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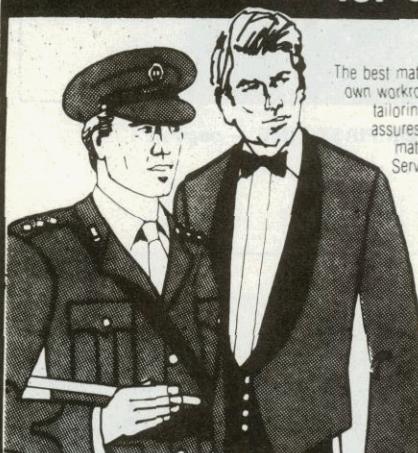


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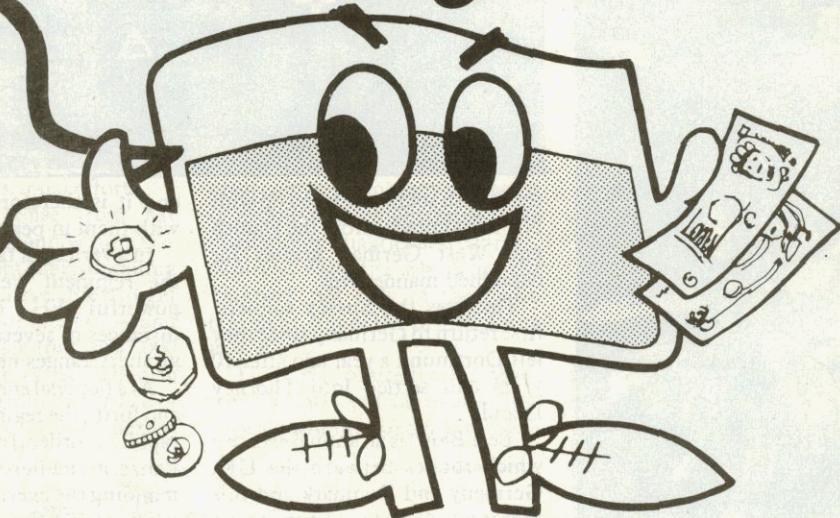


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SUSSEX GUNNERS BACK IN GERMANY

THE SUSSEX Gunners — 26th Field Regiment Royal Artillery — are back home at Thorney Island after two weeks of tough training in north Germany.

The regiment have been taking part in Exercise 'Beat Blow', a huge NATO gunnery exercise involving many thousands of troops, in which



You go that-a-way! A Danish Army soldier is directed by Bombardier Alan Yates



the British soldiers teamed up with NATO comrades from the Danish and West German armies for combined manoeuvres.

This was the Sussex soldiers' first return to Germany since they left Dortmund a year ago after 10 years and settled into Thorney Island.

'Beat Blow' is an annual exercise which rotates between the UK, Germany and Denmark and this year it was Germany's turn to act as host.

As part of Tidworth-based 1st Infantry Brigade, 26th Field Regiment would link up with other NATO artillery units in wartime,

and it is therefore vital to train with them in peacetime.

In a variety of tactical scenarios the regiment were firing their powerful FH 70 guns over distances of several miles on vast gunnery ranges near Hanover.

As a fictional enemy ranged back and forth, the regiment responded rapidly to orders from 6th German Panzergrenadierdivision, commanding the exercise, to lay down gunnery barrages as and where required.

Meanwhile the gunners of 29 Commando Regiment, based along the coast at Plymouth, and Larkhill-based 176 Battery of 14th Field

Long vehicle — even longer range!
26th Field Regiment move their FH 70 gun

Regiment RA were also supporting the exercise.

Commenting on 26 Regiment's participation in 'Beat Blow', their Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Welby-Everard said: "This was our first chance to train in our new role with our Danish and German counterparts, and we've been delighted to carry out live firing in company with them. We've worked well together and there have been no language problems!"

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RED DEVILS GET NEW AIRCRAFT

THE RED DEVILS have now got their new £500,000 Britten Norman Islander aircraft — handed over at Aldershot's Queens Parade in a spectacular ceremony, to take the Army's premier free-fall parachute display team into the 21st century, writes PETER HOWARD.

It was quite an occasion, with Red Devils dropping in before and after the official hand-over of the new aircraft, presented by Mirror Group Newspapers Chairman and Chairman of the Friends of the Red Devils Mr Robert Maxwell to Lieutenant General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, General Officer Commanding South East District and Colonel Commandant The Parachute Regiment.

The Red Devils will soon celebrate 21 years existence and, as Colonel Edward Gardener, Regimental Colonel — and first team commander — pointed out in welcoming guests, the first aircraft, a Rapide, cost a mere £1,000.

The second, also an Islander, cost £27,000 in 1969... somewhat less than the new one, of higher all round performance.

As Colonel Gardener pointed out, the Red Devils began when free-fall parachuting was in its infancy but since then their highly professional and world-wide displays have turned them into a household name. They give around 200 displays each year before 1,000,000 spectators and have raised over £1,000,000 for charity.

FAREWELL TO CDS

Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, retired from his post as Chief of the Defence Staff with a special farewell parade in Whitehall.

He inspected a Guard of Honour found by 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, with whom the Field Marshal has long links — and is Colonel of the Regiment.

Aged 61, Field Marshal Bramall was one of the last serving soldiers with experience of World War 2.

Commissioned in The King's Royal Rifle Corps, he fought in Normandy.

NOT GUILTY

Lance Corporal Anthony Glass and Signalman Martin Tuffy, Royal Signals, were among seven Servicemen all found not guilty by an Old Bailey jury of charges relating to the Official Secrets Act while serving in Cyprus.

Mr Maxwell thanked all who had given their time or money and said that whether £1 or £25,000 had been donated, it was all essential. "There is a stupendous difference between the cost of £1,000 for the first aircraft and half a million pounds for the new one", he said, thanking the Government for a cheque for £150,000 and the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Secretary of State for Defence Mr Michael Heseltine, Minister of State for Defence The Lord Trefgarne and Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, Mr John Lee, for their personal efforts.

There was praise from Mr Maxwell for the manufacturers — "for their discount, and for waiting as long as they have done to get their hands on our money" — and a gentle reminder that £137,000 still needs to be raised. He also read a message from the Prince of Wales, Australia. Prince Charles,

Colonel-in-Chief of The Parachute Regiment, launched the appeal in May and was sorry he could not be at the ceremony to welcome the new aircraft.

The cheque from the Ministry of Defence was handed over by Mr Ashley Adams on behalf of Mr Lee, who was in hospital but said, in a message read by Mr Adams:

"The Ministry of Defence has always been keen to encourage the activities of the Red Devils. The team's skill and prowess are internationally renowned and admired.

"They have thrilled and given great enjoyment to many thousands of people and demonstrated those outstanding qualities and courage, skill and expertise which are the hallmark not only of their own regiment, but of the British Army as a whole".

There was praise for Mr Maxwell's efforts as Chairman of the appeal committee from Mr Lee —

endorsed by General Howlett, who said the new aircraft would help the team go from strength to strength.

The Red Devils, sponsored by Coloroll, presented statuettes to firms and individuals to mark their contribution to the appeal — and Mr Maxwell was given a specially hand painted one.

Apart from the entertainment provided by the Red Devils themselves, all three aircraft in the team's history took part in a fly past. There was music from the Regimental Band of The Parachute Regiment and all in all a momentous day for the Red Devils and in particular their commander, Captain Mickey Munn.

Private Sean Day summed up the view of the Red Devils: "The new Islander is fantastic".



New aircraft, and handover time for General Howlett and Mr Maxwell

HOUSE OF LORDS GROUP VISITS GERMANY BASES

A HOUSE of Lords All Party Defence Study Group has visited Army and RAF bases in West Germany. The party consisted of Earl Attlee, Mr Frank Cook, Lord Glanusk, Viscount Hanworth, Lord Harris of Greenwich, the Earl of Kimberley, Mr Terry Lewis, the Earl of Lindsey and Abingdon, Reginald Prentice and Viscount Mersey.

Ramp solves a problem

1st Royal Tank Regiment, the first British armoured regiment to be stationed in Hildesheim, have been quick to rectify a noise-problem caused by the movement of their Chieftain tanks as they rumbled through the town to the railway sidings each time they needed to load on to train-transporters.

All that is now a thing of the past, thanks to the rapid construction of a new tank loading ramp right on the regiment's doorstep, and the start of Exercise 'Highland Monarch' was an appropriate occasion to demonstrate its value.

Their visit began with the Joint Headquarters in Rheindahlen where they were joined by Air Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans CinCRAF, Major General Mike Gray COS HQ BAOR and General Sir Martin Farndale CinC BAOR.

The party also went to RAF Brüggen, Ripon Barracks in Bielefeld, and Osnabrück.

At RAF Brüggen they visited 17 Squadron Tornado strike/attack aircraft and also Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Squadrons.

At HQ 1 (BR) Corps the Lords toured the area, with Major General Sir David Thorne, Commander of 1 Armoured Division. They completed their stay with a visit to 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers.

Princess wins more admirers

PRINCESS Anne won the admiration of 450 members of the Royal Corps of Signals and their families with a hand shake and a chat for almost everyone on a bleak North Yorkshire training area.

The Princess, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, was paying her first visit to men of the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment since their return to Britain from Germany two years ago.

The regiment, whose main role would be to provide communications for the division on its return to Germany if war threatened, were spending two weeks at Wathgill Camp, 50 miles from their York base, practising battle skills.

Princess Anne was greeted by the Signal Officer in Chief, Major General Robert Benbow and later met VIPs including the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Elford.

During a busy day, she sent the 10-strong athletic team away on a 55-mile sponsored run from Wathgill to York — expected to raise more than £800 for the Save The Children Fund, of which the Princess is President.

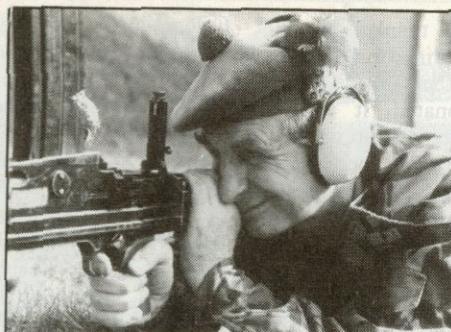
Before she left after a six-hour stay she met more than 100 members of the regiment and their wives at an informal reception in the Junior Ranks Club.

Earlier the Princess had named a British Rail locomotive 'Royal Signals' at York Station and driven the train a short distance.

Top brass go hunting for a trophy



BRIGADIER ALEX HARLEY: second place this time



BRIGADIER GARY BARNETT: winning team leader



COLONEL ANTHONY DENISON-SMITH: Div HQ

Hot-shot officers shoot-out for a 'pot'

Four Brigadiers and a Colonel were among 30 staff officers from 4th Armoured Division, BAOR, who blazed away with SLR, SMG, LMG and pistol in a four team sharp-shooting contest for the Wittlage Trophy.

And despite limited prac-

tice sessions they showed they had plenty of what it takes to keep right on target whatever the weapon.

Each of the Division's three Armoured Brigades was represented as well as Divisional Headquarters itself.

Marksman was of a high order with each team set to collect the "pot". But at the end it was 20 Armoured Brigade who did

the celebrating with an outright win.

It was their first time in the contest which started four years ago as a small shoot, but which has now developed into a Divisional affair.

And it all went well for them as they beat firm favourites and last year's winners 11 Armoured Brigade who were beaten into third place by 33 Armoured Brigade, who were also first-time contenders.

Although the event was originally designed to be a day-away-from-the-office routine for the staff, it has increasingly developed a sharp competitive edge. This year it tested marksmanship and culminated in the Broken Plate Match in which each firer, supplied with 15 rounds, faced 20 eight-inch white dinner plates to be hit within 90 seconds at 200 metres.

With each plate worth ten points the bulk of the scoring piled up in the later stages of the tournament with the battling newcomers 20 Armd Bde beating off the opposition in a dramatic finale.



BRIGADIER RORY O'CONNOR: RA Commander



BRIGADIER ROGER WHEELER: 11 Armd Bde

PEOPLE

The Admiral whirls in on AAC aviators

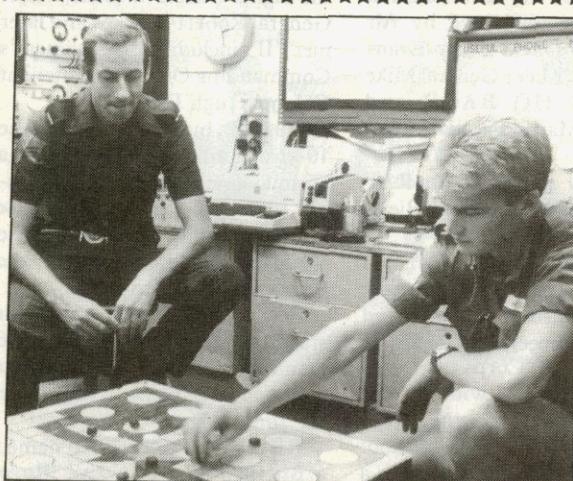
The next Chief of the Defence Staff Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, gives a "thumbs up" prior to take-off in an Army Lynx from Detmold, BAOR.

He had been visiting 4 Regiment Army Air Corps for a briefing by CO Lieutenant Colonel Martin Walker on Army aviation in 1 (BR) Corps and HELARM (helicopter armed action).

He was also shown the new Gazelle observation aid and battle damage repair techniques.



ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FIELDHOUSE: flight tour



SGT JOHN BROOKES, WEM (R) 1 ANDREW MURPHY: time for 'Uckers'

John's all at sea with 'Uckers'

When Sergeant John Brookes, REME, joined his new unit in Gibraltar he had every reason to feel all at sea.

"They said we'll show you where your cabin is, and I thought where the heck are we going, on a ship or something?" he recalled.

The fact is John had come straight from REME Workshops at Viersen in Germany to HMS Rooke,

the Royal Navy's shore establishment in Gibraltar.

Now he works as the sole soldier in an entirely naval environment, maintaining "telecomm" links with the outside world.

"Working for the Navy is different," he said. "There's a lot of terminology, especially abbreviations we don't use in the Army, so I've had to learn them. Sometimes you do feel a bit embarrassed and think

you're going to make a fool of yourself asking questions, but it's got to be done."

Even so John has no complaints about inter-Service co-operation. Life in the Navy suits him fine; so much so in fact that he's even taken to playing the traditional naval version of Ludo "Uckers" with shift mates when the equipment is behaving itself and business is slack.

Treble for medic Graham

A nice treble for RAMC Corporal Graham Godding... he helped the Army team to clinch the British national parachute championship in his 1,000th descent and within days was promoted to Sergeant.

Steve flies high with top title

As Staff Sergeant Steve Williams walked off with the title of Best Aircrewman in the Army Air Corps and clutching the Ferranti Trophy, he said: "I didn't think I stood a

chance."

But with 18 years service and 1,800 flying hours safely logged, modest Steve stood every chance of being the Army's top aircrewman.

For in addition to his efficiency and skills, there is no aircrewman in 664 Squadron, based at Minden, Germany, with whom other pilots would rather fly.



Cook's tour for Bill

When war started in 1939 Bill Waddington joined the RASC as a cook. "But I made such smashing pastry I was transferred to the officers' mess within two weeks," said the *Coronation Street* star who plays Percy Sugden in the long-running "soap."

Constant references by *Street* character Percy to his Army days and cooking prowess, led to Bill's tour of the ACC Training Battalion, Aldershot.

"It's all a bit different to my day," said Bill, who spent a year as an Army cook before joining *Stars in Battledress* as a stand-up comic.

Presented with a stable belt

by CO Lieutenant Colonel Ewen MacDonald, his guide on the tour was RSM Les Sorby who introduced him to Master Chef Staff Sergeant Bill Marr for a field cooking demonstration, organised a shoot-in with the SMG and Browning pistol and then gave him a quick lesson on commanding a drill squad.

Wearing his famous cap, Bill borrowed a pace stick from GSM Steve Kean — who said his wife was such a fan of the *Street* she practically lived in it — and proceeded to ear-bash a troop of junior NCOs.

"Marvellous. Great. Smashing," said Bill.

WADDINGTON, MARR
Comparisons with 40 years ago



TARGET TIME: good score



BILL WADDINGTON, RSM LES SORBY: how to hold a pace stick and give a command

Youngsters raise cash to help crippled bandsman

When terrorists blew up the bandstand in Regents Park in 1982 it left former Green Jackets Corporal David Timms crippled and confined to a wheelchair.

