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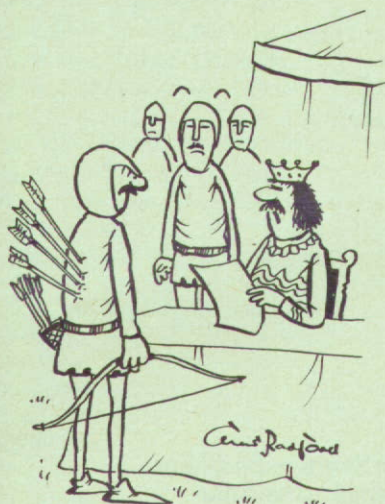
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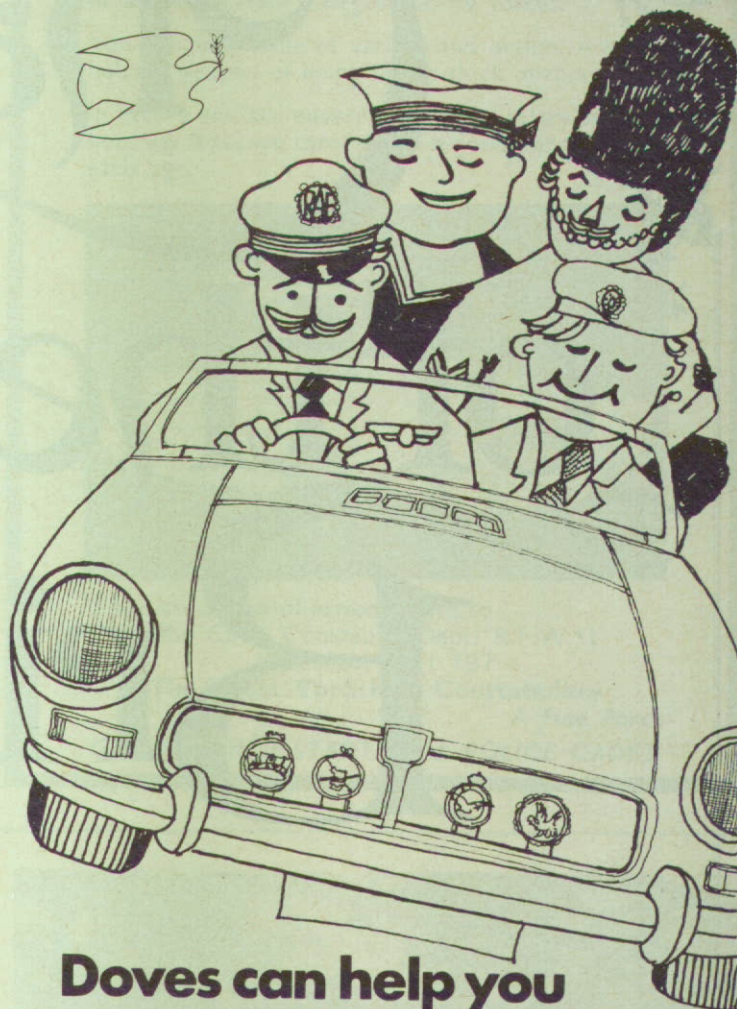


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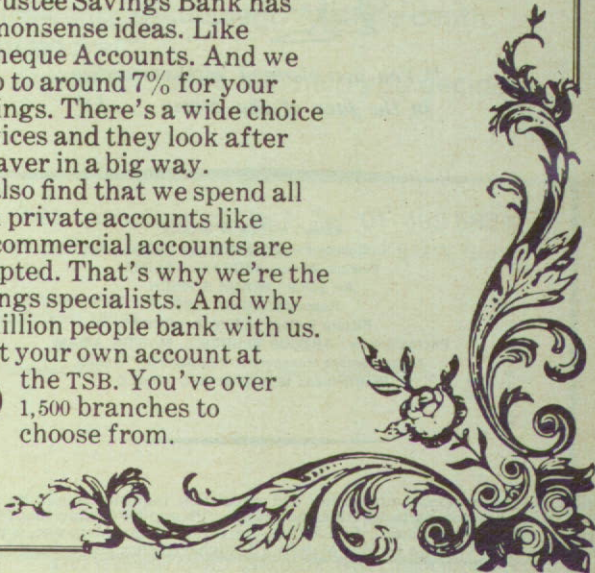
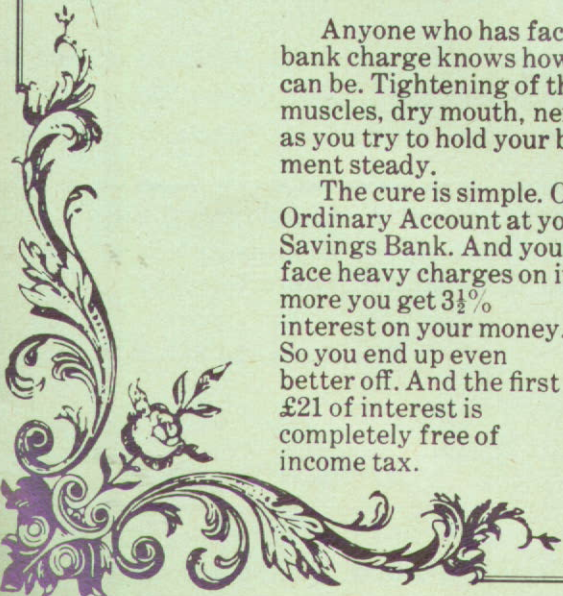
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## JUNE 1972

- 3 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 3 Pipes and drums, Dumfries.
- 3 Salisbury Hospital Fête (provisional date) (band).
- 3 Beating Retreat, Edinburgh Castle.
- 3 Devon Traction Rally, Newton Abbot (3-4 June) (motorcycle display team).
- 5 Pipes and drums, Dalbeattie.
- 7 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 10 Band, pipes and drums 2nd Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers, and Royal Scots Territorial Band beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.
- 10 Catterick Open Day.
- 10 Pipes and drums, Kirkcaldy.
- 14 Band, pipes and drums 1st Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.
- 14 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 16 Essex County Show (16-17 June) (band).
- 16 **North Wilts ACF Tattoo, Swindon (16-17 June).**
- 17 Open Day, Mercian Depot, Lichfield.
- 17 Aldershot Army Display (17-18 June).
- 17 Band, pipes and drums 1st Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers, beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.
- 17 Open Day, Army Apprentices College, Harrogate.
- 18 Welsh 3000s team foot race, Snowdonia (10th anniversary).
- 21 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 21 Pipes and drums Queen Victoria School beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.
- 24 Band, pipes and drums Scottish Infantry Depot (Bridge of Don) beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.
- 24 Frimley and Camberley Cadet Corps Fete.
- 24 New Colours presentation to 1st, 2nd 3rd and 5th (V) battalions, The Queen's Regiment, Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth.
- 24 Dumbarton Tattoo.
- 24 Lord Mayor's parade, Cardiff (bands, floats).
- 24 Open Day, Central Vehicle Depot RAOC, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.
- 26 Dover Army Week (26 June-1 July).
- 27 **Dover Tattoo (27-28 June).**
- 28 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 29 **Folkestone Tattoo (29-30 June, 1 July).**
- 30 **HQ Yorkshire District, Yarm, closes (massed bands, beating Retreat, at York).**
- 30 Army Display, Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich (30 June, 1-2 July).

## JULY 1972

- 4 **Duchess of Gloucester presents Colours to The Royal Irish Regiment, Warminster, Wilts.**
- 5 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 8 Basingstoke Military Tattoo.
- 8 Closure ceremonies, HQ Western Command, Chester.
- 8 Massed pipes and drums 153 (Highland) and 154 (Lowland) regiments, RCT(V), beat Retreat, Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.

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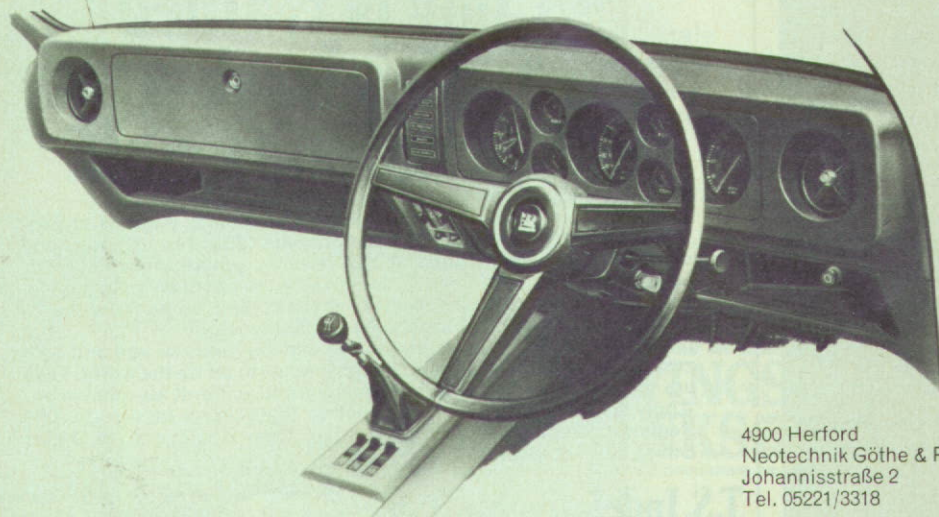
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## JULY 1972

- 9 210 (Staffordshire) Light Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery (Volunteers), freedom of Wolverhampton.
- 12 Massed bands display, Larkhill.
- 12 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (12-29 July).
- 12 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 14 Cheltenham Tattoo (14-15 July).
- 15 Artillery Day, Larkhill.
- 19 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 22 Gloucester Carnival (band).
- 22 Stroud Show (band).
- 26 Inverness Tattoo (26 July-3 August).
- 29 Beating Retreat, 38 Engineer Regiment weekend, Ripon (29-30 July).
- 29 Plymouth Air Show.
- 30 Royal Armoured Corps Centre Open Day, Bovington.

## AUGUST 1972

- 1 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (1-5 August).
- 2 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (2-5 August).
- 4 Nottingham Army Display (4-6 August).
- 6 Old Contemptibles Association annual parade and service, Aldershot.
- 12 Open Day, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers, Dover.
- 16 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 18 Edinburgh Tattoo (18 August-9 September).
- 18 Reading Show (18-19 August) (band).
- 23 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 30 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.

## SEPTEMBER 1972

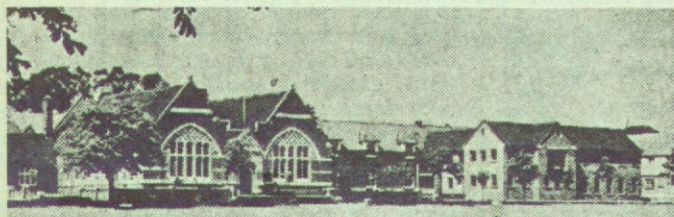
- 6 Army recruiting display, Preston (6-9 September).
- 6 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 13 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 14 Carlisle Tattoo (14-16 September).
- 15 Royal Artillery At Home, Woolwich (15-16 September).
- 16 Army recruiting display, Liverpool (16-17 September).
- 19 Centenary, Roundhay Park, Leeds (or 22 September) (bands).
- 21 Thame Royal British Legion Fête (band).
- 21 Cambrian March (21-24 September).
- 22 Centenary, Roundhay Park, Leeds (if not 19 September) (bands).
- 23 Army recruiting display, Wrexham (23-24 September).
- 24 TAVR freedom of Cambridge.
- 30 Hereford Military Tattoo (30 September-1 October).

## NOVEMBER 1972

- 11 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.
- 11 Lord Mayor's Show, London.
- 12 Remembrance Sunday.

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"I think that the mock-battle scene was the best display. This was so, because of the reality of the explosions, colour, tanks and helicopter. It must take great skill to perform the helicopters manoeuvres. It was all done very smoothly. A good allround performance."

"I think that the most interesting feature of the Exhibition was the Royal Signals Display. All the equipment on display was explained clearly which created added interest. I especially enjoyed using the telephone exchange and the telex machine. It has made me think of seriously considering the Army as a career."

"The thing I liked best was the 'Hospital' Tent. For it had a lot of realistic wounds and the men were helpful in giving information."

"In my view the most interesting features were the excellent displays and those stands in which we could participate. I enjoyed going on the DUKW and the APC especially. The mobile Infantry Range was very good and so was the 30mm live firing range."

"I think that the Infantry Display was the best because machine repair has run in my family for years. Also if I ever joined the Army I'd like to be a Cheifan Driver. Also the men were interested in anything you asked or said."

"I thought the stimulated battlefield in the Arena the most interesting feature of the exhibition as it displayed the strong co-ordination and support given by the varying arms and services of the Army in order to derive the maximum benefit in an attack."

"I thought the battle was the most interesting thing of the Exhibition especially when the tank and 20 men roared into action. Also I found the way in which they moved, quickly, efficiently and without hesitation very interesting. But on the whole I found all of the Exhibition very interesting."

"I think the most exciting and interesting thing was the Display of Gymnasts. The way they jumped with ease over the cars and each other. They must be good to show they were not tired or distressed."

Out of the mouths... And the first prize (£5, Queen's Division plaque, two tickets for the Royal Tournament) to Robert Anderson (14), of Offley, near Hitchin; 2nd prize (£3, plaque, two tickets) to Alan Bujok (15), Luton; 3rd (£2, plaque, tickets), Brian Smith (14), Leicester; special prize (two tickets) Christopher Crowley, Potters Bar, at ten the youngest competitor.

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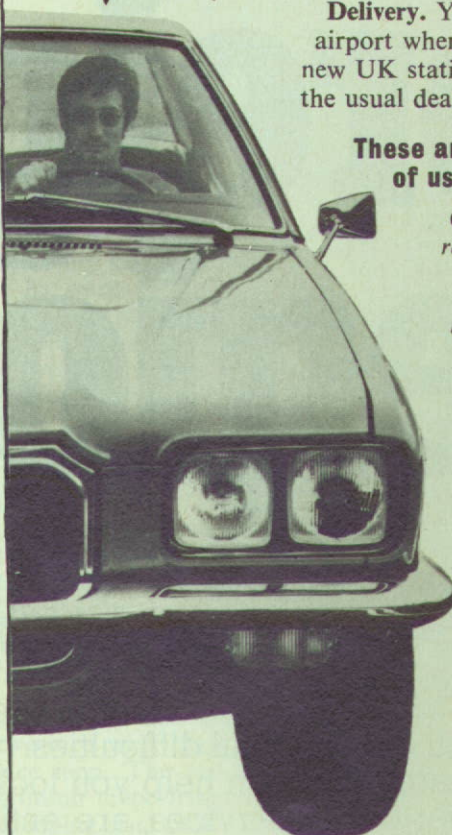
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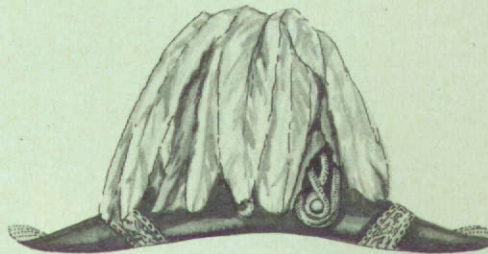
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As worn by field-m Marshals, lieutenant-generals, major-generals and brigadier-generals, the cocked hat was as described above but with a loop of double gold bullion with a gold purl netted button. The tassels had flat gold worked heads with six gold and five crimson bullions. The plume was white over red, both ten inches long.

For the aide-de-camp to the queen, the cocked hat had a three-quarter inch lace loop. The tassels had eight gold and seven crimson bullions and the plume, five inches long, was of red-and-white upright swan feathers.

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*Story by Mike Starke*

## They fight fires—even under fire



Smoke billows out of the practice tower to shroud a fireman in breathing apparatus on one of the broad range of training duties.



Road accidents (above) take up a lot of an Army fireman's time. Here a brigade had to turn to in the small hours to a car crash.

Far right: Weapons at the ready, two soldiers guard a unique armoured fire engine on call to fight the Northern Ireland blazes.



The original horse-drawn brigade at Bordon—the oldest Army fire station still used. Left: Army firemen took 12 days to put out this blaze at a Cyprus fuel storage depot in 1965.

**T**WINKLING blue lights, the speeding streak of red, a roaring engine and the two-toned moan of a klaxon are all most of us see or hear of the fire service. Apart from the brief thrill of excitement at the sight of the gleaming fire engine and a fleeting thought for the dramatic urgency of its mission we forget the crew dashing to danger on an errand of mercy.

