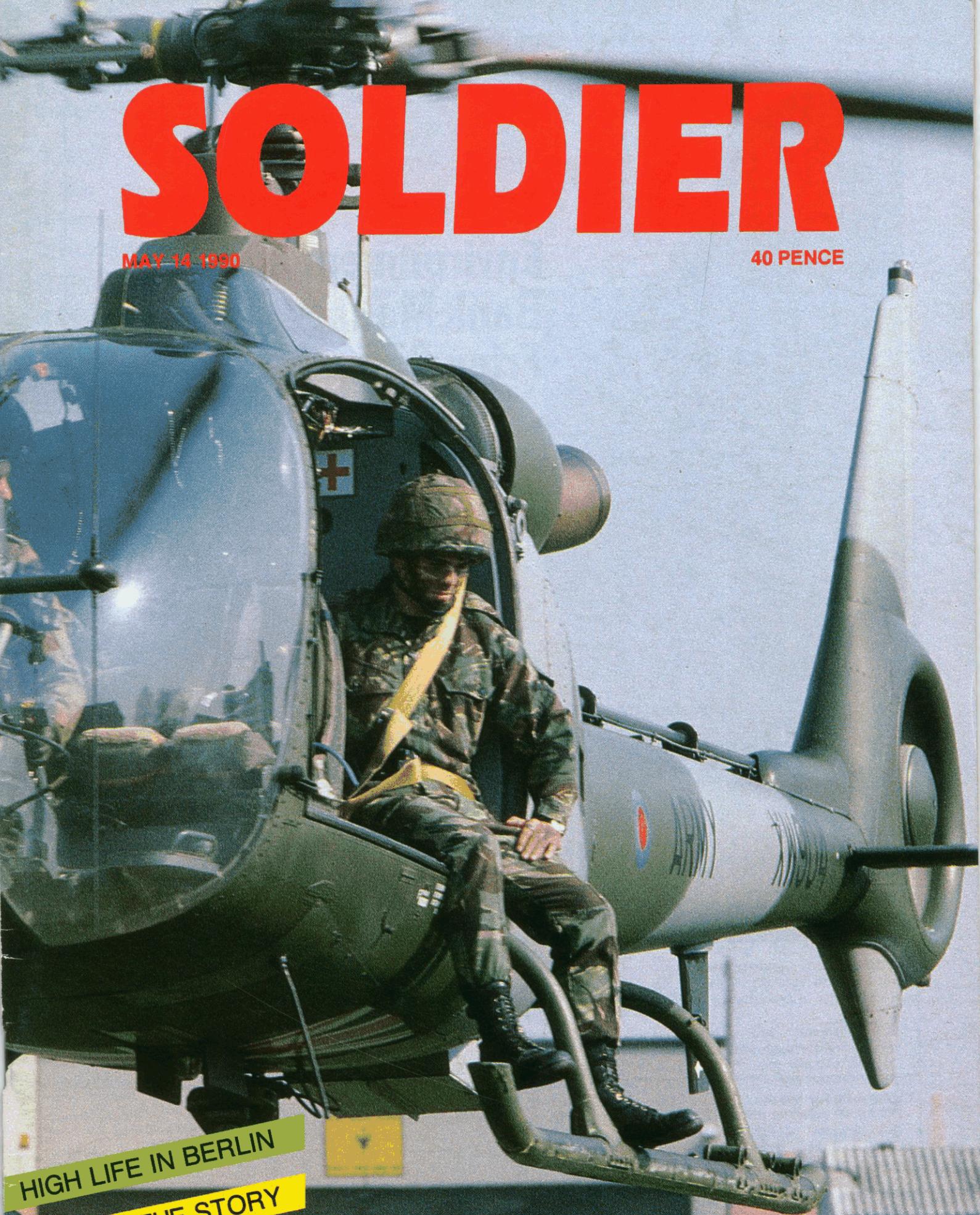


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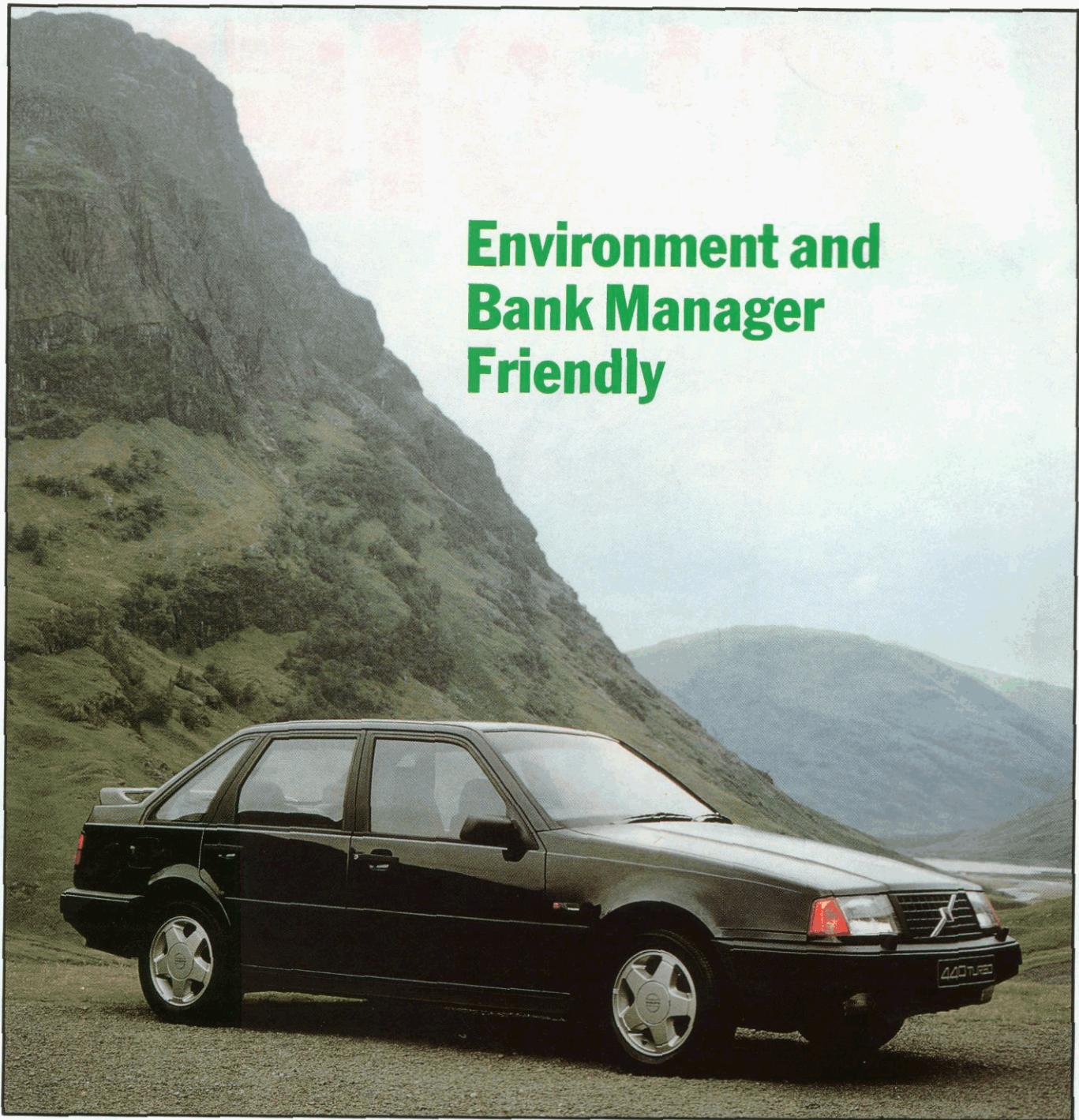


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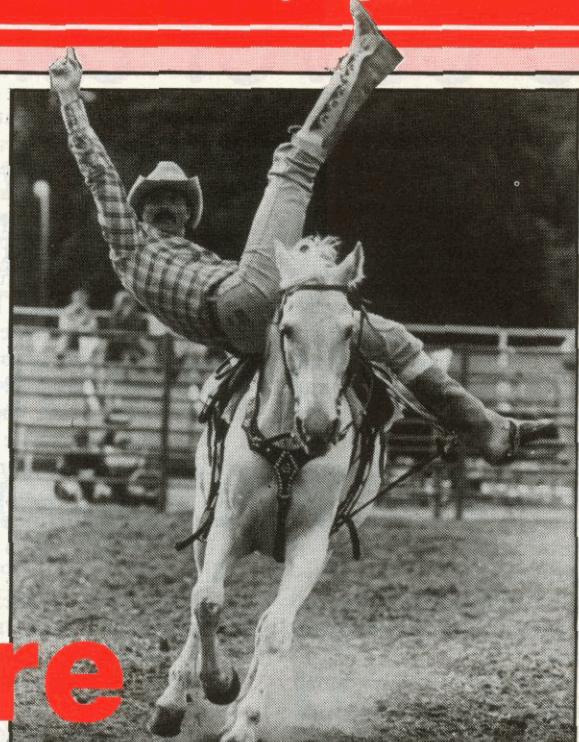
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In the annual Editing for Industry Awards, our issue of June 26 1989 took fourth place in the section open to internal magazines with a 10,000-plus circulation.

There was success, too, for SOLDIER's photographic team, with a dramatic picture in our September 18 edition taking an award in the monochrome section of the competition.

SOLDIER's place in the top four large-circulation internal magazines was awarded by an independent judge on behalf of the British Association of Industrial Editors, which organises the competition.

He based his decision on balance of content, standard of copy, headlines, use of illustrations, design and typography.

On content, he commented: "Excellent balance of news, features, pictures, shorts, general interest and more... can't help but meet objectives."

Describing the standard of copy as "excellent", the judge said: "There's a lot of it and it maintains a consistently interesting standard throughout. It has some personality and seems to know its audience and talks to them in a style that would be read right across the ranks.

"Considering the 54 pages are written and produced on a fortnightly basis, with all the copy deadlines this implies, the standard of journalism is high."

The judge also comments on an "exceptionally high standard of photography" and rounds off his appraisal of the magazine with: "I'm sure it is just what the readers want."

• Is SOLDIER just what the readers want? Having read the comments of an independent judge, we would be interested to hear what the readers themselves think. Your views about the magazine, its style and content, would be welcomed. Address them to the Managing Editor, SOLDIER, Parsons House, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

# LETTERS

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## BSA not designed to cover all fees

THE Army's Directorate of Personal Services was naturally concerned to read the article in April 16's SOLDIER about Sergeant X whose February pay statement indicated that £6.22 net had been credited to his bank account. As there are at least two sides to every story we felt it might be helpful if we clarified some of the points raised.

As the article rightly states, there are regulations requiring a minimum percentage of net pay to be credited monthly; however, in the case of a banking soldier it is not always possible for the ADP system to ensure that the exact minimum is paid.

Hence the Unduly Small Payment (USP) system has been established which im-

mediately attracts the attention of the unit paymaster who is able to offer help in any case of financial hardship.

The observant will have noticed that Sgt X's net pay for the month actually included an allotment of £350 to a bank of his choice; so the money at his disposal for the month in question was £356.22 – not £6.22 as the article suggests.

We fully appreciate that a soldier of Sgt X's seniority, age and associated commitments cannot reasonably be expected to live on £356.22 for a month. This particular USP arose because of the payment to a boarding school, at his request, of £1,801.20 for which he received an allowance of £1,465.00.

In effect he paid £356.20 out

## COMBAT STRESS

'Perhaps the bravest man I ever knew...'

and now, he cannot bear to turn a corner

Six-foot-four Sergeant 'Tiny' Gittre, DCM, was perhaps the bravest man his Colonel ever knew.

But now, after seeing service in Aden, after being booby-trapped and ambushed in Northern Ireland, Sergeant 'Tiny' cannot bear to turn a corner. For fear of what is on the other side.

It is the bravest men and women from the Services that suffer most from mental breakdown. For they have tried, each one of them, to give more, much more, than they could in the service of our Country.

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## Time to sheath old order

WITH certain taboos now a thing of the past, I wonder how many old soldiers remember the directive issued by Maj Gen Dudley Ward, 4th British Division, during the "incident" called the Greek Civil War in 1944-45.

Incidentally, the facility to instruct the Regimental Pay Office to pay boarding school bills direct is a privilege only available to Other Ranks.

The article continues by making a number of points relating to the effects that a large, albeit anticipated, expenditure of this nature has upon a pay statement. Sensible budgeting by the individual should largely overcome this problem.

The one genuine question that needs to be raised is to what extent does the Boarding School Allowance (BSA) help in this case. Well, it appears Sgt X is required to pay approximately £5,400 this year to educate his child privately at the school of his choice. At the moment he receives an annual allowance of £4,395.

He therefore has a personal liability of about £1,000 a year for private education. Clearly this is a major commitment for which a sergeant, or indeed any rank, needs to make special provision.

It must be remembered that the basis of BSA is to assist Service parents in providing a stable education – it is not a general education subsidy designed to cover all the fees.

Surely everyone must appreciate this by now.

Sgt X, like many Servicemen, has a difficult decision to make when considering the education of his child. BSA provides the majority of fees, but the Serviceman must provide the rest. It is a matter of fact that private education does cost money and that we in the Army are at least able to procure a good education for our children at considerably reduced cost compared with civilians.

We guarantee that were we to approach a group of Sgt X's civilian equivalents and offer them £4,395 per annum

I REFER to your article "It's the Old Pals Act" (April 2) and the East Yorkshire Regiment – 3 Div were not on King Beach, nor were 50 Div on Queen. You have got your lines crossed. – F McClellan, 26 Norwich Avenue, Lowton, Warrington.

Any correctly-dressed WO would not leave his epaulette button undone! He would ensure his red sash was hanging correctly and that his waist belt was properly adjusted! Tunic borrowed from the band?

The photograph of "Sgt Weeks" is also a giveaway. His helmet would never be worn at

Picture: Mike Weston



## Limited issue

I AGREE up to a point that a medal or award should have been issued to the men who served their country since 1954, but only to those who served in the campaigns of Malaya, Borneo, Kenya and Korea. – C Frost, Southend, Essex.

## Crossed lines

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SEARCHLINE  
are in Page 35**

**Major  
prize!**

Maj P B Murphy, of Berkshire, is the winner of a £50 cheque for HOAY competition No 484. Runners-up are Mrs M Gray, of 56 Connaught Road, West Lane, Middlebrough and Sgt Smith, Guardroom, Welsh Guards, Elizabeth Barracks, Pirbright, Surrey, who receive book prizes. Another competition appears on Page 39.

## Historical aside . . .

The annual inspection of The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment in Hyde Park was a bit unusual this year. There was, for the first time ever, a women on parade in the shape of the regiment's assistant adjutant, 2nd Lt Sara Morley, WRAC, pictured here riding side-saddle at a rehearsal. On the left is the regiment's Riding Master, Capt Barry McKie.

"It got easier as we went on," was how 2nd Lt Morley described her side-saddle experience.

The regiment, which is made up of a squadron of The Life Guards, a squadron of The Blues and Royals and a headquarters squadron from both, was inspected by Maj Gen Simon Cooper, Major General Commanding The Household Division.

## Pay-and-dine more expensive?

ALTHOUGH a Pay-As-You-Dine system (Letters, April 2) might seem an attractive option, for the sake of balance it is worth considering the other side of the equation.

If CSgt Woods believes that a Pay-As-You-Dine system would leave the majority of soldiers better off, he should consider the following points.