Now bomb-blast victim David could, thanks to the generosity of Harlow Royal British Legion and countless other people in the area, be

His sister Janice is reported as saying: "He has taken a few steps on his own, but we don't really know how long it will be before he walks properly."

David, 30, who lives with his wife and two daughters in Kent, is reported as saying: "I'm deeply honoured that the people of Harlow want



DAVID TIMMS AND PALS: cash for an operation

walking again by the New Year.

For David has been handed a cheque for £400 towards the £10,000 needed for treatment not currently available on the National Health Service.

Most of the £400 was raised by three youngsters, Steven Harrison, Alan Williams, at present serving with 3rd Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment in Germany and Army Cadet Alan Prentis.

David went to Harlow from his home in Kent, at the invitation of Mr Bob Cherry, secretary of the Harlow Royal British Legion, to receive the cheque at a dance at a local school.

Said Mr Cherry: "The audience went wild when I mentioned David's name. Everybody jumped up and started clapping."

"David told me he should be walking properly by January. At the moment he is using crutches, but he was determined to walk down the eight steps to meet the Cadets."

Most of the cash was raised by the Bush Fair Royal Signals Army Cadets who completed a three-day sponsored march to Hyde Park.

Some weeks ago David went for specialised private medical treatment to his back and spine.

to help me.

"I can't afford to pay for the treatment myself, but I'm trying to get the money from the Rifleman's Aid Society. I'm grateful to everyone who wants to help."

Another report tells how David's own doctor told him that an operation for his disability would be a long wait under the NHS.

His mother, Mavis, is quoted as saying: "I was appalled when I found out treatment was available that had not been offered to him."

"Mrs Thatcher visited David in hospital the day after the explosion and said we shouldn't hesitate to ask for anything."

"I'm not knocking any of the hospitals or clinics that helped David immensely, but I feel if an operation is available, it should be made available to him free of charge."

QUICK

Pledges for the fifth Wheechair Marathon held at Arborfield Garrison is expected to top £5,500. More than 400 competitors wheeled disabled people round the course to raise cash for the British Sports Association for the Disabled.

SPOT

NI TEAM GET THE HABIT

THE TA entry from Northern Ireland seems to make a habit of walking off with the James Miller Cup as the best NATO team in the Reserve Forces Association NATO Officers shooting match. They have just won it for the 5th time in six years.

Since 1980 there has only been one break and that was last year when they were pushed into second place.

The four-man team of Major Martin Farnan and Captain Heinz Tittmar (Queen's University, Belfast, OTC), Major Brian Darrah (40 Signal Regiment), and Major Ronnie MacCracken (204 (NI) General Hospital) travelled to the match venue at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

In the rifle match the NI team total of 194 was unrivalled for a long time until the NATO "A" team with two Americans, one Dane and an Englishmen, caused a bit of excitement for failing to equalise by just two points.

Individually Captain Tittmar came equal first in the rifle match and Major Farnan second with the SMG just one point behind the winner. Major Farnan also came third in the overall individual championship.

Results

Overall Team Championship: 1 Northern Ireland 673, 2 NATO "A" 659, 3 Denmark 627, 4 Norway "A" 603.

Individual Overall Championship: 1 Major Moore, USA, 192, 2 Flight Lieutenant Campbell, RAF, 188, 3 Major Farnan, NI, 182.

Team Rifle Match: 1 NI 195, 2 NATO "A" 193, 3 RAF "A" 173. Individual: 1 equal Captain Tittmar, NI, Flt Lt Campbell, RAF, 72, 3 Lieutenant Hall, RNR, 71.

Team SMG: Northern Ireland 478, Denmark 474, NATO "A" 466, Individual: 1 Lieutenant Koltveit, Norway, 130; Major Farnan, NI, 129, Major Moore, USA, 126.

YORKSHIRE HOTSHOTS

A TEAM from the York-based 1st Battalion, Yorkshire Volunteers, has won the Middlesex Cup for the team rifle match, the Efficiency Trophy for the best aggregate rifle and SMG team and the China Bowl for the best rifle shot during the London and Middlesex Skill-at-Arms meeting.

The team, led by WO 2 Farmery, comprised C/Sgt Alexander, Sgt Waldron, Cpl Lee and Thwaites, L/Cpl Burnham and Pte Pierrini. C/Sgt Alexander won the Bowl.

The success follows the battalion's success in the recent North East District shooting competition where they won the District Challenge Cup and the Evening Gazette Cup.



TOPICS

employment and many employers give them extra time off with pay, perhaps in recognition of the Guard's important role in natural disasters or civil disturbances.

The American volunteer also receives medical and dental benefits, a retirement pension, education grants and a daily rate of pay more than twice that of a British TA soldier.

WO2 Watson and Sergeant Brown spent a week of their time in the US at an NCO school in Pennsylvania, where they met National Guard SNCOs on a leadership course, and then a week in the wilds of upstate New York with 187 Signal Task Force at Fort Drum.

At the end of it all, WO2 Watson said: "It's a great idea. We met some very nice people, drank some terrible beer, and thoroughly earned our money."

Terrible Beer — But Nice to Go Back

WO2 (SSM) Dave Watson, of 36 (Eastern) Signal Regiment (V) obviously didn't suffer too much from homesickness when he and Sergeant Don Brown, of the Nottinghamshire Yeomanry (V) spent their annual camp on an exchange visit to the USA with Army National Guard.

SALFORD'S TRIBUTE

THE BOND between the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the City of Salford was strengthened by Territorial Army soldiers exercising their Freedom of the City for the first time since the privilege was granted in 1975.

Led by the regimental mascot — an Indian black buck — men of D Company 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, paraded with 'colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed'.

The date coincided with the rededication of the colours of six battalions of the former Lancashire Fusiliers.

Those taking part included more than 50 part-time soldiers plus the Duke of Kent's Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers from Catterick, 35 boys of the Army Cadet Force who wear the Fusiliers' cap badge, plus more than 200 old comrades.

Major John Hallam, regimental secretary, said: "Links with Salford go back more than 140 years."

"I wonder if we could get the National Guard to adopt us," he said on his return. "It would be nice to go back for next year's annual training."

Perhaps part of the attraction was first hand information on conditions for part time soldiers in America. By law National Guardsmen are allowed a certain amount of military leave from their

WILTS SWOP FOR RSMS



The rural peace of Corsham in Wiltshire was recently shattered as not one but four RSMSs got together to change their appointments: HQ RAOC TA's Regular RSM and the TA RSM of RAOC Sponsored RA units. The only soldier in sight wisely took refuge behind the camera!

The stalwart gentlemen are Regular RSMS Jim Finch (second from right) handing over to Rod Coates (second left) and TA RSMS John Wall (extreme right) handing over to Alan Dunn (extreme left). Both TA RSMSs are themselves ex Regular RSMSs and between them all span 80 years Regular and 13 years TA service.

RSM Wall, an ex Gunner, is shortly to retire from the RAOC TA having given outstanding service during three decades. The other three, mere youngsters in comparison, will undoubtedly add many more years of experience to the already impressive total of 93 years.

Smiling through the rain...



Despite the pouring rain Lieutenant Richard McCrow still finds it possible to smile as he talks to Ninian Reid of BBC Scotland about life in the Dumfries and Galloway HSF of which he is Company Commander. A former officer of the 1st Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he left the Army in 1979 and became a contract soldier of the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces rising to the rank of major. These days he is back in uniform as a volunteer — that's when he's not looking after his cattle and sheep on his farm at Balcacellan, New Galloway.

BELLEROPHON'S BEAUTIES!



TEN WOMEN from D Company, 4th (V) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, based on Norton, Stockton on Tees have jumped from a light aircraft in the cause of charity.

The dectet, from D Coy Para Ladies Club to be exact, were taking part in Exercise Bellerophon's Beauties; the mythological warrior astride Pegasus on the airborne insignia. Sponsor was the Club Charity Cancer Research. Jumpers from 2,500 feet were, Sheelagh Edwards, Ann Davison, Jean Hodgkinson, Julie Corking, Paula Wotton, Jacque Waugh, Denise Appleton, Liz Hartley, Nicky Taylor and Jayne McCreeton.

YORKS RESCUERS

MEN OF 'E' Company (Doncaster Drill Hall) of the 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers have just turned rescuers during the Three Peaks Competition on the wild Fells.

'E' Company was at one of the checkpoints when a radio call came in telling of a climber who had missed his footing, had fallen and badly gashed his leg.

A soldier from the checkpoint found the climber and rendered first aid. He radioed in for help because the climber could not be moved.

His luck was in. A refuelling 3

Flight, Army Air Corps Gazelle piloted by Bob Cosby normally based at Topcliffe took off after taking on fuel at the Leeds/Bradford airport. With him was Major Philip Mixer, the Battalion's Regimental MO.

Despite deteriorating weather, the walker was lifted to safety just as a rain storm swept in. The casualty was transferred to an ambulance and then to Airedale District Hospital.

His walking companion, Mike Chitty praised the unit for its quick response and thanked the helicopter pilot for his help.

Loos Revisited

TO COMMEMORATE the Battle of Loos 70 years ago, the Mayor of the town recently invited 30 Rangers from D Company (The London Irish Rifles), 4th Bn The Royal Irish Rangers, the London Irish Association Band, members of the Association to join the townspeople in their celebration for liberation.

In the autumn of 1915, three Divisions took part in a general attack centred on the small mining town near the Franco/Belgian border. The London Irish Rifles were at the head of their Brigade which, in turn, was to the fore of its Division.

In the first wave was the Battalion's football captain who had a football tied to his back and, although the formation was under gas attack, he untied the ball and it was kicked towards the German trenches.

Those who remained when the Battalion reached the German line kicked the pellet into the trenches to the shout of "Goal!"

Seven decades later, Union Jacks were hanging in every shop of the 8,000-strong community in preparation for the Hibernian-biased visit.

There, too, they met Percy. Formerly Percy Tomlin, now 93, who had joined the regiment in 1909 and was later to see action on the Vimy Ridge; one of 90 who remained out of his battalion to fight in a particularly bloody engagement at Jerusalem. The latter-day men of The Royal Irish hung on his every word as he recounted the horrors of that year.

SO KEEN AT LONGMOOR

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE fighting has recently figured in the training activities of 2 Company, 5th Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment (V). And they did it at Longmoor, near Aldershot.

The Northants based company had spent a couple of months learning about FIBUA concepts with visual aids, video films and lectures. So keen were men from the platoons based in Rushden, Wellingborough and Corby that early practical training was carried out in garages! But the Longmoor facility was ever in mind.

In all they put in 30 hours' continuous training incorporating an 18-hour exercise.

More trips to Longmoor are eagerly awaited now.

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NOT surprisingly, the Mexican Government has expressed the 'profound gratitude' of the nation for the 'generous, efficient and invaluable help from the British Government, institutions and people' following the earthquake disaster.

The statement, issued through the Mexican Embassy in London, said: "Starting with the courageous participation of rescue teams together with specialised equipment from Belize, help arrived constantly and many lives were saved through the selfless efforts of the British delegation".

Outlining priorities for the work of reconstruction — hospitals and schools top of the list, the statement added: "Special thanks are given to those who offered help which,

due to logistic or technical difficulties of incompatibility of the systems, had, regrettably, to be declined.

"Both the Mexican people and government have found a tremendous support in the various and most valuable manifestations of British solidarity which were added to the efforts of reconstruction of the Mexican Government".

Nowhere will the praise be more welcome than with the men of 32 Field Squadron, 38 Engineer Regiment — who formed the bulk of the British effort from military sources — and their colleagues from the other Arms and Services.

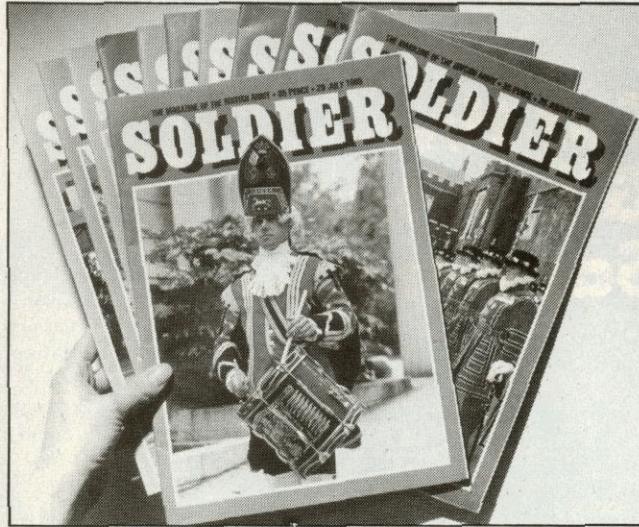
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photographers — and with as much modesty as we can muster (!) we are pleased that in a new exhibition of Government photographers work our men have four prints included.

More than 100 samples of such work are on show in 'Public Eye', at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London until 6 January next year when the display goes on a nation-wide tour lasting until autumn 1987.

The picture (above) was taken by Les Wiggs when two guests at a reception to launch the exhibition admired one of our pictures, taken in Northern Ireland. Others selected also show Army life in Northern Ireland... or exercising in the United States.

Sponsored by Kodak Limited, the exhibition is a first for the men and women who capture on film aspects of our national life and depict the work of the Armed Forces, government departments, museums, research councils and many others.

The hand-out for the exhibition says: "Government photographers have a very different working day from that of their office-based colleagues in or outside Whitehall". At the time of writing our photographers are all away — in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Italy but the mainly-office-based editor knows that life behind the cameras is not always as glamorous as the uninitiated might believe.

After each trip our men have a lot of dark-room work to catch up on!

The exhibition, well worth a look, is free and we should have list of venues and dates in the New Year for the tour.

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HISTORIC BBC Radio broadcasts of World War 2 are featured in a new double LP

record on sale from this month. Lasting over two hours, it is also available on a double cassette.

Compiled from the BBC's Sound Archives, it features all the major events of the war through recordings made at the time. Dunkirk, the Blitz, the Battle of Britain, Pearl Harbour, El Alamein, Anzio, D-Day, Arnhem, the Rhine crossing, the Burma campaign and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan are all included.

There are extracts from broadcasts by King George VI and Winston Churchill, as well as Field-Marshal Montgomery's address to the 8th Army before El Alamein and his acceptance of the German surrender at Luneberg.

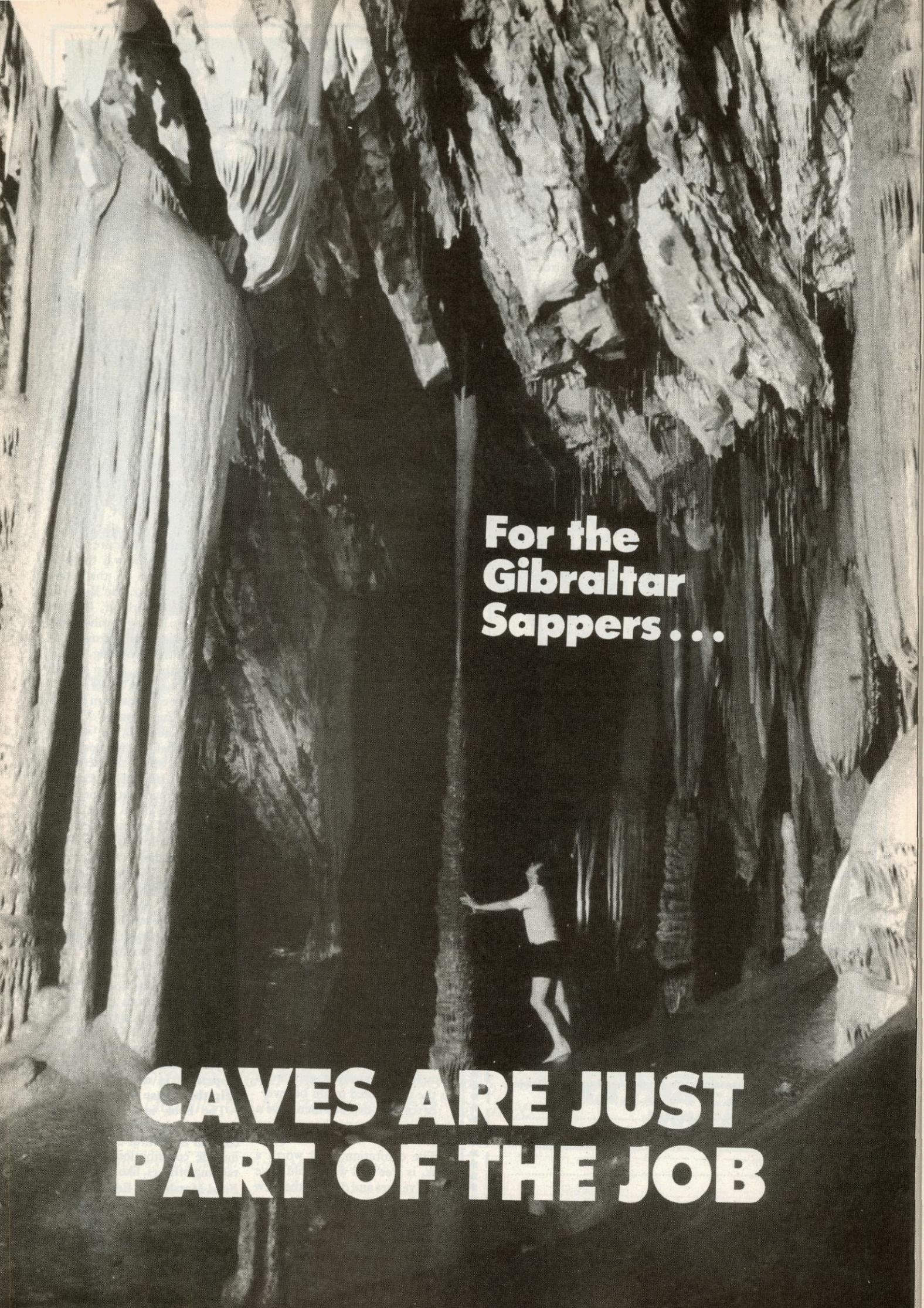
Among the most vivid battle reports by BBC correspondents are recordings made by Stanley Maxted in a slit-trench at Arnhem and by Wynford Vaughan Thomas crossing the Rhine in a Buffalo.