For the 1200 officers and men of the Army Fire Service, on call worldwide wherever British troops are stationed, this skilled and perilous job becomes a way of life. The service runs 46 fire stations, 18 of which are in the United Kingdom. And the Army fire fighters—all civilians since 1961—man 90 appliances which are on hand to dash to blazes at any of some 2500 regularly inspected fire risks where disaster could strike, not to mention the countless temporary situations such as military exercises which have to be covered.

Army firemen not only staff permanent brigades from Singapore to Shrivenham but accompany troops on exercises throughout the world and support them in action as in Korea, Cyprus, Malaya, and Aden.

Today, volunteers for the already legendary Salamander detachment do one-month





**They fight fires** *continued*

tours of duty in Northern Ireland where daily bomb outrages make constant work for the armoured Salamander fire engine and its crew.

The tradition of fighting fires while under fire sets the Army firemen apart from his opposite number in a civil brigade. It started in World War Two where the many lessons learned in shadowing front-line forces in every theatre formed a foundation for today's streamlined Army Fire Service.

The history of the service goes back to 1864 but before the wartime needs of 1939 brought sweeping changes an inspector of fire services with no technical training sat in the War Office to advise on fire fighting and protection and supervise the Army Fire Fighting School in Aldershot.

"The Royal Army Service Corps was our boss in those days," recalled Station Officer George Warner who now heads the brigade at Bordon, Hampshire—the oldest surviving but still one of the busiest Army fire stations.

"It was a bit of a hit-and-miss affair in those days. Appliances were rather antiquated—we had all sorts of things. We used to sit on the machines and if the driver went round a corner too fast you either lost half your kit or a fireman. I've seen a lot of changes since those days—and they've all been good."

A horse-drawn brigade was established at Bordon in 1906 and to this day bracket mountings on the appliance bay ceiling mark the places where the harnesses hung in readiness. Where the horses once stood ready to gallop now waits a more placid, if faster, firefighting equipment in the 1958 Bedford four-ton fire engine which, as the



prototype of its kind, is also part of the Army Fire Service's history. After 14 years fighting nearly 3500 fires, this engine still dashes out to calls in the 36 square miles of military property and 13 square miles of civilian land covered by the brigade which, in common with most Army brigades, has close links with the local civilian fire service.

Although in the same building, the brigade at Bordon was very different in 1941 when the Army's firemen were transferred into a special firefighting wing of the Pioneer Corps.

It was realised that it was not enough to leave fire fighting in the hands of any troops who happened to be on the spot. And the fully stretched National Fire Service could not hope to cope with the military needs which also included a vast overseas commitment.

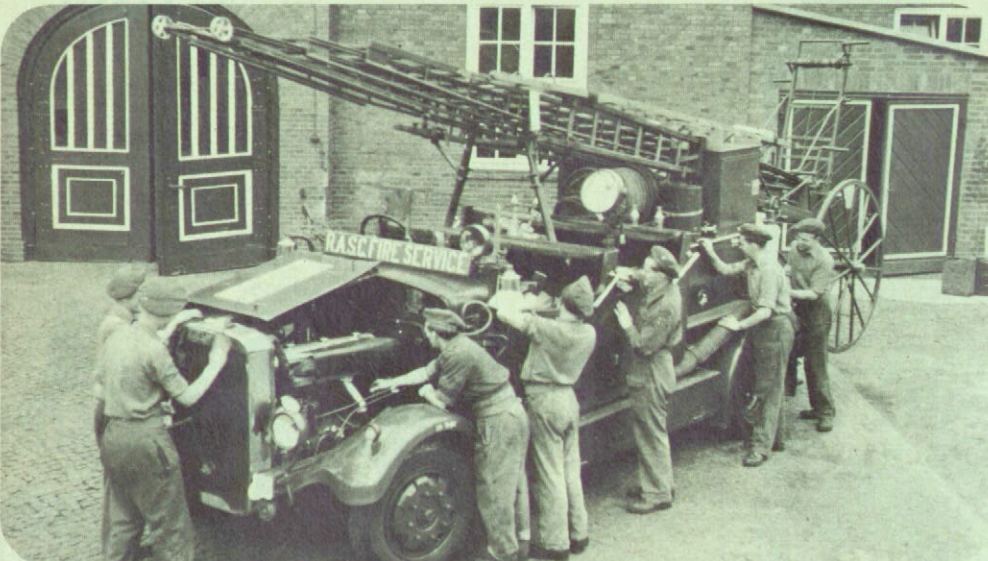


A gleaming fire engine dashing into action only seconds after the alarm has sounded.

An advanced "kiss-of-life" machine (right) on this "victim" of a simulated car crash.

A "casualty" (above right) rides to safety carried in the legendary "fireman's lift."

Above, left: Ready to dive through smoke, a fireman in breathing apparatus and helmet.



Army firemen afloat (top)—a part of London's river scene during World War Two. Above: In 1947 Army firemen took as much pride in the turnout of their appliances as now.

Within a year the Army Fire Service had grown to 1500 all ranks from the tiny 16-man group with one officer which existed at the outbreak of war. In 1943 a special committee was set up to organise fire service cover to the armies overseas and in March 1944 the existing units were streamlined further into Army fire companies and Army fire brigades in readiness for Operation Overlord, the allied invasion of Europe.

Unsung heroes of the months between D-Day and VE-Day were the army firemen who attended more than 2000 blazes on the European battlegrounds.

History was being made by the firemen. For it was the first time an army engaged in worldwide conflict had been provided with specialist firefighting units both ashore and afloat.

Through 39 countries from Ceylon to the Caribbean, Army firemen learned the hard way that fire can be the most destructive of all weapons of war. Members of the service were awarded two George Medals, five OBEs, eight MBEs, four

BEMs and innumerable mentions in despatches, commendations and certificates for gallantry and devotion to duty.

In 1946 the Royal Army Service Corps took over responsibility for the service which by now had expanded to 200 officers and 7500 men. And in 1961 the Army Fire Service was civilianised, with a nucleus of 50 members of the old RASC brigades as a hard core. One of these was Major N S Marsh who was appointed deputy principal fire officer. He now leads the service as its chief fire service officer.

Proud though their past is, the modern firemen know history does not fight future fires. Today's firemen—many of whom have a background of military service—work a 56-hour week manning their stations on a shift basis. To keep up the high standards the firemen train continuously.

Their skills must extend beyond the specialised techniques of firefighting. Firemen face an almost limitless variety of emergency situations under the heading of "special services" which can range from

delivering a baby in the station watchroom to extricating a cow from a river—two real-life examples from the bulging Bordon log book.

Built into the training programme is a hotly contested annual competition for top teams of firemen to test their expertise in the six major technical fields a fireman needs to know. Four-man teams from brigades in Northern, Southern and Western commands as well as Rhine Army pitted their wits in this year's inter-command technical efficiency finals.

The full cycle of the quiz—first staged in 1968—takes all year and heats lasting three months precede the finals. In this last competition—the commands are disappearing—Northern Command narrowly defeated Western Command by a half-point with Southern Command and Rhine Army runners-up.

Appropriately the finals were held at the Central Ordnance Depot, Bicester, Oxfordshire, where the fire station, commissioned in 1964, is the prototype for the service's latest buildings. The all-ground floor structure has its main rooms leading straight into the appliance bay for speedy access when the men are called out. The station is completely self-contained.

The fire service is more than a job for Bicester's Leading Fireman Philip Shepherd. His hobby during his seven years in the Army Fire Service has been collecting firemen's helmets and badges and rare fire appliances from all over the world dating back to 1900. His collection is now in constant demand for exhibitions.

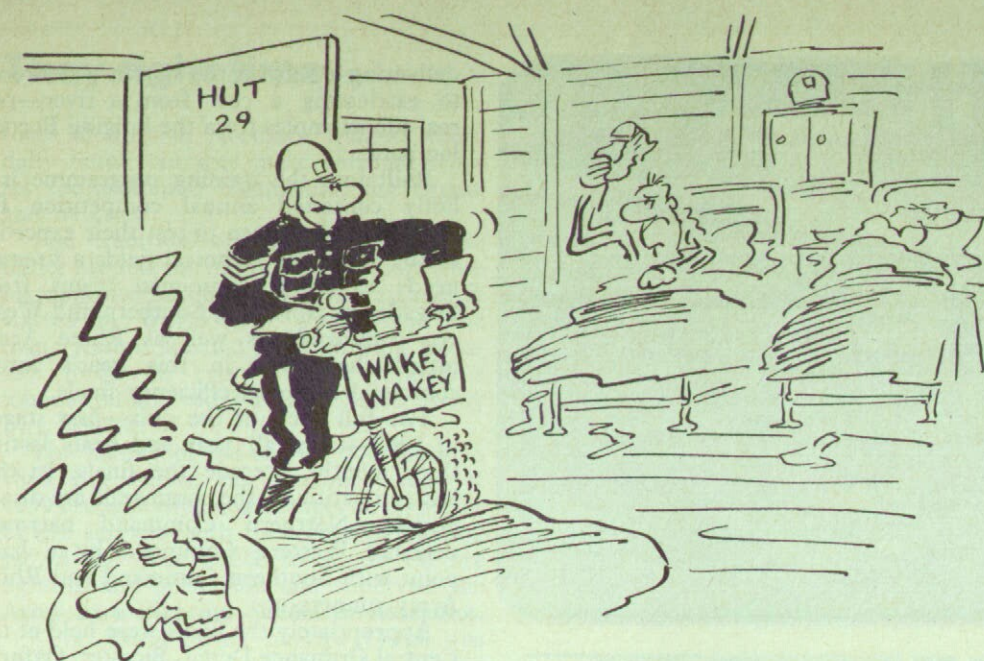
As a young man dedicated to his career, he summed up the exacting task he and his colleagues worldwide have taken on in the Army Fire Service: "Becoming a fireman is a way of life. There's something about it that keeps you interested—it's so varied. You're with a good bunch of lads and you feel you're doing a useful job of work."



**Back cover**  
All the splendour of a bygone age reflected in the golden glow of spring sunshine on firemen's helmets, part of a unique collection of fire service relics belonging to 28-year-old Philip Shepherd, of Bicester, Oxfordshire. And Philip's occupation? Fireman, of course, with the Army Fire Service brigade at the Central Ordnance Depot, Bicester.

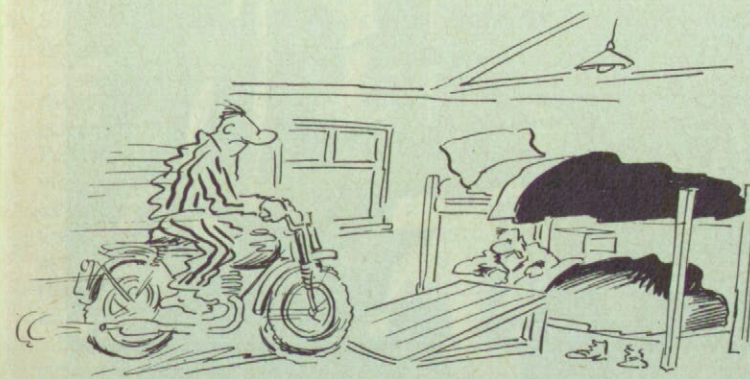
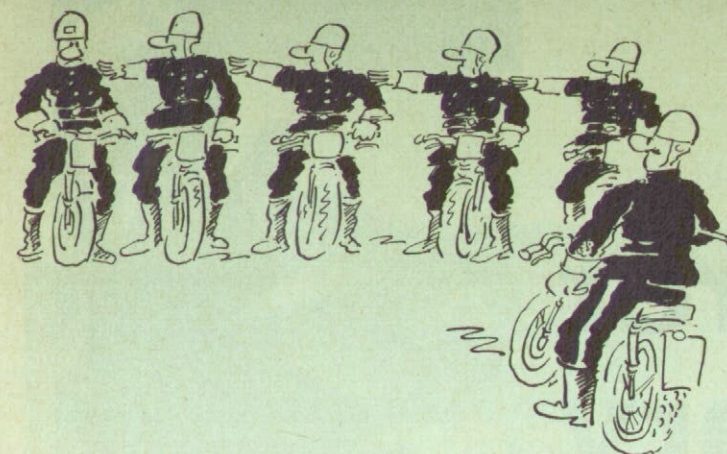
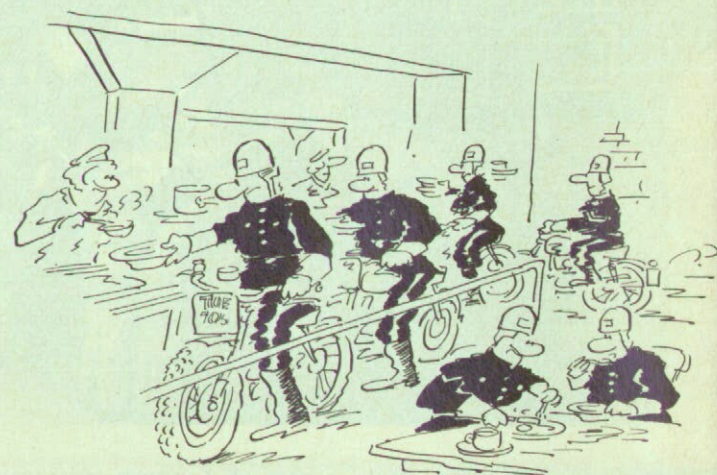
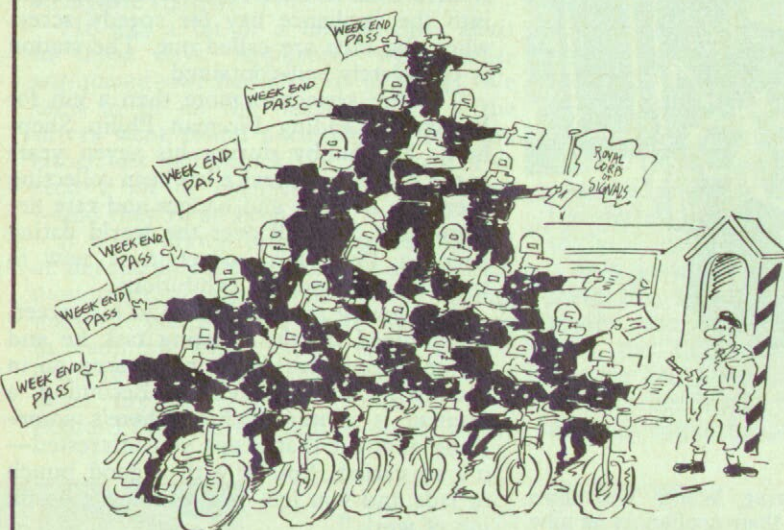
Picture by Leslie Wiggs





## The White Helmets

by LARRY



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## "AMAZING GRACE"

ANYTHING can happen in the topsy-turvy world of pop music. Multi-coloured wigs, paisley painted cars, knee-length hair and arm-length dancing. But a 200-year-old hymn played by an Army band as top of the hit parade? Unheard of... but it happened.

The band, pipes and drums of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards achieved the impossible when they skirled to success with the haunting tune "Amazing Grace" which started life as an 18th century hymn by John Newton.

The "EP single" spiral to stardom began with a commemorative long-playing record produced to mark the amalgamation of the 3rd Carabiniers and The Royal Scots Greys.

Someone had the bright idea of releasing "Amazing Grace" with its pipe solo by Pipe-Major Tony Crease as a single record. Then a chance spin on a late-night record show triggered off sales which rocketed to 20,000 a day to bring the tune to Number One in the hit parade.

Reluctant hero in the latest of a long line of victories for Scottish soldiers is 25-year-old Pipe-Major Crease who—sorry, girls—is happily married with two children. A native of Peebles, Scotland, he did not take up music until he joined the Army. And thoughts of stardom never entered his head as he trained to qualify as a radio operator and armoured car driver.

Pipe-Major Tony Crease (front), piper, drummer – and windmill.



# Adventurer extraordinary

**W**AS Captain Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, baronet and adventurer, born too late? Does he belong rightly to the era of Livingstone and Stanley and the Great Unknown?

Undoubtedly he would have thrived in those brave days. But he isn't doing badly now at establishing a reputation as a professional explorer . . . not easy in an age of jumbo jets and rockets to the moon.

Still only 28, Sir Ranulph has parachuted on to Europe's largest glacier, raced 3200 miles up the Nile with mini-hovercraft and has just returned from an epic 1500-mile journey down "killer" rivers in British Columbia, with three soldiers of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, passing through the infamous "Headless Valley."

Already he is thinking of his next expedition—"something in New Guinea." And beyond that? "Something worthwhile in the Arctic, probably by foot and canoe."

