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Divers from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' Fording Trials Branch, Instow, with their high-speed dory, provide simulated casualties to exercise the RAF's air/sea rescue helicopter based at nearby Chivenor.

Picture by Leslie Wiggs.



BACK COVER

A "guinea pig" at the Army Personnel Research Establishment carries a replica weapon container over a scientifically constructed set of obstacles under the watchful eye of an expert who records every aspect of the test.

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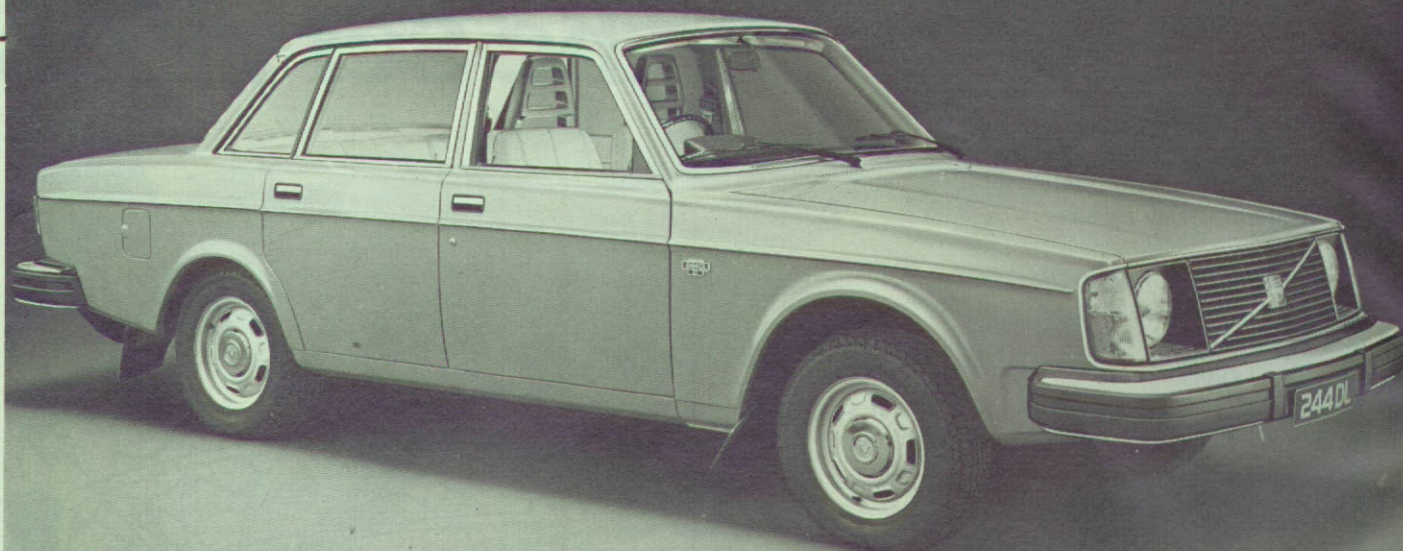
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MARCH 1975

- 5 "An Evening of Music with the Scottish Regiments," Usher Hall, Edinburgh.
- 31 Surrey County Show, Guildford (arena event).

APRIL 1975

- 26 St Albans Grammar School Fête (junior display; junior band).

MAY 1975

- 10 Blackheath (London) Village Fayre (Red Devils freefall team).
- 10 Glasgow KAPE (10-17 May) (two bands).
- 14 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 16 Telford (Shropshire) Tattoo (16-17 May).
- 17 Hadleigh (Suffolk) Show (display).
- 17 Boldon (Co Durham) British Legion Carnival (band).
- 17 Wiltshire Young Farmers Agricultural Show, Great Somerton (Royal Military Police mounted display team Red Caps).
- 17 Tulip Festival, Birmingham (band 17 May; Red Caps 23-24 May).
- 21 West Midland Show, Shrewsbury (21-22 May) (Red Caps; Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, gymnastic display; six bands).
- 21 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 23 Aldershot Horse Show (23-25 May) (Red Caps 25 May).
- 24 Watford Carnival (Junior Parachute Company gymnastic display).
- 24 Tidworth Tattoo (24-26 May).
- 24 Gosport Combined Cadet Tattoo (24-26 May)
- 24 Worcester City Show (24-26 May) (junior soldiers unarmed combat; three bands).
- 24 Edinburgh KAPE (24 May-1 June) (three displays; two bands).
- 24 Pershore, (Worcestershire) Show (Royal Green Jackets freefall team; band).
- 24 Otley (Yorkshire) Show (band).
- 26 Swaffham (Norfolk) Show (Junior Para gymnasts).
- 26 Newcastle West End Festival (band).
- 26 Barnard Castle Meet (band).
- 26 Derbyshire County Show, Derby (band).
- 26 Hertfordshire Show, Redburn (band).
- 20 Surrey County Show (Red Devils).
- 26 Redhill (Surrey) Carnival (Red Caps).
- 26 Hove Lions (Red Devils).
- 28 **Kneller Hall Grand Band Concert.**
- 28 Suffolk County Show, Ipswich (28-29 May) (Junior para gymnasts; RGJ freefall team; band).
- 30 Wigan Army Display (30 May-1 June) (Royal Artillery motorcycle display team; Junior Para gymnasts; Red Caps; Red Devils; three bands).
- 31 Salisbury Hospital Fête (band).
- 31 First rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 31 Bluecoat School, Sonning, Berkshire (Red Devils).

JUNE 1975

- 3 Household Division beats Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (3-5 June).
- 4 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 5 South of England Show, Ardingly, Sussex (5-6 June) (Red Caps; Red Devils).
- 5 Richmondshire Festival, Richmond Castle (two bands, drums, bugles).
- 7 Lord Mayor's Parade, Sheffield (band).
- 7 Stanley (Co Durham) Community Centre Show (band).
- 7 Glasgow KAPE (7-17 June) (band).
- 7 Chester Army Display (7-8 June) (Junior Para gymnasts; Red Devils; three bands).

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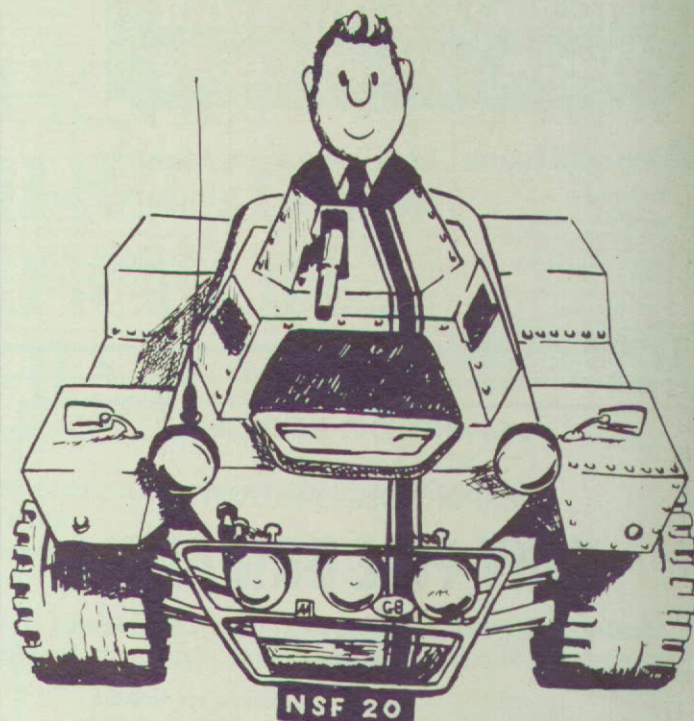
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- 7 Second rehearsal, Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 10 Three Counties Show, Malvern (10-12 June) (Red Caps).
- 11 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 13 Scunthorpe Families Day (13-15 June) (display team, band).
- 13 Essex Show, Chelmsford (13-14 June) (Red Caps; band).
- 14 Wharfedale Show, Ilkley (band).
- 14 Halifax Gala (band).
- 14 Branksome, Darlington, School Fayre (band).
- 14 Vauxhall Motors Spectacular, Luton (RA motorcyclists; band).
- 14 Aberdeen City Festival (14-28 June) (Red Devils).
- 14 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 17 Royal Armoured Corps massed bands beat Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London (17-19 June).
- 18 Lincolnshire Agricultural Show, Lincoln (18-19 June) (display team).
- 18 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 21 **South Tyneside Sports Week (21 June-5 July) (band).**
- 21 Leighton Buzzard Carnival (Red Caps; band).
- 21 Airborne Forces Day, Aldershot (Red Devils; Junior Para gymnasts).
- 23 Mounted Military Tattoo, Paris (23-28 June).
- 25 Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich (25-26 June) (display team; band).
- 25 **Kneller Hall Grand Band Concert.**
- 27 Aldershot Army Display (27-29 June) (Royal Signals motorcycle display team White Helmets; Red Devils; Red Caps; 16 bands).
- 28 Welwyn Garden City Carnival (band).
- 28 Rushden Show, Northamptonshire (display team; band).
- 30 East Kent Army Week, Dover (30 June-5 July) (RE JLR gymnasts).

JULY 1975

- 1 Royal Agricultural Show, Kenilworth (1-6 July) (Red Caps).
- 2 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 3 Portsmouth Field Gun Show (Junior Para gymnasts).
- 5 **Battle of Sedgemoor anniversary (three bands).**
- 5 Military Musical Pageant (Army Benevolent Fund), Wembley Stadium.
- 5 Birkenshaw (Yorkshire) Show (band).
- 5 Hanworth Carnival (Junior Para gymnasts).
- 6 Leeds Horse Show (band).
- 6 Oxted (Surrey) Village Fête (Red Devils).
- 9 **Kneller Hall Band Concert.**
- 10 Finchley Carnival (10-12 July) (Junior Para gymnasts).
- 11 Southampton Show (11-13 July) (Red Devils 12 July).
- 11 Kent County Show, Gravesend (11-12 July) (Red Caps).
- 12 Basingstoke Tattoo.
- 12 Open Day, Depot, Queen's Division, Basingbourn, Hertfordshire.
- 12 Southminster (Essex) Show (Red Devils).
- 12 Dagenham (Essex) Town Show (12-13 July) (Red Devils).
- 12 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 12 Pudsey (Yorkshire) Show (band).
- 15 East of England Show, Peterborough (15-17 July) (Household Cavalry Quadrille; three bands).
- 16 **Kneller Hall Grand Band Concert.**
- 16 Mid-Somerset Agricultural Show (Red Caps).
- 16 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (16 July-2 August).
- 17 Malton (Yorkshire) Show (junior band).
- 17 Liverpool Show (17-19 July) (Red Devils; Junior Para gymnasts; two bands).
- 18 Cheltenham Tattoo (18-19 July).
- 19 Masham (Yorkshire) Traction Rally (19-20 July) (band).
- 19 Howard School Fête, Welwyn Garden City (junior display; junior band).
- 19 Open Day, Fording Trials Branch REME, Instow, Devon.
- 20 Doddington Special (Red Devils).
- 21 Kirkby (Lancashire) Army Display (21-22 July) (Junior Para gymnasts; Red Devils; three bands).
- 22 Cleveland Army Display, Middlesbrough (22-25 July) (junior gymnasts; Royal Corps of Transport Silver Stars freefall team; two bands).



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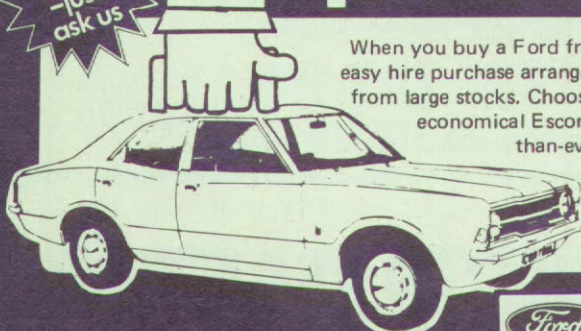


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The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

NO episode in the history of the DCLI ranks higher than the defence of Lucknow. For 140 days, from 30 June until 17 November 1857, the men of the 32nd Regiment of Foot, later to become 1st Battalion, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, fought off constant attacks by Indian mutineers whilst their womenfolk nursed the sick and wounded. For the first 87 days they fought alone until a relief column got through on 25 September. The regiment lost 15 officers and 364 other ranks killed; 11 officers and 198 other ranks were wounded, four Victoria Crosses were won.

Treasured relics of those heroic days have places of honour in the regimental museum housed in the Keep of the old DCLI Depot at Bodmin. Seven of the regiment's eight VCs, including the four won at Lucknow, are lodged in the museum and its medal collection is also notable for a Vigo struck in 1702 to mark the naval action at Vigo Bay, a fine display of Waterloo, Crimea and Indian Mutiny medals, a gold Peninsula Cross and two gold Peninsula Medals.

The Lucknow exhibits include the diary maintained by Private Henry Metcalf throughout the siege, the sword of Sir Henry Inglis who commanded the garrison, a set of crested hot-water plates which conveniently kept dinners warm for the occupants of the Residency and, surprisingly, a baby's cot.

Other display cases are devoted to Waterloo, the Crimean War, Boer War, World Wars One and Two, uniforms and insignia. Some Simkin paintings picture the 32nd in action at Waterloo; a copy of The Times, describing the battle and with casualty lists, can also be seen.

Not to be overlooked are a 1771 general return of officers of the 46th Regiment of Foot, which in 1881 became the DCLI's 2nd Battalion, and the Washington Bible. This bible was twice captured and twice returned under a flag of truce—first during the American War of Independence and again when it was captured by the French at Dominica.

For students of uniform there is a fascinating collection of 121 water colours accurately depicting the different forms of dress used by the regiment from the date of its raising in 1702, as Fox's

Marines, to 1919. The uniform room has some good examples of foreign service, levee and mess kit, and an interesting collection of headdresses.

Among the Boer War relics is a PoW pass issued to Paul Kruger, former president of the Transvaal. A World War One bugle carried in action at Mons also caught the eye as did a German cavalry helmet holed by a bullet said to have been the first fired by British infantry in August 1914—a distinction claimed by a DCLI sentry post near the Mons Canal.

A Russian drum captured during the Crimean campaign, a German drum-major's mace and a rare musical instrument known as a Jingling Johnnie have pride of place in the band section. Jingling Johnnies are known to have existed as far back as the 16th century and seem to have been used by British, French, German and other European military bands until the beginning of the present century. Very few now remain; that in the museum was carried by the band of the 46th in the Crimea.

The well-stocked armoury houses a variety of British and foreign weapons. Army Lists from 1761 onwards, regimental histories and books on the Lucknow epic are on the shelves of a small library.

John Jesse

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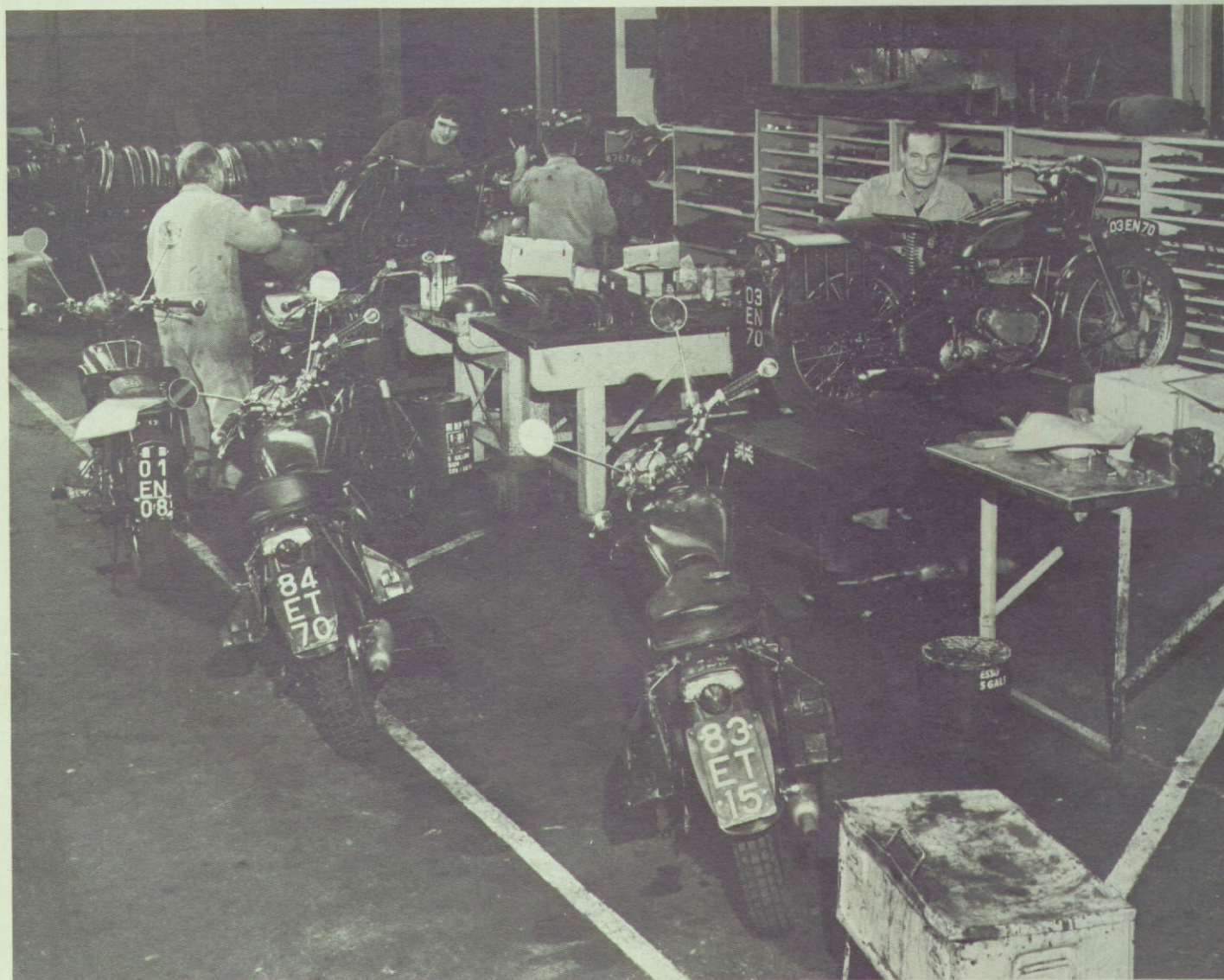
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From their base

In Belgium men of the service corps provide logistic support for the British Army in Germany



RHINE ARMY'S SUPER-STORE

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Paul Haley

SHARING refrigerated space with frogs' legs from Indonesia, oak leaves for feeding zoo okapis and a foothill of the European beef mountain are some 11,000 tons of meat, fruit, vegetables and dairy products—destined for the cookhouse tables of Rhine Army, and all carefully checked by a handful of experts as just one of the tasks of British Forces Antwerp.

The station exists to provide logistic support to Rhine Army. Commanded from a small headquarters in Emblem Camp—Emblem is a nearby hamlet—it comprises the Ordnance Depot, Antwerp,

a Royal Corps of Transport headquarters, a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshop and some 20 detachments from parent units in Germany to make the station self-supporting.

It also acts as a transit camp for all surface movements of men and matériel between the United Kingdom and Rhine Army and some 18,000 soldiers pass through each year. Furniture for quarters also passes through Antwerp from Quedgeley, the source of all three Services' quartering stores (see *SOLDIER*, January 1974.)

Despite its small headquarters of low,

light-blue painted huts at Emblem, the station's vast hangars of stores and fuelled-up vehicles, ready to be issued to units at a moment's notice should the need arise, cover an area stretching some 40 kilometres from north to south.

SOLDIER watched an exercise the depot mounted internally to test its own efficiency at "drawing a serial," as the issue of stores and vehicles to a unit is called. Precise documentation ensures a unit's particular needs are met. Its vehicles are drawn from the hangars, where they wait fully fuelled. Royal Army Ordnance Corps personnel drive the vehicles for the first ten yards or so just in case of malfunction and to clear the lines of other trucks. To keep the vehicles in top condition, batteries are regularly changed, fuel is drawn off and replaced—the old fuel is used for local mileage by station vehicles—and each vehicle is driven on a short test run every six months to prove it is still roadworthy.