Priced at £5.99, "The Second World War" is released by BBC Records and should be sale in record shops from now.

What a pity the book 'Poppy Parade' (Fontana paperback £2.50) did not reach us a fortnight earlier — but with all royalties heading for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal it is never to late to help this cause anyway.

The book is a collection of humorous anecdotes of Service life collated by Arthur Marshall and include contributions from high ranking officers, like former CDS Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall to now famous but then unknown rankers like Spike Milligan.

It all amounts to a giggle a page and, bearing the objective in mind, is money well spent.



CAVES ARE JUST PART OF THE JOB

For the
Gibraltar
Sappers...

HERE are not many places in the world where a serving officer can become custodian of a series of spectacular natural caves. But in Gibraltar all sorts of things can happen, especially if you belong to a Corps like the Royal Engineers.

"Many people get bored here because there is so little in the way of facilities for training," said Major Alan Kay, custodian of the Lower St Michael's Caves and OC 1 Fortress Specialist Team, RE.

"But we don't get bored because there are so many engineering tasks in Gibraltar. So my guys usually want to extend their tour."

The Engineers have close and historic links with Gibraltar going back a couple of centuries to the days when they were the Company of Military Artificers and Sergeant Major Ince started tunnelling the rock.

The caves are part of that tradition. They were discovered quite by accident in 1942 when 178 Tunnelling Company, RE, was dynamiting an access tunnel to a known cave. After the explosion there was no sign of debris — it had all disappeared through a hole in the floor.

Investigations revealed the start of a series of caves, resplendent with calcified formations from several millennia of dripping water.

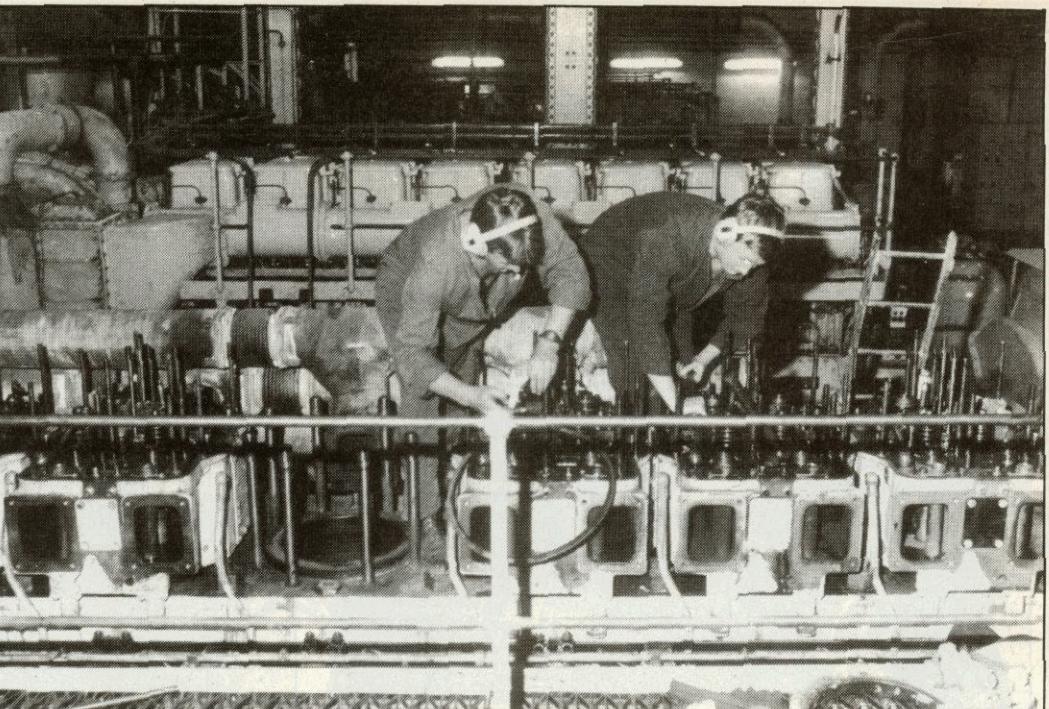
The Sappers' involvement with the remarkable discovery is commemorated in the names given to prominent individual features in honour of Lord Napier, Sir Lothian Nicholls, and General Jackson, the first three Engineer Governors of Gibraltar, of Major Moorhead, the OC of 178 Company, of Lieutenant Ruff, a platoon commander, and of Corporal Ludlow who undertook a survey of the entire system in just 12 days.

And it remains a Sapper responsibility. Men of 1 FST, among their many other duties, look after the lights and cables, while Major Kay, in his capacity of custodian, licences the guides.

Some are his own soldiers. Men like Corporal Bill Bredon, the unit's SQMS, who has been able to develop his interest in caving and potholing by taking on a secondary job of showing visitors around the caves.

Essentially the guide's task is safety, for although there is plenty of the usual cave patter about stalactites allegedly looking like Winston Churchill, the main concern is to see that no one comes to grief scrambling along the fixed ropes which lead from one cavern to the next, or falls into the beautiful underground lake which has to be circumnavigated on the way.

The grandeur of the Sappers' domain — a gallery in the Lower St Michael's Caves



Like working in civvy street: Lance Corporal Neil McNulty and Eddie Edmondson at work on top of one of the diesel generators. The station has a capacity of 20 megawatts

Besides this there are members of TA units, including the sponsored Engineer Specialist Pool, who arrive for annual camps and need to be looked after by Major Kay's HQ.

The range of activity is, to put it mildly, comprehensive. There are tasks for the local Museum Committee — refurbishing an old gun above the Moorish Castle, overhauling the mechanism of the land port drawbridge with the hope of getting the drawbridge itself back into operation, provided a sewer underneath it can be moved.

There are jobs for the forces: extending in rock rifle ranges, work on messes, hospitals, and associated youth clubs.

They've enclosed a new play area for the St Martin's School for Handicapped Children, helped a pre-school with its move to new premises, and installed headstones in a tiny German war cemetery.

On one occasion they even pulled down a chimney at the Glenrocky Distillery saving, according to Major Kay, the estimated demolition cost of £30,000.

They've built toilet blocks for the Property Services Agency and helped a local priest, who does a lot of work for local charity, by installing a sewer to his house on the Verv Beg estate — a land reclamation area in the harbour.

Future plans call for the repair of the mole in Rosia Bay — the spot where Nelson's body was landed after the Battle of Trafalgar — as part of the preparation for the return of the area to the Gibraltar Government. Major Kay is now looking for qualified drivers to add to an already wide ranging field of expertise.

For administration purposes 1 FST also covers Gibraltar's mili-

tary power generating plant where 15 Royal Engineers and 48 civilians provide electricity for the Services with roughly 40 per cent of the Rock's total output.

Operationally they come under the Navy, an example of Gibraltar's close inter-linking of Service responsibilities. As assistant manager, Captain John Dure, RE, answers to a civilian manager who in turn answers to the Admiral.

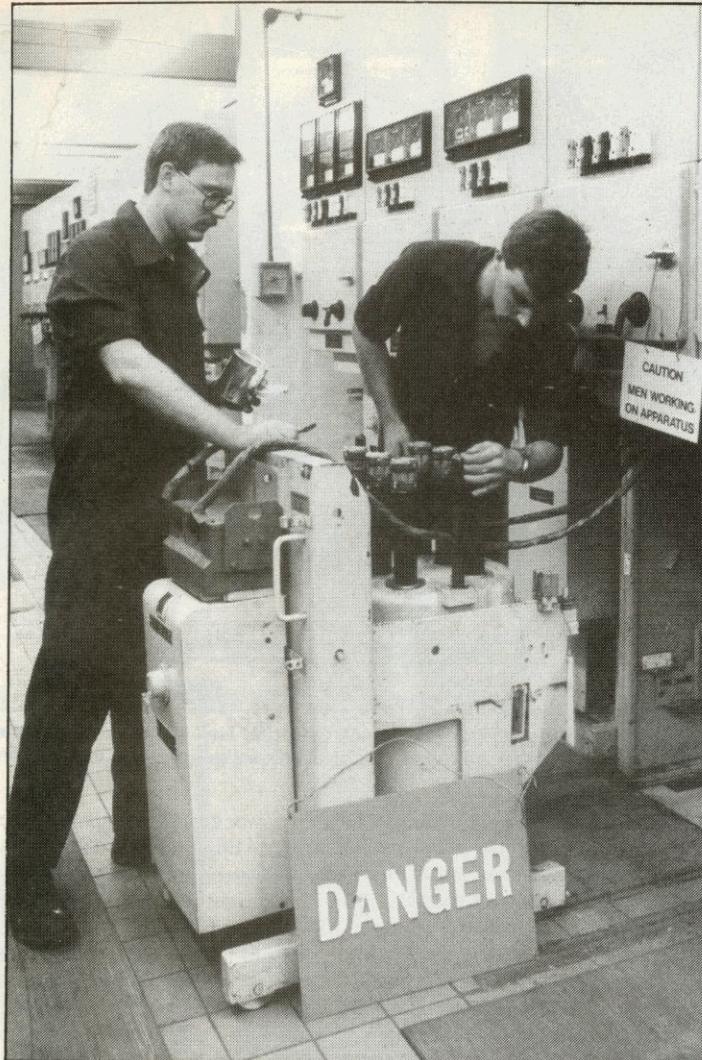
Twenty years ago Captain Dure worked as a corporal in the now defunct Calpe Hole generating plant deep inside the Rock itself. Now he runs the last of the Service managed generating plants outside the Falklands.

Under him he has two Sapper Warrant Officers (clerks of works) one of whom heads a small team responsible for the distribution of

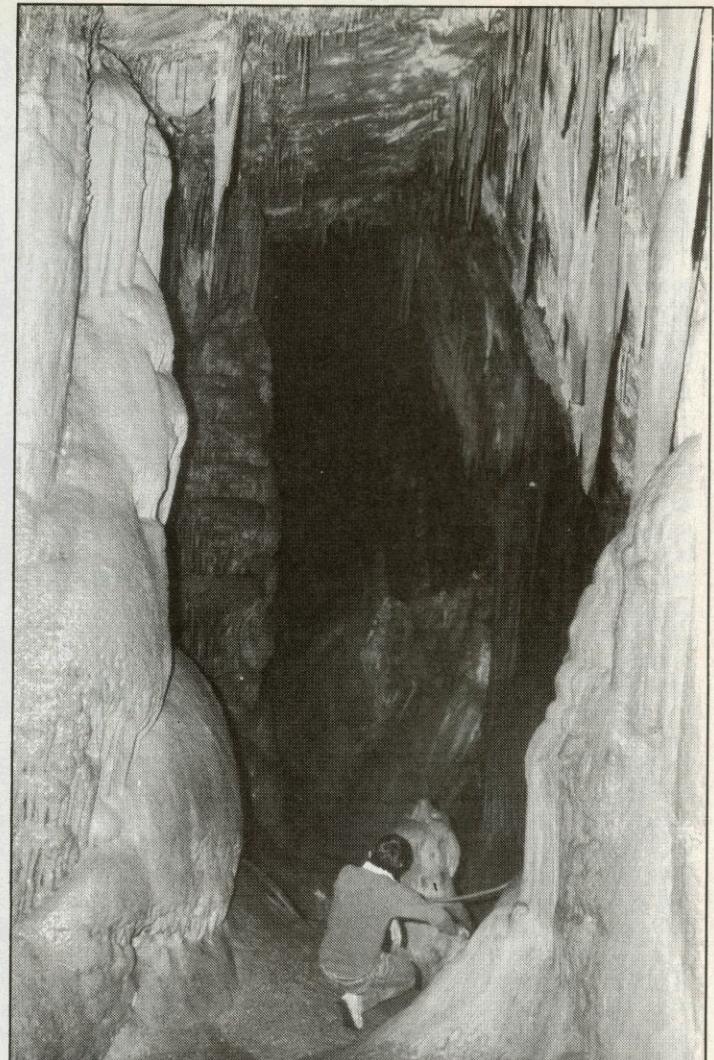
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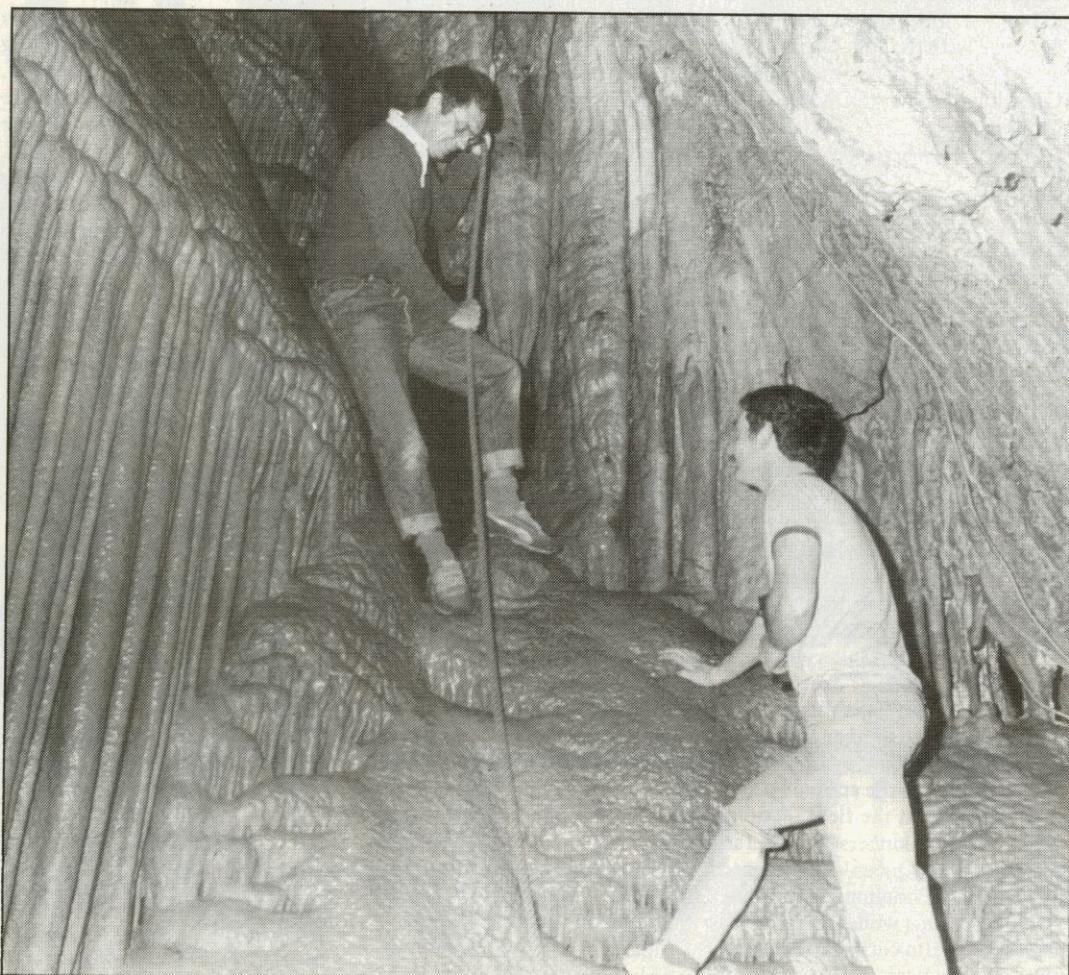
Captain John Dure: from Calpe Hole corporal to running the military power station



Lance Corporals John Boulden and Martin Magford attend to a circuit breaker



If you go in the caves, above, you have to know what you are about... below, cave guide Corporal Bill Bredin watches as Captain Bob Brannigan, of Fortress HQ, negotiates one of the fixed ropes



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power to the Army end of the Rock, Europa Point.

