entire world loves a comic and laughter may therefore so incapacitate our enemies that their antagonism towards us will dissolve. What price peace in our time — again? — **G Mansfield, 34-19 33rd St, Long Island City, New York, NY 11106, USA.**

## MAKE WEIGHT

On 10 May I watched the fine display of the Massed Bands and Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment at Colchester.

Having read through the programme of music to be played, I was most disappointed to see that The Corps of Drums had only been allotted two items on the programme. As it transpired the fluter only played part of 'For Flag and Empire' to allow the side drummers to take up their positions for 'The Victory Beating' and again to play the side drummers back to the Band, playing 'Hogans Patrol' accompanied by the massed bands.

When will Bandmasters allow Corps of Drums greater rein instead of treating them like a 'make weight' in a box of chocolates? Without wishing to give offence, if they are in any doubt as to how to use them, I'm sure The Corps of Drums Society would be only too happy to offer advice.

Apart from this personal 'gripe' it was a super display and for me, rounded off a memorable day. — **R King, 46 London Road, Royston, Herts.**

## ACORN PUZZLE

Your Cap Badge series featuring the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment (21 Mar) and the origins of its acorn and oak leaf badge raises an interesting query.

Books in my possession suggest that there is no evidence that the regiment or individuals of it were at Dettingen in June 1743. Indeed the 22nd do not appear to have it as a battle honour.

An alternative suggestion is that a sprig of acorn appeared in the coat of arms of the regiment's first colonel,

The Duke of Norfolk.

At the completion of Hugh King's excellent series on cap badges are there any plans to depict badges worn by TA units and not worn by The Regular Army? For example, my own squadron wears the cap badge of the Royal Corps of Signals, the collar badges of the Warwickshire Yeomanry, and the NCO's arm badge of the Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars.

Keep up the excellent work, SOLDIER. **WO2 D Smart, 67 (QOW-WY) Sig Sqn, TA Centre, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6HW.**

*As there are 86 different Regular corps and regimental cap badges Hugh King's series has not yet reached the half way stage. We have not taken a decision about extending it to take in TA badges but it is certainly something we shall consider. — Ed.*

## GURKHA TALES

I have been commissioned to write an anecdotal type of book about the Gurkhas, in peace and war, while serving and on pension. I must stress that this will not be a history in the same vein as 'Britain's Brigade of Gurkhas'.

If anyone has got an unusual story or snippet to pass on, I'd be grateful if they could contact me at the address below. Whilst I cannot guarantee to include every story in the book, I promise to acknowledge every letter and return any manuscript etc.

If I could have the material before the beginning of December this year, it would help me marshal my forces in time for publication in late 1984. In particular, I am hoping that pre-war readers will produce some stories about service in or alongside the old Gurkha Brigade. — **Brigadier E D Smith CBE DSO, Dharmasala, 2 Balfour Mews, Station Road, Sidmouth EX10 8XL.**

## REUNITED

You published my plea to readers for information regarding Wally Harriot (21 Feb) and I am pleased to tell you that we have now made contact. Unfortunately Mr Harriot is suffering from Parkinson's disease and finds everything a great effort but despite this, we hope to visit him at his home in Eastbourne soon. Thank you SOLDIER and those who responded, for all your help. — **G Holly, 2 Rose Cottages, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.**

## JAPANESE SWORD

The anniversary of the Fall of Singapore prompts me to write to expand for your readers a small sidelight of history upon how it all began.

By June 1942 POW life at Changi had become very regimental and entirely uneventful. Suddenly volunteers were called for to go up-country to start building what were described by the Japanese as rest camps. Despite the injunctions of parents and uncles who remembered the Great War, and who had told me never to volunteer for anything, I volun-

teered. I was young, just twenty-one, unmarried and fit.

