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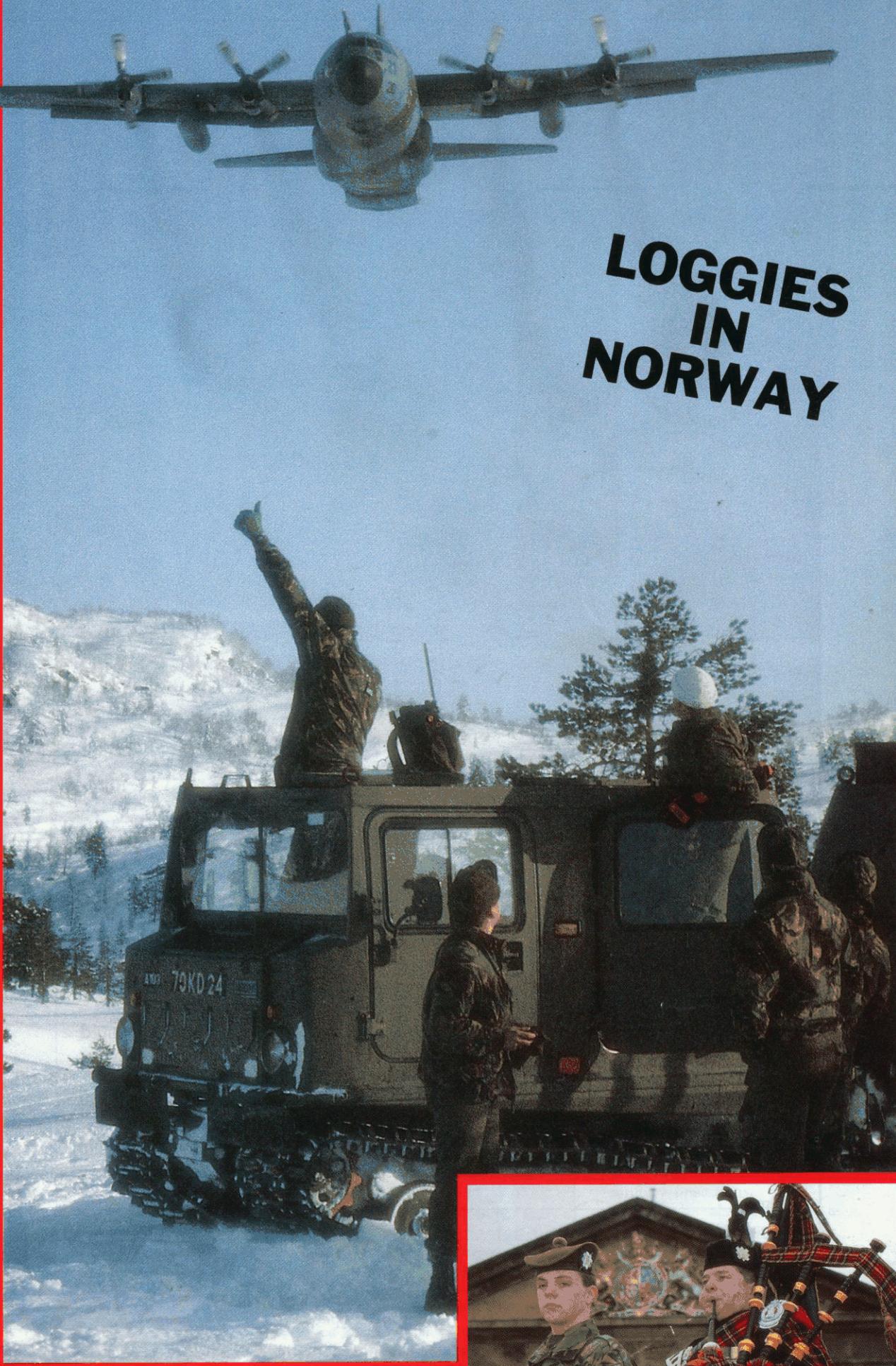
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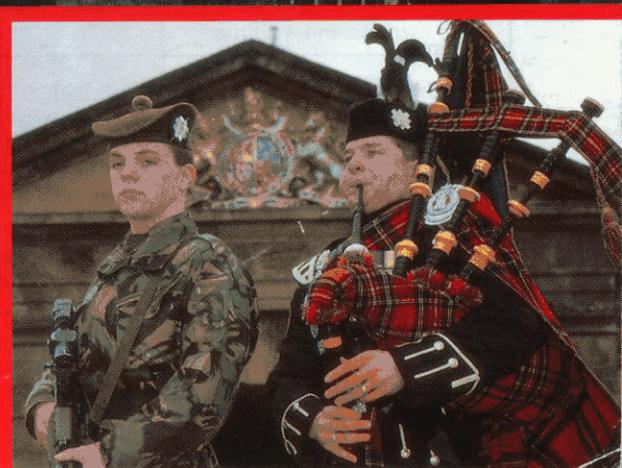
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Student vehicle electrician Pte Kelly Thistlethwaite gathers up old WRAC caps after 31 female Phase 2 recruits in training at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Regiment, Bordon, Hants, had been re-badged into the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The girls were presented with their new REME caps and badges at Prince Philip Barracks by Brig Peter Besgrave, Commandant HQ SEME and Bordon Garrison. The re-badging ceremony on March 1 was one of many which took place at REME units worldwide.



Picture: Mike Weston

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Return of the Ever Readies?

EVER READIES similar to the quick-reaction Army Reservists of the 1960s will be reintroduced if Government proposals, partly as a result of Gulf War experience, are put into effect.

One aim of the proposals is a wider and more flexible use of Reservists who are in civilian employment. It is also suggested that Reservists could be

used in humanitarian work and disaster relief in the UK.

Key points in a consultative document published on March 7 are:

- Establishment of a new category of Ever Ready Reservists for the three Services, who would accept a liability to early call-out for operational deployment.

Some would be individual

specialists such as water and petrol experts, linguists, medics and even journalists. Others would form specialist sub-units to support Regular forces.

- Changes to the law governing call-out of Reservists, and possible consequences for the Safeguard of Employment regulations.

- A new concept for civilians employed by either the Ministry of Defence or defence contractors, who would have a Reserve obligation in their contract of employment, making them available for deployment overseas in support of military operations.

The proposals are based on a report on longer-term possibilities for Regular and Volunteer Reservists by a team studying

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FRONT COVER (main picture): Sgt George Hilliar of the Logistic Support Battalion's 42 Squadron RCT acknowledges the safe receipt of an air drop high in the Norwegian mountains during Exercise Hardfall '92. See Pages 21-25.

(Picture: Mike Weston)

INSET: Pte Fraser Stewart and Piper Kevin Harraughty provide a Royal Scots welcome for the Princess Royal at Fort George. More in Pages 13-15. See also back cover. (Picture: Mike Perring)

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House of Commons Defence Committee

Size of smaller Army questioned

FEAR that reductions in the Army have been taken too far is expressed in the latest report of the House of Commons Defence Committee.

In view of recent events, the all-party watchdog group of MPs calls on the Government to "stand back and take stock" of the proposals during the next year.

It questions whether the proposed size of the Army is adequate to deal with unforeseen contingencies and whether peacetime commitments can be met without unacceptable strain.

Points from the report included:

Rapid Reaction Corps: While welcoming the fact that the UK is to lead Nato's Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), the committee is concerned about what effect their liability to serve in Northern Ireland will have on their commitment to the Corps.

The scale and quality of the UK commitment to the ARRC would need to match its leadership of the Corps for

many years ahead, says the committee.

Non-infantry arms and services: The committee is concerned about the strength of the proposed armoured reconnaissance capability but welcomes recognition of the role of armed helicopters and the proposal for an integrated logistic corps.

Infantry: The committee analyses the extent to which the infantry will be able to meet its foreseeable peacetime commitments, particularly emergency tours to Northern Ireland and Belize.

While endorsing the target of full manning, it draws attention to the "price to be paid" for greater participation by the Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Artillery and Royal Marines in emergency tours and doubts that the minimum interval level between tours will be achieved.

Public duties: One committee conclusion is that there is a powerful case for some of the cost of the Army's public ceremonial duties to be taken away from the defence budget.

Amalgamations: The com-

mittee reports "the profound sense of grievance and unfairness which the affected regiments feel."

Gurkhas: Examining the proposal to reduce the Brigade of Gurkhas to around 2,500, the committee calls on the MoD to "resist pressure to reduce the recruitment infrastructure in Nepal beyond that required to ensure that recruits continue to be of the same outstanding quality" and concludes that the two remaining battalions will "represent excellent value for money".

Responding to the report, Defence Secretary Tom King said the committee was right to express any concerns it had, although it made no specific recommendations.

His department kept the changes to the Army under constant review and would act accordingly in the event of any marked change in the world security situation.

He stressed that the re-shaped Army would have fully-manned units which would be strong enough to achieve the emergency tour plot.

Training stood the war test

GEN Frederick Franks, who commanded 7th (US) Corps which included the 1st (UK) Armoured Division during the Gulf War, had nothing but praise for his wartime allies when he made a four-day visit to Britain to see British Army training.

Now Commanding General of the US Army's Training and Doctrine Command, Gen Franks toured British training camps with his United Kingdom counterpart, the Inspector General Doctrine and Training, Lt Gen Sir Garry Johnson.

After meeting the Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Peter Inge, Gen Franks visited a battalion preparing to deploy to Northern Ireland, saw the new AS 90 self-propelled howitzer being fired, and watched an urban warfare demonstration on Salisbury Plain.

Gen Franks said he had seen the British Army's training methods stand up well to the demands of war in the Gulf.

Cavalry titles

DUE to a transcription error the list of new titles of cavalry regiments which appeared in the March 9 issue contained an inaccuracy.

The five new cavalry regiments are:

- **The Royal Dragoon Guards**, formed by the amalgamation of 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards;

- **The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish)**, from The Queen's Own Hussars and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars;

- **The King's Royal Hussars**, from The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) and 14th/20th King's Hussars;

- **The Light Dragoons**, from the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) and 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars;

- **The Queen's Royal Lancers**, from the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers and 17th/21st Lancers.

Ever Readies to return?

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the mix of Regular and Reserve forces.

"During the Gulf conflict, many civilians from industry supported high technology equipment for the coalition in the Middle East," Defence Secretary Tom King says in his introduction to the consultative document.

"Drawing on this experience, the report suggests it could be useful if some civilians from the defence industries and support agencies were also Reservists."

"The report proposes a structure to allow Britain's Reserves to undertake potential defence tasks (in Europe, wider

afiel and humanitarian work at home) where in the past we would have looked to Regulars alone."

The new Ever Readies would fall into two types:

- **Type A Ever Readies** who would provide rapid reinforcement for Regular forces by voluntarily accepting liability for immediate call-out for specialist tasks. They would have priority over other volunteers for training, equipment, and, if necessary, bonus incentives.

- **Type B Ever Readies** - "pool" reinforcements who would be less immediately available and would have less specifically-defined employ-

ment on call-out. They might have training priority over others but would not receive bonus incentives. One role might be providing military aid to the civil community in the event of a disaster.

The MoD is looking for comments from interested parties by the end of April.

The aim is to implement agreed proposals after 1995.

Team in Moscow

AN MoD-led British technical team has met Russian counterparts in Moscow following President Yeltsin's request for assistance with their nuclear weapons reduction programme.

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Beefed-up TA Para battalion confirmed

THE permanent establishment of the new battalion to be formed by amalgamating 4 and 15 (Volunteer) Battalions of The Parachute Regiment will be 490, Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton confirmed in Parliament.

The rifle companies will have

the same formal establishment as those in all 36 TA infantry battalions, but will be increased by an allowance for recruits and support elements. The Scottish company of the new battalion will be able to overbear.

It is envisaged that detachments will be based on shared

TA centres at their present locations, he said. Headquarters of 4 Para is at present at Pudsey, with companies at Liverpool, Oldham, Gateshead and Norton, Stockton and outposts in Lincoln (16 Coy) and Leicester (15 Platoon). The 15 Para HQ and one company

is at Glasgow, with other companies at Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Troon and 6 Platoon based at St Andrews.

Details such as the question of two support companies, the personnel of two battalions and the exact name of the new battalion are as yet unresolved.

Search team on form in Belfast

THERE were congratulations all round when a search team from the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire discovered two major hordes of terrorist weapons in West Belfast.

The battalion, currently serving in the city, uncovered an RPG 7, two AKM assault rifles, a handgun and a large quantity of ammunition.

Details of the find, made in November, have just been released.

The same search team made another significant discovery in January while assisting the RUC, uncovering 23kg of Semtex, a sniper rifle, a pistol, a large quantity of ammunition, and 11 bags of fertiliser for use in home-made explosives.

PWO soldier saves life

Cpl Chris Speight of 1 PWO saved the life of 74-year-old man knocked down by a car in North Belfast.

When Chris (pictured) arrived on the scene the man had stopped breathing. He had swallowed his tongue and his false teeth were wedged in his throat.

Cpl Speight, currently on a six-month tour with his battalion in West Belfast, cleared the obstructions and gave heart massage until the man started to breathe again.



Coventry tribute

Iron Fist loggies pass the field test

MORE than 3,500 tons of simulated ammunition went on the move when logistic units in HQ 3rd Armoured Division were tested in the field.

Exercise Iron Fist involved the ammunition being loaded on to 40 railway wagons at Sennelager, unloaded at Soltau and transported by road to RAOC exercise supply areas.

All the logistic units had to make a 400km road move and cross a bridge built by 26 Engineer Regiment near Alfeld.

Lt Col Graham Fox, commanding officer of the 4th Armoured Division Transport Regiment, presents the ignition keys of a Stalwart high mobility load carrier to Cllr David Edwards, Lord Mayor of Coventry. The Stalwart, built by Alvis in Coventry, is to go on display in the city's Museum of British Road Transport as a permanent memorial to Dvr Jason McFadden, a Coventry soldier killed on active service with 4 ADTR in the Gulf in February last year.

Big drop in numbers

REME and RAOC units at the exercise locations rehearsed their technical roles, and the RAMC dealt with simulated casualties provided by the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders.

The battalion also supplied an enemy force to keep everyone alert.

The GOC, Maj Gen Christopher Wallace, visited all his logistic elements during Iron Fist, a feature of which was its light accident figures and damage.

STRENGTH of the Army on December 31 was 146,018 according to the latest figures released by the Government Statistical Service, down by 3,588 on the previous year.

A breakdown of the figures reveals that there were 16,089 male officers, 122,301 Service-men, 1,073 female officers and 6,555 Servicewomen in uniform at the end of 1991.

Since then the first phase of Options for Change redundancies, totalling nearly 3,500, has been announced.



Jobcentre open for business at Herford

IN BRIEF

THE FIRST Department of Employment Jobcentre to be established outside the United Kingdom has opened its doors in Germany at Herford, headquarters of the 4th Armoured Division. Its staff will give Service personnel and their families up-to-date advice about civilian job opportunities in the UK.

The Jobcentre was opened by Commander 1 (BR) Corps, Lt Gen Sir Jeremy MacKenzie, and will operate initially until June as a pilot scheme.

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Of the 3,338 Army personnel given redundancy notices last month, 2,500 were soldiers and 838 were officers. All but 143 officers had applied to be made redundant.

The precise number, by rank, of those made redundant was: brigadiers 17, colonels 65, lieutenant colonels 208, majors 472, captains 76 (all officers over 40 years old), WO1s 26, WO2s 232, staff sergeants 406, sergeants 921, and corporals 915.

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Ten members of 110 Provost Company RMP and one from 3 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC left the safety of Sennelager for the wilderness of Ecuador to explore El Sangay, one of the world's most active and dangerous volcanoes.

Led by Capt Lucy Stephens

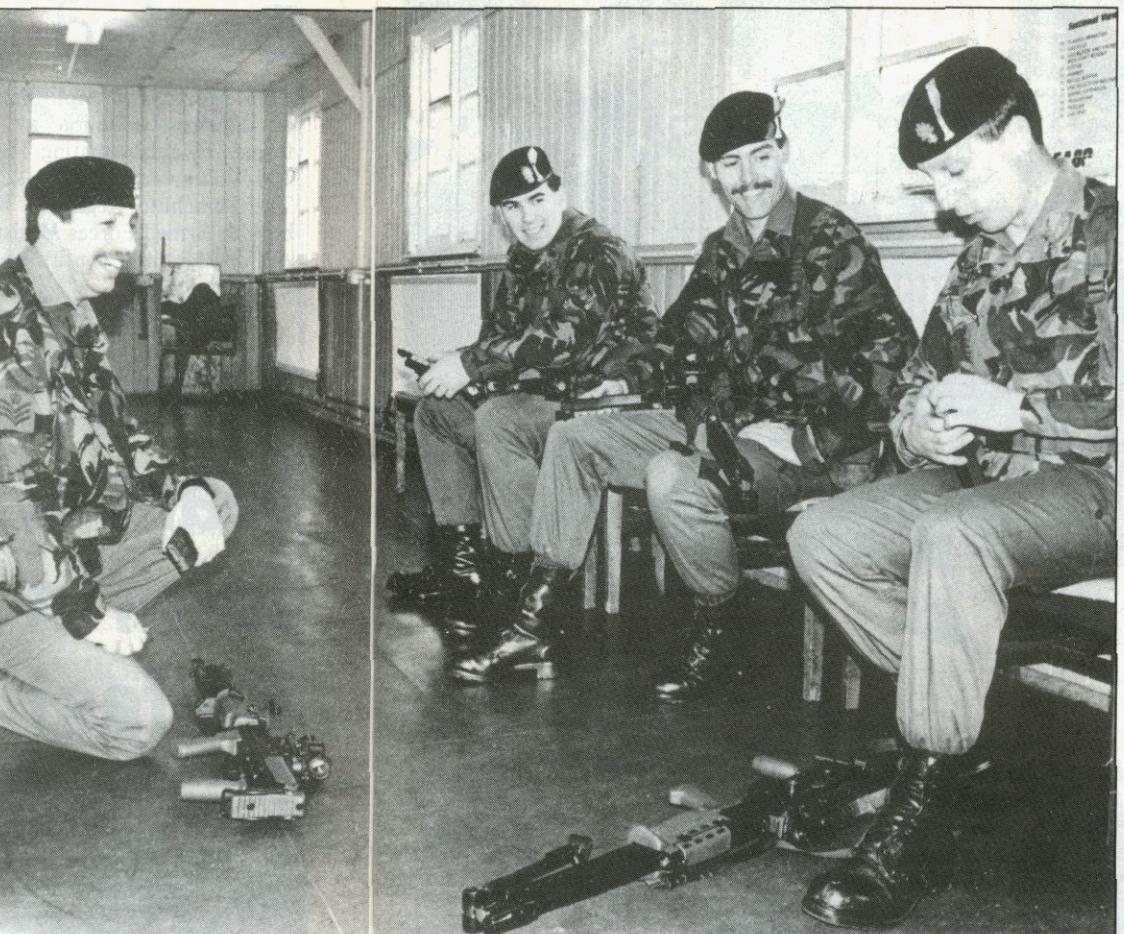
and WO2 Graham Pollard, the party trekked for three days to reach El Sangay, which erupts about every 20 minutes. All ten made it to the summit before a fresh eruption drove them down the mountain.