"It is a very popular posting," Captain Dure maintained. "There is tremendous job satisfaction here with a lot of people dependent upon you. It is fairly common for the guys to ask for an extension on their time here."

The RE fitters in the plant have the unusual Army experience of working alongside civilians in what amounts, virtually, to a civilian occupation. "Except," as one of them remarked sadly, "we don't get overtime."

Each year they do an exercise, running the entire power station by themselves which means long shifts (12 hours on and 12 hours off) sitting in the control room watching the dials.

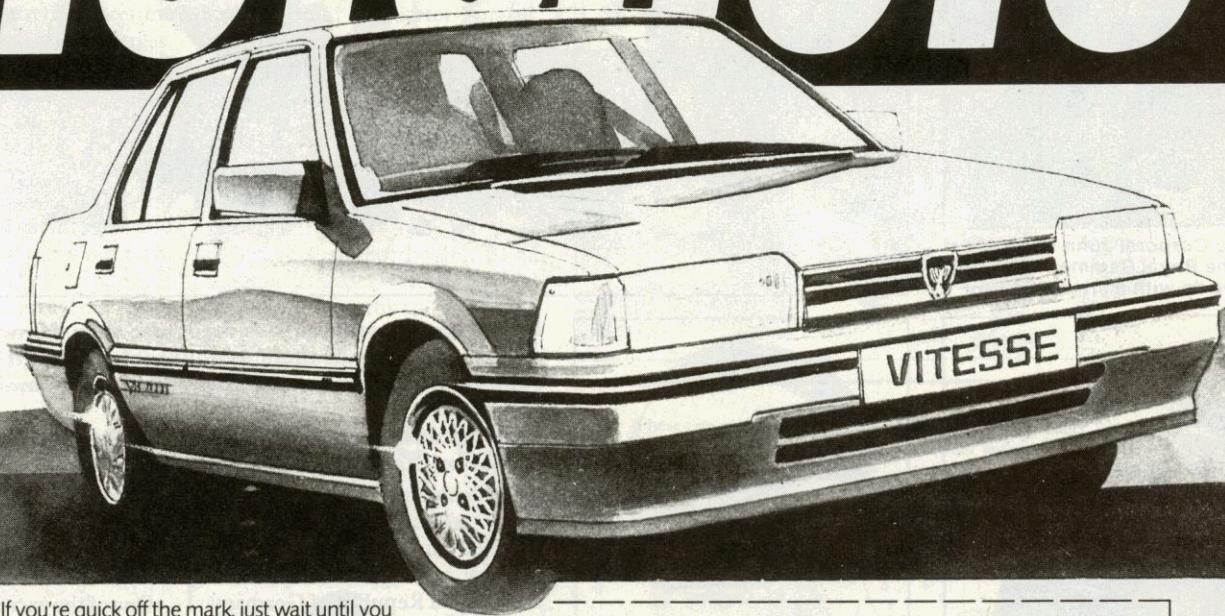
For the rest of the time they are working on the plant, clad in green overalls like the civilians with no distinctive markings of rank.

It may be a civvy job to all intents and purposes but the Sappers of the power station still have the obligations of military training, and the entitlement to a sports afternoon every Wednesday.



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Lance Corporal John Ford, of 1st Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales, makes do with a cracked mirror



Sapper Nobby Clark of 16 Field Squadron with his Carl Gustav anti-tank weapon



Exercise Director: Major General John Waters

NATO army commanders recognise they cannot afford to be complacent about their redoubtable strength and combat capability which have sustained the peace in mainland Europe for 40 years.

They know complacency invites defeat. They also know that proper military progress today secures tomorrow.

Evidence of that commitment being reliably maintained was revealed in the biggest British military activity to take place in the Federal Republic of Germany this year.

This activity involving German and Danish contingents, as well as TA troops of 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, took the flexible shape of a tough innovative exercise called Quarter Final — conducted by Headquarters 4th Armoured Division under the watchful eye of the Director and Divisional Commander, Major General John Waters.

It was calculated to test robustly the whole spectrum of soldiers' skills and know-how as well as their sophisticated range of up-to-the-

minute weapon systems and equipments with the clear aim of winning the battle.

One of the exciting and exacting features of Quarter Final was the relentless determination of Control Headquarters Staff to apply the minimum of constraints.

Within that broad parameter all three Brigade commanders were given mission-type orders by General Waters with virtually total licence as to how they could carry them out.

But, as the General himself indicated recently, chaos is frequently found in war and commanders and staff must learn in peacetime how to react decisively to such difficulties and overcome them with efficiency. Attention was

sharply focussed on the imaginative handling of troops at all levels.

That specific requirement of Quarter Final caused a few intended headaches. For instance, no sooner had hard working staff believed they had smartly identified the ORBAT of opposing forces when the painful sting in the tail emerged in the form of 213 Panzer Battalion operating incognito with enemy Orange Forces and 2 Aufklärungs (Reconnaissance) Battalion performing similarly for Blue Friendly Forces.

Not only did such moves purposely send real waves of uncertainty throughout the exercise scenario, they stiffly tested intelligence elements and heightened the training value for forward troops who faced the tricky task of identifying relatively unfamiliar military hardware.

Nor did close practical NATO co-operation cease there. For the two Danish infantry battalions under command of Blue delivered their hard hitting armoured role with distinction.

Quarter Final which involved 20,000 men, 300 main battle tanks and close to 4,000 other varieties of tracked and wheeled vehicles started in earnest with an Engineer exercise and a simultaneous Corps reconnaissance exercise.

The programme slipped into a higher gear when two of the Division's three armoured brigades deployed from their peacetime locations to separate work-up areas.

Each brigade rehearsed their battle procedures, tactics and movement against an enemy devised from within its own resources with 20 Armd Bde taking terrain near Hamelin, 11 Armd Bde close to Eschershausen and 33 Armd Bde in the vicinity of Uslar.

Brigade troops carried out tough river crossing operations by day and night, before the Division

made a long controlled move southwards to new concentration areas prior to beginning the main phase of the exercise the following day.

When war 'broke out', brigade-strength Orange Forces started the action by breaching the theoretical inter-state boundary and advancing eastwards towards the river Diemel.

Facing them was a screen force of medium reconnaissance, while one of the two Blue Force Brigades provided a covering force forward of the main defensive position with the remaining friendly brigade working hard and fast to dig in.

Having gained the required delay the covering force broke contact and withdrew into a region beside the river Weser where they practised refurbishment.

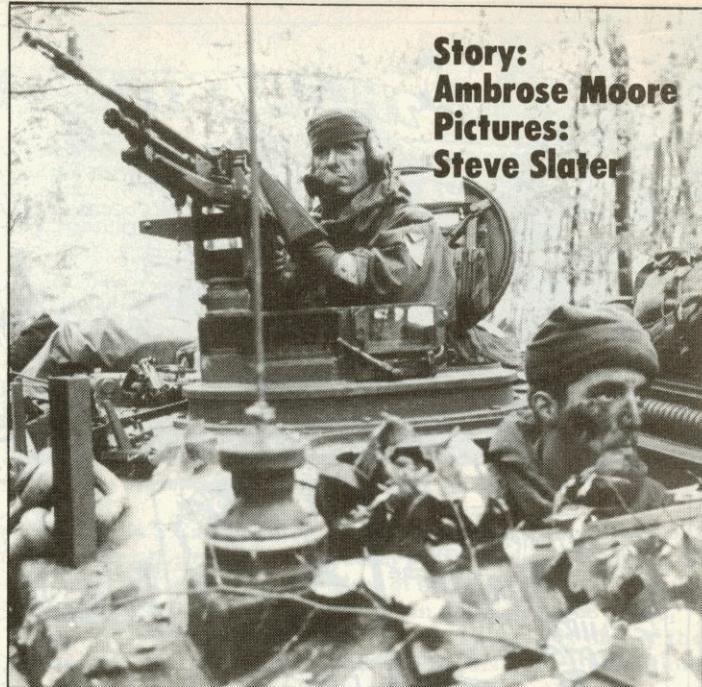
Despite being under determined pressure Blue defending troops fought tenaciously to contain the massive thrust of penetrating armoured attacks.

At critical moments both sides flexed their potent aerial capability tasking fixed wing combat aircraft to strike deep into the heart of each others positions as well as mounting helicopter anti-tank missions to destroy marauding armour.

By now the covering force, largely restored to combat strength launched a strong counter attack on Orange completing the penultimate period of Quarter Final.

In the last phase, it was the turn of both Blue Brigades to advance to contact northwards. Orange by now had withdrawn to offer flank protection for other major Orange manoeuvres happening further north.

Latest reports from the field indicated that shortly after dawn the Blue Brigades were in no mood to accept anything less than outright victory and were moving swiftly to encircle the enemy.



Above: Private David Thomas of 1 RRW prepares to train his GPMG sights on invaders. Private Merlin is ready to deploy at a moments notice Below: Members of 10th (Volunteer) Bn The Parachute Regiment (5) at Meschede



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THE CAMBRIAN STAYS TOUGH — BUT THE TITLE CHANGES



A Gurkha soldier slogs his way through



GOC Wales presents the winners' trophy to the Captain of 1 Staffs team

THIS YEAR'S Cambrian March patrol competition turned out to be the toughest ever. The weather played a significant part as teams battled their way over some of the toughest terrain in the Principality, lashed by torrential rain and gale force winds.

Even in the best of weather the competition is one of the hardest on the military calendar but this year's conditions sorted out the tough from the toughest.

The competition is a four-day event for Regular teams with a two-day event superimposed for TA teams.

Essentially it is an infantry skills competition using a tactical scenario in which teams have to cover approximately 90 kilometres as fighting patrols.

Good map reading and navigation are essential and along the route teams tackle a variety of military skills.

In the past two years emphasis has been placed on night navigation and the event ends with a shooting competition.

This year the first place was taken by 1st Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment, based in Colchester, with a team from 10th (V) Battalion The Parachute Regiment TA winners.

The best Welsh TA team was 4th Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales.

Over the years the style of the competition has changed. In the past it was more of a gladiatorial event with emphasis on marching and shooting, but for the past two years the present competition organiser Major Mike Lewis, has designed a free-flowing exercise with less emphasis on timings and more on basic infantry skills.

Next year the word March will be dropped from the title and the event renamed the Cambrian Patrol competition. There are moves afoot to attract more entries from BAOR and NATO.

In spite of the weather this year's competition was a success with teams having to brave the worst of the elements to make the finishing line.

Part of the competition is devoted to making money for charity and this year the Action Research for Crippled Children and the Army Benevolent Fund will benefit by £2,800 and £700 respectively.



The long march



The winners, a team from 1st Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment

Several years ago you helped me obtain my surgical boot over here in Germany.

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I acquired the card from the local *sozialamt* (social office) and it's called a *Schwerbehinderte Ausweis*. I found obtaining it much less humiliating than my encounters with UK red tape. I went to the *sozialamt* only twice to fill in the forms. They contacted my Army GP and UK hospitals without further reference to me. The only fly in the ointment was that it took a long time — about six months from start to finish — but it is valid for five years.

How do I go about transferring it for UK use when we return next year? **Mrs C, BFPO 38.**

■ Still problems in this area, but I am researching the transfer of Continental car badges for use in the UK on return postings — Anne.

Q. Who pays?
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I have been posted to BAOR but no quarter is available, so my wife cannot accompany me when I leave the UK. I have applied for a return flight to help pack up my UK quarter

and to take my car to Germany. I have been told that I can't have the flight paid for at public expense.

MoD reply

BAOR LEAVAC General Paras 2.040 to 2.044 explain the entitlement to travel back to UK to collect wife and family when a quarter is not available on the original posting date.

Para 2.040 states LEAVAC is an administrative procedure, applicable only to BAOR, whereby married personnel ALREADY SERVING in BAOR may be granted leave to the UK, within their annual entitlement, to accompany their families to BAOR on first being called forward for OP UNION.

It is important to read all the paras in BAOR Standing Orders.

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compare the Army's play area facilities for Service children with those provided by some local authorities.

Portsmouth, for example, like so many other councils, has a policy of consultation

with parents whose children will be using the areas.

Again a very sad omission on our part, but it could be done both for new and modernisation of play areas.

Seeking other views is a

vital piece of the jigsaw. It has been proved by many local authorities that consultation and involvement have cut down vandalism on sites.

Mothers are not predictable when it comes to play area design. Often they differ widely on the planned concept. Even the placing of seats is important, and the use of equipment vitally important. Safety for all age ranges is paramount.

Ground surfaces, too,

around static equipment cause great concern and much time has been spent on this subject. An excellent presentation by the GLC scientific branch showed this to be an important area.

I queried the use of tarmacadam with PSA and their reply was: "The provision of safety servicing in play areas is a relatively new idea and while experiments have been made by local authorities over a number of years the results have not been 100 per cent satisfactory.

ENGAGED

"While not mandatory we are actively engaged in investigating some of the many products available and our current new-build projects are being designed with such materials in mind. I must emphasise, however, that costs are extremely high and could force us to limit further the provision of equipment in play areas to offset such costs.

"Finally, the funding of any project is difficult and whatever we are able to achieve at design/construction stages will be lost to all unless adequate local funding is arranged to secure

adequate Estates Management and Maintenance once our site has been handed over to the local MoD and PSA."

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IN MY VIEW

The lure of green grass

The MoD has published figures on Premature Voluntary Release (PVR) showing a ten per cent increase over 1984.

Could it be the grass is greener on the other side of the fence despite high unemployment in the UK?

Turbulence, increasing separation, housing, children's education, cuts in allowances and the lack of jobs for wives are just some of the problems which drive the present-day Service man to look outside for a job.

To find out why, a number of surveys are being undertaken with special emphasis on the morale of wives and the provision of welfare in BAOR.

One current survey, headed

by Colonel Mike Cafney on behalf of the Adjutant General, is seeking reasons why increasing numbers of soldiers are taking PVR.

One major aspect of the survey is being devoted to interviewing wives of all ranks in a search for answers.

VOLUNTEER

Helping out voluntarily in this task is Mike's wife, Jennifer, who is accompanying him on as many visits as possible.

Jennifer has a very clear perception of how she can help and there is no doubt her contribution will be a valuable one to study.

Between them, by the end of the survey, they will have visited 35 major units in the UK and

Germany and talked to more than 2,000 Army wives.

Mrs Liddy Davidson, too, is another Army wife — one of many — who has contributed to the survey.

Her excellent report written as a follow-up to Mike and Jennifer's visit to Aldershot, shows that wives have some extremely constructive ideas. I am sure the completed study will produce interesting and helpful suggestions which could well help stem the PVR drain.

Another team study planned is for British Forces in Germany. This will examine the cost effectiveness of providing, co-ordinating and administering welfare services for Servicemen and women, civilians and families based in BAOR.

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It is my belief that in some areas of BAOR welfare is under capitalised and I feel this must have a detrimental effect.

Mr Alan Butland of Management Services Organisation will be one of the team as will Mr Ron Liddiard, the recently retired director of Birmingham's social services. Headed by Mrs Nicky Painter, the team is in BAOR now on a three-week tour.

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HERE TO HELP



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can help Service families.

PSA are soon to publish a booklet in conjunction with NPFA called *Children's Play Facilities* to replace their present *Children's Play Check List*.