When that first trainload set off from Singapore station I found myself appointed 'train assistant interpreter' and sat in the only passenger coach, at the rear of the train, albeit with a lot of Japanese. At Prai, the terminus for Penang, the train stopped for a night — subsequently to be hauled out backwards with our passenger coach immediately behind the engine. A day later I was standing with a Japanese lieutenant on the coach's observation platform now at the head of the train, when we passed a large white notice board bearing a then incomprehensible legend. The Japanese lieutenant translated and informed me that we were now in Thailand. Thus, although by only a few yards, to me, Royal Signals TA, fell the doubtful distinction of being the first Allied prisoner-of-war to enter Thailand, the Land of the Free.

Up country from Bang Pong, a reception camp of sorts built in a paddy-field, we built a camp for ourselves, and then a bigger camp for an advance party who built a bigger camp still that was eventually to become the Headquarters for 4 Group on the railway.

On 17th October 1943 the railway was finished, although there were still almost two years to go before the end of the war. I wouldn't want to go through it again although I never regretted volunteering. I think my only regret was that I was too gentlemanly to pinch a Japanese sword to bring home with me. Incidentally, if anyone has one they would sell I would very much like to buy it, just to have it over my fireplace for my declining years. — **Stanley Cherry, 11 Woodside Road, West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset BH22 0LY.**

## BLESMA TRIBUTE

This year Blackpool's Bonanza Charity Evening — 'Tribute to BLESMA' in aid of the Blackpool BLESMA Home of the British Limbless ex-Service Men's Association takes place in the Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on 9 November.

The GOC North West District has been invited to take the salute at the end of the muster of over 60 regimental association and RAFA standards.

The Army as before are taking part and the Ministry of Defence are taking model Lancaster Bombers out of mothballs to loan to add realism to the great presentation of the Dam Busters.

Former members of the Women's Services (ATS/WRAC etc) have been chosen to form the Guard of Honour and will later be led into the ballroom to join the muster of branches of the WRAC Association.

Tickets will be ready for distribution July onwards at £1.50 (Table Reservation £1) from myself (formerly of the Army Medical Branch). Please send applications with cheque (made out to the Seaside Entertainment Appreciation Society). An SAE would be appreciated. — **David Wagstaff, 45 Gateside Drive, Leyton, Blackpool (0253 34760).**

## Can You Help?

Can any military musician, past or present, give me any information on a quick march entitled *Samarkand* composed by the late Lt Col G H Willcocks whilst Bandmaster of the 2nd Bn 24th Regt. Does anyone know if it was ever recorded and if so, by whom and on what record label? — **Trevor Johns, 1 Mount St, Brecon, Powys, S Wales LD3 7LU.** I am compiling a book, in the main lighthearted, about the everyday life and problems of a present-day army wife. If anyone would like to contribute an experience or thought, whether sad, funny or simply frustrating, write it down along with your name and address and send it to me. I will try to use all in the book. **Mrs S F Batch, c/o 114 Pro Coy, Herford Det RMP, BFPO 15.**

Does anyone know the whereabouts of ex-Cpl 'Jock' Gorman, Recovery Mech REME, who served with LAD HQ 27 Inf Bde, Farelf 1952, whom I last saw at Depot Arborfield during Suez Crisis 1956. — **Ex-Sgt Bob Scott, 5 Heathcote Gardens, Romiley, Stockport SK6 4HG.** I am trying to locate the 'Standard Vanguard' car club, I have heard it is run by a S/Sgt REME. **C G Williams, 76 Bloomfield Rise, Odd Down, Bath, Avon BA2 2BN.**

Does anyone know the whereabouts of 24440406 Dai (David) Coe REME whom I was with at 3 Field Workshops, Bordon, Hants around 1977-80. I last saw Dai at SEME in May 1981 when he was on a welder's course and I was on my 1st Class

vehicle mechanic's course. — **Mick Swann, 128 Anglesey Road, Burton on Trent, Staffs.**

I am trying to contact an old Army pal, Mr Alan Langworth from Hansworth, Bolton, Lancs. We haven't had any contact since we were demobbed in Feb 1958 from the RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Hants. We were both NS men and my Army number was 23294505. — **John Standland, 8 Moorgreen, Westborough Way, Anlaby Common, HU4 7SS.**

