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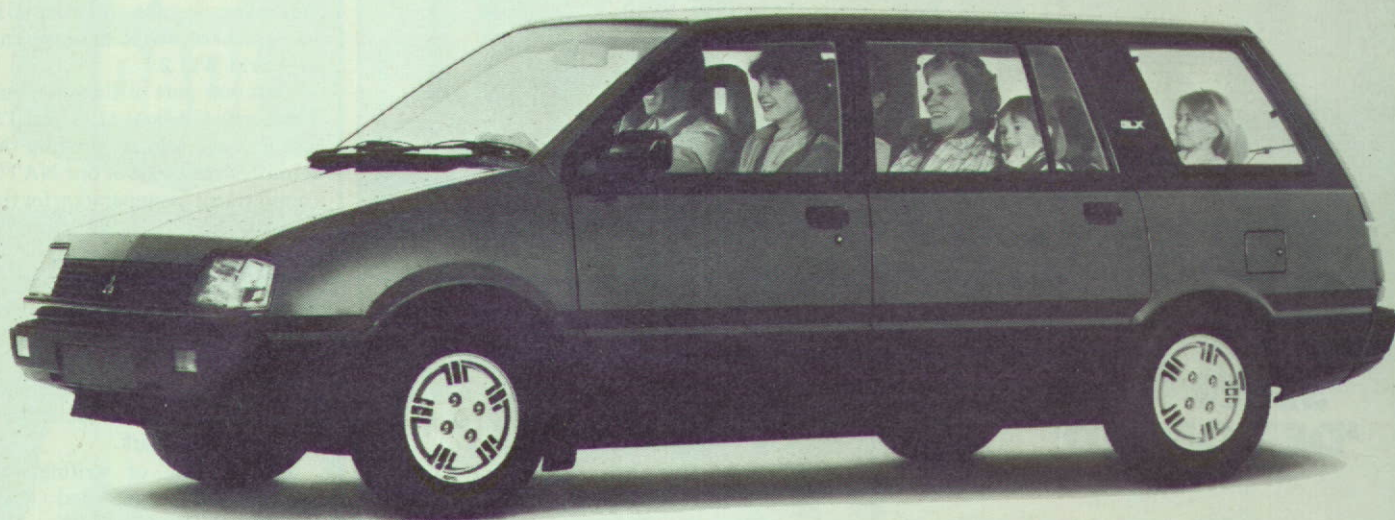


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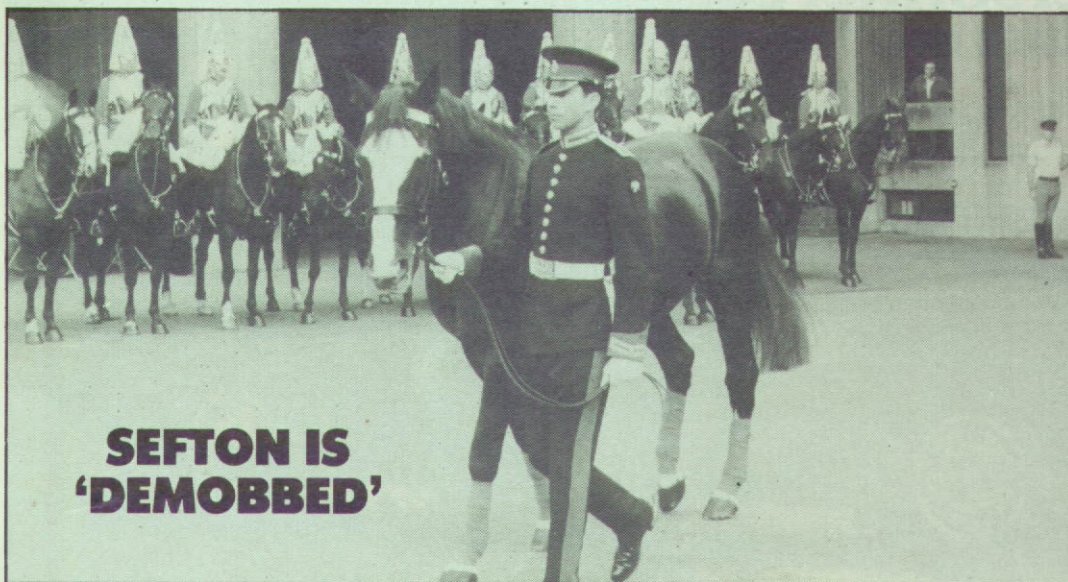


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four men of the Blues and Royals, wounded them both.

Seven horses were also killed and others injured together with 12 soldiers and six civilians.

Sefton recovered from horrific

wounds to capture the heart of the nation; became 'Horse of the Year' and portrayed in paintings, medallions, and porcelain.

Earlier this year he took part in his last Trooping the Colour.

AS SOLDIER went to press, thousands of British Army personnel have begun the move to the continent in the biggest UK movement of troops since the end of World War 2.

This was part of Exercise Full Flow, with UK-based Regular, TA and Reserve soldiers proving the reinforcement part of our NATO commitment in preparation for the massive field training Exercise Lionheart in Germany.

Much of the media interest in NATO's annual series of exercises named Autumn Forge will focus on Lionheart.

But there is also considerable UK involvement in Exercise Bold Gannet in Denmark.

At the time of writing, no untoward problems had been posed by the dock strike.

● SOLDIER writers and photographers will be covering the exercises.

Their reports and pictures will be appearing in the next two issues.

RAC 'HORSE SENSE'

THE TEENAGE soldiers from the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, are still continuing to show good 'horse sense' as willing, hard-working helpers at London's annual Horse of the Year Show in Earls Court, writes Graham Smith.

This year, as last, a party of some 50 youngsters from their Bovington base will comprise the arena party during the epitome of equestrian skills from 1-6 October.

Eight years ago, the junior soldiers were given an award for their services by a firm of sherry shippers; the first time such recognition for services rendered had been made to non-participants in the Show.

In the form of a sherry schooner glass standing atop a quartz material base, the trophy has pride of place in the office of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Fishbourne, CO of the JLR RAC.

Lieutenant Ian Stennen, a Troop Leader with A Squadron told me: "It's extremely hard work for the lads. They seem to respond working in the public eye."

"Some of the boys want to go into the Life Guards and the Blues and Royals and this venture continues their horse education. In addition to this, it makes quite a change from their normal training duties."

VETERANS SOUGHT

ALL over North West Europe, towns and cities are commemorating the 40th anniversary of their liberation, and quite clearly this process will go on for some time yet.

In France, it started with events to mark D-Day, and is still going on and the British Embassy in Paris often gets written requests from towns asking if delegations of British regimental associations can attend their various functions.

Sadly, the lead time for such pleas is often too short and so, if you were involved in the liberation of a town in France and would like to take part we suggest that YOU write initially to the mayor of the town concerned in English (in French if you can) and see whether they would like your presence — or a delegation from your regimental association... whose officials will be interested in any response.

In Belgium, Brussels recently marked their happy day of 40 years ago with the aid of the Guards and in Holland planning is going well for them to follow suit — and for those Scots for whom Waalwijk has special significance, turn to Mail Drop, page 40.

Four killed

FOUR Royal Welsh Fusiliers were killed when their car hit a bridge parapet on the A36 in Wiltshire.

Manpower increase

THE total strength of the Armed Forces at 30 June 1984 was 325,917, virtually the same as last quarter but some 4,200 (1.3%) higher than a year ago. However, while total Army numbers increased by 730 from March, the Royal Navy/Royal Marines and Royal Air Force numbers decreased by 500 and 220 respectively, the latter due to a planned reduction in intakes in order for strengths not to exceed the authorised ceiling. Both Army and Royal Air Force numbers are more than 2,000 higher than a year ago. Male officer strengths fell seasonally by some 200 in total during the quarter, but total numbers were only about 50 lower than a year ago. Servicewomen numbers con-

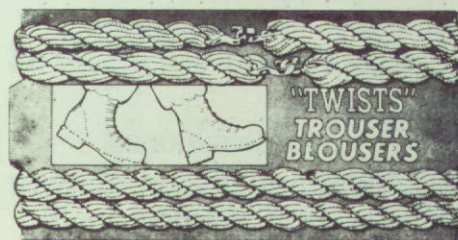
tinue to grow and their total strength is now 660 (4.9%) higher than a year ago.

Total recruitment during the April-June quarter was 8,469, about 100 lower than in the equivalent quarter of last year. Male officer and servicemen intakes remained virtually the same as a year ago.

Fine effort

AVERAGING almost six miles an hour, Corporal Frank Wolff took just 17 hours to complete a 100-mile endurance run round west Wales.

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EIGHT Toc H volunteers were really feeling the heat when they accompanied 75 children from Verden, in Germany, on a visit to the Army Fire Service at nearby Fallingbostel.

The visit was part of a three week attachment for the Toc H assistants to the Verden Play Scheme at 1st Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment, near Hannover in North Germany.

The volunteers, Mick Spinks, Pat Schofield, Pauline Cooper, Debbie Cook, Sue Biggerstaff, Steve Bradley, Anita Scrivens, and Andrea Needham, have been spending part of their summer vacations with Toc H to help provide summer entertainment and education for British Army children, aged 5-11, during their school holidays.



Youngsters learn the Fire-fighting art

46 YEARS SERVICE

ON 11 JULY 1938 Matthew Hanse Guymer was just four-foot-six tall and weighed in at five-stone-four when he decided it was going to be a career in the Army for him at the age of 14.

Now, 46 years later, Major Guymer has just retired from the Army and says he was probably the longest serving uniformed soldier in the Army, to boot. His original service number was 320976.

For the past eight years he had been based at the Army Careers Information Office in Stoke-on-Trent after a career spanning postings in places like Egypt, Normandy, Denmark, Berlin, the

West African Frontier Force in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Aden, Kenya, Malta, BAOR... and even Catterick!

His service was done with the 11th Hussars, the 7th Armoured Division, RASC and RAOC.

He said: "When I joined, the life of a soldier was valued at three-halfpence, the cost of a .303 round of ammo. The time comes to all of us when someone must wind in the string and step aside to let the youngsters have a go."

A Stafford Borough Councillor, Major Guymer (retired) serves on the international twinning committee of that body. Stafford is twinned with a town in Germany called Dreieck.



Major Guymer

THE man with his head in the vice-like grip is Corporal Mike Vavasour, of 21 Signal Regiment (Air Support), the proud father of Michael, the one who is doing the gripping. Despite any temporary discomfort, Mike has every reason to be proud, for young Michael is currently the 55k junior judo champion for both BAOR and RAF(G). Michael started judo only two years ago by joining the club at RAF Wildenrath, where Dad is stationed. His rise to prominence has been little short of phenomenal for in that time he has gone from beginner to Blue Belt. Who knows, perhaps we have an Olympic champion in the making.

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR EXPORT

MR Fred Clarke, Chairman of the Royal Ordnance Factories, was presented with the Queen's Award for Export Achievement by Sir William Bulmer, Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, at a ceremony at ROF Leeds.

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EDINBURGH FREEDOM

AFTER returning from a successful four months tour in the Falkland Islands The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) exercised for the first time their newly conferred right to march through Edinburgh with

drums beating, bayonets fixed and colours flying.

The 1st Battalion, with representatives of 2nd Bn 52nd Lowland Volunteers (TA) on parade, marched along Princes

Street.

The salute was taken on the steps of the Royal Scottish Academy at the foot of the Mound by Mr John H McKay, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh.

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FUTURE 'GOODIES' FOR ARMY AVIATION

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AS SOME 60 new aircraft were making their debut at Farnborough '84, perhaps the world's most prestigious aeronautical event in the aviation calendar and fighters like Tornado and the American F-20 Tigershark thundered overhead to thrill thousands of spectators, possible implications for future Army aviation were quietly holding sway among the 400 or so exhibitors' stands.

BAOR Lynx helicopter missiles of two generations, a fourth phase of helicopter aircrew helmets, possible replacement surveillance drones, mortar bombs, night vision binos with high resolution, moving map displays — for helicopters and even road vehicles — aerial recce platforms, tank-borne air defence systems and chemical agent detection devices were, for example, of potential interest.

On show were the tank-busting Hughes TOW (tube-launched, optically-sighted, wire-guided) missiles currently in use with the Army Air Corps three Lynx-TOW regiments in BAOR and a successor TOW 2. The Army Air Corps is currently re-equipping with I-TOW (Improved TOW) which looks like the original TOW but has a protruding plunger-type penetrator.

Another firm, Helmets Limited, is marketing an advanced light-weight helmet (1.3 kg) in which it is trying to raise Ministry of Defence interest; a helmet which can incorporate 'superior optics' and high resolution, night vision aids — ANVIS — Aviator's Night Vision Imaging System.

Mr James Blott, sales director for the firm, said: "We have been making aircrew helmets since 1952 and this new helmet is seen as an additional benefit as a fourth generation development. It is going to be more acceptable to aircrew and a lot more comfortable as people have decided to hang more and more things on helicopter headgear. The task of flying a helicopter has become more difficult and centralising the aids in one place has meant moving back in the other direction."

Serious contenders for Royal Artillery usage are two new surveillance drones on offer by Canadair. The firm has its eye fixed on possible replacement for the Midge 501 drone currently in service with 94th Locating Regiment's three batteries in BAOR. The regiment returns to the UK next month.



Line-up of helicopters

Midge has been in service with the Army since 1972.

On offer are the CL-289 and CL-227 and the West Germans are to take on the former in 1988 with general service production starting in two years. The CL-289 is designed for Corps level, the CL-227, a remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) at Brigade level and called the 'flying peanut'.

The CL-289 carries both photographic and infra-red sensors.

Philips are trying to interest the Army in a high-resolution night observation viewing aid for surveillance and observation.

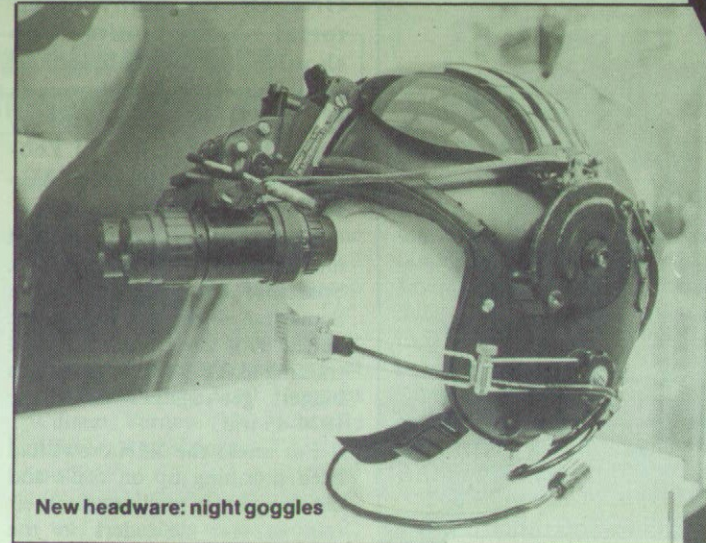
GEC Avionics have unveiled for the first time, a moving map display intended for helicopter crews but equally adaptable for road vehicles and even armoured fighting vehicles.



Canadair's surveillance drone



Super Puma: one of three hopeful contenders as an RAF battlefield troop carrier.



New headware: night goggles



TOW 2 display

It is a digitised colour map which was shown in operation on a small TV screen. It is a system which allows over-writing and up-dating, continuous scrolling, an automatic or manual zoom facility, smooth display rotation and an instant map scale change. It can also look ahead at its destination — a boon for the many troop movement convoys across the arteries of BAOR.

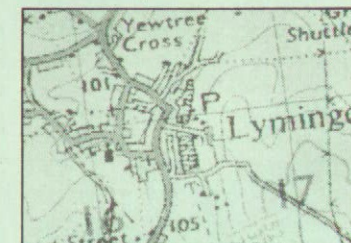
CQ Defence was fielding two products they say have attracted Ministry of Defence interest; a shoulder-fired air launcher and a

general purpose vehicle-mounted launcher.

Air defence of possible interest to the Army was being pushed by the Royal Ordnance Factory and its Chieftain-Sabre project with twin 30mm turret-mounted anti-aircraft guns.

Of definite appeal was a video showing the effects of the MLRS (Multiple Rocket Launch System) due to enter Army service late this decade: a system that ripple-fires 12 rockets in less than a minute at targets up to 30 kilometres away.

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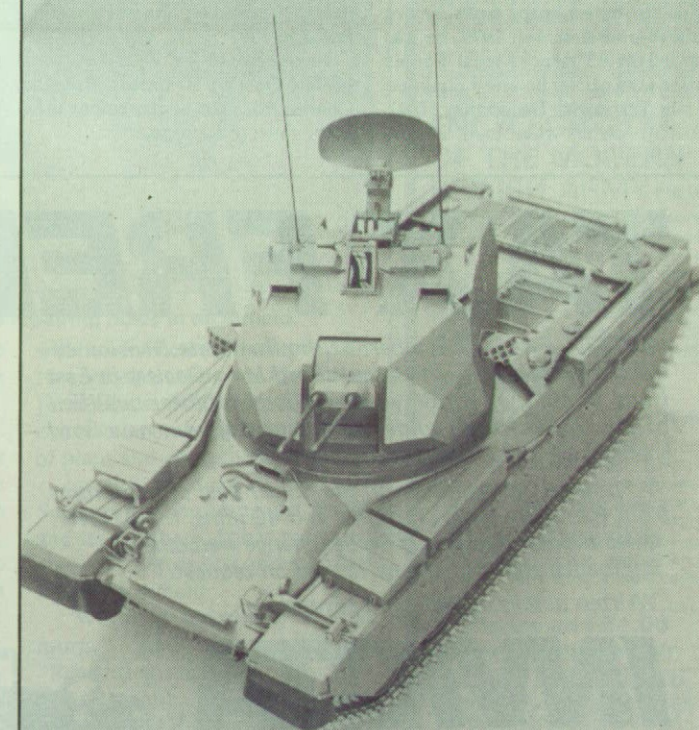


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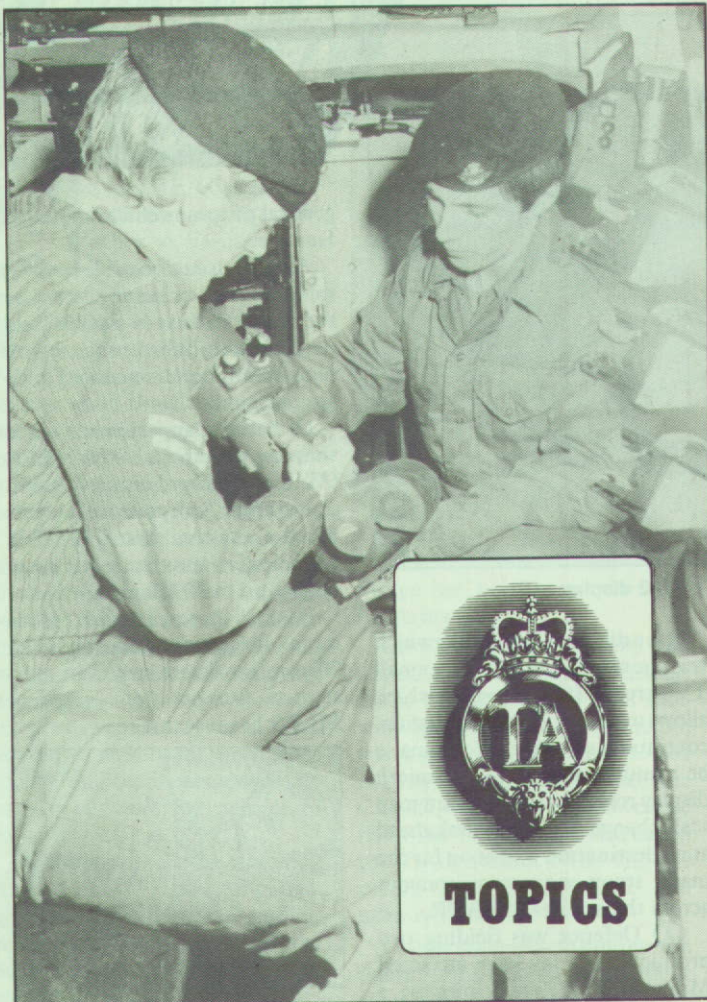
New-look night sight

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Model of Chieftain-Sabre

LIONHEART TESTING GROUND



ONE OF the many Territorial Army units who should now be well locked into Exercise Lionheart is D (The North Irish Horse) Squadron, The Royal Yeomanry, writes JOHN MARGETTS.