Sir Ranulph's career to date reads like a novelist's wildest dream and he comes as a refreshing tonic in a humdrum world. Eton, a commission in The Royal Scots Greys, a scandal with the law, service in the Special Air Service Regiment, desert warfare against fierce tribesmen . . .

During his latest expedition to Canada

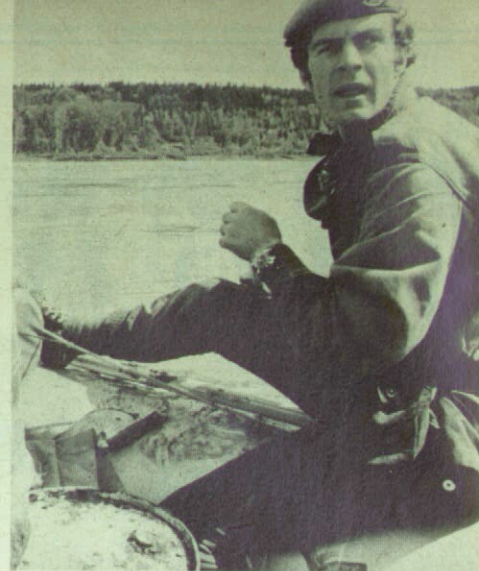
he was seen by a tough population and a somewhat cynical media as the ideal Englishman; tall, handsome, fearless, dashing, titled to boot . . . but modest and unassuming, a master of understatement.

Boredom with routine Army tank training in Germany led to a taste for adventure in the shape of regimental canoeing and langlauf ski-ing. Early expeditions by canoe and parachute in Norway were followed by a posting to a sultan's army in Southern Arabia.

In between shooting it out with rebel tribesmen in a setting reminiscent of Lawrence of Arabia the young baronet organised a venture up the White Nile from Alexandria to Lake Victoria with two mini-hovercraft. "This won the hovercraft firm £20 million worth of export orders," he claims.

After shaking the sand from his boots he organised an expedition which involved parachuting from an icy 10,000 feet on to the not-much-warmer 6000 feet of Europe's largest glacier in Norway. And his team came home in classic Fiennes fashion . . . by a dangerous descent of the hitherto unscaled Briksdalsbre glacier.

There's no knowing just where he'll pop up next. London's sewers for example.



Recently BBC TV viewers watched him exploring this unsavoury network with actress Liz Fraser. Not what's normally meant by the sweet smell of success but a large slice of peak Sunday evening television-time nonetheless.

Sir Ranulph's highly publicised brush with the law came when as a 21-year-old SAS subaltern he objected to 20th Century Fox's use of the Wiltshire village of Castle Coombe as a set for the film "Dr Doolittle." His protest took the form of a commando-like raid and a subsequent court appearance cost him £1000 in fines and costs.

"Eventually I want to write fiction—stuff like Innes and McLean," he says, "but it's easier to gain a reading public in fact first." Already he has written "Talent for Trouble" about the Nile and early adventures and "Ice Fall in Norway." Other books are now on the way.

Sir Ranulph rarely uses his title, referring to himself as "Captain Fiennes, pronounced as in parking meter fines."

Below: Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes with a section of the Arab platoon he led through desert skirmishes in the Dhofar campaign in a distant Arabian sultanate.



Left: Battling with the elements, Capt Fiennes's expedition shoots the rapids on a treacherous British Columbian river in a wilderness that is an adventurers' paradise.

Far left: Capt Fiennes keeps a wary lookout during his latest expedition, to Canada's mysterious "Headless Valley," scene of the unsolved murder of two prospectors.

His "mansion" is a small bungalow in Sussex. He drives a Morris Marina.

But his background is as impressive as they come. He is descended from a member of the court of Charlemagne the Great. Another ancestor, William the Conqueror's trusty lieutenant, hacked off the head of dying Harold at Hastings and had land and castles lavished on his family by a grateful master. This profitable piece of gruesome surgery is depicted in the Bayeux Tapestry.

He is related to Baron Saye and Sele of Broughton Castle near Banbury, Oxfordshire. But Sir Ranulph's title comes from an adventurous grandfather who served with Cecil Rhodes in Africa and the Mounties in Canada and became Governor of the Seychelles. His grandmother was of Prussian descent. His father died leading the Scots Greys in World War Two.

Sir Ranulph drinks little, has a habit of giving 50p to London Embankment down-and-outs and believes a "christian outlook is the best way of living with our hang-ups."

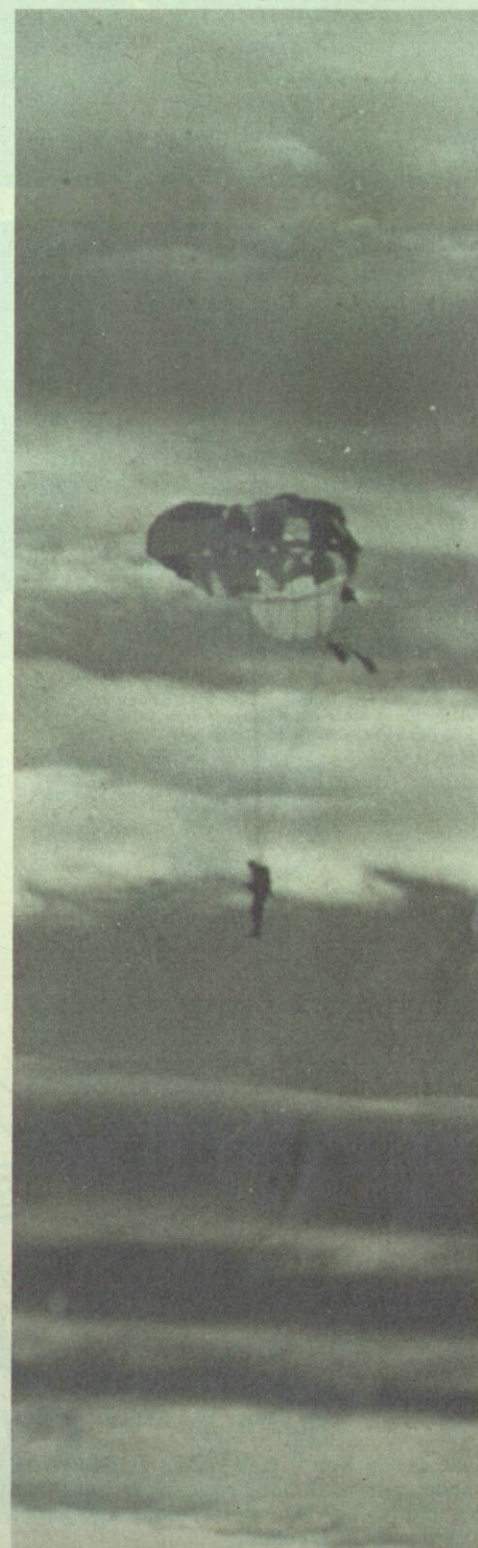
Expedition colleagues such as Photographer of the Year Bryn Campbell say he shrugs off imminent sudden death as he would a troublesome mosquito. His eccentricity spreads to a chaotic disregard for administration and paperwork. This is where 23-year old Lady Virginia takes over. They were married last year after knowing each other 15 years. She drove a support Land-Rover during the "Headless Valley" expedition.

His expeditions are a financial juggling act. But by leaning heavily on commercial sponsors and the Army he gets by. Ninety-six firms backed "Headless Valley" and Sir Ranulph claims export orders galore. Adventure, it seems, is a super-salesman.

This amazing individual recently left the Army to become a full-time adventurer but is still a Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve officer with 21st Special Air Service Regiment. He feels deeply that if his exploits give young people a greater awareness of the benefits of outdoor activities then this may serve to steer them away from drugs and a destructive and negative way of life.

Be this as it may, he is certainly a 20th century hero with whom Mr Average in his Walter Mittyish way loves to associate. Long may he amaze us.

JOHN WRIGHT



"Who's Who" lists:  
"FIENNES, Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-, 3rd Bt, cr 1916; b 7 March 1944; s of Lieut-Col Sir Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, DSO, 2nd Bt (died of wounds, 1943) and Audrey Joan yr d of Sir Percy Newson, 1st Bt; S father 1944; m 1970, Virginia Pepper. Educ: Eton. Liveryman, Vintners' Company 1960. French Parachutist Wings, 1965. Lieut, Royal Scots Greys, 1966. Captain 1968 (retd 1970), Attached 22 SAS Regt, 1966, Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces, 1968; Dhofar Campaign Medal, 1969; Sultan's Bravery Medal, 1970. Publications: A Talent for Trouble, 1970. Recreations: Alpinism, langlauf, photography. Heir: None. Address: St Peter's Well, Lodsworth, Petworth, Sussex. T: Lodsworth 302.

Left: A parachute drifts through the freezing air above a Norwegian glacier—scene of one of Capt Fiennes's most daring and dangerous exploits when he dropped on to the ice and climbed down to safety.

## SOLDIER



### Front Cover

A daredevil stunt by a member of the Royal Signals display team, the White Helmets, proves these riders are hot stuff. And they are all set to blaze a trail through another season of displays including Aldershot's massive Exercise New Envoy which is to be staged this month at the renovated Rushmoor arena—scene of the spectacular pre-war tattoos which drew crowds of half a million from all over the world.

Picture by Martin Adam.



# Purely personal

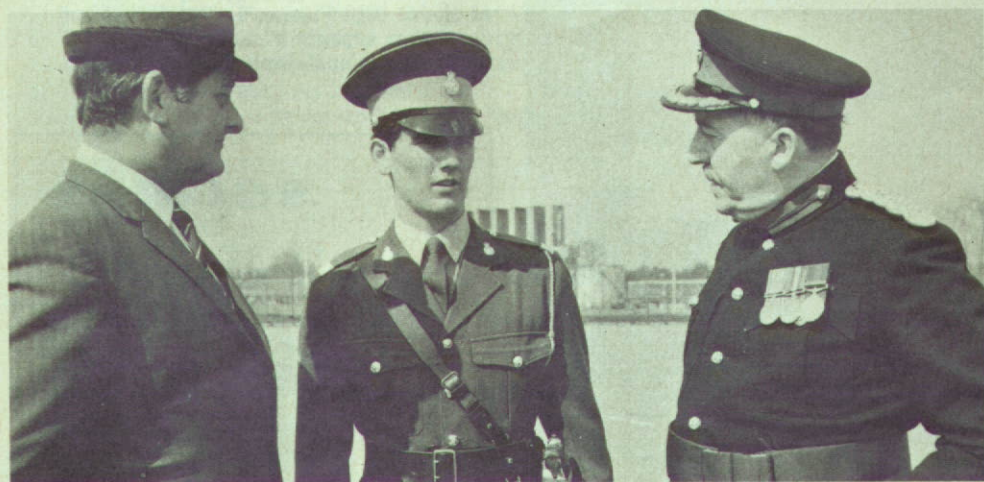
## Moody blue to khaki

Once he was a top pop star—a guitarist with the Moody Blues when they waxed their Number One smash—"Go Now." But since 1966 **Lance-Corporal John Kirkbride** (right) has been in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and is currently on a 2½-year tour at Headquarters Allied Forces Central Europe in Brunssum, Holland. John still finds time for music and has succeeded in getting a regular booking at Valkenburg in southern Holland where he plays and sings his folk songs.



## Font first

Only hours after the new garrison church at Blandford Camp, Dorset, was opened, six-week-old **Neil David Hartnell** became the first baby to be christened there. Neil is the son of **Sergeant Frank Hartnell** of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals and his wife **Laurel**. The church has another link with Australia for at the dedication ceremony by the Chaplain-General, the **Venerable Archdeacon J R Youens**, **Lieutenant-Colonel N R Bergin**, of the Australian Army Staff in London, presented it with doors of Australian timber. The doors, a gift to the Royal Corps of Signals on its 50th anniversary, were from the Australian Royal Corps of Signals. Stand-in godparents were Warrant Officer K Pearson, also Royal Australian Signals, and his wife (holding baby Neil), flanked in the picture (right) by Sergeant and Mrs Hartnell.



## In father's footsteps

**Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major Thompson** is not just following in his father's footsteps. He is making doubly sure by following them in his father's boots. When **Regimental Sergeant-Major G L Thompson** left the Army Catering Corps on 8 January 1972 after 26 years in the Army, his son took over as Junior RSM at the Army Apprentices College, ACC, the very next day.

Said father, who watched his son James take the college passing-out parade at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot: "He takes the same sizes as me and as well as my boots James also took my gloves and my pace stick."

Equally at home on the drill square or in the kitchen—he won a gold medal at this year's Hotelympia—young James is also an all-round sportsman and has represented the ACC Apprentices College at rugby, cricket, squash, tennis and hockey. Thompson senior and junior are pictured above with the inspecting officer, **Brigadier H A Decker**.

Two young soldiers of 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, have been awarded Royal Humane Society testimonials for saving a man from drowning while they were stationed in Londonderry. **Private Anthony Jones** (19) and **Lance-Corporal Graham Mitchell** (21) both dived into the river Foyle after a 37-year-old man had jumped from the Craigavon bridge. Lance-Corporal Mitchell made repeated attempts to get the man into a lifebelt thrown by other soldiers. Private Jones followed him into the river and eventually succeeded. The man, who had been in the water for 17 minutes on a cold and frosty day, was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and eventually regained consciousness.

**General Sir Noel Thomas**, Honorary Colonel of the University of Liverpool contingent of the Officers Training Corps, has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by the university. General Thomas is also Master-General of the Ordnance and Colonel Commandant of the Royal Pioneer Corps and Royal Engineers.



# Pay, pensions and charges are up

**I**NCREASES in pay for the Army up to the rank of brigadier—and in charges for food and accommodation—have been approved by the Government and take effect from 1 April 1972. A new pensions scheme came into effect at the same time and as a further step towards equal pay the rates for servicewomen have been increased (excluding the X-factor) from 90 to 93½ per cent of men's pay.

The changes are the result of a review by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body which was appointed in September 1971. The last biennial review took effect from 1 April 1970 and, while the review body was working on its report, the Government increased service pay by 7 per cent on 1 August 1971. Taking account of that increase the recommendations of the review body provide a total increase over the two years since April 1970 of an average of about 18½ per cent (about nine per cent a year). The net increase, after allowing for increased food and accommodation charges, is around 16½ per cent over the two years (about eight per cent a year).

The increases do not cover officers above brigadier, whose pay is reviewed by the

Top Salaries Review Body, or medical and dental officers whose pay is aligned with that of National Health Service general practitioners which is reviewed by the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body.

No change has been made in the X-factor, which remains at five per cent of pay (one per cent for servicewomen) although the upper limit has been increased from £200 to £250 a year. The X-factor element compensates for the balance of disadvantages over advantages of Service life compared with civilian life.

Individual pay increases vary widely depending on rank, trade, and length of service because the review body's recommended rates of pay are based on detailed job evaluation and comparisons with civilian jobs.

The new pensions scheme links pensions to pay and substantially increases pensions, particularly those of soldiers retiring after the minimum 22 years' service. A lance-corporal or private with 22 years will now receive a pension of £571 a year instead of the £275 of the August 1971 code.

As a result of the new pay rates and charges, new rates are to be calculated, again effective from 1 April 1972, for

unaccommodated rates of local overseas allowance, excess rent allowance, lodging allowance (lower (abated) rates only), family maintenance grants, casual meal charges and home savings contribution.

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body's responsibility was to advise the Prime Minister on the pay and allowances of more

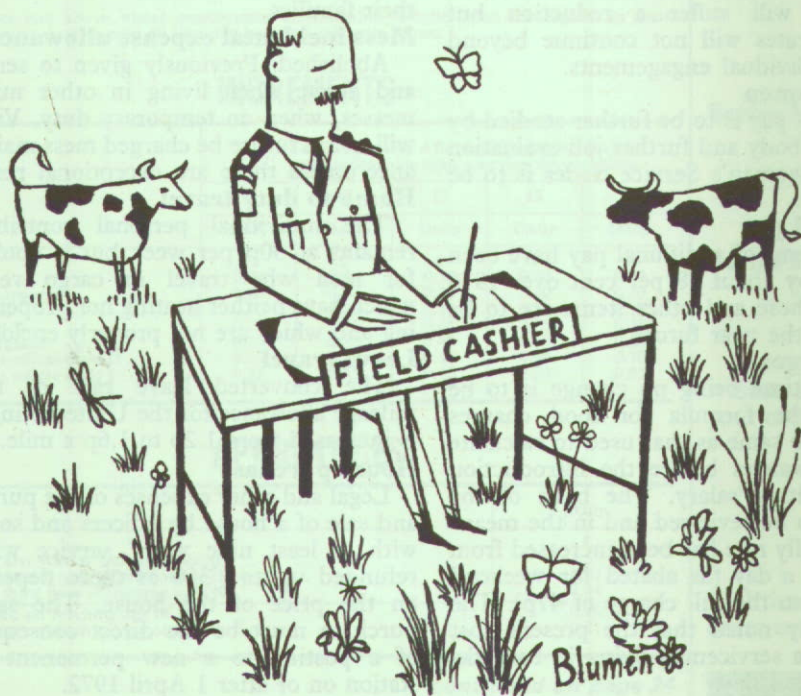
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than 350,000 men in the armed forces and about 15,000 women in the women's Services. At pre-review rates these amounted to £747,000,000 a year, rather more than a quarter of the total defence budget of £2,854,000,000. The review body was told that further reviews should normally be undertaken at two-yearly intervals and that its recommendations would be accepted by the Government unless there were "clear and compelling reasons" for it not doing so.