I am trying to find a copy of the book 'Remember Arnhem' for an old soldier who fought in the battle. He is at present in hospital recovering from cancer and I know to receive a copy of this book would make him very happy. — **B Butler, 68 Gould Road, Barnstaple, N Devon.**

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## Competition

Apologies to all those who agonised

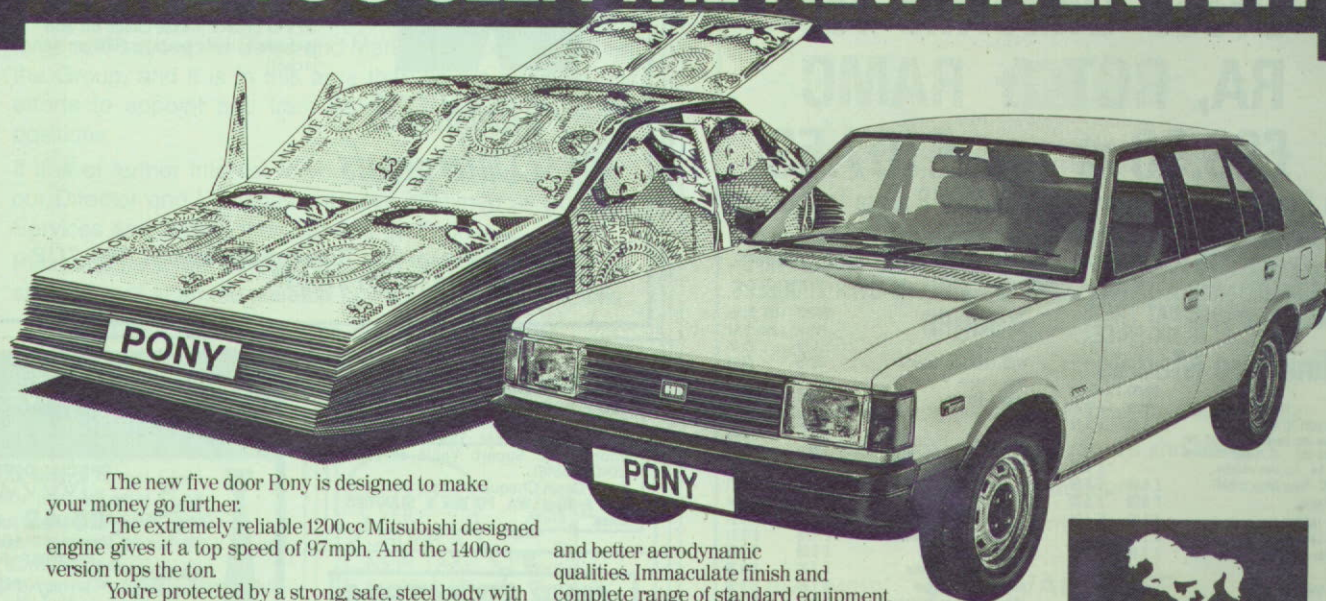
over one of the clues in our Competition No 314, 'Ends to the Middle' which was incorrect. Clue 18 was printed as MAT and, as many of you will have realised, it should have read MA which would have given you the answer TOMATO. Some entries assumed that this was an error and gave the answer as TOMATO anyway, but to be fair we disregarded Clue 18 altogether when we drew the winners from the otherwise all correct entries. The answers to the clues were: *chURch, leGIBLE, peRISCOpe, alLUVIal, chAFFINch, neCTARIne, shREWish, usURIOus, emBLEm, toFFeTa, enLIVen, inGRAIn, teSSELLate, stRONGst, inSULIn, teRMite, deLUde, (TOMATO), nePTUne, teRGIVERSate.* Prizewinners were: 1st Cpl E Obeng, 68 Sqn RCT, BFPO 40. 2nd Mrs A Hollis, 180 Crammavill Street, Grays, Essex. 3rd L/Cpl D M Evans, 3 QUEENS LAD REME, St Barbara Bks, Fallingbostal, BFPO 38. 4th H C Daniel, Stonegarth, West End, Ampleforth, York. 5th WO 2 G a Boss, RIT, Royal Anglian Regiment, Basingbourn Bks, Royston, Herts.