With 20 Fox armoured cars and nine new tracked vehicles — six Spartans, two Sultans and a Samaritan — the 148-strong unit honed up their vehicles and training to take part in the Army's biggest get-together since the 1939-45 war.

For weeks the NIH crews had been polishing up on drills and maintenance in readiness for their role as rear defenders in the Detmold areas.

Now they are there doing their bit along with 132,000 other troops from every arm of the Service.

Commanded by Major Gavin Lapworth, they meet every weekend and every Thursday at their Dunmore Park Camp base.

"We aim to get everyone to attend parades at least twice a month," said Captain Richard Currie of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, a Regular officer attached

to the unit. "We can't afford any hangers-on."

It was unlikely that they had any, since everyone in the unit had declared his intention to take part in Lionheart.

"I'm certainly going," said a young driver. "Wouldn't miss it for anything."

His words were echoed by the corporal and those around.

Getting the vehicles and crews to Detmold involved much planning for using road, sea, air and rail transport.

First the 'A' vehicles (tracked) were loaded two to a container to travel by ship and road destined for the Continent and a rail journey to Sennelager.

In the meantime, their crews were due to fly by RAF Hercules to Lyneham to rejoin their vehicles later.

For the 'B' vehicle men it meant a long drive following the Irish Sea crossing and joining up with the others.

Now, with more than 80 years of military glory and history behind them, D Squadron of the NIH is out to show that they, too, can achieve the same standards, spirit and loyalty of their regiment of yesteryear

► The Irishmen ensure all is well for the Lionheart test.

MAJOR'S RARE DOUBLE

MAJOR Derek Mirams, the mechanical transport officer of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, has achieved a rare double.

For his service in the ranks, before being commissioned in 1972, he was awarded the Efficiency Medal. For his service as an officer he's now qualified for the Territorial Decoration (TD). His unit claims that it is almost

unknown for one man to be awarded both medals.

Major Mirams joined the TA in 1951 and was commissioned as a lieutenant nearly 20 years later. He was promoted major in 1982.

He received his TD from the Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, Brigadier Charles Millman, at a ceremony in his home town of Ramsgate.

FREEDOM OF NEWCASTLE

NEWCASTLE City Council, is to give the highest civic honour of Freeman of the City of Newcastle to 201 (Northern) General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers).

The TA unit is based at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle, with detachments at Cramlington and Coulby Newham and includes doctors, dentists and nurses who have to be professionally

qualified when joining.

Other trades such as combat medical technicians, clerks, cooks and drivers are trained by the unit.

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A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WAY - OF TA-ING

**The biggest ever ADR exercise
- see special feature, page 26**

THE current enhancement of the Territorial Army and other part time services has produced something of a buyers' market for the would be volunteer.

With so many people looking for new recruits the business of signing them on has become much more competitive.

So says Brigadier Tony Kendall, the commander of 12 Engineer Brigade (ADR), and he should know.

For his brigade is hoping to raise a total of eight field squadrons of volunteers to provide damage repair cover for RAF airfields in Britain in time of war.

This is a new role for the TA and to some extent it is still in the experimental stage. It was only in the late '70s that the decision was made to try volunteers for ADR (airfield damage repair) duties, as the Regular Sappers, with responsibilities for the RAF's operational airfields in Germany, did not have the resources to cover the UK as well.

In 1979 a trial detachment was set up at RAF Leuchars in Scotland to see whether volunteers could take on the task. For two years their efforts were monitored until it was decided to go ahead with the formation of 277 Field Squadron (ADR) (V), the first TA unit of its kind.

"The squadron at Leuchars has been surprisingly successful," Brigadier Kendall told me.

"It has become operational quicker than most people expected, including myself. It has done two full scale exercises already with the RAF and achieved a pretty good rating."

There were limits to what the volunteers could do. They could not, for example, take on the responsibility for restoring essential services to an airfield which was part of the role of a Regular Sapper squadron. But, said the Brigadier, they could repair runways given sufficient time for training.

So what is the attraction of ADR? Why should it lure the potential volunteer away from the many other units which are also looking for recruits?

Major John Clarke is OC 216 Field Squadron (ADR) (V) which is due to move to its airfield in Norfolk in April and become fully operational a couple of years later.

He believes the heavy plant is the big attraction — "the big toys that people like to pay with." But there is also the lure of the novelty

of the unit's role — working in close harmony with the RAF.

The same thing appeals to some of the squadrons more seasoned NCOs all of whom have served with other TA units.

"It's more interesting because we are pioneering a new type of squadron," says Staff Sergeant William Verney. "It's a totally different way of normal TA-ing if you like."

Corporal Fred Crudge thought it was time for a change after 21 years with the same unit. "I've never regretted moving. It's really

Brigadier Kendall reinforced this view: "In many units, particularly the Sappers, there is a tendency to try to make a TA soldier a jack of all trades, whereas here we have basically one thing they can concentrate on and become good at."

They are also on one station and they can identify themselves with that station and get to know the RAF people there."

The volunteer squadrons will be much smaller than their Regular counterparts — only 80 men against over 200. And their job

with the Ministry of Roads in Taunton where there is no local Sapper unit for him to join. Unrestricted by geography the squadron has found recruits in the north east of England as well as the south west.

Sponsored units, having no home of their own, train for two years at Waterbeach, the home of 12 Engineer Brigade (ADR), before being allowed on their airfield.

By contrast, the policy in Scotland has been to form two independent squadrons, recruited and trained locally. It has already worked well at RAF Leuchars.

"They are all local people," Brigadier Kendall said. "But the other squadrons, with the exception of one in Scotland, are sponsored units which means they don't necessarily recruit locally and they don't train as frequently."

"Therefore it is a bit difficult to say whether they are going to be quite as successful. At this stage I would be guardedly optimistic."

Story: Robert Higson

Picture: Doug Pratt



Cpls Jim Taylor and Fred Crudge repairing holes in an airfield.

been a good experience on all the different types of plant that we are using."

Captain Dick Jenkinson, OC Training Wing, made the point that ADR volunteers had the advantage of doing a job for which they could see a clear need.

"You have a specific task to do in war and you know where that task is and what it is," he said. "It's not an open ended task like, say, repairing the supply routes. You know that you have physically got to go to RAF Marham and repair a runway so that aircraft can take off. There is a lot involved, but you know precisely what you are doing and where you are helping."

will be confined to runway repair. Nevertheless, someone like Major John Clarke will have under his command some £3 million worth of plant and equipment.

At the moment 216 Field Squadron is building up its kit and its numbers. It has recruited about 60 men or just under 75% of its establishment.

"We keep struggling to find more," said Major Clarke. "Recruiting nationally we've got to put our message across nationally. Of course the best recruiter is the satisfied soldiers so we rely to a certain extent on those in the unit to bring friends."

A sponsored unit suits Major Clarke. He is a chartered engineer

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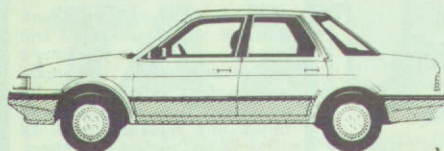
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We expect that the British commitment will be underlined professionally once again by our men and women and, together with our Allies, that the NATO message of determination to keep the peace will be readily understood all over the world.

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Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff will be the focal point of the ceremony to mark the liberation of the Dutch city of 's-Hertogenbosch by the 53rd Welsh Division in October 1944.

Veterans of the famous units that took part in the fierce six-day battle for the old fortress town are invited to be present on Saturday 27 October, along with members of the present day successors of the World War 2 units represented by Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, 104 Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery, 3rd Battalion, Royal Welch Fusiliers, the 3rd and 4th Battalions, Royal Regiment of Wales, 53 (Wales) Signal Squadron and 203 (Wales) General Hospital.

Local regimental associations are already planning participation for the ceremony which is likely to include a parade outside the City

SOLDIER to Soldier

Hall in Cardiff. Veterans are invited to contact their regimental association for details.

's-Hertogenbosch, in addition to maintaining a memorial to those Welshmen who fell, also hosts an annual visit by veterans.

This year is being marked by the production of a special film. Available on video tape, the film of the 'greatest battle' of the 53rd Welsh Division uses veterans and eye witnesses and has been made by the town and will be available before the anniversary.

Details can be obtained from Mr H P Pennington, Vice Secretary of 's-Hertogenbosch 1944, Flat 19, James Howell House, Princes Court, The Walk, Cardiff CF2 3AU.

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Among those taking part in the Glasgow Marathon on 30 September will be two serving soldiers, a married woman and Captain (Retired) O C L Light, Chief Executive — all endeavouring to raise funds for the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.

The Society, the only ex-service organisation dealing with all categories of mental illness covering RN, Army, RAF and Merchant Navy, has a target... £560,000 to purchase, alter and equip a former hotel in Ayrshire. This will then cater for psychiatric casualties living in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Northern England.

The runners — four among an expected 15,000! — will welcome sponsorship or donations for the cause. If you wish to help, or want further information, then contact Capt Light at the Society offices 3 Cadogan Street, Glasgow G2 6QE (Tel: 041-221 1303).

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IT ALL seems to be happening in Verden. Last year the winners were three dashing British officers' wives during the Anglo/German Team Time Chase held on Verden racecourse courtesy of the Rennverein.

And, we are told, the event returns to the racetrack for a third time on Saturday, November 17 with the possible offer of prize money totalling DM2,500.

Anyone interested in Verden Garrison's Team Time Chase event should contact Lance Corporal C H Lomas, Army Catering Corps, HQ Squadron, 1 Armoured Division HQ and Signal Regiment, BFPO 32.

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WE ERRED in our recent Berlin coverage (27 August) in saying East German guards would send back any British travellers on the Helmstedt-Berlin corridor with incorrect documentation.

We should, of course, have said 'Russian' guards — because British servicemen and dependents are under instruction to show travel documents to Soviet authorities *only* and to deal with them in transit in German Democratic Republic territory.

In apologising for any confusion caused we take this opportunity to remind travellers — particularly those travelling to Berlin for the first time — to follow the briefing instructions given prior to departure and to deal only with the Soviet authorities. They are solely responsible for the safety of Allied travellers in the GDR and for the checking of documentation.

CHRISTMAS 1944 ... the last Yuletide of a long war. Forty years on we are asking readers to look back and recall for modern readers what that particular Christmas meant.

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Marchwood: hive of activity.



Not all the British soldiers, Regular and TA, have headed for Germany and Exercise Lionheart, as writer Graham Smith discovered when he looked at the question of another exercise in another location ...

BOLD GANNET: A SYMBOL OF WILL IN VIKING LAND

AS THE eyes of the 600 invited world's press — and those of a dozen Warsaw Pact observers — are rivetted on the tactical happenings of BAOR's massive exercise Lionheart, another vital exercise is taking place on the Island of Zealand in Denmark's Exercise Bold Gannet.

Less heralded, perhaps, but equally important in an AMF (L) context and considered by some cynical British wits as Lionheart's "Cinderella" counterpart, Exercise Bold Guard involved 35,000 troops, 12,500 of them British and nearly 4,000 of those from the TA.

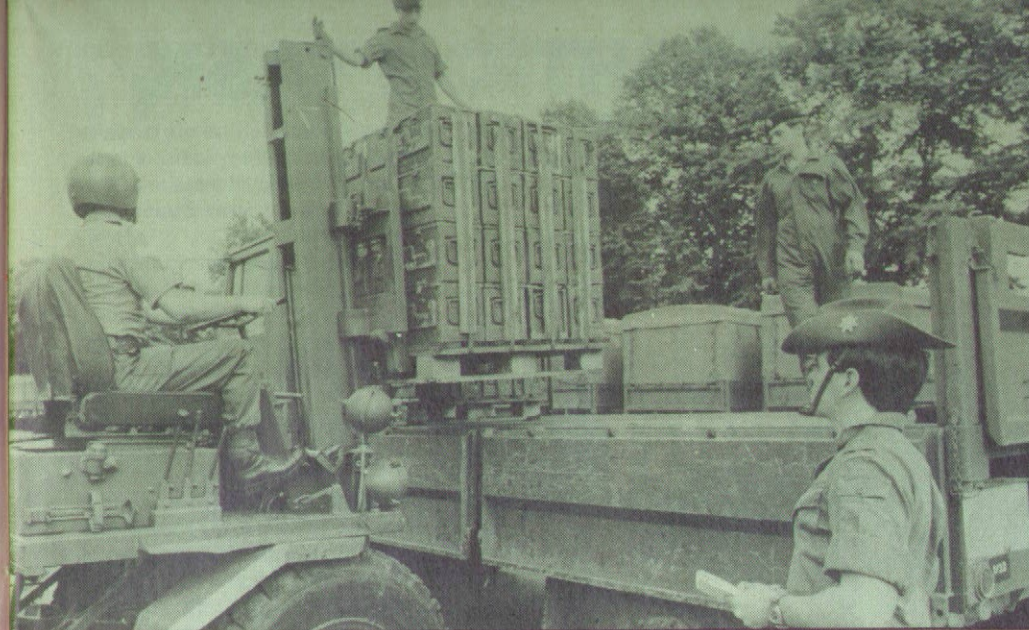
Spearheading the UK in-put into this reinforcement exercise out over a sprawling 180-square-miles of Danish countryside was 1 Infantry Brigade, the big punch of the UKMF (United Kingdom Mobile Force) which has its HQ

at Tidworth and is the UK's most exercised brigade formation.

Out of 20 AMF (L) exercises this year of various sizes in the BALTAP — Baltic Approaches — area, 1 Infantry Brigade will have taken part in 17 of them.

Retracing the route of the Viking long ships of 1,000 years ago, three LSLs took 180 vehicles from the military port of Marchwood near Southampton on the 36-hour sea trip to Esbjerg, Jutland, where they assembled to make up nearly 3,000

Australian interest: Lieutenant Mark Mackay, right.



Last minute checks.



vehicles from the four nations — British, German, Dutch and Danish — plying the host nation's roads, lanes and tracks.

Among the main British units taking part in Exercise Bold Gannet — the manoeuvres alternate each year between Jutland and Germany's Schleswig-Holstein — were men from 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers; 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets; 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment; 3rd Battalion, The Light Infantry; 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery; 22 Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers; 'D' Squadron, 4th Royal Tank Regiment; and the TA's 1st Battalion, The Wessex Regiment.

Aboard the three LSLs were 113 tracked vehicles of all seven variants of Scorpion, Scimitar, Sultan, Samson, Striker, Samaritan and Spartan belonging to 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, the Army's first regiment to receive all types.

Denmark's Zealand was another geographical place of work for the Lancers who have served in recent months in Beirut, Cyprus and Belize.

Apart from one unserviceable engine which was replaced and scant delay caused by time-consuming cam-netting of the EFVs, all had been driven the 33 road miles down to Marchwood from Tidworth avoiding sleepy Hampshire villages in the early hours in time for the four-hour dockside loading sequence.

Mainstay MT support was given by the Tidworth-resident 66 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, part of 27 LSG (Logistic Support Group).

Under the direction of squadron commander, Major Hugh Jones they shipped out tons of spares ranging from armoured car engines to RAF Puma helicopter main rotor blades; from tents to camp beds.

The squadron, incidentally, has

up to 30 of its personnel at any one time serving 8,000 miles from home in the Falklands.

Going out on Bold Gannet with the squadron was Australian exchange officer, Lieutenant Mark Mackay, who is in the UK for four months and whose native country's Army of 32,000 men is fractionally smaller than the total taking part in the Danish exercise!

'Very valuable experience...'

Women, too, were involved in Exercise Bold Gannet comprising 120 QAs from 257 (General Hospital) London, another 30 from 2 Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps and five more making up exercise umpires and controllers.

Simulating willing battlefield "casualties" were 350 junior soldiers drawn mostly from the RAMC but also the Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

This dispensed with the need to take soldiers from essential duties such as driving armoured cars, manning radios or even digging trenches!

Brigadier Willie Rous, Commander of the 8,500-strong 1 Infantry Brigade, told me: "I think the training value of an Exercise like Bold Gannet gives us in the UK with an all-Regular, volunteer Army, a very valuable experience in working alongside those with whom we might, if deterrence failed, one day have to fight alongside."

"I think the fact we go on exercise with our Allies certainly fosters friendships and, I hope, mutual respect."

"It also improves our knowledge of the ground where we may have to fight and that of the equipment and capability of our Allies. For all those reasons Bold Gannet is a very important exercise."

"If British participation in it aids deterrence and helps avoid war, so much the better. Bold Gannet demonstrates not only our capability of reinforcement and the

fact we are prepared to spend money to do it but it is a symbol of our political will to carry out that capability."

The Commander also had some eve-of-exercise thoughts about the professional performance of his men both on and off the "battlefield" during their stay in Denmark.

He said: "BAOR is used to seeing British soldiers but because no foreign troops are permanently trained on Danish soil the Danes — and our Nato allies — are very much looking at British soldiers and what they are like."

"The last British they saw in any numbers were the football hooligans who ripped Copenhagen apart. Our soldiers are expected to be not only excellent soldiers but ambassadors, guests of the Danes. They have been told this accordingly."