It is a fact that Service play areas have always suffered from lack of money and equipment. Often an ad hoc provision has been the only way to provide swings and the like.

One manufacturer who supplied play equipment to Army garrisons quoted an architect who advised safer surfaces at Bradbury Lines, Hereford, and the PSA Birmingham, specified safer surfaces for an RAF station.

New play areas in the pipeline for Bicester and Catterick will also have safer area surfaces.

Surely this should be a universal policy?

And the policy of renewing equipment with the same item is an area that needs scrutinising.

In a recent case a manufacturer was asked to replace a piece of equipment with the same thing.

He explained that to do so would be neither value for money nor good play value.

The policy could not be changed so the manufacturer refused to supply and the old equipment stayed where it was.

An interesting point raised by one manufacturer who has supplied equipment to both RAF and Army garrisons is that, with the RAF the manufacturer is invited to see the site for which he is tendering. Not so with the Army. This is purely a paper transaction.

The manufacturer also pointed out that on RAF bases, especially where American families are based, safety surfaces are laid and the amount of money spent is between £25,000 to £30,000.

This interesting point falls into line with the Portsmouth modernisation programme which spends about the same amount.

Yet, when we come to the Army, the site is not viewed before tendering and the amount is between £4,000 and £10,000.

This policy gives rise to a catalogue play area which is not the best way to provide play areas for our families today.



SAFETY GROUND SURFACES: vital if children are to remain safe

has been a radical rethink of ideas, partly because the Scandinavian countries, Germany and Canada have devised new and exciting concepts.

Called *Value for Money, Value for Play*, it showed that greater emphasis than ever before is being placed on provisions for play.

Among those attending

were county, borough and parish councillors, grounds-men, parks officers, recreation managers, technical directors, play officers, organisers and community leaders.

Others included manufacturers of all types of play equipment. They met to discuss problems and ideas and glean new ways of extending play provision to community areas.

In the past 15 years there

unimaginative equipment in uninteresting play and hard-surface areas, NPFA kindly hosted a meeting for me with PSA's project manager and landscape architect Jeremy Dodd and Colonel AFJ Channon, projects liaison officer from Aldershot.

With Margaret Wilmut and Liz Pritchard of The Federation of Army Wives Clubs, we heard how changing attitudes towards children's play areas and equipment

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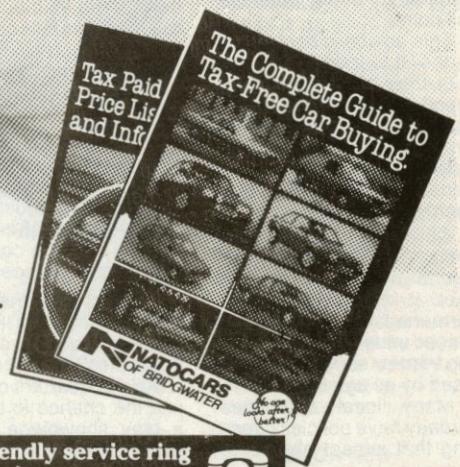
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BERLIN: PRINCESS DIANA MEETS HER REGIMENT FOR FIRST TIME



TWAS a great day for The Royal Hampshire Regiment when, for the first time since taking up her appointment as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, The Princess of Wales visited the 1st Battalion in Berlin.

Princess Diana wore a brooch, based on the Tiger and Rose design of the soldiers' cap badge — and presented by the Regiment.

Men of all ranks, present and past, made voluntary contributions to the glittering gift made of gold, diamonds, ruby and enamel.

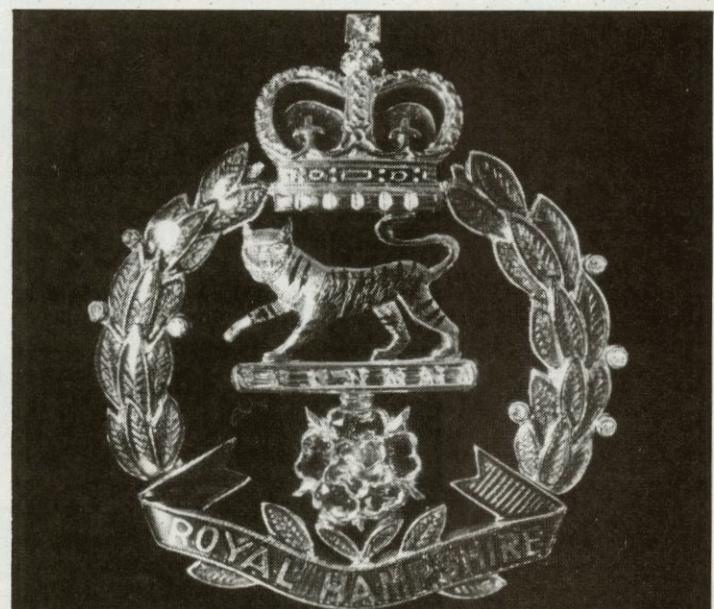
The Royal Hampshire feel justifiably proud that they should be chosen for Princess Diana's first formal links with the British Army.

Seeing all aspects of the Battalion's life in Berlin, the new Colonel-in-Chief met many men — and their families.

Princess Diana clearly enjoying meeting men of The Royal Hampshire Regiment



Princess Diana visits the Signals Platoon — and talks to Platoon Commander Captain Jim Laybourne. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Freemantle looks on



The gift of the Regiment



Driving armoured personnel carriers seems to be popular with the Royal Family. Our last issue had Princess Anne trying the new MCV80 — here Princess Diana takes over an FV 432, with C/Sgt Jones' aid

**Pictures: Hendrik Pastor
and Associated Press**

MILITARY EQUITATION: TIME FOR EXPANSION

IN THE world of equitation, the International Military Event is expanding.

This year, the Italians sent a team to ride as guests of the four founding nations — United Kingdom, Belgium, France and West Germany — when the event was staged at Melton Mowbray.

Next year the Italians will compete at Fontainebleau, France, as a member nation — "and we are hoping there could be a further nation", said Major Mike Vacher, Royal Artillery, Executive Officer of the Combined Services Equitation Association.

"We were delighted when the Italians came to Melton. It means we can think not just of survival — but we now have the potential

to expand, and, in particular this is an influential factor in the sense of wider relationships."

The United Kingdom won the

one-day event for the first time since the first year, 1976, when the competition began with the aim of fostering relationships between military riders. It consists of dressage, cross country and show jumping phases.

This year the programme also included classes for invited individual Service and civilian riders.

The Combined Services officials have every reason to be elated by the success of the home team.

Said Major Vacher: "Success

was undoubtedly due to the training done the week before the event under Captain Alwyn Varley, former chief equitation instructor — and the ability of our four competitors.

"The team included two possible internationals — Captain Charles Lane and Sergeant Billy Burns.

"The opposition included international and Olympic riders and the overall standard was very high. Don't forget the Germans still have conscription — and any rider of skill can find himself undergoing national instruction in their riding centre at Warendorf, near Münster. The French have the benefit of training at Samur.

"Our success was deserved, but we were also very reassured by the overall standard of individuals presenting themselves for selection."

Sgt Burns rides his own event horse, Alibi, in three day competitions and has already beaten well known names like Virginia Holgate and Mark Todd this year. Army experts will not be surprised if he represents his country with Alibi next year.

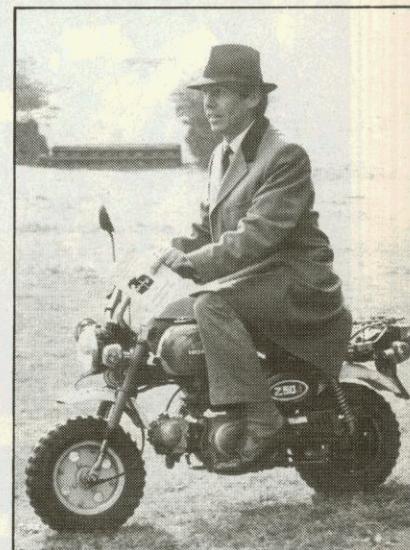
Selectors had a hard task arriving at the four-man choice from 20 possibles. Making up the team with the two Gunners already mentioned were 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards officers, Captains Charles Coldrey and Luke Duckworth.

The winning team, from left: mounted-Captains Duckworth and Lane, Sergeant Burns and Captain Coldrey. Front: Captain Arthur Stevens, Chef d'Equipe and Captain Alwyn Varley

One of the Italian guests — Tenente Campello riding Salvo



Pictures: Paul Brown



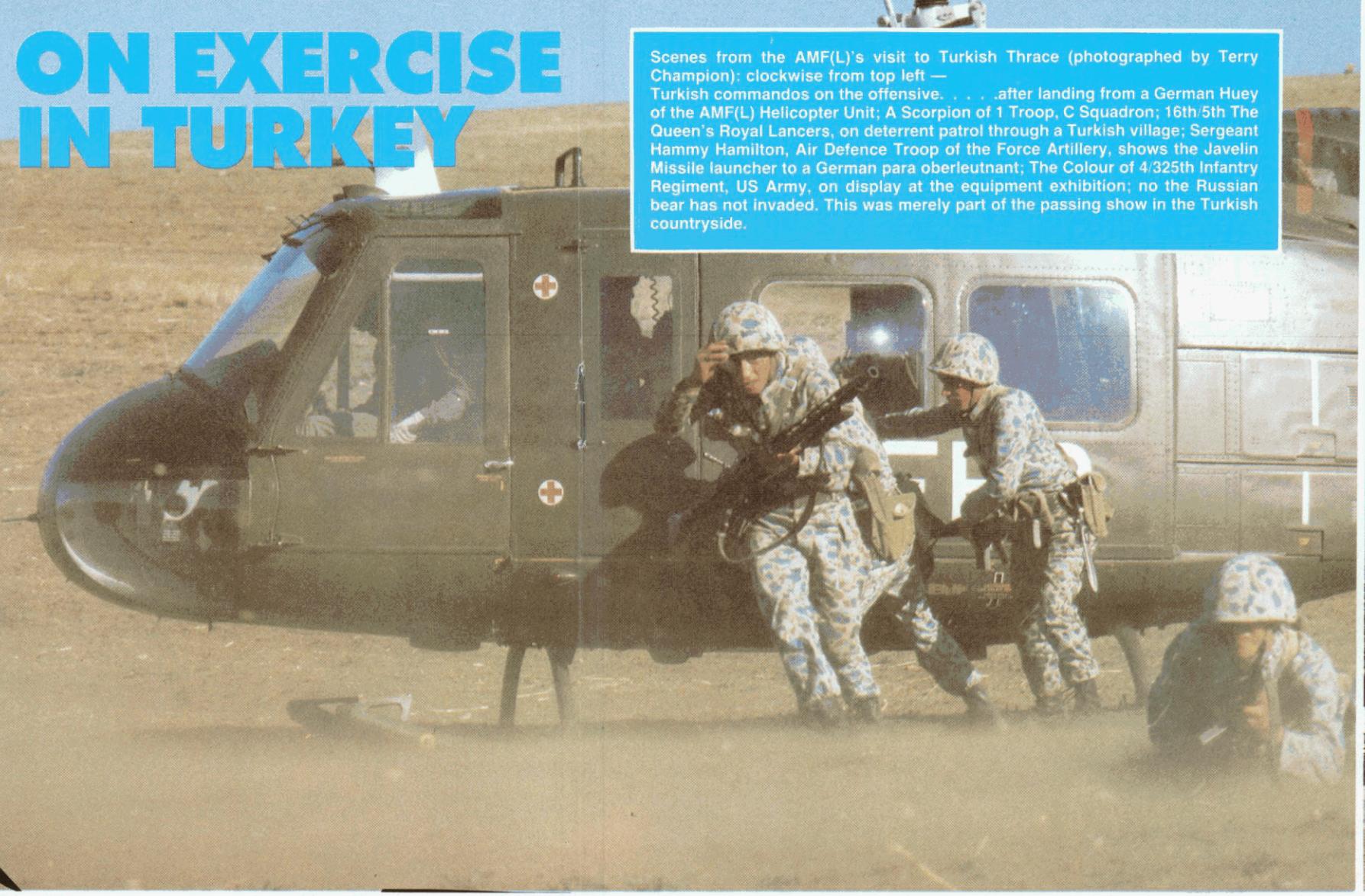
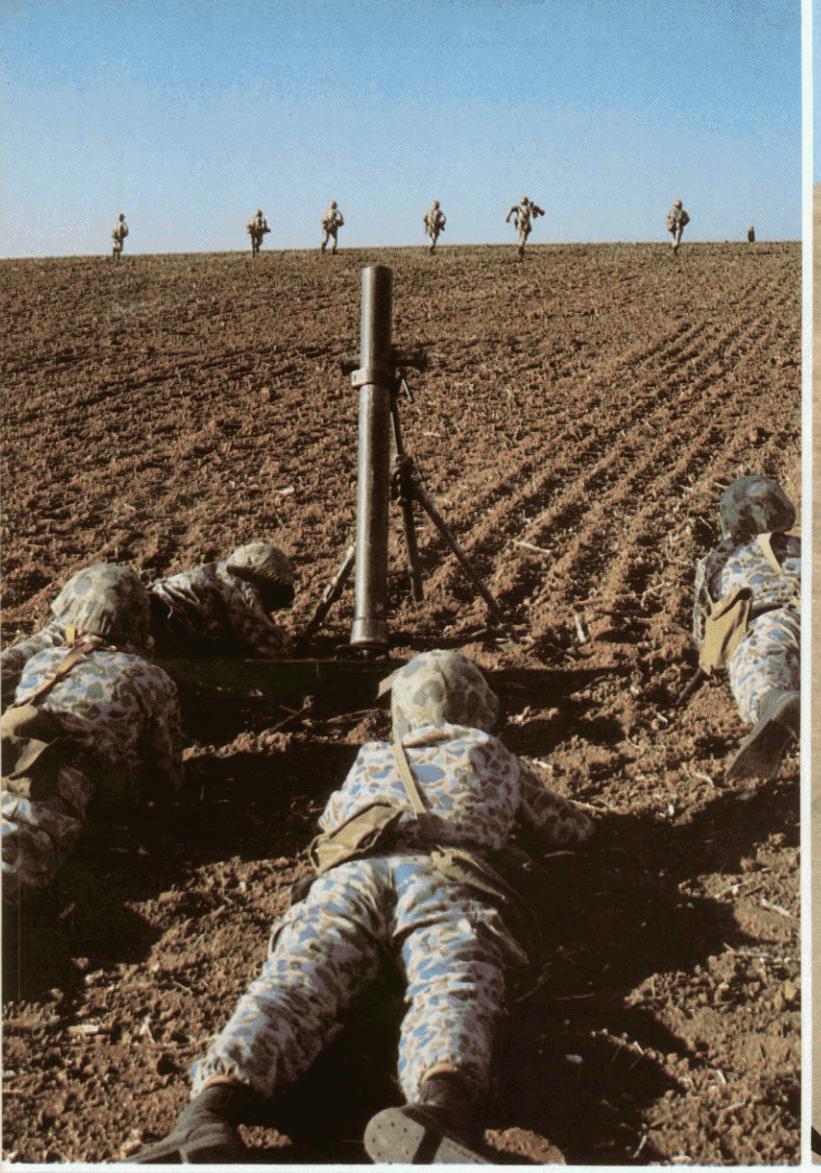
Perhaps the horses were otherwise engaged. Major Paddy Davison, RAVC, Commandant RAVC Training Centre finds another way around the course...

OVER THEY GO!