## How Observant Are You?

(See page 36)

1 Left branch of left tree; 2 Chimney of caravan; 3 Right handle of wash-bowl; 4 Spout of kettle; 5 Spokes of large wheel of caravan; 6 Length of striped shirt on line; 7 Fourth letter of "TRAPEZE"; 8 Tethering rope by right horse's forehoof; 9 Tent roof right of flag; 10 Left horse's left hind hoof.

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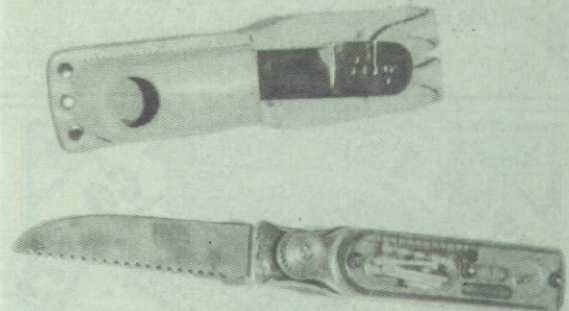
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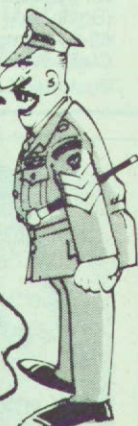
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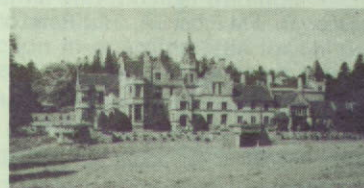
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# SCHOOL POOL



## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### BOARDING EDUCATION

North Yorkshire Local Education Authority maintains four secondary schools with boarding provision. Places are available for boys and girls for September 1983. Further particulars of the schools and application procedures may be obtained either by writing to the Head of the school or direct to the County Education Officer, County Hall, Room 143(SB) Northallerton DL7 8AE.

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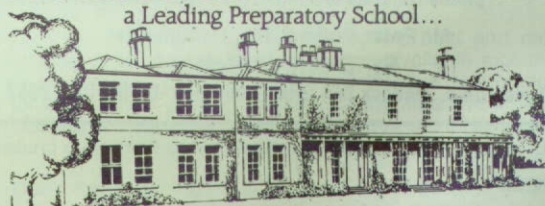
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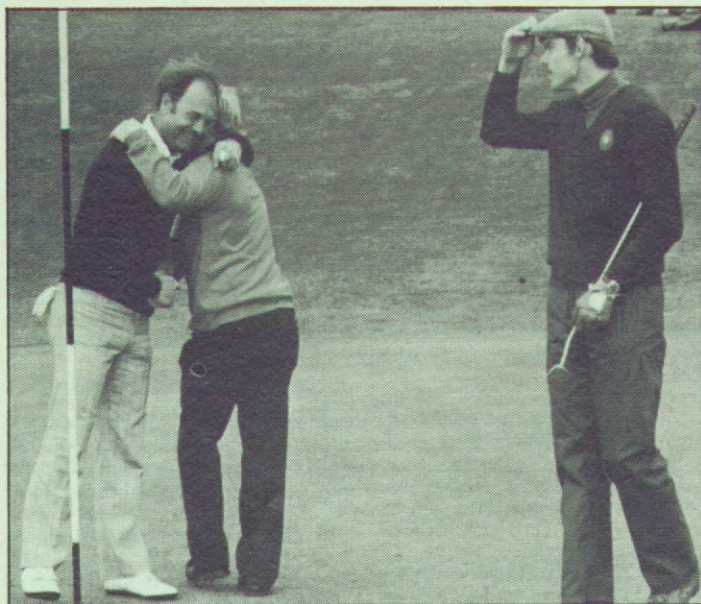
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The shot that swung it. Gray crashes a 4-wood 210 yards to the 21st green to set up his winning eagle.

