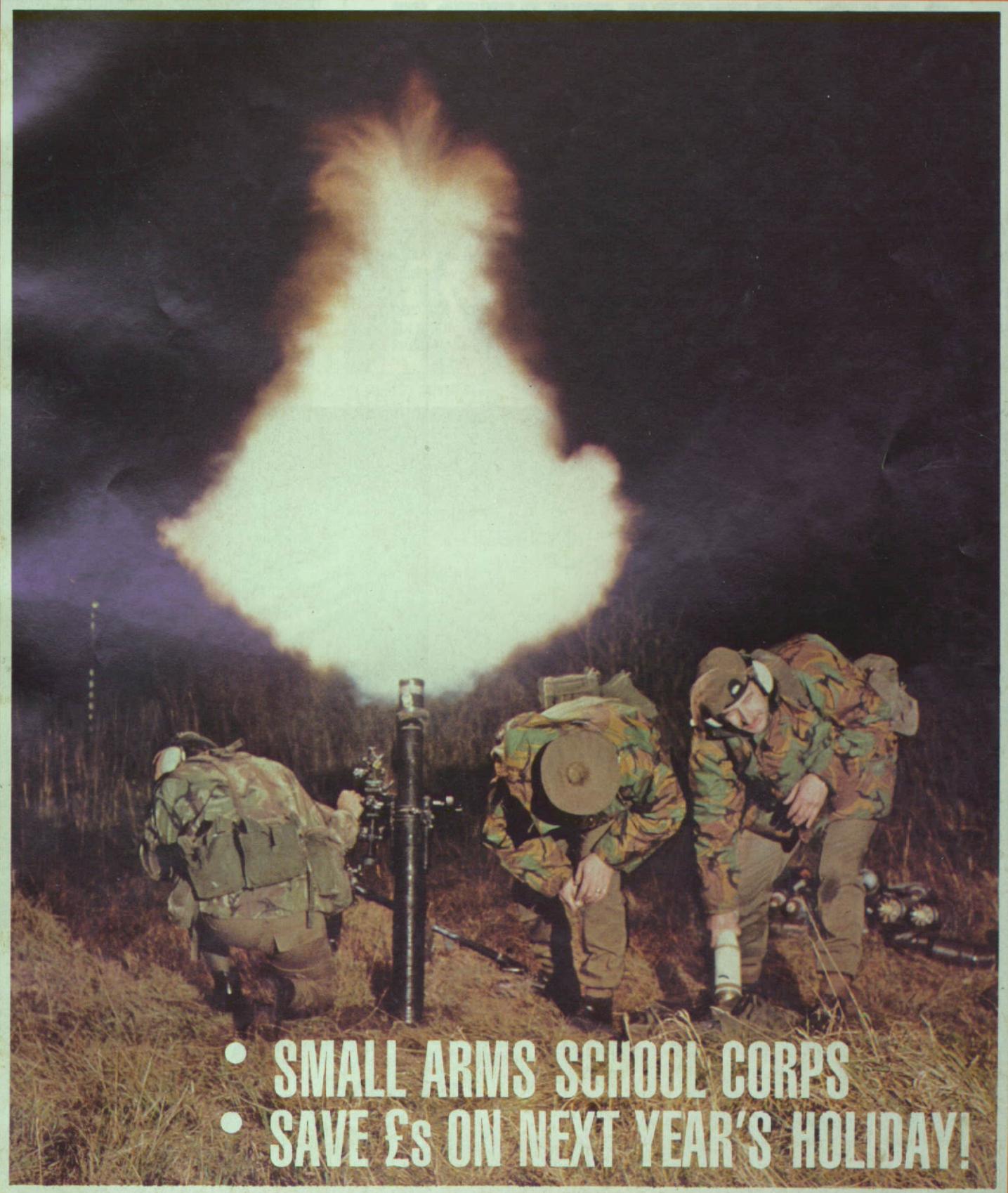


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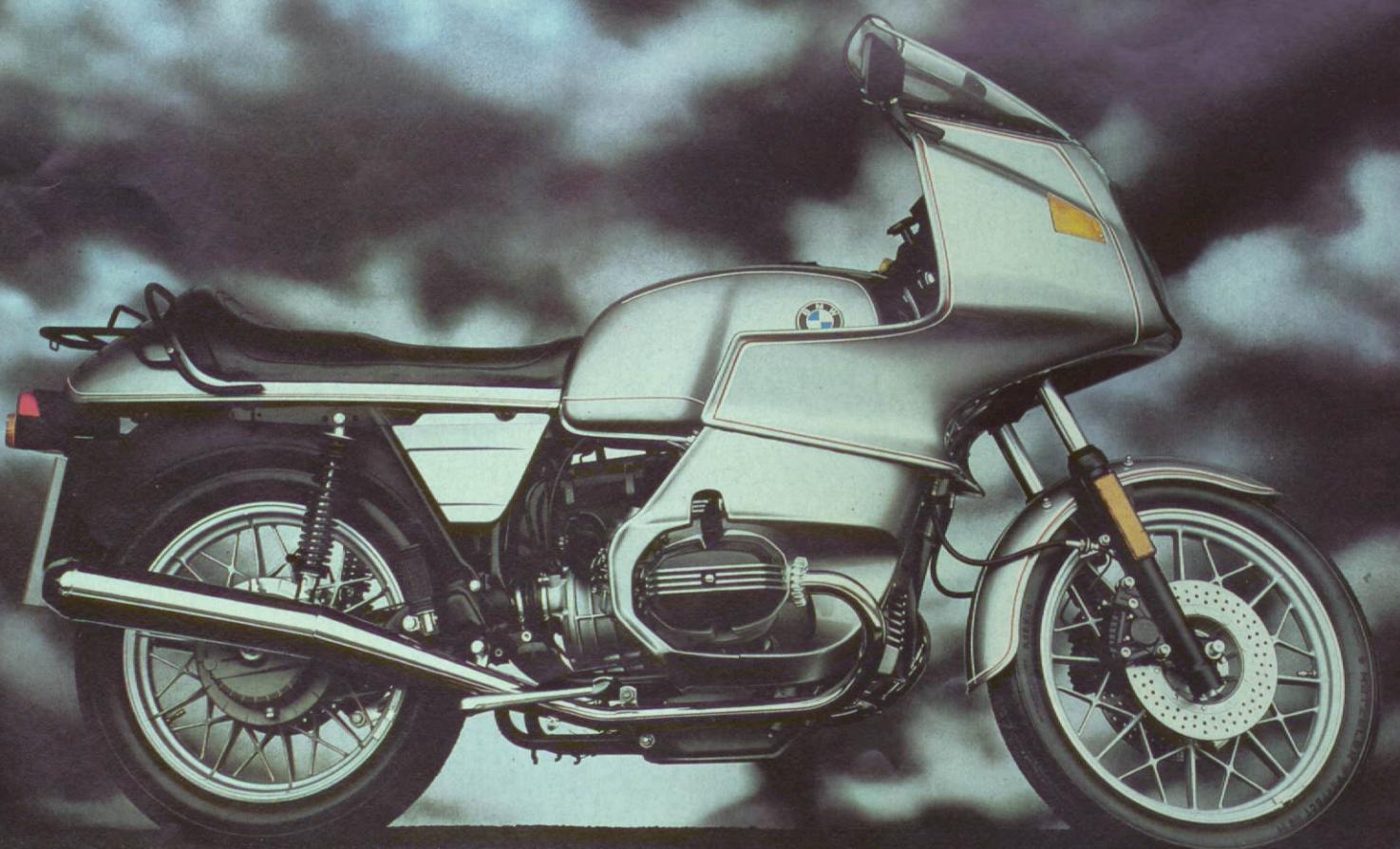


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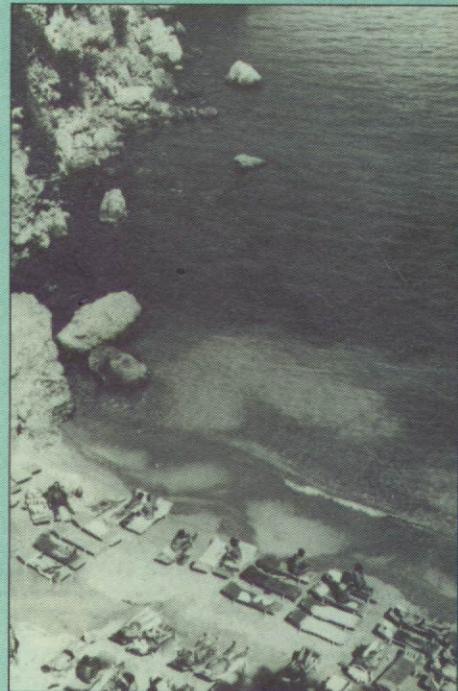


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# SOLDIER to Soldier

AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE Prince Charles presents campaign medals to the Welsh Guards. At Aldershot Cemetery 16 soldiers of the Parachute Regiment are laid to rest. Thus two pictures on this page sum up the triumph — and the tragedy — of a momentous year.

The war in the South Atlantic was a conflict that Britain never wanted. And like all wars it inflicted a savage penalty in human suffering and sacrifice. Yet the determination and dedication shown by our fighting men on those bitter, windswept shores has given our Servicemen everywhere a new sense of pride and confidence. It has demonstrated to every soldier the importance of training, discipline, leadership and teamwork. And it has proved to the public that the taxes it pays towards its Armed Forces are not just for chauvinistic sabre-rattling but a vital — and effective — sanction against aggression.

Yet as 1982 draws to a close it is worth reminding ourselves that the threat to freedom and democracy is not confined to the South Atlantic.

Just a few hundred miles away, for instance, thousands of British soldiers stand ready by the Rhine to help preserve the boundaries of Western democracy from any incursion by the Warsaw Pact. Across the water in Northern Ireland other soldiers carry on the long, grim struggle against terrorism.

And in other, further-flung outposts — Berlin, Belize, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Sinai, Hong Kong — British soldiers get on with their job of maintaining peace and protecting liberty with patience, tolerance and good humour.

The reputation of our Armed Forces has never been higher than it is today — at home and in the eyes of the rest of the world. It is a reputation justly earned and a force for stability in an increasingly turbulent world.