Above: Workshop staff "make good and mend" Army motorcycles.



Belgian and British military police plan a convoy route.



Worldwide sources provide this meat stored for BAOR use.

The first stop for the unit's drivers is another shed where pre-packed unit equipment is stored. Again, careful packing and documentation are the key to speed and efficiency. As soon as a vehicle backs up for loading, a controller marks the tailboard height in chalk on a stick and this is used as a guide to speed the fork-lift truck operation—in earnest, every second would count. A standard size of pallet ensures a snug fit on to any vehicle the unit may be using. Within minutes a unit can be on the road and speeding to its operational destination.

The unit's movement is planned and controlled by the local Royal Corps of

Transport headquarters and its staff is kept busy on exercise movements or handling individuals travelling under the Ministry of Defence umbrella. Nothing is too small or big for the personnel in the new, custom-built transport office—travel arrangement's for SOLDIER's two-man team were handled with a thoroughness that would have shamed an agency.

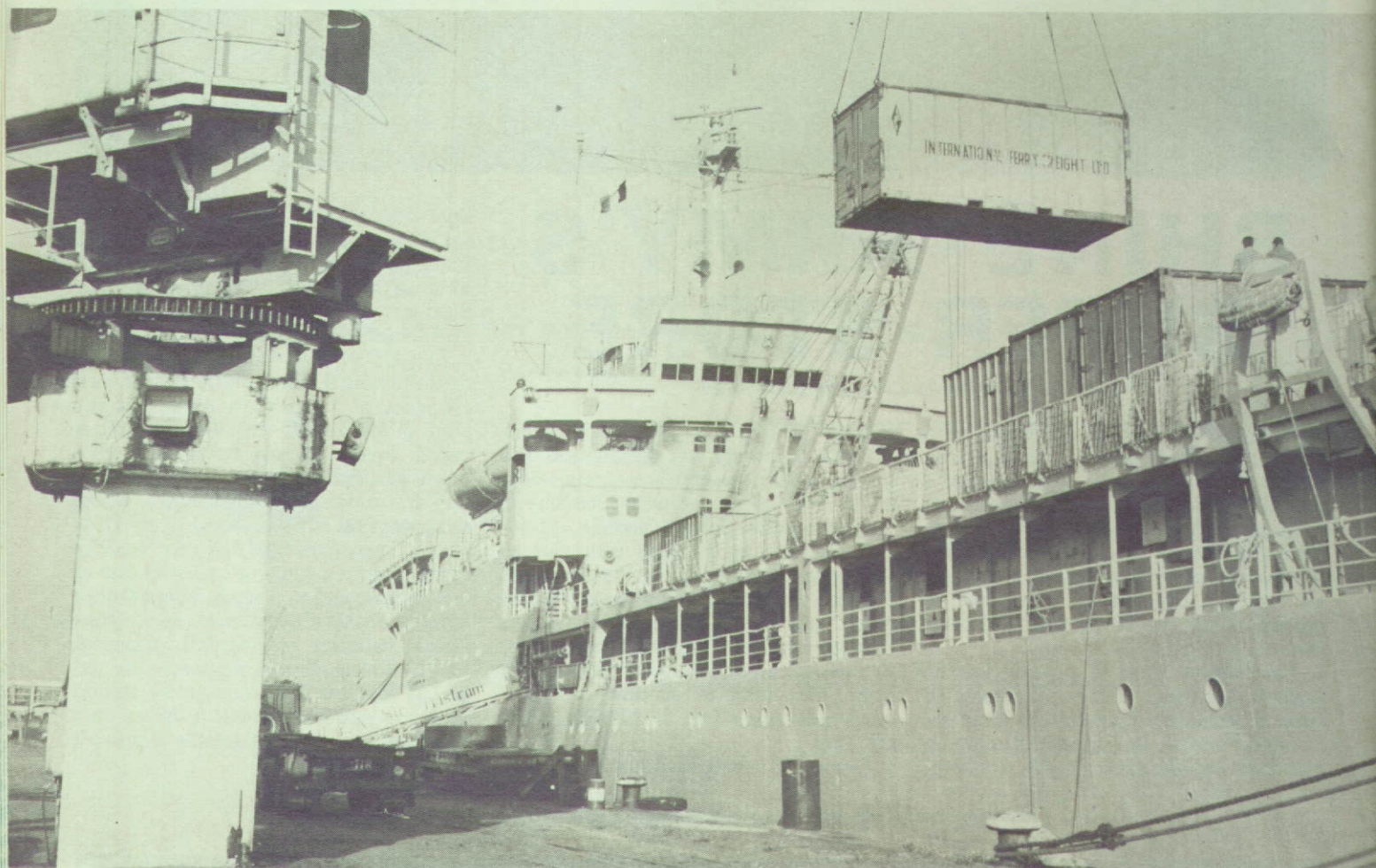
Working closely with the movements staff are the men of a detachment from the Mönchen Gladbach-based 102 Provost Company who liaise with local police forces to ensure that convoys of military vehicles reach their destination with the minimum of inconvenience to both civil

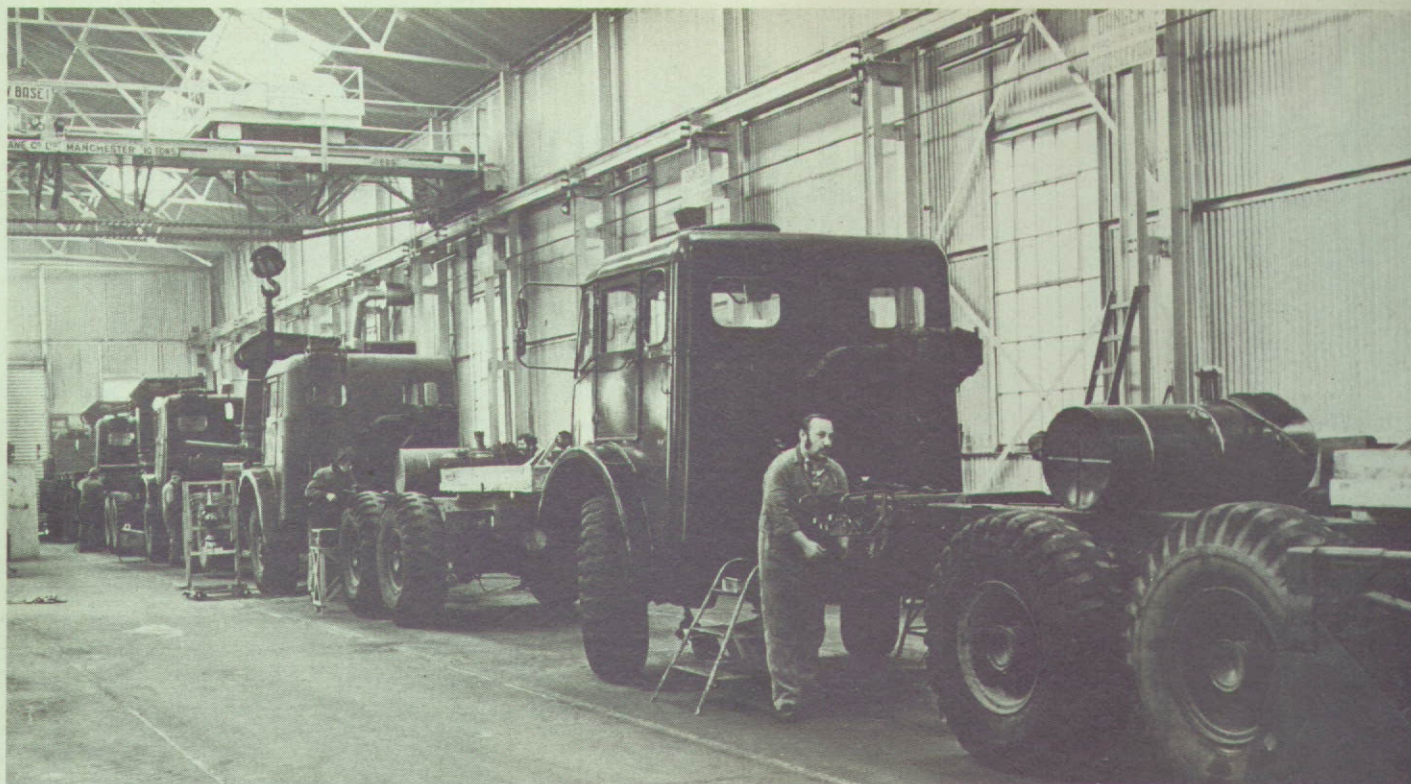
and military needs. The provost detachment also polices the military area, provides escorts for convoys and deals with traffic accidents, some of which involve Rhine Army personnel making for the ferry ports and on the last leg of the long drive from Germany.

Like the Royal Corps of Transport, the military policemen have their own special and cordial relationship with local forces.

A major burden of support for Rhine Army falls on the shoulders of 60 Station Workshop, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' representatives in British Forces Antwerp. Major Bob McAvoy, its officer commanding, ex-

Off-loading containers from LSL Sir Tristram at Zeebrugge (picture by L/Cpl T G Howard).





plained: "We are unusual in that a station workshop usually looks after just its own small area. We are a light aid detachment, vehicle depot workshop and static station workshop. Our recovery work covers the whole of Belgium and Holland and much of this task comes under the heading of dockside assistance at Antwerp."

A unique task under way during SOLDIER's visit involved the conversion of some of Rhine Army's ten-ton lorries to incorporate cranes behind the cabs to conform with the policy of palletising loads. A smooth production line was planned by the workshop to cope with nearly 300 vehicles and eight finished articles were being turned out in a week.

In an effort to "make good and mend" and so save the Army money, another programme was in progress to keep vehicles on the road for as long as possible by carefully refurbishing them using every spare part available including those usable from wrecks that might otherwise have been totally written off. Repair programmes occupy 40 per cent of the workshop's time.

Tucked away in the trees is a tyre bay which holds stocks of everything from a mighty Michigan 175H tyre to that of the relatively tiny Mini. Work here can be boring and repetitive, despite the recent acquisition of an electric tyre changer, and personnel are rotated to ease the burden of the task.

But one of British Forces Antwerp's major roles in peacetime is the overseeing of that store of cold food which arrives at Antwerp from all four corners of the globe to be served up in the cookhouses of Rhine Army after being sent to the half-dozen main supply depots in Germany by three hired container vehicles which are on the road five days a week and shift 500 tons of stores a month.

The Army hires cold storage space in a vast complex taking up two whole quays

at Antwerp and, in three storeys, occupying an area the size of some 60 soccer pitches. A small team of quality controllers from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps monitors the goods brought in for the Army and their lives are spent in and out of the 20-to 30-degrees-below-zero environment of frozen food. But this has not been found a chilling experience. Master butcher Warrant Officer 1 T M Sutcliffe commented: "I haven't had a cold since 1968!"

British Forces Antwerp is a close-knit community separated from home in the United Kingdom by the Channel and from the rest of Rhine Army by stretches of Belgium and Holland. So the station takes understandable pride in various "self-help" projects that produce worthwhile activities for off-duty hours.

One such project, a tiled, heated and filtered swimming pool made from a static water tank, was being used at the time of

SOLDIER's visit by the station's youth club for a barbecue. The youth club comes into its own for Service youngsters during school holidays and was being run by student-teacher John Birkby, spending his vacation time from England in Belgium.

There is a British Forces Education Service primary school on the camp for 200 children and the station boasts an 18-hole "self-help" golf course and a church started with a £100 grant and a Nissen hut.

Emblem has a thriving folk club which meets every Wednesday and was started by The Patriots group, a trio of Royal Army Ordnance Corps men who won the 1973 Army "pop" contest. They have been joined at their sessions by civil servant Barry Corbett and his wife Eileen. Barry, once a semi-professional musician, did a tour with the Beatles in the 1960s.

Centrepiece of the Emblem complex is the cookhouse, now re-named The Emblem Rooms in honour of its staff's four successive annual wins in the Rhine Army cookery contest. The winner's certificates have pride of place on the walls which have been gaily decorated by a local civilian worker on the camp with exotic paintings.

Located to the south-west of the Belgian town of Herentals and secluded by the Liège to Antwerp autoroute, the British Forces Antwerp camp escapes the notice of most Servicemen travelling from Germany to the Channel ports. But it is a close-knit community with a strong sense of purpose, based on the knowledge that it has a vital role in peace or war.

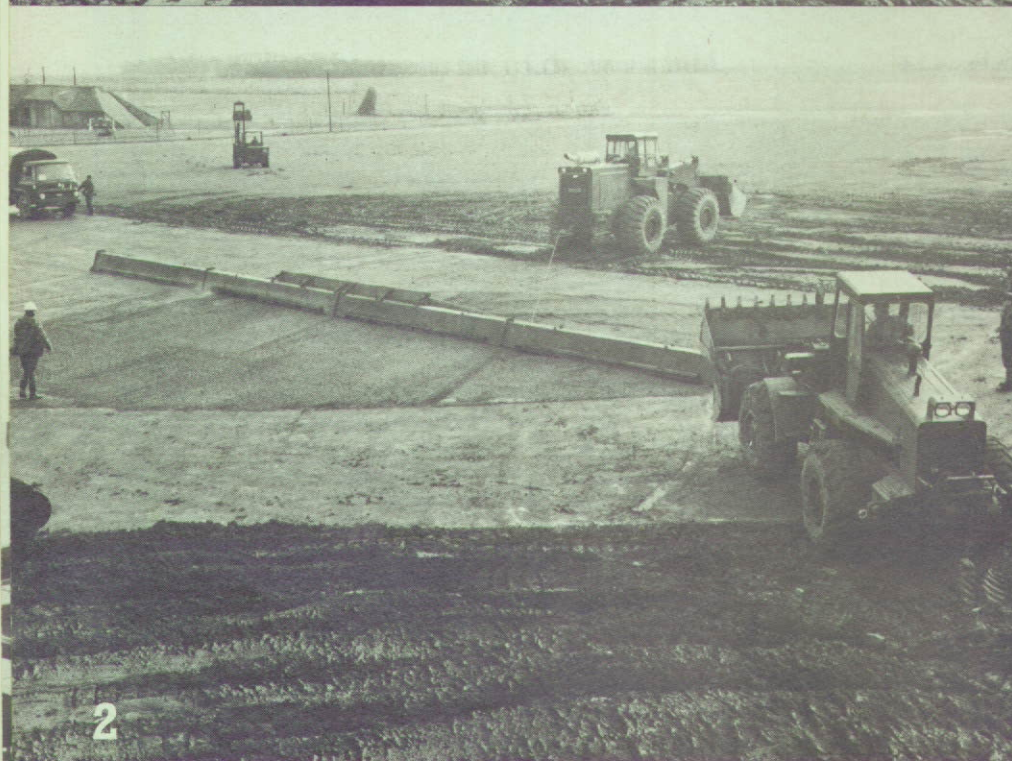


Left: A measuring stick speeds loading.

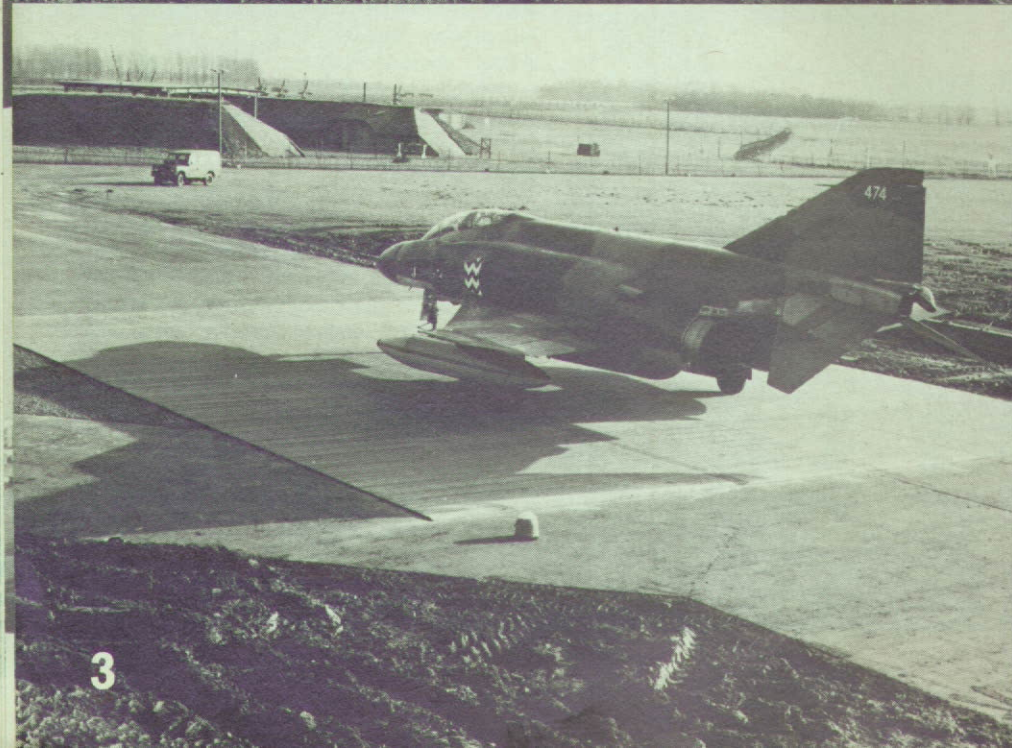
Top: The ten-tonners' conversion line.



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At RAF Wildenrath, Germany, the British Army's system for rapid repairs to bomb-damaged runways, acknowledged as the best yet devised, was demonstrated by men of 52 Field Squadron (Airfields), Royal Engineers . . .

The crater fillers

THE "Station alert" signals blared wildly and insistently to herald the enemy attack. Tense and nervous people scrambled to their war stations as the first wave of bombers struck. Through the smoke and confusion the crump of bombs, the chatter of air defence weapons and the shrill scream of sirens could be heard. Then the planes were gone—leaving the main runway littered with bomb craters.

An imaginary situation, but real enough to those who plan our defences. Would our fighters remain grounded? To react quickly and get the aircraft flying again is the job of the runway rapid repair teams of the Royal Engineers.

The speed and efficiency with which they work was demonstrated at RAF Wildenrath by 52 Field Squadron, part of 39 Engineer Regiment (Airfields), Royal Engineers, in front of Supreme Allied Commander Europe's evaluation team, representatives from NATO services and foreign defence sales teams.

The sappers were faced with a "bomb crater" four metres deep and 20 metres wide in a concrete runway. Surface debris was pushed well to one side by heavy wheeled tractors using their grabs. As soon as access was made to the crater, wheeled hydraulic excavators dug earth and slabs of broken concrete out of the hole and concrete from the edges was broken off with hydraulic hammers.

Specially modified dump trucks each dropped 15 cubic yards of large aggregate into the crater and this was distributed by tractors using their grabs as shovels. Finer aggregate was used to provide top dressing, graded smooth and compacted by a five-ton vibrating roller.

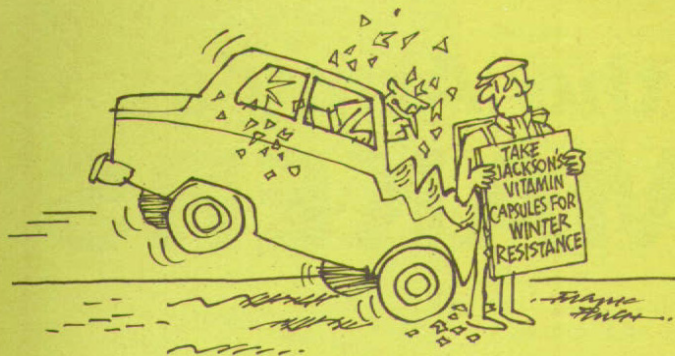
A metal-link mat was positioned and unrolled and its edges bolted to the runway. These mats can be used singly without detriment to an aircraft running over them at speed, or they can be joined together in an extended carpet. Within two hours of the start of the operation a Phantom aircraft was standing where the hole had been.

From a report by Rhine Army Public Relations.