Making its pay recommendations in weekly or annual rates, the review body recognised that the Services' present pay system requires these to be converted into daily rates. But it hoped that in due course the Services would adopt "a system allowing for weekly or annual salaries as is more usual in civil life."

In its conclusions the review body says that its new pay scales increase the former pay of individual servicemen by amounts ranging from as little as two per cent to about 14 per cent. For women, because of the step towards equal pay, the increases are somewhat higher—from five to 16 per cent. Taking men and women together the average increases in pay are about ten per cent for officers and, including commital pay and service increments, about 11 per cent for other ranks.

Increased charges for food and accommodation total £7,800,000—about 15 per cent. The review body intends to review





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the basis on which these charges are calculated to ensure that they are fair in relation to costs borne by civilians and to the special circumstances of servicemen and women.

In arriving at its recommendations the review body kept in mind that the national interest required the armed forces to be kept up to strength and to be manned by men and women who felt they were being treated fairly in relation to their civilian counterparts. It also took into account the Government's anxiety, again in the national interest, to achieve a reduction in the rate of increase in money incomes.

Finally the review body points out that if civilian earnings continue to increase rapidly there might be a serious injustice if Service pay is left unchanged for two years. Accordingly, says the review body's report, "we shall keep Service pay under continuing review and shall feel free to put forward recommendations on particular aspects of the subject when we believe them to be necessary."

New rates of pay, additional pay, pensions, gratuities and accommodation charges resulting from the review are shown in the tables which follow in this pay supplement.

Other changes are:

## Committal pay

The committal pay element for other ranks committed for at least six years has been increased from 21p to 26p a day, and for those committed to at least nine years from 54p to 65p. The review body considered it important to offer adequate incentives to men to enlist for more than the minimum period and to extend their service as early as possible to save training costs. This will have added importance now that (since May 1972) introduction of the notice engagement allows servicemen to give 18 months' notice of leaving once they have completed their training and given 18 months' productive service.

## Length of service increments

New scales for the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force give more frequent but smaller increments in line with Army practice. Although some new rates are decreased, no individual will suffer a reduction but protected rates will not continue beyond current individual engagements.

## Servicewomen

Women's pay is to be further studied by the review body and further job evaluation studies of women's Service trades is to be undertaken.

## Additional pay

Major items of additional pay have been increased by about 18 per cent over 1970 rates but these and other items are to be studied in the near future.

## Food charges

For the time being no change is to be made in the formula for food charges which is the same as that used to calculate ration allowances before the introduction of the military salary. The basis of the charge is to be reviewed and in the meantime the daily rate has been increased from 39p to 42p a day (as abated for weekend absence from the full charge of 47p). The review body noted that the present cost of feeding a serviceman living in barracks is about 70p a day.

## Food charges

Married accompanied men who spend less than 48 hours in the field or on exercises and who are fed from Service sources in a similar manner to single men, will not now pay casual meal rates or food charges for this period.

## Accommodation charges

Rents for married quarters calculated in 1970 were not then introduced in full because of the large increases which would have been required to bring rents up to the level of March 1968 council house rents. But the staged rents were increased by seven per cent in August 1971 when the interim pay increase of seven per cent was awarded.

The review body recalculated rents for married quarters on the basis of average rents for council houses in April 1971—and found that new rents would have increased by 18 to 38 per cent. The review body is not convinced that the basis adopted for calculating accommodation charges "is justified or indeed equitable" and is therefore to make a further study particularly in the context of Government policy for local authority housing and the proposed introduction of a rent rebates scheme.

As an interim measure the review body has increased married quarter rents by 12½ per cent to the full (unstaged) rents proposed in 1970. This results in increases ranging from 12 to 30 per cent on former rents.

The 1970 charges for single accommodation were introduced in full and no further increase was made in August 1971 at the time of the interim pay award. From 1 April 1972 charges for single accommodation are again based on the full calculated charges; the increases range from 17 to 19 per cent.

## London allowance

Abolished.

## Lodging allowance

No longer payable to those serving overseas (for whom adjustments will be made in local overseas allowance), to single men during sick leave or awaiting posting who are able to live with their families, and married women who are able to live with their families.

## Mess incidental expense allowances

Abolished. Previously given to sergeant and above when living in other military messes, when on temporary duty. Visitors will not in future be charged mess maintenance unless there are exceptional reasons.

## Home to duty travel

The individual personal contribution remains at 50p per week but is abolished for men who travel in cargo vehicles which have neither heating nor proper seating and which are not properly enclosed.

## Leave travel

The converted leave rate of motor mileage allowance for the United Kingdom is increased from 1.2p to 1.6p a mile.

## House purchase

Legal and other expenses of the purchase and sale of a house by officers and soldiers with at least nine years' service will be refunded up to £360 or more depending on the price of the house. The sale or purchase must be the direct consequence of a posting to a new permanent duty station on or after 1 April 1972.



# SOLDIERS' PAY

## BAND 1

Rank	Committed to serve for:		
	Less than 6 years	6 years but less than 9 years	9 years or more
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Private class IV	£ 2.79	£ 3.05	£ 3.44
Private class III	3.09	3.35	3.74
Private class II	3.29	3.55	3.94
Private class I	3.54	3.80	4.19
Lance-corporal class III	3.54	3.80	4.19
Lance-corporal class II	3.74	4.00	4.39
Lance-corporal class I	4.04	4.30	4.69
Corporal class II	4.39	4.65	5.04
Corporal class I	4.57	4.83	5.22
Sergeant	5.05	5.31	5.70
Staff-sergeant	5.39	5.65	6.04
Warrant officer class II	5.68	5.94	6.33
Warrant officer class I	5.99	6.25	6.64

## BAND 2

Rank	Committed to serve for:		
	Less than 6 years	6 years but less than 9 years	9 years or more
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Private class III	£ 3.51	£ 3.77	£ 4.16
Private class II	3.71	3.97	4.36
Private class I	3.96	4.22	4.61
Lance-Corporal class III	3.96	4.22	4.61
Lance-corporal class II	4.16	4.42	4.81
Lance-corporal class I	4.46	4.72	5.11
Corporal class II	4.81	5.07	5.46
Corporal class I	4.99	5.25	5.64
Sergeant	5.47	5.73	6.12
Staff-sergeant	5.81	6.07	6.46
Warrant officer class II	6.10	6.36	6.75
Warrant officer class I	6.41	6.67	7.06

Sergeants and above whose employment classification is lower than class I and corporals whose employment classification is lower than class II shall be paid £0.12 or £0.06 a day respectively less than the rates shown.

## BAND 3

Rank	Committed to serve for:		
	Less than 6 years	6 years but less than 9 years	9 years or more
	Scale A	Scale B	Scale C
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Private	£ 4.47	£ 4.73	£ 5.12
Lance-corporal	4.97	5.23	5.62
Corporal	5.50	5.76	6.15
Sergeant	5.98	6.24	6.63
Staff-sergeant	6.32	6.58	6.97
Warrant officer class II	6.61	6.87	7.26
Warrant officer class I	6.92	7.18	7.57

Sergeants and above whose employment classification is other than the highest in their employment shall be paid £0.12 a day less than the rates shown.

## INCREMENTS

Rank	Total increment After completing number of years reckonable man's service shown below:				
	9	12	15	18	22
	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
	£	£	£	£	£
Private	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Lance-corporal	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
Corporal	0.20	0.30	0.35	0.35	0.35
Sergeant	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.55
Staff-sergeant	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.60
Warrant officer class II	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.70
Warrant officer class I	0.25	0.35	0.45	0.60	0.85

## APPRENTICES

	Daily
	£
During first year of training syllabus	1.53
During second year of training syllabus	2.02
During third year of training syllabus	2.44
Increment on reaching age of 17	0.16
Increment on reaching age of 18 a further	0.21

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# British military uniforms

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## PENSIONS

Years of reckonable service over age 18	Lance-corporal and below	Corporal	Sergeant	Staff-sergeant	Warrant officer class II	Warrant officer class I
	£	£	£	£	£	£
22	571	696	775	833	854	890
23	591	720	802	862	885	924
24	611	745	829	891	916	958
25	631	769	856	920	947	992
26	650	793	883	949	978	1026
27	670	817	910	978	1009	1060
28	690	842	937	1007	1040	1094
29	710	866	964	1036	1071	1128
30	730	890	992	1066	1102	1162
31	750	914	1019	1095	1133	1196
32	770	939	1046	1124	1164	1230
33	790	963	1073	1153	1195	1264
34	809	987	1100	1182	1226	1298
35	829	1011	1127	1211	1257	1332
36	849	1036	1154	1240	1288	1366
37	869	1060	1181	1269	1319	1400

Women's rates will be 90 per cent of the above.

## GRATUITIES

On invaliding	Men	Women
	£	£
3 years' reckonable service	100	90
4 years' reckonable service	115	104
5 years' reckonable service	140	126
6 years' reckonable service	160	144
7 years' reckonable service	185	167
8 years' reckonable service	205	185
9 years' reckonable service	230	207
10 years' reckonable service	250	225
11 years' reckonable service	270	243

On transfer to Reserve or discharge	Men	Women
	£	£
12 years' reckonable service	305	275
13 years' reckonable service	370	333
14 years' reckonable service	450	405
15 years' reckonable service	545	491
16 years' reckonable service	655	590
17 years' reckonable service	760	684
18 years' reckonable service	870	783
19 years' reckonable service	990	891
20 years' reckonable service	1110	999
21 years' reckonable service	1250	1125

## ADDITIONAL PAY

	While under training	Sergeant	Staff-sergeant	Warrant officer	All ranks
	£	£	£	£	£
Army pilots and flying instructors	0.41	1.30	1.49	1.61	—
REME servicing test pilots	—	0.79	0.98	1.10	—
Parachutists	—	—	—	—	0.44
Parachute jumping instructors	—	—	—	—	0.51
Hard lying money	—	—	—	—	0.15
Divers (Pay Warrant 229 and 483a)	—	—	—	—	0.24
Divers (Pay Warrant 483b)	—	—	—	—	0.83
Divers (Pay Warrant 483c)	—	—	—	—	0.89
Air crewmen (Pay Warrant 481)	—	—	—	—	0.30
Air gunners	0.30	0.41	0.55	0.67	—
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 225, 227, 479a, 479b, 479c)	—	—	—	—	0.30
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479c(1))	—	—	—	—	0.41
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479c(2))	—	—	—	—	0.55
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479d)	—	—	—	—	0.67
Helicopter crew	—	—	—	—	0.30

## YOUNG SOLDIERS

	Daily
	£
On entry	1.70

## JUNIOR SOLDIERS

	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1
	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
	£	£	£	£	£
First year of service	1.53	1.59	1.64	1.70	1.86
On completion 1 year's service	1.59	1.64	1.70	1.80	1.96
On completion 2 year's service	1.70	1.75	1.80	1.91	2.07

## OFFICERS' PAY

### NORMAL RATES

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
		£	£
University cadet (a)		1.66	606
Second-lieutenant		4.79	1748
Lieutenant	On appointment	5.75	2099
	After 1 year in rank	5.96	2175
	After 2 years in rank	6.16	2248
	After 3 years in rank	6.30	2300
	After 4 years in rank	6.44	2351
Captain	On appointment	7.26	2650
	After 1 year in rank	7.44	2716
	After 2 years in rank	7.62	2781
	After 3 years in rank	7.81	2851
	After 4 years in rank	7.95	2902
	After 5 years in rank	8.08	2949
	After 6 years in rank	8.22	3000
	After 7 years in rank	8.36	3051
	After 8 years in rank	8.49	3099
	After 10 years in rank	8.63	3150
	After 12 years in rank	8.77	3201
	After 14 years in rank	8.90	3249
	After 16 years in rank	9.04	3300
Major	On appointment	9.45	3449
	After 1 year in rank	9.62	3511
	After 2 years in rank	9.79	3573
	After 3 years in rank	9.97	3639
	After 4 years in rank	10.14	3701
	After 6 years in rank	10.31	3763
	After 8 years in rank	10.48	3825
	After 10 years in rank	10.65	3887
	After 12 years in rank	10.82	3949
Lieutenant-colonel	Special List	12.26	4475
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment, less than 19 years' service	12.33	4500
	After 2 years in rank or 19 years' service	12.67	4625
	After 4 years in rank or 21 years' service	13.01	4749
	After 6 years in rank or 23 years' service	13.36	4851
	After 8 years in rank or 25 years' service	13.70	4949
Colonel	On appointment	15.07	5501
	After 2 years in rank	15.55	5676
	After 4 years in rank	16.03	5851
	After 6 years in rank	16.51	6026
	After 8 years in rank	16.99	6201
Brigadier		18.90	6899

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## ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
		£	£
Chaplain class 4 (captain), class 3 (major), class 2 (lieutenant-colonel)	On entry	7.26	2650
	After 2 years' service	7.52	2745
	After 4 years' service	7.78	2840
	After 6 years' service	8.86	3234
	After 8 years' service	9.15	3340
	After 10 years' service	9.45	3449
	After 12 years' service	9.68	3533
	After 14 years' service	10.99	4011
	After 16 years' service	11.22	4095
	After 18 years' service	11.45	4179
	After 20 years' service	11.67	4260
	After 22 years' service	12.76	4657
	After 24 years' service	13.01	4749
	After 26 years' service	13.26	4840
Class 1 (colonel)	On appointment, less than 26 years' service	13.26	4840
	After 2 years in rank or 26 years' service	13.52	4935
Principal chaplain (colonel)		15.07	5501
Deputy chaplain-general (brigadier)		16.03	5851
Chaplain-general (major-general)		18.90	6899

## QUARTERMASTERS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
		£	£
Lieutenant, captain, major	On appointment	8.36	3051
	After 1 year's service	8.50	3103
	After 2 years' service	8.70	3176
	After 3 years' service	8.87	3238
	After 4 years' service	9.02	3292
	After 5 years' service	9.17	3347
	After 6 years' service	9.34	3409
	After 8 years' service	9.51	3471
	After 10 years' service	9.68	3533
	After 12 years' service	9.85	3595
	After 14 years' service	10.02	3657
	After 16 years' service	10.18	3716
	After 18 years' service	10.31	3763
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	11.64	4249
	After 3 years in the rank	11.80	4307

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Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Lieutenant		£ 6.55	£ 2391
Captain	On appointment	7.51	2741
	After 1 year in the rank	7.69	2807
	After 2 years in the rank	7.87	2873
	After 3 years in the rank	8.06	2942
	After 4 years in the rank	8.20	2993
	After 5 years in the rank	8.33	3040
	After 6 years in the rank	8.47	3092
Major	On appointment	9.70	3541
	After 1 year in the rank	9.87	3603
	After 2 years in the rank	10.04	3665
	After 3 years in the rank	10.22	3730
	After 4 years in the rank	10.39	3792
	After 5 years in the rank	10.56	3854
	After 6 years in the rank	10.73	3916
	After 8 years in the rank	10.90	3979
	After 12 years in the rank	11.07	4041
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	12.58	4592
	After 2 years in the rank	12.92	4716
	After 4 years in the rank	13.26	4840
	After 6 years in the rank	13.61	4968
	After 8 years in the rank	13.95	5092
Colonel	On appointment	15.07	5501
	After 2 years in the rank	15.55	5676
	After 4 years in the rank	16.03	5851
	After 6 years in the rank	16.51	6026
	After 8 years in the rank	16.99	6201
Brigadier		18.90	6899