We wish all who wear the Queen's uniform a joyous Christmas — and above all a more peaceful New Year.



Prince Charles chatting with injured members of the Welsh Guards after presenting Falklands medals at a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The Prince is Colonel of the Regiment. The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Colonel of the Household Division, also took part.

## 'GRANDSTAND' COMING LIVE

FINAL PREPARATIONS for the first direct live broadcasts from UK over the BFBS TV network in Germany were in full swing as SOLDIER went to Press.

Using the new microwave link, ITN's *News at 5.45* will be the first programme to be seen simultaneously in Britain and Germany, on Monday December 13. Later the same night viewers will be able to see the BBC's *Nine O'clock News*.

Because of the time difference, BFBS viewers will see the programmes one hour later — according to their own watches — because Germany is one hour ahead of the UK.

It is planned that the two news programmes will become regular Monday to Friday features but it is already intended that Saturday December 18 will see the first live transmission of *Grandstand*.

"This is the biggest single step forward since TV was first introduced to BFG," Mr. Pat Pachebat, BFBS Controller of Programmes (TV), told SOLDIER. "Now there will be a gradual build up of the live element during next year."

## Insignia for new brigades

THE ARMY's two latest Brigade insignia come into use on January 1. Those of 42 and 54 Infantry Brigades.



That of 42 Infantry Brigade (HQ at Chester) shows a "square Gules, on a square Argent, a rose of the first barbed and seeded proper." That of 54 Infantry Brigade (HQ Grantham) shows "a Gules, a Viking's head erased Argent."

## STOP PRESS BOMB OUTRAGE

SIXTEEN people, including 11 soldiers, died and 66 were injured in a bomb-blast at the popular 'Dropping Well' public house in Ballykelly. News was still coming in as SOLDIER went to press but it was already known that four of the dead were women and 40 of the injured were detained in hospital — some with horrific injuries.

## Paras laid to rest



SIXTEEN MEMBERS of the Parachute Regiment killed in the Falklands have been reburied at Aldershot with full military honours. They included Sergeant Ian McKay VC.

Hundreds of family mourners and members of the public

attended the poignant ceremony and stood with bowed heads as the coffins were lowered one by one.

After a bright, sunny morning the weather conditions changed dramatically as the ceremony began. Instead it be-

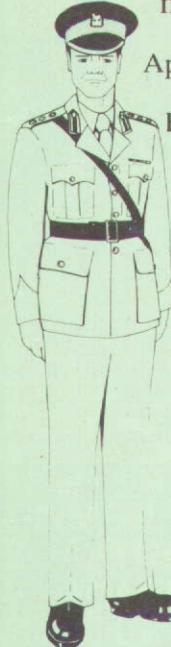
came chill and wet, reminding veterans of conditions in the South Atlantic.

The funerals of other victims of the fighting, repatriated at the request of their families, have also taken place in various parts of the country.

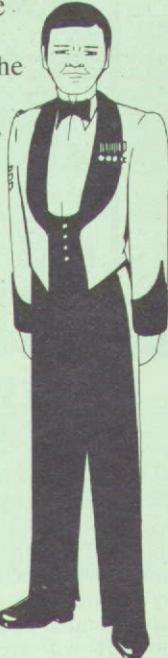
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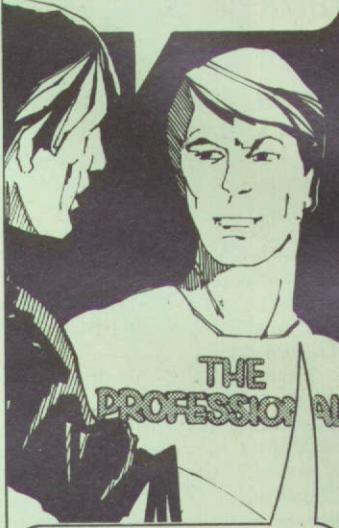
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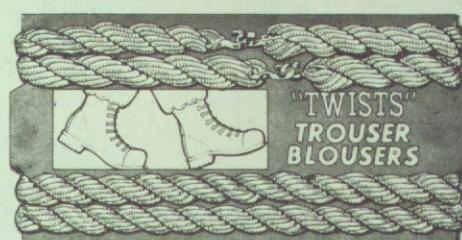
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# TANK STUDY

TWO OF Britain's industrial giants are joining forces with the Royal Ordnance Factory at Leeds to produce ideas for the Army's next main battle tank.

Vickers and United Scientific Holdings (Alvis) have been given £100,000 contracts by the Ministry of Defence. With ROF (Leeds) they have been asked for ideas on design, components and systems for a tank, or group of AFVs to meet the armoured threat envisaged in the 1990s.

The Army has deliberately avoided giving any guidelines to the companies. A broad-brush look at the next generation of heavy armoured vehicles is wanted and this includes the use of guns or missiles, or both, on a tank which could have tracks or wheels, diesel or gas turbine power.

The three contractors are being encouraged to draw on the expertise of sub-systems contractors and, subject to Ministry approval, to involve foreign companies.