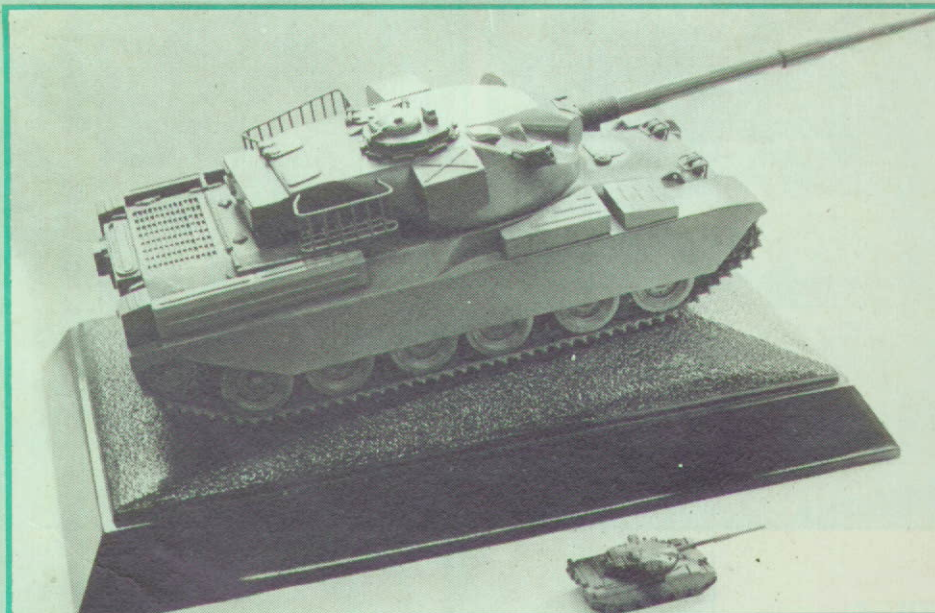
"I am most anxious they enjoy themselves. They are going to a lovely part of the world at a very attractive time of the year. They are doing something we all volunteered to do — soldiering. If that is not a recipe for fun. ..."

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Still they roll up!

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AS SECTIONS of British soldiers clamber into or sprint away from their eight-tonne APCs and others come across Chieftain tanks lurking beside barns in Exercise Lionheart in Germany the chances are that many of them will have had some of their tactical training on vehicle recognition taught to them using miniature scale models.

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THE EVENTS in the Falklands fighting of more than two years ago revitalised the imperative need for all of the Services to work together operationally instead of on a single Service basis. And nowhere is this tenet more consciously and consistently emphasised than among the Joint Warfare Staff (JWS) based at Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces at Wilton, near Salisbury.

There, in a two-storey, red-brick building, a small nucleus of uniformed staff with international in-put patiently pass on the doctrines of 'jointery' in the operating of common procedures within the Nato Alliance on joint warfare techniques — land, air and amphibious — to nearly 300 students a year on courses 50 miles away in Poole, Dorset.

The fervent hope: that such expertise imparted through academic and practical tutorials to Nato, Commonwealth and UK officer student subscribers at more senior level will be taken back to their originating units, implanted in their relevant tactical procedures and that all will go according to plan come any major conflict in the Central Region, Northern Nato flanks or wherever.

Two of the JWS tutors are acting as observers during this month's BAOR blockbuster, Exercise Lionheart and neighbouring Denmark's AMF (L) venture, Exercise Bold Gannet.

Captain Dick Smith, RN, the JSW Deputy Director, told me: "We were formed here at Wilton in January of last year after certain experiences in the Falklands where some people, it seemed, did not know what some other people in the fighting forces were doing during the fighting."

His unit moved to Wilton replacing the Joint Warfare Wing at the National Defence College (NDC) Latimer which, itself, had closed in 1981. Its Joint Warfare Wing was terminated with the graduation of the last Nato course in July — a month after the Falklands victory.

Two months later, in September, a decision was taken to continue joint warfare instruction and analysis with a reduced staff.

Among its tri-Service personnel now are an American Air Force lieutenant colonel, a Royal Marines lieutenant colonel, a Royal Navy commander, an RAF wing commander, an American Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, a British Army colonel and lieutenant colonel.

The formal charter of JWS is 'to develop, teach and disseminate doctrine or joint/combined operations in a non-nuclear conflict in both a Nato and non-Nato environment.'

THREE MILES from the cathedral city of Salisbury is the HQ for a seat of learning where they try to get all three Services convinced of the vital need to ...

THINK AND ACT TOGETHER



Story: Graham Smith Picture: Paul Haley
Planning for Malaysian journey. From left, back: Commander Arthur de Labilliere, RN, and Wing Commander Paul Constable, RAF. Front: Lieutenant Colonel Richard Dixon, RM, Captain Dick Smith, RN, and Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Jones, RTR.

All a far cry from 1917 when Ford Farm was taken over a few miles away as RAF Old Sarum, as it would be known, to accommodate expansion of Britain's newest military service where, three years later, the School of Army Co-Operation was set up to train RAF pilots in reconnaissance duties and Army officers as air intelligence liaison officers.

Today, the JWS modestly claims to be the Nato leader in air-ground teachings, those involving the principles, planning and conduct of joint conventional offensive and defensive air operations primarily within Allied Command Europe (ACE).

Those courses, like three others on offer, are aimed at officers about to take up Nato HQ staff appointments.

In all, about 275 subscribers attend the Staff's 11 courses spanning four main themes down at Royal Marines Poole. The other three — in addition to air-ground — are the Senior Officers' Joint Warfare (colonels, brigadiers and Nato equivalents) Joint Warfare (majors and lieutenant-colonels); and Amphibious Warfare Planning (Naval lieutenants and captains).

Captain Smith, the RN DDJWS said: "We get every Nato nation sending people to our courses. We have even had a Spaniard and that was very interesting. It's great fun and we learn a lot from them. There is a great inter-change of information on what is going on in Nato."

"We also go and observe a lot of exercises like this month's Lionheart in BAOR and Bold Gannet in Denmark. We looked at Teamwork 84 in northern Norway and may travel to the southern flanks next month to see Exercise Display Determination."

The JWS also sends teams, by relevant government invitation, further afield. A five-man team is, this month, visiting Malaysia and Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, six United States Air Force officers based in Florida were spending four days at JWS boning-up on air-ground operations with a US mainland national defence connotation.

Captain Smith, said: "I think these visits give a wonderful exchange of ideas. The Americans are some of our best customers attending our courses. It all helps tremendously."

One such American exchange

officer at JWS and an air-ground instructor is USAF pilot Lieutenant Colonel Ron Brekke who has some 1,500 hours on A-7 Corsairs.

He said: "The courses provide a two-way process, getting to know the people on them who are very knowledgeable about the areas from where they come. Split up into syndicates, their questions and answers keep us, at JWS, up to speed."

"We are not immediately concerned they come up with the right answers. There are many ways of attacking a problem."

"They come up with an answer and we will give a critique. It's possible, I suppose, their solutions are better than ours but we are not prejudiced or biased."

Guidance

A typical problem for them, he suggested, might be that they imagine themselves as advisors to COMBALTAP — Commander Baltic Approaches — where they have to offer sound guidance and judgment on the correct use of available air assets.

Monitoring their progress through logical thought processes and priorities of rationality during potential crisis and flash-point are the JWS eight instructors who have recourse to Wilton's resident Logistics Planning Staff.

Lt Col Brekke reminded: "The Services are pretty efficient in doing their single set jobs but where they can run into problems is where we have exercises in which the Services are required to work to just one common goal."

Colleague Lieutenant Colonel Ray Leighton, Royal Artillery, an instructor in Offensive Support (OS) and Air Defence (AD), summed up: "Our courses deal with the tactical side, command and control side of joint warfare. The problems of who commands what, when and where and who orders who to do what, when and where. Decisions on the doctrine of making some sort of formulated plan depending on the scenario of a particular exercise."

"The students really do appreciate the value of our courses as a prelude to working in their eventual staff appointments."

"It provides them with a skeleton on which they can expand on how an organisation should be set up. It also makes it easier for us working with them."

"They can build their own procedures round the principles we put across and monitor their own exercises employing those principles which are well-established now."

"Lessons from the Falklands were very relevant and revitalised the need for joint warfare courses which have now become something of a growth industry."

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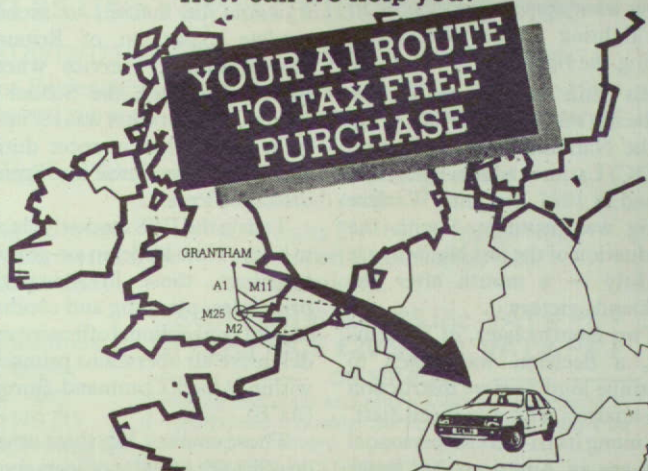


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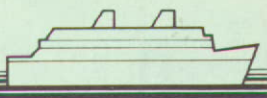
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CHANGE FROM ROUTINE OF SAVING LIFE!

THE FIELD ambulances disgorged their gory passengers with sickening regularity. Casualty reception sprang into action each time the bloodied stretchers were manhandled through the canvas flaps into the makeshift hospital.

The first job for the nurses and RAMC medical assistants was to establish whether the casualties were still breathing. Sometimes immediate resuscitation was required.

A hurried glance at the scant documentation attached to each casualty established the nature of his injury and from there he received the treatment necessary to save life or limb.

If he was one of the lucky ones, within 48 hours he was on his way down the line either to a general hospital still in the forward combat zone or further away to safety. At



Action in the operating theatre.

that point, 33 Field Hospital had done its best within its limited capability and needed the bed for those in a more critical condition.

The enemy was gaining ground in the area north of Swindon and Chippenham and the hospital was

forced to retreat south. Complications arose in moving the more able casualties (Priority IIIs) out to the rear combat zone, when the

Pictures: PAUL HALEY

railhead was switched to Wilton because Warminster was bombed.

The safety of the hospital was at all times under threat and the staff risked their own lives in trying to save others.

Well, all right, so this is all notional, but, in training for its role in war, the Cambridge Military Hospital has to be as serious in its endeavours as any other Army unit. It is ironic, perhaps, that unlike most military exercises, a MASH exercise is less life-like than the real job of work back at Aldershot where the staff are indeed saving lives.

But as a military unit, its war role is as clearly defined as its peacetime function.

Hence Exercise Petit Mash — the first time ever the Cambridge has been exercised as a field hospital. For most nurses picked for the exercise, (back at base, residual staff kept the hospital functioning as normal) it was the first time they had even been in combats and boots.

Some QARANC officers had at least taken part in a three-day field exercise at the end of their induction course but a full week under canvas was a new experience for the majority.

In all, 181 personnel were involved including TA representatives from 219 General Hospital in Bristol and 204 General Hospital from Northern Ireland. A male/female ratio of three to two reflected the likely staffing should the Cambridge ever be required to execute its war role for real.

For many of the QA nurses — under the command of one of the Cambridge's Deputy Matrons, Lieutenant Colonel Joan Clune — Exercise Petit Mash was their initial experience of handling filthy 'battle-weary' soldiers, their wounds hastily dressed by medics at the dressing station.

"I think they have all enjoyed it really once they got here and settled in," said Colonel Clune.

"They like the change from the hospital and it is good for them to meet men from other units and the TA."

The conditions, of course, were very different from those in Aldershot. A total of five departments comprised resuscitation, pre-op, a two-table operating theatre, two wards and casualty evacuation where sometimes the number of casualties exceeded the evacuation capability causing congestion problems.

Equipment was basic given that the priority was immediate life-saving treatment but it did run to an antiquated X-ray machine. Stringent sterilisation was naturally impractical but, as the staff pointed out, the incidence of sepsis is far less in the field than in enclosed buildings because the fresh air blows away much of the harmful bacteria.

**'It gets
more like
'MASH' every
minute'**

The two-and-a-half-day stock of certain pre-packed sterile items, such as dressings and bandages, was in constant rotation since the field hospital has a resupply commitment to the forward dressing stations and regimental aid posts. Other stores were the responsibility of Lieutenant Colonel John Morris who clearly relished his job of keeping the hospital ticking over even though, to misquote the Book of Exodus, he was given no straw yet still had to produce a tale of bricks.

Water was a major problem. Bowers needed constant refilling and there was only one tap in the entire camp. But as always, necessity was the mother of invention. Surgeons Colonel Brian Mayes, Lieutenant Colonel Mike ('Hawkeye') Payne and nursing officer Major Eric Grueber rigged up a field shower unit consisting of a pit, an upturned bread basket and a hand pump. This really was a case of 'showering with a friend' since it needed someone to stand



Cooks rise to the occasion.

RAMC Cap Badge
— see page 37

outside the canvas screen pumping the water from a bucket.

"It gets more like *MASH* every minute," commented Commanding Officer, Colonel Max Roberts indulgently.

Understandably, none of the QA officers was happy about using the shower on a regular basis but a sporting Lieutenant Cathy Medley obliged for our photograph. Only in the Army since November, she nevertheless threw herself into the exercise with characteristic gusto.

"We've certainly had a laugh and a joke here but even though the casualties are make-believe, we're all professionals and we switch to our roles automatically. As a nurse, if I see someone bleeding, I immediately react as I have been taught. It doesn't matter that the blood is not real.

"Cleanliness is a problem because all the water we have is from buckets and jerry-cans. But we manage somehow and we use 'non-touch' techniques as much as possible."

Whatever the conditions were like elsewhere, however, the standard of catering was as high as it is back at the Cambridge. Catering Officer Major John Carson, always one to turn a pig's ear into a silk purse, produced plentiful and satisfying fare on demand. Whether the staff would really be enjoying raspberry-filled meringue nests in time of war is questionable — but they were jolly good!

After getting himself soaked pumping the water for Lieutenant Medley's shower, Lieutenant Colonel Payne commented on the value of the exercise:

"It depends on how you define the aim of the exercise. In practising the work of a field hospital in war, then I suppose it has only been of limited value simply because of the casualty load.

"In reality, we would have to cope with a great many more than casualty control can supply on an occasion like this.

"But where we have gained, is in giving a lot of young medical staff, male and female, experience in the field. They have had to learn to adapt their skills to field conditions while at the same time keeping clean and tidy."

And since a hospital — field or general — is only as good as its personnel, then the more experience they gain must surely increase

its efficiency.

As 'End-Ex' approached, the casualties petered out to a trickle and the camp's attention turned to the barbeque and disco organised by the RSM, Warrant Officer 1 Eric Reach. The prospect of a shower and the weekend off cheered the faintest heart. Then it was back to real life and real casualties.



Gentlemanly assistance — and averted eyes!



Keeping another 'customer' alive...



OPINION

OVER the past few months I have highlighted on these pages the discrimination against Service wives in respect of a wide range of DHSS benefits. As a result, I have received a number of letters expressing individual problems all of which I am investigating but each case will, I fear, take some time to resolve.

However, worthy of particular mention I think, are the disturbing facts concerning wives signing on for Unemployment Benefit (UB) in UK prior to joining their husbands overseas.

Here is an example which shows the difficulties you may face in similar circumstances:

One wife signed on at the correct time and naturally expected to receive her biweekly letter followed by her E303, that is, the proof necessary to claim her three months UB under the EEC reciprocal arrangements.

You can imagine her surprise there-

fore, when she received a letter from the DHSS saying she was not entitled. I checked this with the Department of Employment who said that neither they nor anyone else has jurisdiction over an Adjudicating Officer or his decisions and the only recourse is to appeal.

So, now it appears that some offices say yes and some say no. The decision is as unpredictable as tossing a coin. If a wife cannot establish a claim prior to leaving the UK she can lose 12 weeks UB at £27 a week. In the case mentioned, the Adjudicating Officer did not even consider that she left her job voluntarily and would therefore still be entitled to six weeks UB under EEC regulations.

Frankly, I am appalled that even before a wife leaves the UK her chances of claiming UB can be so uncertain. Further if her claim fails, an appeal conducted from overseas is not easy. From experience with the few I have tried to help, it is extremely difficult and if anyone has successfully appealed I should be interested to hear their case.

Guidance and advice in following the appeal procedure is limited but there are available two excellent books — *Social Security Appeals* by Chapelton CAB, Tribunal Assistance Unit and *National CAB Guide: I Want to Appeal*.

Writing the correct letter within the time limit, collecting evidence (that is, stating the grounds for appeal) and finding someone to represent your case are just a few of the immense difficulties facing a wife wishing to make an appeal.

Often the 28 days allowed to lodge

an appeal from overseas is insufficient time, given the many other responsibilities a wife has in her first month in an overseas posting, but it is possible to write seeking an extension. I believe few people know this as the DHSS letter gives no indication that such extensions are permissible.

Whether in Hong Kong, Germany or Cyprus, of the wives I asked why they did not appeal, the majority answered "It's impossible. I just did not know where to begin. I asked in the unit and no-one could advise me." A number said they would have appealed but found they were out of time or they could not find anyone in UK to act for them. None knew they could write asking for more time.

This is a sorry state of affairs and one which must be cleared up. As I have said in my letters to the MOD, the Armed Forces Pay Review Body and the Daily Mail, this is an area requiring much more publicity. It took a full page article in the Daily Mail to persuade the Social Security Minister to say he would look into the matter immediately and issue a subsequent press release explaining the tightening up of the rules.

Now after seven years, we are still almost at square one again!

I intend to raise this issue once more and ask that wives everywhere know who to approach for advice. Meanwhile SSAFA has helped with tribunal appeals and the Army Legal Branch may also be able to advise although branches are not established in every overseas posting.

So remember, if you receive a refusal for UB from the DHSS and the offer to appeal, then do so. Write that you wish to appeal but add that because you are overseas may you please have an extension to the 28 days allowed as it will take longer to collate the necessary information. It is worth getting a certificate of posting.

Finally, if anyone would like a copy of a draft letter to the DHSS, just drop me a line here at SOLDIER and I will help.

Anne Armstrong

Home tel: Camberley 29653

NB NCMA Grants

If you are a member of the National Childminding Association, has your group applied for a NCMA grant from the DHSS Under Fives Initiative. If not, then think about it, contact your local regional representative or NCMA 204/206 High Street, Bromley, Kent, B11 1PP for grant application details.

USEFUL

With the growing number of Mother and Toddler Clubs in Army stations, a useful book to read is "Running a Mother and Toddler Club" by Joyce Donoghue published by Unwin Paperbacks. This book contains useful guidelines, ideas and suggestions for running such a club.