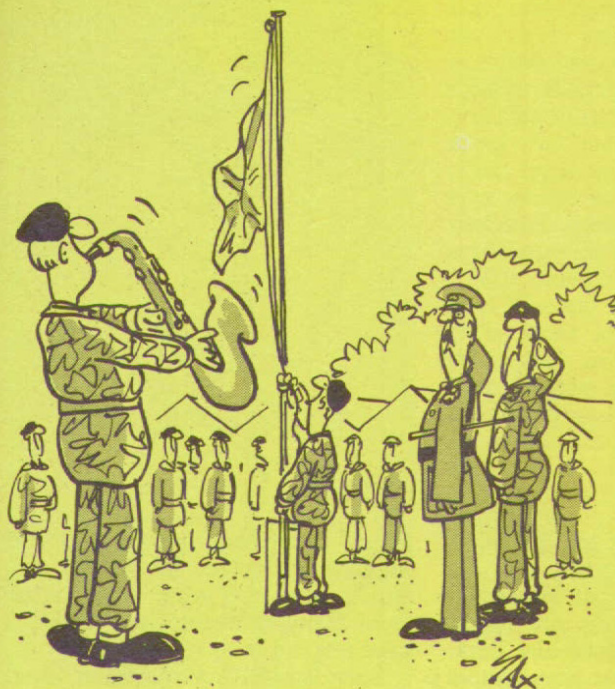
1 Heavy-wheeled tractors early in the bomb-cratered airfield repair task.

2 Fine aggregate is graded smooth for the repaired hole's "top dressing."

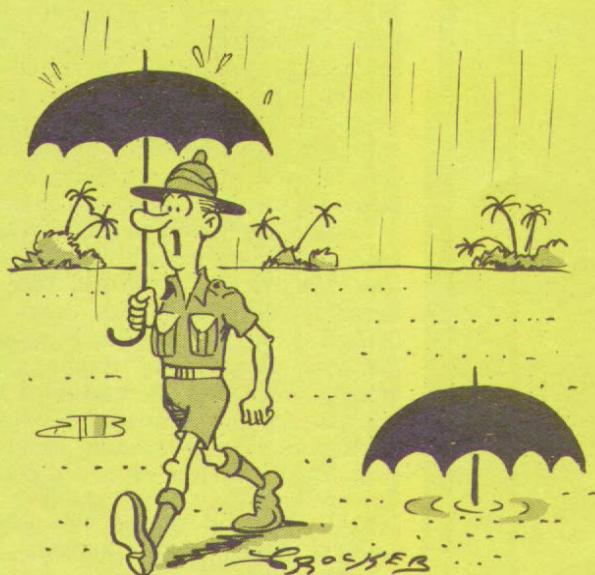
3 A Phantom fighter/bomber rolls over the spot where the bomb crater was.



Humour



"We couldn't find the bugle."



"Keep your eyes open for the quicksands."

Penny Wise

Army wife Penny O'Brien offers a tip or two to fellow wives—and their husbands—on life in Northern Ireland, which ...



—is not being sad if he's working at Christmas



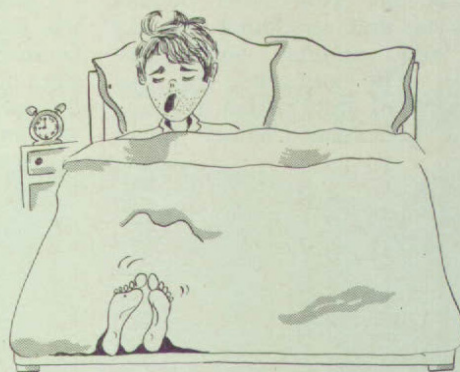
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—is smiling when he comes home

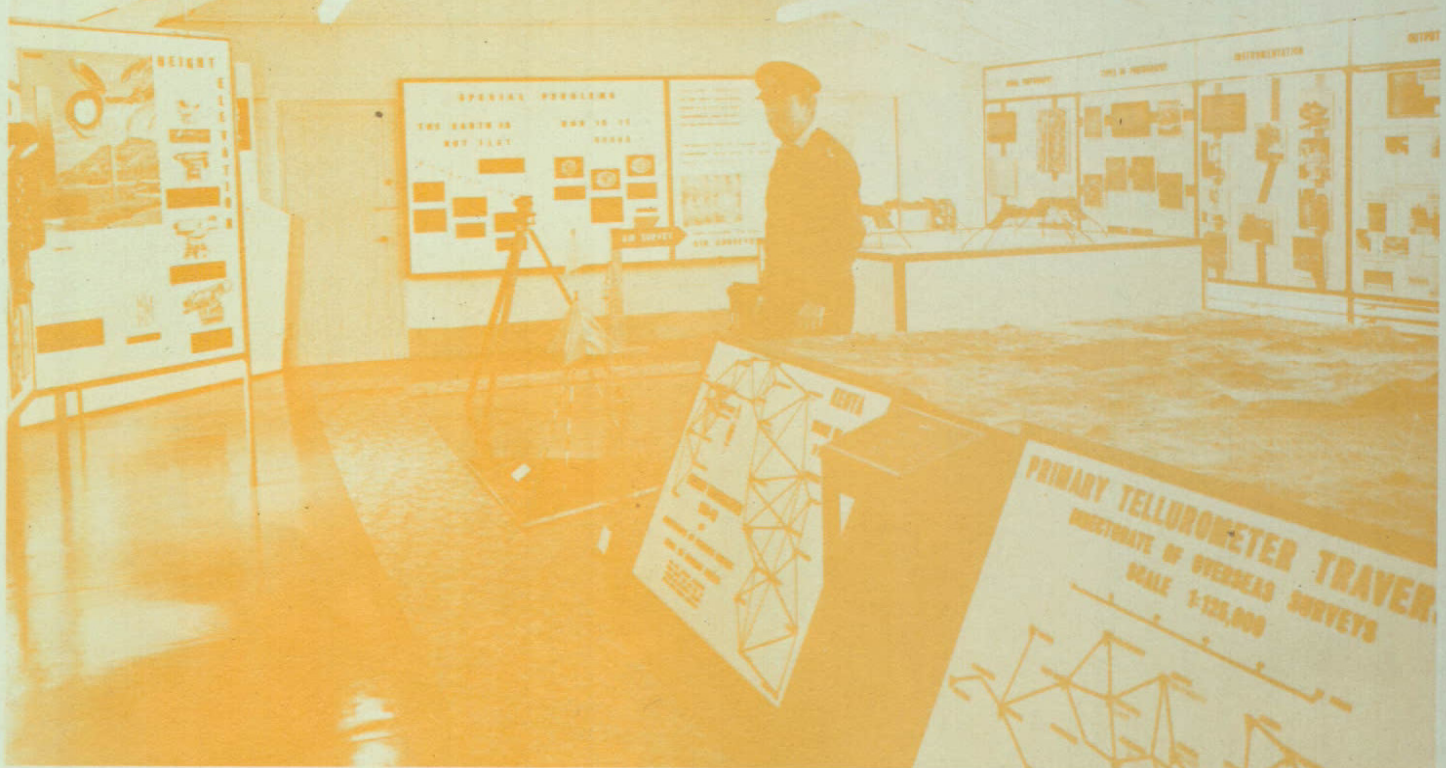


—is letting him have his sleep



—is coping with the baby on your own

Training the Army's MAPMAKERS



THE best place in England for sunshine and clear skies at night is not one of the well-known holiday resorts but an area straddling the M4 motorway and running north into Oxfordshire. The authority for this amazing piece of information is none other than Lieutenant-Colonel Julian

Coulson, Commandant of the School of Military Survey at Hermitage.

Colonel Coulson says that Hermitage was selected as the school's site simply because the rolling Oxfordshire/Berkshire downs have such clear skies. And a quarter of a century later Hermitage has well and truly proved itself. In the near

future permanent, purpose-built buildings are to replace the hatted camp in which over the years Army surveyors from many different parts of the world have learned their trade.

Surveyors have always been one of the least-known yet important groups of soldiers. Those wonderfully straight Roman roads could hardly have been constructed without them and soldier-surveyors were closely connected with the Military Survey of the Scottish Highlands in the 18th century from which emerged the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain. The first survey units as such were not formed until 1824 when the 13th and 14th companies, Royal Engineers, followed by the 16th Company, were formed to carry out the survey of Ireland.

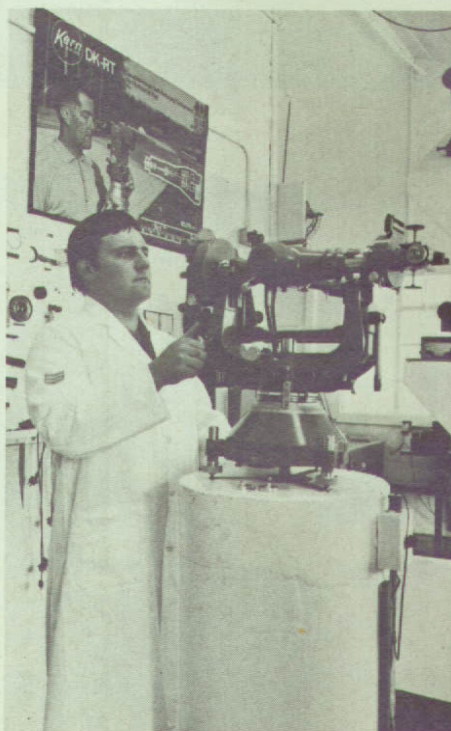
The sappers' survey element has always been closely associated with the Ordnance Survey. Before World War Two those recruited into the corps were drafted to Fort Southwick, Portsmouth, for their introductory training in all branches of survey. Second-stage training was by the Ordnance Survey. At war's outbreak the training element at Fort Southwick was expanded into the Survey Training Centre which in 1941 moved to North Wales. The wartime boost to mapping had demonstrated the need for a proper survey service and the Survey Training Centre moved again, to a temporary camp at Longleat (now the home of lions!).



Sergeant Tony Lee takes a reading from the top of a sixty-foot Bilby tower.

Right: Sgt Brian Wilson servicing and checking a theodolite in the workshop.

Top: Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Farmer in the survey exhibition at Hermitage.



Story by John Walton
Pictures by Paul Haley

In 1949 the present school was established and moved to Hermitage. The silver jubilee of its arrival has just been commemorated with the presentation to the parish council of a seat which has been placed on a nearby common.

Hermitage is responsible for training Royal Engineers Officers for appointments in the military survey service and also sappers for six employments in the survey field—five of them classed as technician appointments and one as tradesman. Because the number of sapper officers to be trained is small, the vacancies on officer courses are filled by overseas students. The post-graduate, year-long course has over the years seen officers from dozens of different countries.

Survey is one of the fields in which Army qualifications have become recognised in the outside world as the equal of or better than the comparable civilian qualification. Officers passing the Hermitage examinations at the required standard get exemption from the final examinations of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Similarly, soldiers qualified in the various employments can apply for membership of the appropriate trade union and subject to finding appropriate employment and passing a probation period should get their union cards after six months.

The chief instructor, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Farmer, points out: "We cover work in a year which may take three years in a university. We also believe we give a better chance to practise the theory as well as absorb it. Recently an authoritative American publication described us as the best hands-on school of its type in the world."

What the school does is to train the people who produce and supply all maps and survey data to the Army and the Royal Air Force and land maps to the Royal Navy. Trainee mapmakers would be an



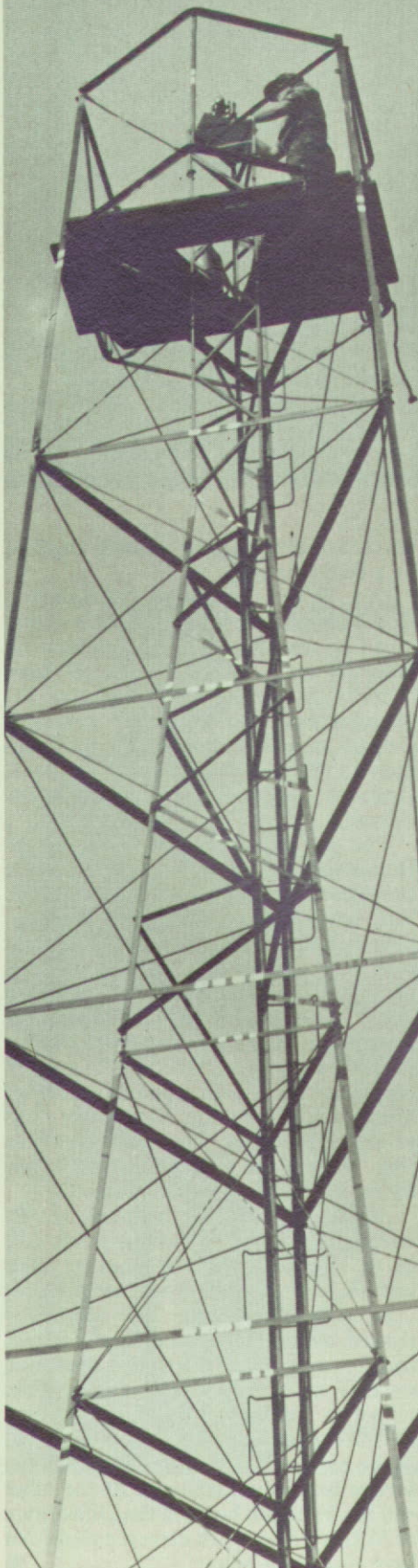
One of the most famous Army officers connected with the survey service was Lieutenant-Colonel (later General) Sir Charles Warren, who was a superintendent instructor at the survey school from 1880 to 1884.

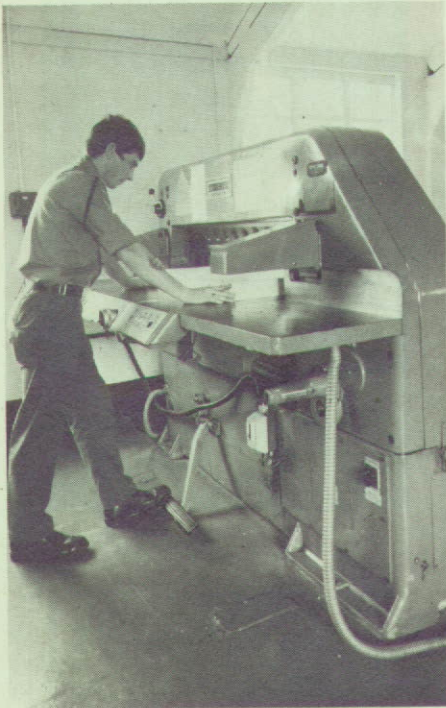
Two years later Sir Charles was appointed Commissioner of Metropolitan Police. But in 1888 a series of East End murders—the "Jack the Ripper" killings—hit the headlines. Warren came under considerable fire over his handling of the Ripper case and resigned.

A decade later he was called back from retirement to command a division in the Boer War. He carried with him a dormant commission appointing him commander-in-chief in the event of Buller's death or disablement. But after a none-too-happy relationship with Buller (who blamed him for the disaster at Spion Kop), he left the Service again to become Governor of Bechuanaland.

◀ Worm's eye view of surveyor at work on the top of the school's survey tower.

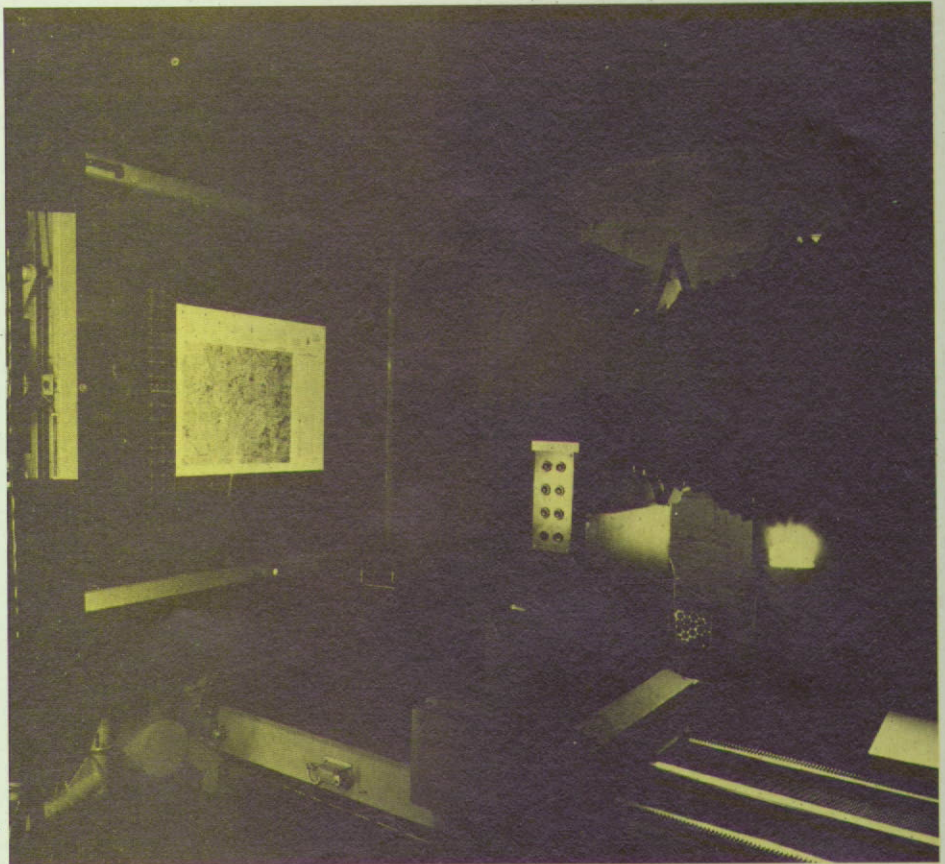
Plotting position by measuring angles between stars—a school display model.





Storeman survey instructor L/Cpl Billy Peachey shows how to use a guillotine.

Process camera being set for making line separation negatives of the maps. ▶



apt description and half of the time spent by students at Hermitage is used practising this art either in the field or in offices.

The trades for soldiers cover all aspects of mapmaking. Field surveyors go out and make measurements on the ground or collect names of landmarks. They deal with astronomic measurement and for instance, from a three-star line can calculate their position on earth within half a mile from not knowing where they are at all! Hence the need for clear nights.

Survey equipment, which includes the

use of mini-computers for calculations which formerly had to be done with the aid of logarithms, has revolutionised the art in recent years. When the Ordnance Survey made measurements on the Berkshire/Oxfordshire downs before the war it took months—now the same measurements could be done in 20 minutes.

The air surveyor, who has contributed to this updating, works from aerial photographs. He takes measurements from them, using very precise equipment, and produces a map. All this is saving time

which would have been spent in the field by a field surveyor.

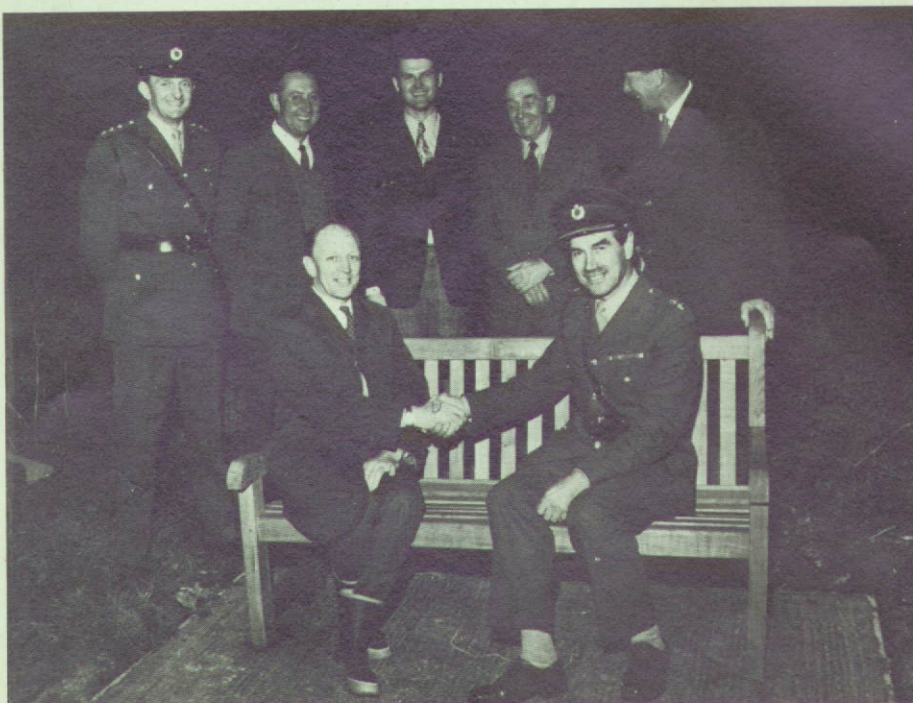
Next in line comes the cartographer, who interprets the air survey work so that it can be read by the general public. He takes the work, translates it and produces it for reproduction. This involves the photographer who can make any scale changes necessary, and finally the lithographic printer who can produce thousands of copies of the maps in many colours.