They have nine months to submit their proposals. Depending on the concepts offered, the Ministry will decide whether to build demonstrators to evaluate any novel features, and an important aspect will be the sales potential of the proposals.

# HERO DIED AFTER VC THEFT

EX-LANCE Corporal Frank Jefferson, VC, never recovered from the theft of his coveted medal, a Bolton, Lancs, inquest was told. The jury heard that after the medal was stolen from his home he was "never the same again."

They decided that Mr Jefferson, 61, had taken his own life.

His VC was the only one awarded to the Lancashire Fusiliers during World War II and it was presented personally, in the field, by King George VI.

Mr Jefferson won it at Monte Cassino, Italy, when he broke-up a German counter-attack. Single handed and under heavy fire, he dashed forward and destroyed a leading tank with an anti-tank weapon he had never used before.

The inquest heard that he died after walking in front of a train near Bolton station and that there were traces of alcohol and drugs in his system.



Lt Col Whittall briefs Nato commanders during a 1979 exercise.

# COLONEL DROWNED IN RESCUE BID

**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL** Tony Whittall, RCT, the Defence Advisor to the British High Commissioner in Ghana, has been drowned in a desperate bid to save swimmers struggling in the Atlantic.

Colonel Whittall was relaxing on the sands with his wife when three swimmers got into difficulty in the huge rollers. He was the first to respond and plunged into the swirling waters, made dangerous by strong undercurrents.

Onlookers formed a human chain and used ropes, saving a total of 15 people including the three whom Colonel Whittall had tried to aid. But despite being a strong swimmer he was brought from the water unconscious and could not be revived.

Before going to Ghana, Colonel Whittall commanded Nato's Logistic Support Unit and was awarded the OBE.

Spanning more than 25 years, his Army career took him to Malaya, Europe and the USA. In 1967 he became second in command of 3 Squadron RCT, then part of the Commonwealth Bri-

gade in Malaya. His CO of those days was Brigadier Keith Davis who told SOLDIER that the rescue bid was typical of the man.

"Tony was very courageous," said the Brigadier, "and this quick thinking action is typical of him. It is a great loss. He was a very popular officer."

Colonel Whittall's body was flown back to Britain and buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery.

# Briefly

British Telecom and Cable and Wireless are making advance phone booking arrangements for Christmas and the New Year to the Falklands Islands forces. Calls can be booked until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve for £4.77 for a minimum three-minute call and £1.59 for each additional minute. Callers must supply the name, rank and unit of the person to be called, along with the required day and time, and British Telecom is advising early bookings.

★ ★ ★  
SS *Uganda*, the P & O cruise liner which served as a hospital ship during the Falklands conflict is being called up again — for another two-year stint in the South Atlantic.

The *Uganda* — she will join another ship, the Cunard *Countryside* — will be used to help carry troops from Ascension Island to the Falklands. She resumed her commercial activities at the end of September but will be taken out of service again in mid-January.

★ ★ ★  
After the earlier false starts, hopes are again high that Spain will open its frontier with Gibraltar in time for Christmas — at least to pedestrians. Although the new Spanish government is dedicated to immediate negotiations for the return of the Rock, their election manifesto committed them to lifting the blockade.

# LAST PARADE



IT WAS DOUBLY fitting that there should have been an Apprentices Guard of Honour to mark the departure of Major John Brumfitt from the Army Catering Corps Apprentices College at Aldershot. In the first place he was one of the original dozen 15-year-olds to join the very first Apprentice Chef Squad in 1947 and in the second place his last appointment was as the College's Administrative Officer.

The years in between saw him serving all over the world — North Africa, Canal Zone, Germany, Malaya, Persian Gulf, Far East. He was commissioned in 1973.

Above, Major Brumfitt inspects his latter-day successors and, inset, as he appeared in an early course photograph.

# NEWS VIEW

## Capping It ▲

Princess Anne was sporting a natty bit of headgear when she visited 33 Signals Regiment (V) at Altcar Training Camp. Here she chats to Major David Tebbutt, watched by Captain Catriona Millar, the commen commander.

It was the Princess's first visit to the Regiment since she became Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals and during her visit she watched the squadrons from Chester, Liverpool and Manchester, as well as the RHQ and Workshops from Huyton, going through their paces.

## Jungle Search ▲

When 18-year-old Carl Symes attended the Army's Youth Adventure Training Scheme at Fort George he so impressed the staff that he was invited to return as a volunteer instructor. Now his reward has been a place on the Black River Expedition to the Honduran jungle. The expedition was a reconnaissance for Operation Raleigh, the four-year international youth expedition which begins in 1984, and it succeeded in finding 20 temple mounds which might provide a clue to the location of a lost Great White City.

Here Carl is helping scientist Caroline Ash collect samples of flora in the rain forest. Now he is waiting to join the Parachute Regiment.



## Back for a Day ▼

Just one of the 47,000 reservists reporting for the third annual one-day 'call-up' was Mr Gerald Nunn, seen here having his kit checked after he reported to the RCT Depot at Aldershot.

The new system halves the time previously needed to mobilise reserves because soldiers now report to centres nearer to their homes instead of travelling to regimental depots all over the country.