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body set the food charge, and in their 1989 report, they explained: "We examine data on the cost of food from the Department of Employment's Family Expenditure Survey to which we add an element to take into account the cost of preparing meals. We abate charges to allow for absences from units for a number of weekends each year."

The charge paid by CSgt Woods has therefore been reduced to take account of a reasonable number of days absence, over and above leave.

In a Pay-As-You-Dine system, such an abatement could not be applied. In addition, VAT would probably have to be added to the cost. Over and above all this, I wonder if he has considered the cost associated with collection and accounting for money, tokens, or whatever method of payment was chosen.

All these extras would probably mean that the soldier who ate the majority of his meals at his unit would end up paying much more per day than he does now. – WO1 A Smith RAPC, Empress State Building, London.

## Mirror aid to security

I UNDERSTAND that extending mirrors for examining beneath cars are available to Service families in BAOR. Are these also available in the UK, and if so from where and at what cost?

As the occupants of a MoD married quarter in the London area, we have recently received a booklet stressing the need always to examine cars. However, faced with the prospect of torn tights and muddy knees at 7.30 every morning in a quiet, suburban housing area in England, complacency is an attractive alternative.

Extending mirrors might just sway the balance. – Susan Fraser, Herts.

**BFG** have already issued a number of compact mirror torches, and a further quantity of the larger robust mirror torches have been issued in Great Britain.

The procurement and distribution programme for the remaining numbers is being handled at command level and is progressing well, SOLDIER was told. They will be issued on a selective basis beginning with those to whom the threat is greatest. The intention is to issue the mirrors as quickly as possible.

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# Six into one equals an AG's Corps

A DECISION has been taken in principle for the Army to have a new Adjutant General's Corps which will absorb the functions of six of the smaller existing corps.

Corps to be included in a review include the Corps of Royal Military Police, the Royal Army Pay Corps, the Royal Army Educational Corps, the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, the Army Legal Corps and the Military Provost Staff Corps.

Staff clerk functions at present carried out by members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Women's Royal Army Corps will also be considered for inclusion in the new organisation.

The decision was announced by Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton in reply to a Parliamentary Question.

He said: "This review has now advanced to the point where I have decided in principle that an Adjutant General's Corps should be formed. Further work will now proceed to give effect to this decision and, in particular, to establish which existing corps and functions should be included in this new corps."

## Sappers fly to aid of Samoans

A TEAM of 22 sappers from 38 Engineer Regiment has completed emergency repairs to two hospitals in Western Samoa, devastated by Cyclone Ofa. The engineers, normally based at Ripon in Yorkshire, were on a six-month tour of duty in Belize when the appeal for aid was received.

Capt Paul Wolstenholme flew with his party to Savaii, worst hit of the Samoan islands. While teams from America, Australia and New Zealand helped to restore power, water supplies and roads, the British sappers practically rebuilt hospitals at Tuasivi and Sataua. At Tuasivi 150 women helped the soldiers to clean up debris and islanders showed their gratitude by giving the sappers coconuts to drink from.



Over to you, comrade! A Soviet sailor tries out the driver's seat in a British Ferret delivered to Leningrad by HMAV Arakan as part of British/Soviet tank museum swap. Lt Simon Dennis and Cpl Mark Roy (right) of 2 RTR are giving advice. In the background is a Saracen, also part of the swap. The Arakan (OC Maj Eddie Bell RCT) brought back a Soviet scout car and an APC plus vehicles and guns picked up at Helsinki, Finland, on the return journey. A SOLDIER team travelled with Arakan. Report and pictures will appear in the next issue.

## It's the Young Pals act!

FOLLOWING a successful trial in East Anglia, the Army has extended its Team Scheme - which gives friends the chance to join, train and stay together - to cover the whole of Britain.

"Join together - stay together" is the message from the Army, which will allow pals to join in groups of up to five. They will be guaranteed to do their training together and get the same initial posting, so staying together for at least two years. A

similar scheme worked well in America.

Launching Team Scheme, Brig Simon Lytle, Director of Army Recruiting, said it would encourage friends to take the plunge together and help them get through basic training.

Team Scheme will be available in the Household Cavalry, RAC, RA, RE, R Signals, the Infantry, AAC, RCT, RAMC, RAOC, REME, RMP, RPC, WRAC and QARANC.

## Kings Own Border comes up roses

WHEN all ranks of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment were presented with roses at Colchester on April 21 they were taking part in a tradition going back 286 years.

The ceremony was carried out in accordance with the regiment's celebration of St George's Day, two days later. The regiment was the first to transfer allegiance to William of Orange from James II when King William landed at Torbay in 1688 - and in return the new monarch ordered that the regiment would wear the Lion of England in its cap badge.

The presentation of roses has been taking place since April 23, 1704, when Queen Anne acceded to the Throne. This year it was carried out by the Director of Infantry,

Maj Gen Robert Hodges, who is Colonel of the regiment, assisted by the Mayors of Carlisle and Lancaster. The regiment holds the freedom of both cities.

## Yorks to move

A MAJOR redeployment faces the 1st Battalion, The Yorkshire Volunteers. In 1992 battalion headquarters and HQ Company, currently based in York, are to move to a new TA centre in Middlesbrough.

More than 100 soldiers from the battalion have just completed a two-week exercise in Gibraltar under the command of Maj Duncan Hopkins. 1 Yorks was formed from the Territorial Army battalions of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire and The Green Howards.

# Financial Service to the Services

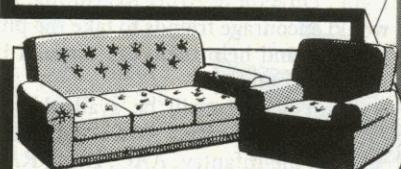


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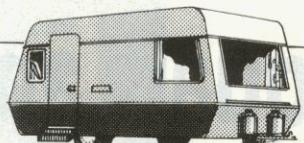
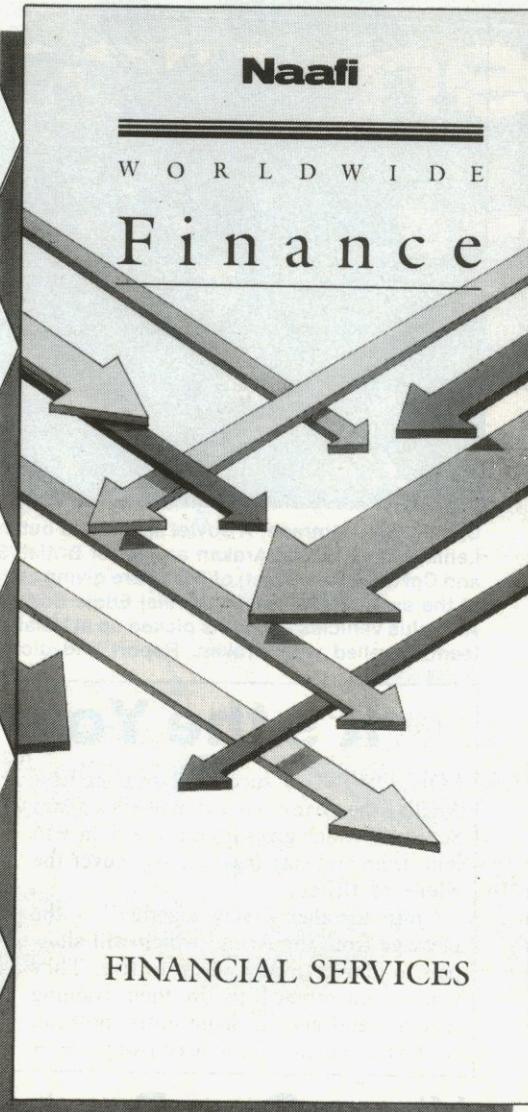
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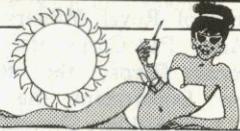


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Lined up for the presentation of the Courage Cup are men of 2 Company, 10th Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Volunteers) from Croydon. They won the annual inter-unit military skills competition for

Territorial Army units in London District. Support Company 10 Para (V) from Aldershot were runners up and 22 Ord Coy were third. Thirty-seven teams took part. Pictured from left are Sgt Mick Jordan, Cpl

Lenny Thorn, Mr Mike Reynolds of Courage Ltd, Lt Nick Neve, Maj Gen Simon Cooper, General Officer Commanding London District, Cpl Mark Humphries, Pte Simon Pankhurst and Pte Simon Hughes

## Reserve skills tested

AIRCRAFT recognition, grenade-throwing, map reading and first aid were some of the skills being tested when British, Belgian, German, Italian and Norwegian representatives took part in a NCOs' military skills competition organised by the Reserve Forces Association UK at Holcombe Moor training camp near Bury.

## Building bridges

BRITISH and German sappers worked together to build an amphibious bridge at Ohr Park near Hameln. Men of 3 Troop, 64 Amph Engr Sqn of 28 Amph Engr Regt joined forces with members of 3 Coy, 303 Pioneer Battalion to construct the bridge in 50 minutes. It was used for an hour then dismantled.

## Royal salute

THE Queen's 64th birthday was marked by a 21-gun salute fired by 105 (Scottish) Air Defence RA (V) from the Mills Mount Battery of Edinburgh Castle.

# Gunners get first MLRS

THE first two Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) launchers to be produced in Europe for the British Army were handed over to the Royal Regiment of Artillery at a ceremony in Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich.

Manufactured under licence from the United States, MLRS is a collaborative venture between France, Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom. It will provide the Royal Artillery with a weapon system capable of saturating a target the size of six football fields in less than one minute.

The launchers were handed over by the Master General of the Ordnance, Gen Sir John Stibson, to the Director Royal Artillery, Maj Gen Brian Pennicott.

## Woofers' flag day on Rock

TWO regiments who share a Peninsular War battle honour joined forces in Gibraltar last month to celebrate the 178th anniversary of the storming of Badajoz, a French-held fort in Spain, by the 45th Regiment of Foot.

Kohima Company of the 4th Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (Volunteers) - on the Rock for Exercise Marble Tor - marked Badajoz Day with the traditional hoisting of an officer's red jacket. Badajoz is also a Royal Green Jackets battle honour, so their 3rd Battalion, in residence at Lathbury Barracks, provided a bugler for the 4 WFR ceremony at South Barracks.

On April 6, 1812 Lt MacPherson of the 45th (forerunners of the WFR) was first to the fortress tower and hoisted his red jacket in place of the French flag.

## Ballymena schools drive is a success

ARMY recruiters in Northern Ireland have completed a successful pilot scheme aimed at schoolboys in the province. More than 50 students from grammar and secondary schools indicated the wish to take up an Army career after a visit to St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena. Nearly 350 boys and girls took part in the initiative.

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## Signal from abroad



Pictured on the equator during an adventurous training expedition in Kenya are 12 members of 28 Signal Regiment usually to be found at

Krefeld in West Germany. Exercise Kenyan Backstop was led by Capt **Deborah Wheatley Price** and climbed Mounts Elgon and Kenya.



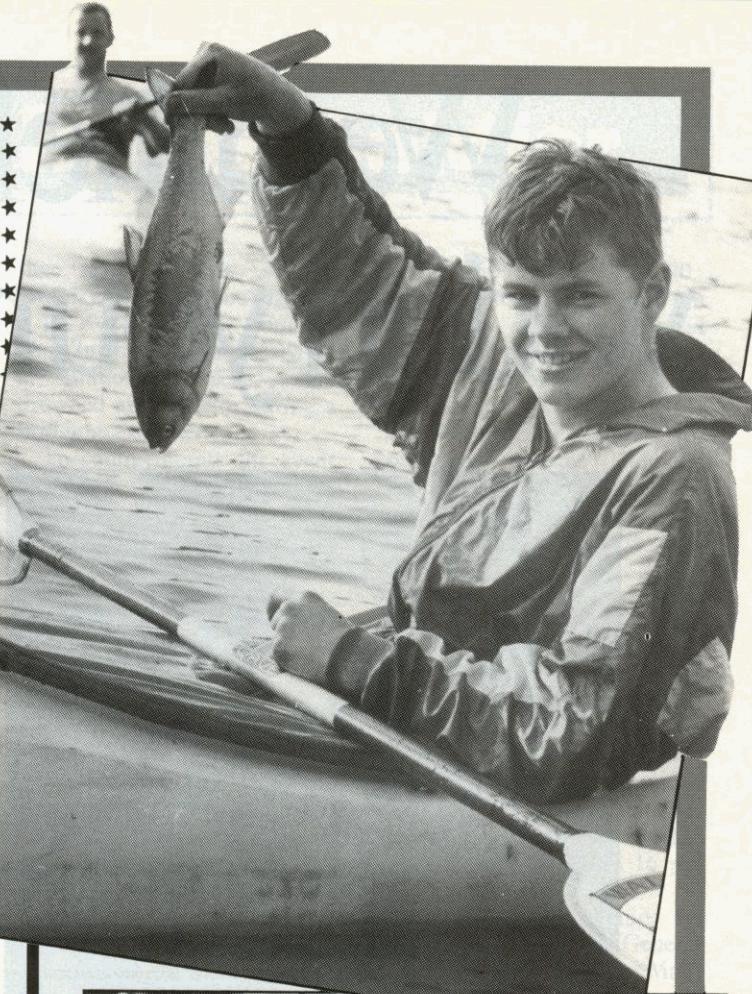
## Martin the Medic wins top award

Colchester-based LCpl **Martin Coates** has been named the Army's 1989 Medic of the Year for outstanding service to the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Serving with 19 Field Ambulance, Martin was twice commended by senior officers while serving as a crew leader in London and Essex during the ambulance dispute. But it was for

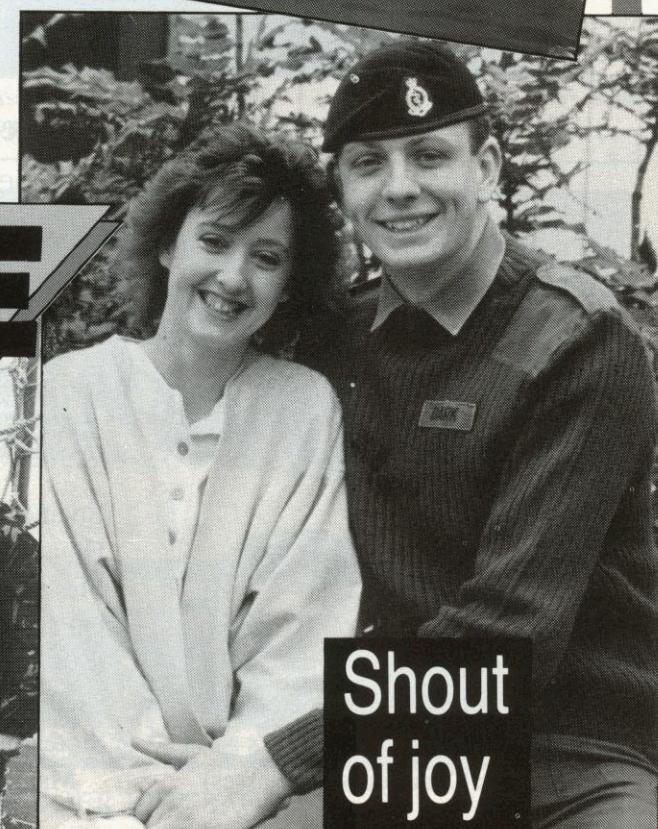
his contribution last year that Martin was named winner of the Director General Army Medical Service's Special Award.