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Maj Gen Geoff Field, late RE, has succeeded Maj Gen Leslie Busk as Honorary Colonel Royal Engineers Volunteers (Specialist Units).

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The Queen has approved the appointment of Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson as Lieutenant of the Tower of London. He succeeded Lt Gen Sir Derek Boorman on March 1.



Fusiliers get to grips with SA 80 at Kinmel Camp.

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Barrow Terriers win cup

A TEAM from the 4th Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment sub-unit based at Barrow-in-Furness won the Derby Trophy for infantry skills competition at Holcombe Moor, Lancashire.

Since 1975, when the competition - created for the Lancastrian Volunteers in 1968 - was thrown open to Territorial Army Infantry units, 4 Kings Own Border based in Cumbria and North Lancashire have failed to win the trophy only once when a team from 5/8 Kings triumphed.

● Maj Gen Mike Regan, GOC Wales and Western District, visited RHQ Kings Own Border at Carlisle during a tour of the 4th Battalion's units in Cumbria and North Lancs.



Revellers attack the barracks of the 3rd Armoured Division, Transport Regiment in Duisburg, Germany, for probably the last time during their annual Karneval celebrations. When the regiment returns to Britain the 27-year tradition of the Duisburg Red Sparks Club storming the gates of Glamorgan Barracks will cease.

Barracks 'stormed'

Fusiliers delighted with SA 80

THE 3rd Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers' long-awaited conversion to the new SA 80 rifle began on St David's Day weekend.

Officers and permanent staff instructors gathered at Kinmel Camp, North Wales on February 29 for a study day which included a hands-on session with the SA 80.

Highlights of the 3 RWF summer training programme include the battalion patrols competition in mid-Wales in May and the annual camp at Lydd in Kent in September.

The former is a new venture in which company teams will

compete for the Talaith y Ddraig Goch (Red Dragon chalice) and individuals will earn themselves a place on the battalion's Cambrian Patrol team.

The annual camp will make the most of the ranges at Lydd to practise with SA 80. CO Lt Col Mike Lewis said: "We plan to convert as quickly as possible from SLR to SA 80. The fusiliers are looking forward very much to trying it out."

Visits to the 1st Battalion in Berlin will continue throughout spring and summer, before it is posted back to the UK later in the year.

TA sapper squadron given new war role

SHEFFIELD-based 106 (West Riding) Field Squadron RE has re-roled under Options for Change to support the Royal Air Force.

Formerly a squadron of 72 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers), with headquarters at Gateshead, 106 Fd Sqn became part of 73 Engineer Regiment, roled to repair damaged airfields in time of war.

The loss of the unit was marked by a special parade during 72 Engr Regt's training weekend at Ripon last month. Members of the regiment who took part in Operation Granby were presented with Gulf Medals and officers of 106 Fd Sqn were formerly dined out.

About 600 volunteer sappers serve with 72 Engr Regt, which also has squadrons at Gateshead, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Hartlepool.

EOD men get Gulf Medals

Proud moment for five men of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) based at Chatterton, Kent as Gen **John R Galvin**, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, presents them with their Gulf Medals. SACEUR is pictured shaking hands with Cpl **Keith Prescott** as Spr **Fitzsimmons** waits to receive his medal. Other recipients were Capt **Baz Nightingale**, WO2 **Olly Allerhead** and Sgt **Glen Jennings**.

The five men served with 49 (EOD) Squadron Grouping during the war.

Promoted – in Moscow!



A sure way to be proved wrong is to claim that someone, or something, is unique. But the promotion in the former Soviet Union on New Year's Eve of Berlin-based interpreter CSgt **Lawrence Skuse**, 1 RRW attached to 2 RMP (see SOLDIER, February 10), seemed a safe bet.

Not so. We hear that Lt Col **Noel Dawes**, Staffords, (pictured) was also promoted while in Moscow on the same night.

Now back in Cardiff where he is the project officer for the city's big band display at the end of July (see Diary, Page 36), the then Maj Dawes was a member of an Association of Military Christian Fellowships team which made an evangelical and humanitarian visit to the Soviet Union soon after Christmas.

"We were there at the invitation of two serving officers who are Christians to act as a catalyst to help the Russians introduce chaplains into their armed forces, and to advise them how to set up similar Christian fellowships."

Lt Col Dawes, who is soon to take up an appointment at SHAPE, also spent several days at St Petersburg, delivered Christmas presents from his church in Watford to Novgorod, and helped to unload and distribute US aid flown in at the time.



Peter was one of the first

LCpl **Peter Keetley**, one of the first soldiers to be whisked off to the Gulf when the crisis arose, receives his Gulf Medal from Brig **Ronnie Silk**, Commander 143 (West Midlands) Brigade based at Shrewsbury.

Peter went to the Gulf in September 1990 and served throughout the war on the staff of Gen **Sir Peter de la Billière**.

Now posted to Brigade HQ at Shrewsbury, he is writing a history of the brigade in his spare time. He has completed the period 1908-1940.



Roy's bridge

SSgt **Roy Bowker** (left) of 75 Engineer Regiment is one of the few whose name will live on after he leaves the TA. He was the bridge commander when a new heavy girder bridge was constructed at the Altcar training area, near Southport, and it was decided the new bridge should be named after him.

Bowker Bridge was formally opened at a special ceremony by Brig **Nigel Lacey** (right), Commander 30 Engineer Brigade.

Soldiers from Merseyside-based 156 Transport Regiment transported all the parts to the site and construction of the heavy girder bridge was carried out by 107 Field Squadron.

Glosters sign up a sailor

For the first time in nearly 300 years, we hear, the back badge of The Gloucestershire Regiment is being worn officially by the Royal Navy. Lt **Steve Powell**, on attachment to the Glosters from HMS *Gloucester*, will wear the back badge while with the regiment for a Trumpet Dance exercise at Fort Lewis, USA.

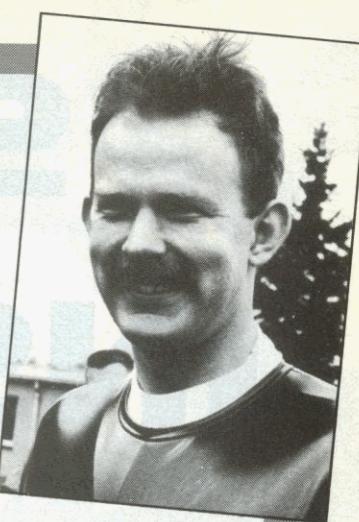


Ian's OC saw his potential!

Representing Great Britain in the luge at the Winter Olympics in France was 28-year-old Cpl **Ian Whitehead**, of 101 Provost Company RMP based at Düsseldorf.

Ian took up the sport when he was posted to Munster in 1987, and showed such potential that his OC at the time wrote: "I expect him to be a runner in the 1992 Winter Olympics."

That prediction came true, and Ian went on to finish 27th. In 1990 he won a coveted gold medal in the World Cup B competition.



PEOPLE



Range of options

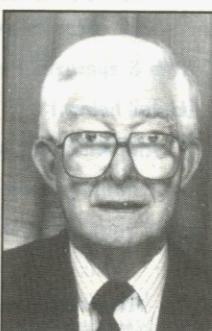
Wives of serving personnel joined Falkland Islands women for an open day at Mount Pleasant which included driving four-tonne trucks and shooting on the Mare Harbour range under the instruction of the Resident Infantry Company, the Grenadier Guards from Caterham in Surrey.

Bill celebrates 50-year link

Colchester-based military and civilian tailor **Bill Jolliffe** has celebrated a 50-year link with the British Army – a connection which goes back even further in his family.

After serving in the Second World War, he joined his father's tailoring business, opening a civilian outfitter's in Colchester in 1947.

His father joined the Army as a tailor in 1917 and, in the early 1920s, when the bulk of military tailoring was handed over to contractors, took his discharge and gained one of the first contracts at Lichfield. Then, when the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry arrived at Albany Barracks,



Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, they needed the services of a master tailor.

"My father gained that contract," says Bill.

"In the early 1930s the unit moved to Bordon and in 1936 we arrived in Colchester. My father died in 1972 and the firm has since continued to prosper."

In the late 1950s, Jolliffe's made the first of the present-day sergeants' and warrant officers' mess kits, for the Duke of Wellington's.

Bill was Colchester Garrison tailor until 1984 and now runs both a military and civilian outfitters in the town.

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Pte Vincent Stott, Britain's youngest soldier in the Gulf War, receives his medal from the Princess Royal

Era's end for Royal Scots



THE PRESENTATION of Gulf War medals by the Princess Royal to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) marked the end of an era, according to its commanding officer, Lt Col Iain Johnstone.

"You can't look backwards all the time. There has to be a certain point when you have got to start looking to the future. The parade marked the end of the Gulf era for us and a very fitting end it is, but we have new challenges to face."

"The Gulf was such an

Words: Laurie Manton
Pictures: Mike Perring

enormous operation. It was something that involved us in a way that I don't think anything else has before, and probably won't again.

"We learned a lot about ourselves, as did our families. Now is the time to put it behind us, consolidate the lessons we learned and go forward," said Col Johnstone.

The battalion moved to Fort George, near Inverness, last

August following a tour of more than six years at Werl in Germany. The move was not without trauma because the townspeople had taken the Royal Scots to their hearts, and vice versa.

More than 160 children had been born there during the stay, and a number of Jocks had married local girls. The children were more accustomed to counting in marks and pfennigs than they were in pounds and pence.

Life for the British Army's oldest regiment, which can

trace its origins directly back to 1633 when Sir John Hepburn raised a body of men for service in France, has changed dramatically in the past 12 months. A year ago the Warrior-mounted Royal Scots were in the thick of fighting during the 100-hour offensive which destroyed the Iraqi army in Kuwait.

The battalion is now engaged on public duties in Scotland.

After pinning medals on the chests of a 30-strong representative medal party, which

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Pipers James Boyd and Kevin Harraughty, Drummer Kenneth Leeder, LCpl Peter Cornwall, Drummer Alex Gourdie, Piper John Todd and Drummer Michael Hay

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included the youngest soldier to fight in the desert campaign, Pte Vincent Stott, the Princess Royal presented Mention in Despatches certificates and a GOC 1 Division commendation to four members of the battalion.

Among them was Capt Angus McLeod, who was in charge of a reconnaissance patrol which captured ten Iraqis.

The Princess also gave medals to two former officers and war photographer Mike Moore before presenting a case containing the medals of Pte Thomas Haggerty to his

parents. Pte Haggerty, the only Royal Scot to die during the Gulf War, was killed in an accident after hostilities had ended.

His father, Mr Thomas Haggerty, said: "It was very emotional. There was one person missing from today's parade and that was our boy."

Mike Moore, with *Daily Mail* reporter Richard Kay, was attached to 1 Royal Scots during the war.

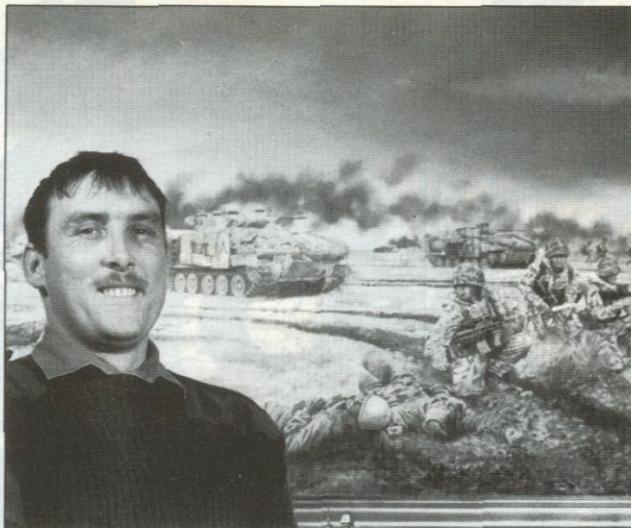
"The pair of them shared all our hardships and dangers. In many ways, they shared the dangers more because they were not trained soldiers and were putting their lives in our

hands," said Col Johnstone. "Because Mike was so far forward, he was able to get some tremendous photographs of the action. When the troops dismounted to take on the Iraqis, so did he."

Significant numbers of casualties were expected and by the time the RAP crossed the start line for the ground offensive, it consisted of three doctors and 19 armoured ambulances.

With Allied casualties mercifully light – main ailments suffered by British soldiers were toothache, headache and stomachache – the bandsmen spent most of their time collecting Iraqi casualties and taking them to the RAP just 1,000 metres behind the front line.

While most musicians sent to the Gulf were attached to hospitals as stretcher bearers, the Regimental Band of the Royal Scots ended up in the front line. The medics found



Sgt Tom Gorrian and his platoon feature in a David Rowland's painting that depicts the Royal Scots in action during Operation Desert Sabre



The Princess Royal shares a joke with Junior NCOs in the C soldiers' families after the medal parade



Proud recipients of Mention in Despatches certificates are (from left) Lcpl David Gibb, Capt Angus McLeod and Sgt Iain Copland



Lt Col Iain Johnstone



"It's the smartest Royal Scot I have ever seen," joked the Princess Royal after Cpl Mark Mullen had presented her with a regimental teddy bear kitted out in desert combat gear



Public duties doesn't prevent Royal Scots soldiers keeping their infantry fighting skills up to scratch

"The morale of the Iraqis was very low," explained Cpl Iain Falconer. "They were all undernourished and badly clothed."

Said Sgt John Knox: "We went into war under the sign of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent, the Arab symbol for a hospital."

"Many Iraqis we came across were in a pretty bad way and couldn't respond to treatment. It was a case of trying to patch them up, but putting in drips for transfusion proved just impossible. They just weren't strong enough."

The desert battlefield seems a lifetime away now the

battalion is settled in Fort George. But there are still hardships to be faced – Fort George has a reputation for harsh weather.

"At one of the rehearsals for the Royal visit, we were practising on the square for six hours in sub-zero temperatures. Our fingers were numb and we could hardly move," said Sgt George Easton.

Wolfe of Quebec called Fort George "the most considerable fortress in Great Britain", a description that rings true today. The fort remains as impressive as when it was built after Culloden in 1748. Intended as the Highland

garrison fortress for George II's Hanoverian army, it was completed in 1769 at a cost of more than £200,000 – the equivalent of £1 billion today. No shot was ever fired in anger from its walls.

Fort George remains one of Europe's outstanding artillery fortifications. Its mile-long rampart encloses 42 acres and it is said Edinburgh Castle would fit on the parade ground.

The battalion is facing with some regret amalgamation with The King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1994.

"The Jocks were struck dumb when the announcement was made. It came so soon after

the Gulf and the great successes the battalion had had. They just didn't believe it," said Col Johnstone.

"I have given many speeches over the past year, including some preparing soldiers for the possibility of death, but I think that the one where I read out the signal announcing the intention to amalgamate us was the hardest. It struck at our very core."

The oldest Infantry Regiment of the Line has as its motto *Nemo me impune lacessit*. That translates as "Nobody provokes me with impunity" or, as the Jocks would have it: "Dinna meddle wi' me!"