Last year 92 per cent of the Regular Army Reserve responded to the system, each collecting a taxable grant of £100 plus travelling expenses.



## Tough Girls ▲

Wet, muddy but unbowed, Cathryn Moore, left, and Sherrie Gethin take a well earned breather after completing four circuits of the assault course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The two 18-year-olds, who work for an office cleaning firm, did it all for charity and not only became the first females to tackle the course but raised over £1200 for the South Atlantic Fund.

Then, to mark their triumph, they were thrown in the lake but Cathryn cannot swim and Sandhurst instructors had to go to her aid!



## Falklands Facts ▲

Since the beginning of October a hand-picked team of Falklands veterans has been touring the world to give a first-hand account of what really happened. When the presentation team finishes its tour at Christmas, its members will have given 40 presentations to military audiences ranging from 60 to 400.

The team includes representatives of all the units, regiments and corps — including the Royal Marines — which took part in the campaign. Here Lieutenant (QGO) Hangsaraj Magar of 1/7 Gurkha Rifles and Lieutenant William Syms of 1 Welsh Guards, display some captured Argentine weapons.



## CO's Medal ▲

Lieutenant-Colonel David Chaundler, CO of 2 Para who parachuted into the Falklands to join his battalion, displays his Seagrave Medal after the presentation in London. The Seagrave Trophy was presented to the Task Force Commander, Rear Admiral Sir John ('Sandy') Woodward and other medals went to Major General Sir Jeremy Moore of the Royal Marines and Wing Commander Alan Bowman, RAF.



## Tough Baby ▲

Still in its infancy the SP 70 — the self-propelled version of the Army's FH 70 — has been demonstrating its prowess to representatives of the three contributing nations, Germany, Italy and UK. This German example was one of two prototypes to take part in cross-country driving and live firing trials in Lower Saxony. The type is due to enter service in the late 80s.

## Top Phot ▲

No wonder he looks happy! Sergeant Paul Montgomery had just collected an armful of prizes after becoming Army Photographer of the Year with a portfolio on the 'Cockney Jocks' — the 1st/51st Highland Volunteers (TA) — on exercise in Soltau, Germany. Paul, who works at UKLF, won the title in April but the presentation had to be delayed until now because of the Falklands crisis. Some of the winning pictures are on pages 26-27.



## Florida Bound ▲

Off to Florida for three weeks sport parachute training were these members of Expedition 'Turning Diamond', pictured at Gutterslöh, just before their departure. Altogether, nine soldiers from BAOR and three from UK will be training at the famous Zephyr Hills centre. They hope to make 50 training jumps each and afterwards to form a BAOR-based canopy relative work team.

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**F**OR A FEW MOMENTS it looked as if Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, the Chief of the Defence Staff, was going to be physically assaulted by a Vickers Mark III main battle tank. He did not flinch as the mighty machine growled straight at him and happily it stopped a couple of yards away.

But the incident was not as threatening as it might sound, for Sir Edwin had just formally opened the biggest tank factory in Europe and was 'reviewing' three of its products.

Minutes earlier the smart blue curtains surrounding the ceremonial area had been swept aside to reveal the 546-metre-long assembly line and the models on display. In the far distance there were armoured vehicles in every stage of construction.

The new factory on the Scotswood Road in Newcastle upon Tyne has been built for Vickers Defence Systems at a cost of £7½ million to replace its old rambling Victorian buildings a mile away. It has been named Armstrong works in tribute to Sir W G Armstrong, who founded the old Elswick works in 1847, and is the largest single space manufacturing facility in Europe.

At one end the raw materials, like sheets of armour plating and huge castings for turrets, arrive. At the other, completed vehicles drive out through the door under their own power to the test facilities outside.

The new factory was in op-

## Gordon Williams sees the opening of Europe's largest tank factory



Sir Edwin holds his ground with company executives as the tanks approach.

## TYNESIDE'S BIG ROLLERS

eration exactly one year after construction work started and there is already a £50 million contract for Mark III MBTs for the Nigerian Army — the one which seemed to threaten Sir Edwin was the last of 80 for Kenya.

The company's latest pro-

duct, the Chobham-armoured Valiant, has yet to attract an order but will be touring the Middle East next Spring as part of the Ministry of Defence's floating sales exhibition.

Introduced a couple of years ago, it has just completed its firing trials and the two targets

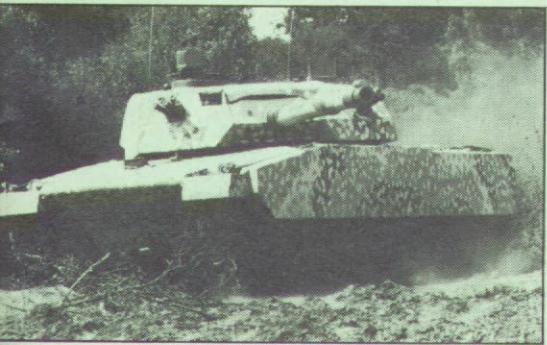
on display at the opening showed that its gunnery is remarkably accurate. The Valiant, which can take several different guns, is said to have the most sophisticated weapons system available and to provide the most cost effective package at

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The massive factory that took just a year to build.