I am 21 and a post-graduate student studying Economics at University.

My father is stationed in Celle.

I am presently in the middle of my summer vacation which I typically spend with my parents in Germany, since I have no other home in England.

My grant is only sufficient for the academic year September-June, therefore, since I am staying in Germany and unable to claim dole money, I have no means of supporting myself which leaves me dependant on my parents.

It seems terribly unfair that I should be living with my parents financially unable to pay my share of the housekeeping. However, if my parents were living in England there would be no problem.

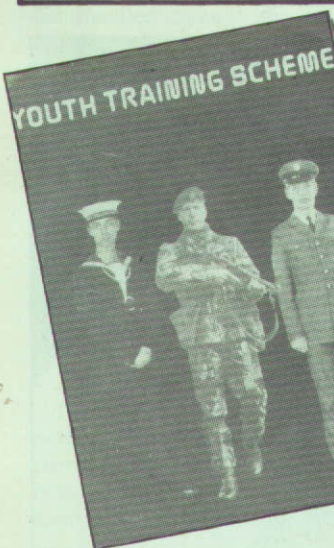
Thus, my main reason for writing is to enquire whether or not there exists some source of support for individuals in my position while on vacation.

While my fellow students in England are able to claim dole money during this summer, I am discriminated against since my father happens to belong to the Army, but nonetheless is a taxpayer just like any other father in the UK. — Miss B, BFPO 28.

Your situation is an example of what faces many university students of Service parents, who as I see it, are grossly penalised by being the sons and daughters of Service personnel.

Such students also have the problem that should they stay in UK for the summer vacation they would have to find accommodation before finding a job.

I am looking for financial breakdowns from students to use in evidence, so students do drop me a line.



WANTED!

to handle at such a young age. After all, life in the Services is not easy to someone unused to the way of life in a very adult society.

Another factor is the paucity of places available to girls. It is true that both the Navy and the RAF have opened up various trades to girls but as yet, there are no vacancies in the Army.

And finally, the scheme was not originally open to teenagers overseas but since I raised this point with MOD I am glad to say the scope of eligibility has been extended to include all young people in overseas commands.

Suited

So, wherever you are, if you are 16 or 17 and would like to find out if you are suited to life in the Services then the ASYTS scheme is a good way of finding out.

Remember, those who did take up the opportunity in the first place are enjoying the experience and to date 80 have signed on for regular engagements.

For further information contact your local RN, RAF or Army Careers Information Offices. These are listed in the telephone directory. If overseas, contact your School's Career Officer or YTS co-ordinator. Or you could always drop me a line here at SOLDIER.

ASK ANNE

My daughter is about to leave school and in a few weeks time she is to join the WRNS. During the intervening weeks had she been in the UK she would have been given Supplementary Benefit which would have helped towards clothes and other necessities needed for her new working life. She is totally dependent on what my husband gives her for pocket money. I am unable to help financially because I had to leave my job in Germany due to our posting here recently and have so far been unable to find work. Of course no unemployment benefit is paid to me overseas. I have worked at every station we have been posted to, mainly in Germany, but at no time have I been able to receive unemployment benefit, between having one job (always due to posting) and starting another, although I have paid the full stamp. Surely something should be done on both these counts? — Mrs M, BFPO 28.

Mrs M, you highlight another area where the burden falls heavily on parents. In UK, the income in to your house would, as you rightly say, help to set up your daughter in her chosen career.

She will start without the necessities which have been denied through this gross anomaly of discrimination against UK citizens, who in your case have paid Class I National Insurance Contributions and receive nothing.

THERE has been concern for some time now that the target of 5,200 places under the Armed Services Youth Training Scheme has not been reached.

Although 2,000 applications were originally received, less than half this number eventually took up a one-year engagement with any one of the three Services.

There may be several reasons for the apparent lack of interest in the scheme. In the first place, since £10 is deducted from the £25 payable to each young person for food and accommodation, the financial rewards hardly constitute an irresistible incentive to join.

Secondly, although just 14 days notice to quit is required, perhaps 16 and 17-year-olds find the step from home to Services too much



Anthony



Joanna



and Michael



**Operation
Raleigh**

TRIO GOES WEST

OPERATION Raleigh is well on its way to the commencement of the first phase in 1984. The Operation will span almost four years and enable some 4,000 17-24-year-olds to have a real taste of adventure.

Three venturers from British Forces Germany will take part in the early stages during 1984/5. These were chosen from 100 applicants shortlisted to just 15 hopefuls who were put through a rigorous selection weekend in Bavaria.

Seventeen-year-old Michael Pearce from Bielefeld will be getting to grips with marine archeology in Panama; 21-year-old Joanna Jones from Nienburg will undertake the Peru challenge which will include high altitude diving in Lake Titicaca; and 19-year-old Anthony Chalk from Düsseldorf must be ready for

anything on the Chile phase which lists as its emphasis "deserts/fjords/mountains/marine — everything!"

Each phase will test the adventurer to the limit of his or her endurance and initiative whether it is in mosquito-ridden jungles or gale force winds at sea, exploring the unknown or helping communities in the countries visited.

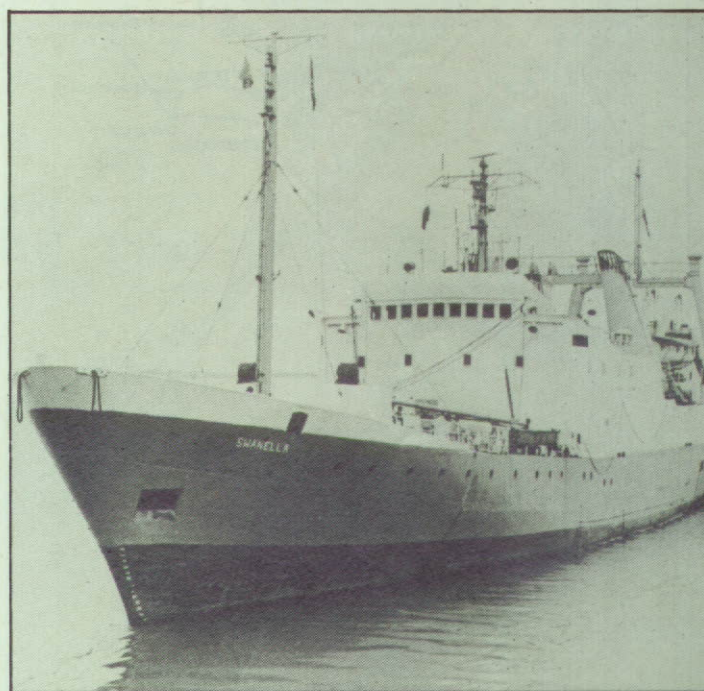
Veteran of many expeditions and the Operation's International Selection Co-ordinator, Major Roger Chapman said: "I am delighted that all the candidates from Forces families overseas performed so well and that the three successful venturers will be taking part in scientific community and adventure projects in and

around Central and South America."

About £2,800 is required by each participant for each phase and this means a lot of hard work for the young people in raising sufficient funds through various forms of sponsorship. If anyone has any great ideas for helping our young explorers please contact Captain Marc Moody, ASU Viersen, BFPO 35.

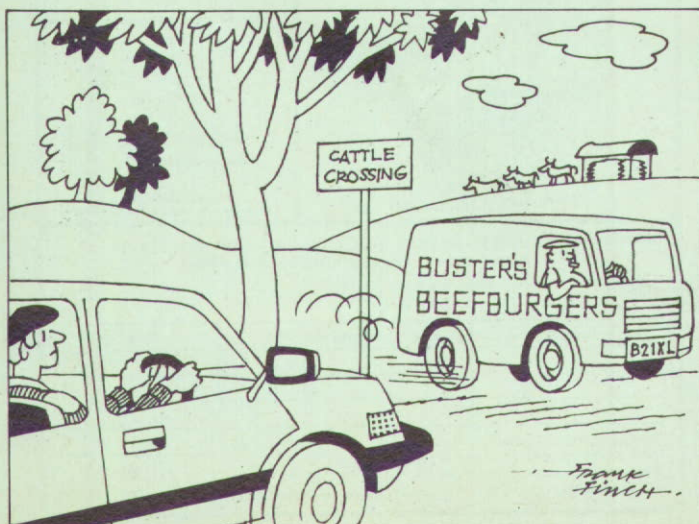
Selection for further phases will be announced later but more information can be obtained from Jaor R Chapman MBE, National Selection Co-ordinator, World Trade Centre, 3rd Floor Europe House, Tower Hill, London E1 9AS. Telephone 01-265 0251/2/3/4.

By November this year, when the four-year expedition begins, the 1900 ton, 290 ft *Swanella* will be completely refurbished and renamed *Sir Walter Raleigh*. She will be fully equipped to carry out maritime research projects, act as operational headquarters and communications centre, as well as providing back up for the land-based projects.



How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 40.

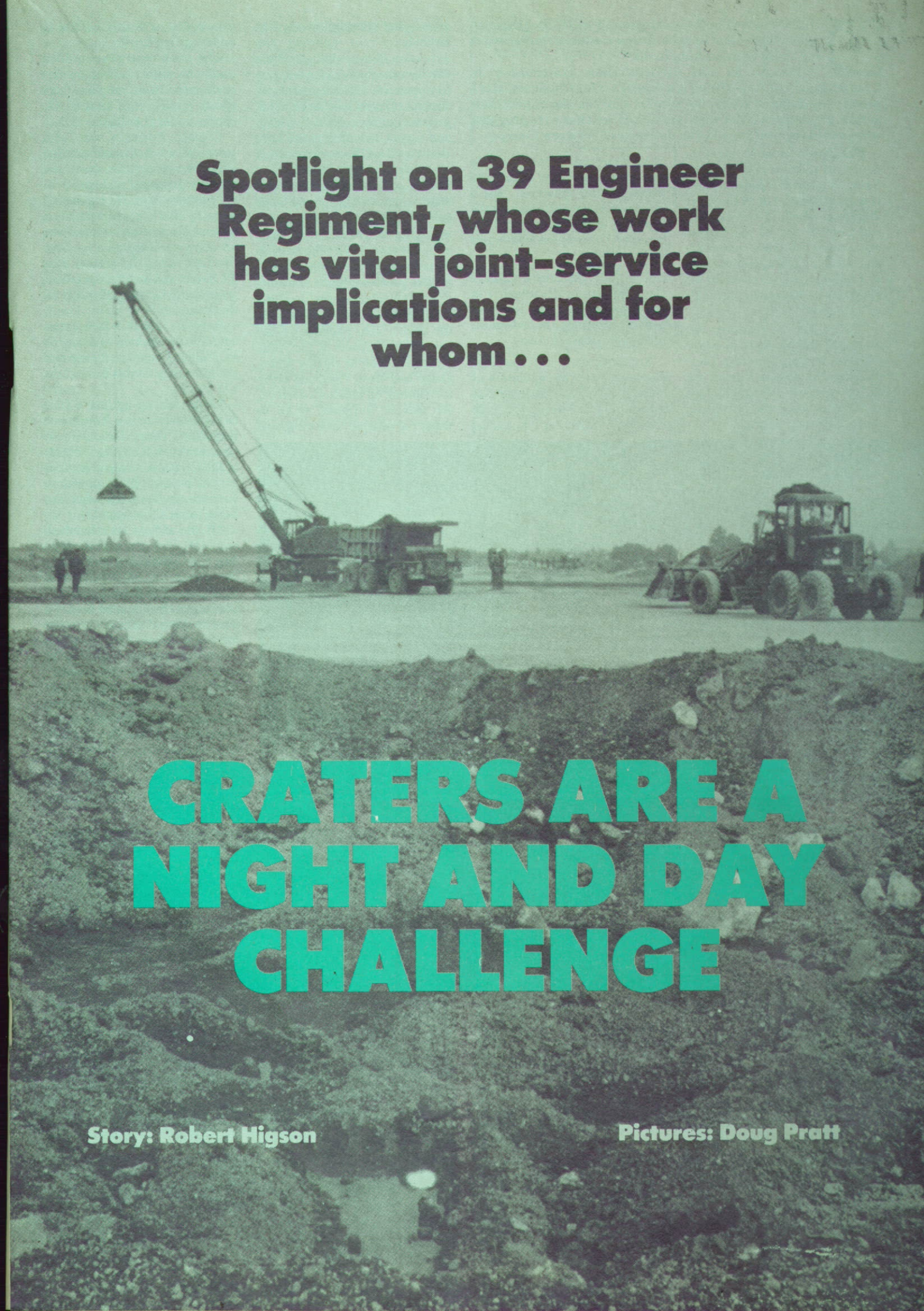


A map of Europe with a white outline. A hand from the bottom right holds a long, thin pointer stick pointing towards Hull in England. A thick, curved arrow points from Rotterdam in the Netherlands towards Hull. Other cities marked on the map include Hanover, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, and Zeebrugge. The map is set against a dark background.

For more information about this offer, Continental-based forces contact North Sea Ferries, Beneluxhaven, Rotterdam/Europoort, (P.O. Box 1123, 3180 AC Rozenburg ZH) or telephone Europoort (01819) 62077. U.K.-based forces contact North Sea Ferries, King George Dock, Hull HU9 5QA or telephone Hull (0482) 795141.



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**Spotlight on 39 Engineer
Regiment, whose work
has vital joint-service
implications and for
whom...**

CRATERS ARE A NIGHT AND DAY CHALLENGE

Story: Robert Higson

Pictures: Doug Pratt

DIGGING large holes in the ground and filling them up again may sound like the classic means of finding work for those with nothing to do.

But at an old airfield near Waterbeach in Cambridgeshire, hole-filling is a deadly serious business. It is a matter for detailed study, for careful analysis and expeditious action. Its concern is not with unemployment but with plugging what could be vital gaps in the defences of Western Europe.

Waterbeach is what might be described as Britain's top college for ADR (airfield damage repair). It is also the home of 39 Engineer Regiment which if war happens will become one of the biggest regiments in the Army, commanding the four field squadrons providing damage repair cover for the RAF's four operational airfields in Germany.

For its task the regiment has some £30 million worth of heavy plant for digging, dumping, compacting and levelling. Most of it is on the airfields in Germany, dry clad in fitted waterproof containers, ready for instant action.

At Waterbeach there is nearly enough to equip the three field troops of one squadron, plus a troop in reserve: sufficient for the regiment to have just staged the biggest ADR exercise held in this country to date.

The CO, Lieutenant Colonel David Adamson described it as the biggest by far and the most complex of any kind he had known in 20 years with the Army.

All elements of the war time Regiment (with the exception of most of 52 Field Squadron on service in Belize) were present for Exercise Gillyflower II, named

after a rare plant found near the airfield.

It is doubtful, though, if the 850 men involved had much time to appreciate the botanical connection. After a long weekend of preparation they spent five days and nights snatching what little sleep they could between simulated air attacks and calls for action.

The week was spent mainly in NBC suits — hardly the most agreeable form of clothing for the prevailing warm weather and made even less agreeable by the exercise requirement to don respirators and rubber gloves for hours at a time.

While one squadron used the available plant for crater repairs, the others were employed practising other aspects of the ADR repertoire such as rigging emergency fuel lines, repairing pipes and shoring up buildings deemed, for exercise purposes, to be in danger of collapse. One troop was

detached to a nearby airfield to build a girder bridge.

The work went on round the clock. At night the big tractors performed their intricate high speed manoeuvres around the craters under floodlights.

Colonel Adamson was concerned to see that weariness after long hours of operation should not produce untoward accidents.

"I impose upon the regiment," he said, "that the plant operators, drivers, electricians — those who are doing very risky things — have five hour's sleep. So for them, after 19 hours' continuous operations they should be stopped and given five hours off."

Someone asked whether this could be interpreted as a long lie in. "Well, I suppose if they had six hours they'd think it was," the CO replied.

"They are up against a time factor the whole time," explained Brigadier Tony Kendall, the commander of 12 Engineer Brigade (ADR), whose responsibilities extend beyond 39 Regiment to embrace the TA ADR units now being formed (see page 11).

"If the airfield isn't bombed, then, OK, they may have to wait a long time before they are brought into action. But once that airfield is hit they will be flat out, probably over a period of several days. So we try to extend our exercises over several days to give them the feeling of having to operate non-stop, day and night, in difficult conditions."

Brigadier Kendall agreed that filling holes may not sound very exciting. But, as Gillyflower II demonstrated, there is a lot more to ADR than that.

For one thing there is the question of what is known in the trade as the MOS — the minimum

operating strip. When the squadron recce teams go out by helicopter and Scorpion to inspect the damage they radio back to their Combat Operations Centre where the OC and his staff plot craters and unexploded bombs on their map.

After the damage information has been collated there is the problem of deciding on the MOS. It is not a question of simply trying to fill every hole. There must be careful calculation to produce the essential requirements with the least amount of effort.

Major Carl Zimmerman, OC of 53 Field Squadron, considered a runway map pock-marked with craters and explained: "What we are trying to look for is the minimum amount of damage that we can repair to keep the aircraft flying."

"We need to consider not only the shortest and narrowest length of runway acceptable for landing and take-off, but also the presence of unexploded bombs, fuel supply problems, the question of access to hangars and dispersal areas, and the quickest possible time before an aircraft can come down or take-off again."

This is the equation that will decide the MOS. In war the Air Force would naturally be closely involved with the calculation and it would be the RAF commander's prerogative to make the final decision.

Once the MOS has been approved the heavy plant of the three field troops roars into action. Visually this is the most impressive aspect of ADR — the convoys of huge vehicles charging down the runway.

Leading a troop convoy there is usually a Land Rover equipped

with generator and lighting tower and carrying the troop staff sergeant. Behind will come the enormous 380 horse power Michigan heavy wheeled tractors, and the smaller Allis Chalmers tractors towing a water pump and a vibrating roller.

Then there will be a line of four or five dump trucks, loaded with aggregate, followed by a road sweeper, a grader and trucks carrying the giant screed beam for levelling and a large roll of Class 60 bomb damage repair mat. There will an arrow hammer — for trimming crater rims — somewhere in the procession, and possibly a compactor and a D6 tracked bulldozer for working the stickier areas off the runway.