Martin, who is married and has a one-year-old son, joined up in 1982 and left after six years' service. But six months in civvy street convinced him that the Army was the life for him so he rejoined later the same year.



## A likely story . . .

One that didn't get away? With not a rod in sight, perhaps it just surrendered to Tpr **Acko Atkinson** while he was enjoying a spot of adventure training at Havel, a Berlin beauty spot. Acko is based at Smuts Barracks, Berlin with C Squadron of 14th/20th King's Hussars.



## Shout of joy

## PEOPLE



### Final chord

Last engagement for the Royal Engineers volunteer band based at Hameln, West Germany was to provide a musical accompaniment to a JNCO cadre pass off parade for 25 Engineer Regiment at Roberts Barracks, Osnabrück. The band has now been broken up. Our picture shows WO2 **Alan Cox**, the bandmaster, meeting the inspecting officer, Maj Gen **Neil Carlier**, Chief Joint Services Liaison Officer.



Maj **Mike Glover**, a company commander with the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, introduces three MoD civil servants to the delights of the assault course at Wootton Barracks near Blackpool. Pictured (left to right) are

**Susan Grierson** from the typing pool at Fulwood Barracks, **Barbara Reeder** from the post room, and **Elaine Vickers** from Preston Careers Office. They were among 13 civil servants from the North East who were given a close look at life in the Army.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Pte **Kevin Dark** of Colchester-based 19 Field Ambulance has a great deal to thank the ambulance dispute for. While on duty in Hackney, London, he met – and has now married – Metropolitan Police clerk **Elizabeth Curtin** who was working at Hackney Police Station.

\* \* \* \* \*  
The couple got to know each other between "shouts" – ambulance service terminology for a call-out.

Last out switches off the lights . . . Twins **Graham** (right) and **Philip Kent** were the last two recruits to pass through the portals of the Army Personnel Selection Centre at Sutton Coldfield.

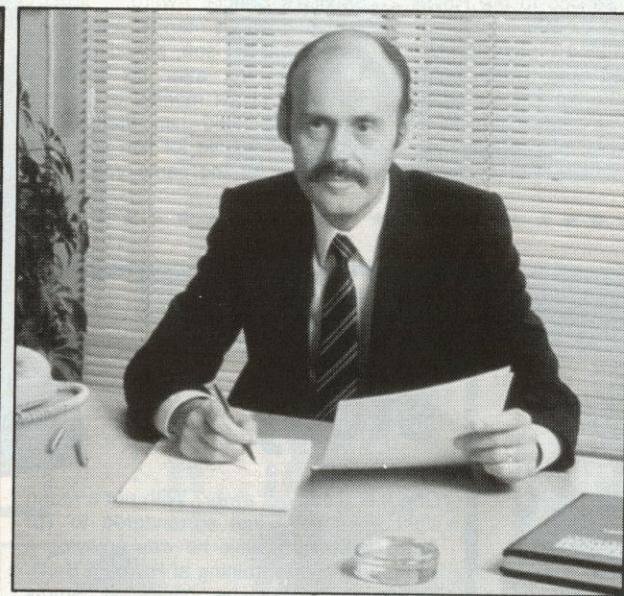
The APSC has now closed (as reported in SOLDIER April 2) and its functions have

## Added efficiency!

Pictured with Gen Sir Charles Huxtable, C-in-C UKLF (second from left) are three TA soldiers who received clasps to their Efficiency Medals during a visit by the General to 30 Engineer Brigade at Swynnerton Camp, Staffordshire. From left to right are WO2 **Kenneth Reybould**, Capt **Elliott Austin** and SSgt **Dannie Fern**.



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# Aussies to celebrate

Our friends Down Under are circling March 1, 1991 in red in their diaries – for two major reasons.

The more obvious is that it is the 90th birthday of the Australian Army; the second is that by then a group of determined fund-raisers hopes to have reached the target of A\$1.8 million needed to establish the Australian Soldiers' Chapel in New South Wales.

The chapel, which will serve as a living memorial to Australian soldiers who have died in the service of their nation – in many cases alongside comrades from Britain – will be built at Kapooka.

Contributions have already been received from around the world, including one from our own Army Air Corps, and work is expected to start late this year.

Chairman of the Australian Soldiers' Chapel Appeal is Lt Col H P M Hoebee, Freepost 123 (no stamp required), Kapooka, NSW 2661, Australia, who will gladly provide further information.

# SOLDIER to Soldier

## Dine-asty

THE dining-out of Maj Gen Stuart Watson as 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) Colonel of the Regiment was both a family and a royal affair.

The evening also served to dine-in his son, 2nd Lt Angus Watson, and among the guests was Prince Abdullah of Jordan. King Hussein's eldest son completed a short service commission with the regiment in 1982, and is still a reserve officer.

Commanding Officer, Lt Col Allan Mallinson, said the Prince was especially remembered for his generosity. He once paid for his troop to go adventure training in Jordan.

## Veltheim tribute

Young and old joined forces in a poignant ceremony to mark

the tragic death of 80 infantrymen 65 years ago.

In 1925 the men, from the 18th Infantry Regiment based at Bindon Barracks, were drowned at Veltheim during a bridging exercise.

To commemorate the event and mark the anniversary, 36 members of the Regiment's Old Comrade Association took part in a joint parade with 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment, during which wreaths were laid at the memorial stone and plaque in the barracks.

## More help for officers

Visions of an 85-year-old Army widow looping the loop in a glider provide one of the lighter moments in the annual report of The Officers' Association.

Benevolent work and financial help forms a large part of the Association's activities and the report cites a few examples

of cases in the year 1989-90.

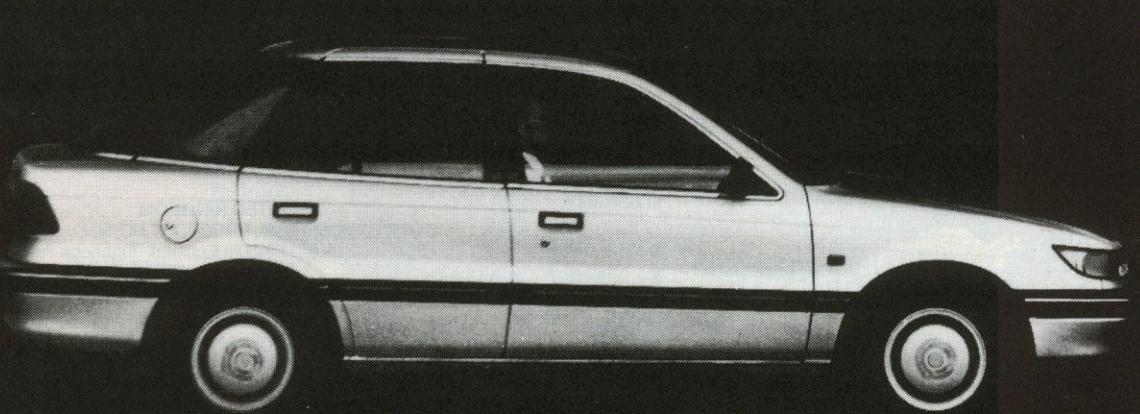
The anonymous lady in question, whose husband served in the Royal Pioneer Corps, lives in a retirement home, where there is a deficit of £35 between her State supplemented income and the home fees. With the help of four other charities, the Association makes up the shortfall.

In a letter of appreciation, the indomitable widow mentioned her glider flight, during which her pilot performed his aerobatics. "She is now keen to do it again," says the report.

The Association is now helping 1,500 ex-officers of all Services and their dependants. Grants for the year totalled more than £770,000, a 16 per cent rise.

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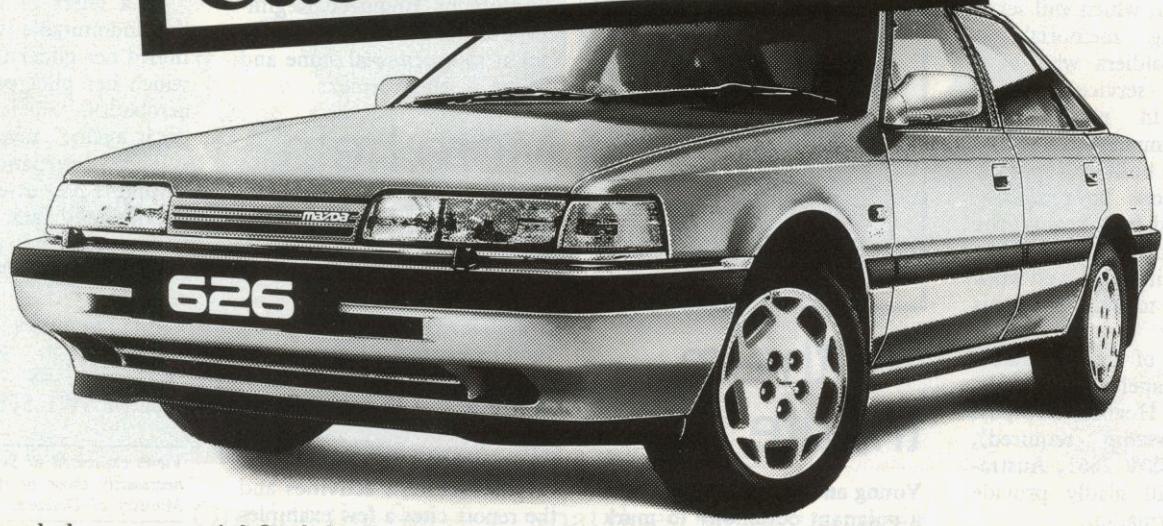


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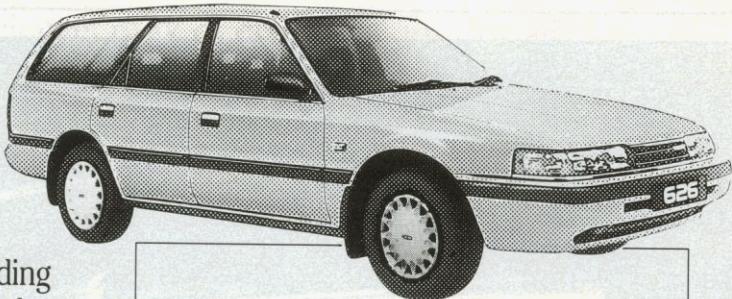
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Cpl John Lysaght (centre) of 2 Armoured Delivery Squadron leads the squad of runners out of Frankfurt, West Germany, on a 600-mile relay from Cuxhaven on the north German coast to Bodensee in the south. By coincidence, the British hospital chosen by 2 ADS soldiers to benefit from the run (a German charity will also benefit) is Liverpool's Oxford Street Maternity Hospital, in which John was born 29 years ago.

Claire (10) listens intently to her instructor, Cpl Paul Hawke, as they are taken on the 'T' Bar drag lift to the top of the nursery slope



# Ski break with the Skins

SKI instructors from the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards provided a holiday to remember for a group of blind or partially-sighted girls from St Mary's School for the Blind, Dublin.

It was the third consecutive year that ski instructors from the regiment have given up free time or taken leave to teach visually handicapped children.

Venue for the week-long holiday was Raggal in the Austrian Tirol.

The visit was one of a series of projects undertaken by the Derrygiff Activities for the Blind charitable organisation based at Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, an area with which the 5 Innis DG has close links. Cost of the soldiers' trip to Austria was borne mainly by themselves.



Two NCOs from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and The Royal Regiment of Wales donated £600 to the Royal Marsden Hospital in London after doing a sponsored run on TV's Krypton Factor assault course.

LCpl John Roberts and LCpl Kevin Jones are on the permanent staff of the Junior Infantry Battalion Shorncliffe. They put the money towards the hospital's £25m Cancer Appeal launched by the Princess of Wales because their former commanding officer was treated there.



JIB Shorncliffe permanent staff were also involved in strenuous activity to raise money for the disaster fund set up after the RM School of



WO1s Dave Down (left) and Martin Meighan point the way back for WO1 Ron Markley. All three are involved in the ambitious RAOC Childwalk 90 project due to take place in May. Nine walkers will set out to complete a

1,000km route from Antwerp to Berlin, marking the extent of the RAOC's influence on the Continent. Various children's charities and the children's wards of British military hospitals in Germany will benefit.



Music bomb outrage. Cpl Glyn Ayres, WFR, organised a 72-hour squash marathon at Shorncliffe which raised a princely £1,650. Cpl Ayres, LCpl Mark Miles, Glosters, Cpl Martin East, RPC and Wcpl Brenda Griffiths, WRAC, presented the cheque to the Commandant of the RM School of Music.

Bruggen in West Germany decided to raise cash for the RAF Benevolent Fund, soldiers stationed there with 52 Field Squadron (Construction) reckoned that some of the money should go to the Army Benevolent Fund. The result was that the Crossbow Club, the main junior ranks club at RAF Bruggen, presented DM10,000 and DM1,000 respectively to the RAF and Army funds. Cpl Ben Dixon handed over the Army cheque.

When personnel at RAF



Picture: WO1 Jim Gallagher, HQ BAOR

# ENOCH POWELL AND THE ULTRA SECRET

by  
Laurie  
Manton

**ENIGMA** was a machine used by the Germans to encipher their most secret messages so when the Allies acquired one they were able to break the German ciphers. Intelligence derived from this source was coded *Top Secret Ultra* and passed on to commanders and their

staff in the field by means of a special signals system. Ultra was to have a profound effect on the way the war was fought and contributed significantly to the success of the Allies. It remained a closely-guarded secret until long after the war.

Enoch Powell was one of

the few who knew of its existence, and he made good use of it to ensure the British Army's victory in the North African campaign.

In this second and concluding part of Enoch Powell's War, he reveals details of Ultra's use and how its secret was kept.

"INITIALLY, the colonel under whom I served dealt with North Africa and I was allowed the rest of the Middle East to play with. During the period of the German advance in North Africa in 1942, I was in charge of the German threat through Anatolia (Turkey). I remember I thought it part of my duty, as long as pressure was severe in North Africa, to slow the Germans down in Anatolia.

"Your heart would have bled at the difficulties they encountered in getting through Anatolia, because I knew exactly the factors which bore upon the presumed rate of penetration. Then, once Rommel was defeated, I thought it would do no harm if they came through Anatolia a bit faster. So I speeded them up again."

During the successful advance from El Alamein, Lt Col Powell received at HQ a personal message from another Royal Warwick, General Montgomery.

"Before Alamein, I had made an estimate, based upon my knowledge of the transport facilities and the transportation history of the North African coast, of the maximum rate we could expect to move westwards after breaking through at Alamein.

"Three weeks after the battle, I received a personal signal from Monty. It ran: 'I'm doing better than you thought, young man!' I thought it best not to reply."

A form of inter-Service co-operation had evolved in 1942, in which three officers, one from each of the three Services, met at an unearthly hour each morning to work out recommendations for "targets for the

day" which were then forwarded to the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. **How did you obtain the information upon which you decided which targets should be attacked?**

"Because we had remarkably full information on enemy movements - a story which I now think can be told. I was using Ultra.

"In fact, with the Ultra material it was possible to take an aerial photograph of

## Enoch Powell

The  
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officers, in retrospect, I find it hard to comprehend. It was a great sign of the openness of mind of the Army.

"You know, the British Army is a very open-minded institution. A man can do anything he wants in the British Army provided he goes about it the right way.

The Army never stood in the way of any man doing what he wanted to do, doing what he had the particular ability to do, provided he went about it the right way.