The Valkyr APC, an Anglo-Belgian project.



The Chobham-armoured Valiant on trial.



IT TOOK two months to plan and prepare the opening ceremony at the new factory and the man in charge was retired Colonel Alan Bisset, late of the Royal Tank Regiment, now the company's marketing manager.

With over 350 military and civilian guests from 14 overseas countries, plus those from the Ministry of Defence, other government organisations, UK customers and suppliers, it was quite an undertaking.

But there were no problems, Colonel Bisset said afterwards. "We just broke it up into a series of packages and dealt with them one at a time."

It sounded like the understatement of the year.

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just £1 million each.

Although it is planned that the new factory will produce about 10 tanks a month its production can be increased. Already plans are afoot to install two more of the giant manipulators which cant and turn the hulls during welding operations.

At present Vickers are mainly concerned with the export market but they are one of the firms which have been asked to contribute ideas for Britain's next

generation of tanks — to meet the armoured threat envisaged in the 1990s (story page 7). In his opening address Sir Edwin said that he had high expectations for the Valiant and the company's other vehicles in future overseas markets. It was an impressive range, he said.

And he had a word about the morality of arms sales, which, he said, could be represented by some in an unfavourable light. When it was done responsibly and sensibly, he stressed, it could make an important contribution to our foreign policy, to a proper balance of power, to deterrence and to bringing stability to unstable areas.

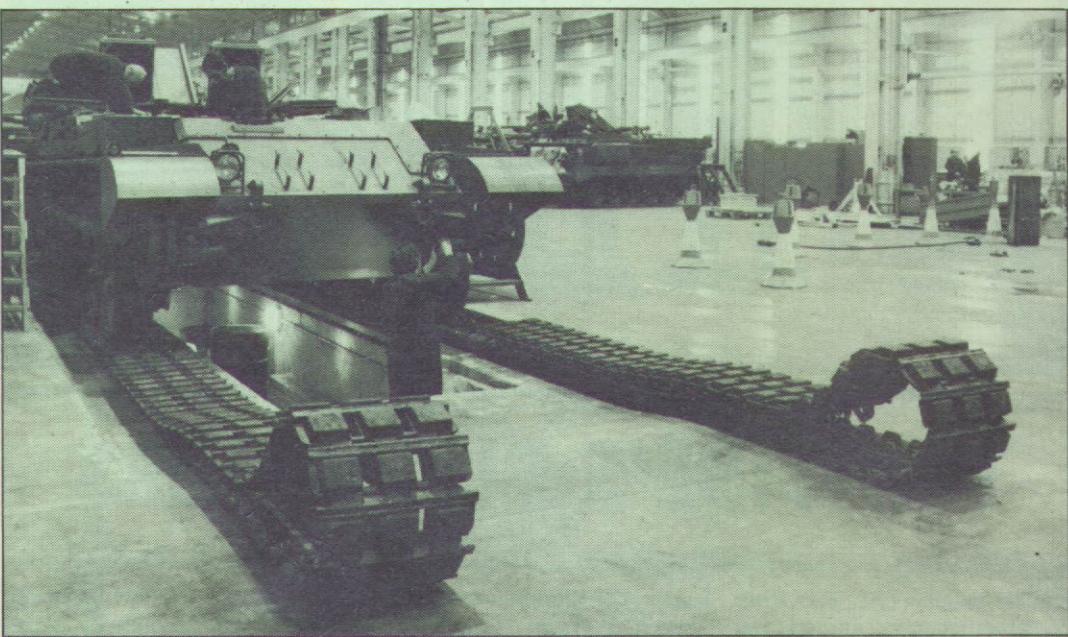
"All these are vital for the preservation of world peace," said Sir Edwin.

"Of course, were it done irresponsibly the reverse would apply. Quite apart from the self-interest, it is, in our case, a matter of staving off a far greater evil.

"You can therefore have confidence that you are working very much in the national interest," he told the 700-strong workforce. ■

◀ Laying track of Mark III MBT.