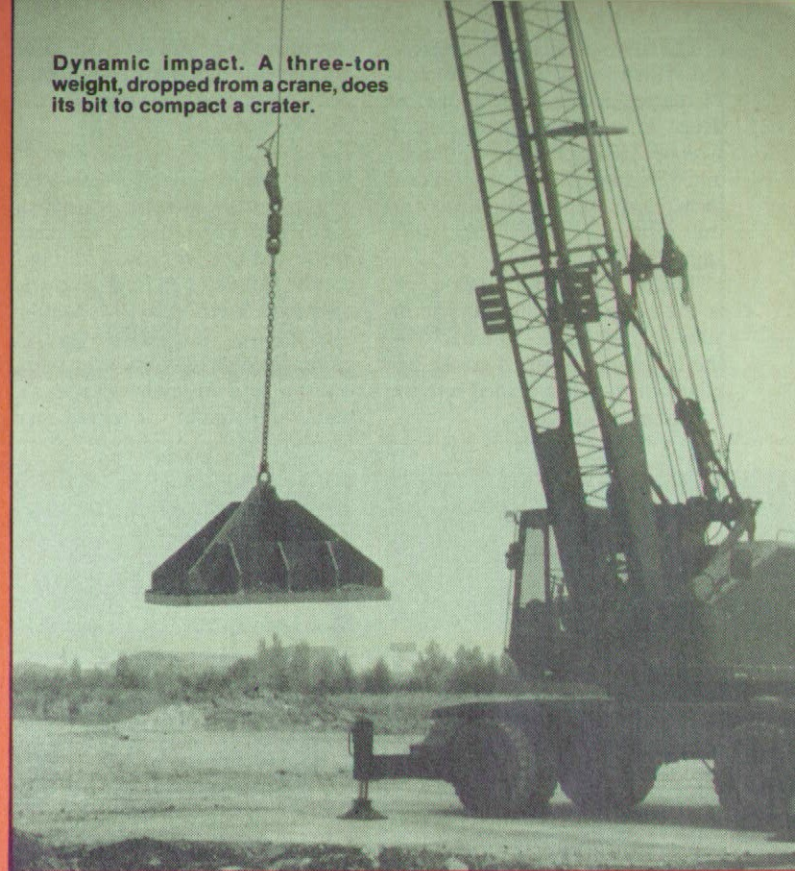
This troop convoy may well disperse to various tasks once it reaches its designated craters. Speed is essential in everything, but so also is great deal of care and attention.

The days are long since past when most war planes could lurch into the air from an open field. Modern jets are a lot more choosy. They require a firm, flat surface and one that is free from anything that might be sucked into their engines. Everyone in ADR has been firmly impressed with the amount of damage a single stone can do to a very valuable bit of machinery.

Holes may be simply holes to most people but to the repair teams each must be dealt with as a separate combat engineering problem.

Small holes — known as scabs — are often dealt with by groups of two-man teams armed with a small portable mixer and quantities of quick-drying magnesium phosphate cement.

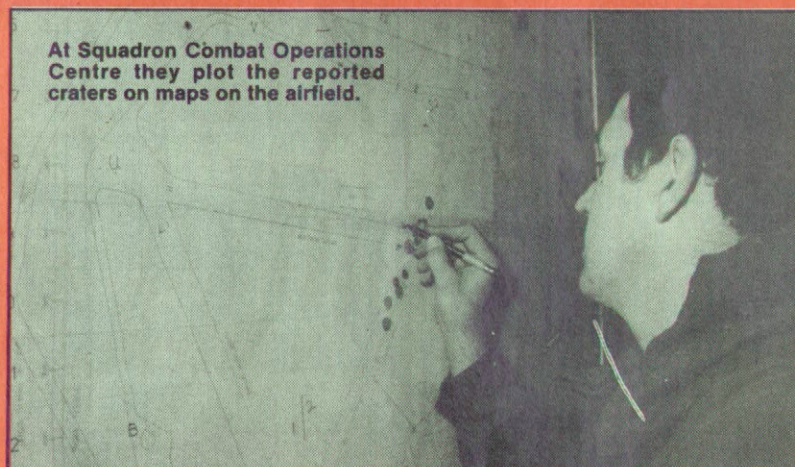
Dynamic impact. A three-ton weight, dropped from a crane, does its bit to compact a crater.



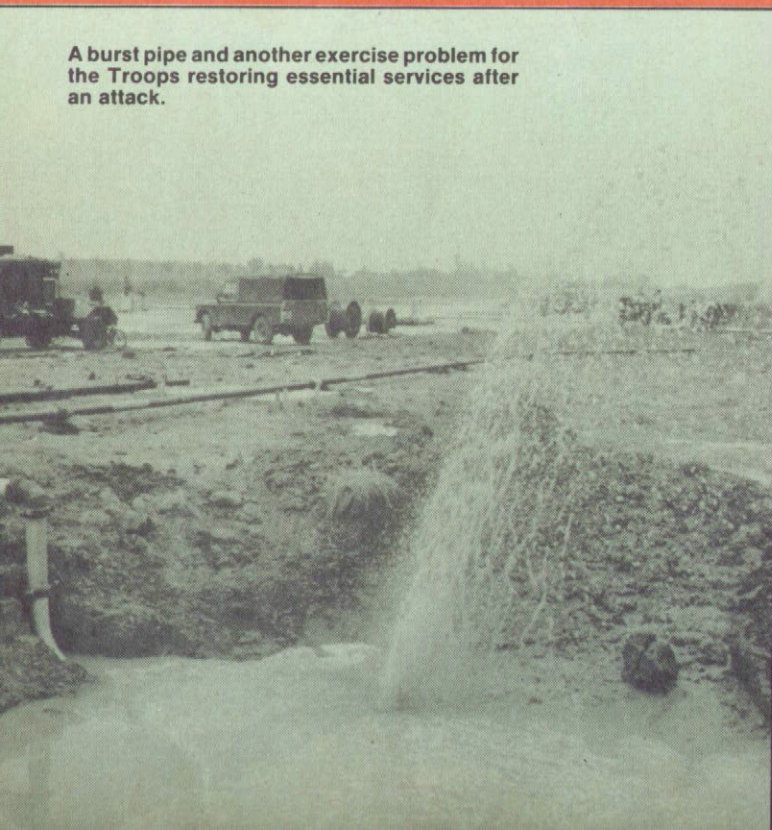
Excavating by floodlight. All through the night the work continues.



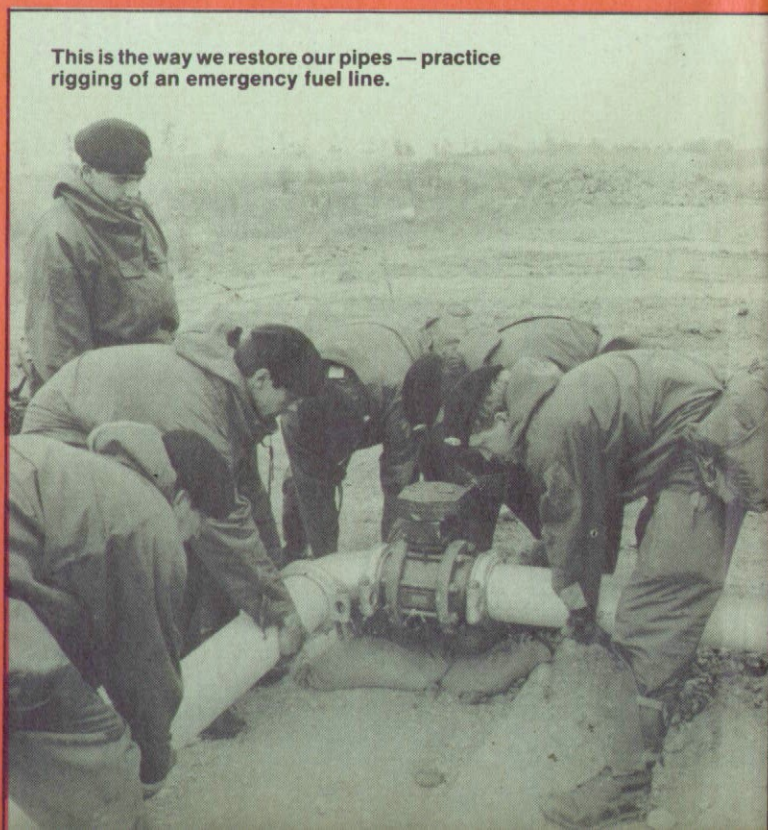
At Squadron Combat Operations Centre they plot the reported craters on maps on the airfield.



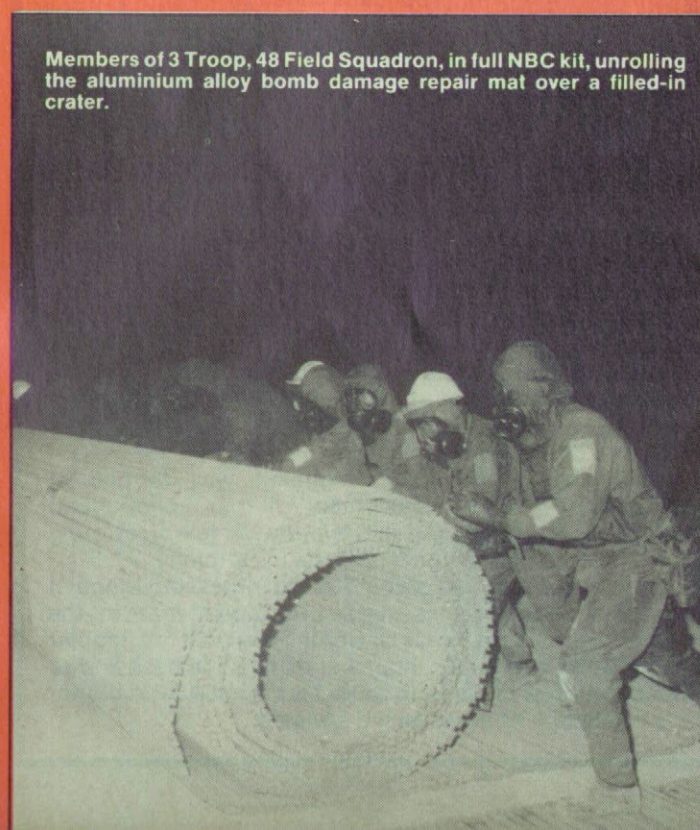
A burst pipe and another exercise problem for the Troops restoring essential services after an attack.



This is the way we restore our pipes — practice rigging of an emergency fuel line.



Members of 3 Troop, 48 Field Squadron, in full NBC kit, unrolling the aluminium alloy bomb damage repair mat over a filled-in crater.



Dump truck doing its thing. More aggregate for a crater.



The larger craters — for Exercise Gillyflower they were as much as 24 metres across and five metres deep — require more careful strategy. Water has to be pumped out, the area of heaved rim trimmed back, the rubble compacted and the crater topped up with aggregate.

The final dressing, so to speak, is the large Class 60 aluminium alloy mat which is stretched over the filled and levelled crater and held firm by bolts drilled into the surrounding concrete.

When the whole area has been

carefully swept and every speck of debris removed, there should be a perfectly operational airstrip available for use.

Perhaps it is not the sort of surface that most RAF pilots would care to use in normal peacetime conditions. For, although the mats are tested and approved at Boscombe Down for all RAF aircraft, they have a tendency to produce oscillations. Indeed a regular pattern along a runway could mean disaster and in such cases extra mats would have to be bolted over undamaged concrete to break up

the pattern and help the planes get off without being shaken to pieces.

For Gillyflower II the field squadrons of 39 Engineer Regiment filled up 50 large craters and a number of smaller holes all of which had been carefully produced to order by 60 Field Support Squadron. The work, including many other repair tasks, was carried out in an atmosphere of continuing air attacks and threats from enemy ground forces and delayed action bombs.

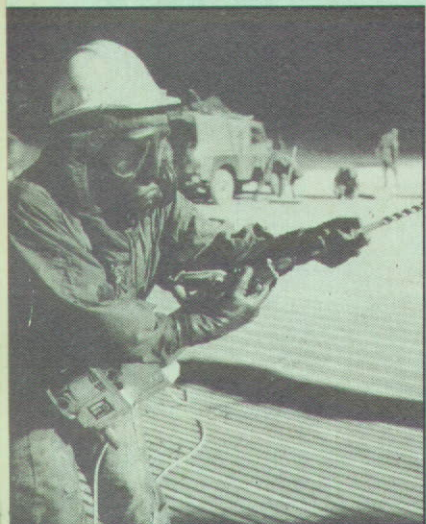
By the end of it all everyone was thoroughly exhausted but sustained, said Colonel Adamson, by the feeling that they had achieved a great deal.

He added that the exercise had clearly demonstrated the im-

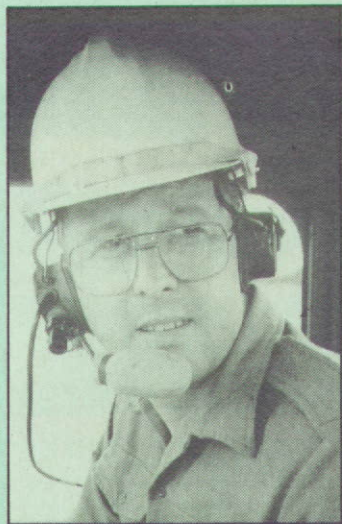
portance of the facilities at Waterbeach. No where else was it possible to achieve such realistic ADR conditions.

Certainly the squadron's designated airfields in Germany do not provide the same opportunities as RAF commanders are notoriously reluctant to allow their operational runways to be dug up for exercise purposes. Understandably so!

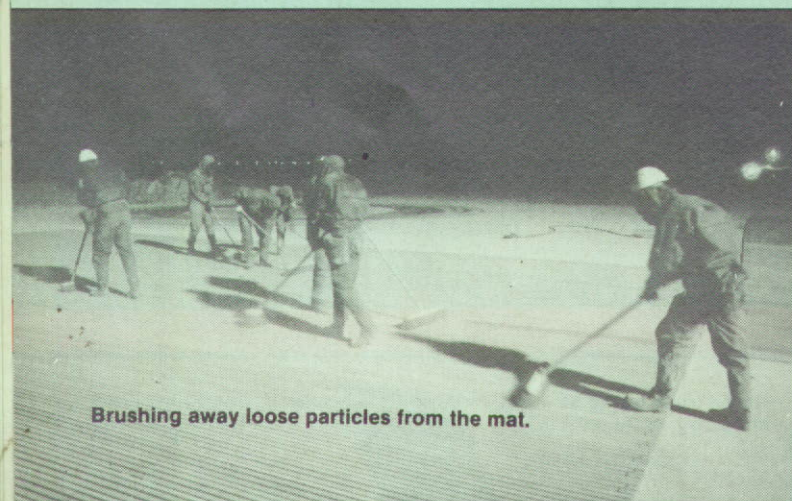
So perhaps 39 Regiment will be one unit to find the lead up to Exercise Lionheart rather more demanding than the actual event. The field squadrons will be on their German airfields, checking their dry clad plant and doing what they can to practice ADR. But undoubtedly the better holes will be miles away in Waterbeach. ■



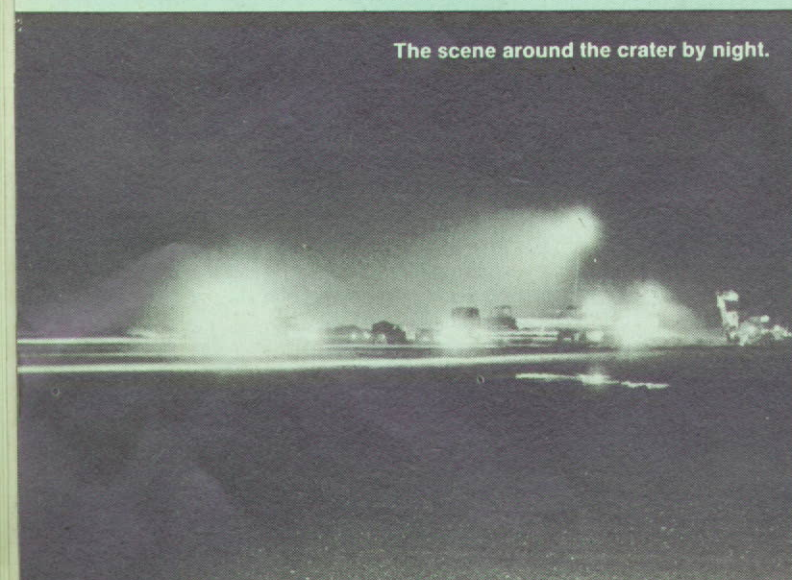
Preparing to drill holes for the bolts which will hold the Class 60 bomb damage repair mat in place.



Radio controlled in his heavy tractor — Corporal Mike Hodgson.



Brushing away loose particles from the mat.



The scene around the crater by night.



One troop of an ADR Squadron and its kit.

Picture: RAF Wildenrath.

The war time task of getting bomb damaged airfields back into operation was given to the Royal Engineers in the mid-'60s — a time of much reorganisation and rationalisation.

Previously it had been the province of the RAF's Airfield Construction Branch.

In assuming its new role the Sappers also took over the Construction Branch's old base — a former airfield at Waterbeach, near Cambridge.

In those days the business was known as Rapid Runway Repair (Triple R, the Americans called it).

The name was changed to Airfield Damage Repair (ADR) when the Engineers were given the additional responsibility of restoring essential services like fuel supplies, water and electricity, after an attack.

As a military activity its origins go back to the Second World War when Churchill issued a directive, in the aftermath of the Battle of Britain, that all airfields should form crater-filling companies.

But it was the devastating Israeli attacks on Egyptian airfields in the Middle East War of 1967 which really drove the lesson home.

The Israelis effectively took the potentially powerful Egyptian Air Force out of the war by damaging their bases to such an extent that even those aircraft which survived the onslaught were rendered useless by being unable to take off. It was a set back that did much to seal the fate of the Arab cause in just six days.

Originally 39 Engineer Regiment was formed at Waterbeach for the deployment of four construction squadrons which had, and still have, the war role of restoring the RAF's four operational airfields in Germany.

But towards the end of the '70s the increasing range of the strike threat from the Warsaw Pact led to fears for the safety of airfields in the UK. It was felt then that the Regular Army did not have the manpower to meet the need and so the decision was made to raise Territorial ADR units for the protection of home based airfields.

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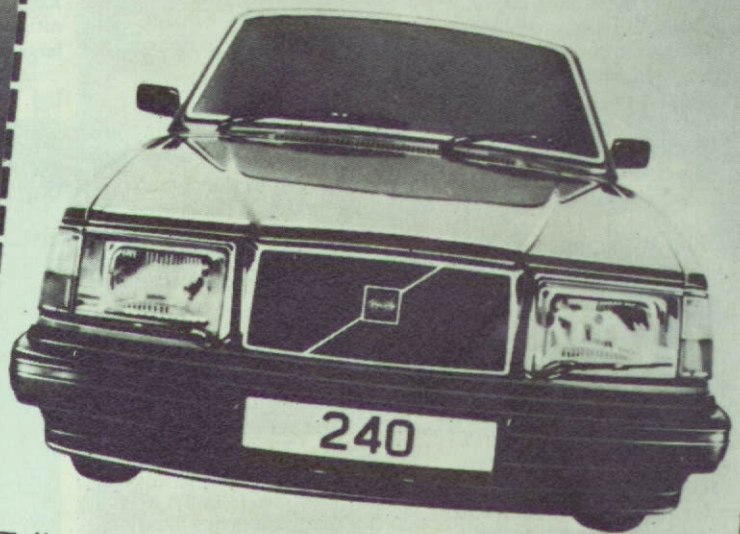
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MAN'S BEST FRIEND CURBS TERRORISM

WHEN it comes to having a pet at home the Army's top dog handler in Northern Ireland prefers a cat! With 86 dog handlers, 13 Royal Army Veterinary Corps trainers and 158 dogs to keep check on throughout the province, Warrant Officer 2 Alexander McNeil sees enough of man's best friend every day at work.