## LEGAL OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Captain	On appointment	£ 7.81	£ 2851
	After 1 year in rank	7.99	2916
	After 2 years in rank	8.17	2982
	After 3 years in rank	8.36	3051
	After 4 years in rank	8.50	3103
	After 5 years in rank	8.63	3150
Major	On appointment	10.20	3723
	After 1 year in rank	10.37	3785
	After 2 years in rank	10.54	3847
	After 3 years in rank	10.72	3913
	After 4 years in rank	10.89	3975
	After 6 years in rank	11.06	4037
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	13.08	4774
	After 2 years in rank	13.42	4898
	After 4 years in rank	13.76	5022
	After 6 years in rank	14.11	5150
	After 8 years in rank	14.45	5274
Colonel	On appointment	15.82	5774
	After 2 years in rank	16.30	5950
	After 4 years in rank	16.78	6125
	After 6 years in rank	17.26	6300
	After 8 years in rank	17.74	6475
Brigadier		19.65	7172

## OFFICER CADETS

	At RMA Sandhurst	At officer cadet schools and arms schools
	Daily	Daily
On becoming an officer cadet	£ 2.79	£ 2.79
After 1 year's reckonable man's service	3.29	—

## ADDITIONAL PAY

Army pilots and flying instructors		£
Second-lieutenant		1.26
Lieutenant		1.38
Lieutenant, after 2 years		1.50
Captain		1.59
Major		1.59
Lieutenant-colonel		1.50
Colonel		1.10
Brigadier		0.86

	All ranks
Parachutists	£ 0.44
Parachute jumping instructors	0.51
Hard lying money	0.15
Divers (Pay Warrant 229 and 483a)	0.24
Divers (Pay Warrant 483b)	0.83
Divers (Pay Warrant 483c)	0.89
Air crewmen (Pay Warrant 481)	0.30
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 225, 227, 479a, 479b, 479e)	0.30
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479c(1))	0.41
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479c(2))	0.55
Air despatch (Pay Warrant 479d)	0.67
Helicopter crew	0.30

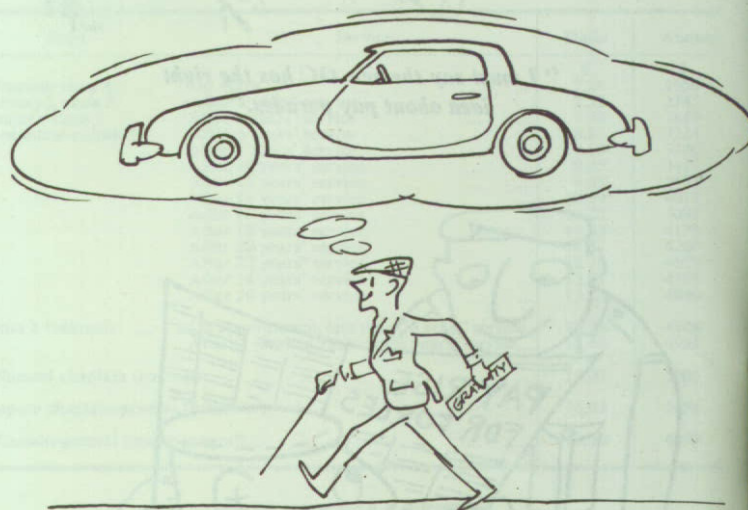
# RETIRED PAY NORMAL RATES

Years of reckonable service over age 21	Captain and below	Major	Lieutenant-colonel	Colonel	Brigadier
	£	£	£	£	£
16	912	1055	1318	—	—
17	950	1103	1380	—	—
18	989	1151	1441	1772	—
19	1027	1198	1503	1850	—
20	1065	1246	1564	1927	—
21	1103	1294	1626	2004	—
22	1142	1342	1687	2081	2426
23	1180	1389	1749	2158	2503
24	1218	1437	1810	2235	2579
25	1257	1485	1872	2313	2656
26	1295	1533	1933	2390	2733
27	1333	1581	1995	2467	2809
28	1371	1628	2056	2544	2886
29	1410	1676	2118	2621	2963
30	1448	1724	2179	2698	3039
31	1486	1772	2241	2776	3116
32	1524	1819	2302	2853	3193
33	1563	1867	2364	2930	3269
34	1601	1915	2425	3007	3346

Lieutenant-colonels (quartermaster) will receive a lead of £174 per annum over the major scale. Women's rates will be 90 per cent of above rates. Senior officer's rates will be announced later.

## CHAPLAINS

Years of reckonable service	Chaplain	Principal chaplain	Deputy chaplain-general
	£	£	£
16	1055	1187	1618
17	1151	1282	1695
18	1246	1376	1772
19	1342	1471	1850
20	1437	1566	1927
21	1533	1660	2004
22	1628	1755	2081
23	1724	1850	2158
24	1819	1944	2235
25	1915	2039	2313
26	2010	2134	2390
27	2106	2228	2467
28	2201	2323	2544
29	2297	2418	2621
30	2392	2512	2698
31	2488	2607	2776
32	2583	2702	2853
33	2679	2796	2930
34	2774	2891	3007



## GRATUITIES

Regular officers	Men	Women
With 10 years' qualifying service	£ 2025	£ 1823
For each additional year	405	365
Women with at least 4 years' commissioned service, per year	—	185
Invalided, less than 10 years' qualifying service, per year	340	306

Short service officers	Men	Women
Normal, per year	£ 305	£ 275
AAC completing 8 years' service active list AAC, per year	258	—
Veterinary officers, per year	350	—



# WOMEN'S PAY

Rank	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Private class IV	£ 2.51	£ —	£ —
Private class III	2.78	3.16	—
Private class II	2.96	3.34	—
Private class I	3.18	3.56	—
Private	—	—	4.02
Lance-corporal class III	3.18	3.56	—
Lance-corporal class II	3.36	3.74	—
Lance-corporal class I	3.63	4.01	—
Lance-corporal	—	—	4.47
Corporal class II	3.95	4.33	—
Corporal class I	4.11	4.49	—
Corporal	—	—	4.95
Sergeant	4.54	4.92	5.38
Staff-sergeant	4.85	5.23	5.68
Warrant officer class II	5.11	5.49	5.95
Warrant officer class I	5.39	5.77	6.22

Sergeants and above in Band 2 whose employment classification is lower than class I and corporals whose employment classification is lower than class II shall be paid £0.12 and £0.06 a day respectively less than the rates shown.  
Sergeants and above in Band 3 whose employment classification is other than the highest in their employment shall be paid £0.12 a day less than the rates shown.

## INCREMENTS

Rank	After 3 years' service	After 6 years' service	After 9 years' service	After 12 years' service	After 15 years' service	After 18 years' service	After 22 years' service
	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Private	£ 0.17	£ 0.37	£ 0.79	£ 0.89	£ 0.89	£ 0.89	£ 0.89
Lance-corporal	0.17	0.37	0.79	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89
Corporal	0.17	0.37	0.79	0.89	0.94	0.94	0.94
Sergeant	0.17	0.37	0.84	0.94	1.03	1.12	1.12
Staff-sergeant	0.17	0.37	0.84	0.94	1.03	1.17	1.17
Warrant officer class II	0.17	0.37	0.84	0.94	1.03	1.17	1.26
Warrant officer class I	0.17	0.37	0.84	0.94	1.03	1.17	1.40

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Rank	Daily
Private class IV	£ 2.38
Private class III	2.64
Private class II	2.81
Private class I	3.02
Lance-corporal III	3.02
Lance-corporal II	3.19
Lance-corporal I	3.45
Corporal class II	3.75
Corporal class I	3.90
Sergeant	4.31
Staff-sergeant	4.61
Warrant officer class II	4.85
Warrant officer class I	5.12

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	After 1 year in rank	5.36	1956
	After 2 years in rank	5.54	2022
	After 3 years in rank	5.67	2070
	After 4 years in rank	5.79	2113
Captain	On appointment	6.53	2383
	After 1 year in rank	6.69	2442
	After 2 years in rank	6.85	2500
	After 3 years in rank	7.03	2566
	After 4 years in rank	7.15	2610
	After 5 years in rank	7.27	2654
	After 6 years in rank	7.39	2697
	After 7 years in rank (a)	7.52	2745
	After 8 years in rank (a)	7.64	2789
	After 10 years in rank (a)	7.76	2832
	After 12 years in rank (a)	7.89	2880
	After 14 years in rank (a)	8.01	2924
	After 16 years in rank (a)	8.13	2967
Major	On appointment	8.50	3103
	After 1 year in rank	8.65	3157
	After 2 years in rank	8.80	3212
	After 3 years in rank	8.97	3274
	After 4 years in rank	9.12	3329
	After 6 years in rank	9.27	3384
	After 8 years in rank	9.43	3442
	After 10 years in rank	9.58	3497
	After 12 years in rank	9.73	3551
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment, less than 19 years' service	11.09	4048
	After 2 years in rank or 19 years' service	11.40	4161
	After 4 years in rank or 21 years' service	11.70	4271
	After 6 years in rank or 23 years' service	12.01	4384
	After 8 years in rank or 25 years' service	12.32	4497
Colonel (a)	On appointment	13.59	4960
	After 2 years in rank	14.04	5125
	After 4 years in rank	14.49	5289
	After 6 years in rank	14.94	5453
	After 8 years in rank	15.40	5621
Brigadier (a)		17.20	6278

(a) Not applicable to QARANC non-nursing officers.

### QARANC NURSING OFFICERS

Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
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Rank	Service	Daily	Annual
Lieutenant, captain, major	On appointment	£ 7.52	£ 2745
	After 1 year's service	7.65	2792
	After 2 years' service	7.83	2858
	After 3 years' service	7.98	2913
	After 4 years' service	8.11	2960
	After 5 years' service	8.25	3011
	After 6 years' service	8.40	3066
	After 8 years' service	8.55	3121
	After 10 years' service	8.71	3179
	After 12 years' service	8.86	3234
	After 14 years' service	9.01	3289
	After 16 years' service	9.16	3343
	After 18 years' service	9.27	3384
Lieutenant-colonel	On appointment	10.47	3822
	After 3 years in rank	10.61	3873

## CHARGES

### OFFICER CADETS

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### STANDARD MARRIED QUARTERS

Payable from 1 April 1972

Type of quarter	Daily	Weekly	Annual
Other ranks	£	£	£
A (1 bedroom)	0.37	2.59	135.05
B (2 bedrooms)	0.56	3.92	204.40
C (3 bedrooms)	0.65	4.55	237.25
D/WO (4 bedrooms)	0.75	5.25	273.75
Officers (a)			
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Payable from 1 April 1972

Type of quarter	Daily	Weekly	Annual
Other ranks	£	£	£
A	0.25	1.75	91.25
B	0.37	2.59	135.05
C	0.43	3.01	156.95
D/WO	0.50	3.50	182.50
Officers (a)			
3 bedrooms or less	0.55	—	200.75
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Payable from 1 April 1972

Rank	Daily	Weekly	Annual
Standard accommodation:	£	£	£
Corporal and below	0.19	1.33	69.35
Warrant officer and senior NCO	0.37	2.59	135.05
Captain and below (a)	0.47	3.29	171.55
Major	0.57	3.99	208.05
Lieutenant-colonel and above	0.64	4.48	233.60
Senior officers occupying single rooms:			
Major	0.50	3.50	182.50
Lieutenant-colonel and above	0.57	3.99	208.05
Sub-standard accommodation:			
Corporal and below	0.13	0.91	47.45
Warrant officer and senior NCO	0.25	1.75	91.25
Captain and below (a)	0.31	2.17	113.15
Major	0.34	2.38	124.10
Lieutenant-colonel and above	0.41	2.87	149.65

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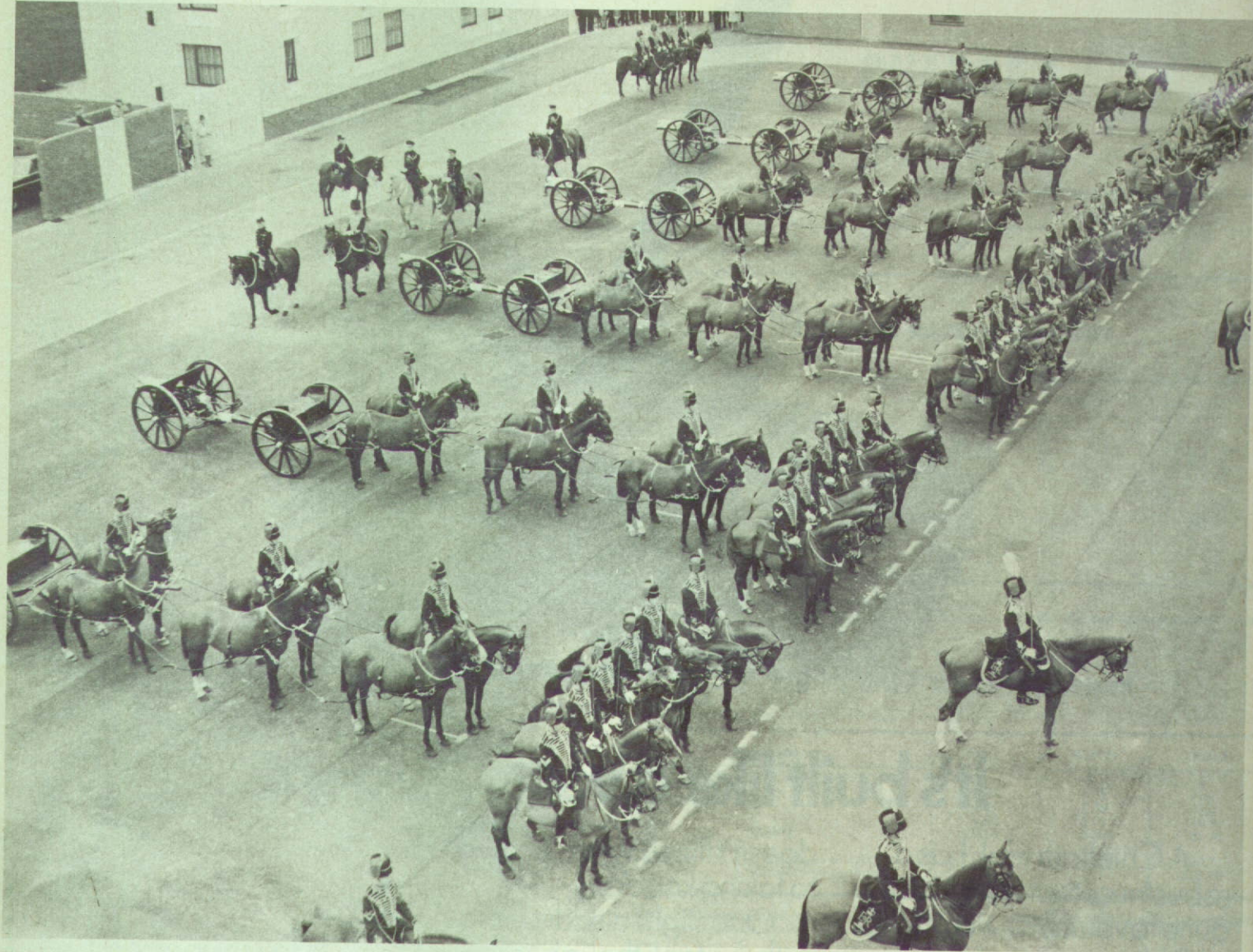
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Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, chatting (left) to the Commandant, Major-General J W Harman, took the salute at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Distinguished onlookers—among them the Sultan of Brunei—saw the Queen Mother present the awards to the best cadets including the Queen's Medal to Senior Under-Officer Graham Talbot from Reading.

The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery (on parade for inspection, below), has moved into its brand new £900,000 home in St John's Wood, London, after two-and-a-half years' exile to Windsor whilst the rebuilding took place. The elegant Georgian riding school and officers' mess have been retained next door to the ultra-modern 22-building complex housing the men and horses on a barrack site dating from 1804.



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Hong Kong based soldiers became submariners for an adventure training expedition to the Malaysian island of Labuan. The seventeen-man team—all members of an off-duty sub-aqua club—used the expedition to gain diving experience as well as just enjoying the sheer beauty of the underwater paradise.



Sight-seeing is all in a day's work for Warrant Officer George MacDonald serving with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in Hong Kong. He heads a three-man team called the Local Resources Inspectorate which is responsible for keeping an eye on equipment locally manufactured for the British Forces in Hong Kong. The job involves regular visits to factories and takes the inspectorate's three men to more of the colony's picturesque backwaters than the average tourist can hope to see.

The Glorious Glosters drew a massive 100,000 crowd to the streets of Bristol when they exercised their right as freemen of the city to march through the town (below) with "bands playing, Colours flying and bayonets fixed." And to further mark the regiment's return from a four-month tour in Northern Ireland the 1st Battalion marched through Gloucester and Cheltenham which also granted the Glosters their "freedoms" some years ago. At the special request of parish councillors there was a fourth parade through the village of Winchcombe, home of one of the three soldiers killed in Northern Ireland during the tour. The men who took part in the marches went on to join the rest of the battalion in Minden, Germany.