The only employment taught at Hermitage which carries only a B trade classification is that of storeman (survey). But, says Lieutenant-Colonel Farmer: "We regard this job as more important than first sight would have us believe. He is the chap we all depend on in the end." The storeman (survey) trims the map to size, sorts, counts and then despatches to the depot, where it is stored, accounted for and distributed by another man of the same trade. Since a map has to go to the right person and be at the right place at the right time to be of any use at all, this is clearly important.

All soldiers in the military survey service are taught to various levels and go to Hermitage several times on their way to becoming top-grade technicians.

In recent years the M4 motorway slashed its way across southern England and brought more than hills and fine weather as a reason for retaining the school at Hermitage. To the west along the motorway lies Chepstow, where all of the basic soldier recruits to the survey service begin their training. At the other end lies Feltham, home of the Directorate of Military Survey. A surveyor could not have planned it better!.

The school gave a seat to the village on its 25th anniversary. Picture—E C Paine.



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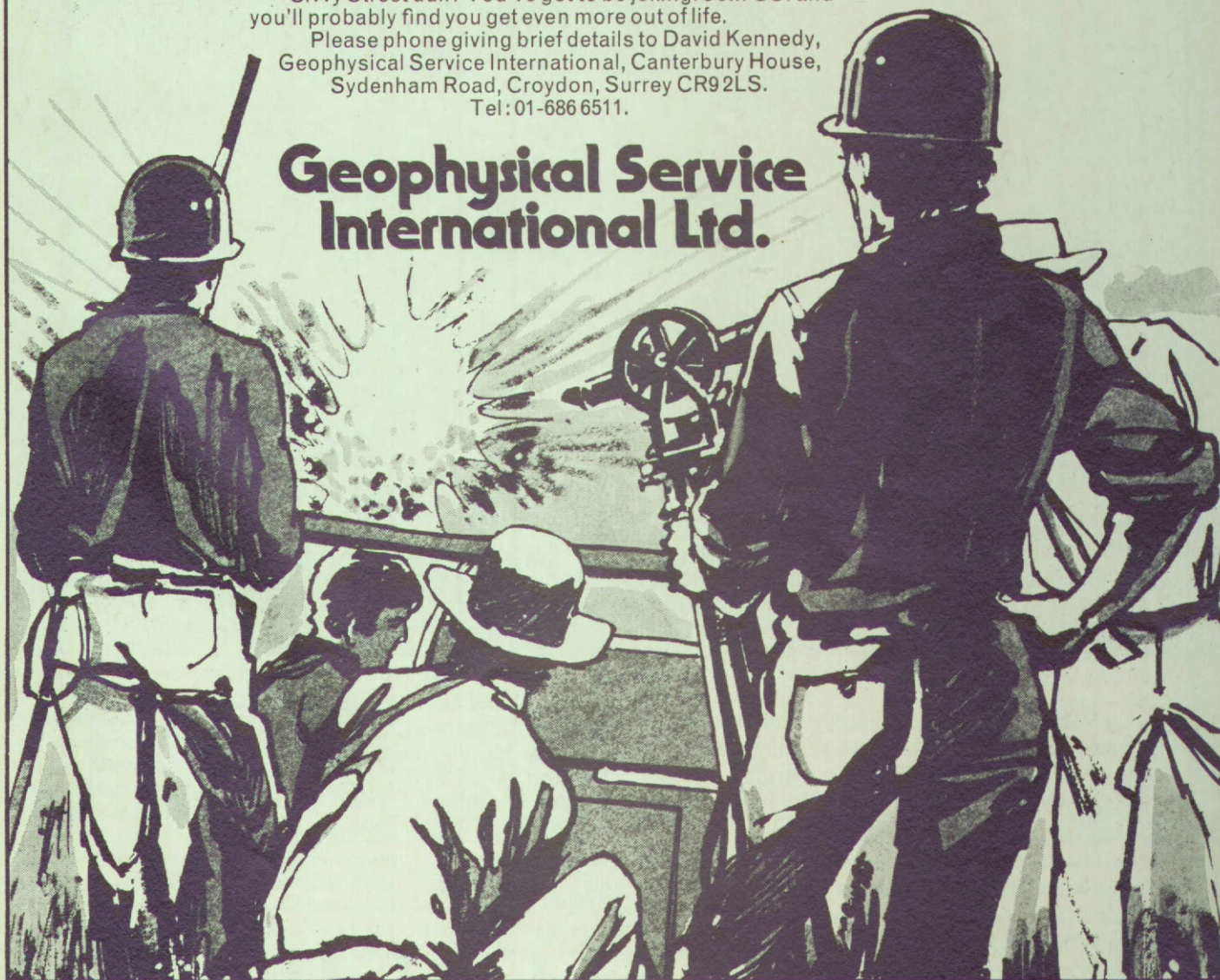
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ALL eyes centred on the hills and dales of the sand model, criss-crossed with blue, green and brown lines marking features of the terrain. With crisp confidence the platoon commander briefed his section leaders on the operation. The platoon commander was a corporal; he and his fellow students were students on a course at the School of Infantry non-commissioned officers' tactical wing at Brecon, Wales.

The brooding peaks of the Brecon Beacons loom over the Dering Lines camp nestling on the outskirts of the quiet town which is the gateway to the wilderness of the Mynydd Epynt once peopled with the tough and fearsome warriors of the Dark Ages who harried their English overlords. These barren fastnesses nowadays provide ideal training areas for the modern

infanter and their inhospitable slopes toughen the troops of today as they did the Celtic tribes of long ago.

Into a windswept night the corporal led his platoon to launch the attack he had carefully planned in the relative comfort of classroom conditions back at camp. It was a tribute to the efficiency of both the course and its students that the scheme plotted out on a model came to life as the exercise scenario unfolded with skill and precision.

These abilities are not mastered overnight, even a night spent in what is considered to be one of the Army's toughest training areas. The students spend some two months at Brecon in classrooms and in the field learning infantry tactics. This may not be their first visit for recruits get a taste of the

wing's work too if they join The Parachute Regiment.

The hutted camp at Dering Lines is a wing of the School of Infantry and its commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel J P. Epplestone, is confident it has the highest turnover of students in any of the school's wings. It was formed in 1973 from the Parachute Regiment Battle School and Senior NCOs Tactical Division of the School of Infantry. At present some 1950 men pass through courses at Brecon each year but a new section commanders course will swell this number considerably when it begins this year.

Apart from the back-up staff providing the headquarters, local support, demonstration troops and aids, the wing has three instructional divisions. The senior NCOs division provides eight-week courses for infantry sergeants and corporals of the Regular Army four times a

Above: A lance-corporal in charge of a platoon plans with a sand model.

From tents to tactics in 50 years

Dering Lines, Brecon, date back to a tented camp in World War One. The site reverted to civilian ownership and the present hutted camp was built just before World War Two as an infantry training centre to take two major units—and there were two of everything. There are still two parade grounds but one of the twin cookhouses is now the wing headquarters and a second gymnasium is a store. At the end of the war the camp was used as a weekend centre and for some eight years in the 1950s was unoccupied except for a Special Air Service Regiment training troop.

The weekend training centre was then re-established and in 1961 The Parachute Regiment took over

The thin disrupted-pattern line of a patrol sweeps the unfriendly hillside.



Two "enemy casualties" are covered while troops consolidate their hold.

two huts on the camp for recruit continuation training. Two years later the camp was extended to include the training of Para non-commissioned officers and retitled The Parachute Regiment Battle School.

In 1966, as a result of the United Kingdom training organisation review, it was decided to re-introduce the centralised tactical training of infantry platoon sergeants. In the interests of economy this course was grafted on to the existing Parachute Regiment organisation at Brecon and Senior NCOs Tactical Division, The School of Infantry, was added to the title. When the infantry section commanders' course was mooted in the early seventies the move began which resulted in the camp becoming what it is now—the NCOs Tactical Wing of the School of Infantry. The camp has undergone a facelift over recent years although permanent staff accommodation is still spartan.

year with more than 60 students at a time. Instruction in the field duties of a rifle platoon sergeant are covered and the command and tactical training of a rifle platoon. The division also runs two-week courses for Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve and Ulster Defence Regiment sergeants and corporals.

A junior NCOs division has courses for Parachute Regiment and Special Air Service Regiment personnel who also do an eight-week course with just over 50 men in each. This is being extended this year to embrace all the infantry and offer seven-week courses for junior NCOs four times a year with some 100 students at a time. Two-week courses for Territorial junior NCOs in the Parachute and Special Air Service regiments are being broadened too to embrace the whole of the infantry.

The recruit division runs a packed programme of courses for Parachute Regiment Regular recruits, 12 each of one- and three-week courses for more than 50 young soldiers at a time. The

division is also responsible for ten one-week pre-Para courses for up to 100 students at a time on the Wales phase of this training. The Junior Parachute Company uses the division six times a year for one-week senior term courses taking some 60 lads a time.

The theoretical and practical work involved in moulding top-class infanters makes for hard work for the students. It is even harder for the instructors who have only a short two-week break between courses, during which time they write reports on the last course and prepare for the next. From January to July the wing works flat out with a short leave break in the summer before the second bout which carries on until December. Lieutenant-Colonel Epplstone said: "At the end of it all, the instructors are really bushed. But the infantry is producing really good instructors—they really do work." They are men who have been on the courses themselves as students and are often spotted then as potential instructors.



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SIDI SALEH 1941

Defeated Italians surrendering in their thousands to men of 2nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, are depicted in this latest Terence Cuneo print to be marketed by SOLDIER. Commissioned by the Rifle Brigade Club and Association, this colour print measures 23½ × 18 inches (actual picture area 17½ × 12½ inches). On 6 February 1941 a fast wheeled column was detached from 7th Armoured Division to cut off the Italians retreating out of Cyrenaica along the coast. The column reached the coast road at Sidi Saleh during the night of February 7/8 and took up position with 2nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, supported by gunners, astride the road. For the next 36 hours they beat off repeated infantry and armour attacks and at the same time 4th Armoured Brigade was attacking the Italian flank some ten miles to the north. By 9 February the Italians were defeated and surrendered 25,000 men, the army commander and 15,000 men surrendering to the 2nd Battalion.

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The RPG 7 rocket launcher . . .

During SOLDIER's visit several small field exercises were going on, practising the skills of tactics and command learned in the camp's classrooms. Recruits were being taught the basics of embarking and disembarking from helicopters, flown down from the RAF's 38 Group at Odiham, which were also being used to deploy troops for their course exercises.

The courses are geared to NATO requirements for infantry defence in North-West Europe, but counter-insurgency training is added to the list both out in the wide open spaces of Brecon Beacons and back in Brecon where the Dering Lines camp stages regular "riots" to simulate urban crises for students.

Expansion this year to take in the section commanders' course, covering the entire infantry, will add a new dimension to the expertise of the foot soldier of the Seventies. The commandant summed up confidently: "At the end of an eight-week course students go away considerably fitter and more knowledgeable . . . and we know them as well as their mothers do, if not better!"



Staff must be as fit as students.



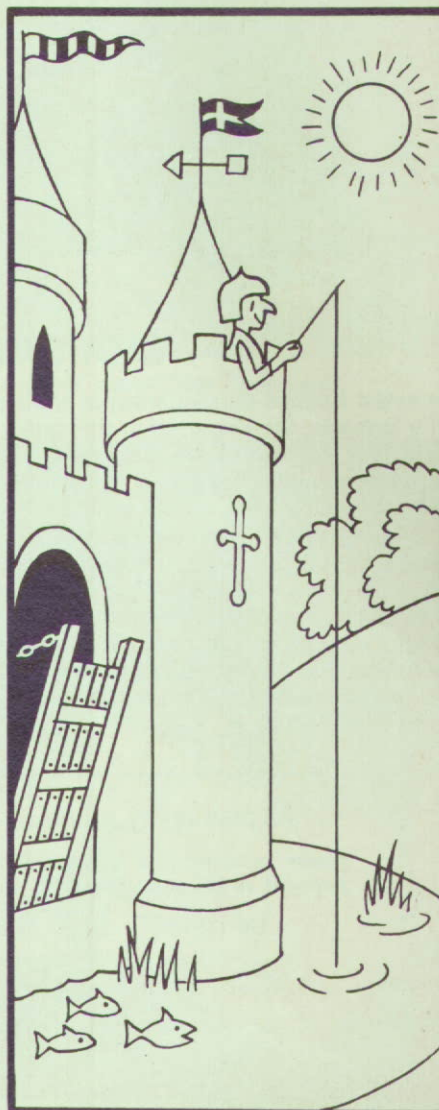
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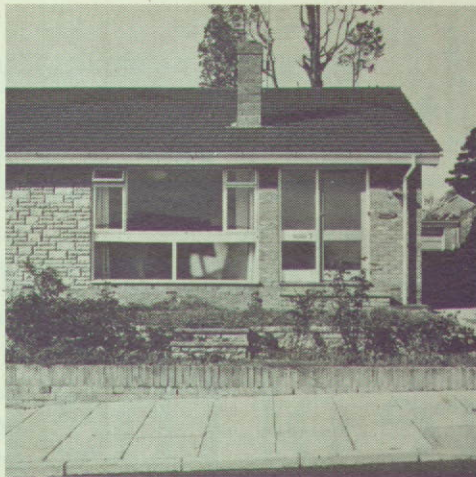
. . . sported by Brecon's "enemy."

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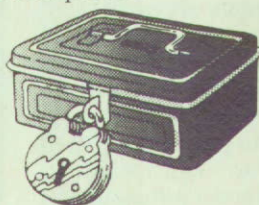
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DEFENCE REVIEW

The Government's defence review, announced in November, has been widely covered by the media but here is a resumé for News readers:

- A reduced force stays in Hong Kong.
- Troops stay in Malta until 1979 at least.
- Early reductions will cut the Cyprus commitment.
- Out go the forces stationed in South East Asia under the Five Power defence arrangements.
- Out go the Gurkhas from Brunei, but the Brigade of Gurkhas is not itself cut.
- Arrangements with the Sultan of Oman stay.
- Royal Marines cut by one-seventh with the eventual disbandment of one commando.
- Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve stays as it is.
- Vixen wheeled reconnaissance vehicle and RS 80 long-range rocket artillery scrapped and planned purchases of light helicopters and reconnaissance vehicles reduced.

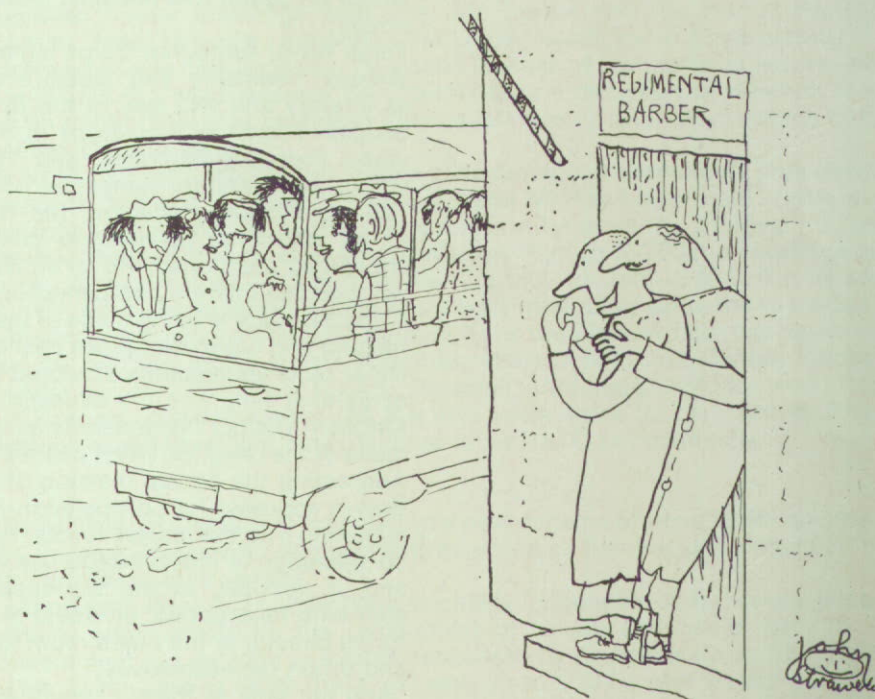
The cuts mean a gradual reduction of manpower by some 35,000 Servicemen and 30,000 directly employed civilians. The aim is to reduce defence expenditure as a proportion of the gross national product from its present level of 5½ per cent to 4½ per cent. Savings in cash terms will be £300,000,000 in 1975-76, £500,000,000 a year by 1978-79 and £750,000,000 a year by 1983-84. The total saved over the whole period is predicted as £4,700,000,000.

At the end of his statement to Parliament, Defence Minister Roy Mason said: "I am confident that Britain will continue to play her full part in preserving the strategy and cohesion of the NATO alliance and in meeting effectively her remaining commitments outside NATO. The Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF will remain highly effective forces, equipped to the highest standards as required by their front-line NATO tasks, the Services and the Ministry of Defence.

"Despite the changes we will be making, the Services will continue to offer a wide range of fine career opportunities in the years ahead."

RECRUITING UP AGAIN

Army recruiting continues its upward trend with the latest figures showing an increase of 324 over the same period a year before in adults and young soldiers. There was more than a 100 per cent leap in juniors. The figures were for the month of October 1974; those for October 1973 are given in brackets. Adults and young soldiers: 1472 (1148), juniors: 179 (78).



"What a beautiful, beautiful new intake!"

FINDINGS OF TAVR REVIEW COMMITTEE

Increased commitments for the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve in Rhine Army and a number of unit reorganisations are among measures announced by the Government to streamline the Terriers.

In a parliamentary statement, Mr Robert Brown, Under-Secretary of State for the Army, said the reorganisation was the outcome of a review committee set up a year previously to ensure that the organisation of the TAVR was the most efficient possible within its defined role. The committee consulted the TAVR associations and council, Army district commanders and other military authorities.

The reorganisation is a tidying up operation without extra cost which will make the force more effective in its work as a complement to the Regular Army. The establishment of the TAVR remains virtually unchanged at about 74,000 which represents a third of the mobilised Army. Its actual strength stands at just under 54,000.

But there will be changes of role for some units, formation of new units and a few disbandments and amalgamations affecting units which have been unable to keep numbers up to an acceptable level.

The Women's Royal Army Corps already plays an important part in the TAVR with more than 850 girls working alongside part-time soldiers in the Royal Signals and the Royal Corps of Transport. More posts will be available for girls in these corps and each General Reserve infantry unit is to have up to 18 as clerks, medical assistants and cooks with their own officer and sergeant. The WRAC officer will also be the unit's assistant adjutant.

Two battalions of the General Reserve infantry—one from Lancashire and one from the West Midlands—are to be earmarked for assignment to NATO, joining the majority of the TAVR to complete the order of battle of NATO-committed forces and provide certain support units for NATO headquarters. The TAVR's NATO commitment is to be further emphasised by the allotment of some 130 staff and liaison appointments in Rhine Army to reserve officers.

One of the main concerns of the review committee was to tidy up the infantry organisation. It has achieved a more efficient operational and geographical organisation of companies within battalions so that all the companies in a unit have the same role either in the United Kingdom or Rhine Army.

The committee also recognised the need to associate TAVR battalions, where practicable, with their Regular counterparts. Consequently, among the more important changes proposed are a new Fusilier battalion in Northumberland and a Light Infantry battalion in Durham and Yorkshire replacing the Northumbrian Volunteers, and the formation of a battalion of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment in Cumbria.