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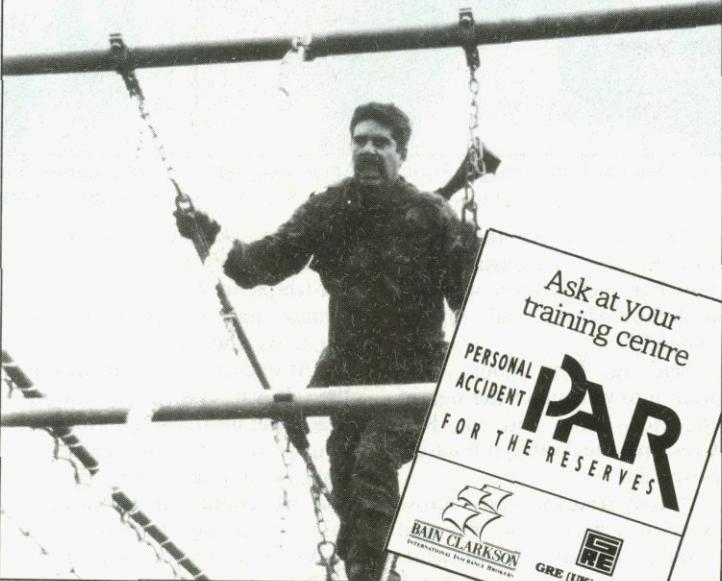


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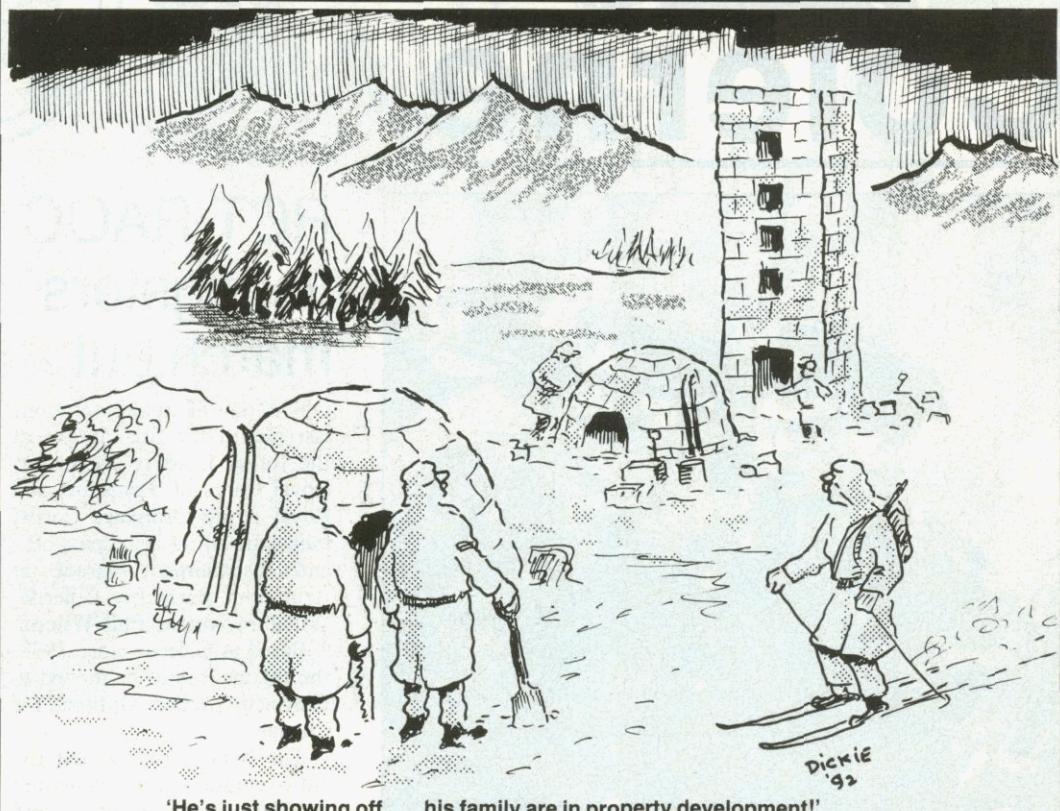
THE 1,561ft long Elbe bridge at Artlenburg was described (Letters, February 24) as the longest bridge in BAOR.

But the one constructed by the 50th (Northumberland) GHQ Troops Engineers between April and May 1945 was classed as the longest military bridge in the world.

It was built across the Rhine at Rees – and the distance from the town to the flood bank on the south side was 1,660yd. The bridge was also a Class 70 and the pontoon bridge next to it was either London or Lambeth Bridge, constructed for the Rhine crossing.

I served with the 15th Bridging Platoon, 235 Field Park Squadron. – James T Hodgkinson, Wigan.

BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



• AMF in Norway. See Pages 21-25

Friendship follows action at Neustadt

FOLLOWING Bob Tanner's letter about Stanley and George Jamieson (March 9) we have received a further contribution prompted by the article and picture in our February 10 edition:

I WAS delighted to see and hear that Stan Jamieson was able to visit his brother's grave in Germany and as a direct result contact has now been made with Stan by individual members of our reunion association.

Both brothers were acting as stretcher bearers in B Coy, 7th Bn (LI), The Parachute Regiment, of which I was the company commander at the time.

George was killed on the airfield at Wunstorf and it was Stan himself who gave me the sad news shortly after the dust had settled.

Later that night the company suffered greater casualties when the bridge over the Leine River

at Neustadt was blown while in the course of crossing.

The majority of those who died at the airfield and on the bridge were eventually buried at Becklingen Military Cemetery near Soltau.

Since 1985 regular visits have been made by members of our reunion association, either in a group or individually, to both Neustadt and the cemetery in order to honour and remember our dead comrades.

As the airfield is now a large one used by German Transport Command – similar to RAF Lyneham – visits are not that easy to arrange, especially as most visits are at weekends, but I have been able to go there and see the exact site of the action, then all grass, now part of a huge concrete runway and perimeter track.

In 1987, in conjunction with the mayor and townsfolk of Neustadt, a plaque setting out the facts was erected in German and English on one of the

bridge pillars.

Since then visits to the bridge have taken place every year but one and it is my intention to be standing on the bridge on April 7 this year with our German friends and maybe one or more of the "old and bold". A very close relationship has been built up between the 7th Battalion and the townsfolk of Neustadt, which makes these visits such a pleasure.

Last year I arranged to deposit all of my own records and photographs relating to events in 1945 and from 1985 onwards with the Airborne Forces Museum in Aldershot, feeling that it was more appropriate that they should be there than in the attic. – Maj (Retd) Derick Reid MC, Heathfield, Sussex.

• If N T Osborne of Cambridge would kindly forward his full address the Editor will be happy to reply to his letter.

Last word on Suez medal?

I REFER again to the lack of a medal for Suez, 1951-53.

I have a letter from my MP stating the case has been reviewed by the Chief of the General Staff and the Adjutant General and they have upheld the original decision not to make an award.

I have also received letters from other Suez veterans with similar news from their own MPs.

Is this really the last word on the subject? Is the debate now closed after 30 or so years?

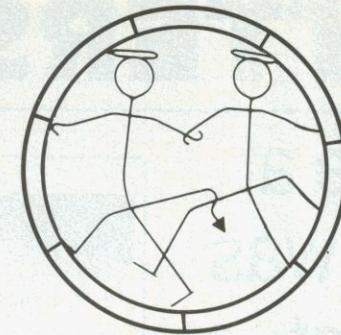
If it is, etiquette would surely require an explanation to be given – like a judge's words supporting a controversial sentence on an offender.

Personally I would be most interested in any comments made pointing out the difference between Suez and similar actions for which the GSM was awarded. – C L Golder, Bolton.

Farewell to Colerne



Junior Leaders march off the parade ground for the last time



RCT/RAOC youngsters march out

ON A day of mixed emotions last month the final intake of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport and Royal Army Ordnance Corps, took part in its last "pass-off" and disbandment parade at Azimghur Barracks, Colerne, Wiltshire, writes Phil Wilcox.

Based at Colerne since 1978, the regiment is to be moved to Harrogate under Options for Change.

The honour of running the entire parade – which consisted of 200 Junior Leaders and permanent staff – fell to 17-year-old Jnr RSM Andrew Dormer.

He had been chosen at a selection board where he had been judged on presence, personality, confidence in command, bearing, and – not least of all – ability in drilling.

Salute to the disbandment

Above: The regiment's unusual "Saints and Sinners" logo

Right: Maj Gen John Macdonald, Director General Staff and Movements, inspects the final parade of the Junior Leaders' Regiment RCT/RAOC

parade was taken by Director General Staff and Movements, Maj Gen John Macdonald.

Presentations on the day included a drum donated to the local Colerne Parish Council and trumpets to Bath and Chippenham Councils.

The staff, together with the last representatives of 8,000 Junior Leaders who have passed through the gates of Colerne, are now being posted to various units in the United



Parade pictures: Pie Gabriel Mareno, RAOC, Photo UKLF

Kingdom and throughout the world.

Taking over at Azimghur Barracks will be 21 Signals Regiment.

Boy Soldiers, as Junior Leaders were originally known, first formed an independent unit within the Royal Army Service Corps in 1919.

The unit was stationed in Aldershot as part of the Depot Company RASC until it moved to Chepstow in 1929 to become

part of the Boys' Artificers School. In 1939 the unit, having changed its name to the Army Technical School RASC, moved to Jersey in the Channel Islands.

The following year, the school was evacuated just before the Germans occupied the islands after the fall of France.

The Boys' Company RASC, re-formed in Aldershot after the Second World War, stayed

there from 1947 until 1955 when it moved to Bordon in Hampshire.

It was at Bordon that the term "Boy" was dropped in favour of "Junior Leader" – considered a more accurate description of the young men joining the Corps.

Until 1959 the unit was known as the Junior Leaders' Company RASC when, with an increase in numbers, it became a battalion. The battalion

moved to a larger barracks, at Taunton, in 1961.

In 1965 the RASC and the Royal Engineers' transportation branch were combined to form the Royal Corps of Transport. As a result, the unit was renamed the Junior Leaders' Regiment RCT.

The regiment moved from Taunton to Colerne in April 1978, and in January 1986 it was amalgamated with the Apprentices' College, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, to become the Junior Leaders' Regiment RCT and RAOC.

THE WAY IT WAS: LAST CALLS BEFORE THE REGIMENT MOVED TO HARROGATE ...



Jnr Sgt David Wilson goes over the finer points of classroom strategy with Jnr Pte Scott Goldie, JDvr Charles Munster, JDvr Robert Cranney, JCpl Richard Hutchinson and JDvr Lee Cunningham



Regimental mascot Taku, pictured with handler JDvr Cullum, will be found a new home after disbandment



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Led by Pte Jock Lafferty and Cpl Del Welsh, a patrol clears the area before Supply Company moves in

Heart of the force

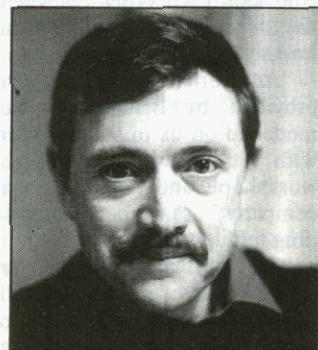
THE ROLE of the Allied Mobile Force (Land) has never been a secret. It is to rattle its sabres and wave as many Nato flags as possible at trouble spots on the Alliance's flanks. It is also to be an effective fighting force if deterrence does not work.

The exact mix of infantry, artillery and supporting services depends on the area being guarded, and in Norway since January the annual Exercise Hardfall prepared the British element for Nato's Teamwork exercise in the Arctic against 3 Commando Brigade ending this month.

The main British contribution deployed to Norway is an armoured reconnaissance squadron, an infantry battalion and an artillery battery and fire direction control (provided by

The Queen's Dragoon Guards, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and 94 Regiment, Royal Artillery), and a Logistics Support Battalion.

Some units deploy to all contingency areas and the majority of them are provided by the UK, and include the



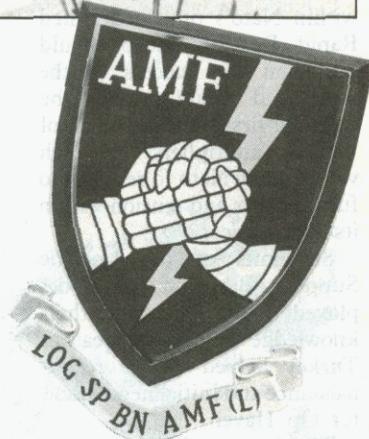
Lt Col Derek Jeffrey, CO Log Spt Bn

Force Helicopter Unit of 2 Flight AAC's six Gazelles from Netheravon and 33 Squadron's six Pumas from RAF Odiham, along with 249 Signal Squadron.

But the heart of the force is the Logistic Support Battalion, a unit unique in the British Army. This is the core without which the flesh of armoured recce, infantry, artillery and supporting units could not gel to produce a fighting force of 5,000 men.

Although the artillery operates with guns from other nations, and the AMF headquarters draws its staff from throughout Nato, the loggies have the only truly multinational unit.

At its Bulford base it has 400 personnel, but grows to more than 1,500 on deployment to



transport supplies to the Force and keep its vehicles running. Its main elements are its Supply Company, Workshop and Forward Logistic Support Company.

The Supply Company is very class conscious. Instead of confusing (to foreigners) jumbles of letters, simple Nato categories are employed, known as classes one to seven. So instead of having a Naafi or even an "Efi" (Expeditionary Forces Institute), they have a Class 6. Not much style, but it stops people getting aviation fuel instead of beer.

Class 1, dealing with food, is appropriately first bearing in mind the morale boost that its mobile bakery gave troops in the Gulf. A butchery is also important when livestock has to

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New order puts AMF future in doubt

THE Allied Commander Europe's Mobile Force (AMF) now finds itself in a survival situation, its task effectively completed.

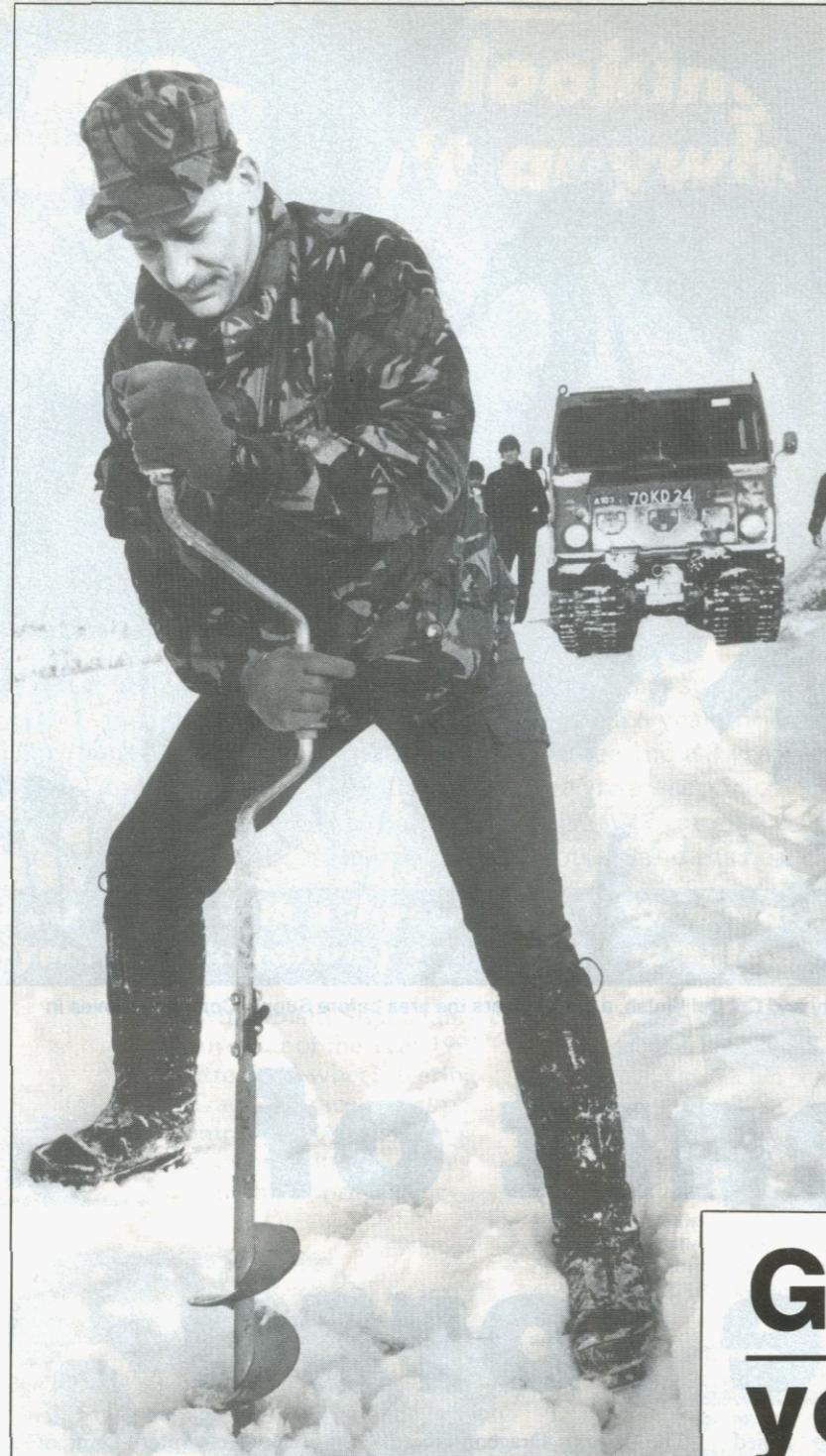
When mooted in 1960 it was seen as a small mobile force which could move as many elements of Nato's military strength as required to any threatened flank of the Alliance, where it would make a highly visible and political statement of Nato's will to resist.

Following the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the main potential aggressor, the future of the force is being closely examined and the Army Air Corps' 2 Flight is already due to be disbanded next year.

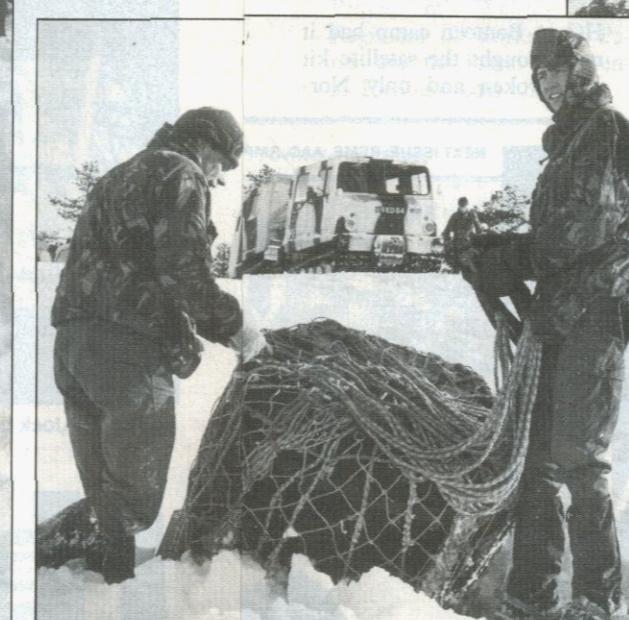
An immediate reaction force within Nato's proposed Allied Rapid Reaction Corps could build on the success of the AMF and would provide the essential first building block of "force multipliers", which would allow Nato to respond to future crises and tension within its boundaries.