"But, like all institutions, it has its ways. If there were ten wars in my lifetime, I would want to be in the Army in every one of them; but this is not likely to be arranged!"

**How was the secrecy of the use of Ultra maintained when so many people were**

where that distinction was maintained and felt right through to the end of hostilities.

"How the Regular officers of 1939-45 put up with us temporary

**aware that it was being used?**

"That is a very remarkable fact. Indeed, there was a moment when we read Rommel saying 'I think my signals are being read'. That naturally caused great panic and a tightening-up of the rules under which we converted material obtained from Ultra into a form in which it could have come from espionage or other sources.

"There was a completely separate signals organisation which transmitted this material. It did not go through the ordinary general signals system, but there was a specialised staff who handled this material and no other, right the way through the war.

"There was also a legend - I don't know

how far it contributed to successful security - that on Winston Churchill's desk was a list of everybody in on the Ultra secret, and that Churchill had personally undertaken to castrate the man responsible for the secret being broken. I never knew how operative this threat was!"

After Rommel's defeat, Powell and his targeting section were lent to Allied Force

**Do you still keep in touch with your regiment?**

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to India, I said I'd rather stay with India. In any case I do not get on with Americans.

"I marched back to the Imperial Secretariat and reported to Gen Cawthorn.

"His face fell. He had not got on very well with Lamplugh, but had overcome his dislike sufficiently to make a special plea on my behalf, thinking that this would be my best route for advancement."

Powell was promoted to colonel soon afterwards and appointed Assistant Director of Military Intelligence at GHQ Delhi, where he was responsible for work concerning the Japanese Army, supplying SEAC with intelligence appreciations of the Japanese Army from its order of battle to weaponry.

"Curious thing, the Japanese Army. They always did the same thing the same way. They were fantastically predictable.

"When they sent reinforcements, they used to tear regiments to pieces and deploy them in units as small as company level to different parts of the front in Burma. They also continued conveniently to print their Army List, giving the personnel of formations and units.

"Throughout the war we received regular supplies of the list and I remember once going to the general and asking for 60 slaves, so I could get them to transpose the list from its existing form into an alphabetical one.

"Working in a gymnasium, it took the



Pte Powell pictured in the early part of his military service

men three weeks to carry out the conversion into a loose-leaf alphabetic index which we called the 'Yellow Book of the Japanese Army'. It provided our means in interrogation of indentifying new units arriving on a certain front."

From that position he was appointed in July 1944, as a brigadier, to a seat on the committee for the post-war Indian Army. *How did Brig Powell's wartime career come to a close?*

"It ended for me in February 1946, when I had a long interview with the Chief of Staff, India, and became convinced that, given the political developments which they already foresaw, there would be no likely career for me in the Indian

Army, to which I would otherwise have transferred at that stage, because by then I had become so devoted to it and all its works.

"I went home by air and landed at Brize Norton on February 28, 1946. As the plane came down, I saw green fields and I wept. I had not been in England since 1941 and had forgotten there were such things as green fields."

*Did your wartime experiences prompt you to enter the political arena?*

"Only to the extent that I thought – wrongly as it turned out – that the connection with India was likely to last very much longer than it did, and that the important place for that connection to be maintained was in British politics.

"My enlistment in the Conservative Party took place on the day after I landed, when I got a telephone directory and looked up C for Conservative – I was still going around, perfectly correctly, as a brigadier – and rang for an appointment with the party chairman."

Within a fortnight Enoch Powell was on the candidates' list, the speakers' list and employed in the Conservative Parliamentary Secretariat. The rest is history.

*With the fast-moving political events currently taking place in Europe and the talk of German reunification, have you any fears for the future?*

"As long as Russia remains convinced of what it ceased to believe in in 1939 – namely that 'the Brits will fight' – I am not afraid. That is what the peacetime British Army is about. It's the living evidence that the Brits will fight."

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Abseiling instructor Cpl Chesty Gardner agreed that not everyone relished the idea of abseiling.

"Some are petrified the first time. You build up their confidence by being confident yourself. It is down to their confidence in me.

"I get the platoon commander to go down first. He believes in me, they believe in him."



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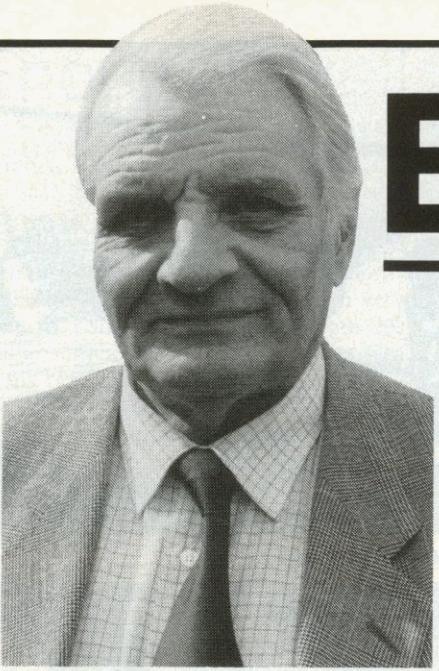
Top – The flying skills of Capt Peter Crosby and Sgt Ian Collins, 7 Flight AAC, make landing on the top of an accommodation block in Berlin look easy. There were only inches to spare between the ventilation shafts when this picture was taken

Middle – Gnr Steve Williams arrived in a helicopter, but there is only one way down

for him ... by stepping off the edge and abseiling to the ground

Left – It's a tight squeeze, but Berlin Air Defence Troop Royal Artillery makes the most of available space to store missiles, aiming units and other kit in a Gazelle helicopter of 7 Flight ACC

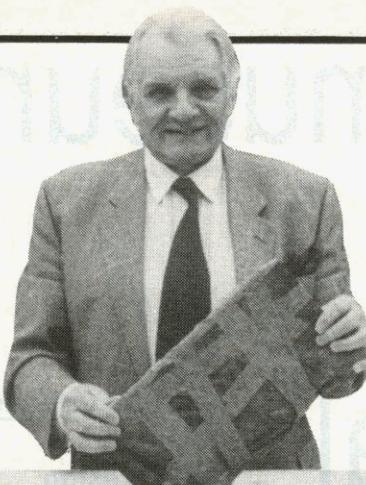
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Nobby Clarke

# Burma veteran put Slim on a pedestal

by  
Jennifer  
Griffiths



Nobby Clarke, the man who defied his critics and raised the cash – plus some – for the magnificent statue of Field Marshal Slim. Before it was put into place by a crane he took the opportunity to insert a sealed package in the plinth. It contains newspaper articles and literature about the fund-raising, including a copy of *SOLDIER* which featured his campaign.

Picture: Terry Champion

THE behind-the-scenes story of the magnificent statue of Field Marshal The Viscount Slim, unveiled by the Queen on April 28, is vindication of the faith of a Burma veteran once vilified as a deserter. When 72-year-old Nobby Clarke launched a £150,000 appeal to finance the nine-foot bronze effigy, critics told him he was 40 years too late.

Nobby, engaging and sprightly despite a knee operation and awaiting surgery on the other, was not deterred.

"The Dismal Jimmies said it would be extremely difficult to raise the money," he chuckled.

In fact, more than £180,000 was raised in just 15 months and the surplus will go to the Burma Star Association National Welfare Fund, founded jointly by Slim and Lord Louis Mountbatten.

"I was always confident it would happen. The appeal took off like a house on fire and that speaks tons for the memory and type of man Slim was," Mr Clarke told *SOLDIER*.

Slim had made it clear he did not want a statue erected in his memory. He preferred that any money should go into a fund for troops who served under his command, and their dependants.

But Nobby had always been aware of a strong groundswell of feeling among Burma veterans that there should be a permanent memorial to their revered leader.

The opportunity for him to explain this enthusiasm presented itself at a reception at the Imperial War Museum. He quickly seized it when he found himself sitting with the leader's widow, Aileen, The Viscountess Slim.

Nobby explained: "After a couple of brave sherries I took it upon myself to ask her if we could have a statue. She had not been aware of the deep gut feeling of the rank and file of the Burma Star Association that while other leaders had a statue, Slim did not.

"She said she would consult the rest of the family, and within a week we were given the go-ahead."

Had Slim still been alive, would he have changed his mind about the statue? Nobby believes not.

But he explained: "There are times when even field marshals have to obey an order, and I think the majority of association members would have persuaded him to accept it. It would have been one order we would have given him for the many he gave us!"

The association has 18,000 registered members and it is believed there are up to 25,000 more who took part in the campaign. Nobby's fund-raising was international and aimed at all organisations associated with it.

A big boost came from Maj Simon Weber-Brown, formerly Coldstream Guards, who was Slim's aide-de-camp 1954–56 when he was Governor General and Commander-in-Chief Australia. His overtures brought in £75,000 from London business interests.

Nobby said: "He told me he had been talking to the sons of the businesses. Had the fathers, who knew Slim, still been alive he would have raised double the amount."

Slim's family requested that the statue should show him as his soldiers would remember him. He is depicted wearing full battle green jungle dress with bush hat and binoculars.

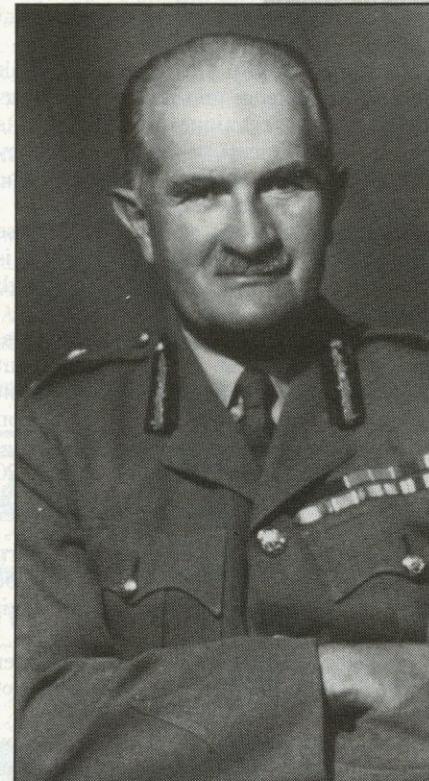
Ten sculptors were invited to submit their ideas. Of the five who accepted the commission, Ivor Robert-Jones, a holder of the Burma Star, was chosen.

Nobby said: "It was particularly appropriate that he should do it, but the fact that he was a gunner officer in Burma in no way affected the choice of the panel of judges, who were unanimous in their decision."

Another public example of the sculptor's talent is the statue of Churchill in Parliament Square.

Then came the day of reckoning when the Viscountess went to view her husband's likeness. Her approval was vital. Nobby will never forget the tension of the moment.

"She was seated in a low chair so she



Field Marshal Sir William Slim

could look up at the statue as though it was in situ on the green outside the Ministry of Defence. She sat there for what seemed an interminably long time. I timed it and it was more than 11 minutes.

"Then, without saying a word, she turned around, looked at me and said 'Thank you Nobby, that's my Bill.'

"There was only one minor alteration. We had to trim the moustache on the right hand side. She said she had seen him shave all her life and she thought it was a little bushy, so that was easily put right."

Though he had seen Slim only at a distance during the campaign, it was after the war that Nobby got to know the Field Marshal quite well.

"He was an extraordinary and fantastic man. He was the fighting soldier's general, a compassionate man, a really great strategist and charismatic beyond words.

"One of his greatest qualities was the

FIELD MARSHAL  
THE VISCOUNT SLIM  
KG GCB GCMG GCVO GBE DSO MC  
14TH ARMY BURMA  
1943-1945  
GOVERNOR GENERAL AND  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
AUSTRALIA 1953-1960

care and consideration he gave to all soldiers under his command, and the British soldier in particular knew that when Slim was there that he had a chance, that he was not put in any impossible situations.

"The men would have followed him to hell."

Nobby's mother was French and he was born in France. His father, RSM Harry Clarke, holder of the Military Medal, was an Army boxing and discus champion serving with the 43rd Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in France at the time. In 1938 Nobby was called up for French military service.

"My mother was very much against it, but I was all for becoming a pilot. Not living in France I didn't answer the French call-up papers.

"The gendarmes visited my mother's family home looking for me because I was classified as a deserter. This meant I was banished from France for 20 years, and if I was caught during that time I could be sent to prison for two years and then serve out

my two-year military obligation as well."

Nobby enlisted with the Royal Artillery in September 1939, saw action in France and was commissioned in 1944. He served at the latter end of the Burma Campaign from Mandalay to Rangoon, and landed in Singapore after its surrender. He went on to serve in Malaya.

"At the end of the war, the French Embassy got in touch with me to say they had details of my military record and that they were proud and happy that my service with the British Army had been accepted by the French Government.

"This meant I had fulfilled my military obligation as far as they were concerned. From then on I was permitted to go back to France, and no longer was the Sword of Damocles hanging over me."

Nobby is a leading light in the Herts, Cambs and Essex Borders Branch of the Burma Star Association. Their series of military shows has raised £39,000 in a decade for ex-Service charities.

In civilian life, Nobby went into interior decor, working for a company which

designed the cloak worn by the Prince of Wales at his Investiture. He was also involved in the design of seat coverings for Concorde.

One of his many Slim anecdotes relates the time when the Field Marshal was guest speaker at a branch dinner. There was no sign of Slim at the appointed time.

"We began to get anxious. Suddenly a loud, booming voice was heard at the back of the hotel, and then Slim appeared from the kitchen door asking if there was an association dinner on.

"When I went to greet him, he said he could no longer map-read and had got lost on his way up from Windsor!"

The statue was cast in three parts in Peckham and stands on a Portland stone plinth. During recent community charge riots it was damaged when pieces of concrete were thrown over the protective fence. Restoration work made the vandalism undetectable before the royal unveiling.

"Slim is still under fire, but unscathed," said Nobby proudly.

# Transport museum in link with the National

INTEREST shown by the National Army Museum, London, in a museum based in the North of England could bring about an amalgamation of the two.

The Museum of Army Transport at Beverley, North Humberside, has been renovating vehicles belonging to the National Army Museum, but space is at a premium in the capital.

The work has been done as part of an exchange deal in which the Beverley museum has loaned the National a selection of vehicles over the past three or four years.

Officials in London are looking for a museum with which to amalgamate, and the Museum of Army Transport meets many of the criteria.

The transport museum's railway and port consultant, Maj Tubby Robins, said they were honoured by the interest shown from London.

"If we amalgamate, we could become something like The National Army Museum North (The Museum of Army Transport). It would be a great compliment if it went ahead."

The core of the collection at Beverley is itself an amalgamation of items from two Army training establishments in Hampshire - the Army Mechanical Transport School (MT) at Bordon, and the Royal Engineers Transportation Centre at Longmoor.

Its most striking item is a Blackburn Beverley, the first to

be built in 1955 and the last to fly in 1974. It was designed to meet MoD requirements for heavy-lift, short-haul aircraft, carrying a variety of loads and a parachute-dropping capacity.

The Blackburn Beverley was popular for its ease of handling. Used in all theatres, it is probably still best remembered in support of Army operations in Aden and the Gulf States during the 1960s. It was the first to use the system of dispatching heavy loads from the rear by allowing an open parachute to extract the load from the aircraft.

The new museum met with an enthusiastic response, although half a hangar was able to house less than a third of the treasures. Expansion was inevitable.

This came about through a joint venture between the Borough of Beverley and the newly-formed Museum of Army Transport Ltd, which set the museum on a non-military, business footing.