Seven under-recruited General Reserve batteries and companies in the infantry role are to go by disbandment or amalgamation. Also due to be axed are the 15 cadres, each of eight men, remaining from the 90 created in 1969 and for which no useful role remains. Men from disbanded units will be absorbed into others.

Three Royal Armoured Corps regiments—Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Wessex Yeomanry and Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry—are to carry on as infantry and will stay in the Royal Armoured Corps retaining their present badges. Yeomanry squadrons in 3rd Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, and 7th Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, will become infantry companies of these regiments.

The main change affecting the Royal Artillery is the formation in Yorkshire of an additional observation post battery. In common with the yeomanry squadrons mentioned, Royal Artillery sub-units in General Reserve battalions will become infantry companies of these units.

A special study is being made of the medical services to see how their recruiting, training and organisation can best be improved.

Other recommendations accepted by the Army Board include a rationalisation of training time and the allocation of TAVR officers to staff posts in United Kingdom District headquarters as well as in Rhine Army. A study is also to be made of the need for TAVR centres in new towns and development areas.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Council of TAVR Associations later, Mr Brown appealed for co-operation from employers and unions in a bid to boost recruiting into the reserve forces. He said: "At the top of the list of those whose co-operation is indispensable are the employers. We look to them to continue and, if possible, extend the support and encouragement they give to their staff who have joined, or would like to join, the TAVR. We are not just looking to the director in the board room for assistance, but also the managers, foremen and union representatives.

"And not only to them. I would also appeal to TAVR members on the factory floor, in the office, the staff room or wherever they may be, not to be pernickity when it comes to sorting out the leave rota and they find that Corporal Smith

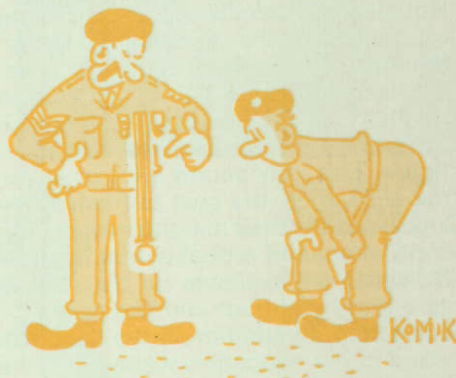
has already had two week's leave for annual camp.

"On behalf of the Government, I appeal for the maximum help and understanding to be shown towards all those engaging in this form of service to the nation."
(PR)

MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENT

● New recommendations on education allowances for the forces are expected this spring in the fourth report of the pay review body, the Minister of State for Defence, Mr William Rodgers, told the House of Commons in answer to a question from Mr Iain Sproat (Conservative, South Aberdeen).

● A bid to qualify part-time soldiers in Northern Ireland for the General Service Medal was turned down by the Under-Secretary of State for the Army, Mr Robert Brown, answering a question from Mr William Ross (United Ulster Unionist, Londonderry). Mr Ross asked for an extension of the entitlement to the medal to



"That, son, is a Long Service Medal."

members of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve in Northern Ireland who carry out guard duties during the present troubles on the same basis under which it is granted to the Ulster Defence Regiment. Explaining why there are no plans for such a move, Mr Brown said the UDR had an operational role in support of the Regular Army in Northern Ireland whereas the TAVR was a reservist force.

● More than £95 million has been paid out in compensation in Northern Ireland between April 1969 and October 1974, the Minister of State for the Province, Mr Stanley Orme, revealed in answer to a question from Mr Ian Paisley (Democratic Unionist, North Antrim). Mr Orme said £10,737,501 was disbursed for criminal injuries to people and £84,794,189 in respect of malicious damage to property. The total came to £95,531,690.

● It is not the policy of the security forces in Northern Ireland to close all unapproved border crossings with Eire, Mr Brown told Mr Harold McCusker (United Ulster Unionist, Armagh). The Under-Secretary of State added: "Unapproved border crossings may be closed in areas of high terrorist activity where it is judged that road closures will contribute to a reduction in violence. A road which might otherwise be closed may be left open if alternative means of controlling it can be found."

● NATO forces in the Central Europe zone are outnumbered by a little over two to one on land and in the air, Defence Minister Mr Roy Mason said in answer to a question from Mr Neville Trotter (Conservative, Tynemouth). Mr Mason's figures showed the proportional strengths of Warsaw Pact to NATO men and machines to be: Army divisions—2.3 to 1, tanks—2.5 to 1, aircraft—2 to 1. But he added that the figure for superiority in divisions was misleading since the two sides had different compositions and sizes of units. Thus the Warsaw Pact has between 30 and 40 per cent more soldiers in fighting units in NATO in Central Europe. In answer to Mrs Winifred Ewing (Scottish Nationalist, Moray and Nairn), Mr Rodgers added that over the last five years some 90 per cent of Britain's defence expenditure had been devoted to its NATO commitments.

RESERVE FORCES DEATH/INJURY BENEFITS

The Ministry of Defence is introducing a new scheme of benefits for members of the Reserve Forces who on peacetime exercises or training suffer death or injury attributable to their service.

At present, reservists or their families qualify for benefits under the war pensions scheme administered by the Department of Health and Social Security. The Government has decided to supplement these by payments direct from defence votes. In the case of death these will amount to £382 a year for the widow plus £127 a year for each dependant child up to a maximum of four. If the reservist is unmarried, a once-and-for-all payment of £254 will be made into his estate. If the

RESERVE FORCES DEATH/INJURY BENEFITS

continued

reservist is disabled to a degree requiring his discharge from the Reserve he will receive between £254 and £509 a year according to the extent of the disability. These amounts will be the same for all ranks and will be increased from time to time in the same way as increases are applied to other armed forces pensions. They may be reduced on account of any damages recovered by the reservist or his dependants. The new scheme will apply to all cases where death or disability occurred on or after 1 April 1974. (PR)

ROYAL SOLDIERS' DAUGHTERS' SCHOOL

The Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School is for the daughters of soldiers whether serving or ex-service and accepts girls from the age of five to school-leaving age. Academic education takes place at selected Inner London Education Authority primary and secondary schools.

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Serving soldiers who decide to send their daughters to the school can claim Services education allowance at boarding school rates and they are therefore asked to pay the full fees which are £211 a term for one girl. The fees are worked on a sliding scale and the average cost for two or more girls is below this figure. This may sound a lot of money but, because serving soldiers can draw the allowance, the cost to them in real terms is not more than £20 a term plus any expenses their daughters may incur themselves. So the net cost to the parent is no more, and probably less, than keeping her at home.

Bursaries are available for the remaining parent or guardian of a girl admitted as a priority entrant and the parent or guardian then only pays what he or she can afford. In addition, if the daughter of a serving soldier has reached a critical stage in her education when her father leaves the Army, financial aid can often be given to enable her to stay at the school to complete her education if her parents cannot afford it from their own income.

Further details are available from the Secretary, Royal Soldiers' Daughters' School, 65 Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, London, NW3 5UD, or from unit offices. (DPS)

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"Blindness is a fact of life and the only alleviation is to concentrate upon the things you can do to the exclusion of those you cannot do," said Lord Fraser of Lonsdale in the 59th annual report of St Dunstan's—the organisation for those blinded on war service.

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Mentioned in the report are physiotherapy and telephony where ears or hands, or both, are essential substitutes for the sense of sight—two spheres which have provided some of the most rewarding forms of work. Factory work in industry as well as craft work are also mentioned.

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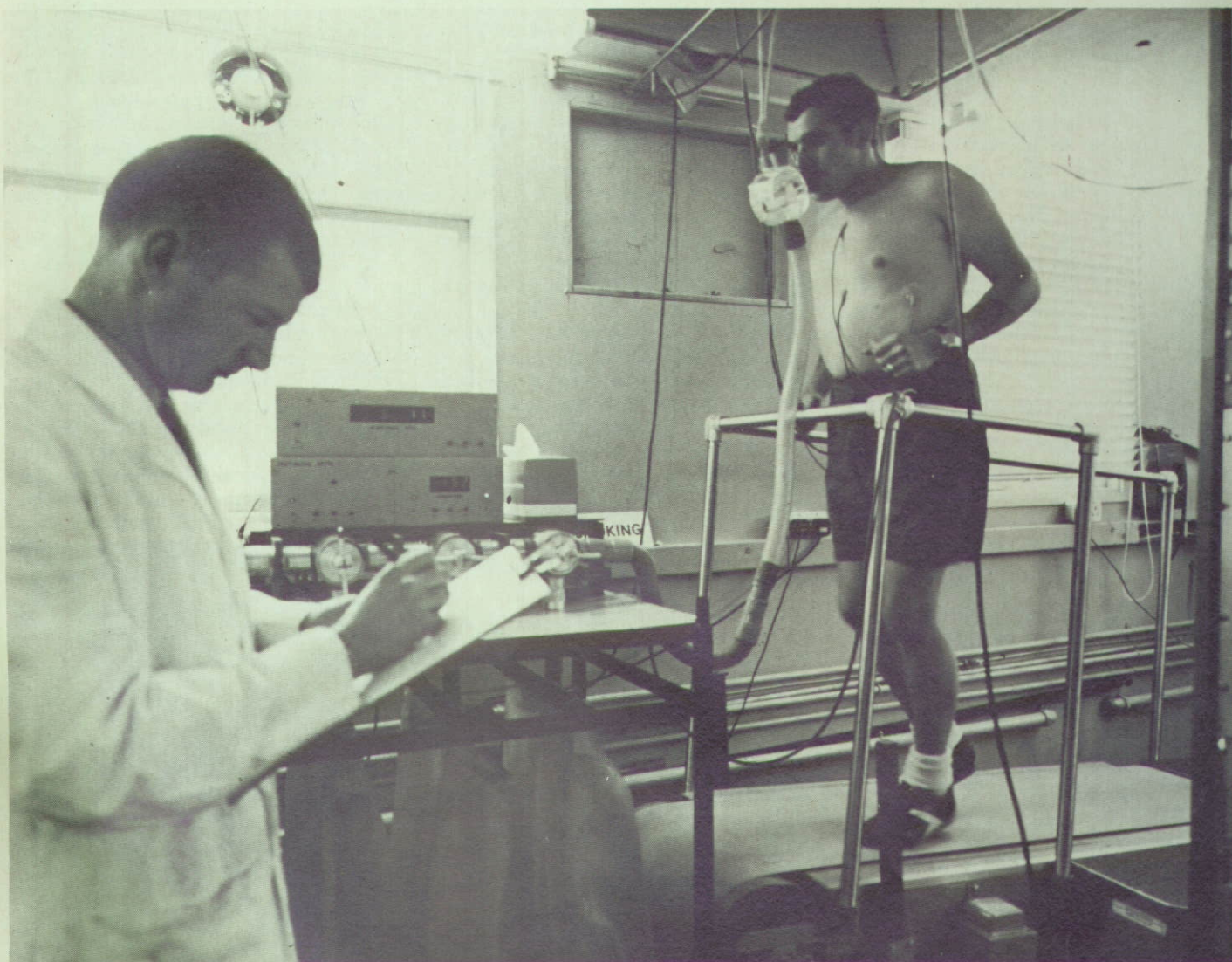
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Professors to the Professionals

Story by Mike Starke/Pictures by Paul Haley



ALL that was missing from the subtropical environment was the clicking cicadas and lush jungle undergrowth. The line of marching soldiers dripped sweat and sensor wires to record their body heat, for they were getting their taste of the tropics in a modest shed cocooned from the crisp autumn air outside. The reason for their march was to test a new pattern of helmet as just one small part of the work of the Army Personnel Research Establishment in Farnborough, Hampshire—by appointment, professors to the professionals.

The establishment is the only Army organisation concerned with human factors research. All aspects of military life which have an effect on human performance and its limitations come under the scrutiny of its 75 scientists and at any one time the small trials unit of soldiers may be called upon to test anything from a new "battle snack" to shovels, stretchers, goggles or an Arctic sleeping bag, as well

as that new helmet. A current survey is making some 60 measurements per man on soldiers in order to establish just what Private Average is like, to create a human yardstick as a background to research.

The APRE became an independent body in 1965 for research into selection and training, ergonomics (the study of the relation of man to machines), environmental physiology, clothing and equipment research and trials. It was created by combining the human factors division of the Army Operational Research Establishment at West Byfleet, Surrey, with the Clothing and Equipment Physiological Research Establishment at Farnborough. The two parts joined physically in 1972 when the West Byfleet group moved to Farnborough.

Under its director, Dr J D Nelms, the establishment is in three main divisions backed by technical and statistics facilities. The personnel psychology division con-

centrates on manpower and selection studies. Ergonomics and operator performance division deals with weapons and vehicles. Applied physiology and field trials division studies man in his natural environment.

Dr Nelms said: "We are critically important to the Army, especially in the next ten years or so. The man/machine relationship has got to be right." The establishment's resident military adviser, Lieutenant-Colonel H Rogers, added: "We're responsible for advising the Ministry of Defence how equipment can be best used and produced. In the past there has not been an awful lot of emphasis on human factors, not only in the military sphere either."

The applied physiology and field trials division studies man in terms of his physical fitness, his requirements of food and water, his response to extremes of climate and of those aspects of his clothing and personal equipment which influence

Above: A man's performance running or walking at any possible speed can be carefully measured by this treadmill.

Professors to the Professionals *continued*

his military efficiency.

Investigations involve laboratory and climatic chamber work and small-scale trials within the establishment using the men of the field trials unit. Large-scale trials involving many men and their equipment are also mounted in different parts of the world either directly or remotely controlled by APRE staff.

The ergonomics section studies the effects of artificial environments on soldiers and their performance. Factors such as heat, cold, workspace and vibration in a vehicle are measured and predictions are made about limitations of design use of vehicles and equipment. Practical evaluation of the human factor aspects of prototype vehicles is an important testing function of the section.

A small group of APRE scientists based at the Military Vehicle Evaluation Establishment form the human factors unit to ensure first-hand and immediate advice to designers and an early warning of problems which require background research at APRE itself.

The experimental psychology section examines the human factor problems that arise with new equipment. Currently much of the section's energy is devoted to vision and surveillance and to an investi-

gation into the effects of introducing automatic data processing into command and control. A major effort is devoted to the study of specific stress such as the effects on a man's military efficiency of going without sleep.

The manpower studies section of the personnel psychology division is concerned with the development and improvement of the methods of selecting Army recruits. The section also, from time to time, does research into training methods and has a growing commitment to carry out surveys on matters such as job satisfaction, morale and re-engagement.

Meanwhile, the research programme is divided between projects and research studies. The former answer particular questions while the latter are less precise and are allowed to branch and diversify as research proceeds.

All this means a lot of hard work for the boffins and perhaps one of the most varied two-year postings available for the 16-man trials unit of serving soldiers and their military administrators at Farnborough. Regiments are asked to provide men to serve with the unit. They must be fit and, to fill the boffins' bill, they must also have that most elusive of qualities... to be average soldiers.

Most of the unit are young married soldiers who settle down with their families for two years based in Aldershot free from the routine of doing guard duties or the anxiety of facing tours in Northern Ireland.

If this sounds like a skiver's paradise, the reality is far from it. Newcomers soon get to know the APRE's measured agility course which confronts them with a series of obstacles specially designed to simulate conditions which might be found in the field. The "guinea pigs" wear and carry a variety of equipments up ropes, down pipes, through window frames, along planks under the eagle eyes of the scientists.

Accelerated wear trials on the course can mean a man going round it a dozen times in a morning for two or three weeks at a stretch. You have to be fit for that. On a recent boot trial, the unit fell in with a tough bunch of youngsters from The Parachute Regiment on a march, but they soon found themselves way ahead of the bobbing red berets—a sure sign of the fitness induced by a posting with the APRE.

Both the physical and mental exertions of the establishment ensure that the modern Army's prized professionalism remains of the highest order.



A new portable infantry company radar is tested by the trials unit.



A computer's "tailored testing" programme sets and marks ability tests done by using screen and keyboard.

Left: One of the laboratories for testing in the field.



The measured agility course tests men and their new equipment.

Left: Trials unit men stay fit going through the scientists' hoops.

Right: Three "guinea pigs" take a break on a new helmet's trials.



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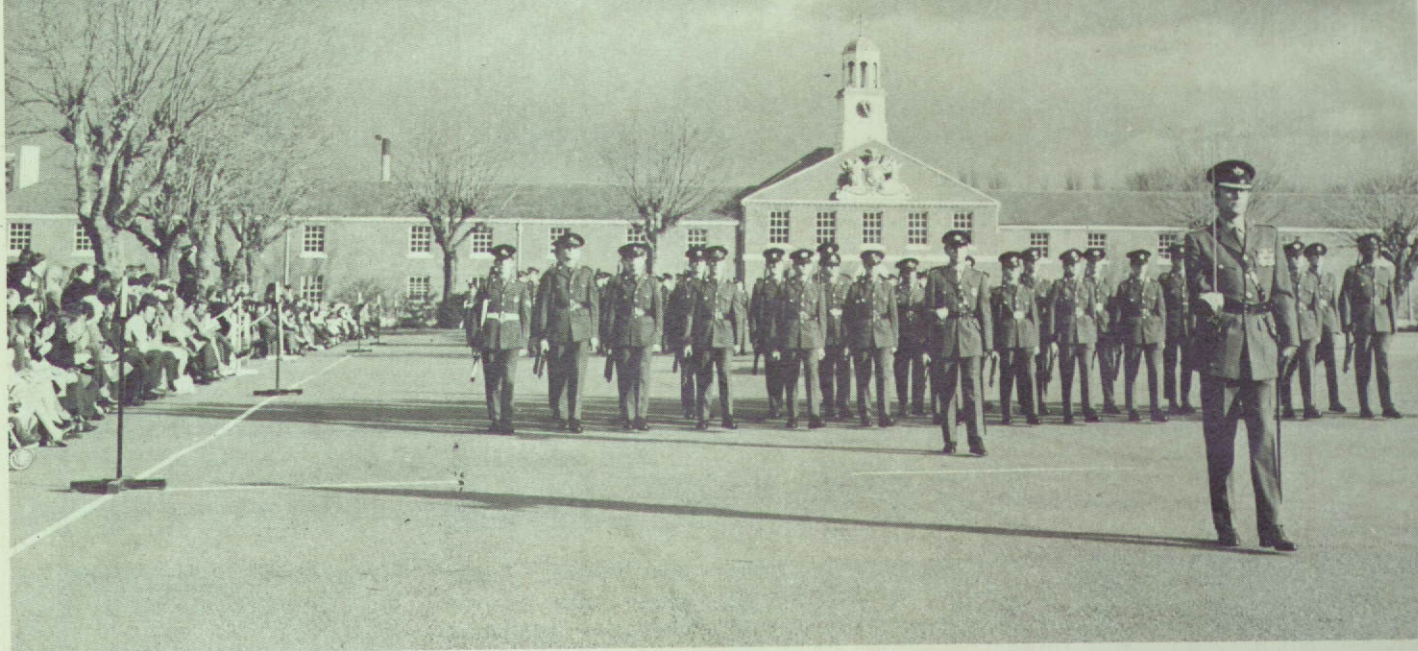
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WESSEX WIND-UP

Story by John Walton



THE band and corps of drums of 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, played "Widdecombe Fair" and other jolly West Country marching tunes. The 78 recruits passing out looked as spruce and proud as any of thousands who had marched across that square in the last 170 years. But for those with a love of history and tradition it was a sad day—Wyvern Barracks at Exeter was hearing the clump of Army boots for the last time.

Now the barracks, modernised less than a decade ago for a six-figure sum and including buildings representing the 19th century, the Belisha era and the 1960s, will stand empty for some time. Eventually it is planned to turn them into a combined record and pay office. In the meantime the only inhabitants of the

30-acre site, which includes some fine playing fields, will be the regimental headquarters and museum of the Devonshires.

Reviewing officer at this last passing-out parade of the Wessex Depot of The Prince of Wales's Division was Brigadier "Speedy" Bredin, Colonel of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, who had flown back from a tour of North African battlefields for the occasion.

He told the newly fledged soldiers: "This is a sad occasion because of the closure of the depot, particularly as with others I have fought hard for the last three years to try to keep the Wessex presence here . . . even so it may be that in happier times we shall see junior soldiers trained here again. All is not lost but for the moment the computers have frustrated us."