Men of 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, found out all about Chinese rural life when they carried out a rural area patrol in the island of Lantau. All units stationed in the colony undertake these patrols at regular intervals. They are considered excellent military training with soldiers having to tramp many rugged miles in the heat and humidity. In return they get a cheerful welcome wherever they go and see timeless Chinese country life as well as panoramic views. Left: Corporal Patrick Kavanagh.

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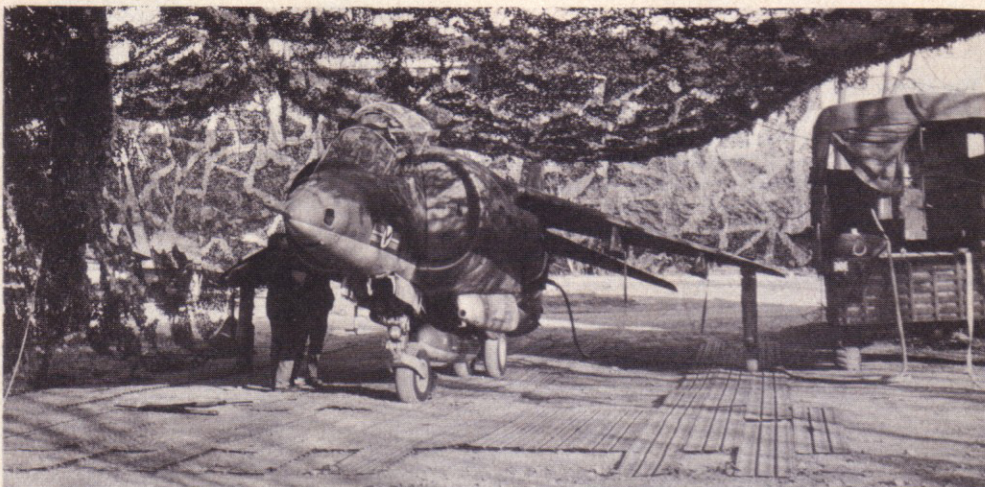
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The siting and hiding of forward operating pads for the RAF's versatile vertical take-off and landing aircraft, the Harrier, was a challenge which had to be met by the Army during an exercise in Germany. The problems were soon overcome by men of 5 Field Squadron, assisted by 26 Forward Support Troop and 217 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group who joined forces with the junior Service during Exercise Far Trek. The sappers had to adapt equipment to cope with this first big Harrier exercise.



Fifty mothers and children from Munster, Germany, know which side their bread is buttered—and so they should after a visit to the Army bakery at 87 Supply Depot, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Qualified confectioner Sergeant Andy Brydon, who is in charge of the bakery, gave the party a conducted tour. The bakery turns out 30,000 loaves a week.



Corporal Peter Drennan, The Royal Irish Rangers, pipes the traditional St Patrick's Day shamrock aboard an aircraft at Belfast's Aldergrove airport for Irish units serving overseas . . .



In Hong Kong the shamrock was handed over to 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, by the colony's Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose. Still further afield there were sprigs for the Irish Guards detachment to the United Nations honour guard in Seoul, South Korea . . .



At home, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visited the Guards Depot at Pirbright, Surrey, to carry on a royal tradition started by Queen Alexandra at the turn of the century when the Irish Guards were formed.

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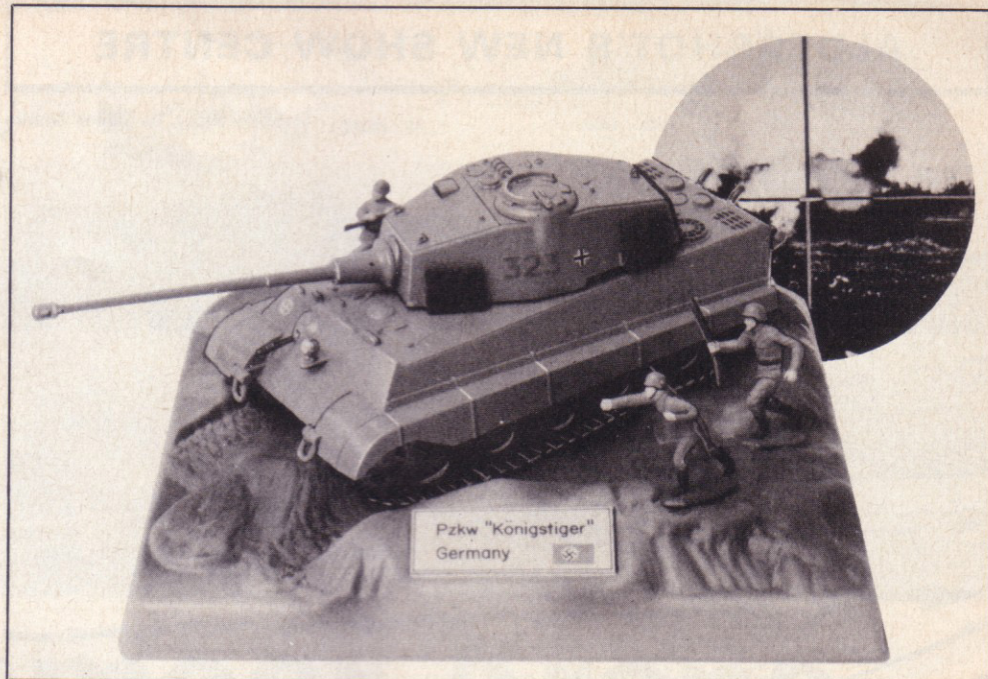


## Peep-show panzer

**R**EMOTE control, multi-speed gear-boxes, individual link tracks, traversing turrets and elevating gun barrels have all been incorporated into plastic model tank kits by enterprising manufacturers.

But the latest innovation is a real eye-opener. It is called a "phota-scope" and gives a gunner's view of a direct hit on an enemy tank.

The device is a miniature slide viewer fitted under the turret hatch. Aurora Plastics Co (UK) Ltd of Beeching Road, Bexhill, Sussex, market two 1-48th scale kits with the "phota-scope"—a German Königstiger and Russian JS III. The kits come complete with transfers and battle-field display stand but are not motorised. The detail is not up to connoisseur



A fourth dimension for kit builders with a gunner's-eye view beneath the hatch.



The German Kanonenjagdpanzer (top) and the American M60-A1 are two of the low-priced, high-definition models by Tamiya of Japan.

standards but these are ideal models for beginners because of ease of assembly and the economical price of £1.10 each.

Tamiya Mokei Plastic Model Company of Japan are also now producing some excellent models in this increasingly popular 1:48th scale. They have managed to maintain features normally associated with much larger and more expensive models—exquisite moulding, motorisation and instruction leaflets illustrated with action photographs. This series so far comprises the Russian T 34/76 and SU-85, German Kanonenjagdpanzer, American M60, M60-A1 and M60-A1-E1, and the unconventional turretless 'S' tank of Sweden. All are available at a remarkably cheap 85 pence.

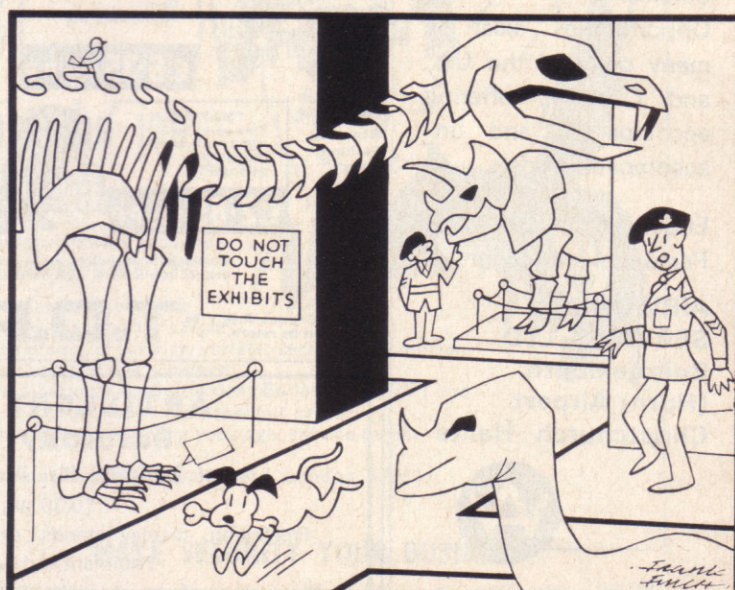
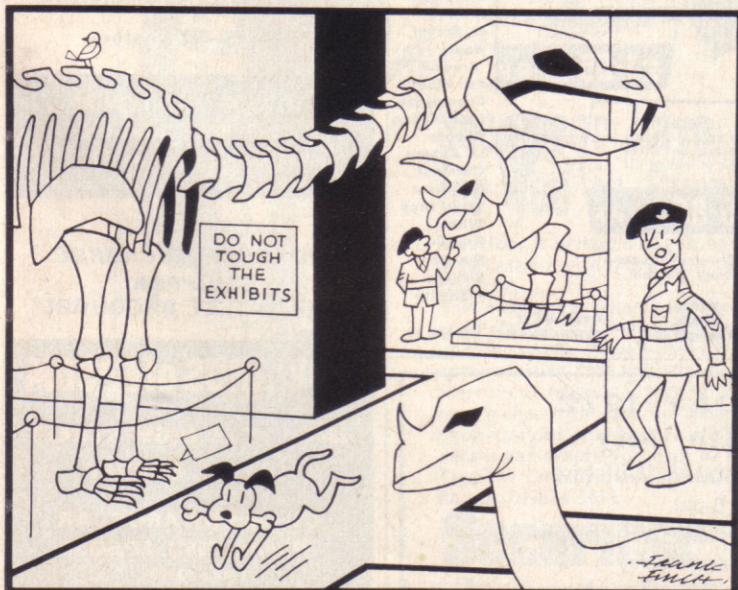
Tamiya's most popular 1:35th scale has recent additions of the US Army M60-A1 and the Type 61 tank of the Japanese Self-Defence Force, priced at £2.60 and £2.30 respectively.

Richard Kohnstam Ltd of High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, who market Tamiya kits in this country, have also recently released some bargain-value paints by the American firm of Testor. They are in mini screw-top jars at seven pence each and the range includes useful military vehicle colours such as olive drab, desert tan and battle grey as well as a rather good gold of interest to model soldier makers.

Diorama enthusiasts will be pleased to know that camouflage netting scaled for 54-millimetre figures and 1-35th scale vehicles can be obtained from Imperial Modelling at 7 St John Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6NU. The netting comes in one-foot by three-foot sheets with plastic rod supports. It is a "bandage" material dyed drab green and at 17½ pence including postage is cheap enough to dissuade do-it-yourself fanatics from going on an irregular sick parade! **HH**

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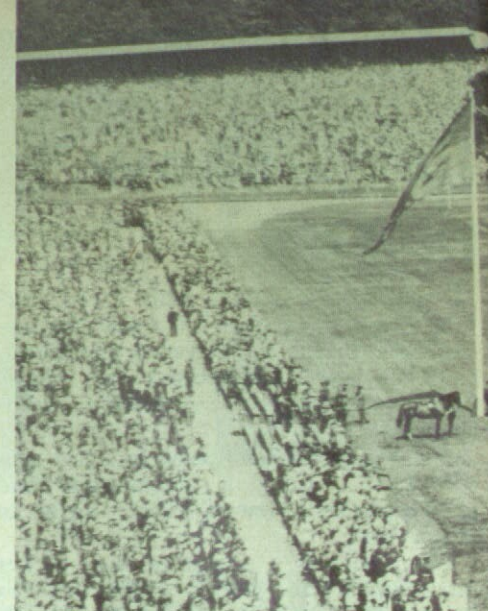
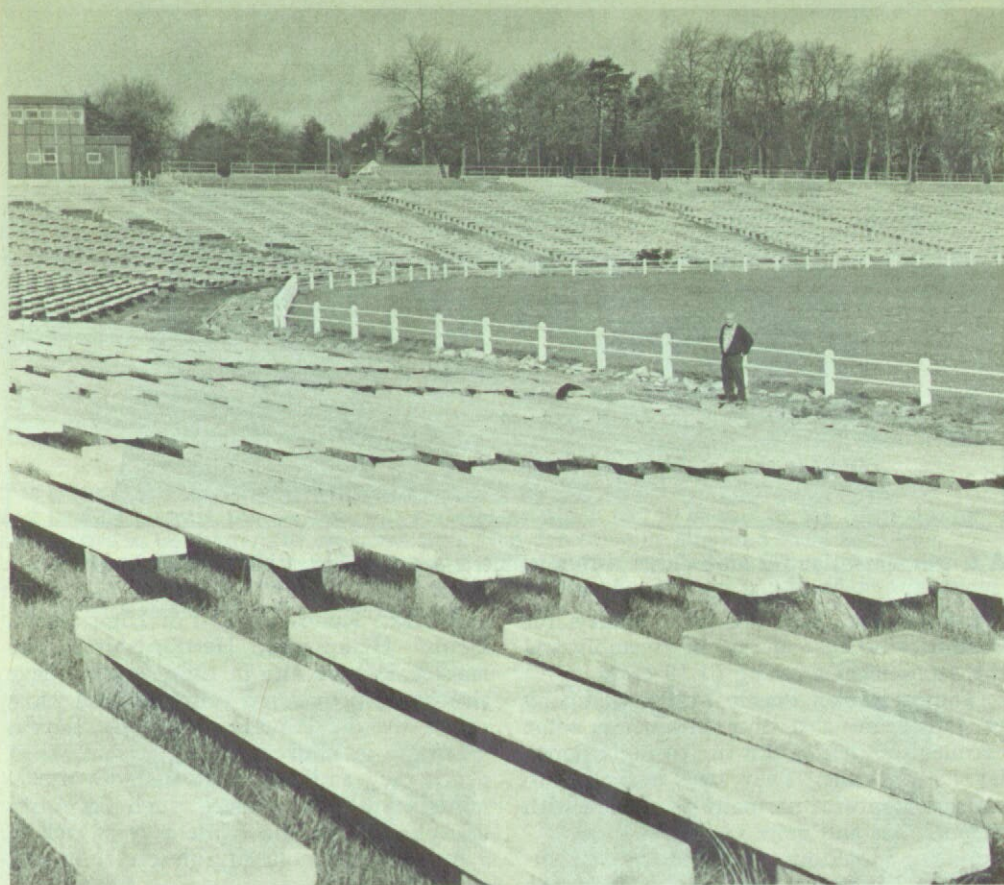
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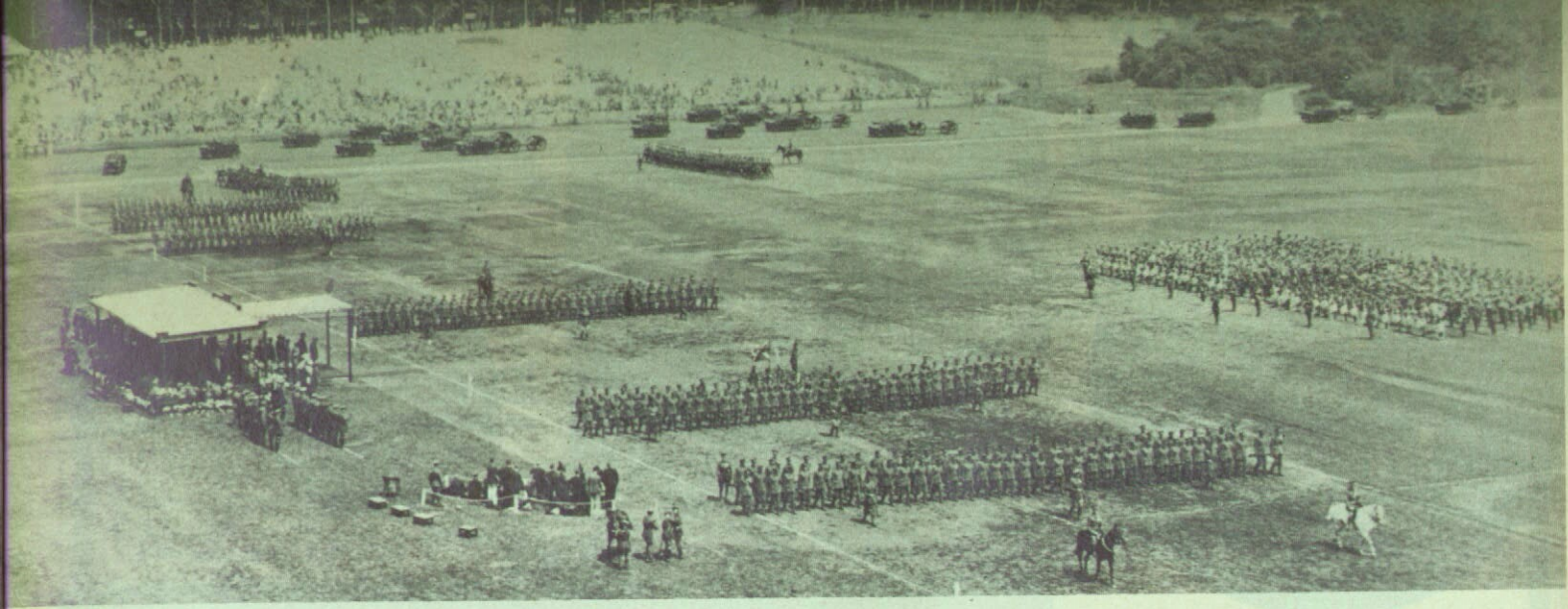
## ALDERSHOT'S NEW SHOW CENTRE

Story by Mike Starke



Left: The renovated open-air stands await the thousands of people expected to attend both Army and civilian events at Rushmoor.