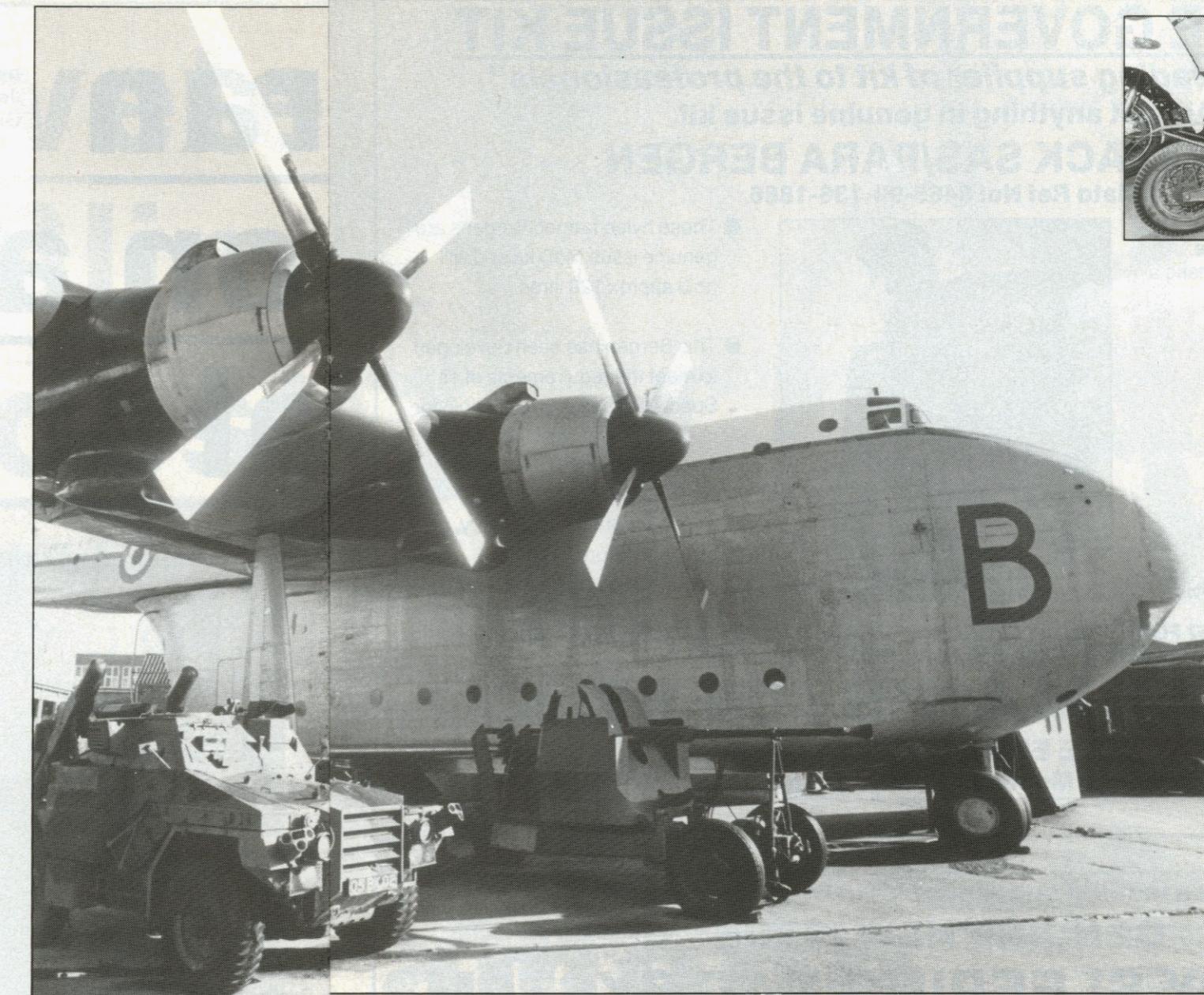
"Where possible exhibits are restored to full working order and we demonstrate them on the last Sunday of the month in the summer, and at shows and displays.

"We also like to allow visitors to handle exhibits, and there is an area set aside, for instance, for youngsters to get the feel of driving an armoured vehicle."

An innovation has been the setting-up of a narrow gauge railway on which visitors can



Right - This portable sand drier arrived at the museum in pieces. It was assembled by Maj Tubby Robins (pictured) and museum colleagues working from memory and a sketch by a former soldier instructor. They got one piece of the jigsaw wrong - putting it in upside down - but prised it out and put it back correctly. The dried sand was spread on rail tracks to give added grip



The heavy-lift Blackburn Beverley

travel. It was once in use on the Dutch-German border carrying a variety of supplies.

A reminder of a recent conflict is a 1944 field bakery oven pressed back into service after the Falklands War.

Between August 1982 and April 1983 it produced 273,000 loaves.

All the staff are transport fans, and elder statesman Bas Sanderson (82) is calling on his early skills to help out with the restoration of railway equipment.

He joined the Royal Engineers at the age of 18 and was paid two shillings a day. When the museum moved to Beverley

he offered his services, and pops in most days to do some work.

He said: "It keeps my mind occupied and out of mischief at home. I love it. I don't mind how dirty I get. I can't climb and crawl around like I used to, but the interest is still there, and they look after me well

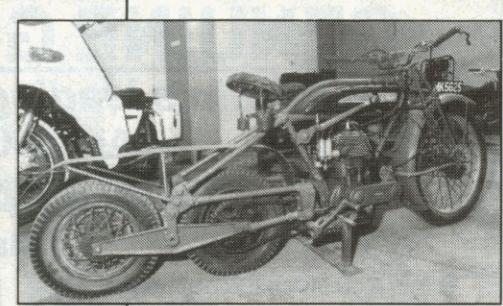
here. It is a labour of love."

There is also a service for serious students of military history or technology. Museum archives contain comprehensive stocks of handbooks and publications, and there is an extensive photographic library. An education department helps arrange visits and projects.



Above - Service hovercraft were trialled throughout the world in the mid-1960s, but were found to be uneconomical. This one was used for troop-carrying in Norway and the UK

Left - The TV 1000 is the ultimate wheeled cross-country vehicle. Known as the Rhino, it was built for research as an alternative to the less agile, tracked armoured vehicles of the 1950s. Only one was ever constructed



You're not seeing things, there are three wheels...

## Motor 'trike' fell by wayside

THE poor roads of the 1920s gave rise to six-wheeled trucks for Army use. It was thought a similarly designed axle system would be useful for an Army motor cycle.

As an experiment it was decided to convert an ordinary P-type Triumph motor cycle to see if three wheels in line would be feasible.

A Mk 2 model P 1925, 500 SV, 3.5 horse power Triumph Trusty was chosen as one of the experimental machines. The conversion was carried out in the workshops of P Company of the Royal Army Service Corps at Aldershot.

During extensive tests at Aldershot this motor cycle was driven exclusively by Capt Charles Bennet. He showed that it could travel over loose, soft or boggy ground, which was denied to conventional motor cycles. It was reasonably easy to ride and control on rough ground, and handled reasonably well on the road.

But it was not a success because the second axle lifted whenever there was a surge of power, becoming ineffective when it was most needed.

A second machine, which has not survived, was built in 1927, and proved to be more reliable. But further developments were not pursued after 1928. This was due to the difficulties resulting from the long wheelbase, and the advent of the spring frame and cross-country tyres, which made two-wheeled motor cycles far more efficient and dependable.

The three-wheelers simply became obsolete and unnecessary before they were perfected.

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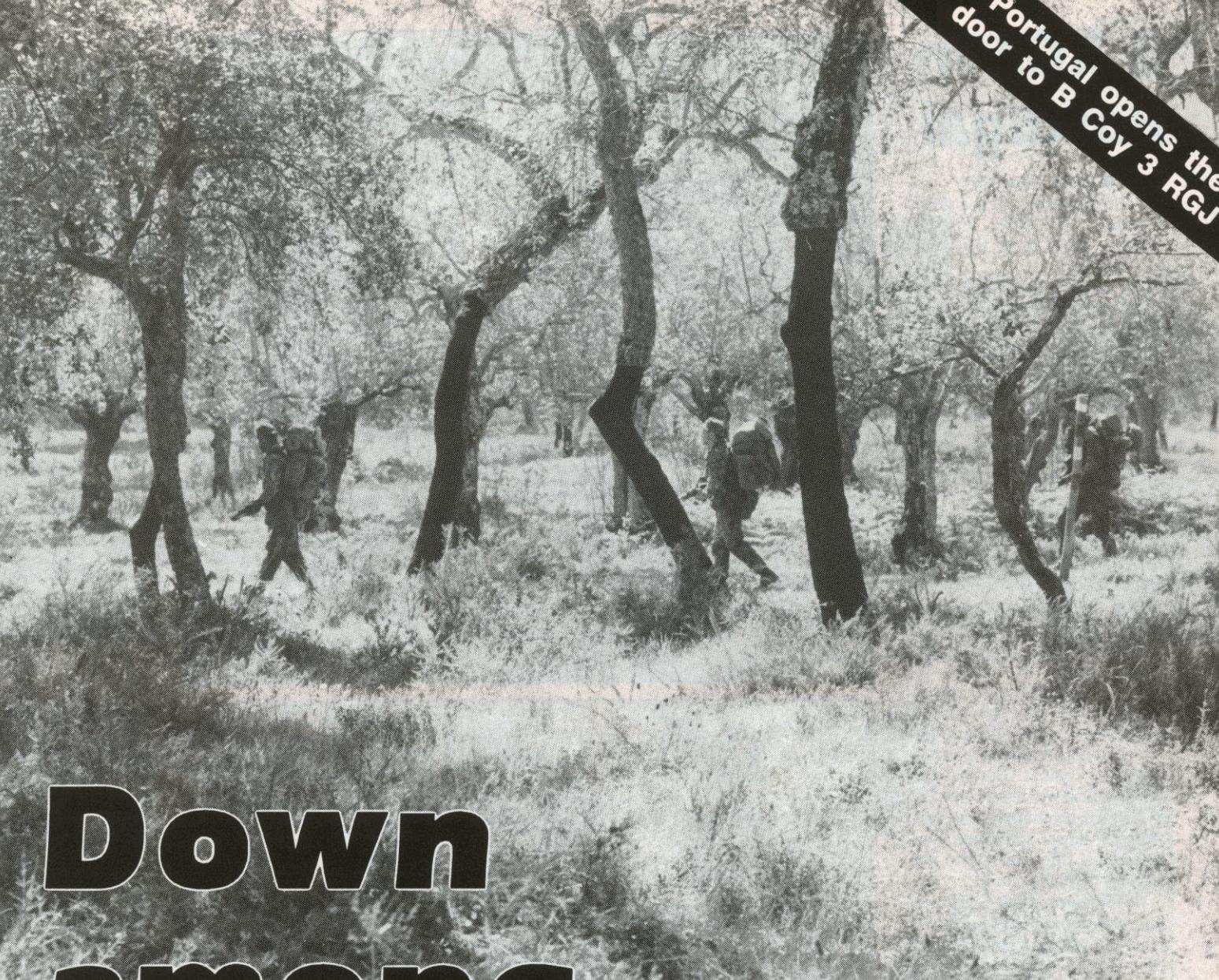
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# Down among the cork trees

IN NOVEMBER 1808, a British general took charge of the Portuguese Army and formed six light infantry or rifle battalions, styled *Cacadores*, which were trained in British light infantry tactics.

These *Cacadores* fought with the 43rd and 52nd Light Infantry, and the 60th and 95th Rifles, and during the Peninsular War formed the Light Division which was commanded by General Crauford until his death at the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo on January 19, 1812.

Those regiments survive today in the form of The Royal Green Jackets, whose 3rd Battalion descends directly from the 95th Rifles. So it seemed fitting that 3 RGJ should provide the participat-

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**Terry Champion**

ing force for Exercise Open Door on the Santa Margarida training area in Portugal.

The area is close to Abrantes where, in July 1809, the 95th Rifles halted en route from Santarem to engage the French Army at Talavera in Spain. An officer's diary recorded: "Halted at Abrantes. A soldier of the 95th was drowned while bathing this morning in the river."

Thankfully there was to be no repeat of the tragedy, but Santa Margarida proved to be a harsh training environment,

350 square kilometres of dense eucalyptus plantations, olive groves and a mixed scrub of cork and pine trees.

Gibraltar's last resident battalion, 3 RGJ, was given a chance to escape the confines of the Rock to carry out company training and to brush up on fighting skills.

Men of B Company had been living in the field for more than two weeks when the SOLDIER team found them taking a well-earned breather from training.

Not that they were idle, for while officers and senior NCOs were being briefed on a forthcoming dawn attack, riflemen were cleaning weapons and administering first aid to their much-abused feet.

"There are difficulties moving over this terrain, because you are tabbing over open ground that is hilly, dry and bumpy.

"When your feet are sweating or get wet crossing a stream, your socks start to rub and your feet end up like his!" said Rfn Lee Roberts, jacking a thumb in the direction of an unfortunate mate whose feet were badly blistered and cut.

All the men had fallen foul of thorn bushes and were suffering from the effects of scratches on legs and hands. One had to be withdrawn after suffering so many abrasions from razor sharp spikes that he developed an allergy.

Not that this was off-putting  
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# 3 RGJ in Portugal

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for Rfn Roberts. "It's a good training area with lots of different parts to it, but a bit too dry!"

He was not kidding, for the burning heat was enough to sap the energy of any soldier. Perhaps that was why the most unpopular bloke on the exercise was the one (thankfully unknown) who made the error of issuing troops with Arctic rations which need much more water to reconstitute than normal rations.

Even the Portuguese infantry officer attached to the company was enjoying the break. He was there to gain experience of British Army tactics and act as liaison officer.

Retaining his uniform but taking issue of British 58 pattern webbing and armed with an SA 80, the second lieutenant was full of praise for the webbing, believing it better suited to combat. But he was less enthusiastic about the SA 80, which he thought had less stopping power and range than his normal rifle which fired the larger 7.62mm round.

A Regular soldier, his own unit was a mechanised infantry regiment that formed part of the 1st Independent Mixed Brigade based at Santa Margarida Camp. It was equipped with American armoured personnel carriers and jeeps.

"Some of the older APCs," he revealed, "still carry the pock-marks of rounds that hit the vehicles when they were used in Vietnam."

Man in charge of B Company was its commander, Maj Nick Chavasse, a relative of the double Victoria Cross winner, Capt Noel Godfrey Chavasse, and the last of the family still serving in the British Army.

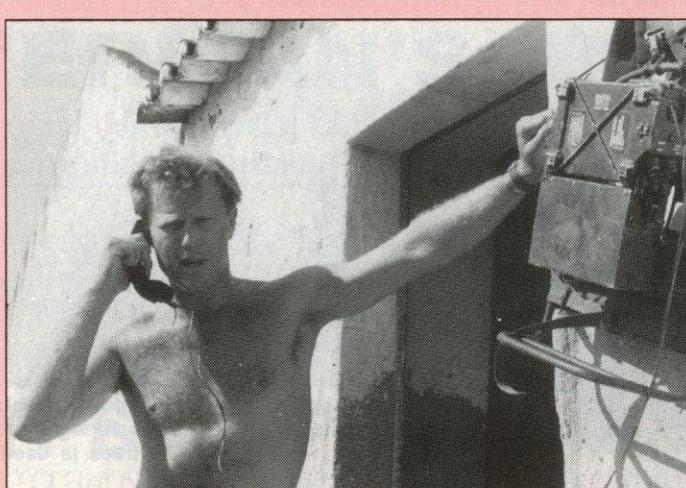
He explained the long and complicated training scenario, involving port (what else!) and gold bullion, and the militias of two fictional countries, Star Land and Port Land.