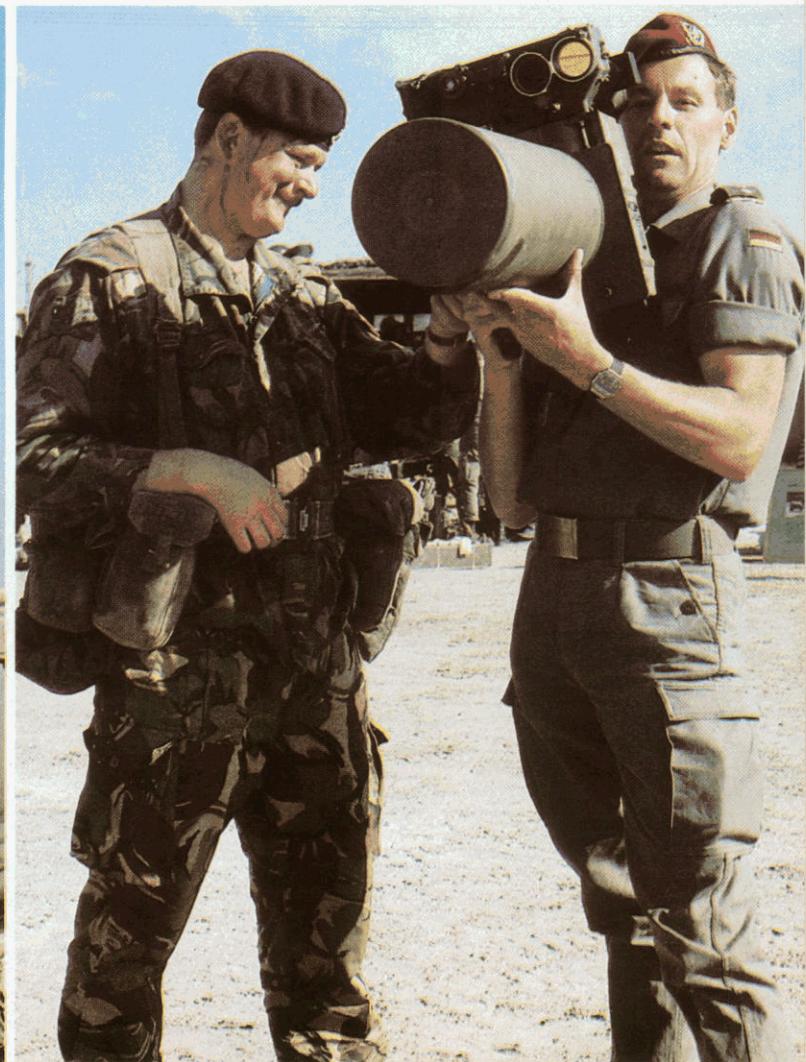
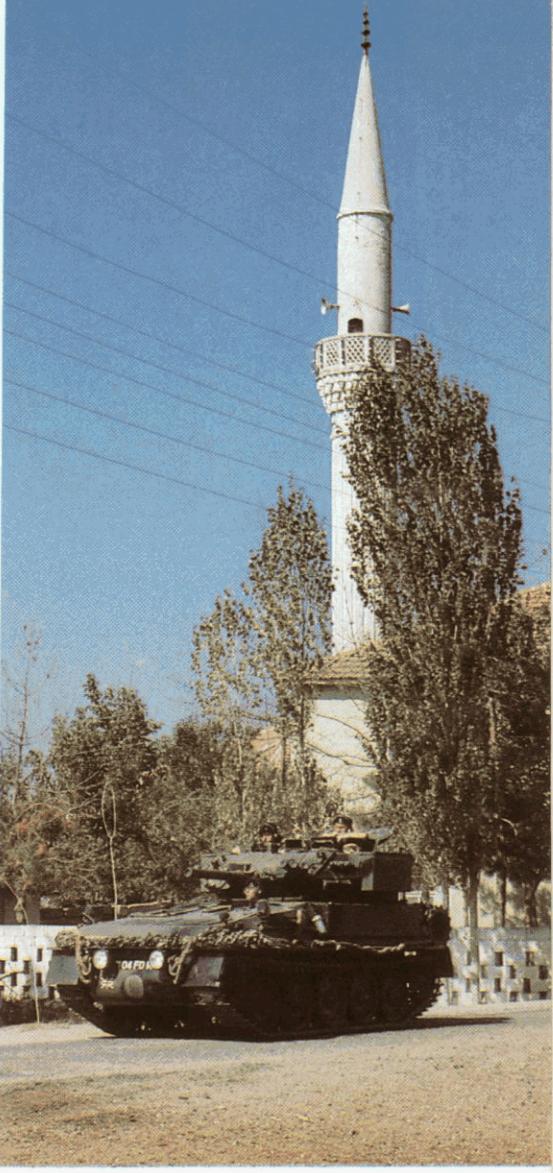


Sergeant Billy Burns, King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and Harlequin on their way to helping the British team to victory in the International Military Event at Melton Mowbray.
Picture: Paul Brown

ON EXERCISE IN TURKEY



Scenes from the AMF(L)'s visit to Turkish Thrace (photographed by Terry Champion): clockwise from top left — Turkish commandos on the offensive. . . . after landing from a German Huey of the AMF(L) Helicopter Unit; A Scorpion of 1 Troop, C Squadron; 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, on deterrent patrol through a Turkish village; Sergeant Hammy Hamilton, Air Defence Troop of the Force Artillery, shows the Javelin Missile launcher to a German para oberleutnant; The Colour of 4/325th Infantry Regiment, US Army, on display at the equipment exhibition; no the Russian bear has not invaded. This was merely part of the passing show in the Turkish countryside.





NATO's UNIQUE FORCE MARKS 25 YEARS



The British contingent march past — the Force Helicopters (led by RAF Puma) fly their salute —

Writer Robert Higson and photographer Terry Champion cover the

NATO's unique quick reaction force — the ACE Mobile Force — may well represent the alliance's most effective means of reducing rising tension or controlling an escalating crisis.

General Bernard Rogers, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), expressed this view when he addressed a parade in Çorlu, Turkish Thrace, to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the AMF(L) — the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land).

"Its creation," he said, "represents the first time in history that as many as eight nations have provided forces to train and operate under an integrated command in the service of a peace time alliance.

"It represents the culmination of operational effectiveness, cohesion and determination upon which the North Atlantic Alliance had been built and upon which its continued success depends."

When General Rogers, accompanied by General Necdet Ürög, Chief of the Turkish General Staff, and Major General Andrew Christie, the Canadian who commands the AMF(L), left the reviewing stand to inspect the parade he passed a microcosm of this remarkable multinational formation.

AMF(L) EXERCISE ARCHWAY EXPRESS

Lined up for the occasion were soldiers from seven nations and eight national flags.

Three nations — Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States — had para battalions and artillery batteries in Turkey for this autumn's Exercise Archway Express. The US also supplied a company of engineers, and the Germans a Wire Company and Huey helicopters.

Italy was present in Turkey with another artillery battery and a field hospital. With no ground forces in AMF, only a commitment of planes to the air wing, the AMF (Air), the Netherlands paraded just a standard bearer.

Two of the countries, Canada and Luxembourg, have forces committed only to NATO's northern flank (Norway and Denmark). They sent small contingents to Çorlu for the parade.

Britain, on the other hand, is heavily involved wherever the AMF(L) goes even though its infantry battalion only deploys in the north. On the 25th anniversary parade were soldiers of the Logistic Support Battalion, 249 Signal Squadron (the force radio unit), C Squadron, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers (the force recce squadron), and 5 (Gibraltar)



Major Richard Burt-Andrews, the parade commander, (second from left) discusses some of the finer points of multinational drill

SHOWING THE FLAGS IN TURKEY

Battery, RA.

In addition the RAF supplies a big part of the Force Helicopter Unit with Pumas from 33 Squadron at Odiham, and it was a Puma which led the fly past of the unit.

Throughout the proceedings 90 bandsmen, drummers and buglers from the Turkish Army 4th Corps, which is based in Çorlu, gave musical support resplendent in scarlet coats and white helmets. The occasion was enlivened for the watching media by a large dog, of indeterminate pedigree, which marched on with the Italians and defied all efforts to remove it until the artillery salute to SACEUR obviously persuaded it that military parades were altogether too much of a good thing.

In its own modest way the parade illustrated the ethos of the whole AMF(L) — getting different nations with different drill movements and commands to work as

one cohesive unit.

As the parade commander, Major Richard Burt-Andrews, RA, the SO G3 at AMF(L) HQ in Heidelberg, said with some feeling: "A lot of practice is required to co-ordinate drill movements so that things like the general salute will come together."

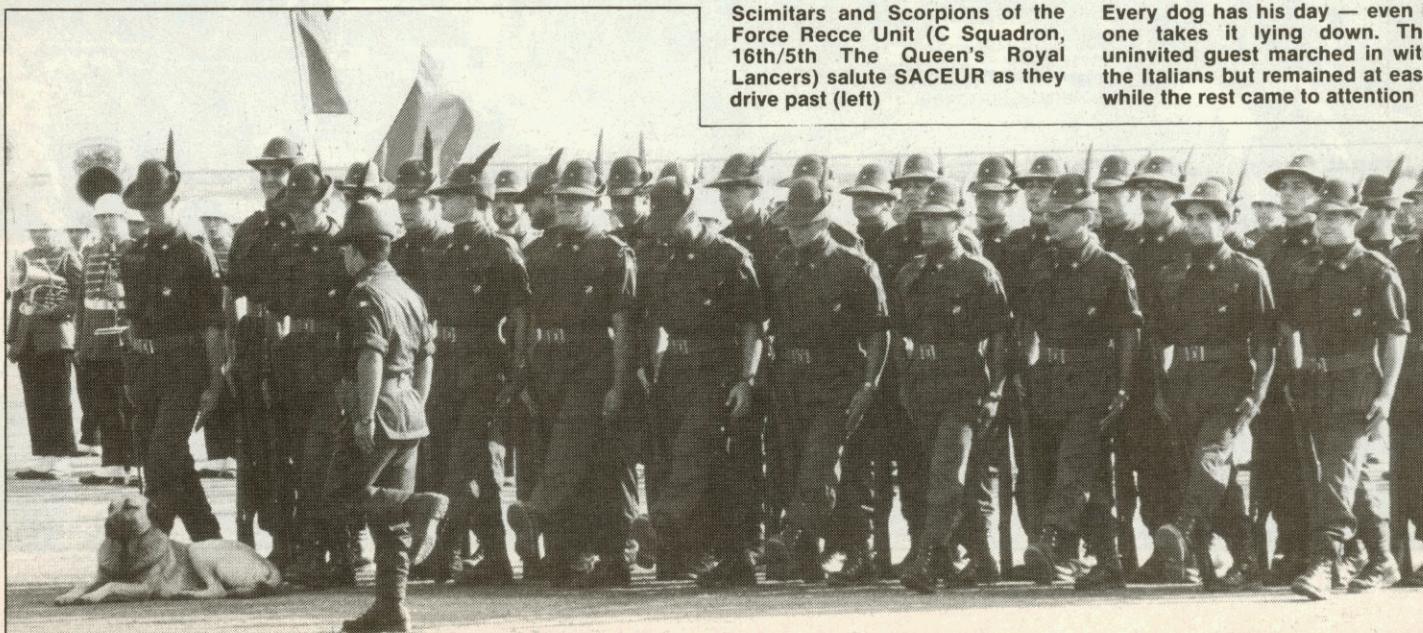
He had, as his assistants, the parade sergeant major, Ajudant-Chef F Boeve (the Belgian chief clerk at AMF(L) HQ and WO1 Bob Reeve, the RSM of 94 Locating Regiment, RA, the unit which provides the leadership of the force artillery.

Even after the dress rehearsal there had to be earnest discussions with the Turkish bandmaster on the co-ordination of music and marching. But in the event the whole thing came together — a bit like the force itself — with a few hiccups but with everyone working to a common end.

Every dog has his day — even if one takes it lying down. The uninvited guest marched in with the Italians but remained at ease while the rest came to attention



Scimitars and Scorpions of the Force Recce Unit (C Squadron, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers) salute SACEUR as they drive past (left)



ARCHWAY EXPRESS: HIGH PROFILE DETERRENCE . . . and some action



Heavy going during combat ops. An American para brings in a "wounded" comrade from the mock battle

The Force on show to the locals during the deterrence phase. Children get a close up view of a British Striker of the recce unit — C Squadron, 16th/15th The Queen's Royal Lancers



EXERCISE Archway Express was a misnomer, said Major General Andrew Christie, the Force Commander, at the AMF(L) silver anniversary parade.

"It should be called Operation Archway Express," he added, "for each time the AMF deploys we are executing our primary mission of deterrence."

In other words, simply by being in Turkey — or in its other regions of operations, Norway, Denmark and Northern Italy — the AMF(L) is doing its job of saying, in effect, to a potential aggressor: attack this country and you attack the nations of the force as well.

So the force deploys, not as a secret army, but as one which advertises its presence. It displays its multinational flags, puts out high profile patrols, organises sports and equipment displays, undertakes training exercises with host nation troops and generally announces — here we are.

This autumn 5,000 men of the AMF(L) together with 1,200 vehicles went to Turkish Thrace

(the European corner of this bi-continental country) for Archway Express.

As usual the so-called deterrence phase occupied most of the programme. Indeed in the early days of the AMF(L) it was the only phase, but more recently a field training exercise to test combat operations has been added to conclude each visit.

The exercise scenario is designed



Every impression of a tough fighting force... Turkish troops deploy during heliborne training with an RAF Puma

to work up a series of incidents — imaginary troop concentrations on the enemy border, sabotage teams at work and so forth — to the point where deterrence is no longer feasible. Then the flags come down, the camouflage nets go up and the forward elements deploy.

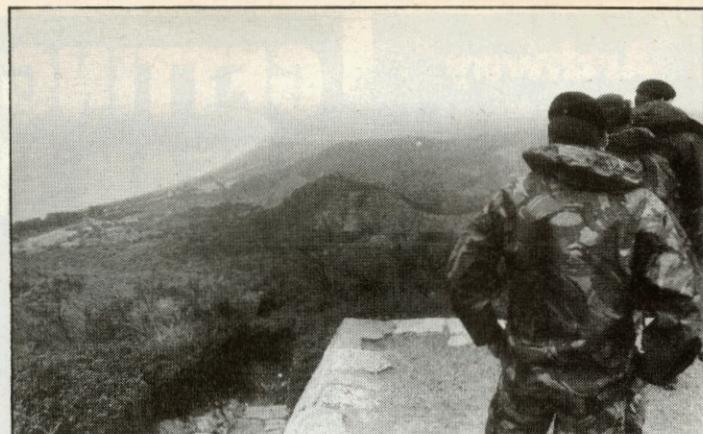
The deterrence phase is a useful time for soldiers of eight different nations to get to know a little more about each other. In Turkey this is particularly important with regard to greater understanding of the host nation, and the host nation's understanding of others.

On average the AMF(L) goes to Turkey only once every two years and usually alternates between its options in the north east of Anatolia (the Asian bit) and Turkish Thrace.

Although it's been several centuries since Turkey was the terror of Christian Europe, it seems that this convergence of east and west can still produce something of a culture shock for many West Europeans.

Turkey is not a rich country and in the rural areas where the AMF(L) troops were stationed could be seen plenty of evidence of a none too cushy way of life for the locals.

But the Turks are, if nothing else, a proud and resilient people. As SACEUR (General Bernard Rogers) reminded the anniversary parade, they have the longest



Gallipoli: looking north to Suvla Bay from the heights above Anzac Cove



border with the Warsaw Pact countries of any nation of the North Atlantic Alliance, and they make great sacrifices in order, as he put it, to continue the collective maintenance of strong defence necessary to preserve peace and freedom.

In fact Turkey maintains the largest standing army in NATO, outside the United States (around 800,000 men) and spends some 20 per cent of its revenues on defence.

Every male is liable for conscription — 18 months for other

ranks, 16 for officers. Even Turks living overseas come back to do their service — if they want to continue their rights of citizenship.

The news, widely reported during the exercise, that conscript privates in the Turkish Army

received something equivalent to 40p a month and that they had to be in bed by nine o'clock every evening, raised a few eyebrows. And the evidence of high security in a country which shed military rule just two years ago added to a generally stern picture of the army in Turkey.

But few doubted that the Turks made very credible soldiers. Watching them deploy out of British and German helicopters during multi-national heliborne exercises, or seeing them standing stoically hour after hour on sentry duty around the perimeters of the log base, the staging area, or any of the many military establishments near Corlu, gave the impression of a well disciplined fighting force.

Those members of the force who had the time and the transport, as a few did, to make the journey to the other end of the Sea of Marmara had the chance of reminding themselves just how effective Turkish soldiers could be. On the Gallipoli Peninsula the well tended British and Commonwealth war graves of 1915 still bear poignant testimony to what happened the last time anyone tried to invade the country.



Local lads try the sights of a German Pack Howitzer

Archway Barbara:

LITTLE more than six months after their first sight of the special operating procedure for the AMF(L) artillery, Turkish gunners attempted to put the theory into practice during a live firing exercise with the rest of the force.

The Force Artillery itself had a chance to practise the new SOPs during Exercise Ardent Ground in Portugal earlier this year. But the Turks had to wait until the autumn for the two days of Exercise Archway Barbara for their first experience of the most recent attempt to standardise multinational artillery.