Spiller doffs his hat in appreciation as Gray and his caddie celebrate their success.

## GRANT'S TITLE

**CAPTAIN GLEN GRANT** won the UKLF Individual Orienteering title in the championships held near Scarborough. His unit, 22 Locating Battery, Royal Artillery, had the fastest relay team and also took the minor units prize. Major unit team winners were RMCS, Shrivenham.

Female winner was Captain Helen Feherty of 7 UDR with the WRAC Centre, Guildford, taking the team prize. In the junior event the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, took most of the honours including fastest relay team and major unit winners. They had the first two competitors home in Lance-Bombardiers Chris Culliford and Robert Sharp. Third was Apprentice Tradesman Andrew Walker (AAC Harrogate). Minor unit winners were Junior Soldiers, Depot Prince of Wales.

In the TA championships the winner was Ranger William Hollinger of 4 Royal Irish. UOTC Individual winner was Lieutenant Nicholas Jones of Sheffield and East Midland took the UOTC team prize.

Female TA winner was Sergeant Helen Meades, of 64 Signal Squadron, Sheffield followed by Sergeant Marion Poulter, of the same unit. First UOTC member home was Junior Under Officer Joanne Bell (East Midland). Her team took the award for fastest relay team.

Other news in orienteering is that Lieutenant Chris Hirst, of 3 RTR, has won the national championships for the fourth year in a row and 18-year-old Gunner Mike Brett, of 22 Locating Battery, will compete for Britain in a tri-nation orienteering match from 3-5 June.

## WHAT A GRAY DAY!

A 27-FOOT EAGLE putt on the 21st hole gave Corporal Ian Gray, 81 Ordnance Coy RAOC, his third Army Golf championship and set the seal on one of the best finals for years. The famous Royal Cinque Ports links at Deal have seen many great matches but few can have bettered Gray's dramatic sudden-death victory over the title holder, Lance Corporal Doug Spiller of 4 Armoured Workshops, REME.

Gray rarely shows emotion on the golf course but he unashamedly hurled his putter in the air as his winning putt dropped. It was a gesture of relief as much as triumph for he had been within an ace of beating his gutsy opponent on each of the three previous greens.

At the 18th Spiller had courageously stroked home a seven footer to take the match into extra holes. And at the 19th and 20th Gray had seen birdie

putts of eight and ten feet miss the cup by millimetres.

The early stages were scrappy with neither player able to better par on the front nine despite the following wind. A wayward tee-shot at the 2nd and a missed three footer at the 4th quickly put Gray two down, but a fluffed wedge cost Spiller the 5th and Gray levelled at the seventh by holing from off the green.

Another drive into the rough at the ninth saw Gray fail to make par and turn one down. But a magnificent wedge to three feet at the 10th promptly earned him another winning birdie.

By now the sun was out and the golf was warming up too, Gray splitting the fairway with some prodigious drives and Spiller lacing into his trusty one-iron to send the ball almost as far.

Holes continued to be traded. Spiller nosed in front with good pars at 12 and 15 but lost the 13th to a birdie and three putted

the long 16th to be all square.

So the scene was set for a nerve-jangling climax and the large gallery held their breath as 17, 18 and the first two extra holes were all halved in fours.

But there was no denying Gray at the 492-yard 21st. A superb drive and a cracking 4-wood put him safely on the edge of the green and although two putts would have given him victory, Spiller having thinned his third through the green, he finished in style by stroking the ball straight into the cup.

Afterwards a delighted Gray paid tribute to his caddie, Staff Sergeant Dave Kelly of 55 Ordnance Coy. "He gave me all the lines and put the right club in my hand. All I had to do was play the shot.