When he gets home he'd much rather listen to the gentle purring of his pet pussy Tiger than the growling and barking of his charges at Ballykelly.

"I love the dogs," said Alex, "but it's nice to have a change."

Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Tanner, RAVC, Commander Veterinary Services NI, the unit has been at Ballykelly since 1969. Last week they completed 103,000 operational tasks.

"But that only covers the past 12 years as we didn't start records till 1972," said the Colonel.

Proudly reeling off statistics Colonel Tanner said the 'ops' had led to 200 arrests, the discovery of more than 500 guns and 65,000 rounds of ammunition, more than 16,000 kilos of explosive and 370 finds of bomb-making equipment. In achieving all this one man and his dog have been killed — blown up by a terrorist bomb.

"That's a risk we have to take if we are to be successful," said the Colonel.

Every dog at the unit gets the best of attention, treatment and love from his handler, but recent star treatment has been handed out to three-year-old Radar and handler Lance Corporal John 'Scouse' Roberts of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

While Radar didn't get any extra biscuits — "the regime is strict here," said the Colonel — the pair came in for high praise from the Colonel and all concerned for their spectacular find of 1,200lb of explosives.



L/Cpl 'Scouse' Roberts and Radar.

Said 'Scouse': "We were on a planned search of a 12ft high wall when Radar made the find. We were on the road side of the wall and the explosive on the other. It's amazing how he sniffed it out."

"It's obvious it was there to trap a patrol. Just imagine if that lot had gone off."

This was Radar's second success within a short time, the first being near the border when he sniffed out nearly 2,000 rounds of ammunition.

But while Radar is a star, five-year-old Tramp is a champ. For with his handler, Private John Rutter of the 2nd Battalion The Light Infantry, they scooped the Northern Ireland pairs title after only four months together.

It was a slightly different story in the UK knock-out at Melton Mowbray HQ of the RAVC, when John and Tramp came tenth. But they managed to pip Corporal John Wilson, 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and four-year-old Shadow by two places.

Protective

Seemingly Shadow disapproved of coming 12th in the championships for when Wilson went to collect the rosette from Princess Anne, with Shadow by his side, the dog made a lunge for the royal guest as she handed over the prize.

"She didn't even flinch," said Wilson. "He was just being protective. Just doing his job."

While just about every handler wears a different cap badge — the unit has had 57 varieties since it was formed 15 years ago — they all wear one little badge which signifies their role as dog handlers.

"It is the red paw of the RAVC," said Colonel Tanner. "Some people have the weird idea that it is the badge of a secret society."

"It is nothing of the kind," he emphasised. "It is simply the badge worn by dog handlers and we are all extremely proud to wear it."

"Everyone working here is a dog-lover. You have to be. You couldn't do it otherwise, for the dogs come first in everything."

"Many of the men here have passed up chances of promotion so they can stay with their dogs. Some have been here for years."

Hazards

Describing the hazards in being a handler Colonel Tanner said that handlers do get bitten.

"It's bound to happen at times but when we hold an inquiry, in the majority of cases it has proved to be the handler's fault; moving a feed bowl while the animal was eating; treading on his paw. These things happen."

"But speaking for myself and every dog handler in Northern Ireland, I can say it is nothing less than a privilege to be working with these animals."



Brigadier Roger Preston, Lieutenant Pat O'Reilly: top award.

AN Englishman with an Irish name who has served in the Welsh Guards and is now in the Ulster Defence Regiment, has received top recognition for his work with the Army's largest regiment.

Lieutenant Pat O'Reilly received his GOC's Commendation from

Brigadier Roger Preston, Commander UDR, for his Skill at Arms in organising the courses and ranges at 'Green City', the UDR's training camp at Ballykinler, NI.

It was an auspicious occasion for Brigadier Preston, too, as he was making his first visit as UDR

New 'chief' for largest regiment — UDR

Commander to the camp since taking over from Brigadier Peter Graham a few weeks ago.

Fifty recruits waited to greet him and to listen to advice from a man with four tours of Northern Ireland to his credit.

Making a number of points in a ten-minute talk of welcome to the lads, who had been at the Depot for just a week, he said: "Be proud of the UDR, be professional; be alert

at all times — on and off duty; be polite and do not react to taunts, act within the law; learn how to shoot, get fit and stay fit; co-operate with police and public."

Listening with the recruits was camp OC Major Bob Hayden who has served with the regiment for 12 of its 14 years' existence.

"It's pretty tough here," said Major Hayden, who took over as OC last January. "Recruits put in a 14-hour day five days a week for the duration of the nine-week course."

"They get weekends off, but have to report back by 9pm on Sunday ready to start again on Monday."

"Sometimes — but not on this course so far — some don't return, while there are others who can't meet the physical demands and have to be rejected."

"But the difference in the fitness of those who make it to the end of the course is amazing. Those who were overweight get rid of it, and the thinner ones put on weight."

But while the Depot takes in and trains recruits — the current course is the largest for some time — what does the future hold for the UDR?

A cautious answer from Brigadier Preston who said: "No one can tell. It all depends on the situation in Northern Ireland."

"But for the foreseeable future there is a great need for the UDR."

FOCUS ON NORTHERN IRELAND

Stories: John Margetts
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AN experiment in entertainment has been given a thumbs up and a thumbs down by troops in Northern Ireland.

For the first time Combined Services Entertainment (CSE) sent a party to the province without a single girl in the group.

"It was a new concept," said deputy head of CSE Gordon Clarke. "We go to Northern

BRING ON THE DANCING GIRLS!

The New Vaudeville Band, comic Bob Curtiss, conjurer Simon Lovell, Staff Sergeant Mick Tittley (second from right) with lady guests at the Devon and Dorsets base at Ballykinler.



Ireland about 24 times a year and till now we have included at least one girl on the bill."

"This time, because of the busy summer season, we had difficulty getting good girl acts. So we thought we'd put on a show without female singers or dancers."

But while two of the three units entertained by the all-male show gave them a big OK and well done, the third — 42 Marine Commando — said thanks, but no thanks.

Said Royal Marines Colour Sergeant 'Shep' Shepherd based at Bessbrook: "The show wasn't bad. In fact it was good. But the boys would have willingly traded the New Vaudeville Band, the conjurer and the comic for the sight of just one girl."

"If CSE don't include girls on the bill, then I don't think we want them. The message is clear," he said. "The lads want to see girls."

But despite the 'give us girls' call from the Marines, the lack of thigh-flashing soubrettes and warbling songstresses didn't bother resident battalion the Devon and Dorsets at Ballykinler, or the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment, which is on an unaccompanied tour in West Belfast.

Said 1 King's Press Officer Major Tim David: "Perhaps girls in the show would have added more attraction, but the lads accepted the show was designed for messes and resident battalions rather than all-male audiences and responded accordingly."

"Similarly the artists, who were brilliantly professional, adjusted

their acts to suit their audience."

"While the lads (age 18-22) would have liked to have seen some girls, the entertainers were outstandingly good and extremely adaptable," he said. It went down like melted butter with the Devon and Dorsets, too, when the New Vaudeville Band, crazy conjurer Simon Lovell and comic Bob Curtiss played before a largely female audience made up of wives.

Said Gordon Clarke: "The D and Ds have just written to me saying that it was the best show they have had during their current tour. And we've been there ten

times," he added.

"On our next visit to the province we will be taking girls along because by then the acts we want will be available."

INSTRUCTOR WANTED



Driver 'Ribs' Ribbon: no instructor, no 'drops'.

ARMY club parachutists in Northern Ireland are wrapping up the 'chutes in dismay and frustration.

"We've got an approved dropping zone," said club leader Major Dick Trigger, "but because we have no full-time instructor we can't make any drops."

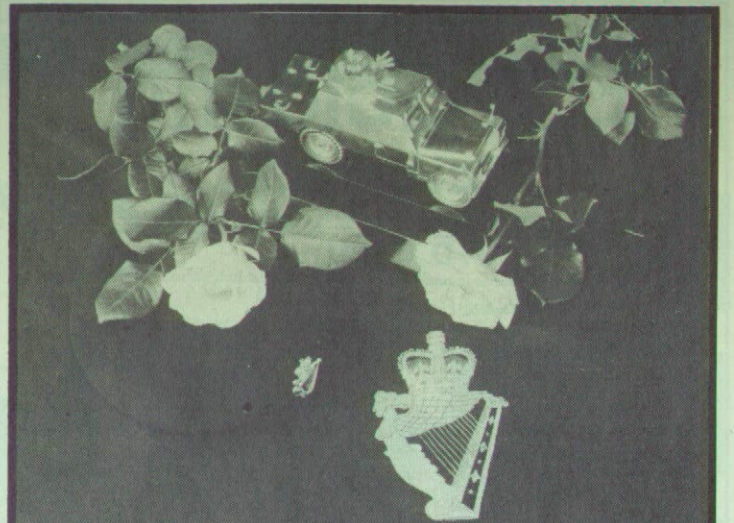
"A high-level decision is needed to urge the Army Parachute Association (APA) to post a full-time instructor here so that we can get cracking."

He said the club started at the beginning of the year and is registered with the CAA.

"But in fact we exist in name only, despite the numbers of people interested."

"All we really have is a group of enthusiasts a number of whom have been to Netheravon for training. "But when they return there's nothing for them. We're just hoping the APA will view our request with favour."

While the club has no full-time instructors, it does have two qualified instructor parachutists, WO2 Mike Berry and Driver 'Ribs' Ribbon, both of 26 Squadron RCT based at Lisburn, and Major Trigger, who is in the Parachute Regiment. "All we can do is wait and hope," he said.



AFTER 12 months of nation-wide campaigning, the Ulster Defence Regiment Benevolent Fund stands at £1.3 million and the regiment is anxious to keep the ball rolling. They're doing it by selling — flowers! By no stretch of the imagination could the patch of the UDR be said to be strewn with roses, but for every plant ordered through their HQ they get £1 towards their fund.

Developed by international grower Patrick Dickson, the rose is called "Freedom" in honour of the UDR.

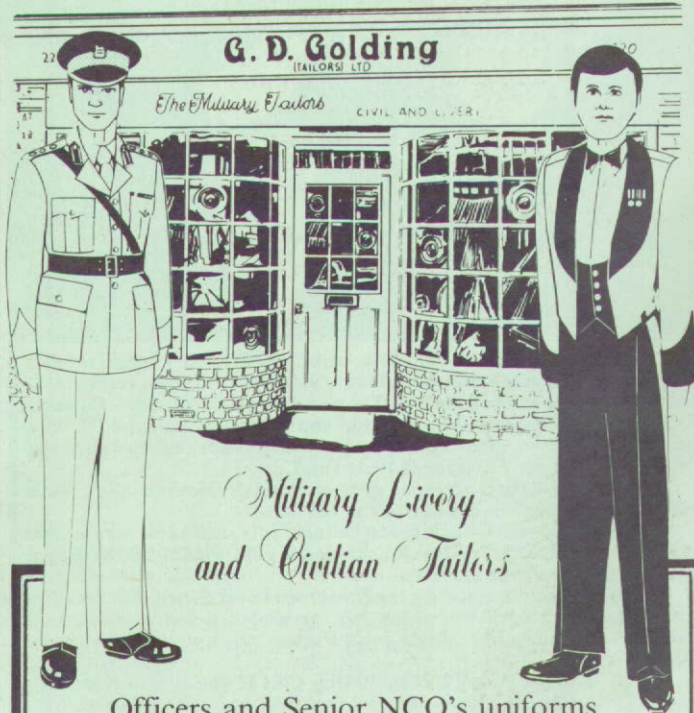
A deep yellow with dark green foliage, it is said to be strong and resistant to blackspot. It was awarded a gold medal by the Royal National Rose Society in 1983.

Now the regiment is selling the flowers to boost their fund. Already they have sold 6,000 — which has produced a useful sum, said Regimental Secretary Major John Potter. "But we can always do with more."

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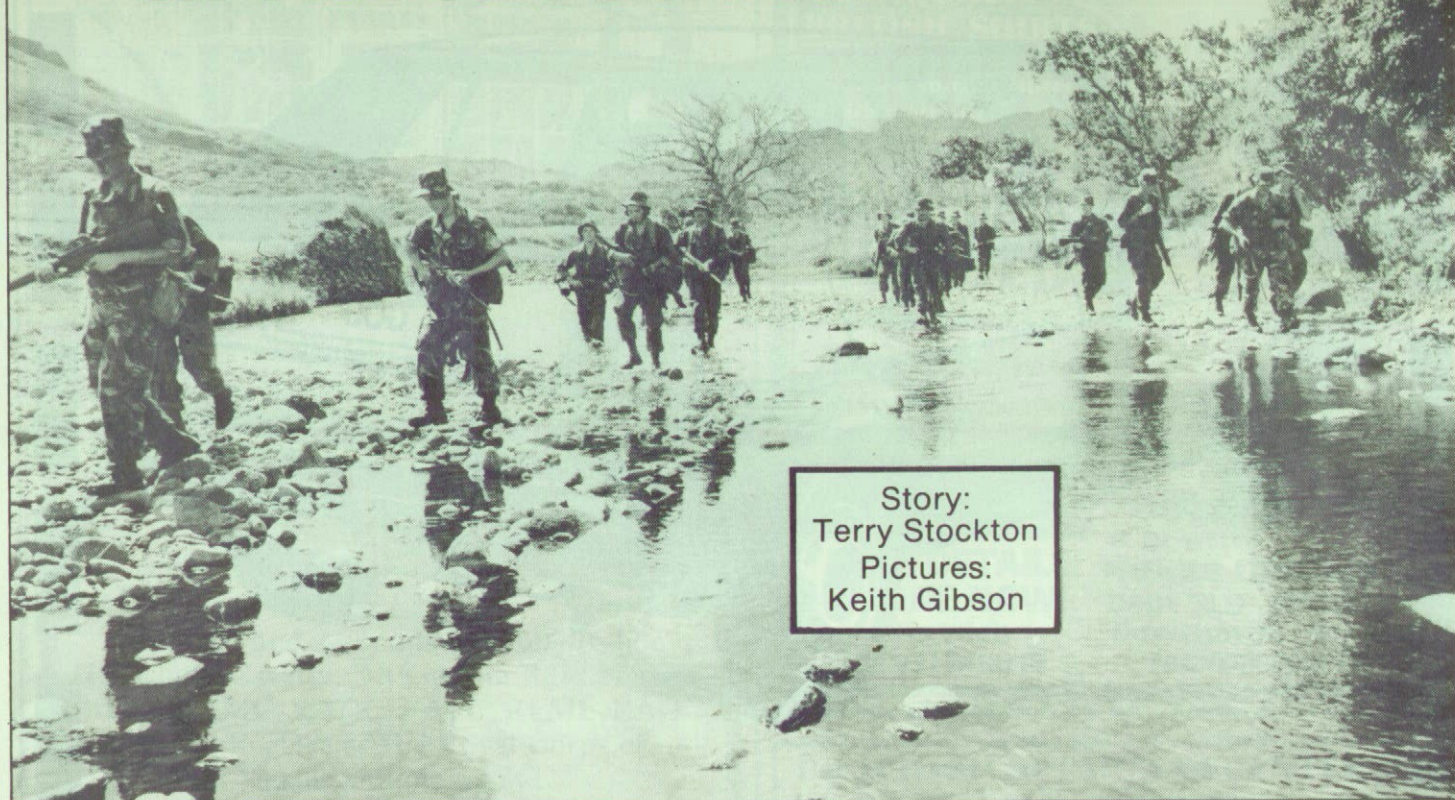
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IF YOU think a trip to the tropical paradise island of Fiji always means lazing around on a white sun-drenched beach, by blue sea, sipping a cool drink under a palm tree — forget it!

For the members of B Company of 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, most memories of their six-week exercise will be of a hard slog over some of the toughest terrain on the island — thirty miles

away from the nearest bronzed tourist.

The Cheshires were taking part in Exercise Coconut Grove, a company exercise designed to put the men well and truly through their paces.

The north east corner of the main island of Fiji provides an ideal training area.

It is sparsely populated and provides an unlimited variety of terrain ranging from mountains



A tough test: carrying 200 lbs on a stretcher.

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and rivers, to plains and forests. The main aim of the exercise was to practice the infantryman's basic skills. There was ample opportunity to live-fire all the standard weapons.

Though the area was remote, it was close enough to a local village, where the company made friends and even had the cheek to challenge the villagers to a seven a side rugby match which the army lost — with dignity — but only after the villagers and rushed into the local bush to cut and erect a new set of goalposts.

Afterwards the men were invited into the village for a traditional Kava ceremony by local chiefs and headmen. After the ritual drinking and speeches, the women and girls of the village laid on a display of native dancing and singing.

The trip of Fiji was a chance to meet old friends among the hundreds of islanders who had served in the Army.

These veterans have now formed a club in Suva, the island's capital, and are very proud of their military traditions.

Members of The Cheshire Regiment were guests of honour at the club.

The local police sergeant major in the training area, Simone Lalathi served with the Cheshires for nine years and left with the rank of Corporal. He was delighted to renew his friendships.

The exercise was a total success and Company Commander Major David Colebourn was pleased with the performance of his soldiers.

After individual and section skills had been tested, the exercise ended with an inter-platoon competition which tested every military skill in the book.

Taking place over two and a half days the competition involved



night navigation marches, a march and shoot, and a number of friendly devised trials — such as stretcher race through a mountain stream bed carrying two hundred pounds in weight.

At the very end of the exercise the men were able to have four days leave which was spent relaxing on the outer islands.

Reunion after 14 years ... Sergeant Major Simone Tilalati, left, talks over old times with Company Sergeant Major Steve George. Below: the rugby encounter — which the Cheshires lost, with dignity!

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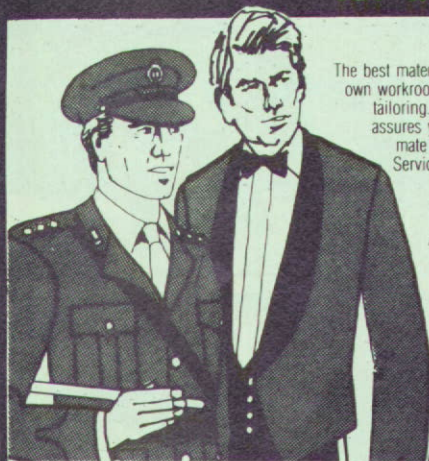
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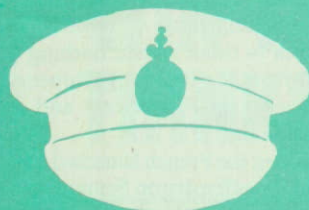
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Thereafter raised to the status of a god, Aesculapius was worshipped in hundreds of temples which also served as hospitals and were each equipped with a circular pit containing snakes of a harmless variety whose forked tongues were thought to have healing properties when applied to diseased parts of the body.