If the SOLDIER team cared to arrive before dawn the next morning they could view at first hand the attack his company would make to secure the release of two hostages held by enemy forces.

The team arrived in the area well before sun-up and abandoned their vehicle three kilometres from the enemy stronghold for fear of alerting the attacking force.



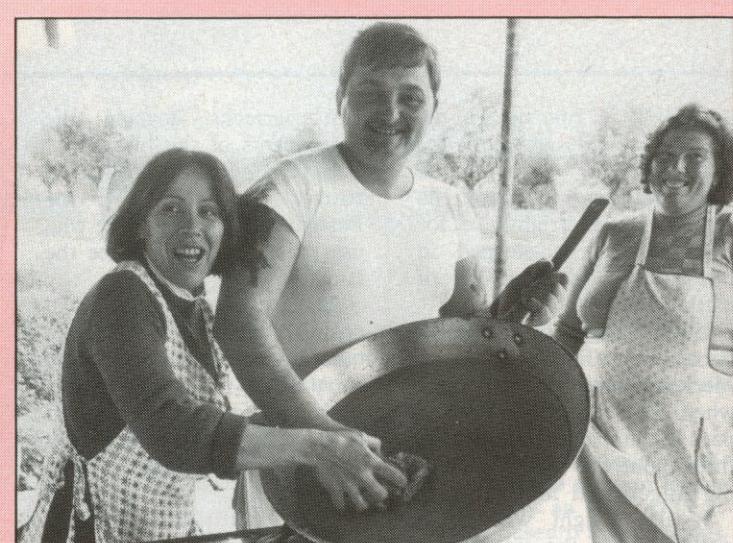
All smiles from the men of B Company after their dawn attack had been successfully negotiated



Above – Rfn Martin Goke found that looking after his feet was a top priority during the two-week exercise  
Left – Sunray Minor enjoys the sun's rays. Capt Murray Whiteside maintains radio contact with B Company while improving his tan



Above – I Coy prepares to swim kit across a reservoir  
Left – Lt Col Peter Browne (right) on fried egg duty  
Above right – Cpl Willy Williamson ACC needed some local help to clean the huge frying pans provided by the Portuguese Army  
Right – A Portuguese soldier with SA 80 joins men of 3 RGJ in a dawn attack



"Halt! Who goes there?"

"It's the SOLDIER team," whispered the scribbler urgently.

"All right, come inside and have a cup of tea," said a friendly shadow.

Doing their best to remain inconspicuous, writer and photographer took up positions in the outer perimeter of the enemy stronghold, a complex of disused buildings that would not have looked out of place on a Hollywood film set.

Seeking a shot with a difference, the SOLDIER snapper persuaded the battalion's commanding officer, Lt Col Peter Browne, to be photographed cracking and cooking eggs.

This he readily agreed to, but unfortunately, before the photo-session ended, someone called the company forward to eat, and Col Browne found himself stuck with the task of dishing up egg after egg to his men . . .

A new CO is due to take over this summer.

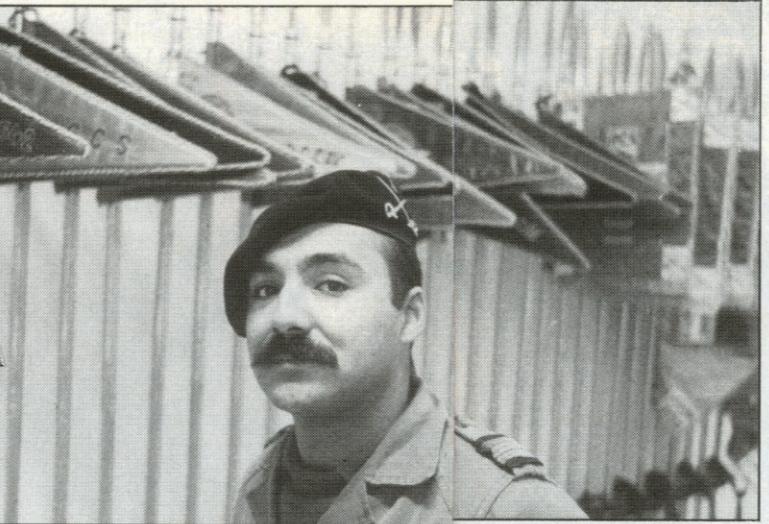
Whether he is aware of the tradition of egg-frying established by his predecessor remains to be seen.



A British Valentine tank is just one example of tanks used by the regiment which have been preserved for posterity



Four stripes on the shoulder epaulettes of Manuel Goncalves indicate he is a First Sergeant. Leather straps indicate he is acting as Daily Sergeant and the shield behind displays the 4th Cavalry Regiment emblem of four sprocket wheels and two tank tracks



Capt Alberto Marinheiro with the many colonial campaign pennants preserved in the regiment's museum.



M48 tanks on the tank park are covered with tarpaulin sheets to protect them from heavy rain at San Margarida cavalry barracks

# Pride of Portugal

TRADITION runs deep in the 4th Cavalry Regiment (or *Regimento de Cavalaria de Santa Margarida* to give it its correct title) and rightly so, for this regiment is steeped in history and has a lengthy list of battle honours to its credit.

It was founded by a Prussian nobleman, The Duke of Mecklenburg, in 1762, since when the regiment has taken part in campaigns and battles throughout the world, including Angola and Mozambique.

It also fought with great distinction on the side of the British during the Peninsular War against the French.

Home for the regiment in the modern Portuguese Army is the Santa Margarida training camp two hours east of Lisbon. The 4th forms part of the 1st Brigada Mista Independente (1st Portuguese Mixed Brigade) whose formation includes armour, artillery and both mechanised and motorised infantry battalions.

During a break in the British Army's Exercise Open Door involving the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets on an adjacent training area, the SOLDIER team received an invitation to view the cavalry regiment's museum and tour the tank park.

From the camp's main gate to the historic church ringed by artillery-pieces at the far end of the site, travelling involves a drive along a 3km wide cobbled road that separates the different

unit barracks housing the components of the brigade.

Here, a 40km speed limit is strictly observed by the Portuguese military police who use radar traps to enforce the law.

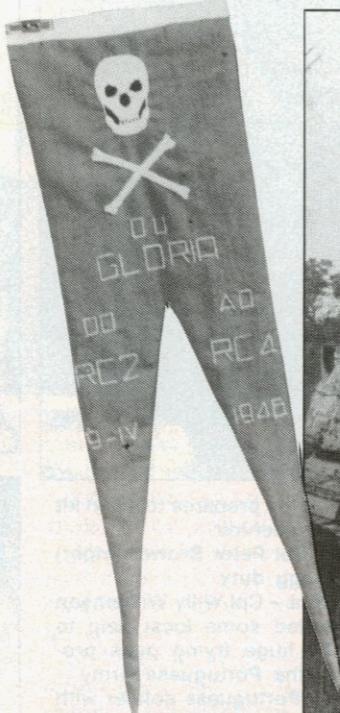
The cavalry barracks lie in colonial splendour. Unlike other guards at the camp who carry rifles, the cavalry sentry bears a glistening golden sword as he carries out complicated precision drill movements in slow time.

There was just time for a quick handshake with the regiment's second-in-command, Maj Mario Rui, who had extended the invitation, before the SOLDIER team, in company with tour guide Capt Alberto Marinheiro, proceeded to a historic corner of the barracks which had attracted the eye of our excited snapper.

There, a line of old tanks had been mounted on plinths. The line-up included American M47 and M5 tanks, as well as a British Valentine medium tank of Second World War vintage.

"The collection represents one example of each type of tank used by the regiment since armour displaced the horse as a platform for the cavalry to fight from," explained Capt Marinheiro.

Nearby, the regiment's museum contained much to fascinate the visitor. Uniforms and weapons were in evidence everywhere, including a striking row of colourful pennants



Death or Glory emblem has significance for the Portuguese cavalry as well as the 17th/21st Lancers



Rusting M47 hulks make a sad sight in the tank graveyard at Santa Margarida

which represented all the units

used by the Military Police.

"Must drive more slowly," said our man, thinking of the speed traps to be faced on the return journey.

The distinctive uniforms

worn by the Daily (Orderly) Sergeant and Officer revealed a great variety of qualification badges and ceremonial accoutrements.

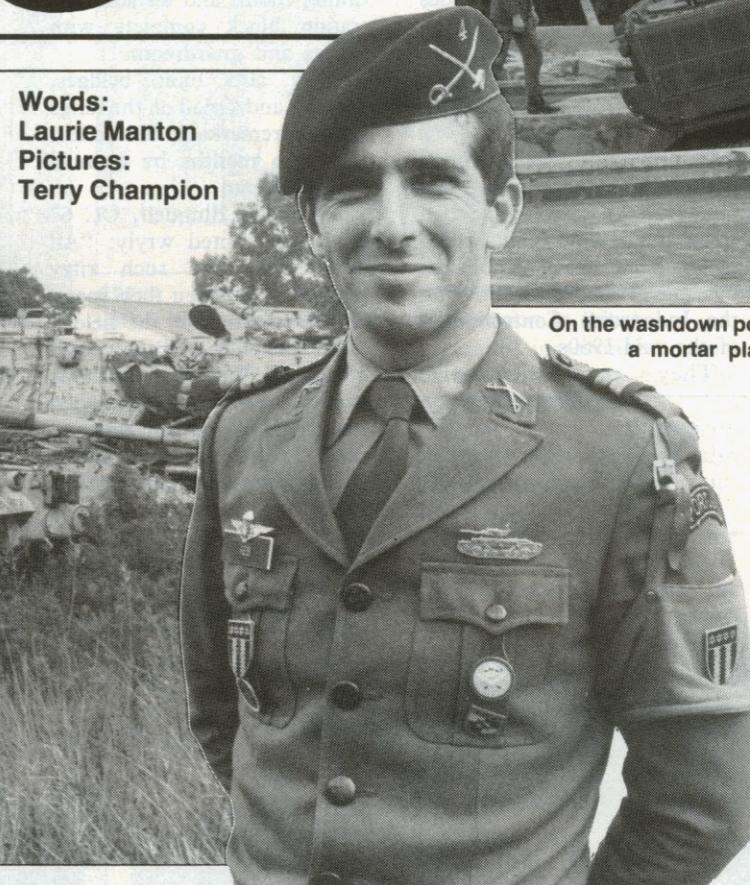
The sergeant's leather shoulder straps signified his role as

Daily Sergeant and his badges included an M48A5 tank crew and military police badge, together with the unit emblem bearing four sprocket wheels and two tank tracks.

The Daily Officer wore a red brassard with leather fastenings to indicate his role, and his badges included parachute wings, and NBC and TOW Missile instructor's badges.

Next stop was the tank park,

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On the washdown point, an M106 APC that forms part of a mortar platoon emerges from the water dip

Left - This Portuguese lieutenant is a recce platoon leader and on duty as Daily Officer. Note the brassard that indicates this. His badges top to bottom, left and right, are: Para wings, regimental emblem and NBC badge; and M48A5 tank crew qualification, military police and TOW missile instructor's badges. He wears the number 4 above the crossed swords of his beret badge. This is unofficial as the regiment is pressing hard to re-attain the designation of 4th Cavalry Regiment in preference to *Regimento de Cavalaria de Santa Margarida*, its current name

in a tank graveyard. The strong sunlight playing on the rusting hulks produced a multi-coloured kaleidoscope of imagery among the brambles that threatened to engulf the now redundant armoured vehicles.

They had been used as targets on the tank gunnery range. It was the final image of an illuminating insight into the life and traditions of a fighting Portuguese cavalry regiment.

consists of five squadrons including combat support and service squadrons. Life on the tank park seemed little different - except for equipment and uniforms - from that in BAOR-based cavalry barracks.

Conscript soldiers were busy carrying out maintenance on their American-built M48A5 tanks, as well as washing down their armoured personnel carriers which included the M113.

The 4th Cavalry Regiment

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# Hong Kong Gurkhas on wild hunt in Borneo

ONE thing about going on exercise in Sabah, in Malaysian Borneo, is that you don't need to take an alarm clock, writes David de Stacpoole.

As Capt Graham Olley put it: "If Mohammed doesn't get you from a minaret at 4 o'clock in the morning, the bugler's reveille gets you at 5. If you survive both these, then swing fog\* is sure to get you at 6."

Capt Olley was adventure training officer of 2/2 KEO Gurkha Rifles for the six weeks the battalion spent in Sabah on Exercise Wild Hunt, the first

battalion-sized deployment out of Hong Kong for 20 years, and the first to use the new facilities produced by Queen's Gurkha Engineers at the Kota Belud training area for this and future exercises from the Crown Colony.

Before 2/2 GR arrived, sappers of 67 Gurkha Field Squadron, QGE, were in Sabah rebuilding Brunei Camp which had originally been established by some of their fathers during the Indonesian Confrontation of the mid-1960s.

They constructed five

accommodation blocks, a couple of ablutions and latrines, a dining room, and an administration block complete with offices and guardroom.

They also built bridges, culverts and a road on the range area – a remarkable feat in less than two months by a small engineer team.

Maj Peter Blundell, OC 67 Sqn, commented wryly: "All our efforts for such ritzy amenities and then they spend their whole time in the field!"

For the Gurkha infantrymen of 2/2 GR, Wild Hunt was one of those rare occasions when they could use the full range of their weapons – including Milan – something not possible in the strict confines of Hong Kong.

Live and dry training involved elements of the Malaysian Defence Forces which also provided Scorpions

and 105mm artillery support, as well as considerable logistic assistance. This was made possible by the Five Power Defence Agreement in which Malaysia is a partner along with Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

The Gurkhas spread themselves in company base camps along a scenic river with their battalion HQ at Brunei Camp.

The natives were reported to be friendly and B Company even claimed they had found one prepared to do their fatigues for them.

Many of the riflemen supplemented their rations with purchases of local chickens and vegetables as well as fish they caught in the rivers with their mosquito nets.

For some old soldiers like

Capt (QGO) Indrabahadur Gurung, 2iC of C Company, who enlisted in 1963, the visit to Sabah evoked memories of his time as a young rifleman during the Confrontation campaign against Indonesian forces.

For younger members of the battalion it was an opportunity to get to know a wild and beautiful country which is

becoming increasingly important as a training ground for the Hong Kong Garrison.

Apart from the strictly military programme Sabah also offered invaluable opportunities for adventure training.

Each rifle company took the chance to climb the highest peak in South East Asia, Mt Kinabalu (13,400ft), although it would be more accurate to

say that the Gurkhas, some of whom live nearly as high back home in Nepal, ran up it rather than climbed.

Afterwards everyone took advantage of the Poring Hot Springs, easing out any aches and pains in the hot volcanic water gushing from the ground.