Sub-units of the Logistic Support Battalion were deployed to the Gulf, and their knowledge of remote areas of Turkey helped in the reconnaissance and initial negotiation for Op Haven.

Whether the AMF remains, changes or is disbanded in 1995, it can be seen as one of the more successful multinational military ventures.



Sgt George Hilliar checks that the ice is solid enough to take the weight of his BV



Glad you could drop in...

DRIVERS within the AMF(L) don't just have to take stores from A to B. Sometimes they have to find them first. If they get it wrong, it could mean a long hunt for supplies dropped out the back of a Hercules by 47 Air Despatch Squadron.

Anti-clockwise from top right: Air despatchers for 47 Squadron RCT push supplies from the back of an RAF Lyneham-based Hercules; Sgt George Hilliar watches the drop; 42 Squadron RCT drivers prepare a helicopter load; the drop; mission accomplished as the supplies are ferried forward by a Force Puma

Waiting below, high in the Norwegian mountains, were 42 Squadron RCT, whose role requires them to provide teams adept at clearing dropping zones. Any misjudgement could mean extracting the pallets from difficult mountain sides or climbing trees to free the parachutes.

BV 206 Haggards take them most of the way, though with streams hidden under the snow it is comforting to know they are amphibious.

Skis or snowshoes are essential when you don't know if the fir in front of you is a sapling or the tip of a giant tree hidden by snow.

Drivers also have to be able

to provide helicopter handling teams so that stores can be whisked away slung under Pumas. Helping them in this were the Red Hand signallers of Delta Troop, 244 Signals Squadron, who have four members with the Force as mobile air operations (MAOPS) operators.

Cpl Jack Hopkins of 609 Tactical Air Control Party is detached to work with the Force's infantry battalion and is involved in directing fast jets on to targets, but when there's nothing on with them he attaches himself to the MAOPS.

With a turnover every three years and commitments last

year in the Gulf, two-thirds of the squadron were new to snow. They soon become the fittest RCT squadron the OC, Maj Jim Askew, has ever served in.

"It is jam-packed with training and the lads absolutely love it," said Maj Askew. "Most haven't skied before and it is quite something to get a 19-year-old lad on skis with a 45lb pack on his back by day three. I don't think any other army could do it."

The tragic loss of three members of the squadron – Dvrs Paul Hover, Stephen Laing and Darren Riches – in a traffic accident blighted the exercise. Avoiding action by

Cpl Mac McMahon when confronted by a jackknifing lorry on ice prevented a higher death toll.

Highly professional first aid by RAMC escort Pte Billy Leonard also saved one life.

"When something like this happens there is a great tendency to sit around and feel sorry for yourself. In fact, there was an absolute determination this wouldn't happen and people were out the very next day," said Maj Askew.

Typifying this attitude was Squadron Sergeant Major Steve Osborne, who had 78 stitches put in his head and had to be prevented from returning to duty too early.

Supplies are the lifeblood

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be slaughtered in remote areas.

Mastering the variety of vehicles which can be used is a considerable challenge for the Workshop, where British and American fitters could be working on a Dutch truck towed in by a Norwegian recovery vehicle.

Pumping the lifeblood of supplies through the Forces' arteries is 42 Squadron RCT. Ammunition – or Class 5 – can be resupplied either to units direct or further back.

National sensibilities are not

considerations which weigh heavily on the commanding officer, Lt Col Derek Jeffrey. He may have several lieutenant colonels under his operational control, but finds doing things the Nato way works best.

"We sit down and I explain how I feel we ought to do something. Then I ask if I've got it right. By the time you've discussed it you have got over the sensibilities of rank and telling other nations what to do, and it works extremely well."

An illustration may be that many become personal friends,

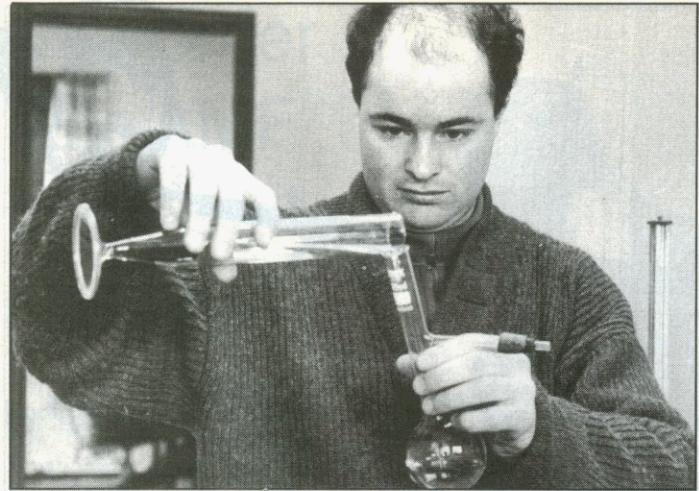
who look each other up when they visit these countries on holiday.

"Any future logistic support provided by Britain will be modelled on us to some extent with a supply company, a workshop and a transport company," said the commanding officer.

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how I feel we ought to do something. Then I ask if I've got it right. By the time you've discussed it you have got over the sensibilities of rank and telling other nations what to do, and it works extremely well."

The disciplines we cover and the classes of support will be mirrored in the future, so whether the Logistic Support Battalion survives 1995, it will still have been the template for much that is to come."



Cpl Glen Norton, Supply Coy, tests fuel purity

Norway's no warm haven for loggies

THE old image of storemen snugly ensconced over a warm heater behind piles of blankets could hardly be further from the truth in the Supply Company of the Allied Mobile Force (Land)'s Logistic Support Battalion.

They are just as likely to be seen huddled over a candle for extra heat in a snow hole, drying wet clothes by sleeping on top of them in the latest sleeping bag.

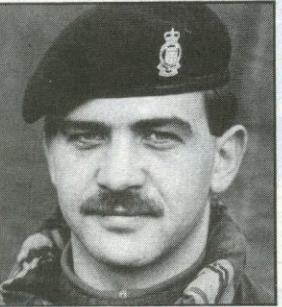
Survival is the operative concept, in the Norwegian Arctic or North East Turkey in winter, whether teeth arms or the support units without which they could not operate.

Everyone has the basics of administration, routine and survival drummed into him during a week of "dry-shod" training in the United Kingdom before arriving in Norway.

Once in theatre, soldiers first go "wetshod" on a novice ski and survival course which makes them competent to live, move and operate down to minus 30 degrees C, and survive at even lower temperatures.

It is not until they experience low temperatures that the lessons really come home to them, said Supply Company SSM Sooty Sutcliffe.

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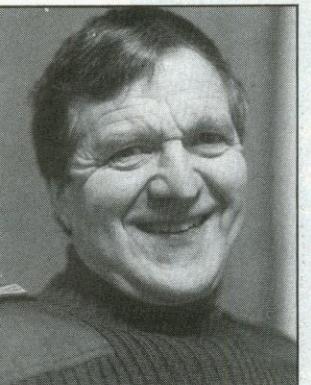
Roughing it - in luxury!

LOGGIES on their first winter in Norway with the AMF(L) must have wondered how earlier generations hacked it without satellite TV.

When they are not out in the field, the suppliers and drivers of the Logistic Support Battalion are based in luxury hotels overlooking dramatically beautiful fjords.

The hotels would normally be closed in winter, but as long as the rules are observed - like no outdoor boots indoors - the owners are happy for the Army to take over.

The combined officers' and sergeants' mess at Battalion



Maj Olav Aalen, liaison officer

HQ in Bomoen camp had it really rough: the satellite kit was broken and only Nor-

wegian TV was available, though this suited Maj Olav Aalen, Norwegian Reserve liaison officer for 22 years. He was the only one watching with any enthusiasm.

A dairy farmer in warmer days, he says the British soldiers cope well.

He should know. He helped compile the original Arctic warfare aide memoire which every soldier carries in his smock and has seen the Royal Scots, Royal Anglians, Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, Paras, and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers pass through.



IT AIN'T 'ALF FREEZING MUM...

out in the field was also good with a lot of light to dig in, but this gave them a sense of false security.

"Then the temperature dropped to minus 10 plus 30mph wind (42 below) which really brought a sense of urgency to digging survival shelters. The next night was a blizzard, with snow filling the holes as they were dug. High winds and hard rain had them wet, so they got to practise surviving in most conditions

and learned to dig quickly to get shelter and keep warm."

After a baptism of snow, a winter warfare course teaches the troops to fight a human enemy as well as nature. Always soldiers first before specialists, the common infantry

skills have to be applied in Arctic conditions, ending in a 20km ski patrol with full kit of more than 80lb.

Each unit then continues with its own specialist training. Those returning to Norway for a second winter have a refresher course of four days with three nights spent in the snow to ensure that they have not forgotten the skills they learnt first time around.

The chance of becoming an instructor in Arctic warfare or military skiing is open to those with a particular aptitude or flair for teaching.

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Sgt Paul Bridger of 249 Signal Squadron plunges into the icy water. Inset below: After rolling in the snow, a "victim" is rushed to a heated vehicle



Squadron Sergeant Major Martin George, who cannot swim, scorned this - and the safety rope - and earned a ragged cheer from the shivering crowds. So did Cpl Harry Kemp, an Arctic warfare instructor, who came up with a filleted cod in his mouth.

There's just no substitute for fish and chips

REINDEER fricassee is what Ssgt Steve Goldthorpe would love to serve the HQ element of the AMF(L) Logistics Support Battalion. Or perhaps whale steaks.

What he does serve is fish and chips.

The fish is beautifully done, as are the vegetables, soups, sweets and other main courses offered, but it is all strictly traditional British squaddie food.

After ten years in the Army Catering Corps and a further 15 in the Territorial Army, Ssgt Goldthorpe knows his market. He is one of about 650 cooks in the ACC Central Volunteer headquarters, who do two weekends and a 15-day camp a year wherever the military world needs them.

He loves Norway but when he first went to Bomoen camp he bemoaned the catering facilities there. The Army may be able to survive in snow holes at minus 40 C, but it can't survive long without its fish friers and grills.

"Norwegians have contin-



Ssgt Steve Goldthorpe

ental breakfasts, so their kitchens have no grills for bacon," he said. "We used to have to bring all our own catering equipment with us, but we have adapted the ovens now and fish friers have been installed."

For all his love of the land, you won't catch him on skis. "When I left the Army I couldn't see the point of skiing down hills or fighting up mountains, and thought I'd be better off doing something I really know."

Bakery and victualler assistant Pte Jay Giles-Wilson of Supply Company bears this out. He compiles lists of food requirements for the international force, and if the Luxembourgers want fresh lobster and caviare they can get it - at a price.

"The Italians once offered to cook for us and gave us spaghetti bolognese, but they put a litre and a half of oil in it and everybody was sick for a day.

"We didn't take up their offer to cook for us again."

A modern Florence Nightingale

Kate ter Horst, who died in a car accident in February at the age of 85, was interviewed by **Max Arthur** for his 1990 book *Men of the Red Beret*, to be published in paperback in the summer*. This is her story...

IT WAS a peaceful Sunday in September. From our vicarage garden we could hear the organ playing in the church of Oosterbeek-Laag, and our five children were enjoying the sunshine in the apple orchard. Suddenly a couple of fast fighting machines flew over us, shattering our peace and making the baby cry. Then an angry staccato sound filled the air – they were firing! We rushed the children indoors and heard the planes come lower and lower over our roof, bullets rattling on the slates and whistling around the house. In the distance we heard heavy explosions. What could be happening?

When the shooting died down we went outside. The sky was full of huge bombers flying from the west in marvellous formations. They seemed to be towing something behind them – very long planes with no landing wheels. Suddenly they were coming down gracefully as the bombers turned and climbed. They were gliders! An air-landing! We were mad with joy – could this mean liberty from the Germans, who were running away towards the east?

We ate supper in the large kitchen from which we could see the road. Suddenly a group of villagers gathered, all looking and pointing in one direction. We couldn't believe our eyes; along the road, like a long green serpent, came our British liberators. The leader laughed under his camouflage helmet, spread his arms out and said, "Give us a kiss!" I remember their big smiles and great long legs, each step seemed twice the length of the Germans – moving so calmly and yet in perfect order. We stared and stared; we were used to the noisy German marching, but these men moved so quickly and quietly. There were orange streamers and flags, flowers and cheering people hugging each other...

At seven the next morning, two Red Cross cars came into our grounds. The men weren't wearing helmets, but dark red berets. A young man – Dr Martin – jumped out and asked politely whether he might set up a small Red Cross first aid post in our house. "We don't need much;

"The aid post was a splendidly solid Dutch house belonging to a solicitor who was absent with the 'underground'. His young wife, Kate ter Horst, had willingly agreed that her home be turned into a hospital. My heart went out to her and her young children. What was obviously once a beautiful home was now a shambles. Bodies, alive and dead, filled every room and passageway. Dirt, blood, smells and groans were everywhere. It was reminiscent of the Crimean War and she was a modern Florence Nightingale." – Capt (now General Sir) Frank King, 11th Battalion.

only the lightly wounded will be treated here. I hope we won't have many casualties." While he was speaking supplies of stretchers, linen first aid cases, tins of sugar and tea were brought in.

Outside, the house was surrounded by soldiers busy making tea... My eldest boy was enjoying himself watching a piece of field artillery being dragged into it. The gun barrel was pointing towards Arnhem South and soon the first command came: "Fire!" A flame. And a cracking roar.

On Tuesday the firing around us increased and we could not leave the house. The first groups of wounded were brought in, lying side by side on their red canvas stretchers. Most of them were cheerful and smiled at me. The kitchen was very busy, full of tea-making soldiers. Our Aga did good service and an old pump in the scullery was a great help as the water tower had been shot to pieces. In front of the Aga stood Ernest (known as "Scan" by his friends), a sturdy Londoner and father of six. He was wonderful – the doctor's right hand, and the focal point for any hungry, tired soldier, for he was the cook. Although he was a sergeant, he seemed to take control of the whole situation. He told me I should sleep in the cellar that night for safety,

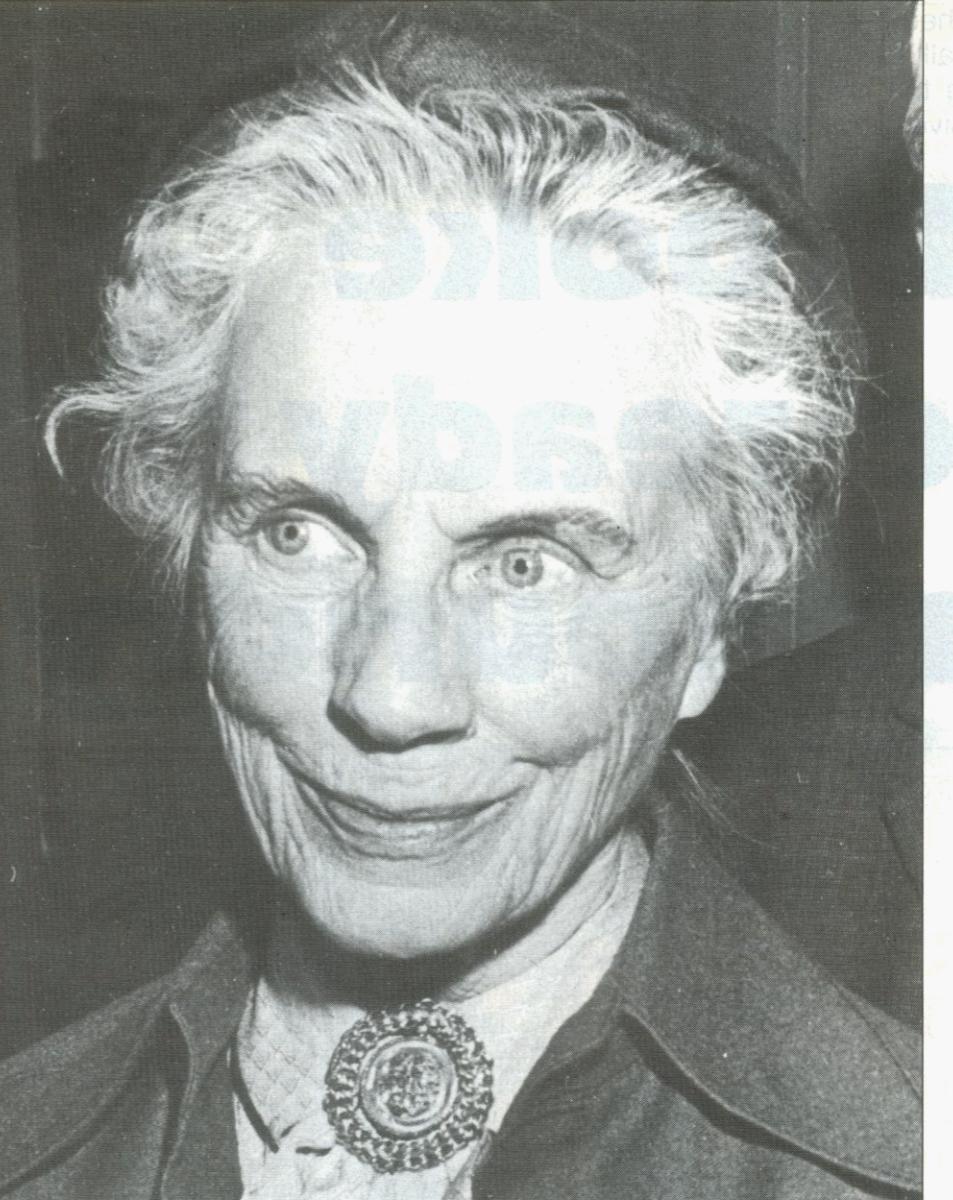
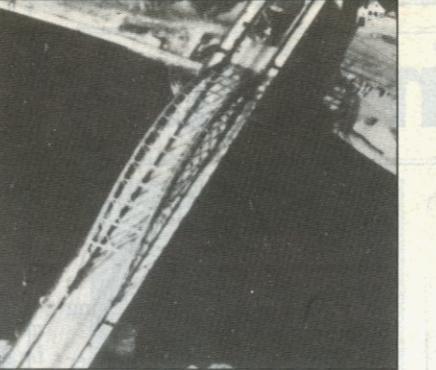
I went through the rooms... wounded everywhere, in the dining room, the study and the garden room, the side corridor and even under the stairs and in the lavatory. There was not a single corner free of them. Splinters of glass from the broken windows covered the wounded like sugar. I felt so helpless; if only I could be a proper hostess and give them a real bed to sleep in and at least fresh water to drink. It was a terrible thing for me when they refused to use the things I offered; I wanted them to tear up my linen for bandages, use my stores for food, but they didn't want to – they said I'd need it for the children.