Above: The Silver Jubilee Review in 1935. King George V takes the salute in Rushmoor Arena's heyday. Picture by Aldershot News.



# Back to Rushmoor Arena

**R**ENOVATION work on Aldershot's Rushmoor arena—home of the fabulous pre-war tattoos which drew crowds of half a million—promises to provide the nation with a major show centre.

Planning started in 1969 after the once world-famous arena had suffered nearly 20 years of neglect. Working parties from every unit in the garrison moved in to help clear the weed-choked 56-acre site. Department of the Environment contractors and Royal Engineers co-operated on the specialist work for the first major phase to make it possible for the Aldershot Army Display to be held at Rushmoor this year.

During the last few weeks men of the Royal Pioneer Corps have been manhandling four-and-a-half hundredweight slabs of concrete into position to seat nearly 30,000 spectators in the crescent-shaped

open-air stands. Subsequent work will nearly double this capacity.

Chairman of the working committee responsible for the project is Aldershot's Garrison Commander, Brigadier Rowley Mans. He said: "This is probably the most exciting event that has happened in Aldershot for many years. At long last the Army is to have its own showground second to none in the United Kingdom."

"The Rushmoor arena will not be solely for Army events. We hope that many civilian organisations who have a need for a large showground in a wonderful setting will make use of our facilities."

So the site with its vast arena and a natural woodland backcloth enters a new phase of its half century of history which may make it as famous again as it was before World War Two.

Rushmoor was finished in 1923 and for

the next 16 years was the scene of the spectacular Aldershot Tattoo. The event gained an international reputation and in 1938 the last tattoo, involving 5000 troops in the arena and a further 3500 behind the scenes, was seen by 531,850 people during its eight-day run. Three years earlier Rushmoor was the venue of a troop review by King George V to mark the silver jubilee of his reign. A special pageant in this year's Army Display will illustrate the golden jubilee of Aldershot Borough.

World War Two closed Rushmoor and the arena lay forgotten and neglected until 1950 when it was planned to clear it for use during the Festival of Britain year of 1951. The plans fell through, undergrowth invaded the silent, crumbling stands and the arena's turf lost its military short, back and sides as the grass grew long and lank.

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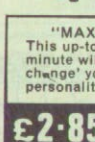
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Although it is not an officially recognised Army sport, tenpin bowling has several thousand devotees among troops stationed in all parts of the globe. The efforts of the Army tenpin bowling committee since its inception four years ago were rewarded early this year when the Army finally broke the Royal Air Force domination and won the 8th inter-service tenpin bowling tournament.

As recently as five years ago tenpin bowling in the Army, although popular, was organised solely on a local basis and competitors in the inter-service tournament had to be selected by word-of-mouth reputation. But in 1967 an inter-service committee was formed with the intention of making the event more selective and the School of Electronic Engineering, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Arborfield, agreed to organise the first Army championships.

Held in November of that year, they attracted 100 entries but by this year this had swollen to more than 300, of whom about a third travelled from Rhine Army to the civilian bowl at Wokingham, Berkshire, where the tournament took place.

At a time when public interest in tenpin bowling, so great in the early sixties, has tapered off somewhat, the Army is moving in the opposite direction. Staff-Sergeant Dave Jepson, from Arborfield, who until recently was secretary to the Army committee, observes: "Today's league bowler, Army and civilian, takes the game really seriously and looks after the equipment. It is a really worthwhile sport."

The splendid results in this year's inter-service event become even more noteworthy when one considers the limited facilities available in Britain for the Army bowler. With the exception of the Naafi bowl at Tidworth and a four-lane bowl at Catterick, he has to use civilian centres



Left: Putting a shapely leg forward is Miss Barbara-Ann Brown, who captains the team of girls (serving and dependants) at Tidworth.

Below: Mr John Windeatt, manager of the Naafi Bowl, Tidworth, and also Army team manager, shows how to bowl for a "strike."



whereas there are about two dozen bowling centres on Royal Air Force stations.

The Tidworth Bowl is one of the busiest in the country with a figure for games per lane per day of roughly double the national average. It was opened five years ago and the bowl manager, Mr J Windeatt, also acts as team manager for

the Army team which gets together about once a month for matches in various parts of southern England.

Sergeant Jim Penny, the new secretary to the Army committee, admits there must be many enthusiastic and skilful bowlers of whom he knows nothing. "It is very difficult to keep track of them—particularly as so much bowling is done at civilian centres."

He recently returned from a tour of duty in Hong Kong where Army bowling is flourishing with 400 troops and their families bowling at six different centres. The Army bowling league at the Star Bowl, Kowloon, has now increased to 32 teams divided into three divisions and as a result of his efforts for the league the bowl manager, Mr Jimmy Foo, was made an "honorary corporal" in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Are you one of the Army's unknown tenpin champions? If you think so and would like to enter next year's Army championships, just drop a line to Sergeant Penny at COD Donnington, Telford, Salop, by this autumn.

The traditional game of skittles from which tenpin bowling is descended uses only nine pins. The tenth pin was added in the United States in the 1820s. Ninepin bowling had become immensely popular and because of rigged games and people neglecting their work State legislatures declared bowling a public outrage and banned the game. But the law specifically prohibited only *ninepin* bowling so some unknown but ingenious entrepreneur legally skirted the law by adding a tenth pin.



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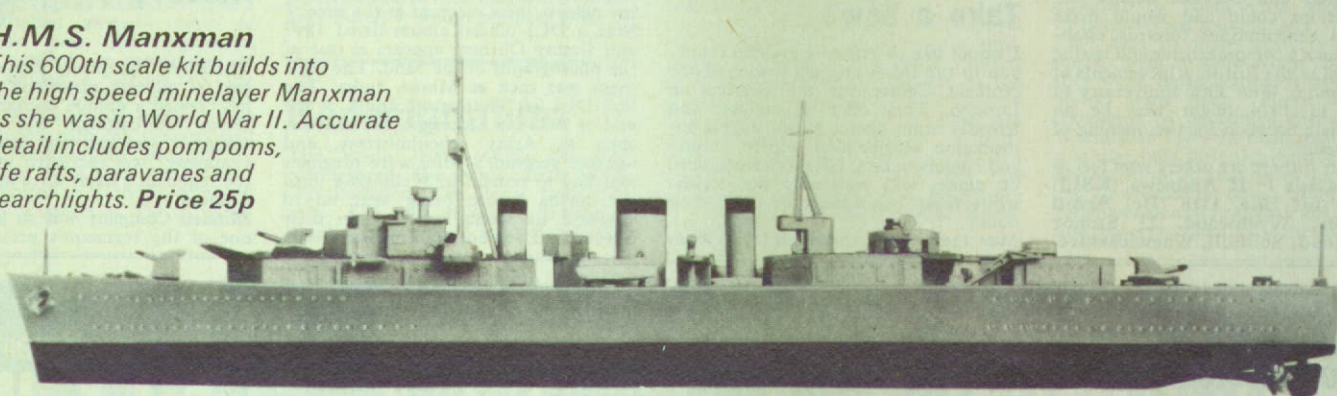
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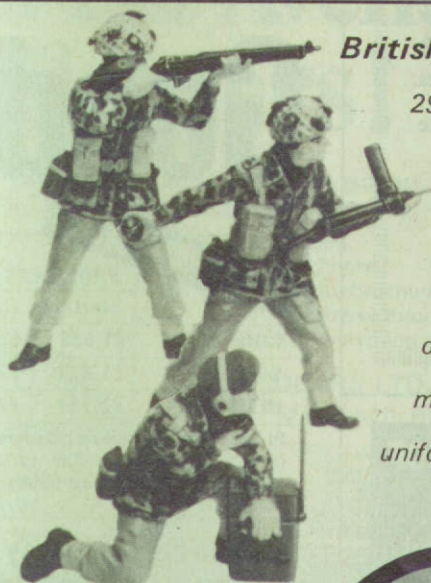
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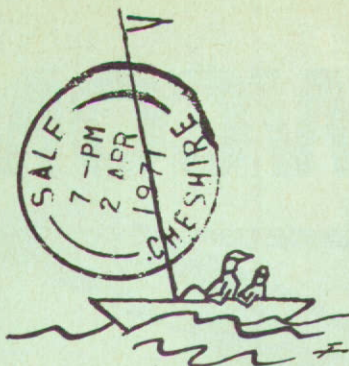
## D-Day museum

I have just returned from a tour of the Normandy battlefields—my first visit since 1944. Though I found much to give satisfaction—the really beautiful and impeccably maintained war cemeteries, the pleasantly rebuilt villages, the warm welcome everywhere and the numerous commemorative monuments at actual landing and battle sites—I was disappointed by the absence of any purely British museum on the specific and somehow very personal lines of the American war museums, at Utah Beach and Ste Mere-Eglise, which I thought most appropriate and effective. I did not feel that the “general” museum at Arromanches adequately fulfils this function though it does, in particular, pay detailed and deserved tribute to the Mulberry harbour undertaking.

I gathered from a conversation with the proprietress of the café at Pegasus Bridge over the Orne Canal that she and others are interested in establishing there a museum to honour and perpetuate the memory and achievements of 6 June 1944, primarily (and quite rightly) of the 6th Airborne Division and associated forces. It occurs to me that such a commendable idea could be built upon to create a truly British war museum of the D-Day landings and subsequent battles leading to the final defeat of the German Army in Normandy some 2½ months later.

Even 28 years afterwards it is surely not too late or inappropriate to do this. I imagine that many individuals, units, associations and Services depots and organisations could and would make practical contributions towards establishing such a comprehensive and lasting memorial to the British achievements of that summer. The 30th anniversary of D-Day in 1974 might well be an appropriate occasion for the opening of the museum.

I wonder if there are others who feel as I do.—**Capt P H Andrews (KSLI) (ex-159 Inf Bde, 11th (Br) Armcd Division), Wyckwood, 23 Stonor Park Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.**



## LETTERS

### Rifle bucket

I agree with Major Sawyer (March) that the ZGB was issued in 1933 but withdrawn in 1935. From that date the 16th/5th Lancers trained before India 1937 on Vickers Berthiers carried by pack horses both in England and in India. It would appear that the British and Indian cavalry all used “Buckets rifle” Mk 1 dated at the latest “Walsall 1915.”—**Charles Dadford (formerly 16th/5th Lancers), 12-14 Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.**

### Take a bow!

I would like to extend a grateful thank-you to the ladies and gentlemen of the Nuffield Centre for the Services in London. They offer an amiable and friendly atmosphere, a painstaking information service and superb theatre and cinema tickets. No serviceman need be alone, and especially not lonely, while these helpful people open their doors.

May their funds thrive and may their

services be used with as much sincerity as they kindly offer.—**Robert A Janes, Coldstream Guards, 32 Buckingham Chambers, Stillington Street, London SW1.**

★ Thank you, reader Janes—your tribute will be welcomed by the Centre which, like many institutions of its kind, too often goes unrewarded for doing a good job.

### Uhlans in Whitehall?

Now that we are more or less committed to the Common Market can we expect to see Uhlans providing the Guard in Whitehall or Italian soldiers performing their famous “running march” in front of Buckingham Palace? Or perhaps we can expect to see Westminster Council employees laying a thick carpet of sand for the French Foreign Legion on their “long” march from Wellington Barracks to Buckingham Palace? After all, someone has to provide for these duties now that most of our troops are in Ireland.

It's just a thought.—**C G Andrews, 16 Blossom Way, Heston, Hounslow, SW5 9HD.**

### Durhams' Durham

Reference previous correspondence about Jimmy Durham, the Arab boy adopted by the sergeants of the 2nd Durham Light Infantry.

My father, Sergeant H E Jefferies, was the officers mess sergeant at the time. I have a DLI official album dated 1897 and Jimmy Durham appears in one of the photographs of the band. The regiment was then at Mhow, India. The 2nd DLI left Wellington, India, at the end of 1902 for Aldershot. My mother, then an Army schoolmistress, and another sergeant's wife, were pregnant and had to remain in Wellington until the births before being sent on to England six weeks later to join their husbands. I was born on 2 January 1903

and, strange to relate, the son of the other sergeant's wife was born the same day. I often heard my parents speaking of Jimmy Durham.—**C E Jefferies, 23 Palace Gardens, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.**

### Foreign Legion

I am about to compile a history of the French Foreign Legion and would like to call upon readers of SOLDIER for assistance. Advice as well as any information whatsoever would be appreciated.—**C H Romero, 7B High Street, Hythe, Kent.**

### Flash in the dark

May I through SOLDIER express my thanks to the person who in reply to my request in Collectors' Corner (March) sent me The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers shoulder flashes? There was no letter with the flashes and no address, and as the postmark was too indistinct to read the only clue I have about the identity of the sender is that there was a Welsh stamp on the letter.—**Michael Clark, 22 Moreton Avenue, Stretford, Manchester, M32 8BP.**

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Dress sense

Lance-Corporal D Smith in Germany (Letters, March) may think his formation lags far behind in the "modern equipment" race. My battalion of The Parachute Regiment is even now still wearing '44 pattern webbing at a time when, 13 years after being introduced, '58 pattern is ruled out by those who ought to know better. Most of the soldiers in the battalion have bought their own, just as they buy spare denims and shirts, but are not allowed to use it.—**S S Jones, Sergeant, Patrol Company, 10 Para, 75 Ragstone Road, Bearsted, Kent.**

Reference Lance-Corporal D Smith's letter (March). He is absolutely right. I have great sympathy with men who have to wear such ill-fitting and unfashionable uniforms. Incidentally, I wonder whether the designer of the men's raincoat took up my challenge issued in your columns (Letters, September, "Doggone great-coat") to wear the garment for a week himself. Perhaps he is too ashamed to report.—**Maj G M B Briggs RCT (V), Schorne Lodge, School Lane, North Marston, Bucks.**

honours, won when six regiments defeated the French at Minden in 1759. During its 18 months' existence, Minden Company served in the Far East and Gibraltar and in every way maintained the proud tradition of the regiment. When the company started to expand to full battalion strength again in January this year the regimental committee decided, in recognition of Minden Company's service to the regiment, that "whenever the Colours of the 1st Battalion are trooped, the guard entrusted with the Colours will be known as The Minden Company." Since January more than 200 soldiers have been posted in to the re-activated battalion. The target is 550 by November.

RFD-RFM-TFM

I am sure many readers found Major D P Monckton's letter (March) of great interest. Whilst the major was interested in my letter (November 1971) regarding the Canadian Decoration in relation to our LSGC Medal, he tends to ignore the qualifying rules for this award compared with the harsh, out-dated rulings for the LSGC Medal. Canada awards her decoration to all ranks of her armed services, whether Regular, reserve or auxiliary, for 12 years "good service" with the right to the post-nominal letters CD. This award was approved by King George VI to replace the LSGC Medal. Surely a similar award with the same qualifications could have been instituted for our armed forces. Such a gesture on the 20th anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation next year would be most welcome and much appreciated by qualifying ex-servicemen. I fail to understand why Major Monckton suggests different awards for the Regular and TA forces. After all, in war whether Regular or TA, all ranks are comrades in arms. I am convinced that the Canadian Government had this in mind when they rejected our LSGC Medal and substituted the Canadian Decoration. I also fail to understand why men—and women—on long service engagements in our armed forces who, because of wounds, injury or illness due to their service are invalided out, sometimes with just a very short period to go to qualify for the LSGC Medal, get no decoration in recognition of their long and loyal service. Surely it would not have been beyond those responsible to have awarded a secondary decoration to offset the keen disappointment felt.