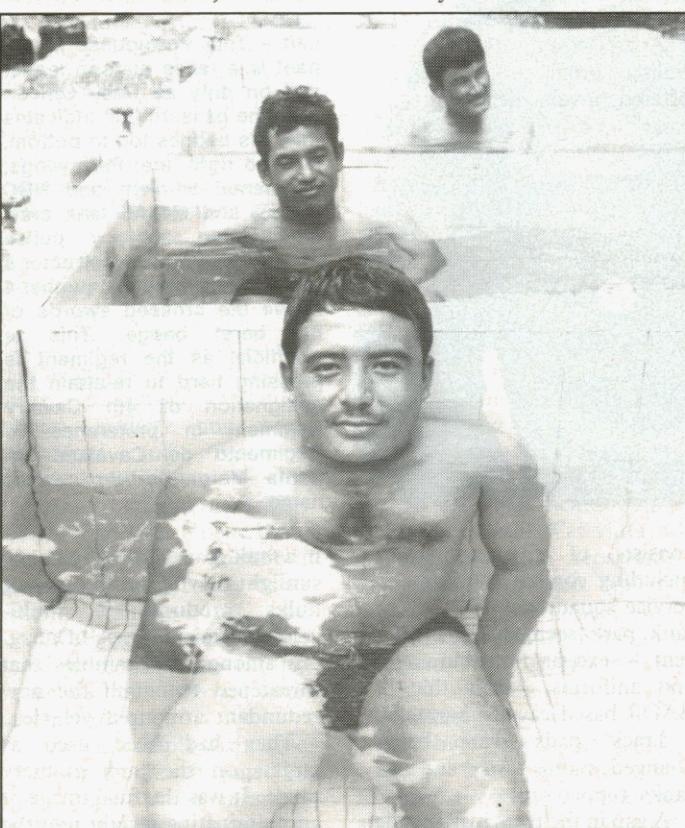
\*Swing fog is a noisy contraption which pumps out insecticide to discourage the creepy-crawlies.



A Company of 2/2 GR washes up... or are they fishing?



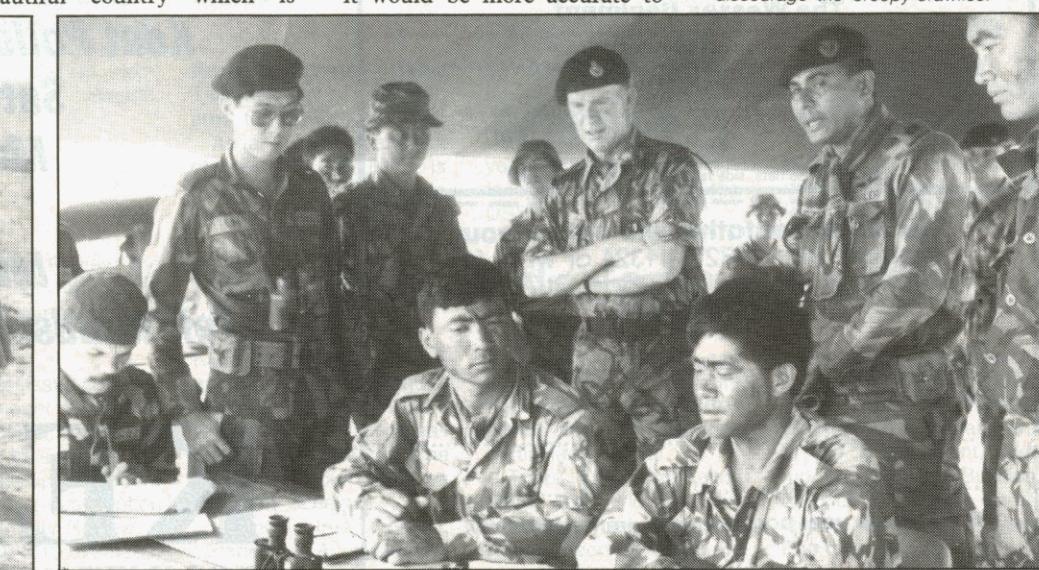
Above – Brunei Camp, Sabah, in good shape after 67 Gurkha Field Squadron had rebuilt it  
Left – Where are we? The mortar platoon in Sabah



Gurkhas relax in the volcanic waters of Poring Hot Springs in the foothills of Mount Kinabalu



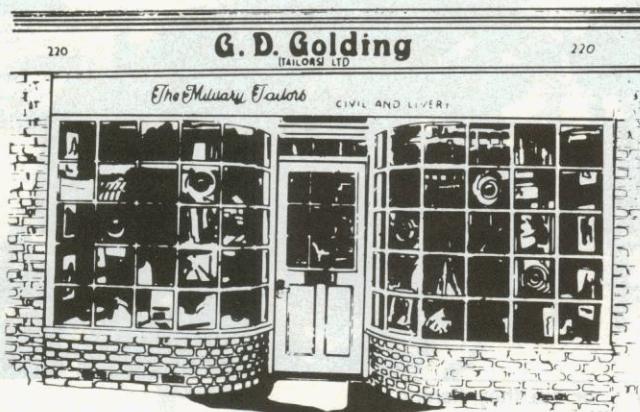
Mortar section of 2/2 GR on the move in Kota Belud training area



Maj Gen Peter Duffel, Commander British Forces Hong Kong, with Malaysian and 2/2 GR personnel in an artillery target observation post

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Wives' groups may care to take out a subscription for Child Safety Review. It costs £7.50 (£10 overseas) from CAPT, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE.

and if not, why not?

Is there a system whereby our contributions can be transferred? I know you can't answer these questions, but it would be helpful to all those in the same predicament as myself if you could print an address where we could obtain advice. – Mrs W, Cyprus.

Anne Armstrong writes: This has been a difficult area for many years.

As far as the Department of Social Security is concerned, the Sovereign Base Areas are not

regarded as a part of Great Britain. They have the status of a colony and so English law does not necessarily apply (and certainly not in this case).

The Army Legal Services confirm that the Social Security Act 1975 does not apply to the Sovereign Base Areas.

If you are disqualified under S82(5)(a) of the 1975 Act there appears to be no way of getting round it.

It is an injustice SOL-DIER has raised for some years, and the MoD is still trying to resolve it with the DSS.

## Forces' branch for deaf children

AN organisation which has raised almost £4,000 to help deaf children has formed a branch for Service families, especially those overseas.

Sgt Howard Shaw, whose 11-year-old daughter Ann is deaf, worked hard to establish the Lancaster, Morecambe and District Branch of the National Deaf Children's Society in 1989 and also saw the need to help deaf children of Service families abroad.

The Society's Forces Branch, formed in April, will link up with the Lancaster branch to provide a focal point for the Services and UK-based civilians. It aims to provide information, advice, non-NHS equipment and possibly financial help if needed in the future.

Already £3,800 has been raised, including enough to provide nine teletext TV sets for deaf children in Lancaster.

Neither funded nor sponsored by MoD, the group of dedicated people aim to work towards a greater understanding of problems faced by families with a deaf child.

Sgt Shaw can be contacted at 4 Kings Own Border, Phoenix Street, Lancaster LA1 1DD. Membership costs £5 to cover quarterly magazine, newsletter and correspondence.

## How to avoid planning pitfalls

KEEPING pace with local authority rules and regulations can be difficult for a Service family overseas buying a property at home under the Joint Services Discount Scheme.

A new free booklet, "Planning: A Householders' Guide" tells you what you need to know about the

planning system and householders who are considering extending should find the guidance particularly helpful.

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## Newhaven liaison

I READ with very great interest the feature on Fort Newhaven (SOLDIER, April 2). The photograph of the 6in coastal defence gun on the rear cover of the magazine is very impressive indeed and writer Jennifer Griffiths and photographer Mike Perring are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work.

During 1982 and 1983 583 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron RE (V) had a close liaison with the then owners of the fort and carried out considerable works there.

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Our major contribution was the movement of the components and assembly of the 6in gun shown on the magazine's back cover. Since a crane could not get into the fort, all moving and lifting had to be effected by means of basic field machines. The actual lift facility was a standing derrick, the main component of which was a 40ft rolled steel joist.

The whole task of constructing the field machines, constructing and dismantling a medium girder bridge, moving components and lifting and assembling the gun in its emplacement was carried out over four weekends between

November 1982 and January 1983.

It was an excellent achievement and a credit to the volunteer members of the squadron when related to the size of the task - for example, the gun barrel is 25ft long and weighs 7.5 tons.

Completion of the gun's assembly was recorded in the national press and the gun was "fired" on June 8, 1983 by the General Officer Commanding the Royal Artillery. - Capt B Batty RE (V), 583 EOD Sqn RE (V), Preston Barracks, Lewes Road, Brighton.

### Old friend

THANK you for making it possible to meet an old friend (or enemy) - namely the 6in naval gun at Newhaven Fort (April 2).

After joining the Royal Navy I did gun drill on that horrible thing at HMS St George in the Isle of Man in 1942. It was to stand me in good stead a year later when I went on board a battleship only to be confronted by the 6in terror - or eight of them to be precise - in batteries, four along each side of the ship.

It was guns of this type that the Naval Detachment hauled over to help relieve either Mafeking or Ladysmith. - K E Hunt, Princess Christian Homes, Knaphill, Surrey.

### Reunions

● **Glider Pilot Regiment and 6th Airborne Division:** Former personnel who were located at Keevil airfield, Wiltshire, in the Second World War are sought in connection with an airfield history. Please contact SAC T E Weller (439), UK MATELO Main Control Centre, HQ (Unit) No 18 Group RAF, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 3EP.

● **Middlesbrough Association Branch of Yorkshire Volunteers:** Those interested in joining this newly-inaugurated branch should contact The TA Centre, Ridgeway Road, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough (tel: 0642 594949).

● **201 RCZ Workshops REME:** Officers and senior ranks TA 16th reunion at Post House Hotel, Coventry, Saturday May 26. Please contact Maj Ron Smith, 6 St John's Place, Waterloo, Liverpool (tel: 051-928 4493).

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# All the facts about Britain and the Blitz

# A justification of Douglas Haig

WE are increasingly accustomed to reading histories of the First World War in which Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is treated as something approaching a war criminal – with the difference that his crimes were against his own men – so it makes a change to read a book by an author who acts as Haig's advocate.

Whether or not one agrees with the opinions expressed, John Terraine's study (it is not claimed to be a biography) of Haig, first published in 1963, must be considered to be one of the more scholarly and meticulously researched works of military history.

*Douglas Haig: The Educated Soldier* has now been republished in a paperback edition. The sub-title, by the way, is justified by the explanation that Haig was the "educated soldier" because he made full use of his years at Staff College.

This is a large volume of 508 pages, the reading of which is not to be undertaken lightly. It has to be of this length in order to do justice to the field marshal who commanded "the largest array of British soldiers ever to be deployed in one theatre of operations in any war, before or since".

Charges that Haig was careless about the lives of his soldiers, or that he was out of touch with the realities of war, are refuted by frequent recourse to quotations from Haig's letters to those above



Fd Marshal Haig

him, and signals to subordinate commanders.

For instance: "What are your arrangements for protecting your right flank when you move NE?" Some might ask if such expressions of concern can fully vindicate Haig against the accusations that have been made, but John Terraine carries on regardless.

Haig took up the office of Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France on December 19 1915 from Sir John French under whom he had served as Corps Commander since the beginning of the war. By then the pattern of mistakes in the conduct of the war had been fixed.

As Terraine explains: "Many of the faults of British military thought between 1914 and 1918 stem from lessons correctly learned in the Sudan and South Africa . . . In those two wars the emphasis was on mobility and when faced with the static situation of the Western Front the generals were still preoccupied with the mobile element of war."

The author strongly asserts that the Battle of the Somme in 1916 was a British victory, and quotes the German commander Ludendorff to support this opinion.

Whether or not it is justifiable to call mutual exhaustion a victory for one side, because the enemy declared that he had been harmed beyond repair, must be forever the subject for discussion.

Later in the book, the opinion is somewhat modified: "For the truth is that the battle was a victory; and at the same time, of course, it was a disaster. It was above all a human disaster . . . from this frightful forfeit dates the decline of the West."

Notwithstanding anything said before, it must not be concluded that the book is an unqualified testimonial for Haig: "... it is a valid criticism . . . that he might have used his Staff more fully as 'eyes and ears', through the medium of liaison officers, as the Duke of Wellington or Field-Marshal Montgomery employed."

However, Terraine points out there were particular and unique circumstances and difficulties for a Commander-in-Chief in this war.

Perhaps an apt summing-up of the career of this controversial commander can be found in the prophetic inscription on the toy drum which he played with as a child: "Douglas Haig – sometimes a good boy." – BJ



This famous photograph, taken on the Normandy coast on D-Day and acclaimed by the American Press as "the war's greatest picture", appears in the Associated Press volume reviewed below. The picture was, in fact, taken by Sgt Jim Mapham of the British Army's Film and Photographic Unit. He had been a staff photographer on the Leicester Mercury before the war

## IN BRIEF

**The War Diaries of Weary Dunlop** by E E Dunlop. Re-published by demand, Sir Edward Dunlop's account of life and death in Java and on the Burma-Thailand Railway from 1942 to 1945, now a prime source for historians. Published by Viking. Price £17.95.

**Red Thrust** by Steven J Zaloga. Events appear to have overtaken this fictionalised documentary set in the mid-1990s which assumes a Soviet pre-emptive strike against Nato, but it enables the author to examine the Soviet war machine. Published by Brassey's. Price £19.95.

**Dad's Army** by Bill Pertwee. Story in words and pictures of the making of the legendary television series, written by one of its stars. Published by David and Charles. Price £10.95.

**Shoot to Kill** by Michael Asher. Autobiographical account of training and service with the Paras, the SAS and the RUC's Special Patrol Group. Subtitled "A Soldier's Journey Through Violence". Published by Viking. Price £14.99.

# Associated Press view of the war

HISTORIES of the Second World War are coming through fast and furiously. Some are very good and almost all are informative. The press agencies that were active at the time have a head start in presenting a war history as much of the material needed is available in their own archives.

In the Second World War nearly 200 Associated Press photographers and correspondents covered all combat theatres and their pictures and reports – brought up to date by skilful editing – have been assembled in a single volume: *World War II: A 50th Anniversary History*.

"I hope Mr Capone will not mind," commented the President.

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Being of American origination, the book is, understandably, much concerned with how the war affected people in the USA, with interesting details of the Home Front.

There are plenty of little-known facts to be learned. For instance, when Pearl Harbour was attacked, "the Japanese consul in San Francisco was in such a hurry to burn his files that he ended up setting fire to his home".

At the same time, Franklin D Roosevelt was allocated an armoured limousine that had been owned by the imprisoned gangster, Al Capone.

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There is plenty of good world-wide coverage, beginning with the rise of Axis power, and the rehearsals for global conflict in Ethiopia, Spain and China, including the

in preparation for and later the enactment of the German offensive against the Soviet Union, but as the severity of RAF Bomber Command's raids on German towns increased, retaliation was provoked in the form of what were known as the "Baedeker" attacks on British cities.

That impression was correct, and now, with the publication of the third volume, we see that the complete trilogy comprises over 1,500 pages and 3,500 illustrations.

Volume 1 covered the first year of the war up to September 1940, and Volume 2 continued the story through the night Blitz, both comparatively short periods.

By contrast, Volume 3 spans the four-year period from May 1941 to the end of the war in Europe.

It is a period that began with the Luftwaffe heavily engaged

Another recently published book with the title *The Blitz* is parochial by comparison, as can be appreciated by its sub-title, *Belfast in the War Years*.

Considering the importance of Belfast as a war production centre, it is perhaps surprising that the city was not targeted by Luftwaffe bombers until April 1941, but then the raids started with a vengeance.

The story of those momentous months is graphically told.

Brian Barton takes the opportunity in his book to expose the extreme poverty in Belfast and "the bleak social aftermath of the raids", making this not only a tribute to the heroism of the people of Ulster in time of war but also an indictment of the lack of preparation on the part of the authorities.