Work in progress in the fabrication area. ▼



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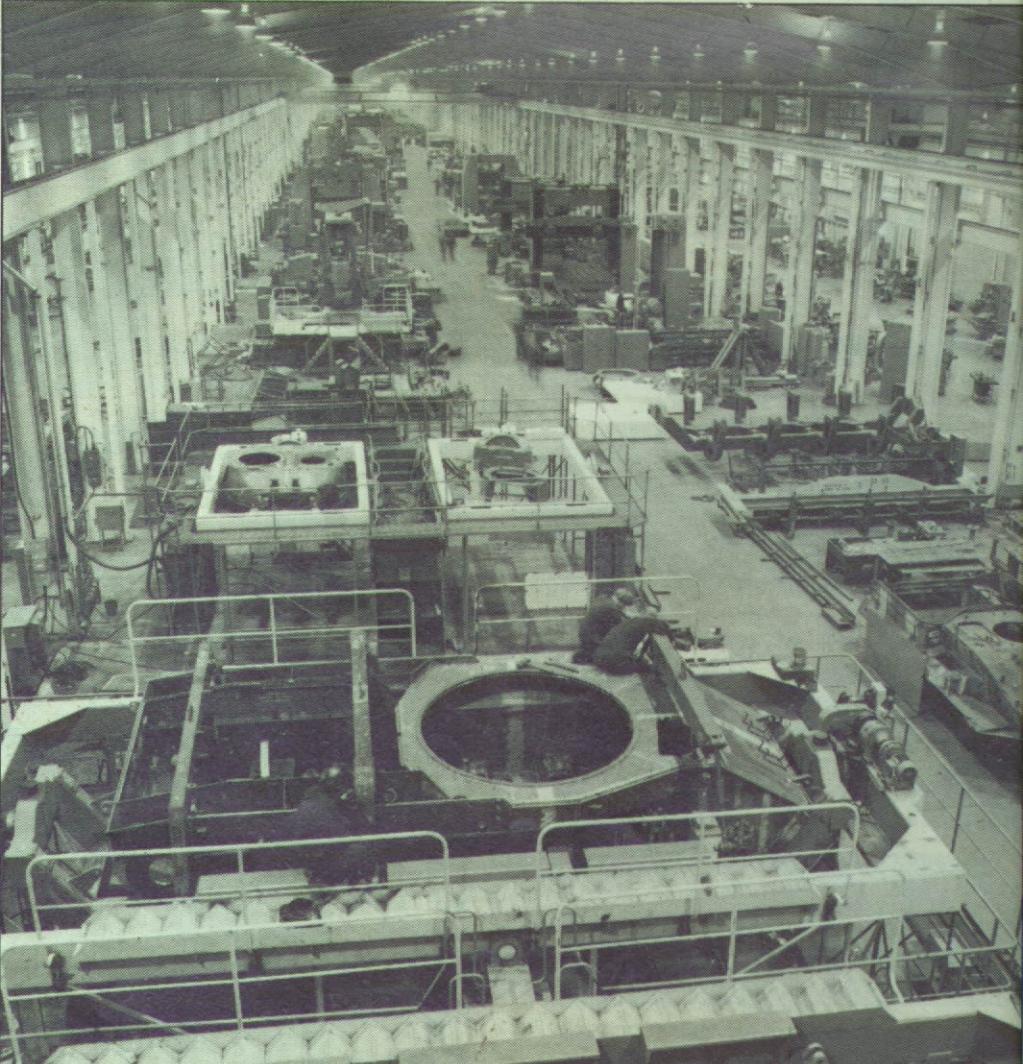
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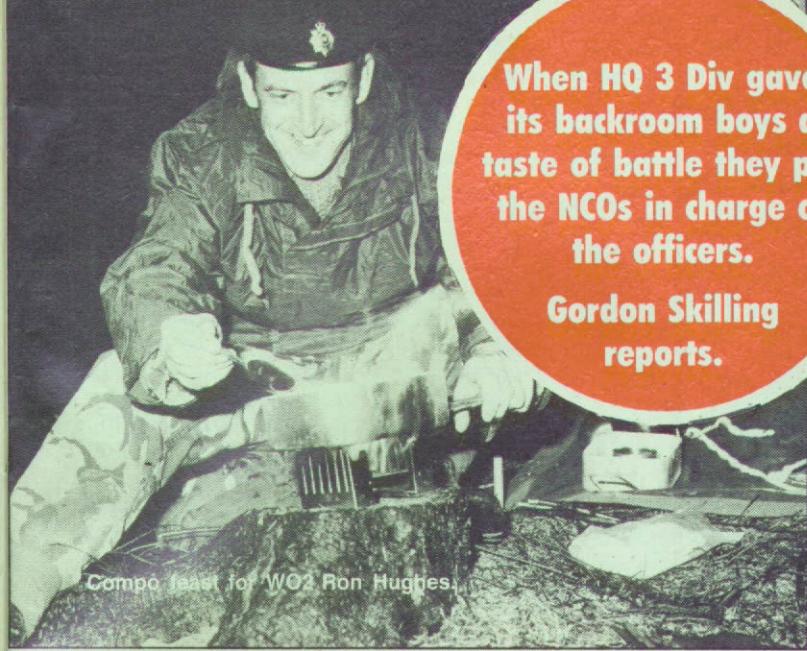
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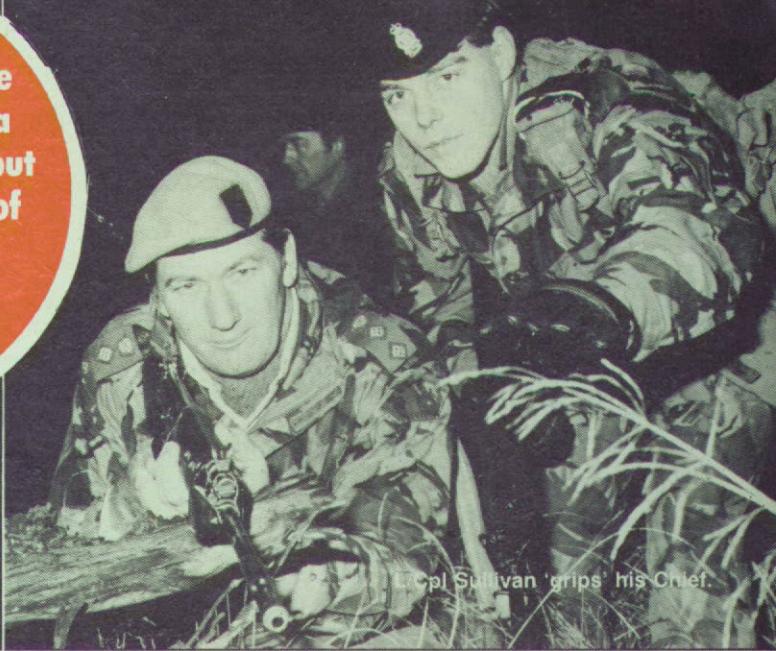