So to the badge of the RAMC — Aesculapius' staff with a serpent twined round it, within a wreath of laurel; the whole ensigned with the St. Edward's crown; below the wreath a scroll inscribed "In Arduis Fidelis" (Faithful in adversity), the Corp's motto.

The wreath, crown and rod in gilt, remainder in silver plate, is for wear by officers. Other ranks wear the badge in anodised gold and silver finish.

The Corps was formed in 1898 by an amalgamation of the officers of the Medical Staff with the men of the Medical Staff Corps bringing into wear a badge similar to the current issue save that the scroll bore the Corps title and that the crown was of the Victorian period, the whole being of gilding metal for the men, gilt for officers.

The development of the Army's medical service is well known, whose shortcomings were glaringly exposed in the Crimea and gave rise to the great reorganisation and the formation of the Medical Staff Corps in 1855. The MSC was

further reviewed and received a change in title in 1958 as the Army Hospital Corps, reverting to its former title in 1884.

Medical officers ceased to be regimental in 1873 coming under the Medical Department until 1884 when they were redesignated Army Medical Staff and given command over the other ranks of the Medical Staff Corps.

Until 1898 the Red Cross, the Swiss national emblem with colours reversed, featured largely on badges of the medical services.

The new Corps first saw active service in the Sudan and then in South Africa, where six Victoria Crosses were won. It was World War 1 that brought the Corps into prominence and in that war, as well as the world war which followed twenty years after, many acts of heroism were both recorded and unrecorded by its members.

The valuable contributions made by the RAMC to those victories, and to humanity, since its formation has been both immense and incalculable.

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IN a year when military anniversaries are fashionable it is to be hoped that The Great Feet will be remembered. They belonged to the men of the British Expeditionary Force who began marching in mid-August 1914 and did not stop until mid-September.

The great trek began in glorious sunshine as the BEF's first four divisions detrained and moved over the Belgian border.

Villages echoed to roars of 'Are we downhearted?' and the rousing response 'No...ooo!' The men sang 'Hold your hand out you naughty boy' and 'Tipperary'.

Enthusiasm waned as the uneven cobbled roads took their toll and the infantry sweltered in rough serge uniforms and under 60 lb of equipment.

Reservists formed the greater part of the 900-plus-strong battalions. For example the 4th Royal Fusiliers had 734 in its ranks, the 1st Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 650. Their boots were new.

Most men who fought at Mons on Sunday, 23 August, had sore feet. Some had dug defences all night after 20 miles on the roads.

Smith-Dorrien's II Corps bore the brunt of the fighting, the 3rd and 5th Divisions inflicting heavy casualties on an enemy three times their number. Exposed on the left of the French armies there was no other course but to retreat to avoid envelopment.

After the marching, chance for entente cordiale — before the stalemate of the trenches. Picture: IWM.

Haig's I Corps, only lightly engaged, fell back without difficulty the next day, but desperately weary. One battalion recorded that in the previous 64 hours it had covered 59 miles in all and yet still sang as it reached its billeting area.

The other corps had hard fighting and lost more men on the 24th than at Mons itself. That night once a column stopped, the men

Owners long gone, some boots still survive.

fell asleep immediately whether standing or sitting. Rainstorms added to the ordeal.

At Le Cateau, some 30 miles from Mons, Smith-Dorrien decided to give battle again as many units were still on the road and could not be expected to tramp on. On the 26th his divisions, supported by the newly-arrived 4th and the 19th Brigades fought Von Kluck's troops all day.

They did so with such effect that they were able to break away in the late afternoon.

The 2nd Seaforths (4th Division) recorded the distances covered after Le Cateau — 20 miles on the 27th, 26 miles on the 28th, rearguard 29th, with a march of 23 miles on the 30th.

Disillusioned

By this date Field Marshal Sir John French, 62-year-old British Commander-in-Chief, had become disillusioned about the intentions of his allies.

His sole aim was to outdistance his pursuers and reorganise in a safe place regardless of what happened. Lord Kitchener, Minister of War, hurried out to make sure he remained in the line of battle. The troops kept on marching.

By the 5th of September the Seaforths estimated they had notched up 134 miles in ten days. The 1st DCLI, who had arrived in France earlier, had covered 240 miles in 14 days.

The speed of the retreat — Liddell Hart the historian called it a vanishing trick — misled Von Kluck to think he had nothing to fear from the BEF. A gap opened between his First Army and its neighbour.

When the French launched their counter-offensive on September 6, the British about-turned and headed into the gap — though not so quickly.

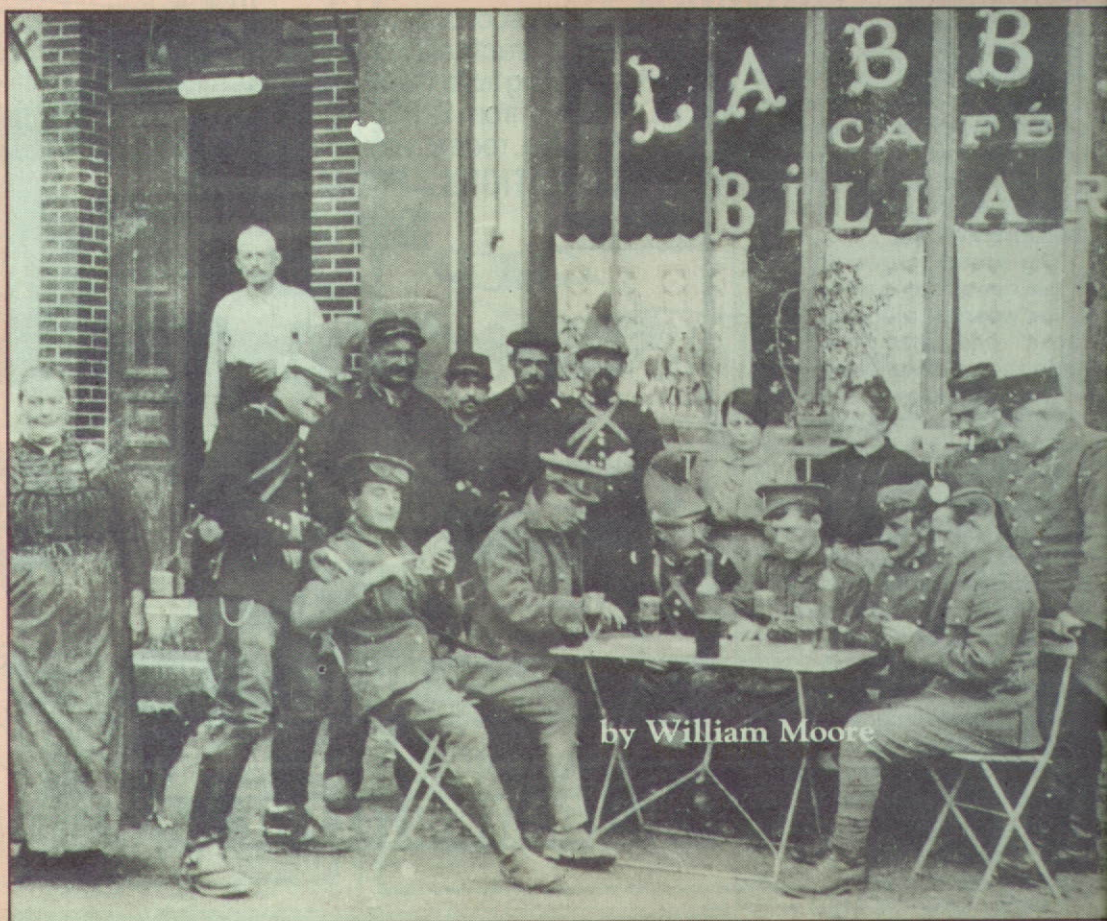
Blown bridges and a cavalry screen kept their pace to about ten miles a day. Nevertheless, on 9 September, an aerial report of 'four long columns' (the BEF) in the gap persuaded the Germans to abandon their original invasion plan. The propagandists called it the Miracle of the Marne.

By the 16th the marching was over. The Germans were on the heights of the Aisne. The British dug in below them.

As the stragglers — many of whom had fought with other units — trailed in, Sir John French gave instructions they were not to be punished.

The CO of the 2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers responded by giving 60 returned wanderers, including one man who had distinguished himself in a bayonet charge, an afternoon's route marching to make sure they kept up in future.

The BEF left the Aisne at the end of September and it was 1918 before outstanding marching qualities were needed again. But by that time most of the survivors of the 300 miles Great March had died — with their boots on.



by William Moore

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COMPETITION 347

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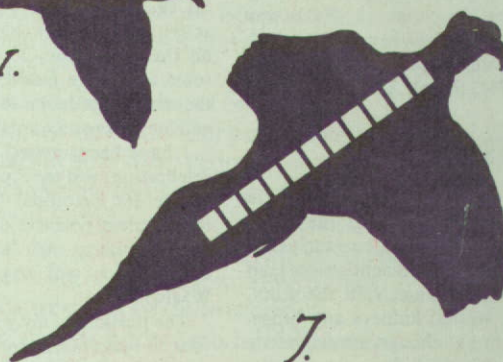
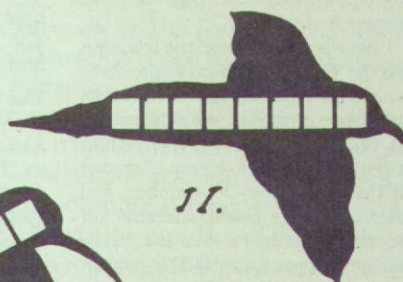
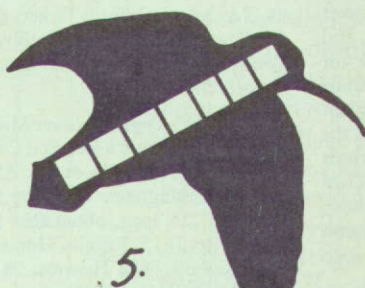
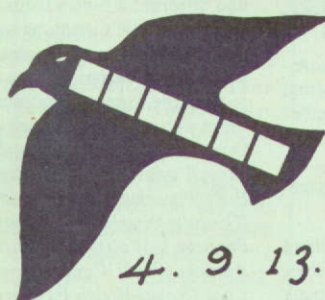
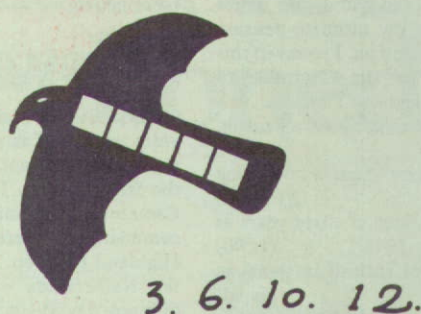
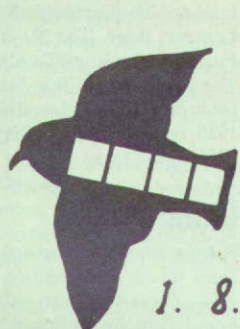
and five-year warranty.

Rules of the competition are the same as usual. It is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 26 October. The answers and winner's name will be announced in our issue of 19 November.

More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a "Competition 347" label.

In the case of a tie, the winner will be drawn by lots. No correspondence can be entered into.

Send your answers by post card or letter with the "Competition 347" label, to: Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU.



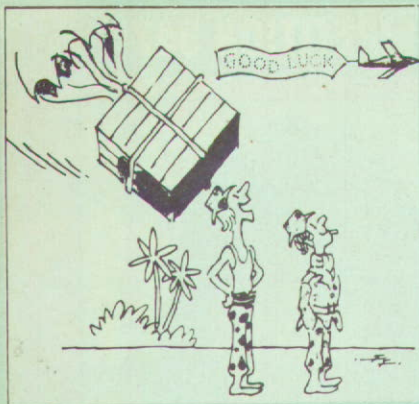
Though not a pigeon when fully grown
Christopher left his mark
on London Town.

Whereas Antony used to have a seat
Where politicians like to meet,
But now Sir Humphrey keeps a watch
In case the Minister makes a botch!
Australian by birth, Peter travelled far
And made his mark as a movie star.
And Walter too, used the silver screen
To ensure his face was widely seen.
Simon's fictitious,

though some will say
He's based on fact, in a medical way.
Christopher, too,
from a book has come —
You hear more about Alice
than you do about Mum.
She had many sisters
and you can be sure
That morale was raised
when she went to war.
Do they say in Belgium
"Donald was here"

For wherever he was,
then Flanders was near.
A friend of Old Blue Eyes
and partner to Jerry —
(Not Tom) — it's Dean
who likes to make merry.
And at the will of another Dean's pen
Gulliver came across extremes of men.
Now Bruce, a man of union fame.
And ill met by moonlight Antony came.
At last we've come to
the end of the line

With a man of magic
from Arthur's time.
Can you name the thirteen
birds? The numbers indicate
the order in which they appear
in the text. A little 'poetic'
licence has been taken with the
spelling of a couple of sur-
names. PS For ornithologists
— the bird silhouettes are
purely decorative and not rele-
vant to the answers!



Got something to say, a point to make or a story to tell? This is your page to exchange your news, views, comments and opinions. All we ask is that you keep it brief and include your full name and address. Write: Mail Drop, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

UNTOLD RICHES

I wonder if in view of the present pay scales, the following might be of interest to readers.

After reaching the rank of Sergeant in 1935, after six years service out of my 'seven with the colours' — five with the reserve, I thought I had better check on what my ultimate pension might be if I signed on. I received this information from the Controller of Military Accounts and Pensions.

After 33 years service basis for pension is:

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I immediately signed on! (Fortunately I was commissioned long before the 20 years as WO1 was completed.) — Lawrence Pasco, 91 The Grove, Esplanade, Durban, Natal 4001, South Africa.

BARBARIC KF

Another summer is passing and still the hessian sacks are out in force. These are more commonly referred to as the infamous KF shirt. Scientists can land a man on the moon, split the atom, exchange hearts, kidneys and lungs, sew on limbs, change a man into a woman, give birth from a test tube, cure rabies, malaria, leprosy, and bubonic plague, yet like the common cold they cannot find a cure for the dreaded KF scores.

The only relief known to man is winter, and the appearance of jumper order. I ask you, with the Army of the 80s, why are innocent soldiers like myself subjected to this ancient torture from the Boer War? It is about time someone amended the Geneva Convention to safeguard the necks and armpits of us poor soldiers. The only suggestion I can make to rectify this barbaric treatment is to bring back the OG shirt. If there is any drawback with stockpiled KF shirts, they could always be sold as grade one sandpaper.

MAIL DROP

So if anyone reading this has got anything to do with designing Army kit, can you please screw the nut and do something about it. I have great faith in you, anyone who can abolish DMS and puttees, can help bring an end to the long-time suffering of helpless people all over the world in today's Army. I would be very grateful if you could pull some strings and so would 60,000 others. This is the plea of a desperate man. — Pte Robinson, A Coy 1 Para, Picton Bks, Bulford, Wilts.

On your behalf, Pte Robinson, we spoke to a spokesman at the Directorate of Clothing and Logistics who said: "Fear not, the nut is being screwed! We recognise that not all our customers wish to emulate John the Baptist! We have a new olive drab, mainly cotton shirt out on trial but will of course only accept it for service if and when we can be convinced that the majority prefer it to the in-service shirt."

"Your correspondent mentioned 60,000 others who might rejoice at the demise of the KF shirt but I wonder about the balance of 77,000 Regular and over 80,000 Territorials and their feeling on the subject. After all, clothing is a very personal matter — especially under the armpits and around the neck!" — Ed.

FREEDOM GIFT

On 30 October it will be exactly 40 years ago that Waalwijk, in the Dutch province of Brabant, was liberated by the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders under my command. We were part of the 51st Highland Division. As most towns in the Netherlands were liberated on different days this actual day has never been commemorated by the town, the National Liberation Day for the country being 5 May.

I have been informed the feeling is that the Waalwijk citizens want now to express their gratitude to the liberators themselves on the fortieth anniversary. So this year there will be various activities, some of a solemn character on the actual day, 30 October, and some of a more festive character for the whole population such as a parade and fireworks on Saturday 3 November.

I have been invited to attend the celebrations and the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), the successors of The Cameron Highlanders, will also be going to Waalwijk.

The purpose of my writing is to ask your co-operation in finding the names and addresses of those who served in the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders at that time and were there as liberators of the town. The people of Waalwijk will find it

impossible to invite all those who took part in the liberation but they would like to send all who are still with us a token of gratitude and friendship. May I ask former members of my 5th Battalion who were in Waalwijk 40 years ago on 30 October to write to me in order that they can receive the gift from those they liberated. — Lt Gen Sir Derek Lang KCB, DSO, MC, DL, PO Box 304, Edinburgh EH1 3PW.

A RECORD?

On Canada Day 1983 (1 Jul) the Royal Canadian Regiment celebrated its first century of service by trooping the five regimental colours (1st, 2nd and 3rd regular battalions, 4th Battalion militia and 3 Airborne Commando). The salute was taken by the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Prince Philip.

I ask your readers if they know of any other regiment in recent years which has trooped five Colours at one parade? — A W Norman, London, Ontario, Canada.

Reunions

The Bristol Area Branch of the British Model Soldier are holding their 13th Annual Show and Competitions at The Watershed, 1 Canons Road, Bristol BS8 2LR on Saturday 24 November 1984. The show will be open to the general public from 11am to 5.30pm. This year's theme is entitled 'Soldiers of Britain'.

A hearty invitation is extended to all clubs who would like to take part in the competitions and who would also like to have their own club display stand. Full particulars can be obtained from: E R Mogford, Show Organiser, The Trossachs, 2 Highridge Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol BS13 8HA.

The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Regimental Association. Saturday 10 November 84, TA Centre, Oxford. Tickets £2.00. Applications to: J R Willoughby, TA Centre, Slade Park, Headington, Oxford OX3 7JJ.

The Queen's Own Hussars Midland and Northern Branch Reunion Dinner, Saturday 10 Nov 1984, at The Albany Hotel, Birmingham. Dress optional, tickets £7.25 each, obtainable from: Major (Retd) J S Knight, Home HQ, The Queen's Own Hussars, 28 Jury St, Warwick CV34 4EW.

Don Goodheart of 163/55 LAA Regiment, would like to contact all lost gunners about the annual 39th reunion dinner on 6 October in Exeter. Full details to 20a Burnthouse Lane, Exeter EX2 6BH.