Each in its own way, these two books are destined to become classics of war history, highlighting the period when civilians of all ages were thrust into the firing line. – BJ.

**The Blitz: Then and Now** – Vol 3, published by After the Battle, casebound, £37.50, and **The Blitz: Belfast in the War Years** by Brian Barton, published by The Blackstaff Press, paperback, £12.95.

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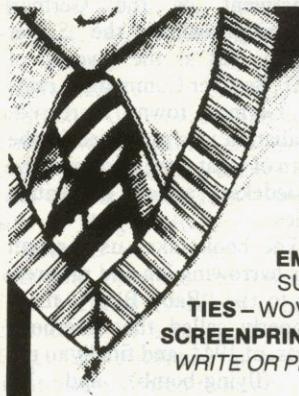
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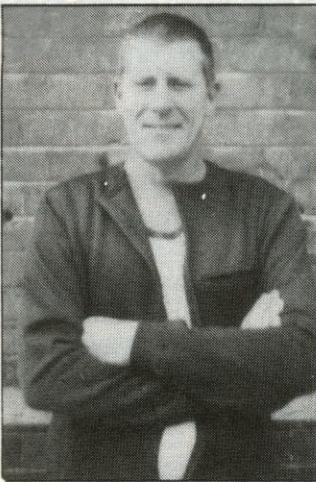
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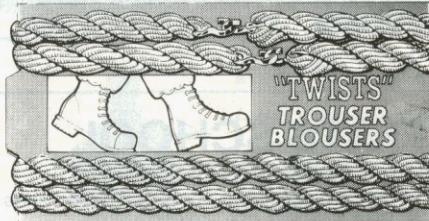
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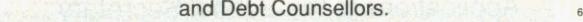
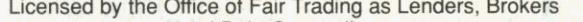
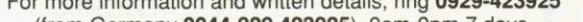
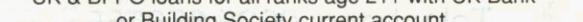
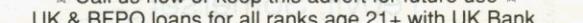
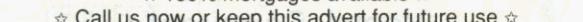
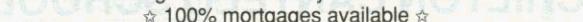
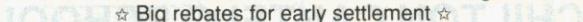
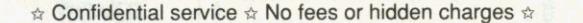
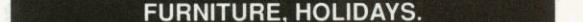
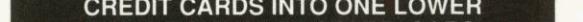
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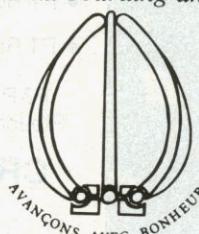
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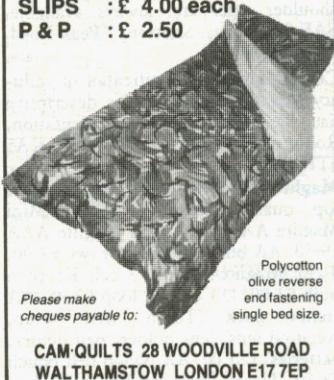
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Super-heavyweight LSgt Dave Abbott (Gren Gds) fell at the final hurdle when he failed to produce his best form at Blackpool and was beaten on points by Welsh Commonwealth Games representative Kevan McCormack.

Taylor beat Culwick on a cut eye when the two met in an Army-London match before Christmas, but the Aldershot-based medic was ahead on points at the time of the stoppage.

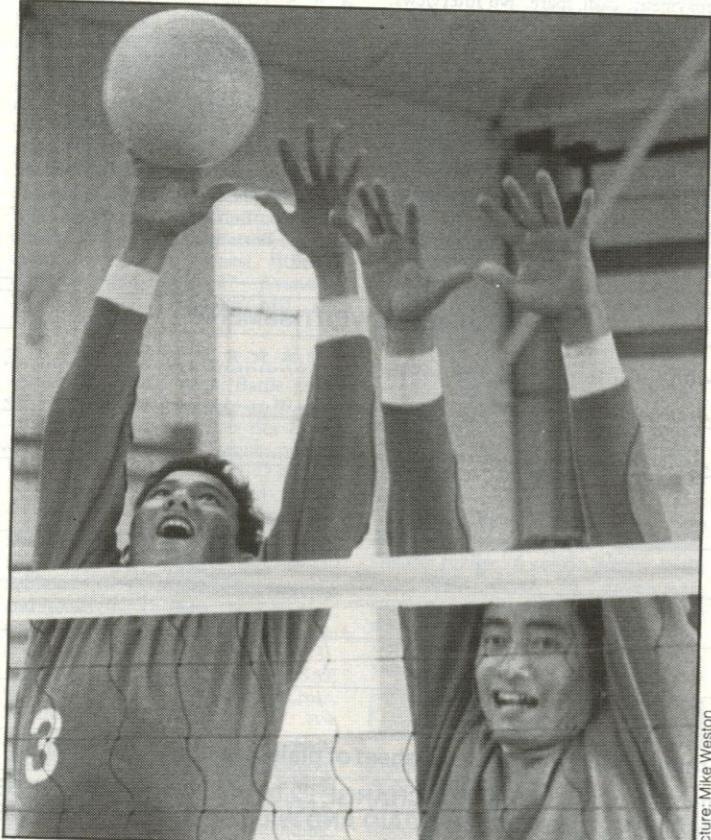
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Army coach WO2 Mick Gannon uses the event to spot likely boxers for his squad and says he would like to see units enter their entire teams to make a full week of competition.

One unit which did enter eight boxers, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales managed to get three finalists and one winner, Pte Nicholas Dearden, who received a walkover at featherweight.

Three titles went to The Queen's Regiment. Flyweight LCpl Austin Yexley had a walkover and his teammate from the 2nd Battalion, middleweight LCpl Antony McCarthy, brought his bout to a spectacular end.

His opponent LCpl Mervin Squires (1 WG) had put in an all-out effort, but McCarthy always looked the more composed and after forcing two standing counts he decked Squires with a left hook for the night's only knock-out.

LCpl Paul Roffey from 1 Queens won the bantamweight

title for the third year in succession. He built up a steady points lead over Pte Mark Driscoll (1 RRW) and an unequal contest was stopped in the second round.

Best contest of the day was undoubtedly the lightweight bout between Pte Rod Stoneman (3 Para) and Pte Robert Basford (1 Staffords).

Stoneman, all aggression, twice managed to catch up with his man and force standing counts, but the Stafford's jabbing and all-round ringcraft got him a desperately close majority points decision.

Pte Laurence Roche (1 LI) gave a polished performance in coping with the wild punches of fellow light-welterweight Rfn Scott Tompkins (2 RGJ) and as Tompkins began to wilt the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

The welterweight bout between LCpl Bartholomew (15/19 H) and LCpl Stewart Mitchell (1 A and SH) ended in a similar fashion. Fought at a frenetic pace, it ended with the Argyll pummelling his opponent on the ropes and the referee stopping the contest.

Light-middleweight Fus Gary Salmon (3 RRF) spent the winter with the senior Army squad and this experience showed in the way he disposed of LCpl Melvyn Downes (1 Staffords) after Downes had put him under a lot of pressure.

Light-heavyweight winner was LCpl Phil Gash (39 Inf Bde HQ and Sig Sqn) who towered above Pte Jamie Knill (1 RRW) and made his reach advantage count throughout the two rounds before the referee brought things to an end.

Horace Miles from 1 RGJ dominated Army heavyweight boxing for most of the Eighties and now his battalion may have a successor in 19-year-old Rfn Brian Gascoigne.

His opponent Gdsm Richard Ratti (1 WG) was all heart but Gascoigne soon began to pile in the punches and towards the end of the first round a straight left to the jaw saw Ratti slump to the canvas.



Cpl George Brown, one of the 28 Amph Engr Regt scorers, fires in another shot on the SEME Bordon goal

## Penalties decide Inf Cup

2 RGJ 4, 3 UDR 1  
(on penalties)

WINNERS of the Infantry Cup (UK) are the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets who eventually defeated the 3rd Battalion, The Ulster Defence Regiment on penalties after neither side had been able to score in normal and extra time.

A perfect day for football at the Tidworth Oval was matched by a pitch in excellent condition, but both teams took some time to settle down.

The Greenjackets went closest to breaking the deadlock when second-half substitute Cpl Dave Paling chipped the UDR goalkeeper only to see his effort bounce back off the crossbar. 2 RGJ looked the stronger side in extra time but still could not break down the UDR defence.

After 2 RGJ had scored with their first penalty, Cpl Micky Bullivant saved the first UDR effort. The team from Northern Ireland also missed their third penalty, putting the result beyond doubt.

## All square in Belgium

Belgian Armed Forces 1, Combined Services 1

IN the 89th minute of a dramatic Kentish Cup tie, Belgian Armed Forces won a free kick on the edge of the penalty area and Asselman of RC Mechelen smashed the ball across the face of the goal, writes Pat Massey.

Shannon

used his pace to tear them to pieces. So keen was this young man that he was pulled up for being off-side at least 20 times during the game.

Lt Gen Sir John Stibbon,

President of the Army Football Association, presented the trophy and mementoes.

The Bill Wilson Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Man of the Match (selected this year by Alf Coulton, a former FA Staff, Combined Services and Army Coach and now managing the Vauxhall League side Windsor and Eton) went, unusually, to a central defender, sapper SSgt Steve Rock. Rock, aided at the centre of the sapper defence by LCpl John Plackett, laid the foundations from which the winners were able to launch their record win.

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## Seven is heaven for sappers

28 Amph Engr Regt RE 7,  
SEME Bordon 1

SIXTY minutes into the Wilson's Army Challenge Cup Final at the Military Stadium, Aldershot, with 38 Amph Engr Regt sitting uncomfortably on a two-goal lead and SEME piling on the pressure, the ball was swept out of defence, writes Pat Massey.

Sapper skipper Munro collected it ten yards inside the SEME half, slipped a marking defender, spotted Bennett collided on the edge of the penalty area. The ball squirted clear and struck the inside of the far post before crossing the line.

There was a look of horror on the face of the retreating custodian as he suddenly realised he was not going to reach the dipping shot which curled beneath the crossbar.

The effect on the game was dramatic - the sappers relaxed and began to play controlled, aggressive football and the SEME defence fell apart.

SEME enjoyed the better of the earlier exchanges but were never able to make an impact on a solid sapper defence in which Rock and Plackett were outstanding.

There was an element of luck about the opening goal in the 34th minute. A corner by

Brown on the sapper right was headed on by Rothery on the near post. It emerged from a ruck of players and trickled over the goal-line.

Nine minutes later the BAOR side went further ahead when Shannon and Bennett collided on the edge of the penalty area. The ball squirted clear and struck the inside of the far post before crossing the line.

A minute later SEME punished the one error the sappers made in defence. The ball was pumped into the penalty area where Beale challenged 'keeper Taylor in the air. It fell clear of both and Smith whipped a left foot shot into the corner of the net.

Early in the second half, the ball was pushed into the SEME penalty area. Sanderson stroked it wide to Bryant on the left. He checked before rolling the ball into the path of Munro who calmly toe-poked it into the net. Eight minutes later, Munro made his telling strike.

The six-goal winning margin is the greatest since the competition began in 1888.

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# 21 Signals claim our trophy

THE Army inter-unit squash championships, sponsored by Allied Breweries, have been running throughout the season for both major and minor units and resulted in the finalists meeting on the superb glass-backed courts of the Light Division Depot, Winchester, writes Lance Brett.

In the UK major units event 39 Engineer Regiment, Waterbeach, beat HQ Lisburn Garrison 4-1. The Light Division Depot, current holders of the Army minor title, defeated Depot RAOC 5-0.

The following day the UK and the BAOR winners met to decide the Army title.

21 Signal Regiment from near Wildenrath met 39 Eng Regt to play for the SOLDIER Magazine Cup. Both teams fielded Army standard players, resulting in several long and keenly fought rubbers. The BAOR team won 3-2.

Details: Sgt Pollard beat Capt Collins 3-2; LCpl Gallagher beat Cpl Hissey 3-0; Cpl Gradwell lost to LCpl Bell 0-3; Capt Stapleton lost to LCpl Moores 1-3; SSgt Hamilton beat Capt Sauberlich 3-0.

The Light Division Depot fought hard to retain the minor units' SOLDIER News Cup against 12 Armoured Workshops REME, last year's runners up. This year the Workshops were not to be denied and they narrowly defeated the Light Division depot 3-2.

Details: Capt Barrett beat LCpl Clarke 3-0; Sgt Wilson beat WO2 Tervit 3-0; Sgt Imossi lost to Cfn Laverick 1-3; Maj Luard lost to Cpl Hardie 1-3; Cpl Brown lost to WO2 Smith 2-3.



The three Army players, wearing dark blue Hong Kong shirts, in action during the match against the American Eagles. From left are LCpl Gary Cross, 1 DERR, SSgt Ian Shaw, APTC (with the ball), and Capt David Bulbeck, 6 GR

# Army trio excel in Colony sevens

THE ARMY was well represented in the Hong Kong rugby side which won the plate competition in the prestigious Hong Kong Invitation Sevens for the first time since 1976, the year the competition began.

Three Army players – one from each of the three Services' rugby clubs in Hong Kong – were in the local side which disposed of the Netherlands, the American Eagles and Japan on their way to winning the plate competition for first round losers.

Only one member of the trio, LCpl Gary Cross of 1 DERR,

the British resident battalion, played in last year's sevens.

The others, Capt David Bulbeck, adjutant of 6 QEO Gurkhas, and SSgt Ian Shaw, a PTI at HQ British Forces, had their first experience of the world's foremost sevens tournament.

For Capt Bulbeck it was virtually a case of third time lucky. He nearly made it with the Brunei team in 1983 and was actually selected for the Hong Kong squad in 1987 before a knee injury forced him out.

SSgt Shaw and LCpl Cross both received high praise from

British Lions and Scotland coach Ian McGeechan in his assessment of the players. Winger Shaw was included in McGeechan's team of Sevens All Stars – the only player outside the cup competition to be nominated.

Hong Kong failed to qualify for the principal competition when they went down 4-6 to Wales in the closest match of either day. The Welshmen went on to inflict a surprise defeat on the Australians before being trounced by Fiji, the eventual champions after an exciting and hard-fought final with title holders New Zealand.

# Bob's double tops!

ARMY players dominated the finals of the Embassy Number 1 BFG individual darts championship – organised by Naafi Entertainments – at Club 47, RAF Gutersloh, Germany, with six of the eight finalists coming from BAOR.

And for the second time in three years Bdr Bob Gillespie-Smith, of 40 Field Regiment Royal Artillery, Hohne, lifted the Embassy Championship Trophy and DM1,500 first prize.

Bob, appearing in his third consecutive final, beat Sgt Dave Meadows of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards from Wavell Barracks, Berlin 2-1 in an exciting final.

Results: Quarter-finals: LCpl Allan Sargent, R Signals, Soest, beat LCpl Kevin Watkinson, 1 RGJ Osnabruck, 2-0, Bdr Bob Gillespie-Smith, 40 F Reg RA, Hohne, beat Cpl Dave Ferris, RE, Hameln, 2-1; Sgt Dave Meadows, 1 TG, Berlin, beat Bdr Paul Horrobin, RA Lippstadt, 2-0, Wayne Halliwell, Naafi, beat Cpl Steve Coia, RAF, JHQ Rheindahlen, 2-0. Semi-finals: Bdr Gillespie-Smith beat LCpl Sargent, 2-0, Sgt Meadows beat Wayne Halliwell 2-1.



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