You don't need to be an expert to appreciate the high potential for disaster when gun crews of different nations, who are supposed to be working together, cannot understand properly what each other is doing.

Everywhere, throughout the AMF(L), language is of prime importance to relations between the member nations and between them and the host country, but nowhere is it perhaps more crucial than in operations with the Force Artillery.

For Archway Barbara (named after the patron saint of artillery-men) six batteries, including the 3rd from the 1st Battalion of the Turkish 33rd Artillery Division, assembled on the Pinarhisar range,

Number 1 Light Gun of 5 (Gibraltar) Battery gets ready to move. Pfc Matthew Martinez, the crew's American attachment, lends a hand at the back

GETTING THE GUNS TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE

some 60 kilometres north of Corlu.

They were joined by four mortar platoons — one Turkish and the rest from the American, Belgian and German para battalions assigned to the AMF(L) in the south.

"So there's quite a concentration of artillery and mortars up here," said Major Simon Carr, RA, the executive officer of the Force Artillery, "and we only have a very short period in which to use the range.

"It is an extraordinarily complicated operation to get it working efficiently, so as to simplify things for us each nation produces an officer who can speak English — the NATO language — and a radio vehicle at the Central Fire Direction Centre, so that if there is a language problem he can sort it out."

Major Carr mentioned the work that had been done over the previous year to develop an international standing operating procedure.

"It doesn't bear any relation to any individual nation's procedures, but it has been agreed by all the nations and that is the way we now operate," he said. "It took quite a lot of writing in order that we could embrace the languages of the nations concerned."

Continuity

for Archway Barbara the Fire Direction Centre had come to rest in a dried up creek bed. The camouflaged vehicles of the national liaison teams crowded around the hub of the FDC where Captain Fraser Leeming, the fire direction officer, was allocating batteries to a target.

Nearby sat the national liaison officers with their radios — Belgian, British, Turkish, American, German and Italian. The Italian LO, Captain Giovanni Greco, had been with the AMF(L) for 19 years, an indication of the

continuity that some nations employ to get round the language barrier.

Co-ordination of different batteries firing at the same target was only one of the concerns, Major Carr explained; there was in addition the problem of co-ordinating air operations.

"You can appreciate," he said, "that with a large amount of lead flying around in the air the helicopter pilots need to know precisely where and when to go."

This was particularly important

for the Force Artillery because of its reliance on air mobility to move quickly to cover any threat on what could be a fairly wide and mountainous frontage.

"The Force Helicopter Unit is designed to do exactly that," Major Carr said. "Of course it can't sustain a tremendous build up of ammunition unless the priorities are so allocated by the General, and in any case it may have to move back again fairly quickly.

"This flexibility is very important to the AMF(L) and although there are obviously inherent problems in moving with helicopters, because you've got to support it with ammunition, by and large it works."

Continuity



And nation shall speak unto nation... Multinational liaison officers at the Fire Direction Centre. Sergeant Anthony Floyd, the Force Artillery Signals Officer, stands behind the Turkish and British LOs



Ammunition for a Howitzer of the German 5 Feldartilleriebattalion

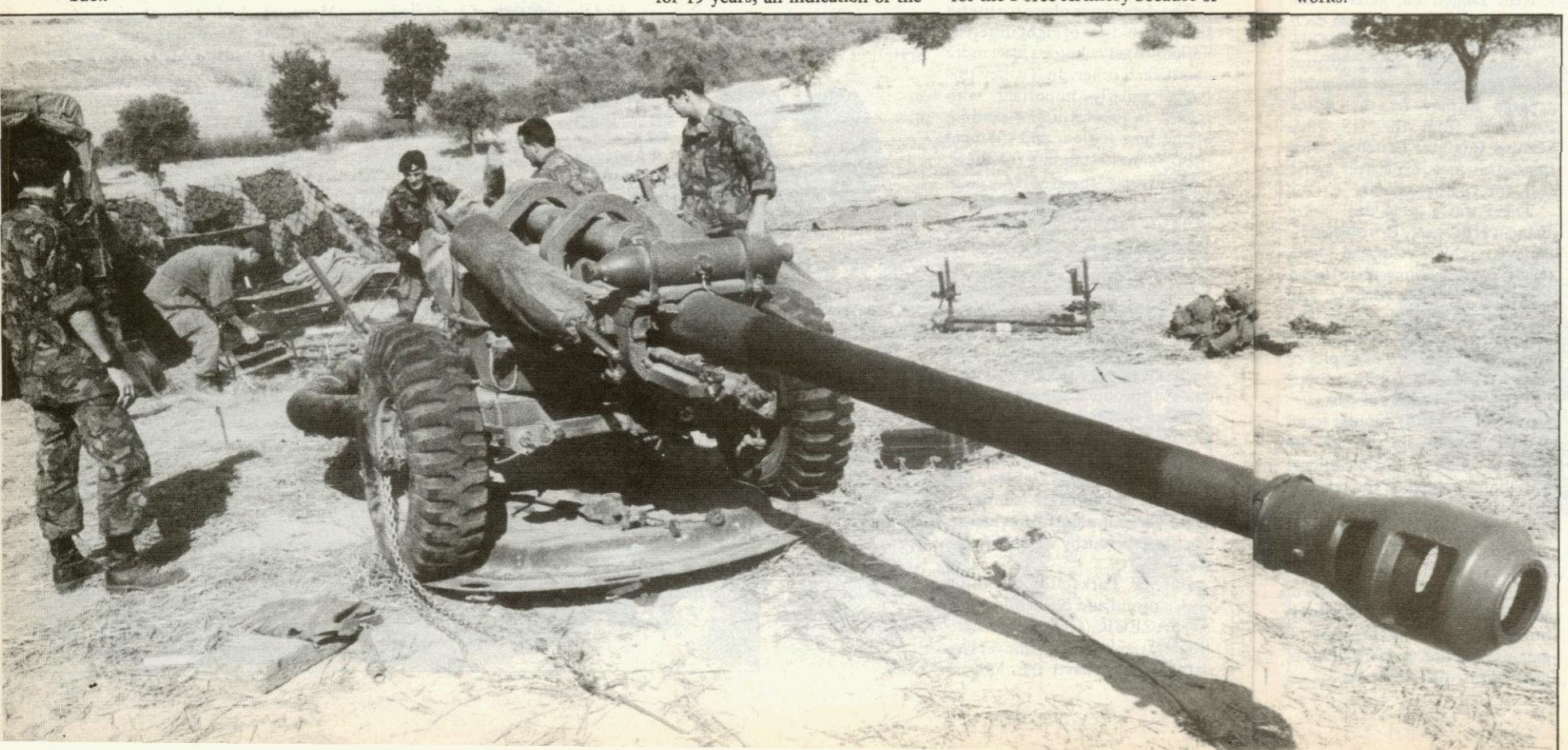
As he spoke the British 105mm light guns of 5 (Gibraltar) Battery were preparing for an air lift to a new position. It was warm work as the gunners struggled to get their guns off the firing platforms and ready for transit while at the same time organising their secondary lifts of ammunition and reeling in their communications cables.

Here there was evidence of some slight confusion with the new standard operating procedure. The Turks, having trained on something akin to the American system, were having to adjust to the AMF(L) approach.

Bombardier Chaz Goddard and his team seemed to enjoy working with the Americans. "It's different" he said. "Different tactics, different food, different language. But it's fun."

As the American infantrymen deployed towards the enemy the artillery observers brought fire down on the Orange landing areas. Then as the Americans staged a tactical withdrawal they brought in another barrage to hit the invaders again.

At the time the battery was positioned 14 kilometres away, but even this near-maximum range was evidently no problem. As Bombardier Goddard pointed out, with becoming modesty, 5 Battery was extremely accurate.



A Turkish howitzer of 3 Battery, 1 Battalion, 33 Artillery Division, prepares to fire

But all was ready by the time the RAF Puma came clattering over for the most uncomfortable part of a gunner's life with the AMF(L). Whether it is in the arctic snows of Norway or the arid plains of Turkey, there is very little you can do to prevent the whirling snow or dust engulfing everything. Goggles might seem one solution but the danger is that they can too easily fill with whatever it is which happens to be flying around and then the solution becomes worse than the original problem.

It was the Fire Support Co-ordination Centre's job, said Major Carr, to get the reconnaissance Gazelle, the British Pumas and the German Hueys in the right place, right order and at the right time.

"During the combat operations phase we will work up to a pretty slick standard by the finish."

Meanwhile in another part of the range the Pack Howitzers of the Turkish battery were being ordered to engage a target in co-

CHILDREN'S FLAIR AT AMF(L) SHOW



Casevac demonstration in the arena — Italian medics and a German Huey. The British Light Gun in the foreground



L/Cpl Simons and the small arms display. Some of the kids didn't need to be told what to do

TURKEY has quite a reputation for producing good soldiers, perhaps, as Lance Corporal Nick Simons discovered, because they start so young.

Lance Corporal Simons was manning the small arms display which 42 Squadron, RCT, had put into the AMF(L) equipment exhibition at Corlu football stadium.

He said: "I was just explaining to an American how the SMG works when this kid, aged between 10 and 12, came along and just did it. He stripped it down without a word. He must have been watching a lot of war films or someone has been teaching him."

The humble SMG evidently attracted quite a bit of attention. Lance Corporal Paul Maton said that a number of Turkish officers had examined it with interest. He said they seemed to approve of a weapon with not too many gadgets for soldiers to make mistakes.

Around the perimeter of the dusty soccer pitch soldiers of the AMF(L) nations exercising in Turkey stood alongside displays of their units' equipment. RAF Pumas and German Hueys of the Force Helicopter Unit put on a series of displays above the centre of the arena, causing at one stage such a dust cloud that the men of 42 Squadron lost all sight of their weapons.

There were, fortunately, none missing when the dust cleared, and from then on the small arms remained firmly secured.

Over on the other side of the exhibition members of HQ Battery's Air Defence Troop, 94 Locating Regiment, RA, from Larkhill, demonstrated their new Javelin hand held missile launcher.

Troop Sergeant Hammy Hamilton said they had only converted from Blowpipe three weeks before after 800 training simulations.

Nearby the American paras of 4/325th Infantry Regiment had brought along their Battalion Colour with the battle honours attached as pennants to the top, as well as a whole quantity of equipment from TOW missiles to the flat-deck transport Mule.

Next ranged the guns of the Force artillery — one from each battery with a 105mm Light Gun for the British and 105mm Howitzers for the rest. Alongside a large display by the Force Engineers from the US 78th Combat Engineer Battalion, with first aid kit, tools, explosives, arctic gear, and combat tractor.

There was a great deal more: Belgian NBC gear, British signals and recce vehicles, German 20mm field cannon, an immaculate Italian portable operating theatre and dental surgery, and so on. The Italians, along with many of the others also produced examples of their field rations with, disappointingly, not a hint of pasta.

Perhaps the most popular stand of all was actually outside the stadium where Logistic Support Battalion established the refreshment tent. Here Captain Peter Douglas, the OC of HQ Company and Commandant of the Log Base, led a team of men refreshing the thirsty multitude with the sale of soft drinks and the free distribution of 50 gallons of soup, 50 gallons of coffee and 50 gallons of good old British Army tea.

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Haywards Heath Marching Band — from scouts and guides



Long and short... Staff Sergeant Jack Cook, RAOC, talks to a smart cymbalist of the TS Vigilant Band from Cowplain, Hampshire

DETTINGEN Barracks at Deepcut, Camberley, is well used to youngsters — being the home of Army Apprentices College RAOC.

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On the same day at the same venue the Blackdown 5s was held, with many more youths showing flair for first aid, general knowledge, command tasks, obstacle courses and indoor shooting — organised by the Surrey Heath Youth and Community Association.

Think of all the parents and friends taking an interest and you won't be surprised to know that over 2,000 people turned up at Dettingen Barracks for a very entertaining day.

Top band in the Championship Class — the Hobbswatch Band

from Solihull in the Midlands, with Haywards Heath Marching Band second, and two shared third place — Surbiton Royal British Legion Band and the Bluebell Girls Band from Coventry.

East Dorset Scouts from Wimborne won the Contest Class, with Chesham All Girls second and Training Ship Exeter, New Addington, third.

The Junior Class involved nearly half the bands, 16, and winners were Training Ship Active (Waterloo, Hampshire), followed by 135 Redhill ATC and another New Addington entry, Training Ship Dreadnought.

Quite a day — and a testing time for the busy judges provided by the Guards Division and the hosts, RAOC training staff.

TERCENTENARY 4TH/7TH
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OF the regiments celebrating their tercentenary it is the turn of the Earl of Arran's Horse, and variously the Earl of Devonshire's, Harwich's, Sybourn's, Jocelyn's, and even John Brown's Horse, to produce a disc of music pertinent to the occasion.

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Not content with that he provides an attractive 300-year tribute in a march aptly called *Challenger (The First and Last)*. Between the two are Beethoven's great *Zapfenstreich No. 2* dating from 1809 and the *Grand Slow March* of the 4th RIDG written by the Regiment's first bandmaster, the Hermann Eckersberg who wrote the Battle of Waterloo music.

Then *Inseparable* and *The Black Horse*, the marches of the 4th and the 7th dating from 1843 and 1842 respectively.

The present regimental march *St. Patrick's Day, Preussens Gloria*, and a little concoction of two tunes *Richmond Hill Baht'at* complete side one.

Turn the disc over and we are not yet done with regimental allusions.

On the Record

with Rodney Bashford



Galloping Home is the theme music to the TV series *Black Beauty* and Percy Grainger's *Irish Tune from County Derry* are obvious references, though *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* is pushing it a bit.

Two modern and attractive items are D. Sparke's *Concert Prelude* and John Cacavas's *Brass Fever*, while Mr Cammack's arrangement of *Happy Birthday* intertwined with the Regimental March is on too short a rein.

A further few bars of a Yorkshire tune (*Ilkla Moor*) is easily mixed with *Happy Birthday* and a reprise of St. Patrick's Day would have been much more of a tercentenary tribute.

After all the Colonel-in-Chief is a Yorkshire lass, even if she didn't live on Richmond Hill. Otherwise full marks for some effective sabre rattling.

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They are *The Standard of St. George, Sons of the Brave, The New Colonial, The Middy, On the Quarterdeck, Officer of the Day, National Emblem, and The Thin Red Line*.

On side two, though, we have the music played at a parade to commemorate the event in the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, their Colonel-in-Chief.

After J H Keith's *The King's Guard* the fifes join the bands in *Annies Song*, then a slow march *Lord Ferrars* arranged from two regimental tunes by Mr Smith, and two quick marches *Steadfast and True* and *Mechanised Infantry*.

The regimental music proper starts with *Here's to the Maiden for the King's Liverpools and The Manchester and Young May Moon* for the Manchesters.

Zachmi Dil is an old Pathan song adopted in India as a march, the actual regimental song being *The King's are Coming Up the Hill* — played here not sung.

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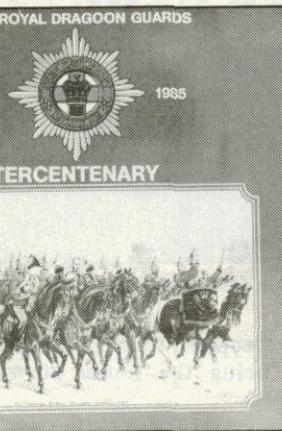
Apart from his Musical Joke (show-jumping TV theme) I don't recall a band attempting Mozart on record, and here Captain Heming immediately follows the overture to *The Marriage of Figaro* with *Salute to James Last* which begins with the American Patrol, straight into *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*. If that doesn't deserve a LVO I don't know what does.

It all works in spite of the known hazards, only a small pinch of salt being needed. The remainder of the programme is safely martial in character and among the marches is *Men of Action*, a half-British half-American style example by the conductor himself, and *Heralds of Victory* by K Wharton-Emms, a young member of the band; with a name like that and a march like this he should go far.

In addition to the *Regimental March* there are *On the Quarter Deck* (Alford), *State Occasion* (Robert Farnon), *The Purple Pageant* (Karl King) and *Chimes of Liberty* (E. F. Goldman), two American marches which happen to have a theme in common.