Facing a lonely two-month period winding up the depot was the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Carter, who was a subaltern at Exeter as long ago as 1952. He told **SOLDIER**: "It is one of the nicest barracks I have known and it does not look institutional. It is beautifully landscaped."

Recruits to the four Wessex regiments will now train at the other two Prince of Wales's Division depots. Men for The Royal Hampshire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment

will go to Lichfield and those for The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment and The Gloucestershire Regiment will train at Crickhowell in Wales.

The first barracks, in Topsham Road, Exeter, were built in 1804 to accommodate companies of the Royal Artillery, some of which fought in the front line at Waterloo. In 1816 the cavalry took over and a War Office report of 1859 noted: "The rooms are lit with candles, none are ventilated and the atmosphere is close and foul . . . There are no ablution houses or baths and men wash in the stables where there are a few basins . . . The privies have no drainage and empty in large open pits . . . There are no married quarters . . . There are two women's wash houses with one boiler each in the rear of the stables."

In 1861 Artillery Barracks became Topsham Barracks and during the next 20 years they were considerably improved so that three batteries of gunners could be accommodated. They were mostly occupied by the Royal Artillery until 1951 when they became the Depot, The Devonshire Regiment, and a year later Depot, The Wessex Brigade.

In 1963 the barracks were rebuilt and renamed Wyvern Barracks, and became a depot for the four Wessex regiments. Now an uneasy quiet hangs over the imposing barrack square as it waits to see what its next role is to be.



Above: The sun peeps out from behind the clouds to take a last look as recruits parade across the square at Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, so ending a 170-year link.

Left: Recruiting in the old days. In this scene from the tattoo last September yokels are recruited into The Wiltshire Regiment and get the Queen's shilling.



Brigadier "Speedy" Bredin presents the prizes for the best recruits on parade.

Below: Thought to be original George III guttering from the 1804 barracks.



Dominating Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, is an enormous, brightly coloured coat of arms (above). Although it is the first thing to strike the visitor's eye no-one today seems quite sure how it came to be there. The Depot commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Carter, says, "We think it was brought over from Dublin when Ireland became independent around 1920. But we should love to know for sure." Perhaps a SOLDIER reader can help?

Another historical feature of the square is a seven-pounder 75-millimetre Vickers Maxim quickfire (below), one of two guns captured from the Boers in October 1899 by 1st Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment. It was afterwards used at Ladysmith and had previously come into the possession of the Boers during Dr Jameson's famous (or infamous) raid near Johannesburg.



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A mess dinner in the sergeants mess of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, in Northern Ireland had an unusual feature—each of the six mess members was from a different corps. They were Warrant Officer 1 “Bomber” Harris (Ulster Defence Regiment), Staff-Sergeant “Chalky” White (Royal Military Police), Sergeant Tom Collins (The Royal Anglian Regiment), Sergeant Jim



Sangster (Army Catering Corps), Sergeant Bob Looker (Royal Army Pay Corps) and Sergeant Ross Tooley (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers).



At the invitation of the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Major-General Alex McKay, boys from Cranleigh, William Temple and Farnborough Grammar schools whose compact town cars won them top places in

the BP Buildacar contest, drove a Chieftain tank at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Bordon, where their own creations had been put through gruelling tests in the competition some months earlier.



A new studio for the British Forces Broadcasting Service in Hong Kong has been opened by Major-General E J S Burnett, Major-General Brigade of Gurkhas and Deputy Commander Land Forces Hong Kong. The station serves the Gurkha forces based in Hong Kong and Brunei. It has been operating from two small Nissen huts since 1971.

◀ “Today the Military police came to talk to us, about the police man’s work Sgt Brown talked about the Military police. He said that they help us all the time. After that we all went outside and watched a display. First a lady walked along the road and she was Lcpl Day. The robber who was Cpl England, grabbed the lady’s handbag. The lady screamed for help then the robber knocked her out. There was an MP nearby and heard the call and so he let his dog off and the dog’s name is Box Box went after the man and caught him. Then the MP called for a police car and we heard the siren. The policeman arrested the robber and the police women helped the lady by giving her First Aid. It was an excellent display and talk.” Report by Tracy Perrin (10), pupil of Oerlinghausen School, in Germany, on a presentation given to the children by 113 Company, Royal Military Police.

Double back somersault

SERGEANT-INSTRUCTOR J Purvis, Army Physical Training Corps, the only Army competitor among 40 entrants for the British Open gymnastic title, finished in fourth place with only 1.95 points separating him from the winner, T Wilson of Hendon.

Included among the record entry for the event were some of the British representative team which took part in the World Championships in Bulgaria last October.

A remarkable feature of the British Open was the double back somersault, never before seen at the event, which was attempted by six competitors including Purvis.

The Army Physical Training Corps was also represented among the officials—Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructor J Scrivener acted as a referee and QMSIs A B Stedman and A E Dooley, with Staff-Sergeant Instructor H G Rushforth, were judges.

Indoor hockey first

THE Army's first-ever indoor hockey tournament drew strong competition from six major teams which formed a mini-league in what it is hoped to make an annual sporting event.

Teams from the infantry, Royal Engineers, 16th Parachute Brigade, Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Royal Army Ordnance Corps bullied-off against each other to produce an exciting 3-3 final between the infantry and the sappers. The infantry, unbeaten in all seven games, emerged as champions since the Royal Engineers lost their opening match of the tournament.

A shot for goal in the indoor hockey.



Champion driver

CAPTAIN David MacFarlane (27), of the Royal Corps of Transport, won both the individual championship and was a member of the overall champion team in a major safe and skilled driving contest held in Hong Kong. The competition aimed to test the skill of military drivers both in the technical handling of vehicles and in their behaviour in Hong Kong's unique traffic conditions.

All competitors had to go through a highway code test, a road route test and three manoeuvring tests. Captain MacFarlane and his team captured all the top honours by coming out with the fewest penalty points.



Top driver Capt MacFarlane with cup.

SPORTS SHORTS

SQUASH

Competition for the SOLDIER Magazine Cup for inter-unit squash is fierce this year with 40 entries from mainland United Kingdom, 15 from Northern Ireland and a good entry from Rhine Army. The United Kingdom final is due to be played in early March and the UK/Rhine Army final on 22 March. The current holders of the cup are the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. Meanwhile, the Army team's fortunes have been mixed. The A team lost to Oxford Squirrels 2—3 and beat Escorts 3—2 while the Army side itself beat Dulwich 3—2 but lost to Jesters 0—5.

SHOOTING

The regular Army beat Hampshire in a small-bore prone rifle match. Results: Regular Army XX 3922, Hampshire XX 3919; Regular Army reserves 3853, Hampshire reserves 3843.

BOXING

The Army won four and lost five of the nine bouts boxed against Western Counties. Results:-

Flyweight: Rgr J Wilson (1 R Irish) lost to P Dart (Devonport ABC). Featherweight: L/Cpl N Phillip (4/7 DG) beat I McKinnon (Mayflower ABC). Lightweight: L/Cpl R Curran (12 RSME) lost to M Lawrence (Hartcliffe ABC) (opponent for L/Cpl A Metcalf (Depot Kings) at this weight was unable to attend.) Light welterweight: Spr B Cherry (59 Ind Sqn RE) beat E Lawrence (Hartcliffe ABC), Pte C Foy (1 QLR) lost to R Hutchinson (Brockworth ABC). Welterweight: L/Cpl J Whiting (1 LI) beat R Dorrington (Hart-

cliffe ABC). L/Cpl M Jean-Pierre (1 Queens) beat D Price (Hartcliffe ABC). Light middleweight: L/Cpl J Rudman (1 LI) lost to K Brooking (Torbay ABC). Light heavyweight: L/Cpl G Yetton (REME) lost to R Fuller (Radstock ABC).

The Army also lost to Wales, four bouts to seven. Flyweight: L/Cpl J Spring (3 RRF) lost to G Sutton, Wilson lost to J Owen. Bantamweight: Phillip beat D McKinsley. Featherweight: Curran lost to J Wall. Lightweight: Metcalf lost to A Copp, L/Cpl V Northover (206 Coy RPC) lost to E Pritchard. Light welterweight: Cpl M Dowland (2 R Anglian) lost to K Webber. Welterweight: Whiting lost to S Lee. Light middleweight: Rfn T Williams (1 RGJ) beat A Feal. Light middleweight (special): Rudman beat C Brean. Light heavyweight: Sgt J Matthews (1 RGJ) beat B Edwards.

The narrowest margin separated the finalists in the Army junior inter-unit team championship when Junior Parachute Company beat Junior Guardsmen's Wing six bouts to five with 16 points to 15. In these individual results, Jun Para Coy boxers are given first:- Bantamweight: J/Inf A M Haslem lost to J/Cpl P Harper. Featherweight: J/Inf M J Rogers beat J/Gdsm R Young. Lightweight: J/Inf S A Pearce beat J/L/Cpl C Osbourne. Light welterweight, 1st string: J/Inf C E Russet lost to J/Gdsm A Morris; 2nd string: J/Inf C I Liddell lost to J/Gdsm W Fox. Welterweight, 1st string: J/Inf H Cole beat J/Gdsm J Harford, 2nd string: J/Inf J M Valovec lost to J/Gdsm J Frame. Light middleweight, 1st string: J/Inf J N Elliott beat J/Gdsm G Williams; 2nd string: J/Inf D C Bryan beat J/L/Cpl S Hall. Middleweight:

J/Inf I P Turner walkover. Light heavyweight J/Inf M S Bernard lost to J/Gdsm G Addison.

SOCCER

A scoreline managers dream of was the result of a match the Army played against a London District XI to replace a cancelled fixture against Fulham FC—the Army swept to victory by 17—1. But the side was not so lucky in two other matches, losing to Slough 1—2 and to Basingstoke 2—3. The latter game replaced a cancelled match against Tooting and Mitcham. Title holders AAC Arborfield retained the Army Apprentices' Cup by two goals to nil in the final against AAC Chepstow.

RUGBY

The United Kingdom major units final will be fought out this month when 1st Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, meets 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales. The two finalists beat 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, 7—4, and the Guards Depot 15—10 respectively in the semi-finals. Trials for the Army side were held in December and a squad of 30 was picked from 82 players, including 20 from Rhine Army.

HOCKEY

The Army hockey side lost to Mid-Surrey 2—4 and went down 0—2 to London University. The Combined Services under-22 team held the Universities Athletic Union (South) to a 1—1 draw but the senior Combined Services players lost 0—1 to the Midlands and 0—4 to England in their divisional matches at Derby.

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So it need surprise no-one to find Maestro von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic lending their genius to such an enterprise as this. Whether the sound will appeal to you is another matter. All is perfection of course, with brilliantly precise ensemble and imaginative tempi, but some may prefer a Wehrmacht band, warts and all. These players are almost all old enough to have military experience so I doubt if we have lost authenticity of style in the process.

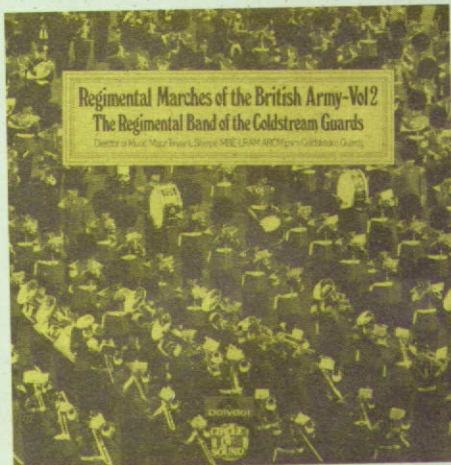
The whole thing is presented in a most attractive two-record album with many wonderful colour prints of historical interest and full informative notes on each march and composer written by my old friend Major Johannes Schade, Director of the Hamburg area band.

Several old favourites are included and it may surprise you to know that such marches as "Children of the Regiment" and "Wien Bleibt Wien" were and are assigned regimental marches. Although collectors will jump at the chance of acquiring the rarer items the discs make very good listening and are not at all monotonous as some march programmes are.

So that you know what you are getting for your money here are the titles of the marches in English, and in German where it will help identification.

"Yorck'scher Marsch" (Zapfenstreich No. 1) (Beethoven), "Torgauer Marsch," "O Du Mein Osterreich" (Preis), "Unter dem Grillenbanner" (Lindemann), "Des Grossen Kurfürsten Reitermarsch" (The Great Elector's Cavalry) (Moltke), "Pariser Einzugsmarsch" (Entry into Paris) (Walch), "Under the Double Eagle" (Wagner), "Tiroler Kaiserjäger Marsch" (The Emperor's Marksman) (Mühlberger), "Florentiner Marsch" (Fucik), "Marsch der Finnlandischen Reiter" (also known as

Swedish Cavalry March), "Königgrätzer Marsch" (Piefke), "Die Regimentskinder" (Children of the Regiment) (Fucik), "Wien Bleibt Wien" (Schrammel), "Kreuzritter-Fanfare" (Henrion), "Petersburger Marsch," "Fehrbelliner Reitermarsch" (Henrion), "Pappenheimer-Marsch," "Hoch-und Deutschmeister Marsch" (Erti), "Vindobona-Marsch" (Komzak), "Hohenfriedberger Marsch," "Erzherzog-Albrecht-Marsch" (Archduke Albrecht March) (Komzak), "Tiroler Woodcutter Lads" (Tiroler Holzackerbauer) (J F Wagner), "Prussian Glory" (Piefke), "Coburg Parade March" (Michael Haydn), "Karntner Lieder-marsch" (Carinthian Songs) (Seifert), "The Bosnians Are Coming" (Wagner), "Fridericus-Rex-Grenadiermarsch" (Radeck), "Old Comrades" (Teike), "Entry March, The Gipsy Baron" (J Strauss), "Nibelungen March" (R Wagner). **RB**



"Regimental Marches of the British Army—Vol 2" (Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards) (Director of Music: Major Trevor L Sharpe) (Polydor Circle of Sound 2383 283 Super)

There is little to add to what I said about Vol 1 of this series—meticulously researched, carefully produced, and of course finely played. The marches are those of the present regiments after the recent amalgamations although most have preserved all or part of each regiment's march.

Others have opted for a new march altogether and I am always sorry to see an

already established march chosen. It is wrong for many reasons I have no space to mention here, yet I look forward to the Royal Army Dental Corps adopting "The Drill Sergeant," REME changing to "OHMS," the Royal Military Police "Thro' Bolts and Bars" and dare I suggest "Semper Fidelis" for the Royal Army Pay Corps? The possibilities are mind-boggling, especially if you have that type of mind. Try the game yourself.

Back to realities, the following is a list of the regiments and corps served in Vol 2 and completes the recording of the present-day marches of the Army except where repetition is involved:

5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, The Royal Hussars, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Queen's Own Highlanders, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, The Staffordshire Regiment, The Royal Regiment of Wales, The Brigade of Gurkhas, Special Air Service Regiment, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Transport, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Military Police, Royal Army Pay Corps, Royal Army Educational Corps, Royal Pioneer Corps, Army Physical Training Corps, Army Catering Corps, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Women's Royal Army Corps, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, The King's Regiment, The Cheshire Regiment, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. **RB**

"The Light Division Sounds Retreat" The Massed Bands and Bugles of The Light Division (conducted by Captain F R Fitch) (RCA LFL 5041)

Many thousands of people were lucky enough to see The Light Division beat Retreat on Horse Guards Parade last June and they at least will need no recommendation from me of this LP. It contains all the music performed on that occasion from the bugle warning calls to the National Anthem and "No Parade" call.

I suppose The Light Division, of all branches of the Service, has at its command the least musical variety—no pipe bands, corps of drums or mounted bands to juggle with, just band and bugles—but by imaginative choice of music and split-second timing in highly complicated manoeuvres the parade was a most exhilarating and moving experience. Much of the atmosphere of the occasion is captured on this record although it is not a live recording or a mock-up, and collectors especially

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Regimental music includes a medley of all five LI marches, "Five into One," a medley of Royal Green Jackets marches, Plater's "Light Infantry" and "Royal Green Jackets." The evening hymn "The Day Thou Gavest," "Sunset" and the National Anthem complete a fine memento of a unique occasion.

RB

"The Band and Bugles of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada" (CBS-2)

The regiment uses a keyed bugle which will come strangely to the ears of all old riflemen in this country. The extra notes available paradoxically add nothing to this instrument's effectiveness and I much prefer the stark simplicity of the natural bugle which, with its restricted range, is to me the only true sound.

Since the regiment is allied to The Buffs and The King's Royal Rifle Corps we have references to marches of both regiments in the opening "Regimental March Medley" and "Fanfare." I had hoped for a new bugle march or two but no, "Marching

Thro' Georgia" and "Sambre et Meuse" are the offerings in traditional form while the concert band plays Percy Fletcher's grand march "The Spirit of Pageantry," "Bandology" by Eric Osterling, "The Longest Day" by Paul Anka, and a new march by Ronald McAnespie to celebrate the Canadian centennial, "Century of Progress," a title used by Sousa for a like purpose.

The programme includes a flute solo called "El Tempesto" and a selection from Lionel Bart's "Oliver" but the only true Canadian offering is the soldiers' ditty "Pork, Beans and Hard Tack," sung (the sleeve assures us) by the officers.

A private recording but I am sure you will get a courteous response and a price from PRI, QO Rifles of Canada, Moss Park Armoury, Toronto.

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THE SCARLET LANCERS IN PROFILE



THE BAND OF THE 16th/5th THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS

"The Scarlet Lancers in Profile" (The Band of 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers) (Bandmaster; WO1 R G Tomlinson) (DEROY 1029)

There are those, I know, who would have our Army bands retain a 1930s image—"Where's the oompah?" The oompah is where it ought to be—on parade, when the Army, in these troubled times, puts aside its modern role for a few moments to enjoy a bit of olde tyme pageantry or even an occasional bullshine parade. Those of us old enough will remember our oompah Army of the 30s (battle manoeuvres with regimental band at the head and five rounds of blank ammo each). Thank goodness Army bands now keep up-to-date with the needs of that long-haired, be-whiskered, gum-chewing, all-suffering saint—the modern British soldier.

So let us enjoy our bands doing their modern thing. Here Mr Tomlinson and the band give us a good idea of exactly the kind

of thing required of them when off parade, and very well they do it. In most items there is an organ, a bass guitar, and sundry exotic percussion instruments in the background but it is still a military band. Only too audibly so in places for this young band still lacks one technique necessary in these times—a full-blooded commitment to attack. Nevertheless a fine all-round effort which I recommend to everyone.

The sleeve notes say that the classics are brought before a wider public when given the "rock" treatment. Too true, Mr T, too true. On this disc we have the big tune from Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony" and the "Going Home" theme from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" which I, a serious-enough musician, took without a murmur, except of approval.

The regimental slow and quick marches, Gounod's "Marche Militaire," the theme from "Lawrence of Arabia," Leroy Anderson's "Forgotten Dreams" as a vibraphone solo, and an atmospheric medley of "World War Tunes" with the band giving forth in very acceptable voice, comprise the staple fare on offer. The remainder, including the two symphonic excerpts, are items specially arranged by the conductor—two tunes from "Godspell" and a selection from "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

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"Sounds of Brass Series Vol 11: The Fairey Band play Concert Classics (Conducted by Kenneth Dennison) (Decca SB 311)

The trouble with the classics is that some of them, for reasons not always easy to assess, just do not come off on brass band. In a series of fine performances by Faireys the least successful items are, quite against all likelihood, a trumpet tune and a march, while such orchestral works as Brahms's "Academic Festival Overture" and the "Saltarello" from Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony are brilliantly effective considering the restricted tone colours available.

I think the conductor is partly responsible for the failures by choosing wrong tempi and achieving thereby a faulty style. Purcell's "Trumpet Tune and Ayre" and Mozart's "Turkish March" (Rondo) both sound wrong but I give more or less full marks for the remainder of what Tommy Beecham would have called lollipops. They include a suite from Handel's "The Water Music" and Dvorak's eighth "Slavonic Dance." Worth your money just for the "Saltarello."