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*To be published by Sphere in July, price £4.95.



Max Arthur



Kate ter Horst

and I knew I must obey. Suddenly my husband appeared. He had been helping the officers, and had come to say goodbye; the British were being forced to withdraw with their artillery into the woods, so that our house would again be in German territory. The captain would not let my husband stay.

At seven that evening we prepared our night quarters, covering the cellar floor with mattresses and rugs. With five children, myself and some neighbours it was very full. I awoke in the close, hot cellar in the middle of the night, to sounds of gunfire and shouts of, "Wounded! Wounded!" But nothing could prepare me for what I saw the next morning when I opened the cellar door. I was struck dumb with amazement; our house had been transformed overnight. The long corridor was filled with wounded, side by side on their stretchers with just enough room between them to put a foot down. With difficulty I got through to the kitchen, which was full of activity. On the granite floor were six or seven wounded, the doctor examining them. Scan was making tea, orderlies were washing up and the large table was covered with dressings and bandages. Medical orderlies ran in and out while the doctor calmly gave his orders. But he was worried; the pump only gave a little water and that wasn't clean. The nearest supply was 60 yards away.

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afternoon even the stairs and landing were crowded with wounded soldiers. No one could get through; the top floor was full and they were even lying in the attic. My house was protecting over 300 people. There were no sweets for the children that day all the rations had gone and there had been no fresh supplies. But there was still a large copper of real English tea on the Aga and Scan found time to think of us and sent us a jugful.

Towards evening I went to the back door for a breath of fresh air, and I saw them for the first time – the dead. Six or seven of them, maybe more, most of them lying face downwards, with tousled hair over their muddy faces. They lay like forgotten bags dropped on the path to the kitchen...

That night I told the children stories to make them laugh before they slept. We always had a lot of soldiers sheltering with us, many in the cellar and some even fell asleep on the coal. One of them stretched out his arms for the baby and took it on his knees. I could see by the light of the candle how he was sweating and black from the slit trenches. It was impossible to keep even the most primitive hygiene in our dark cellar, and before I knew it I said, "No, that won't do – you're too dirty," and put the baby back in his wooden cart. How could I have done it? Perhaps it was

turned away, ashamed, thinking, "Can't you control yourself? There's no one here without a burning thirst." To make it worse, Scan came up to me and asked what was wrong with the pump. The water was quite red. We both had the same dreadful thought; could it be the blood of the dead men washed through by the rain? All we could do was disinfect it; it would be suicide to fetch water from 60 yards away. That afternoon Scan stopped me and said, "There's a red parachute on the roof – that's what caused the red water."

A small hand tugged at my skirt. "Mother, will you fetch my dolly Poppeljis for me?" My eldest asked for his fretsaw and a piece of wood. But the firing was heavy, bullets rattling and shells thundering around us. On the landing a soldier rested his head against the wall and looked at me with his blue eyes staring out from a mask of congealed blood. His features were invisible. I didn't even have any water to wash him with...

I had a bottle of currant juice and I offered it to 25 men in the big room. It was pure, thick juice, excellent for the thirst. The bottle was passed from hand to hand and came back half-full. I couldn't believe it; they were dying of thirst. So I joked with them: "Are you soldiers? Can't you finish a single bottle?" It went round again. On the back wall somebody got up and helped his neighbour who had no hands. Such kindness and thoughtfulness... these boys had radiant hearts. Such a contrast to the hardness of the Germans. Despite everything, seeing such things made me very happy.

At last I remembered I was looking for toys. I had to step over a few stretchers to reach Poppeljis. I found the fretsaw but had to go up to the attic to get a piece of wood. It was awful up there; holes in the roof and noise enough to make you crazy. Thank heaven there were no wounded up there; so many wounded had died that there was room for them lower down.

Downstairs, the children were delighted with their toys, but the doctor was pale and depressed. We were now under our own fire and a shell had killed several wounded near the window where Captain King lay. The men around told me that he hadn't been hurt but had been moved back into the house. I searched everywhere but could not find him. When I got back the doctor told me that the Germans were pressing in closer and closer to the ring of British near the Rhine. "Don't worry," I said. "This house won't be smashed."

But it was unbearable, to see this terrible pain and suffering. I remember those bleeding faces; you'd think they'd be crying or shouting but there was no fuss at all. I was full of admiration for them...

Up to that moment there had always been a sense of order and duty among the soldiers who sheltered for a short time in the cellar. But now they crowded together and made no show of going out again; German tanks were approaching, they told us. That night our cellar was crowded with men while heavy firing sounded around us. We began to sing our national songs and then all kinds of English verses. The soldiers said they didn't feel "singy" but still, they tried. Then we tried to sleep.

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While a £150,000 appeal launched by the Royal Artillery to place a statue of Field Marshal the Viscount Alanbrooke in Whitehall has raised more than £10,000 in eight weeks, sculptor Ivor Roberts-Jones has been putting the finishing touches to the monument in his studio in Norfolk. SOLDIER was given an exclusive viewing of the final model before it was cast in bronze.

Alanbrooke statue ready for the foundry



Fd Marshal Alanbrooke

TAKE a stroll down Whitehall from Trafalgar Square to the House of Commons and you can hardly fail to see two arresting examples of outdoor sculpture.

Outside the Ministry of Defence Headquarters, on Raleigh Green, stands Field Marshal the Viscount Slim – replete with binoculars and characteristic bush hat.

A little further along, caught for posterity, the imposing figure of Sir Winston Churchill faces Parliament.

Both are the works of one man – Ivor Roberts-Jones.

And in April next year the Queen is scheduled to unveil the third example of his talent within a square mile.

Joining Slim, Montgomery and Raleigh outside the MoD will be a bronze statue – three metres in height from toe to cap – of Field Marshal the Viscount Alanbrooke.

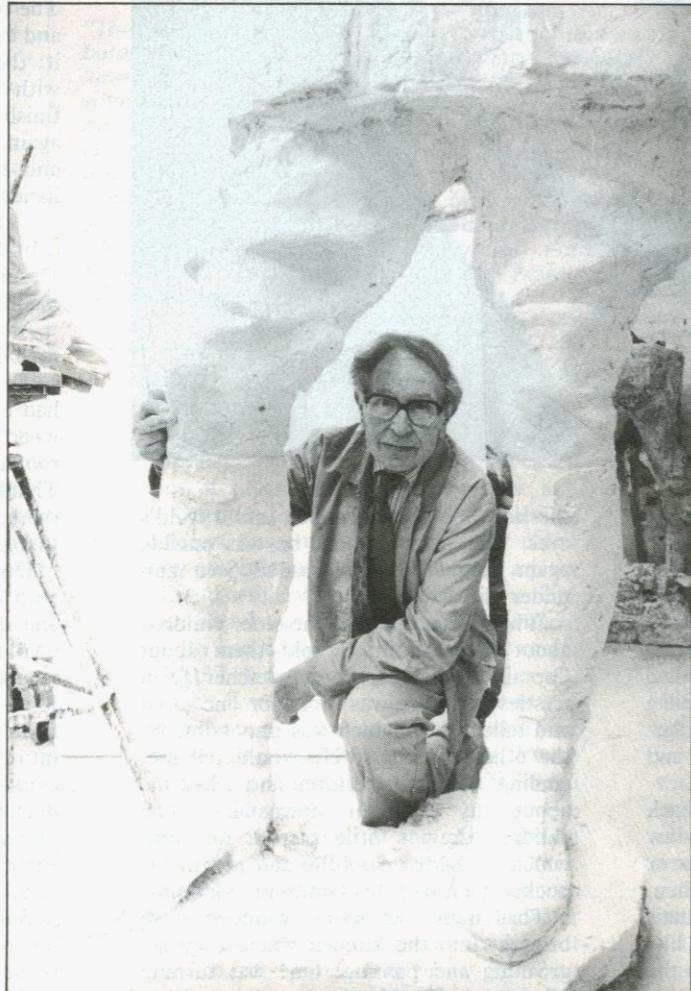
Renowned as “the supreme strategist”, Gen Alan Brooke successfully led II Corps of the British Expeditionary Force during the retreat to Dunkirk.

He was then appointed to command the remaining 140,000 troops in France and bring them back to Britain in one piece – acquitting himself, as Churchill said, “with singular firmness and dexterity, in circumstances of unimaginable difficulty and confusion.”

As Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, he transformed the country’s defences and prepared them to repel the invasion of Britain.

In 1941, Churchill appointed him Chief of the Imperial General Staff, co-ordinating all the British Army campaigns for the rest of the war.

Ivor Roberts-Jones is the



Some idea of the size of the statue is given by this picture of Ivor Roberts-Jones with the lower half

So it is perhaps surprising that it has taken so long for a memorial to be erected to the man described by Montgomery as “the greatest soldier – soldier, sailor or airman – produced by any country in the last war.”

His regiment – the Royal Artillery – has now put right that omission.

Ivor Roberts-Jones is the

type of sculptor who will leap out of bed at three o’clock in the morning with a sudden idea about altering a tiny muscle in the face of a subject.

A former staff captain who had joined the Army from the Supplementary Reserve List on the first day of the Second World War, Ivor saw active service in the Arakan.

This small, energetic man

trained in sculpture at the Royal Academy school and his commissions have included Prince Charles, Prince Philip, Yehudi Menuhin, Clement Attlee and Somerset Maugham. Military subjects have been a comparatively recent departure.

More than 900 photographs were pored over to arrive at a shortlist of 14, from which Ivor could produce an initial model to show to the Royal Artillery.

“You see thousands of pictures and he looks very different in each,” said Ivor, “and even descriptions of him from people who actually met him contradict each other.”

One friend of Ivor’s, for example – a civilian engineer – spent three days with Alanbrooke, discussing principles of gunnery, with problems to solve and decisions to make.

He described him as having a strong jaw, a long nose and looking like a man to be reckoned with.

Another friend – from the ranks – who had been inspected by Alanbrooke at Oswestry described him as being a genial, tubby little man.

“I’ve got photos of him which would bear both of them out,” said Ivor. “Ultimately, I decided that the keynote for the sculpture would be the man’s elegance – together with, if I can manage it, a degree of power and control.”

The first impressions of the subject are modelled in dark brown clay. Finally, the whole figure is worked on in plaster – “a very good material to work in”, according to the sculptor.

“It means I can move it, or colour it to look like clay, doing whatever I feel I need to do. If I



Ivor Roberts-Jones with the final model of his Alanbrooke statue. It will now be cast in bronze

were worried about the silhouette of the thing, for example, I could change it before the final model goes to the foundry to be cast in bronze.

“So the one in the middle will have a job on. It must be in a different pose – or the three statues would look as though they were drawn up on parade. The Alanbrooke will have all the weight on one leg, to make the statue that much different.”

At the time of SOLDIER’s visit to his studio near Diss, Ivor was putting the finishing touches to the statue’s 3 cwt upper half. When satisfied, he will transfer the legs to a “vehicle pit” sunk in the studio floor so he can “stand back and see the entire sculpture from boot to top”, then take it outside to see it in a natural environment.

“When I was developing the Slim statue, it was important that it should balance the one of Montgomery when finally in situ. So I thought I would give it virtually the same pose, but make it full of energy and

totally different in spirit,” Ivor reflected.

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The impression which Ivor wanted to put across was of the Field Marshal on the ranges,

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looking at fall of shot: a “sensitive, religious, rather retiring man”.

“I didn’t want him to look static, so I have tried to capture a feeling of movement by turning the neck of the statue so that Alanbrooke appears to be about to reply to someone who has just spoken to him.

straight for the straw bales . . .

“Once in the studio they would have knocked the very fragile clay Winston over – with disastrous results. A sprint into the house, a lightning call to the farmer who lived 100 yards away, equally swift action by him in making the bull lead the cows in the opposite direction and the precious statue was saved for the nation . . .”

Ivor believes that there seems to be a revival of interest in the human figure – “and, hopefully, it’s going to be reflected in the popularity of outdoor statues, military or otherwise.”

His latest creation – the man behind Churchill’s D-Day Invasion plans – promises to outlive him for a very long time.

Words: Phil Wilcox
Pictures: Terry Champion



Thrift obviously pays – especially when it comes to receiving awards. Mrs Pearl Oliver of the Catterick Garrison Thrift Shop receives a silver rose bowl from Mr Ray Holland, general secretary of BLESMA (British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association) to mark the £5,000 that the shop has collected for BLESMA over the years. Last year the Thrift Shop raised £600.



Amy Watkins with mum Susan, dad Ian and the Cwmbran gunners



Jamie Gordon of BFBS radio and RAF cameraman Sgt Ralph Brookes record RAF Akrotiri's can-crushing session for the Blue Peter Golden Age Appeal

Cwmbran gunners pull out all the stops for little Amy

CEREBRAL palsy sufferer Amy Watkins can look forward to a more mobile future – thanks to the generosity of Cwmbran-based 217 Air Defence Battery RA.

The TA gunners stepped in when they heard that three-year-old Amy needed special equipment to help her walk.

They raised £700 of the £1,000 needed, and Cwmbran Round Table chipped in with the balance. Now the battery has set itself a target of £1,500 to provide Amy with a month-long intensive physiotherapy course to be run this summer in Cardiff by the pioneering Peto Institute of Hungary.

Amy's father, Ian, is a lance bombardier with 217 AD Bty. He and wife Susan are "over the moon" at the support they are getting from the Cwmbran gunners.

Youngsters from all over Cyprus turned up at RAF Akrotiri to help crush aluminium cans for the BBC TV Blue Peter Golden Age Appeal.

Under the direction of WO2 Tony Frangos, RAOC, tens of thousands of cans were laid out on the runway and flattened by

of 14 Berlin Field Workshop REME "press-ganged" colleagues WO2 (AQMS) Alex Harvey, REME, and Sgt Martin Coffey, RAOC, into entering last year's Berlin Marathon.

All three completed it in under 3½ hours and raised £1,005 which has just been handed over to Mr Ian Lashbrooke, appeals director for the Royal Star and Garter Home at Richmond. Sponsorship was attracted from the British community in Berlin, locally employed civilians, and from as far afield as Arborfield and Northern Ireland.

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An unwanted heating system, recovered from a former old people's home at Guttersloh by 16 soldiers of 10 Field Squadron RE, will bring warmth to orphans in Romania.

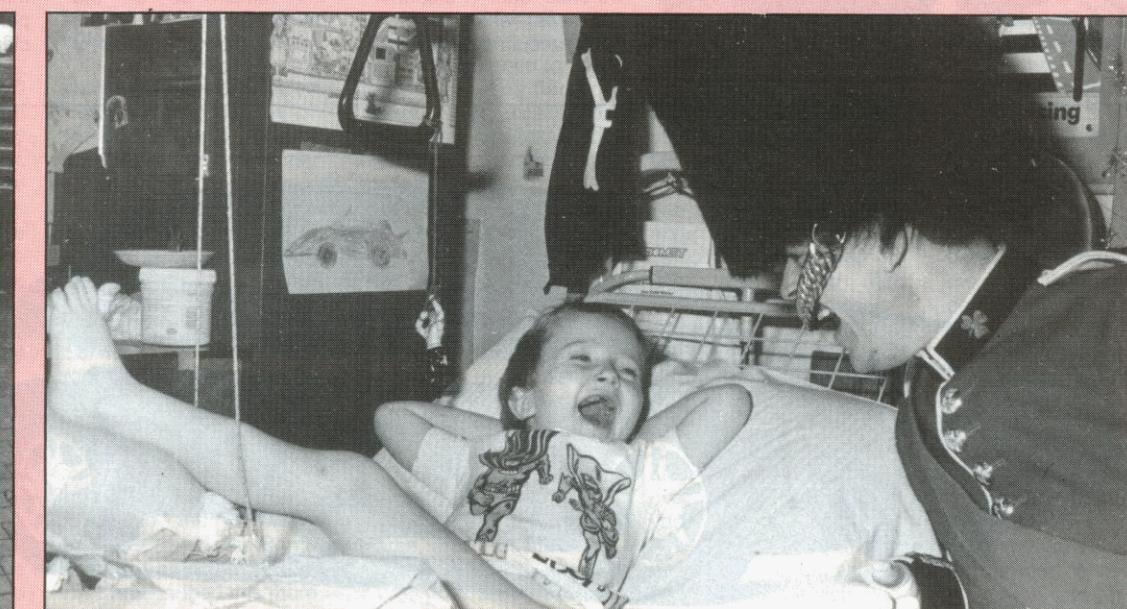
One member of the team, Cpl Billy Strachan, was particularly glad to help. He travelled to Romania last year after answering an appeal by the Guttersloh Romanian Orphans organisation.

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Closing date for Cilla Black's Trading Places challenge to the Services is March 18. The appeal is hoping to raise £15m to establish a breast cancer research centre. The address to write to is Trading Places, 10 Welbeck Street, London W1 7PB (fax: 071-935 3910) and entries should be marked "Cilla's Services Award".