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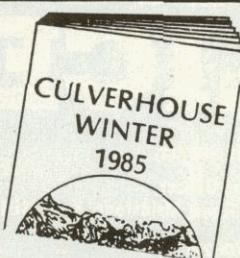
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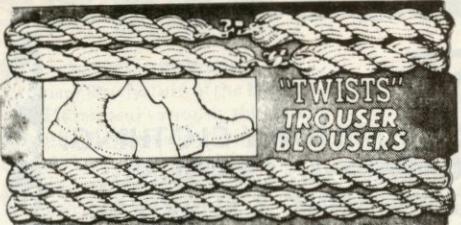
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MAIL DROP

readers to assume that the new squadron was to be part of that Regiment. This is incorrect!

The new squadron, which incidentally will be based at Cramlington, some 12 miles North of Newcastle City Centre, will be the Fourth Sabre Squadron of the Queen's Own Yeomanry and will be known as D (Northumberland Hussars) Squadron.

The Queen's Own Yeomanry, whose other squadrons are based in Newcastle, York, Chester and Ayr, is equipped, in common with our sister regiment, The Royal Yeomanry, with both tracked and wheeled Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles of which the latter is known as The Fox.

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MEMORIES

As a further note to Falkland Islanders joining the British Army, I would like to relate the following.

Shortly after the war my ship visited the Falkland Islands and while there I was entertained by a family called Biggs.

About 1953 their son Ian came to Britain and joined one of the Guards Regiments.

I well remember visiting him at Caterham during his recruit training.

Unfortunately, I have lost contact with him. If memory serves, he wished eventually to join the City of London

DISMAY

Many SOLDIER readers will have watched with dismay a film, called 'Nurses in Battle' in the 'Moment of Truth' series on BBC1.

I thought I had tuned in to 'Hi-de-Hi' by mistake as these silly girls splashed around an assault course and 'passed out' during NBC training.

Nearly all their training seemed to be treated as a big giggle.

As an ex-soldier the thought of these silly birds trying to help men in battle, probably suffering from terrible wounds, is sickening.

I really think that a woman's place is in the kitchen or an office, and not on a modern battlefield.

Thank you for an excellent magazine. Please let us see some *real soldiers* as I am fed up with seeing 'Dads Armies', and silly girls in the Army, on TV features. — G Wilmot, 31 Auriol Road, West Kensington, London, W14 OSP.

Oh dear! A woman's place? I feel sure some readers will have differing views — Ed.

RA WINDOW

We of the Royal Artillery Association, Portsmouth, have commenced a project which we think will be of interest to many old soldiers.

The project is to install a stained glass window in the Old Garrison Church to commemorate Gunners both past and present of The Royal Regiment of Artillery and to be called The Gunner Window.

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FALSE?

I write to correct a false impression given in your article dealing with the Enhancement of the Territorial Army (SOLDIER 21 October).

Whilst your statement that, as part of this enhancement, 'A new RAC reconnaissance squadron was to be formed in the Newcastle area'... is correct, the article was illustrated with, amongst others, a photograph of a Fox Armoured Car (not Scout Car) of the Royal Yeomanry, thus leading your

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The Editor regrets that we do not have the staff to undertake detailed research on matters of military history, militaria etc but if a query on current topics is likely to be of interest to most readers we shall endeavour to provide an answer through these columns.

Contributions for Call Signs are restricted to appeals by individuals trying to trace old comrades, and these, plus insertions for Reunions must be brief and will only be published once. Items connected with commercial gain cannot be accepted.

Police. — Lt Cdr W M Thornton MBE RD RNR, 37 Wolsey Close, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4NQ.

OLD SUBJECT

A seventh sense, probably stemming from being a WW2 veteran, and an avid reader of SOLDIER, tells me we are going to have pin-ups whether we like it or not.

Our Editor has already booted out the Penpals column; which is good and reduced Mail Drop to a teardrop, which is vile, now he's testing the re-introduction of pin-ups with his usual circumspection.

Whilst there are scores of magazines depicting slackly dressed women there's precious few depicting British Army affairs. Besides, I should hardly think our women in uniform would like to see floppy nude women draped all over our magazine.

My vote, for what it's worth, is to leave the columns open for the troopers.

— J King, 249 Roberts Street, Grimsby, South Humberside, DN32 8DT.

Mail Drop reflects the size of the post bag! — Ed.

Competition

The £50 price for SOLDIER's Competition 371 goes to an Army wife, Mrs M Cleeve, c/o Warrant Officer 2 S F Cleeve, of 158 Provost Company, Royal Military Police, Bulford, Wilts.

Mrs Cleeve found all 24 pairs of words from the 'Square Pairs' contest, and so also found the odd word — green. Nothing green about Mrs Cleeve! Congratulations.

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FOOTBALL

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Call Signs

I am trying to locate a Captain (as at 1942) Tony Gardner of the 2nd Bn The Loyal Regiment, prisoner of the Japanese, in Pudu Camp Malaya 1942.

His last known address was Mill House, Seisdon, Staffs and mail has been returned marked "Address unknown — Left".

Perhaps the Loyalists comrades could advise of his whereabouts? — R W Newton Lt Col (retd) OC Australian Group Pudu 1942, Sutherland Street, Lane Cove, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Where is the cup?

T Parrott of Wallace Court, Newport, Isle of Wight, served with the Army in India 1925-38 and recalls regiments playing soccer for the Durand Cup.

Mr Parrott wonders which regiment last won the cup — and where is it now? Can anyone help? Our own research efforts have failed, so far, to come up with the answers.



The Fox. Did we mislead?

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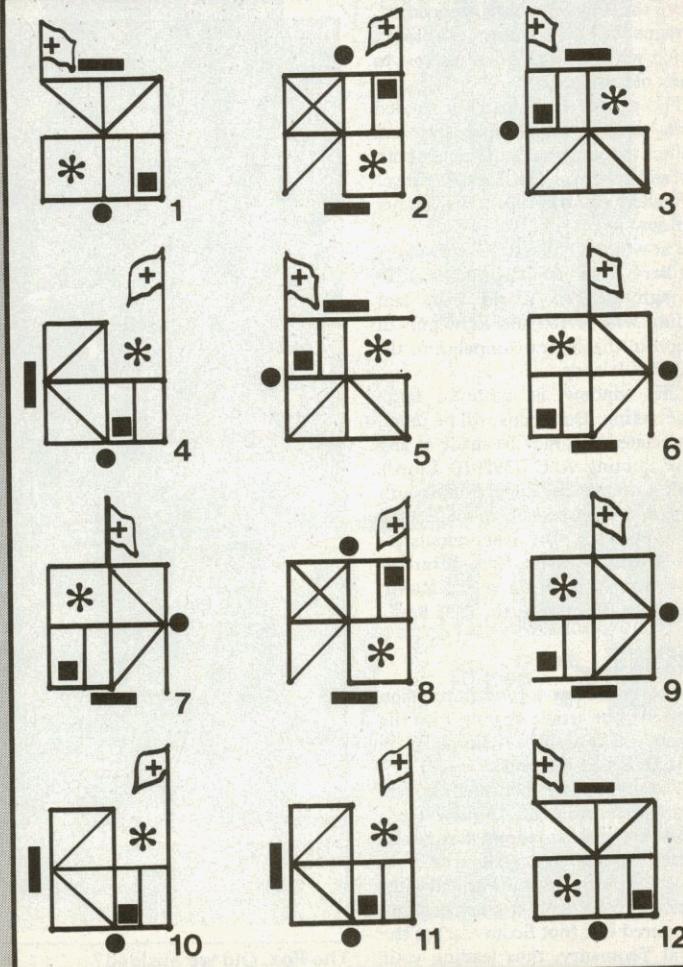
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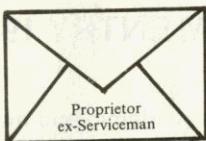
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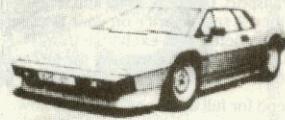
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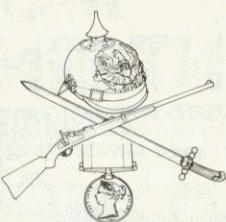


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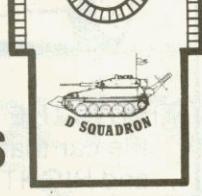
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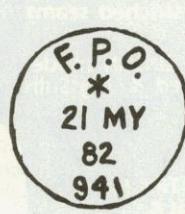
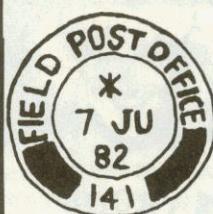
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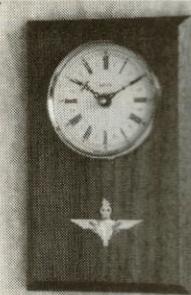
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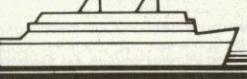
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Chapman slammed home the kick to put the Police ahead.

For the next 20 minutes, the visitors enjoyed most of the play and the Army were hard pressed to keep them from going further ahead.

Slowly the tide turned and the Army took control. It was no surprise when they equalised.

Sergeant Instructor Joey Roach, APTC, raced down the Army right and found Private Davy Richardson, UDR. The young Irishman, currently playing with Coleraine in the Irish League, jinked his way forward and let fly.

The ball was blocked but Sergeant Instructor Pat Russell, APTC, was on hand to shoot into the roof of the net.

The Army went ahead on the stroke of half time. A high cross was headed out to the edge of the penalty area.

It dropped at the feet of Corporal Andy Edwards, Royal Signals, who took a couple of paces forward and sent in a fierce drive which took a slight deflection on its way into the corner of the net.

The second half was virtually a replay of the opening session, minus the goals if not the goalmouth thrills.

The visitors had the edge in the early part of the half and the Army were in control at the finish.

Colonel Andrew Duncan, Officer Commanding the Grenadier Guards, presented the trophy for the first time with souvenirs of the occasion to both sets of players.



Lined up, from left: Cardew Robinson, Dec Cluskey, Harry Worth and Sergeant Sanders

Biathlon Project

MAJOR JOHN LEANING, Royal Artillery, currently serving with 7 Squadron, RAF — they fly Chinook helicopters — at RAF Odiham, has been awarded a Churchill Travelling Scholarship to carry out a study project in the USA and Canada related to Nordic skiing biathlon training methods.

Major Leaning is the current chairman of the British Ski Federation Biathlon and Nordic Skiing Committee.

In North America for seven weeks he will spend a week with each of the American and Canadian Biathlon teams and each of their cross-country skiing teams.

While at Canmore, near Calgary,

he will be examining the Nordic Skiing/Biathlon facilities for the 1988 winter Olympic Games.

He said: "I hope to gain a vast amount of information from these comprehensive visits. Much, in due course, will be useful to our own Olympic teams and for the future development of both biathlon and cross-country skiing in the UK."

Under the terms of the Scholarship the Trust awards Travelling Fellowship grants. Each is provided with insurance cover, a return ticket to the UK and sufficient daily living expenses and travel within the countries they visit.

Major Leaning is a Ground Liaison Officer (GLO) with 7 Squadron.

Princess Anne in Hunter Trials

Princess Anne rode in the Novice and Intermediate classes in The Army and Royal Artillery Hunter Trials at Larkhill.

Over 200 horses declared and ran the course which, for some years, has been designed and built by Major David Thatcher, RA.

Of the 96 service entries three were from the Royal Marines and nine from the Royal Navy.

The King's Troop, the Household Cavalry, RA Saddle Club and RMP supported the event.

RESULTS

Novice Class I

Winner Wilson Salver and 1st in the Open Section Miss Deirdre Phipps on 'Park Lane'.

Winner of Poett Cup and 1st in the Services Section Lance Bombardier Bird on Kings Troop 'Savannah'.

Winner, The Gillman Cup L/Bdr Bird on RA Saddle Club 'Savannah'.

Winner the Mounted Infantry

Alderson Bowl Lt Col Stevenson on Royal Marines 'Foxtrot-Romeo'.

Intermediate Class II

Winner of Dewars Scotch Whiskey Trophy Miss Christina Rowe on 'Mistress Quickly'.

Winner of Services Section Sgt B Chadbourn on Royal Marines 'Rupert'

Winner of the Cameronian Cup Lt Col Stevenson on Royal Marines 'Foxtrot-Romeo'.

Winner of the Woolwich Cup Col HH Mews on 'Saucy Ice'.

Open Class III

1st and Winner of Land Rover Challenge Trophy Mr A Cooksley on 'Robert' 2nd Mr R Powell on 'Jubilee Prince'.

Winner of King's Royal Irish Hussars Cup and the D'Arcy Cup Capt PCH Soar on Kings Troop 'Abelard'

Sweepstake — Pairs Class IV

1st Robin Sharp on 'Bilbo' and Judith Sharp on 'Royal Amen'.

Winner of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars Cup Sgt Smith on 'Weymouth' L/Bdr Wood on 'Striker', Kings Troop RHA.

GUARDS GRIT WINS THROUGH



C/Sgt Kirkland puts his CANAM through its paces

THE look on Colour Sergeant Ronnie Kirkland's face said it all. On the final leg of a punishing two-day motorcycle event the rear light of his Army CANAM bike failed and had to be repaired before he could continue.

Slumped, exhausted, over the seat of his motorcycle he tried to get to the battery — every second costing him vital points.

C/Sgt Kirkland of 1st Battalion Irish Guards was just one of over 60 men from the Army and the Royal Air Force who took part in the gruelling Rear Combat Zone 1985 Motorcycling Championships at the Haltern Training Area.

His efforts were rewarded, for the 34-year-old MT colour sergeant with the Irish Guards at

take part in the trials which were organised by Warrant Officer 1 (RSM) Bill Ellis of 23 Transport Regiment RCT based at Mönchengladbach.

One team from 62 Transport and Movements Squadron RCT travelled from Berlin.

It was a tough, character-building exercise, designed to push both men and machines to the limit, testing their ability to ride under considerable stress as well as trying to establish individual and team champions within the RCZ and encourage motorcycling as a sport.

Months of preparation went into the championships and choosing the right site for the course was crucial. Haltern turned out to be excellent.

"It was absolutely ideal," explained WO1 Ellis, "It has just about everything we need, from soft sand to tracks and water and of course on top of that it is centrally placed so it can be easily reached."

"Some sections were designed to be easy, but others were very hard indeed, plenty of sand and steep hills to test the riders and the dry, dusty conditions didn't help them much."

During the two day event there were three main stages — one being a demanding endurance race which required competitors to complete a fixed number of laps in just four hours. Few managed it. They rode both scramble and endurance, Service and competition machines with engines ranging from 125cc to 600cc and many found the going just too rough.

23 Transport Regiment swept the board in Class 1 — RCZ riders on Service machines — with Corporal Butler taking the individual title, and the prize for the most spirited performance throughout the event went to Lance Corporal Parker of 1 ADTR RCT.

Summing up WO1 Ellis said: "The course we set was very hard and as a result we had a fair number of retirements — mainly through the machines failing. There were a few spills, but they were almost always due to lack of experience or training on the part of the rider."

"Overall I am delighted with the way things went and very much look forward to next year when we set it all up again, hopefully in the same area."

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Munster was the individual winner of Class 4 — Service riders on Service machines outside the RCZ.

Competitors came from all over BAOR and from RAF Bruggen to

And David shows Dad (and the rest!)

WHEELIE-KING David Luedicke may only be 15, but already he's making his mark as a motorcycle champ as he proved in the recent Rear Combat Zone Motorcycle Championships — while many of the older riders found the going just too tough David fought his way to victory in the open class.

It was not the first taste of success for the fearless Minden youngster — last year he won the BAOR Open Class and the year before he took the Open title in the prestigious British Army Championships.

"One day I believe that David will be one of Britain's top riders — possible even an international rider," said WO1 Bill Ellis.

"He is absolutely fantastic, a natural with tremendous ability and apparently no fear at all. He is quite remarkable for his age."

Riding a KTM 125 competition bike David, a pupil at the Prince Rupert School in Minden, beat off stiff opposition which included his father, WO1 (RSM) Dick Luedicke of 4 ADTR RCT who had to make do with a second class award.

David has been motorcycling since he was just six — his father took him to competitions and his interest grew.

Now proud father has trouble keeping up with the son who has gained expert status and can no longer compete against youngsters of his own age.

"I think that David enjoys motorcycling because he is very good at it," said Dick. "He does have a great natural talent for the sport and we ride most weekends. The only trouble now is that he is far better than I am and he has to wait for me!"

So does David dream about being a great champ one day? At the moment he is concentrating far more on the thought of eight O Levels and a possible career as an Army officer.

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