Redesignation

The North Irish Militia has been redesignated The North Irish Militia (4th Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers). The unit, based at Portadown, is a TAVR Group A independent unit.

More TAVR titles

The July and November 1971 editions of SOLDIER listed 20 of the new infantry-type units formed by expanding the majority of the 90 eight-man cadres which remained after disbandment of the Territorial battalions (Category III) of the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve. Still awaiting officially approved titles were The Wessex Volunteers. These have now been granted and the list is now complete. The original battalion of The Wessex Volunteers has been re-titled 1st Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers), and the 2nd Battalion, provisionally named 2nd Battalion, Wessex Volunteers, becomes 2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers).  
**1st Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers):** HQ and HQ Company, Trowbridge; A Company, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Trowbridge; B Company, Winchester, Newport IOW, Basingstoke; C Company, Dorchester, Wallisdown; D Company, Reading, Swindon; E Company, Exeter, Barnstaple, Plymouth.  
**2nd Battalion, The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers):** HQ, Reading; A Company, Portsmouth; B Company, Bletchley; C Company, Maidenhead; D Company, Poole (detachments at Weymouth and Bournemouth). In addition the already approved title of Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment) has been amended to Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.  
**Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry:** RHQ, Clifton; A Squadron, Wigan; B Squadron, Chorley; D Squadron, Preston.

Medals

There have been of late quite a few readers clamouring for medals through your correspondence columns. They are banging their heads against a brick wall. I and thousands more like me in the British Army landed with the first assault on D-Day. The Army commando unit I served with received 100 per cent casualties in the landing and the few months that followed but we were entitled only to the same medal as awarded to Naafi girls serving in Brussels several months later. Let's face it, some who cry out for medals want to show Mum how brave they were. Some who get them do not always want them. There must be thousands of unclaimed medals from World War Two, the main reason being that they hold little significance in their present form. A limless ex-serviceman can be wheeled on to an Armistice Day ceremony alongside a Naafi girl (with all due respect to them, God bless 'em) and

yond those responsible to have awarded a secondary decoration to offset the keen disappointment felt. Many nations award a medal for a wound, and why not? Is it not honourable? Prisoners-of-war are also recognised in this way. Mothers and widows of men killed in action get the New Zealand Cross. There is nothing for our mothers and widows in this respect. Why not? The Commonwealth nations are children of the mother country. I am sure many people will agree with Major Monckton that campaign bars should be signified on the ribbon when worn without the medal and his suggestion on this point is ideal. He also referred to the metal numeral of 1 or 8 as worn by holders of the African Star. It still puzzles me why the Fourteenth Army, of Burma fame, was never awarded the numeral 14 to be worn on the Burma Star ribbon as a distinguishing feature. Was not this campaign just as grim and famous?—**J J Stokes, 15 Charterhouse Road, Stoke, Coventry.**

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## COLLECTORS' CORNER

C H Romero, 7B High Street, Hythe, Kent.—Will purchase any French Foreign Legion insignia.

J C Howarth, 15 Lawrence Street, Preston, PR2 3DT.—Wishes purchase following king's crown cap badges: 9th, 12th, 16th, 21st, 27th, Lancers; Lancashire Hussars 1 Y; Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry; 15/19th Hussars; 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars; 10th Royal Hussars; Tyneside Scots; City of London Yeomanry (Rough Riders); Tyneside Irish; 1st Royal Dragoons; 7th Dragoon Guards; and other cavalry and yeomanry regiments. I D Jackson, 46 Maybank Avenue, Sudbury Hill, Wembley, Middlesex.—Has over 100 Army cap badges and 500 assorted Army buttons for sale; also six volumes Purnell's World War Two. Send SAE for list.

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## REUNIONS

**Military Provost Staff Corps Association.** Reunion dinner Saturday 1 July at Berechurch Hall Camp, Colchester. Details from Hon Secretary, MPSC Association, Berechurch Hall Camp, Colchester, CO2 9NU.

**The Dorset Regiment Association.** Annual reunion and dinner at TAVR Centre, Poundbury Road, Dorchester, 9 September. Details from: Secretary, The Keep, Dorchester, Dorset.

**The Royal Welch Fusiliers Comrades Association.** Annual reunion and gen-

eral meeting at The Barracks, Wrexham 23 and 24 September. Tickets and programmes from branch hon secretaries. Where there is no branch they may be had on application to General Secretary, RWFA, The Barracks, Caernarvon. With AGM taking place at 12 noon 23rd, pattern of events which follow similar to last year. Dinner 50p per head.

## HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

(see page 33)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Bird's beak. 2 C in "touch." 3 Left hoof of animal in far room. 4 Dog's tail. 5 Left soldier's right arm. 6 Length of left black rib of left animal. 7 Shape of eye of bottom right animal. 8 Pocket flap of right soldier. 9 Lines below dog. 10 Left animal's left knee cap.

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The sound produced by this "concert band" is certainly regal though. I could not detect all the instruments one associates with this term but there are plenty of strings which, in special arrangements by Cy Payne and others, add an extra dimension which is altogether ravishing. I'm not sure whether it was meant to sound merely orchestral; it doesn't, and all the better for it.

All in all this must be considered one of the finest records ever made by a regimental band. The arrangements and the skills of the sound engineers give the band a brilliance and colour not heard before and the playing is mostly superb. With bowler at the ready I submit that the Foot Guards bands have neither the time nor the facilities for such experiments as made here. If such shots in the arm for military music are to continue then they must come from the Household Cavalry. It is good to know a start has been made.

Also on side one are Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No 1," "Fame and Glory" by Albert Matt (which on my copy has an odd ending), and Elgar's "Imperial March." "Pomp and Circumstance March No 4," Bergeim's "Chimes of Victory" and Frederic Bayco's "Royal Windsor" make up the remainder of side two. **RB**

## THE BAND of the ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT



**"The Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment" (Director of Music: Flight-Lieutenant Eric Banks) (Invicta INV 101)** By the taste and texture of its omelettes you know which country you are in—the same with wind bands. In these days films, TV shows and verbal accents are often said to be mid-Atlantic, which is how I would describe

the sound of the band on this LP. It is still British in certain qualities but has a few additions that Americans find palatable such as maple syrup and/or ketchup with the omelette.

This record may not therefore be to everyone's taste, especially the diehards. I like the sound as a change but wish the quality of the music could have been better. In an effort to avoid the traditional sound of the military band, Flight-Lieutenant Banks has incorporated half-a-dozen professional players to add ketchup. They certainly add bite and colour but the final result is an English omelette with trimmings.

The programme, marvellously played, comprises several items of film music—"The Major" (a march from the Oscar-winning "Ryan's Daughter") and a theme from "Jesse James" set the mood. "Shenandoah," as a flugel horn solo, is the old shanty served up afresh and "Moonride," a pop tune of no great shakes, all require the available electric guitars and extra bass. A "Cavatina" (Myers, not Raff) serves as a sax solo for Corporal Eric Payne and four trad-type marches, "España," "National Emblem," "Under the Double Eagle" and Banks's own "Castle Hills," written for the 21st anniversary of the RAF Regiment, are all welcome in spirited performances. I quarrel most with the choice of the American Eric Osterling's pieces "Sunburst" and the execrable "Totem Pole." Goldman's "Let Bugles Sound" is little better.

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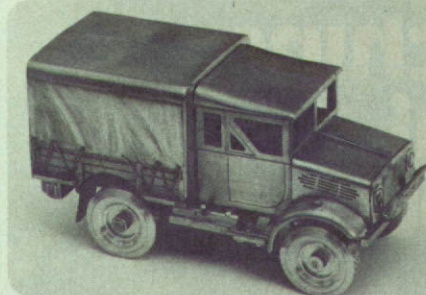
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**"Wellington's Victory" and "1812 Overture" (Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra)** (conducted by Herbert von Karajan) (Deutsche Grammophon 2538142)

It was only a matter of time before a record company paired "1812" with that Beethoven rarity "Wellington's Victory." Known variously as "The Battle of Vittoria" and "The Battle Symphony," it was written at the suggestion of Johann Maelzel, inventor of the metronome, for performance on the panharmonicon, another of his inventions.

To hear "Wellington's Victory" you would never believe it to be Beethoven's Op 91 and written about the time of the 7th and 8th symphonies. And maestro von Karajan does not, if I dare say so, give it an ideal representation. The musketry and artillery are much too dominant to allow even this second-rate Beethoven to blossom as it can. At the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, for only ten pence, you can hear the work as Beethoven would have loved to have heard it, with a band of 230, musketry, trumpets, marching bands, cannon and fireworks. It's a date, on 30 August 1972, and every year.

As a curiosity, though, the orchestral version is worth having if only to hear "Rule Britannia," "Malbrouck s'en va-t-en guerre" ("For He's a Jolly Good Fellow") and "God Save the Queen" as treated by Beethoven. Only a genius could have made these tunes sound like original works.

The "1812" has the Don Cossack Choir in additions to the usual effects but I dare say even that will not tempt you. It is only a matter of time, as I seem to have said already, before "1812" appears in a performance by

the massed orchestras of London, massed bands of The Guards Division, Royal Regiment of Artillery, a rifle battalion, cathedral organ and the Dagenham Girl Pipers. **RB**

**"Brass in Contrast" (Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band)** (Conductor: Jack Atherton) (Polydor Carnival 2982 002)

Carlton Main are in fine fettle here and play a very attractive, varied and unhackneyed programme. Introduction to Act III of Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman"—what a change from "Lohengrin."

I go the whole way with both band and conductor except in their version of Sullivan's masterpiece, the "Overture di Ballo." This is my first acquaintance with it on brass band and a brilliant performance it would have been but for many unauthorised changes of tempo, too many and too exaggerated ritards, and effortful accents. The kaleidoscopic and onward swirl of the waltz was quite lost in gratuitous expressiveness. And the mixture of languages—"Di-Ballo Overture"—makes no sense at all. But even the Radio Times is always at fault here.

For the rest I admired the sheer brilliance of the playing, the zest and brio of the livelier pieces and the sustained tone of the more serious.

W Rimmer's march "La Russe," the old song "Plaisir d'Amour" in an arrangement by Drake Rimmer, a paso doble "El Matador" and Bach's "Passion Chorale" are well known and well played. A newish work, "Fanfare and Miniature Suite" by B L Barratt, I found harmless but well-scored light music just a bit too easy on the ear. In addition

to Sullivan and Wagner, side two contains an arrangement by Siebert of "Windows of Paris," the hymn tune "Whitburn" and Glenn Miller's "American Patrol."

It is rather disconcerting that the items follow each other almost without break, causing some startling changes of mood. **RB**

**"Roger Burville presents the Mortier Dance Hall Organ"** (Starline SRS 5106)

I have twice reviewed LPs of fairground organs, those mighty wheezers that never fail to recall Indian summers of long ago. This LP of a Dutch organ built in 1937 for an Antwerp dance hall recalls instead many a wet winter evening spent in some mock-Gothic Odeon.

The Wurlitzer-like Mortier organ has nothing on the mighty Marengos of my youth.

I'm sure though that you will enjoy your favourite marches played with more tone colours and precision than any band could provide and one can but admire the skill of the man who made the punch card "books" which operate the thing. The "orchestration" is marvellous.

Side one contains "Washington Post," "High School Cadets," "Washington Grays," "The Great Little Army," "Anchors Aweigh," "The Gladiator" and a staggering performance of "Pomp and Circumstance No 1" ruined by a saccharine tremolo in the main tune. Side two mainly recalls the tunes of the Twenties with "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "Never on Sunday," a galop "Circus Renze," "My Blue Heaven," "Ramona," "After the Ball" and a fine selection from "White Horse Inn." **RB**



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He told participants in the display and some 3000 spectators: "All through its history London has provided volunteers for the Crown from the times of the Trained Bands through the Militia, the Yeomanry and the Volunteers up to today. And we in London who have always played a major part in the defence of our nation are going to watch representatives of these important citizens continuing the same traditions."

He added: "TAVR standards are higher than they have ever been before and when I have talked to some professional fighting men I have often found that the regular regiments do admire the work and efficiency of today's TAVR."

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Artillery, battle training and techniques and armoured cars were among the items illustrated during a fast-moving programme in the arena while static displays ranging from a mobile print shop set up by 135 Field Survey Squadron, Royal Engineers, to a casualty simulation by 217 (London) General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps, served to portray the wide variety of specialised tasks taken on by the modern "Terrier."

Pictured above are London's modern mechanised Volunteers carrying on a tradition of service rooted deep in the capital's history.



## Saviour of the BEF

*"Man of Valour: Field-Marshal Lord Gort VC" (J R Colville)*

A biography has been long overdue of the man who so confidently took the British Expeditionary Force to France in 1939 and then saw it beaten and have to flee before the German colossus a year later. Mr Colville, a former Mustang pilot and private secretary to both Neville Chamberlain and Winston Churchill, gives us a biography based on Gort's diaries and the files of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and Committee of Imperial Defence.

Naturally the key episode is that period between 1939 and 1940 in France and here the author does a fine job, showing how much we owe to Gort—if not in brilliance and strategic ability, then in toughness and fighting ability. It was due to him that the BEF lived to fight again and change the course of history.

The author reveals that Gort had suffered from cancer from 1918, that his marriage had ended in scandal and that his anti-Army son joined Gort's old regiment, the Grenadiers, only after the war had started (he died tragically in a motorcycle accident).

Mr Colville fails to give a clear insight into the heart of this man who had no home, no wife, no family (save his daughter) and who after Dunkirk regarded himself as a failure. In 1945, when he knew he was dying of cancer, Gort wrote: "It is disappointing to end up forty years this way . . . which (have) been almost entirely spent in disappointing ventures with no honour and no glory attached."

This is an interesting and well-written book.  
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who in later life became a naturalised American citizen, paved the way for the famous designs of Peter-Paul Mauser, Theodor Bergmann, and Georg Luger, who worked for a time with Borchardt in the Berlin firm of Ludwig Löwe.

But this remarkably detailed book on German pistols and revolvers does not confine itself to the household names. It ranges over the products of men like August Menz, a gunsmith of Suhl, who gained fame for his "Lilliput" automatics, Herr Ortgies and his streamlined pocket weapons, or Fritz Langenhan, who produced three pistols of unusual design, one of which was taken into service during World War One.

These weapons and many others are described in great detail with accompanying photographs and drawings. Useful appendices give details of manufacturers' codes, ammunition markings and other technical information.

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*"Pictorial History of the Machine Gun" (F W A Hobart)*

Major Hobart, a lecturer on infantry weapons at the Royal Military College of Science, does not do his book justice in his choice of title. A pictorial history of the machine-gun it certainly is but the 119 pages of informative text and the concise, well-written captions accompanying the numerous illustrations make it a thorough all-round history of this grim weapon.

The story starts with a reference to the first working attempt to produce a rapid-firing gun by a retired Belgian Army officer in 1857. It consisted simply of a pyramid of 50 rifle barrels which were fired in succession in 30 seconds over a range of two kilometres. From this primitive contraption the machine-gun evolved over the years to the sophistication of such weapons as the



7.62mm Minigun mounted in a helicopter or the Swiss 35mm Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun.

For those not familiar with the workings of an automatic there is a

chapter describing in simple language machine-gun mechanisms. Another chapter deals with British machine-guns, the famous Maxim and Browning guns also rate separate sections as do the automatic weapons developed by Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

This book is well indexed and its arrangement by countries enables the reader to compare the progress of the machine-gun in the major nations of the world.

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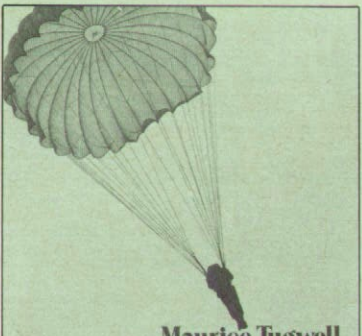


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### World War Two tanks

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The Fortress was the position which the author first occupied when he arrived in the Anzio beachhead as a 20-year-old subaltern. He fought his first battles, and killed his first Germans, in a landscape something like the classic 1917 battlefield. In World War One style, too, he carried a volume of Keats with him and recorded that he would never again be able to listen with pleasure to the singing of nightingales—they would remind him of the fortress.

He was wounded in the break-out from Anzio and tells with gusto of his adventures as a convalescent, and later at a depot, near Naples. His 21st birthday saw him in action

again at Trasimene, and wounded once more.

Since the first edition the author has added an account of his return to Anzio in 1969. He found that the Fortress had turned into one of the loveliest and most peaceful places in the world. He felt he could be happy if he had to live in the valley below. He had even recovered his capacity to enjoy the song of the nightingale.

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