"I was feeling a bit tired earlier on but I knew my swing and my rhythm were right so I decided to open up and really hit the ball. Now I'm over the moon."

## Exhibition stuff



Another fine save from L/Cpl Mark Atkinson before he was injured.

### Army 0 WBA 5

WEST BROMWICH ALBION came to Aldershot for an end of season fixture in which there was nothing tangible to play for and every opportunity to display silky First Division skills on the impeccable match surface at the Military Stadium. The game, sponsored by the nearby Lakeside Country Club, attracted a smaller crowd than it deserved and ended with a predictably one-sided scoreline.

Throughout the first half the Albion players stroked the ball around the field showing the Army men, whose main attacks seem to consist of punting balls hopefully upfield, just how it should be done. They took the lead after six minutes through Garry Thomson and followed this with a lovely header into the corner of the net by Nicky Cross some 20 minutes later.

The visitors paced them-

selves and let the Army chase every ball yet rarely looked troubled by the soldiers' tenacity. The Army did have a few shots at goal from Fleming, Torrance and Stant as the first half came to a close but without result.

After the interval there was a surprise — WBA came out with almost an entirely new team, their Central League side.

The fresh youngsters went to work with a will and the Army spent most of their time defending with goalkeeper, Lance-Corporal Mark Atkinson, one of the busiest men on the field. He pulled off some fine saves but Robson and Kent managed to find the net.

With ten minutes to go an accidental clash saw Atkinson leave the field with a cut cheek. Reserve goalkeeper, Corporal Ian John, was thrown into the firing line. He too made some good saves but Kent added a fifth for Albion.

# 3 PARA LEAD ARMY MARATHON TRIUMPH

## RETURN OF THE YOMPERS

THE THIRD BATTALION, The Parachute Regiment, who have swept all before them in endurance running since they returned from the battle for the Falklands, struck again in the Inter-Services marathon at RAF Swinderby. They crushed a strong field to take first and third individual places as well as winning the Army team event.

The Army, who were completely outclassed a year ago, came back with a vengeance. In 1982 they could only manage one man in the first ten home — this year they took eight of those places with the other two Services managing only one apiece.

First man home was Lance-Corporal Peter Cawse of 3 Para — who was running only his fourth marathon and at two hours 22 minutes and 45 seconds bettered his previous best time by an astonishing 26 minutes.

Just thirty yards behind came another Army runner, WO2 John McIlmurray from REME 4 Armoured Workshops, and third was Sergeant Malcolm French of 3 Para. Other highly placed sol-

diers were WO2 Peter Marsh of Ordnance Services Viersen (fifth), SSI Ray Butters (Brecon TW School of Infantry) who came sixth and last year's Army champion, Major Keith Arnold of the RAEC, who suffered from blisters but still managed seventh.

Top veteran was again Captain Barry Johnson of the RAOC Training Centre. Now aged 43 he finished 19th with a time of 2.37.28.

There were 350 starters in the event around the flat Lincolnshire lanes bordering the RAF recruit camp. The marathon, which originally began as a station 20-mile race, went Inter-Services in 1978 and is now recognised as the Services' premier long distance event.

Strong southerly winds and occasional showers affected the race in which the strong runners had already established them-



Coach and pupil. Paras, Sgt Malcolm French (left) and L/Cpl Peter Cawse have broken the rest of the field at 22 miles.

selves before even leaving the airfield. At the five mile point a bunch of 17 runners headed the field followed by another group of about a dozen.

By 11 miles the leading group was down to nine with Lance-Corporal C Haigh from 4 Armoured Workshops at the head of the pack. Five miles later the pack was down to five and at the 22 mile stage the two paratroopers, Cawse and French, seemed to have broken the field.

But they reckoned without McIlmurray, who made strenuous efforts to catch them in the closing stages. The paras had intended to come in together but French, who had coached Cawse, realised that his protégé had a better chance and told him to go on.