Above: Radiators for Romania. Cpl Billy Strachan (front left) helps to salvage unwanted heating equipment



Five-year-old Philip Place was tickled pink to meet Sgt Michael Doyle, IG, when he dropped in to Boothby Hall Children's Hospital in Manchester with an Army Benevolent Fund plaque. The plaque was to thank the hospital for a £20,583 donation, part of £100,000 raised for the hospital at a record-breaking charity event held on the Krypton Factor assault course at Holcombe Moor. Charities using the famous assault course give a proportion of their takings to the Army Benevolent Fund.



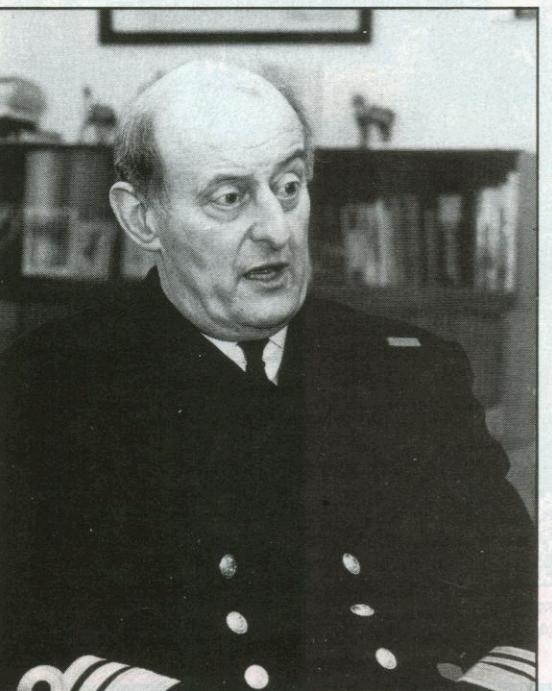
WITH the Army bearing the brunt of the drawdown following Options for Change it might seem strange to have a naval officer responsible for all aspects of tri-Service family welfare.

The post of Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes and Per-

sonnel) is one which rotates among the three Services and for the past two-and-a-half years it has fallen to Vice Admiral Sir Barry Wilson to sit in the drawdown hotseat.

When I spoke to Sir Barry just before last month's developments in the fields

of redundancy, housing and resettlement – and a strengthening of the Ministry of Defence Central Staff – it came across quite plainly that the Admiral has the best interests of our soldiers at heart just as much as sailors and airmen.



Vice Admiral Sir Barry Wilson

Hearing the Army – loud and clear

THE NEW MoD Central Staff structure will mean that the Army's message "will be heard loud and clear."

This was the view of Vice Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, tri-Service head of personnel, when I spoke to him last month.

"The changes will mean that the Central Staff will be stronger," said the Admiral, who leaves the Navy in September. "A new post of Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel/Reserves) will take on a newly-acquired central role

for pay, conditions of service and the Reserves.

"He will be responsible to my successor, who is a lieutenant general, reporting, like me, direct to the Chief of the Defence Staff.

"The three Services are very different but there will inevitably be a degree of compromise. Having said that, I will give due weight, when we are weighing up these issues, to the fact that the Army is the biggest of the three Services and will remain so on the personnel side.

"The Army has very different personnel issues. More turbulence, overseas service and the Northern Ireland dimension and so on all make the Army issues more complex to handle, so I do believe the Adjutant General's Corps will be a great success.

"It will put the Army on a similar footing to the other Services, who already have similar systems."

A new and quite distinctive Army grouping within the Central Staff will mean that the Army message on personnel issues will be clearly heard. A brigadier



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IN AN episode of the TV series *The Bill*, a mature policeman was conned into parting with his money on a good wheeze. "Can't fail", he was told.

Fiction, maybe – but all too relevant to the real world, the world which thousands of Servicemen and women are about to enter, with lump sums which could so easily be frittered away.

With the revamped resettlement package, never before has so much attention been diverted to advising Service people on how to adapt to Civvy Street. I urge all those leaving, for whatever reason, to jump at every offer of help, military and civilian.

● Seek the help of the Regular Services Employment Agency.

● Seek financial advice. After all, a £500-a-month mortgage or MoD rent adds up to £3,000 in just six months.

Redundees are not the only ones who need help – consider the 35,000 a year who leave under normal circumstances. The Options exercise has concentrated MoD minds on the needs of all Servicemen returning to civilian life.

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will lead the Reserve section because the Army element is much larger than that of the other Services.

The new enhanced and improved Centre structure will give added weight to single-Service views on pay and allowances.

The Adjutant General will have a "significant" staff who will deal as they always have with specific Army problems and will be able to advise Commands as well as keep a close eye on family matters – "so we believe we will have the best of both worlds."

I asked the Admiral how he viewed working with the other Services.

"When I was in command of a ship and in other appointments I sometimes thought that those in the Ministry were a lot of rather ageing, deaf gentlemen and I expect that might well still be the perspective others have. But I would like to reassure everyone that we do work very hard to do the best for our people. The recent unstaged pay settlements were an example. We have also been able to remove a few of the allowance anomalies."

On the subject of resettlement – close to the Admiral's heart with his own retirement due in September – his advice was for people to make every use of the services offered, including the financial advice.

"With regard to the Army, I felt honoured to be involved with it. I have visited Germany three times and met Service personnel. I would like to think that I have an awareness, if not a detailed

JUST two months ago Brig David Burden was suddenly called from HQ BAOR to London to take on a new key post as major general in charge of tri-Service resettlement.

His experience of personnel matters in Germany gave him an excellent background to review and reorganise the resettlement package – changes which will benefit not only those leaving now, but also those in years to come.

Already major new resettlement initiatives have been announced, including the following:

● The 28 days' training can be added to the 28 days' leave and the total period can be used for any approved resettlement activity – at military or civilian training centres, or even with a civilian employer.

● The existing Service travel scheme rules have been relaxed to allow travel for resettlement-related activities such as job and house-hunting.

In an interview, Gen Burden told me that those being made redundant serving abroad with less than six months to run would be able to make a return visit, with their spouse, before their discharge, for resettlement purposes.

When I asked about "selling" the talents and skills of Servicemen and women to potential employers, Gen Burden explained that a new marketing strategy had been developed with outside consultants to do just that.

But one problem I put to him was that in the past requests by Service personnel for briefings and first choice for a course had not always been met.

"Let me assure you," he replied. "Some weeks ago we held a briefing in MoD for about 20 companies who were bidding to provide, on contract, individual counselling, job workshops and job-search

skills into civilian qualifications and, more important, to give them job-search help.

"I hope more will be made of the Training and Enterprise Councils, who are excellently-placed for this. I am sure this will eventually happen."

I asked Gen Burden what advice he could give to those who would not immediately find a job.

"He or she must not become depressed, but must keep pressing on, continue to seek advice and keep in touch with both military organisations and ex-Service and civilian organisations, and especially to keep in touch with the Regular Forces Employment Association.

"RFEA has a very good strike rate in finding jobs and its staff are to receive pay increases of about a third, which means it will be able to retain the best people and operate much more professionally – recently each office had a fax installed – and be able to develop the network. I have the highest regard for them."

With the principle of giving time off for job-search endorsed by both the Adjutant General and Commanders-in-Chief, commanding officers were encouraged to help those who were leaving.

"My long term strategy is also to help the wives, as a second income is now so vital for many families."

"I do believe that people can get jobs, while not discounting the difficulties of the recession. Service people are good quality and they make very employable people. The job is the key to a regular income which helps the mortgage or rent."

Gen Burden is dedicated to improving the resettlement service. He has ideas and solutions and everyone is hoping he will win through in an area which has needed improving for many years."

Key post will smooth path for redundants



Maj Gen David Burden

training to take up the shortfall.

"We are about to appoint a company which will take up the extra volume in the UK and BAOR."

I raised the problem that had arisen in the past of first-choice courses often being over-subscribed; to take second and third choices was not particularly helpful. If waiting lists were kept and last-minute cancellations occurred, could not Servicemen and women be called forward?

"I will look into this and also the point you raised over offering last-minute vacancies to those able to take up these unfilled vacancies. To be able to call forward Service personnel, a day or two into the course, could help," said Gen Burden.

With 28 days' training allowed, how did the military compare with their civilian counterparts?

Gen Burden said that in many cases the length of civilian in-house training compared unfavourably with the Services.

"Industry has a great deal to learn about our Service training," he said.

"Service personnel do need resettlement counselling and advice but many have had training throughout their time in the Services. What is needed is to help transfer those

Wheel get you fit!

Mountain bikes help to put Paras back in action

WHEN RECRUITS at the Depot, The Parachute Regiment in Aldershot are told to get on their bikes, it's not an insult, writes Phil Wilcox.

It's all for a good purpose: a speedy return to recovery from lower limb injuries.

Over the past three years, the PRI shop at the Depot has invested in a series of mountain bikes – purchased from shop income, with no help from outside agencies.

"The original eight bikes were so popular they were really given hell: their frames were bent and so on," said remedial specialist Sgt Greg Allen. "So we bought six new ones last September and the others were re-vamped."

For the remedial side, the investment has been worth its weight in gold, Sgt Allen explained.

"Leg, knee and ankle injuries are the most common



Sgt Greg Allen

among lads training for (and within) P Company," he said.

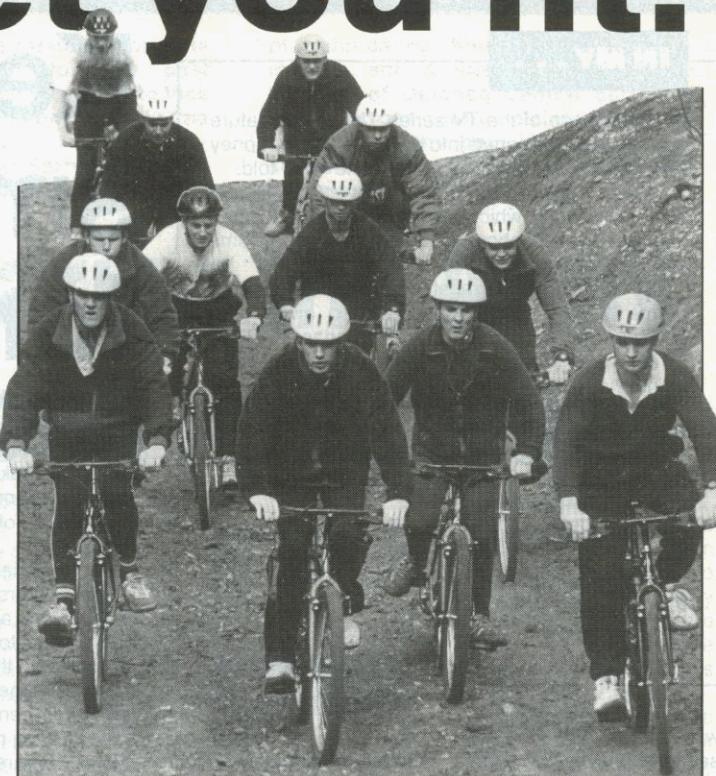
"They're generally a result of sustained running on roads – and 18 to 20-year-olds haven't reached their full strength in the lower limbs at that age."

Previously, remedial training had concentrated mainly on gymnasium work – but that tended to develop the upper half of the body.

However, as Sgt Allen pointed out, "guys on crutches can still go out on bikes – and when their morale is at its lowest ebb, it all helps keep up their enthusiasm."

Over the period that the recruits are undertaking remedial training – which includes night and casevac exercises as well as cycling – their progress is recorded and timed, with the aim of getting them fit as soon as possible.

The bikes, provided by



Tough ter-raining: ideal therapy for knee and ankle injuries

dealers in Ash and Fleet, are used every day, twice a day, for cross-country and relay purposes, with injured trainees being accompanied by Sgt Allen or one of four corporals.

But they can be used by any recruit, said Sgt Allen, "as long

as he uses his helmet."

The scheme has proved invaluable, said Capt Ged Peatfield, 2iC Para Recruit Company. "I really think other units should realise its potential – in normal training, not just remedial."

Kate ter Horst

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But it was unbearably hot and stuffy; there were 40 people in that hole. The baby vomited suddenly in his cradle; now even his mattress and cushion were dirty. He lay tired and white in my arms. I was terrified in case the Germans would see the soldiers and throw in hand grenades, but I couldn't bear to wake the sleeping men and send them away. Later I managed to find some warm water and bathe the baby, and his dull eyes brightened for the first time in days.

As darkness fell that day the crazy firing got worse, not better. We felt surrounded by an iron ring of cannon getting steadily nearer. The noise was incessant and we were too miserable to speak. We sat in silence and thought of the boys outside; our cannon were still firing, so they were still standing by their pieces in this murderous fire. The heroes! – they wouldn't give up.

A great silence fell and we momentarily thought of leaving. In the cellar we discussed everything, and slowly our confidence grew. Courage was infectious, and unanimously we decided to stay on. We felt so deeply thankful, and together we read a psalm written for fighters: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor the arrow that flieth by day"

(Psalm 91). These words brought such healing to our hearts, and after saying the Lord's Prayer, we lay down to sleep, leaving our fate in God's hands. Before sleeping, I went upstairs to tell the padre how we had been strengthened. He had no time to read to the men, so he gave me his Bible and asked me to do it for him. So I went to every room in the house and read them this strange old psalm which now seemed so clear and simple. At any other time in our lives the meaning would have been hidden from us.

The next day snipers penetrated into the hedges and fruit trees around the house, and fired shamelessly into the rooms and corridors crowded with helpless people. It wasn't long before the doctor was wounded. He was so unself-pitying and was sure he'd be up and about in a few hours. Then it happened – a crashing blow filled the cellar with dust and debris. Above us we soon heard desperate sounds of digging as they tried to release trapped men beneath the rubble. I managed to get upstairs, and saw that the shell had blown a great hole in the garden room. Along the wall lay a few survivors, covered with brick dust; they could hardly understand what had happened. I brought one of them a drink. "A Nightingale," one of them whispered. A lump came into my throat; if only I could have done more. But I had to let them lie there in misery.

The doctor had now been wounded in

four places and his resilience was gone. He was given morphia. I knew it was only a matter of hours until the end, so I looked for some clothes for the baby. I opened a drawer of fresh white untouched linen. The scent of baby soap and lavender rose from it, and I bent over to breathe in the sweetness . . .

That night, unknown to us down in the cellar, General Urquhart gave the order to retreat. At dawn there was an eerie quiet. I looked outside and saw a German soldier standing on the doorstep. The order had come to clear the house and it was time to leave with the children; you never knew what a German would do to your children. We loaded a handcart with our few possessions. Then I went indoors to say goodbye to our airborne friends. We whispered good wishes to each other. Despite everything, they were proud to have held out for so long. As I was wrapping the baby in an army cape I saw the Airbornes step outside. Anyone who would walk at all had to walk, whoever had two legs must drag another along. And so they marched out. I could hardly bear to look at them any more but I blessed them in my heart as I pushed our cart up the hill. Our hearts were full of courage as we joined the stream of refugees walking through the sunshine. We took deep breaths of the fresh air and I rejoiced that all my five children were around me, safe and unhurt.

SOLDIER to Soldier

Gunners to retake Citadel

PLYMOUTH's Royal Citadel is about to be re-occupied by the Commando Gunners on their 30th anniversary – and spectacular events are planned this summer by way of celebration.

The 17th Century fortress, symbolic of the close ties between the Services and the city, has been undergoing extensive renovations for the past three years.

To coincide with the completion of the work, the 30th anniversary and their return home, 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery is organising a series of public spectacles from July 6 to 12.

These will include a "Music of the Night" festival, a parade, military tattoo and open day. Money raised will be donated to Army and local charities.

Earls Court laser show

THIS year's Royal Tournament is to have as its backdrop the most complex indoor laser show ever staged in Europe.

The annual Earls Court military pageant, which runs from July 8 to 25, is being hosted by the Royal Air Force. British Army contributions will include the world-famous musical ride of The King's Troop and the Royal Military Police's daring synchronised display by horses and motor cycles.

● Box Office details in Diary.

Conservation on the agenda

CONSERVATION remains high on the agenda of the Ministry of Defence.

It has signalled its commitment to environmental conservation by signing a declaration of intent with English Nature, ensuring that the initiatives agreed with the Nature Conservancy Council, English Nature's predecessor, are safeguarded.

Across the Channel, British Forces Germany is now judging entries for its biennial Environmental Conservation competition – ENCON 92 – with more than DM22,000 in prizes. The competition aims to encourage people to improve their surroundings, and attracts entries from major and minor units, schools, youth organisations and wives' clubs. Previous projects have ranged from clearing ponds to constructing breeding area for birds in a disused quarry.

DIARY

April 2-October 18: Special Falklands War exhibition at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea. Admission free.

April 26: REME 50th anniversary military band concert, Royal Albert Hall (for ticket availability ring 0734 763272).

May 7-8: Helimeet international flying competition and helicopter exhibition, Stockbridge, Hants.

May 9-10: Middle Wallop International Air Show, Stockbridge, Hants (advance bookings: 0264 384421 or 384461).

May 16: Military in Miniature show, British Model Soldier Society (Aldershot Branch), Princes Hall, Aldershot.

May 23-25: Military Vehicle Trust annual international D-Day show, Weston-super-Mare.

May 29-31: Military Vehicle Trust Overlord 92 rally, Southsea Common, Portsmouth.

June 6: Garrison 92, Warminster summer show including massed bands and displays.

June 12-14: Rhine Army Show, Bad Lippspringe, near Paderborn.

June 13: Queen's Birthday Parade. Colour Trooped by 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

June 27: RAF Halton show, near Wendover, Aylesbury.

July 1-6: Armed Forces Week, a Tri-Services event on Plymouth Hoe.

July 6-12: Public events at Royal Citadel, Plymouth, to mark completion of its renovation and 30th anniversary of Commando Gunners.

July 8-25: The Royal Tournament, Earls Court (Box Office tel: 071-373 8141).

July 17-25: Nijmegen Marches, Holland.

July 29 and 31: Prince of Wales's Division Massed Bands display, Cardiff Castle.