WE NEED AN ADDRESS!

At SOLDIER we are used to getting requests for help, but try as we might we cannot help one particular gentleman, without an address for 'starters'.

Writer Mr Peter Abbot wrote to photographer Doug Pratt in connection with pictures which appeared in SOLDIER last May as part of a feature

on loan service in Lesotho.

Sadly, Mr Abbot did not include his address with his plea for help — so if he would care to correct his oversight we'll try and help.

Even the postmark from Cheshire was smudged, though the town of origin would have been Stockport.

Collectors' Corner

Stephen F Cohen, Co-Chairman Military Mail Study Group, 214 E51 St, New York NY 10022, USA. Seeks Britcon Cyprus FPO used covers, also BRIT-FORLEB. Plus information and covers relating to land forces or ships in Iceland during WWII.

Tim Walls, 10 Glenavie Park, Jordans-town, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim BT37 0GW. Wants Ulster Home Guard (khaki) side hat complete with black harp badge on red backing. For cash or exchange — British regimental badges.

S Tagg, 1 LI, BFPO 17. Wants the following cap badges: The Forester Brigade A/A, The Queen's Royal Regt pre 1937, The Norfolk Regt pre 1937, The Somerset LI W/M, The Royal Irish Regt, The Green Howards 1914 pattern, The Royal Scots Fusiliers, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers pre 1926, The Worcestershire Regt pre 1925, The South Lancashire Regiment, The Welsh Regiment pre 1920, The Loyal North Lancs pre 1920, The Manchester Regt pre 1923, The Royal Irish Fusiliers, The Connaught Rangers, The Leinster Regt, The Royal Munster Fusiliers, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers with flat to the right, The Loyal North Lancs 1935 type, The Rifle Brigade 1937-1956.

Competition

Having found the answers to all the clues in our Competition 343, 'Not Just a Crossword' you will then have found eight words linked by a ninth.

This was *Mascots*. However, in checking all our entries, we found it wasn't as simple as that. Our compiler had different answers from all of you, but that doesn't mean to say she was right and you were wrong — there were merely variations on a theme. In picking the winners, we drew lots from those who at least had a correct answer. Our compiler's were *Shetland Pony* (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), *Pony* (Parachute Regiment), *Drum Horse* (Queen's Own Hussars), *Ram* (Sherwood Foresters), *Wolfhound* (Irish Guards), *Antelope* (Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers), *Goat* (Royal Welch Fusiliers and The Royal Regiment of Wales).

Prizewinners were: 1st Mr G A Gladman, 33 Victoria Road, Harborne, Birmingham. 2nd Mrs Linda Sykes, 2 Salisbury House, Ebbles Close, Tidworth, Hants. 3rd L A Jeffery, 18 Grouchy View, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts. 4th Lt Col J B Massey, IMRO(S), Higher Bks, Exeter. 5th Keith Sell, 20 Gaunts Way, Letchworth, Herts.

How Observant Are You?

1 Shape of big cloud; 2 Tail of middle cow; 3 'E' in 'Cattle'; 4 Name on van; 5 Registration letters of van; 6 Top right leaf of big tree; 7 Height of hay in barn; 8 Van driver's cigarette; 9 Soldier's jaw-line; 10 Bottom road-line below van.

PEN PALS WANTED



Lorraine Thomas is 22 and her ambition is to be a beautician. Her interests are music, keep fit and meeting people and she is a typist. She wants a penpal aged 22-28 and would like a photo. — 69b Cranfield Road, Brockley, London SE4.

Jackie Lloyd is 32 and single and she is a care assistant. Her interests are keep fit, dancing, writing and reading and she would like a penpal aged 28-38. — 32 Gwynnryn Avenue, Rhyl, Gwynedd, LL18 2BG.

Susan Jones is 28 and single and is a nursery assistant. Her interests are keep fit, dancing, writing and music and she would like a penpal aged 25-35. — 27 Rhydwyn Drive, Rhyl, Gwynedd, LL18 2AR.

Nita Hewer is 23 and single and she is a barmaid. Her interests are swimming, music, dancing and meeting people, and she would like a penpal aged 23-28. — 8 Leigh Road, Penhill, Swindon, Wilts.

Sharon Newton is 24 and single and her ambition is to live abroad. Her interests are karate and she would like a penpal aged 24-30 who is interested in sport and karate. — 13 Woodfield Road, Cam, Dursley, Glos, GL11 6HB.

Jeannette Sharp is 17 and single and her ambition is to travel. Her interests are music, drama and writing and would like a penpal aged 18-22. — 17 Broadridge Close, Bradley Valley, Newton Abbot, South Devon.

Teresa Leech is 19 and single and is a nurse. Her interests are swimming, music, travelling. — 26 Lornes Close, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 4PX.

Sarah Brownell is 23 and single and is a punch operator. Her interests are travelling and enjoying herself and she would like a penpal aged 23-33. — Basement Flat, 40 Crayford Road, London, N7 0ND.

Jan Edwards is 27 and her hobbies are photography, swimming and music. She would like penpals serving abroad and will answer all letters. — 52 Leeswood, Ashurst, Skelmersdale, Lancs.

Paula Allan is 19 and single and is a make-up consultant. Her interests are music and dancing and she would like a penpal aged 19-25. — 19 Lyndhurst Drive, Harpenden, Herts.

Shirley Grice is 17 and single and is a cashier. Her interests are sailing and music and she would like a penpal aged 17-20 serving in UK. — 50 Ascot Crescent, Pingreen, Stevenage, Herts.

Sheila Myers is 45 and is 5ft 4ins tall with auburn hair. Her interests are reading, art, music, cooking and football and she would like penpals of the same age. — 1 Millard Terrace, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 8RF.

Tracey Emmerson is 17 and single and is a factory worker. Her interests are music, dancing and reading and she wants a penpal aged 18-22, with a photo if possible. — 7 Hall Lane Estate, Willington Crook, Co Durham, DL15 0QF.

Jane Coulson is 24 and single and her ambition is to become a qualified nurse. Her interests are music and discos and she would like a penpal aged 24-29. — 57a Kimberley Court Flats, Bradley Road, Patchway Estate, Bristol, Avon.

Elaine Barrett is 19 and single and her ambition is to travel. She is a shop assistant and her interests are darts, pool and music. She wants a penpal aged 19-26 and would like a photo. — 30 Queen's Road, Bulwark, Chepstow, Gwent.

Janet Andrews is 26 and single and is a shop assistant. Her interests are reading, dancing and sport and she would like a penpal aged 26-30. — 12 Inglewood Close, Darlington, Co Durham.

Karen Furber is 18 and single and is a machinist. Her interests include cooking, and driving. She wants a penpal aged 18-25 and will answer all letters. — 893 Melton Road, Thurston, Leicester, LE4 8EF.

Deidre Cantellow is 36 and single and her ambition is to travel. Her interests are reading, cookery and classical music. She would like a penpal aged 39 plus with similar interests. — 235 North Approach, Watford, Herts, WD2 6ET.

Avril Beale is 32 and divorced and is 5ft 3ins tall with auburn hair. Her ambition is to run her own kennels and her interests are jogging, walking, animals and aerobics. — Little Oaks, D'Arcy Road, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon, Essex.

Rani Palmer is 26 and single and is a telephonist. Her interests are travelling and music and she would like a penpal in the late twenties-early thirties. — 101 Midsummer Ave, Hounslow, Middx.

Pamela Wilkinson is 39 and divorced and her ambition is to learn to drive. She is a shop assistant and her interests are music, walking and dancing and she wants penpals aged 35-45. — 34 Underidge Road, Paignton, S Devon.

Liza Boggie is 18 and single and her interests are badminton, music and reading and she wants a penpal aged 18-21. — 56 Chads Hill, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Phyllis Vance is 36 and is divorced. Her ambition is to travel and her interests are dressmaking and music. She wants a penpal aged 36-42. — 7 Henlow Close, Birchwood, Lincoln.

Stella Kirkpatrick is 22 and single and is a telephonist. Her interests are swimming, driving and reading and she would like a penpal aged 20-35. — 10 Allen Road, West Croydon, Surrey.

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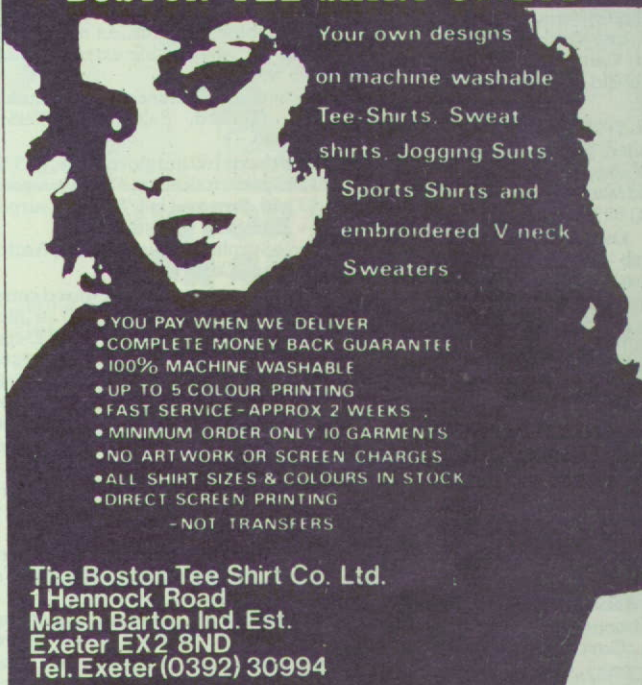
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They beat 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, from Weedon Camp, near Blackpool, in an exciting final at Aldershot.

12 RSME relied very much on the services of two players, Warrant Officer Peter Clorley and Captain Bede Grossmith, to give them victory in a hard fought game.

Between them they took four 2 LI wickets and then, when 2 LI's bowlers seemed to have the match all tied up, they came together in a partnership that added 87 runs and took 12 RSME from 56 for 5 to 143 for 6, just 12 runs short of victory.

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Lieutenant Colonel Colin Kaye, was top scorer with 40 not out. Sergeant A. Moffat contributed 31. (Bowling: WO Clorley 2 for 17, Captain Grossmith 2 for 42, and Sergeant Peter Fisher 2 for 25).

12 RSME replied with 155 for 8 wickets — Clorley top scored with 56, Grossmith made 38.

Bowling for 2 LI, Corporal K. Hodge and Major Tim Lerwill both took 3 for 28.

Orienteering at night booming in Germany

The first of the runners begin the outward leg.



Orienteering by night adds another dimension to the sport which combines physical fitness and map reading. It seems a popular past time in Germany, where 44 teams took part in the recent Dortmund Fiveways competition, organised by 16 Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery, in co-operation with the local Witten Orienteering Club.

The course, at Ardeygebirge, near Dortmund, involved five members of each team running in relay around a forest course through a series of control markers. The first runners set off around midnight and the first teams were home by 6 am.

An all male Swiss team, calling themselves "Freunde Deutsche Mächen," were overall winners and received the Fiveways Trophy from the Lord Mayor of Witten. S.U. came second.

The event-within-the-event for military teams was won by 19 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, with 1 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery second.

It is reported that a good time was had by all. It was felt that the element of darkness gave a stimulating challenge to the business of "cunning running" — the name used by orienteers to distinguish their sport from plain, ordinary running. In fact such was the support given to the event that there are hopes to make it an annual competition.

Special thanks were given at the end to those responsible for organisation — the planner, Captain John Parfitt, the controller, WO2 Dave Howden, and the organiser, Captain Tim Taylor.



General Thorne meets Bombardier Richard Stott, of the langlauf team.

VICTOR LUDORUM FOR 45 REGIMENT

While commanding 1st Armoured Division (1980-82) Major General Howlett presented a trophy to be awarded annually to the unit, major or minor, which displayed the greatest all-round sporting merit in the Division.

After a neck-and-neck battle, 45 Field Regiment RA wrested the trophy from the 21 Engineer Regiment this year to become the first Gunner Regiment to win the award.

Current BAOR football champions, 45 Field moves next year to Colchester but will leave BAOR with a string of sporting successes.

Apart from winning 18 football trophies, the regiment is currently divisional cricket and athletic champions, runners-up in the divisional swimming, winners of the Gunner and divisional (Contessa 32 Class) offshore regattas, and runners-up in the brigade hockey league, not to mention successes in other sports ranging from skiing to angling.

Despite a full programme leading up to Lionheart, the GOC 1 Armoured Division, Major General Sir David Thorne, found time to visit Hohne to award the trophy himself to the Regiment.

JUST THE TICKET FOR POLO...

The Berlin Polo weekend — this year organised by D Squadron, The Queen's Own Hussars — had the rare distinction of taking place on a ground purpose-built for polo.

The "Maifeld" adjoins the Berlin Olympic Stadium and represents another relic of those famous Games of 1936 — the last occasion, incidentally, when polo featured as an Olympic event.

Since 1966 the ground has reverted to its original function when teams mainly of British Army and German players meet for the annual polo weekend.

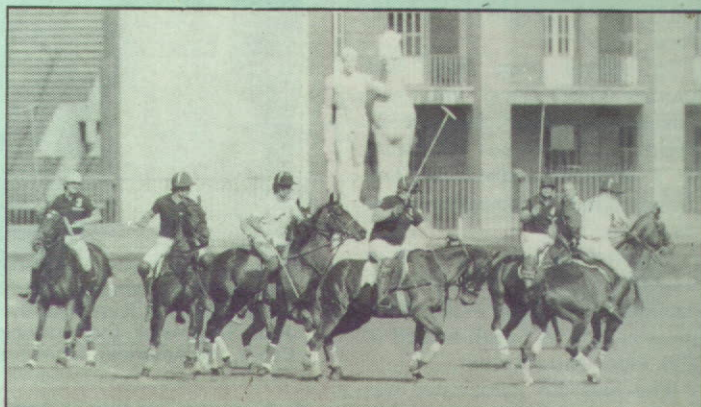
This year an Anglo-German team, rejoicing in the name Harry's Boys, won the medium goal final by beating the all

German team, Palm Beach Farmers (so named because they play most of their polo in Florida). The score was 6 to 3½.

Major David Wood, 14/20 King's Hussars, was the only British member of the team to share in the first prize of a Jeroboam of champagne presented by Baron de Montesquien.

Eight teams took part in the low goal competition — six of them from the Army and two made up of local players.

Alt Potsdam, one of the German teams took the Archie David Cup, while Pol Rogre (a team recruited from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) won the low goal plate.



FLYING DARK HORSE UPSETS RAF — AND TAKES THE TOP HONOURS



If dark horses could fly then Sergeant Bernie Reeby, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, would have to qualify as a jet black Pegasus.

He turned up at the Joint Services Hang Gliding Championships as an unconsidered outsider and then walked, or rather flew off with the top honours, beating last

year's winner, Sergeant Mick Appleby, RAF, into second place in the advanced class.

Sergeant Reeby, attached to the Army Careers and Information Office, Swansea, has been hang-gliding ever since he got the bug when stationed with the Royal Marines Commando Logistics Regiment in Plymouth seven years

ago. But work commitments prevented him competing in the last two championships and he appeared at this year's competition in South Wales as an unknown quantity.

All of which was a great pity as far as the Army's hopes for the team prize were concerned. Under the championship rules only nominated competitors are considered for the team event, and the Army's chief hope, Staff Sergeant James McMenemy, REME, had the misfortune to crash on landing, damaging his glider, wrenching his shoulder and putting himself out of the competition.

It was a particular disappointment as Staff Sergeant McMenemy had shown the way in pre-competition training with a cross country flight that covered nearly 50 miles.

This accident, together with the poor showing of the Army's other nominated pilot, enabled the RAF to retain the team title. But, unlike last year, the Air Force was denied the opportunity to make a clean sweep of the prizes.

In fact this year the Army produced the best individual fliers in all three categories: Sergeant Reeby (advanced), Captain Andrew Beaumont, Royal Welch Fusiliers (intermediate), and Sapper Martin Barlett (novice). In addition the Army supplied all the third places: Lieutenant John Armitage, Royal Signals (advanced), Captain Adrian Hicks, Royal Engineers (intermediate),

and Sapper Dave Wolley (novice). A record number of 53 pilots took part — a heartening indication, according to the organisers, of the continuing growth of the sport within the Forces. By permission of the South East Wales Hang Gliding Club they used Hay Bluff and Merthyr Common for the three events which included cross country flights of 20 and 10 kilometres to specific goals.

There was a poignant moment at the prize-giving when Mrs Rita Taggart made the first presentation of the Taggart Memorial Trophy which went to the winning novice, Sapper Bartlett.

The trophy is named in honour of her late husband, Captain Jim Taggart, REME, who did so much to get the Joint Services Hang Gliding Centre established and who was tragically killed, testing a student's glider, at Hay Bluff last year.



Outsider Sgt Bernie Reeby

GOLIGHTLY LANDS 13lb 9oz HEAVYWEIGHT CHUB

IT seems that a little local knowledge does not come amiss in the gentle art of angling.

Top prize at the Army's Open Championship this year went to Warrant Officer 2 Peter Golightly of 20 Postal & Courier Squadron, Royal Engineers, South Cerney, Gloucestershire, the closest unit to the championship venue at Tadpole Bridge, near Faringdon in Oxfordshire.

He won the five hour competition with a catch, mainly of chub, which weighed in at 13lb 9ozs.

In second place there was another fairly local entry — Corporal Derek Pickard of 25 Freight & Movement Squadron, RCT, at Bicester. His 12lbs 12ozs included chub, skimmer bream and roach.

And in third place there was an associate member of the Army Angling Association — also from Bicester. Mr M Smith hauled in 7lbs 14ozs, mostly chub.

The best TA competitor was

Captain Alan Ainsworth of the 5th (V) Royal Regiment of Fusiliers from Coventry. He managed fifth place with a catch weighing 7lbs 9ozs.

The 121 competitors who tried their luck on the Thames bank at Tadpole Bridge represented a substantial increase on last year's numbers. Major Bob Coe, a founder member of the association, presented the prizes.



Alistair MacConnacher (Dunhill) presents the Dunhill trophy to Major Malcolm Kerridge, the British team non-playing captain. John Southwick, the tournament director, is on the left, and Larry Beem, the American team captain, on the right.

BRITISH Forces North West Europe scored an exciting victory over their American allies in Berlin to win a golf trophy presented by Dunhill.

The competition, based on Ryder Cup rules, started on the American course at the Berlin Golf and Country Club and then switched to British Golf Club Gatow for the final rounds.

It seems that each side felt the benefit of playing on home ground. The Americans finished the ten foursomes and the ten fourball matches at their

Golfing Brits oust Yanks in first ever tourney

club with an overall lead of five points.

But when play switched to Gatow the British stormed back to take the 20 singles matches by a comfortable margin of 17 points to three.

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