After the race Cawse and French were joined in a celebration by the third member of the team, SI Andy Smith, who also

did well, and by SSI Ray Butters, who was with the battalion until recently.

Said Butters: "I'm delighted to see the lads do it. It's great to see them going from strength to strength. Remember that a year ago today we were all in holes in San Carlos getting bombed."

McIlmurray, who finished 23rd at Swinderby in 1980, revealed that when he was running fourth he thought all the runners in front of him were from the Army.

"Then someone told me the third man was RAF so I had to go after the fellow to get one-two-three for the Army. I'm very pleased with myself."

Thus the Army got revenge for last year and left the RAF in second place bemoaning the absence of runners they claimed would have won. For the Army — and especially for 3 Para — it was a day to rejoice.



The agony when muscles seize up at the end of 26 miles.

## SEME's Cup after all

DESPITE a tremendous performance by RAF Wyton in which they thrashed the Navy side HMS Heron 4-0, SEME Bordon won the Naafi Jubilee Cup for a record sixth time.

The RAF side needed to win by five clear goals to take the trophy but just failed — after scoring four they missed a penalty. The cup goes to the side scoring most goals in the triangular tournament — SEME ended with six, Wyton five and Heron four.

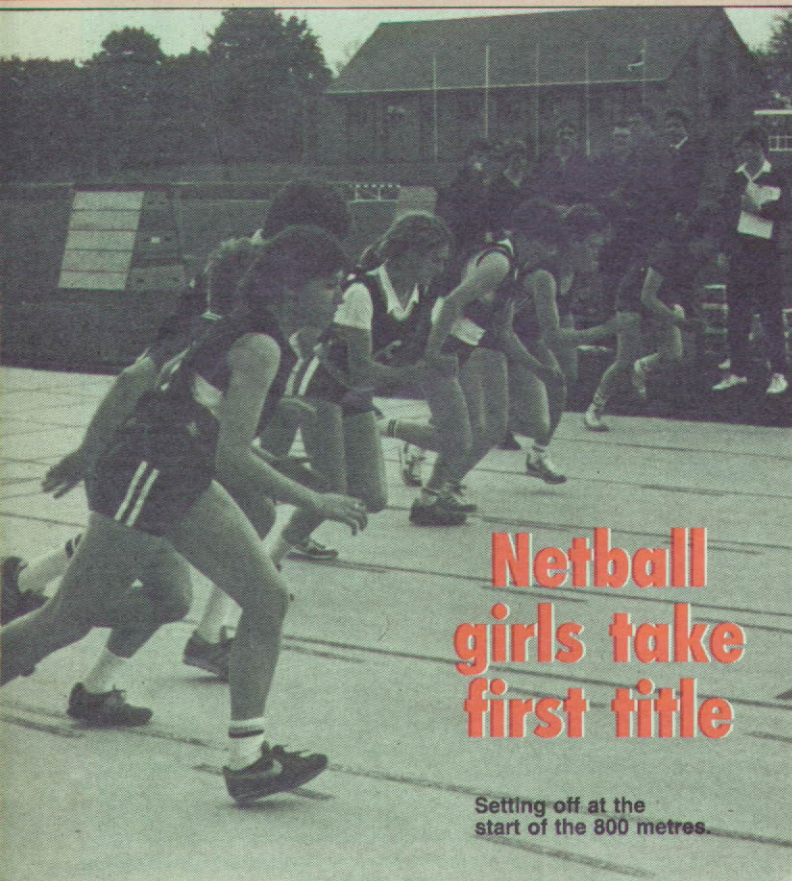
## 3 RTR ON THE CREST

THE THIRD Royal Tank Regiment team from Germany took the senior team trophy in the Army Surf Canoeing Championships at Saunton Sands in North Devon. There were 80 entries for a competition held in cold and windy weather with waves varying from three to five

feet in height.