August 7-29: Edinburgh Military Tattoo (tickets from credit card hotline tel: 031-225 3661 or Tattoo Office, 22 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QB).

September 6-13: Farnborough International Air Show.

September 12-13: Wessex Regimental Tattoo and exhibition, Devizes, Wiltshire.

● To include public events in this diary contact the Editor.

REUNIONS

● **2/7th Bn The Queen's Royal Regiment:** The 46th annual reunion dinner will be held at the Ebury Arms, Pimlico Road, London SW1 on March 28. Details from Harry Neale, 63 St Aidan's Road, London SE22 0RW (tel: 081-693 5074).

● **1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards:** Regimental Association annual reunion dinner takes place on May 2 at the Surrey Banqueting Suite, Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SS. For details contact Maj (Retd) K D McMillan, Home HQ, QDG, Maindy Barracks, Cardiff CF4 3YE (tel: 0222 227611 ext 8213).

● **2nd Bn The Monmouthshire Regiment:** Annual reunion at the Falkland Arms, 32 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1 on May 2. Details from Sam Stapleton, The Gables, 113 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9NH (tel: 081-560 2203).

● **70th Bn The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regt) 1940-42:** All ranks reunion, WOs' and Sgts' Mess, Sir John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe Camp on July 10. Details from Len Hulcoop, Albuhera, 84 Daleway Road, Coventry, Warwickshire CV36 6JE (tel: 0203 414696).

● **35 Squadron RCT:** Past members are invited to attend the disbandment parade at Duisburg on July 7. Details from Admin Officer, 35 Squadron RCT, BFPO 34. Information, photographs and stories from ex-members of 35 Sqn RCT and 35 Coy RASC wanted for Corps archives.

● **Darland Boys:** 12th reunion of the RE Darland Boys at Brompton on September 12. Further details of reunion, nominal roll and newsletter from Jim Winchester, 8 Durham Road, Luton, Beds LU2 0RB (tel: 0582 27569).

● **Greek campaign 1940-41:** A reunion for all Greek campaign veterans is planned at Morecambe in October. Organisers particularly want to contact survivors of HQ 4 Supply Personnel Company RASC from the Racecourse at Phaluron (Athens). Contact Frank Gill, 38 Halifax Crescent, Thornton, Liverpool L23 1TH.

● **209 Support Workshop REME(V):** 10th annual reunion. September 26 at Valley Lodge, Altrincham Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire. Details from Ray Patterson on 061-976 2084 (evenings).

MILITARIA

● **35 Squadron RCT/35 Company RASC:** Information, photographs, stories wanted for squadron/company history for Corps archives. Contact Admin Officer, 35 Squadron RCT, BFPO 34.

Celebrating the RGH in photographs

IF EVERY picture tells a story then the 250 in Rollo Clifford's book, *The Royal Gloucester-shire Hussars*, tell some interesting tales.

Dug out of attics and family albums around the country, they will evoke memories of happy and sad, exciting and dangerous times.

The book is not so much a history, more a pictorial celebration of a regiment raised almost 200 years ago and now represented by squadrons with the Royal Wessex Yeomanry.

This collection of photos spans their time in South Africa fighting the Boers and their campaigns in the First and Second World Wars.

Mr Clifford, who commanded the regiment from 1987-89, hunted out photographs from all over Gloucestershire to create a book full of interest for those with direct links and for those with an interest in military history.

His extended captions enhance the photographs – as a good caption should – and make for a fascinating read.

While the picture reproduction is good and the photographs themselves offer a fairly full story, the details of the regiment's history are found in a five-page introduction by Anthony Mitchell.

The RGH started life as a county yeomanry at Cheltenham in 1795.

Forty years later it combined with other independent troops around the county to form a regiment with the then Marquis of Worcester, later the 7th Duke of Beaufort, in command. So began a link with the Dukes of Beaufort and Badminton which still exists.

All of them have since served with the regiment. The current Duke of Beaufort is the Honorary Colonel and if he is to emulate his predecessor, the 10th Duke, he has a long haul – the latter held the post for 59 years, from 1925 until he died in 1984. – JM

The Royal Gloucester-shire Hussars, by Rollo Clifford. Alan Sutton Publishing, £12.99.

Long history of amateur soldiering

A STONE's throw from where this review was written stands an Edwardian building bearing the words National Reserve Club.

Considered by most passers-by as simply another drinking establishment, it is in fact a relic of just one of the many auxiliary components of the British Army that have come and gone over the years.

Established in 1910 as part of the Territorial Reserve for those aged over 45 to perform sedentary duties, it was only six years later incorporated into the Royal Defence Corps, another body whose role has been obscured with the passing of years.

The Amateur Military Tradition 1558-1945 by Ian F W Beckett, a senior lecturer in War Studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, is claimed to be the first full-length study of non-professional soldiering in Britain.

It is a survey of auxiliary forces from the mid-16th Century to the end of the Second World War, though in fact the author introduces his subject with a fuller account of the evolution of a national militia from Anglo-Saxon times than is generally found in books covering early and medieval England.

The author argues convincingly that it has always been the part-time forces, rather than regular troops, that have provided the essential point of contact between the army and society.

He concludes: "... the purpose fulfilled by the auxiliary forces was many-faceted and is a ready guide to the paradoxes of British attitudes towards the military". – BJ

The Amateur Military Tradition 1558-1945 by Ian F W Beckett. Manchester University Press, hardback, £35.

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Johnny Kenneally: No 'ordinary' VC

"WE WERE busy cleaning our weapons after the day's training.

"The music stopped and the Allied Forces Network news came over . . . At the end of the news the announcer finished with the item that His Majesty King George VI had awarded the Victoria Cross to Lance Corporal John Patrick Kenneally of the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.

"I listened to the citation in a daze. I just did not believe it."

So writes the author of a newly-published autobiographical work, *Kenneally VC*, covering the army career of a wartime hero.

It is no ordinary book of military memoirs, for John Kenneally is an unexpected type of soldier. Kenneally is not even his original name, but one adopted through expediency.

An illegitimate son of a First World War recipient of the Croix de Guerre, he was given the surname Jackson by his mother. His early life in Birmingham made him streetwise and one of life's survivors.

In January 1939, coming up to his 18th birthday, he joined a

TA Battery of the Royal Artillery and started "a love affair with the British Army which has lasted to this day".

It does appear that the early months of the war did not give Gunner Jackson what we would call today job satisfaction. "Being young and at times foolish I began to develop a raised eyebrow type of insolence," he writes.

Ironically, it was while serving a period of punishment at a small detention centre at Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, that he discovered the regiment that was to become his "family".

It seems that a remarkably understanding sergeant in the Irish Guards greeted him with: "Don't look so worried son, you look as if you have the makings of a soldier. You have just stepped off on the wrong foot; you will soon learn."

But, following a further incident involving military discipline, Jackson deserted.

After joining a gang of ininerant Irish labourers and acquiring an Irish passport in the name of Kenneally, he rejoined the Army, this time in

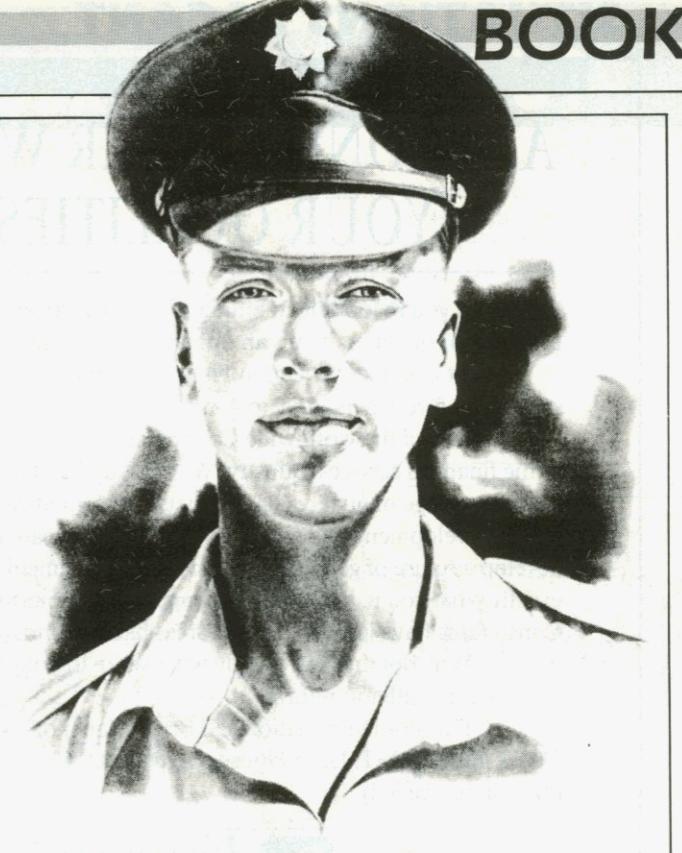
the Irish Guards. ". . . here I was in No 1 Company, First Battalion, Irish Guards, First British Infantry Division. I could go no higher."

He was at home and the assimilation with his chosen regiment undoubtedly contributed to the courage he showed on Hill 212 in North Africa – "not a place of great beauty" – an action for which he was awarded this country's highest recognition for gallantry.

The experience of the action is described in detail, in the author's good and clear style which is carried throughout the book. The only disconcerting feature is the presence of several misprints and editorial errors – what, for instance, is a "Lieutenant Sergeant"?

The author does not cover up his failings, his inability to indulge in hard drinking, or his marital infidelities. There is,

however, a refreshing absence of four-letter words beginning with f, c or s. There are not many writers these days who would say: "In the small hours Rachel came to my bunk. It was the first time for her and I was gentle."



John Patrick Kenneally VC, Irish Guardsman and Para

It was hard to say goodbye to the Army. After the war Kenneally (as he must now be called) transferred to the 1st (Guards) Parachute Battalion to serve in Palestine, where there were further adventures.

However, he eventually bought himself out of the Army, leaving an evocative parting thought: "Nearing the station I heard 'Taps' on the bugle for the next parade. For one glorious moment I felt the presence of my old comrades. 'Come on Johnny, it ain't the

end of the world'. My resilience returned and I boarded the train headed for adventures new. Sitting quietly, an odd thought struck me – it was the first time in ten years I had paid my own fare home."

The book is an excellent record of a good and brave soldier's experience. – BJ

Kenneally VC by John Kenneally. Kenwood (Richard Netherwood Limited, Fulston Barn, New Mill, Huddersfield HD7 7DL), paperback, £11.95.

Books in brief

A Fighting Colonel of Camel Corps

by Nevill de Rouen Forth. The extraordinary story of Lt Col N B de Lancey Forth, DSO and Bar, MC, of The Manchester Regiment and the Egyptian Army. Merlin Books, Braunton, Devon, hardback, £9.95.

The Mammoth Book of True War Stories

edited by Jon E Lewis. Fifty short narratives, ranging from Thucydides on the Greek wars to John Simpson on the 1991 bombing of Baghdad, in a bumper paperback. Recommended. Robinson Publishing, £5.99.

Life of a British PoW in Poland by James Stedman. Reflections on five years' captivity which started eight months after the author was drafted into the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Merlin Books, Braunton, Devon, softback, £3.95.

Four additions to the Osprey Military Men-at-Arms softback series: Aztec, Mixtec and Zatopec Armies

by John M D Pohl (artist, Angus McBride); **Frederick the Great's Army (2: Infantry)** by Philip Haythornthwaite (Bryan Fosten); **The Russian Army of the Crimean War** by Robert H G Thomas (Richard Scollins); and **Modern African Wars (3: South-West Africa)** by Helmoed-Römer Heitman (Paul Hannon). £5.99 each. In the Osprey Military Elite series: **Panama 1989-90** by Gordon Rottman (artist, Ron Volstad), £7.50.

Latest in the Army Museums Oglby Trust softback series, The Uniforms of the British Yeomanry Force 1794-1914, is **Yeomanry Drum Banners and Mounted Bands** by R G Harris (illustrated by R J Marion). Includes a pull-out drum banner chart. Picton Publishing, Chippenham, £6.95.

At war with the Zulus

IN THE heyday of the cinema patrons were lured in with the exhortation: "You've read the book . . . now see the film."

But for John Young it was the other way round. He saw the film then wrote a book.

From the time he was taken as a small boy to see the film Zulu he was obsessed with knowing more about the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879.

Now, more than 30 years on, he has published *They Fell Like Stones*, the story of Rorke's Drift, Isandlwana and all the other heroic actions in the year-long war.

He not only tells the tale in a minutely detailed but most readable fashion, but lists the composition and formation of the British forces for each engagement plus the names and ranks of those killed and

injured. It is a work of meticulous fact researched by an absolute enthusiast, who does occasionally lapse into a Boys' Own style.

Take his description of the death of Capt D B Moriarty of the 80th (Staffordshire Volunteers) Regiment of Foot.

The gallant captain died in

March 1879 at Ntombi Drift in a dawn attack by the Zulus.

Young writes: "Moriarty

tumbled from his tent, sword and revolver in hand and yelled: 'Guards out.' An assegai caught him in his back, but he still managed to shoot dead three Zulus. He was then shot in the chest but as he fell he cried out: 'Fire away, boys, death or glory. I am done!'" Such colourful material brightens up what could have been another catalogue of

They Fell Like Stones. Battles and Casualties of the Zulu War, 1879 by John Young. Greenhill Books, £16.95.

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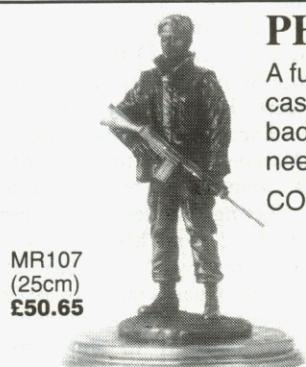
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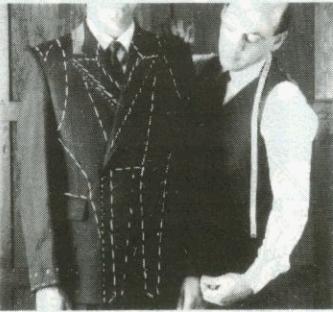
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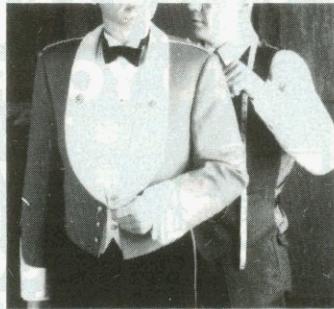
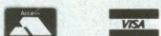
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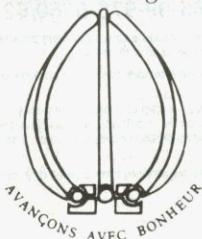
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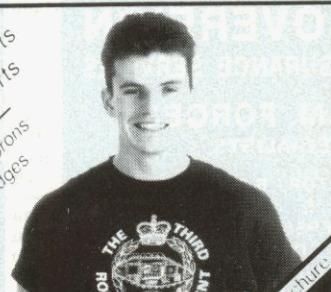
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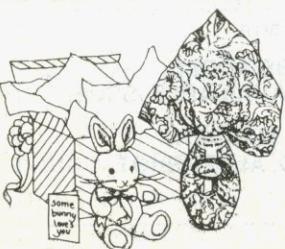
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Wilsons Hogg Robinson Army Challenge Cup

This year's Challenge Cup final will be between 28 Amph Engr Regt and 2 Inf Div HQ and Signal Regt at Aldershot on April 8.

The sappers, defending their championship in style, hammered six goals past the Queen's Own Hussars in a hectic last 20 minutes of the BAOR final at Sennelager.

When they take on the York-based signalmen, 3-0 extra time winners over SEME Bordon in the UK final, they will be attempting to win the Challenge Cup for the third consecutive year - a feat last achieved by the Sherwood Foresters between 1930 and 1932.

The York side have yet to concede a goal in this year's competition, although SEME Bordon went close on a number of occasions. Cpl Gary Williams broke the deadlock in a game stifled by man-on-man marking, and Sig Paul Brown and Sgt Andy Edwards added two more as SEME counter-attacked.

Somerset and Avon 0, Army 0

Although Sig Paul Brown (R Signals) and Bdr Steve Bates (RHA) went close to breaking the deadlock, defences dominated this hard-fought and entertaining South West Counties championship tie played on a heavy, slippery pitch at Taunton.

In the Major semi-finals, 39

Hampshire 1, Army 1

Hampshire and the Army just beat the fog which threatened to disrupt their rearranged South West Counties meeting at Havant.

Both goals in a full-blooded cup tie were scored in the opening ten minutes, the first by Sgt Kevin Parkins (RCT), who pounced after the county 'keeper had dropped the ball under pressure from Cpl Smudge Smith.

RAOC 1, Infantry 5

Goals from Royal Scots pair Pte Brian Pirie and Pte Paul Hosie, LCpl Tony Thorne (R Hamps) and WO2 David Matthews (LI) gave the

WHILE 39 Engineer Regiment retained the UKLF Major Units basketball title in Fox Gym at ASPT Aldershot, there was an upset in the Minor Units competition when Comms and Sy (UK) ended the four-year domination of Trg Centre ACC.

Loughborough-based Comms and Sy were too tall and too strong for JLR RA Permanent Staff in the semi-finals, winning 59-40, while the chefs galloped to a 47-35 victory over RMP Lisburn in the other semi.

The height and fitness of the Comms and Sy squad again proved the difference in the final. Trg Centre ACC trailed by nine points at half time and eventually lost 59-43.

The third place play-off was won by the Bramcote gunners, 47-37 winners over RMP Lisburn.

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Acrobatic skills from Dvr Darren Glenister as he opens the scoring for the Army reserve team against English Fire Services at Aldershot. The soldiers went on to win 2-1

Infantry an unassailable 4-0 lead at half time.