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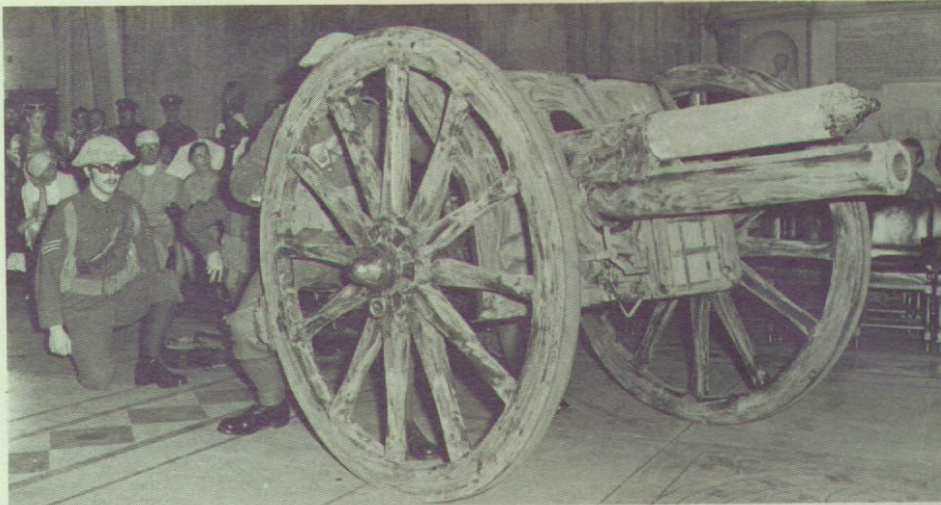
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PIKEMEN and musketeers, in fact "Terriers" from four centuries of volunteer service were called to the Colours again for a colourful pageant in London's Guildhall to boost recruiting into the modern Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve.

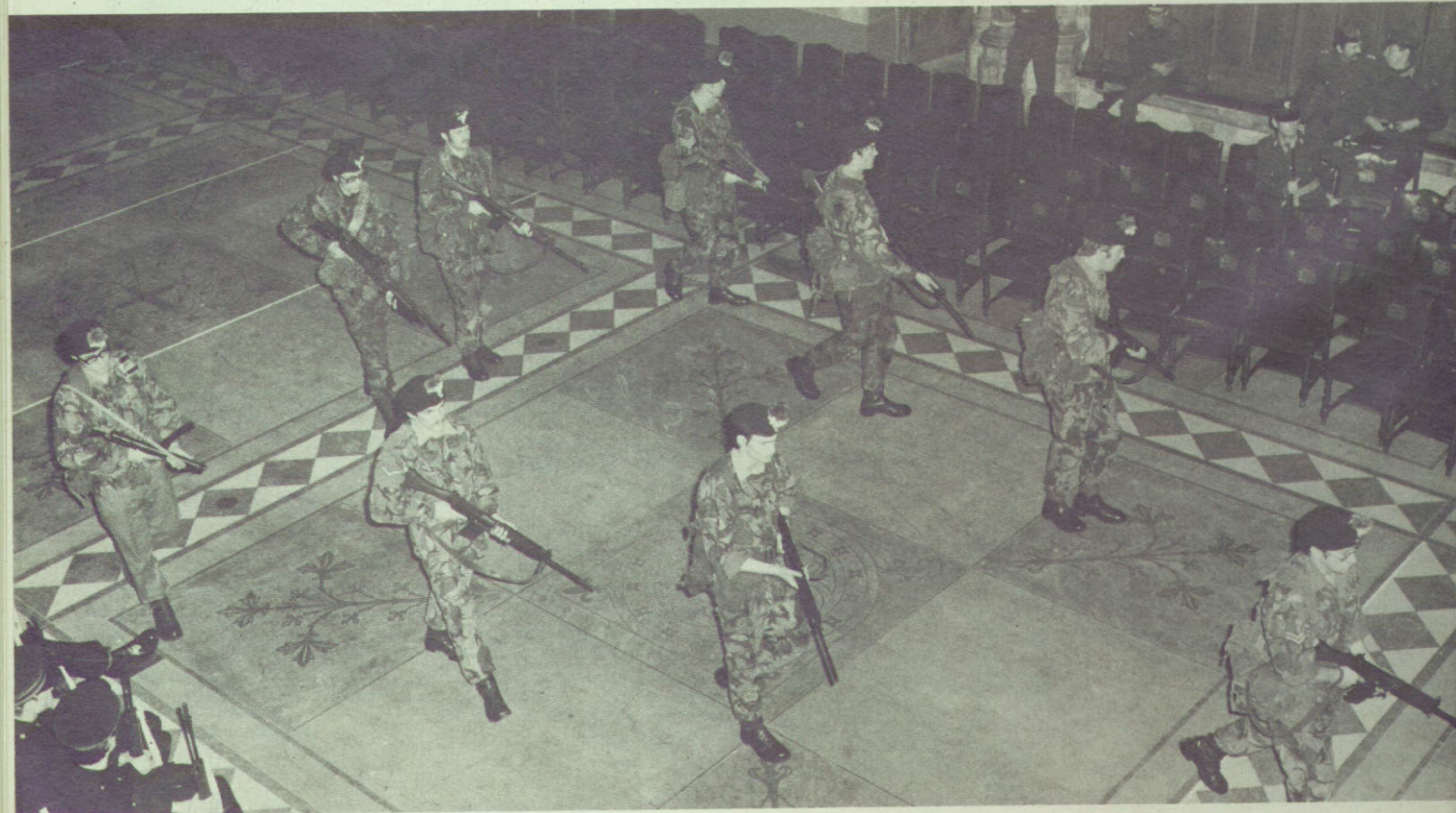
The five-day drive was organised by the City of London TAVR Association and involved more than 400 men and women of the Reserve forces, among them television newscaster Richard Baker, a lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve, who helped out with the commentary.

The pageant began with Elizabethan times, featuring the pikemen and musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company, which was raised in 1537. The spectacular also included scenes from the Napoleonic Wars, the South African campaigns, both world wars and finished with a glimpse of today's highly mechanised and specialised reservists.

Britain has never maintained a massive permanent army for any length of time

and for many hundreds of years there was no standing army. For centuries, home defence was therefore dependent upon part-time soldiers—Levies, Trained Bands, Militia or Volunteers—the earliest of whom date back to Anglo-Saxon times when King Alfred, as well as fathering the nation's naval power, organised the men of Wessex into a land force to repel marauding Vikings.

London's Trained Bands were alerted to the threat from the Spanish Armada by the string of warning beacons lit across the land as the invaders approached





and what they lacked in equipment was made up for by their zeal and enthusiasm noted by Good Queen Bess when she reviewed them at Tilbury.

Trained Bands gave way to a Militia which in turn produced a separate force of the Volunteers. The turbulent years at the end of the eighteenth century embroiled Britain's Regular forces abroad and the imminent threat of invasion by Napoleon in 1804 urged the raising of more than 479,000 Volunteers and Militia to defend the country.

Nelson at sea and Wellington on land put paid to the French threat and as danger passed the Regular forces came home and many Volunteer units were disbanded. European crisis nearly half a century later revived Volunteer activity and the pattern of the Territorial Army, with battalions becoming integral parts of county regiments, took shape.

Volunteer service overseas rather than merely for home defence came about with the South African War and a new Territorial force with an association in each county under the presidency of its lord lieutenant emerged in the early years of this century.

The "Terriers," as they now became nicknamed, were soon to become involved in World War One and once more answered the call to arms when World War Two loomed in the late thirties.

In April 1967, the Territorial Army was re-organised to become the present day Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve with the role of providing immediate support to nearly every branch of its Regular counterparts. Radical changes over the centuries have altered the Volunteer forces beyond recognition but the unifying factor across the years has been the spirit of these reservists who now take their place alongside their full-time colleagues in the Regular Army.



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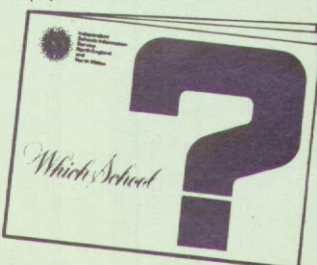
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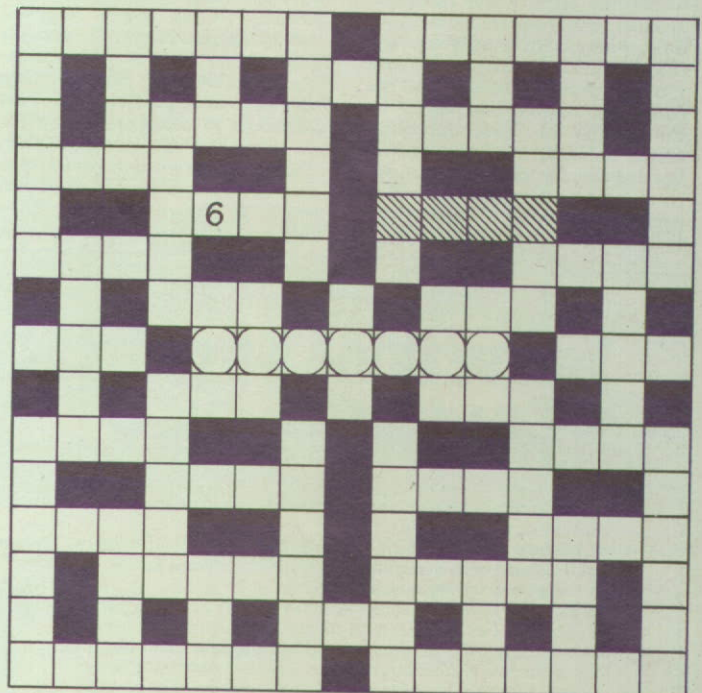
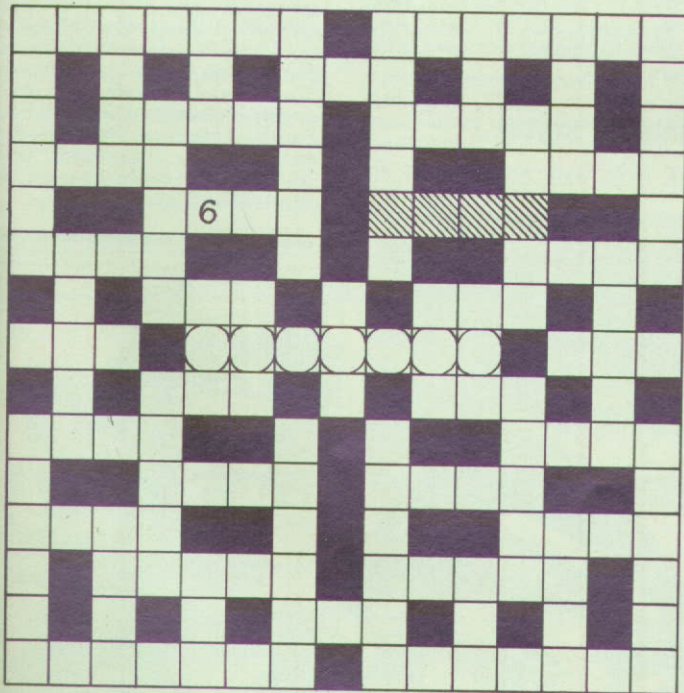
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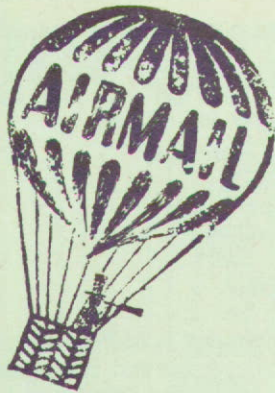
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Letters



HOUSE-BUYING

Why are soldiers buying their own house not eligible for excess rent allowance? It seems anomalous that while a single man can claim lodging allowance and a married man living in private accommodation can claim excess rent allowance, a soldier buying a house can claim nothing. Serving soldiers with foresight think of house purchase in their latter years of service—if they go ahead they find they receive little or no help. Surely a soldier buying his own house saves public money by vacating an Army quarter. When he moves from the quarter to his own home the soldier is faced with mortgage repayments of about £12 per week plus rates, water rates and ground rent if the house is leasehold, whereas the weekly rent of a fully furnished quarter is about £5.50, repairs included. If he has based his standard of living on the quality of food, entertainment, holidays etc then he will find that his standard has dropped by at least 50 per cent. He will of course own his own home by the time he is 65. Civilian counter-

parts will have paid for theirs 20 years earlier.

We all need a roof over our head and sooner or later we will leave the forces. Surely it is in the interests of the Army to give incentive to soldiers to buy their own homes—or must we all rely on council house lists?—**WO2 M Brough, 11 Sinclair Drive, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.**

The Ministry of Defence states: The housing policy of the Army is based on family unity. The aim is to encourage soldiers to have their families living with them and in order to achieve this the Army undertakes to house its married soldiers in married quarters/hirings at their duty station wherever possible. When public married accommodation cannot be provided and soldiers have to rent accommodation for their families, they may have to be paid an excess rent allowance to compensate them for the additional expenses they incur. The position regarding soldiers who elect to buy and live in their own houses is rather different. They enjoy a number of advantages,

eg they receive tax relief on their mortgage payments and save ever-increasing accommodation charges they would otherwise have to pay. Furthermore they are protected from the current inflationary costs of housing and have no problem of house purchase when they leave the Army, although they can be hit by rising interest rates. By buying a house they are also making one of the best forms of investment. Taking into account these factors and the general policy outlined above and remembering that the decision to buy is the result of personal choice, the payment of any compensatory allowance is not considered to be justified. However, the mounting problems facing servicemen buying houses at or near the end of their service are fully appreciated and urgent consideration is now being given to ways in which assistance can be given.

Related?

I noted with interest the surname of the bride of Marine Tom Rivenberg whose wedding was mentioned in the July issue (Purely Personal) and I wondered if Jenny Bracey was related to me in any way.

Our family left Portsmouth for New Zealand in 1949 and settled in Hastings, Hawkes Bay. My grandfather was in the RAOC and my father was a sergeant in the RCMP in Palestine where he died in 1947.

I have served with the New Zealand Army, the Australian Army and am at present a flight-lieutenant in the Royal Australian Air Force.

I congratulate Tom Rivenberg on his courage and determination.—**Flt-Lieut A Bracey, RAAF, Defence Section, Base Squadron, RAAF Base, Amberley, Queensland 4305, Australia.**

Medal metal

I have read with interest the recent correspondence about medals—it would benefit costs and preservation were cupro-

nickel substituted for silver in the making of medals. The 1914-20 War Medal was of pure silver and was to be a lasting miniature official memorial to the holder. However, during the lean years between the two world wars many thousands of these were melted down merely for their silver content by dealers who bought them cheaply. Surviving silver medals, especially those in museums, are worn down through polishing; if not regularly cleaned they go black. Medals of cupro-nickel, a tough and durable metal, retain a polish whether cleaned or not and are less likely to be stolen. There would also be less cost in their manufacture. Medal values are not always judged by metal content—the highly regarded American forces Silver Star is in fact bronze with a minute central star of silver and the most coveted award of all, the Victoria Cross, loses none of its lustre through being struck from gun-metal.—**R Rimmer, 21 Glyn Garth, Chester.**

F (not so) Inst AM?

How happy I would have been, more than 40 years ago, to have been able to put the letters F Inst AM after my name as a Fellow of the Institute of Administrative Management, described in December's SOLDIER News. As it was, I was recognised only by the duty officer at Kensington Barracks. After 16 years' service I had been

The battle honours previously awarded to The Monmouthshire Regiment have now been granted to The Royal Regiment of Wales. Aden is the battle honour of World War One—and Odon, Bourguebus Ridge, Mont Pincon, Souleuvre, Le Perier Ride, Antwerp, Nederrijn, Venlo Pocket, Ourthe, Rhineland, Weeze, Hochwald, Rhine, Ibbenburen and Aller are the battle honours of World War Two.

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At auction

A Georgian officer's presentation sabre was sold for £600 at auction by Wallis & Wallis, Lewes. The sabre, which had a curved blade, was finely blued and gilt. It has etched decoration along its entire length on both sides of the crown, GR lion supporting royal arms, eagle's head amid foliage and military trophies and a gilt presentation inscription to Lieutenant-Colonel J Cooke, Commandant of the Trafford House and Hulme Local Militia. The knucklebow was of copper gilt in the form of an entwined serpent and lion's head.

At the same auction a very rare gilt helmet of an officer of the King's Dragoon Guards was sold for £450, a 28-bore military flintlock all-steel Scottish pistol for £330 and a rare Baden officer's pickelhaube for £140.

Weller & Dufty, of Birmingham, sold at auction for £55 a finely detailed figure, in bronze, of a World War One French soldier carrying all his equipment and smoking a cigarette.



An attractive pair of Indian talwar hilted sidearms, with purple baize-covered sheaths, also sold for £55. The iron hilts were silver-damascened with scrolls of foliage and flowers and the broadening single-edged kukri style blades damascened and decorated with wild animals and foliage motifs.

appointed orderly room corporal-major in The Life Guards, taken part in a major war, gained the Special Certificate of Education and was a qualified musketry instructor—but no one outside the RASC could qualify me as a clerk and so award me the extra shilling a day which went with the job. As it was I had to pay my own bus fare to sit for my trade test with half-a-dozen enlisted boys. I hammered away with a typewriter which must have come from the RASC museum, described how I would address a letter to the War Office and filled out a list of initials which included such teasers as RE and RAOC. The most difficult part was finding the duty officer to sign my test.

I wonder if the Institute of Administrative Management

would relent so far as to back-date its recognition of a very aged clerk?—Lieut-Col (Retd) R J T Hills, 418 GOCH (Ndrh), Greversweg 19, Germany.

Freedom

Provost Lloyd asked (Letters, November) whether any regiment can emulate the 13 "freedoms" received by The King's Own Scottish Borderers. The Queen's Regiment has 19 civic honours conferred upon it but of course it is a "large" regiment and therefore the comparison is unfair as these honours were conferred upon our founder regiments and transferred to the Queen's after formation on 31 Dec 1966. These 19 honours are made up of one "privilege," two "adoptions" and 16 "freedoms."

The privilege, our oldest honour, is that of entry to the City of London, first awarded to the Holland Regiment, forebears of The Buffs (another of our founder regiments), in 1666 and last exercised by The Queen's Regiment in May last year after the presentation of Colours parade at Armour House. Of our former regiments, The Royal Sussex Regiment had the greatest number of freedoms conferred upon it, the oldest of the eight being the freedom of Brighton in 1944. However, to be awarded six civic honours in ten days must be a record and The King's Own Scottish Borderers must be very proud to be held in such regard by the citizens of their regimental area.—Maj M J Drummond-Brady, Queens, Regimental HQ, The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent.

Remember Ahmenaghar?

In the early 1920s my father, Sergeant Sydney Smith of The Middlesex Regiment, was stationed in India (Ahmenaghar) and when he died I was given all his old Army photographs. I would be pleased if anyone who served with my father would contact me and if possible send a photograph of themselves at that time—I will then try to match them up and send my father's photographs to them. All letters will be acknowledged.—Mrs Gillian Gould, Bridge Bungallow, Hardwick Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Indian badges

I wonder why someone doesn't write a suitably illustrated book on the badges of the British-Indian Army pre-independence. There are some excellent books available on the badges of the British and Commonwealth armies but I have found nothing dealing with British-Indian regi-

mental badges.

I feel that such a book would be invaluable to we collectors who find it difficult to identify many Indian badges or to get the story that lies behind them. For instance, why did the 2nd Lancers have four crossed lances on their badge instead of the normal two? Why did the 69th Punjabis (later 2nd Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment) have an ancient Phoenician-type war galley as a badge? The Punjab was a long way from the sea. The book could well be illustrated with drawings if illustration with photographs proved difficult. It could contain condensed information regarding unit and badge origins etc. Or perhaps there is such a book available which isn't generally known.—VJT Sharpe, 31 Riverview Street, NSW 2340, Australia.