Individual winners in senior events were: Colour Sergeant Copperwaite (1 PWO); Corporal Sutherland (REME); WO1 Young (RAOC); and Corporal Dobson (AAC Harrogate). Junior team champions were the Army Apprentices College, Chesham.

# SUPERTEAM!



## Netball girls take first title

Setting off at the start of the 800 metres.



The victorious netball girls with actor Melvyn Hayes.

FOUR LEADING Army women netball players emerged as the Army's leading all round sportswomen at the end of the first Super-team competition organised by the Army Women's Sports Association in the Aldershot area.

At the end of a day of frantic activity the netball team emerged with five first places out of nine events and a total of 77 points to easily beat teams from nine other women's sports.

Team captain, Corporal Lesley Davison from the Depot Regiment, Royal Artillery, took first place in the 100 metres and basketball contests while other firsts went to Sergeant Glyn Cardy (shooting and cycling) and Staff-Sergeant Babs Mangan (canoeing). The fourth member of the team, Lance-Corporal Chris Burgess, came third in the gym tests and fifth in the swimming.

The jubilant Corporal Davison said they had started the day not dreaming of winning although they had a team of girls who had played a number of Army sports.

"This is something different for us all and you know that any team can take it so there is good sportsmanship. This is the first time we have had all the Army

sponsored sports together in one crowd.

"What I would now like to see is this held at unit or district level where it would not just be all the gladiators taking part."

Major Val Batchelor, competition adviser, said Super-teams was likely to become an annual event. "We were well pleased with the way it went and it turned up quite a few potential sportswomen outside their own sports. It has been a good opportunity for people from our sports to get to know one another better and to compete on equal ground."

Prizes were presented by actor, Melvyn Hayes ('Gloria' from *It Ain't 'Alf 'Ot Mum*) who watched throughout the day.



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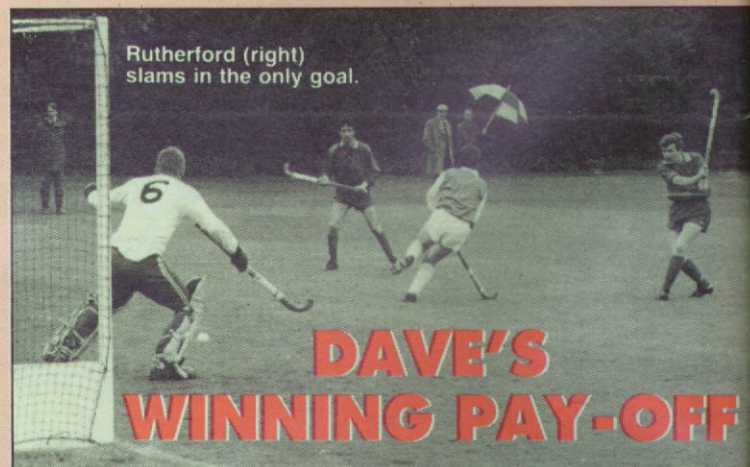
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Rutherford (right) slams in the only goal.

## DAVE'S WINNING PAY-OFF

THE ONLY shot worthy of such a description was enough to clinch the Army hockey title for the Royal Army Pay Corps from Worthy Down when they beat 2 Field Regiment RA at Aldershot. Fired in by WO2 Dave Rutherford, it went past goalkeeper Staff Sergeant Connolly like a cannonball to put the Paymasters one up after 18 minutes.

And that was to prove the only goal in an untidy game.

Up until then the Gunners dominated, but they could not sustain their early attacks and wilted when the RAPC turned on the pressure.

Intermittent rain did not help play and it noticeably affected the BAOR lads who are more used to playing on an all-weather surface rather than soft, lush turf.

With Hardwick, Rutherford and Rodgers prominent in attack the RAPC tightened their grip

but although they forced several corners, they could not add to their score.

Drama reared at one stage when the Pay Corps No 9, S/Sgt R Humphries, stopping a clout in the neck, and play was stopped while he recovered his breath. But from then on it was all downhill with play lingering around the centre spot till the final whistle.

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