The RAOC pulled one back with the help of a deflection off an Infantry defender, before Gdsm Neil Trebble (Gren Gds) capped a fine debut by firing an unstoppable shot past the RAOC goalkeeper in a more evenly contested second half.

Snowball wins, by a whisker

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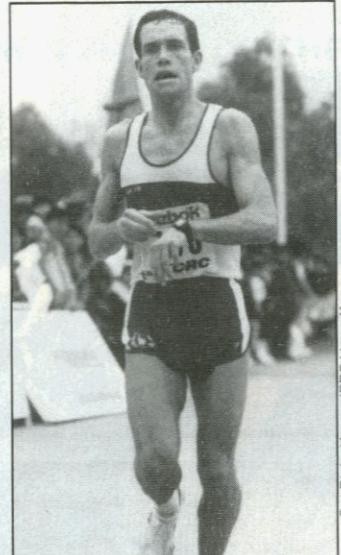
The problem with their bob caused Snowball and Ward to delay their start more than the permitted time after the sleigh had been pushed out of the "snowbox" at the top of the track.

RSA took the early initiative in the Major Units final by breaking fast. But they were countered by the Waterbeach sappers' calm, methodical approach which earned them a 32-28 interval lead.

Shrewd second half substituting by the engineers kept their legs and lungs fresher, and they extended their lead to 18 points with seven minutes remaining.

In the end there were only 1.48 seconds between the combined times of the Royal Navy's four bobs and those of the Army, with the Royal Air Force separating the two, four-hundredths of a second faster than the Navy.

But RSA fought back hard to within seven points after sapper captain WO2 Boyle fouled out, and 39 Engr Regt were relieved to retain UKLF's premier basketball trophy by 71 points to 64.



Maj Nick Bateson, first Serviceman to finish the Hong Kong-China marathon, crosses the line in 16th place

Picture Sgt Ricky Yung, JPRS Hong Kong



Capt Colin Snowball and LCpl Dean Ward at the top of the Igls course

Cpl Mark Tout and LCpl Sean Olsson, absent on Olympic duty, the Army did well to win the championships, which were supported by Courage and Viscount Marchant.

With their star teams, led by

Downhillers' clean sweep clinches title

SECOND Lt Peter Cooper (9/12th L), Cpl Les MacMillan (35 Engr Regt) and Sgt Geordie Dryden (QOH) filled the first three places in the men's downhill race to ensure the British Army retained the Inter-Services title at the 60th British International Services Alpine ski championships at Altenmarkt Zauchensee in Austria.

Their clean sweep in the Portakabin men's downhill pulled them back into contention after the Royal Air Force had made the earlier running, and Cooper's win in the Credit Lyonnais Rouse Super-G, backed up by MacMillan's fifth place, sealed the Army's victory and the Inter-Services Team Challenge Cup.

Cooper, the 1992 Army champion, also won the Army, Navy and Air Force Ski Challenge Cup, the second oldest ski trophy in existence.

He proved a worthy deputy for Capt Hugh Hutchison (35 Engr Regt), the 1991 champion, who was on duty at the Winter Olympics as Britain's best mogul skier.

The RAF retained the women's Inter-Services title.

Craig Bonnington led the RAF to victory in the giant slalom, with Peter Cooper third. Capt Sarah Whatmough was third for the Army in the women's race, and Cpl Judy Shenton fifth.

Bonnington also led the way in the Smirnoff men's special slalom, with MacMillan close behind and Cooper in fifth, and Judy Shenton and Sarah Whatmough were second and fourth in the Courage women's special slalom. Whatmough also did well in the CLR Select Super-G, finishing third.

Alpine combination team winners at the 44th Army Alpine ski championships held at Serre Chevalier in France and sponsored by Clerical Medical were 35 Engr Regt, with 1 Armd Div Tpt Regt second and 22 Signal Regt third.

Results were:

TEAM RESULTS

Giant slalom - 1, 35 Engr Regt (MacMillan, Pond, Mower); 2, 22 Signal Regt; 3, 1 ADTR. **Super G** - 1, 35 Engr Regt (QOH); 2, 2nd Lt Peter Cooper (9/12th L); 3, LCpl Les Pond (35 Engr Regt). **Downhill** - 1, Cpl Les MacMillan (35 Engr Regt); 2, 2nd Lt Peter Cooper (9/12th L); 3, LCpl Geordie Crawford (22 Signal Regt). **Slalom** - 1, 2nd Lt Peter Cooper (9/12th L); 2, Capt Tim Lai (1 R Irish); 3, LCpl Les Pond (35 Engr Regt). **Alpine combination** - 1, 2nd Lt Peter Cooper (9/12th L); 2, Sgt Geordie Dryden (QOH). **Women's combination** - 1, Cpl Judy Shenton (WRAC).

Bateson on run to China

A SIX-MAN British Army team from Europe joined more than 30 locally-based soldiers to take part in the inaugural Hong Kong to China marathon.

First Serviceman to cross the line was Maj Nick Bateson, R Signals, in 16th place. Based at HQ 1 (BR) Corps, he finished in 2hr 32.30min, two minutes faster than his previous best set during the 1990 London Marathon.

In 17th place was Larkhill-based WO2 Terry Hazell (14 Fd Regt RA), who also ran a personal best of 2:33.09.

Months of negotiations were necessary before the race, run over a 42.4km course starting at Fanling in the New Territories and ending at the Shenzhen sports stadium in the People's Republic. The 400-strong field crossed the border at Lok Ma Chau.

Other Army results were: 19th, Cpl Nick Withers, R Signals (School of Signals), 2:34.53; 22, Maj Roy Hunter, PWO (HQ 15 Inf Bde), 2:38.04; 23, Sgt Duggie Collins, RAOC (FOD Dulmen), 2:39.21; 28, CSgt Paul Gwilym, RWF (NCOs Tac Wing), 2:42.35.

Gunners' final hits the headlines

THE TWO Army Rugby Union (UK) Challenge Cup Finals, both sponsored by Schweppes (GB), were played at the Military Stadium, Aldershot on consecutive days and produced much more interest than usual, writes John Quin.

By now everyone who is interested in Army rugby will have read that, not unexpectedly, when Troops Hereford reached the Major Units final, there was a stirring in the breast of Fleet Street.

It is unlikely that there has been such interest in an Army final before. What worried the real rugby correspondents was that there were no names available and all they could go by were the numbers on the shirts. They were very lucky that they got those!

Troops Hereford ran the reigning Army champions, 7 Para RHA, pretty close, by 22 points to 15. It was a great day. The Schweppes Army Major Units final is now all set for Berlin, where the host team and BAOR champions, 1 RWF, are hoping to take the crown away from the Airborne Gunners.

The following afternoon the Permanent Staff of the Junior Leaders Regiment RA from Bramcote took on and beat 9 Ordnance Battalion RAOC from Corsham by 13 points to four and so made it a clean sweep for the Royal Regiment in the UK section of the Army Cup. Bramcote will now entertain BAOR BMH Rinteln in the final.

Before that though there is the Inter-Services tournament and the opening encounter with the Royal Navy. For Army followers, the Army going down to the Met Police while the matelots beat Cornwall on the same day will have sent warning bells clanging through the ship!



The stripe-shirted JLR RA staff side protect hard-won ball on the way to victory in the Minor Units (UK) Cup final against 9 Ord Bn RAOC

Picture: Mike Perrin

Bessey's best as five take titles

FIVE Army boxers won Combined Services' titles at the individual championships hosted by the Royal Air Force at St Athan on February 27, writes John Elliott.

But the Army camp was not alone in thinking that the final tally for the Service team champions might have been seven. Spr Tom Winspear (36 Engr Regt) and Pte Robert Basford (1 Staffords) appeared to have done more than enough to win their contests, only to have split decisions go against them.

There was also a majority decision for Pte Loz Roche (1 LI) after one judge scored the contest even. The other two officials gave it to Roche by three points - the boxing equivalent of an overwhelming victory.

Dvr Chris Bessey (27 Regt RCT) earned the Cameron Cup for best boxer after another superb win over 1991 ABA

finalist Mne Trevor French, and there were walkovers for Cpl Joe Rajcoomar (1 DERR) and LCpl Jeff Ollerhead (1 Kings).

SAC Paul Fiske (RAF Gutersloh) pushed LSgt Dave Abbott (2 Gren Gds) all the way when they met at RAF Halton in January but found the Army heavyweight in uncompromising form on this occasion. Fiske was dumped on the canvas three times in the opening round - courtesy of Abbott's right hand - and the referee stopped the contest.

Basford got his crack at a Combined Services title following international featherweight Cpl Neil McCallum's decision to concentrate on his career in the RCT. McCallum, from Bielefeld-based 10 Corps Transport Regiment, takes with him into retirement a proud collection of England vests and every Service boxing honour in the book.

Royal Engineer LCpl Lee

Innes (57 Trg Sqn, 3 Trg Regt RE) has also decided to quit the ring to concentrate on his career. The skilful, poised sapper was twice a Combined Services champion.

The St Athan winners meet Western Counties at RAF Halton on March 21 in an England quarter-final of the George Wimpey ABA championships.

COMBINED SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1992

Light flyweight - AB(MW) L Woodcock (RN), walkover; **fly** - SAC O Spensley (RAF), walkover; **bantam** - Cpl J Rajcoomar (1 DERR), walkover; **feather** - SAC C McAuley (RAF) beat Pte R Basford (1 Staffords), pts m; **light** - JTec D Rudd (RAF) beat Spr T Winspear (36 Engr Regt), pts m.

Light welter - Pte L Roche (1 LI) beat Cpl R Goodsell (RAF), pts m; Dvr C Bessey (27 Regt RCT) beat Mne T French (RM), pts u; **light middle** - LCpl Jeff Ollerhead (1 Kings), walkover; **middle** - Mne G Grounds (RM) beat Pte J Dowling (2 Para), pts u; **light heavy** - LAC J Gosling (RAF) beat Mne L Ramsey (RM), pts u; **heavy** - LSgt D Abbott (2 Gren Gds) beat Pte S Fiske (RAF), rsc 1.

Special contests: Pte S Hamer (1 Queens) beat Cpl S Pepperell (RAF), rsc 3; Gds m N Burton (1 Coldrm Gds) beat Mne J Stillic (RAF), rsc 2; Pte D Graham (2 Para) lost to SAC R Plummer (RAF), pts m.

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A commemorative Limited Edition fine bone china Tankard sold in aid of the Gulf Trust

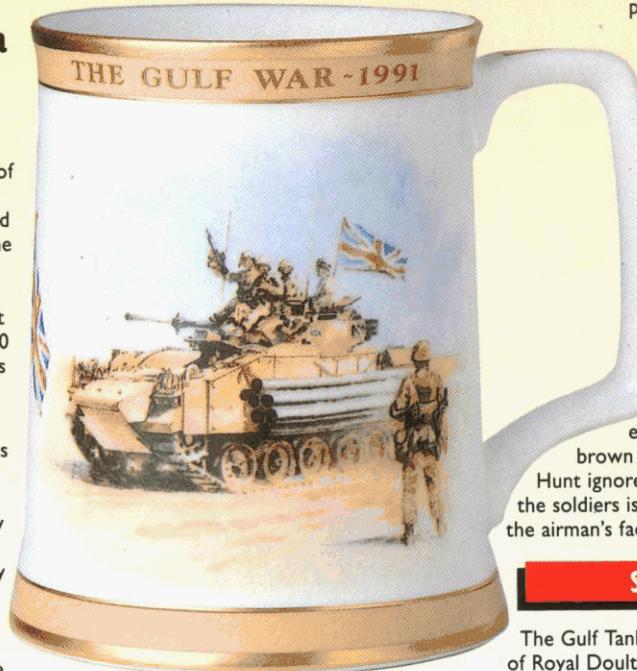
At 2am on 2nd August 1990, after months of secret and highly devious manoeuvring, the Iraqi army launched a totally unprovoked and unexpected attack on the sovereign state of Kuwait. Led by the elite Republican Guard, just 350 tanks rushed across the border meeting only token resistance. Within hours Kuwait was taken, and over the next few weeks some 590,000 troops, 4,200 tanks, 3,000 heavy artillery pieces, and 2,600 armoured vehicles were deployed to hold what President Saddam Hussein declared to be "Iraq's 19th Province".

As anyone who lived through the tense days which followed the invasion will remember, every possible diplomatic avenue was explored in the hope that Iraq would decide to withdraw peacefully from Kuwait. Yet, while the diplomats from the United Nations were searching for a solution, thirty countries from right around the world joined together to formulate a counter attack to be implemented as a last resort. This alliance was fully supported by the British, when we despatched the first of what was to be numerous RAF Tornado F3 Fighters to the region on 9th August. The countdown to Operation Desert Storm had started.

A FITTING TRIBUTE

Much has been written about the brilliant strategic thinking and the role of modern technology in ensuring the rapid defeat of Saddam Hussein with less than 100 Allied fatalities. Yet, despite the deployment of satellites and lasers, at the end of the day it was real men who had to go into battle against the enemy. And it is these men who military artist Geoff Hunt has chosen to commemorate in his evocative illustration for Royal Doulton's Gulf Tankard.

The result of Geoff Hunt's efforts is a dramatic and moving tribute to the brilliance and bravery of the British forces who made the liberation of Kuwait possible.



The Gulf Tankard stands 5" high, with a base diameter of 4", and a capacity of approximately 1 pint.

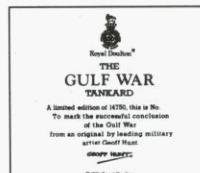
On one side of the Tankard he has pictured a Warrior armoured personnel carrier belonging to The Royal Scots, part of the 4th Armoured Brigade. While on the other side two of the RAF Sepecat Jaguar strike aircraft from 6 Squadron are shown.

His paintings are, as you would expect, completely authentic and highly detailed – so much so that it is actually possible to distinguish the pilot's watch! He has captured the feel of the region, too; how easy it is to imagine the hot sting of sand on your face, and the blinding brilliance of the sun. The colours are equally striking: the flash of the Union Jack, for example, showing bright against the brown and blue of the desert. Nor has Geoff Hunt ignored the mood of the occasion – one of the soldiers is waving, while the look of pride on the airman's face could not be clearer.

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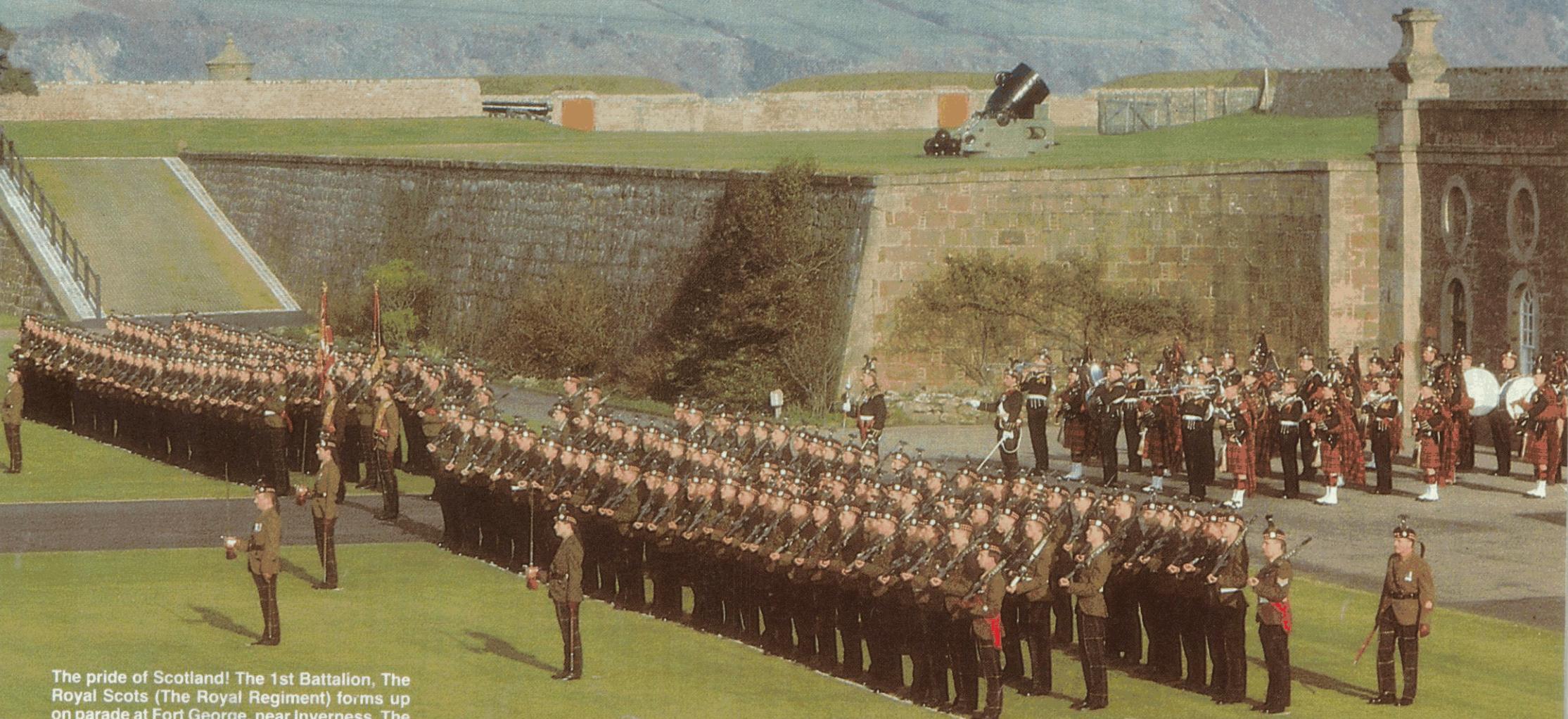
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The pride of Scotland! The 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) forms up on parade at Fort George, near Inverness. The Gulf veterans were awaiting the arrival of their Colonel in Chief, the Princess Royal, who visited them to present Gulf Medals. Story and more pictures on Pages 13-15.