COMPETITION

Full marks this month to the single competitor who managed to produce a wrong answer to the easy Competition 196 (Two into one, October)! The 88 words given paired off into: Abelard and Eloise, Adam and Eve, Alcock and Brown, Anthony and Cleopatra, Beatrice and Dante, Black and Decker, Cain and Abel, Castor and Pollux, Damon and Pythias, Darby and Joan, David and Goliath, Flanagan and Allen, Fortnum and Mason, Gilbert and Sullivan, Gog and Magog, Hansel and Gretel, Hengist and Horsa, Hero and Leander, Hillary and Tenzing, Hobbs and Sutcliffe, Holmes and Watson, Jekyll and Hyde, Joseph and Mary, Laurel and Hardy, Lennon and McCartney, Livingstone and Stanley, Marks and Spencer, Montagu and Capulet, Morecambe and Wise, Napoleon and Josephine, Othello and Desdemona, Punch and Judy, Pyramus and Thisbe, Rawicz and Landauer, Romeo and Juliet, Romulus and Remus, Samson and Delilah, Scylla and Charybdis, Tate and Lyle, Tristan and

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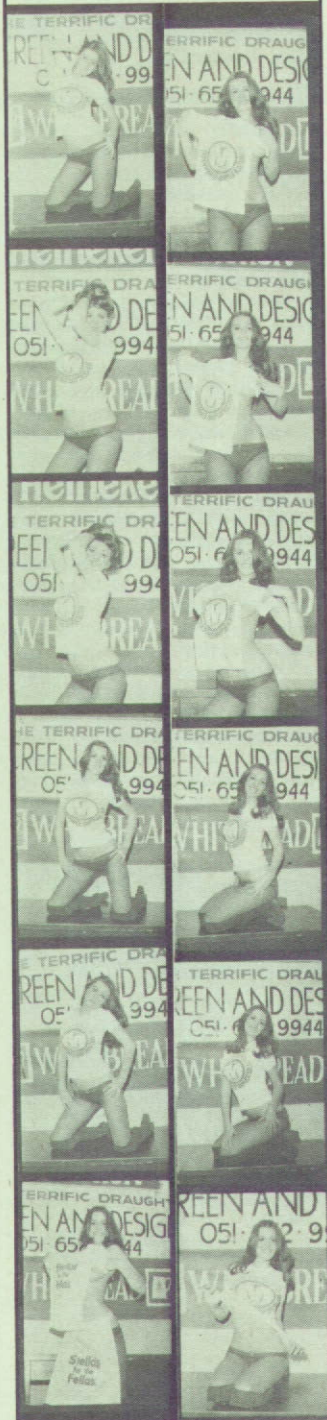
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HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 26)

The two pictures differ in the
following respects: 1 Left stripe of
left flag. 2 Width of pointed window.
3 Back of angler's helmet. 4 Shape
of wind arrow. 5 Length of fishing
rod. 6 Top right end of drawbridge.
7 Fin of fish second from left.
8 Left reed at foot of tower.
9 Position of small ray below sun.
10 Shoreline at bottom right.

REUNIONS

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Bogged down in training

Above: The Light Infantrymen proved to be heavy enough to sink. Below: A rope dragged this young explorer to safety.

DELVING into the bowels of the earth, sometimes shoulder-deep in the treacherous bog-land of Dartmoor, is not everyone's idea of adventure training. But just such a project won a special prize for teenage soldiers.

Eighteen boys of the Junior Soldiers' Company from the Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury, set out to plot the depth and extent of bogs on Dartmoor as an adventure training exercise. It was the planning of the project that won them the Earl Wavell adventure travel award, sponsored by the education branch of HQ United Kingdom Land Forces.

The cash award of £75 enabled the platoon to buy the necessary equipment

including "wet" suits. One of these was worn by a young soldier, secured by a rope and armed with a metal probe, to advance into a tract of bog to sound its depth at various points. Other members of the team were engaged in recording, mapping, taking compass readings and noting the type of vegetation. The location and size of the bog in relation to existing maps were measured by taping and pegging a base line. Some 14 areas were studied.

Major Trevor Colgate, Royal Army Educational Corps, was in charge of the operation and it is planned that the information gathered will be published. The junior soldiers are half-way through their year at the Light Infantry Depot.





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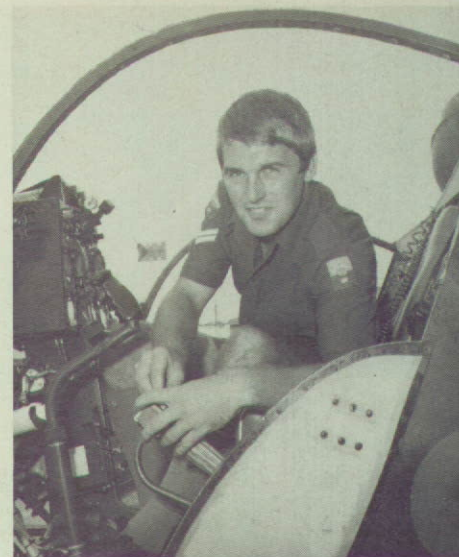
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Bomb disposal award

Major Arthur Hogben, a Royal Engineers bomb disposal expert, has been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for risking his life in dealing with Big Hermann, a 2,200lb wartime German bomb which caused 1000 people to leave their homes in Plaistow, East London, last August.

Major Hogben spent five hours using steam on Hermann to remove nearly a ton of high explosive. This was especially hazardous as the bomb had a fuse which could not be touched and remained live throughout. The citation states: "He displayed a high degree of competence as well as gallantry in the best traditions of the Service."

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct has gone to Lance-Corporal-of-Horse Stephen Hague (24) and boy soldier Trooper Gary Mawhinney (17) for entering blazing stables to save horses at Pirbright Camp in July. They have already received the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals silver award for bravery (SOLDIER, October 1974).



Inventor

Corporal Mick Jarvill (23), who recently won a cash award from the Army for his invention of a vibrometer which will be used to analyse and record helicopter vibrations. Mick is in Singapore where he is an aircraft technician servicing the Sioux helicopters of 11 Flight, Army Air Corps.



Boxing clever

Sergeant Bob McNair, Royal Engineers, pictured with quizmaster Nicholas Parsons after winning a 27-inch colour television set, suitcases, decanters and a radio on Anglia TV's "Sale of the Century" show.



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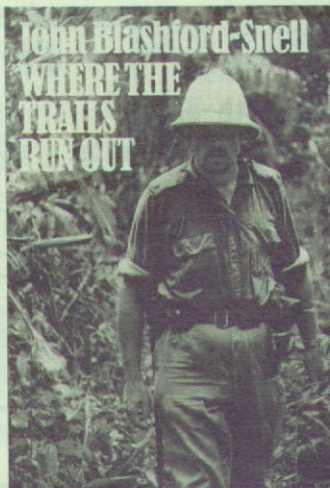
Yet this amazing man raised almost 200,000 men in a matter of months. Sailors were drafted into infantry battalions, gendarmes formed into assault units, pensioners ordered to the Colours and callow youths conscripted. Hundreds deserted at the earliest opportunity, muskets were in short supply and worst of all was the shortage of trained horses and brave cavalymen.

There were other difficulties. The united peoples of Europe were determined to rid themselves of the "Corsican Tyrant." They had realised it was folly to take on Napoleon himself and contented themselves with defeating his subordinates.

Still, Leipzig, "The Battle of the Nations," was not to be an easy affair, even with 370,000 men and 1500 guns against the 198,000 French with their 700 guns. The French fought desperately—36 generals were captured with 325 guns and at least 60,000 men were lost. The allied losses were even higher, but Napoleon had been defeated.

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There were sharks, a village whose total population was blind and, earlier in North Africa, reminders of old wars, wrecked ships, abandoned LRDG vehicles, one discovery after another until the envy mounts uncontrollably. There was also death, both in Ethiopia and in Ireland, which gets a brief tail-end mention, and the book is dedicated to one of those who died.

But if you ever thought that Blashford-Snell expeditions are simply post-Boy Scout picnics,

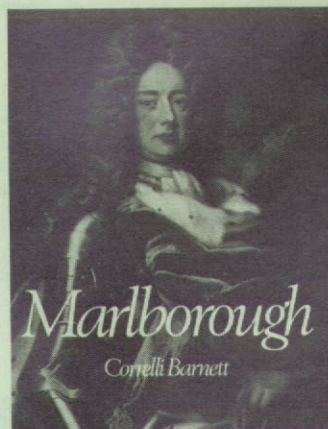
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THE MAN . . .

"*Marlborough*" (Correlli Barnett) With so many books on Wellington it is refreshing to come across a new work on England's other great soldier, John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough. During his long life, from 1650 to 1722, he fought duels and the Moors in Tangier, served abroad as a diplomat, was employed by the French, and crushed English rebels at Sedgemoor.

Despite all this colour and excitement his real adventures began only when, at 52, he was sent to fight the armies of Louis XIV for the prize of Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, half of Italy, Mexico, Central and Southern America, Philippines, Canaries and West Indies. The odds against Marlborough seemed enormous. His allies, the Dutch, were terrified of the French whose armies had dominated Europe for nearly a century and were at that very moment threatening Vienna and the Habsburg Empire. Marlborough's solution was typical of his genius—an incredible march across Europe and victory at Blenheim. The French reeled in defeat and Europe was saved. Incredibly Marlborough did it again at Ramillies, Oudenarde and Malplaquet.



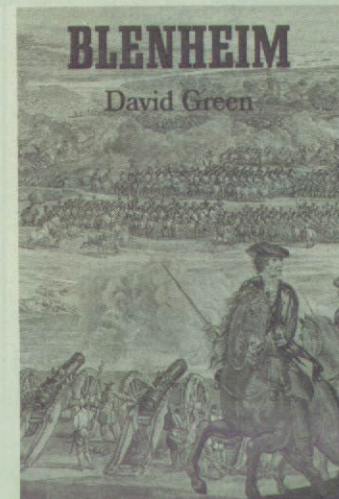
Marlborough never introduced any startling new tactic; he simply made the best use of the ones he knew. Full of confidence and charm, he was strangely sensitive and emotional at times. His soldiers loved him, his enemies feared him—his country remembers him.

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. . . AND THE HOUR

"*Blenheim*" (David Green) In 1704 it seemed that the armies of Louis XIV would engulf



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To Marlborough the solution was obvious—he would take his army right across Europe and fox the French as to his ultimate object. The Dutch were horrified but Marlborough was adamant. It took time before the French realised that he was actually trying to take the pressure off Vienna, and their armies were slow to react.

After a bloody prelude at Schellenberg, the two armies finally met at Blenheim. All of Marlborough's skill was needed to defeat the more powerful French under Tallard—platoon-volley firing, effective cavalry charges, good battery sited and the simple precaution of having his men lie down throughout the heavy cannonade. After a hard day's fighting the French were broken in the field for the first time in over a century—Tallard himself was taken and at least 34,000 men were lost.

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The disadvantage of pot-pourris of this sort is that the scene shifts with preposterous frequency. One is on a windswept English hillside staring across a valley at a whole ghostly army on the move and, almost on the same page, in the Ardennes in the presence of a spectral GI. Nevertheless this is a long

winter's evening read for this anthology has the splendid quality of being able to be picked up at random for a quick chill down the spine.

There are yarns of the Civil War, Gallipoli and America and Mr Brown has given us a bonus with chapters on traditions and regimental badges and what he describes as "military occultism."

His illustrations are tenuous and his index poor but I was grateful for the knowledge that all American presidents elected at 20-year intervals have died in office.

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Troops were raised in various industrial towns and these were continued after 1815 to assist the civil police in time of unrest. There was a good deal of ill-feeling in the early 19th century against the Yeomanry because they had the distasteful job of dispersing demonstrators.

After decades of summer manoeuvres and ceremonial parades the Yeomanry were sent abroad in 1900 to fight the Boers. At Fabers Putts and on the long reconnaissance patrols they showed their worth against the elusive De Villiers. Much of what they experienced served them well in World War One when they fought the Turk in the Middle East though most of the Yeomanry had to serve in the Flanders trenches as infantry.

In World War Two the Duke of Lancaster's became medium artillery regiments—the 77th fought its way from Normandy into Belgium, Holland and Germany while the 78th served in Italy and saw action at Cassino, the Gustav and Gothic lines.

In 1956 the regiment became a reconnaissance unit with armoured cars but since 1971 its role has been essentially home defence.

An interesting little book, with lots of illustrations, and a tribute to the Volunteer spirit.

The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, Lancaster House, Manchester Road, Clifton, Manchester, M27 2PU, £1.75 AWH

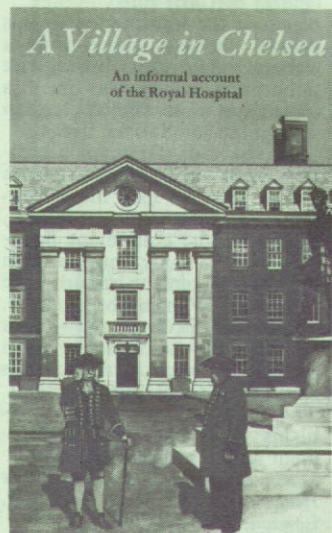
LONDON SCARLET

"A Village in Chelsea" (David Ascoli)

Chelsea Pensioners are not simply picturesque uniforms. They are people, and for the most part exceptional people. Far from producing a dreary account of the life and times of the Royal Hospital, the author has given us a most personalised history of this famous last posting for old soldiers.

He writes with devoted enthusiasm of the long and varied history of the Royal Hospital and there is a rhythm that keeps things going. One confesses to enjoying Bertram Turp's cavalry charge and appreciating In-Pensioner Batty's view of the Hospital...

"It was the saving of me. I don't



know what I would have done otherwise" . . . as a most fitting comment for almost every old soldier admitted.

One imagines that this book incorporates the best of others, much that is quite new and an approach that is unique. And how refreshing to find line drawings of such quality and so totally in sympathy with the text.

William Luscombe Publisher, Mitchell Beazley Marketing, Artists House, 14-15 Manette Street, London, W1V 5LB, £3.50 PC

HERO-ECCENTRIC

"General Gordon" (Richard Garrett)

Charles Gordon, one of the most famous Englishmen of the 19th century, died on 26 January 1885 from a Dervish's spear. He came from a long line of soldiers and after the Royal Military Academy entered the Royal Engineers. He saw plenty of service abroad but really made his reputation in China. With typical Victorian flair for the dramatic he helped crush the Taiping Revolt and became known as "Chinese" Gordon. Although fêted as a hero, he refused to be lionised and polite society generally regarded him as an eccentric.

In fact he was never happier then when campaigning for lost causes in some remote corner—he fought slavery in the Sudan, supported the Basuto against the British Government, warned against the folly of invading Afghanistan and even backed starving Irish peasants against absentee landlords.

His greatest fight was to be in the Sudan. Khartoum was in great danger from the Mahdi's fanatical armies and only Gordon's physical presence kept the city from surrendering. England cried out to give him support but Gladstone was deaf to all appeals. Eventually help was sent but it was too late.

Part adventurer, part religious fanatic, part naive observer of events, Gordon was always the victim of some strange and terrible inner conflict that drove him on to suffering and death.

A clear and intelligent analysis, well-written and worth reading. *Arthur Barker, 11 St John's Hill, London, SW11 1XA, £3.50 AWH*

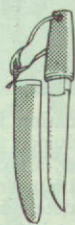
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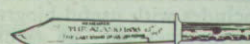
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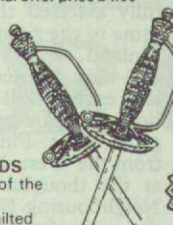
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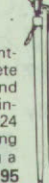
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TWEAKING THE BEAR

"Finland 1939-40" (Anthony F Upton)

Soon after World War Two started, Russia gathered up her skirts. Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia were given new red garden fences and Finland was next in line. Russia told Finland precisely where it wanted to drive the posts in and Finland, politely but firmly and with great trepidation told Russia exactly what it could do with its posts and proved the point, after war broke out in November 1939, by clouting an incompetent Russian invasion.

The Russian bear paused, care-



fully assessed the situation and came to the right conclusion that Finland, without tanks, aircraft, anti-tank defences and almost all else except skill and determination, could be beaten at her own game. The Finns sought help from the West. Hitler shuddered at the thought of involvement. Neighbouring Norway and Sweden were afraid of the wrath that might attend. France and Britain made all the right noises but did nothing and by March 1940, humbled and about to be trounced, the Finns went to the conference tables and agreed to Russian demands.

Revenge came the following year when the Finns backed Hitler and Barbarossa. But they backed a loser.

Mr Upton's book is delightfully written and beautifully printed. It is equipped with a good index and is thoroughly enjoyable but serious reading. Davis-Poynter Ltd, 20 Garrick Street, London, WC2E 9BJ, £3.50 PC

A CRACK AT HITLER

"The Real Dad's Army: The Story of the Home Guard" (Norman Longmate)

In a nationwide broadcast on 14 May 1940, Antony Eden, then Secretary of State for War, announced the raising of a new force—the Local Defence Volunteers, renamed more realistically two months later, the Home Guard. The response to his call for volunteers, when the German offensive towards the Channel ports was making alarming progress, was instant and overwhelming. Before he had finished

speaking men were queuing to enrol at police stations all over the country. In the first 24 hours 250,000 applied to join.

In aptly headed chapters—Give them the LDV, From Dusk to Dawn, After You With the Steel Helmet, Mind my Pike, Waiting for Jerry, and The Last Round—Mr Longmate tells the story of the Home Guard from its early days, when civilian clothes and a khaki arm-band bearing the letters LDV sufficed as uniform and an assortment of sporting guns, vintage firearms, pick-axes, crowbars and pitchforks served as weapons, to its development into a well-equipped, well-trained military force and final stand-down in December 1944.

This short history, enlivened with many a spicy anecdote and generously illustrated, makes fascinating reading and will give pleasure to many an old HG.

Arrow Books Ltd, 3 Fitzroy Square, London W1, 65p JFPJ

IN BRIEF

"Armour Camouflage and Markings: North Africa 1940-43" (George R Bradford)

The author, Director of the Armoured Fighting Vehicle Association, has collected a wealth of first-class material from people who had first-hand knowledge and experience in Africa. His book contains more than 100 colour profiles and views of tanks and 90 monochrome photographs of British, American, German and Italian armoured vehicles which fought in the first Italian campaigns and the German advance on El Alamein to the final victory.

The details are very definitive. Also included are various formation signs of British, American, Australian and Indian armies.

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"Uniforms Worn During 1740-1760" (Arthur Kipling/Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Wilson.)

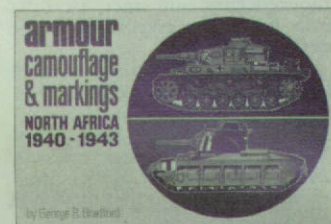
This book aptly describes some of the uniforms worn during the Austrian Succession and the Seven Years War. It is not the authors' intention that the book should show all uniforms worn by the British troops, their allies or their enemies, but to give sufficient details for wargamers to dress their models in the costume of the battle being enacted.

There are eight colour plates showing British and French cavalrymen and infantrymen and 18 black-and-white pictures of British and French uniforms and equipment.

Charles Knight & Co Ltd, 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3JA, £2.00

"Crimean Uniforms: British Infantry" (Michael Barthorp)

The 127 pages of this book carry 110 illustrations of infantry uniform. Apart from all the information on dress the author gives details of drills and formations, clothing, necessities and accoutrements, and regimental distinctions. The first seven pages detail infantry organisation and order of



battle. The 13 pages devoted to regimental distinctions include details of facings, buttons, cap plate and shoulder belt plate of both officers and other ranks, including bandsmen.

Historical Research Unit, 27 Emperor's Gate, London, SW7 4HU, £6.00



"Directory of Wheeled Vehicles of the Wehrmacht 1933-1945" (Edited by Chris Ellis)

Much of the information in this valuable book is culled from a wartime American intelligence publication which was itself a translation of an official German data guide for Service use.

Maybe it is Germany's military tradition, but their vehicles always seem to look more military than others. Spare wheels, canvas hoods, equipment hanging on the outside, machine-gun fittings—all tend to stamp these vehicles as Wehrmacht property.

Each type is illustrated—about 250 of them—and data is given in both the original metric units and in Imperial measurements. The first part of the book explains the Wehrmacht procurement and development policy. Ducimus Books Ltd, De Worde House, 283 Lonsdale Road, Barnes, London, SW13 9QW, £3.60

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