When HQ 3 Div gave its backroom boys a taste of battle they put the NCOs in charge of the officers.

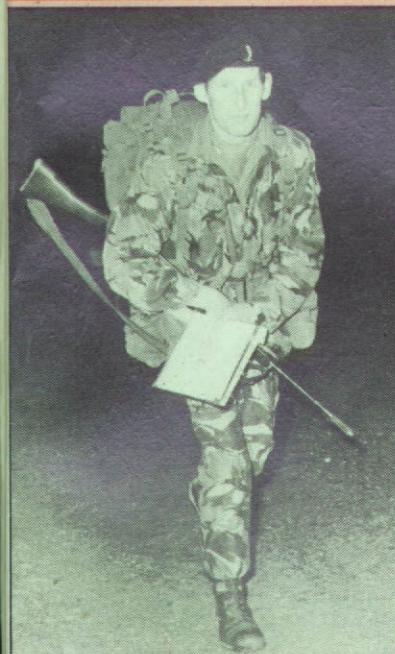
Gordon Skilling reports.

Compo least for WO2 Ron Hughes



Cpl Sullivan 'grabs' his chief.

## FROZEN MEMBERS FIND THE GOING HOT



"THIS IS YOUR arc of fire and if you see anything, tell me immediately or I'll 'ave you, sir!"

The speaker was Lance Corporal Neville Sullivan and the man being addressed in such peremptory fashion was the 3rd Armoured Division's Chief of Staff, Colonel Mike Wilkes. But the sudden reversal in ranks was not part of some sinister Militant Tendency-style revolt among the Division's NCOs. They were simply learning to do their 'own thing' as section commanders during a special exercise to give Headquarters 'backroom' staff a rare taste of front line action.

"Teeth" arms sometimes jeer that the clerks, drivers, storemen and administrators so vital to the smooth running of a headquarters complex are not the most skilled when it comes to the

purely tactical side of military business. But in a war situation this administrative tail would have an active role and at HQ 3rd Armoured Division and Signal Regiment at Korbecke in Germany they have been proving that they can have the clout of a kangaroo's tail — with a boxing glove on the end.

Throughout the past few months, clerks have been given intensive refresher courses reminding them how to prepare for battle, give orders, navigate, patrol and ambush.

And it is not only the clerks who have been singled out. Senior as well as junior officers have been pounding round the camp with their men trying to pass their Basic Fitness Test. And on top of that the Iron Division has instituted what it calls "arduous training" to blow any remaining cobwebs away.

A series of ever lengthening

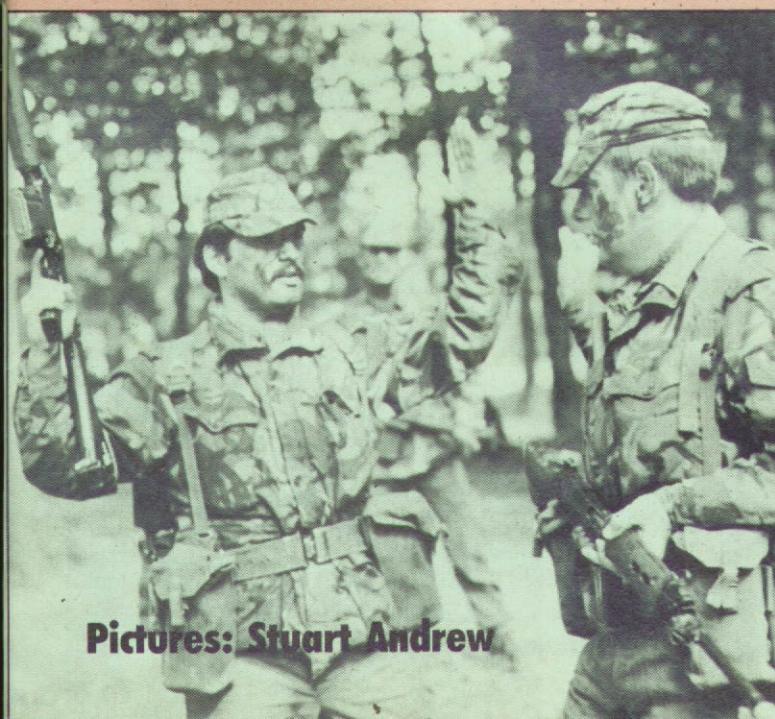
route marches culminated in a 24-hour exercise during which the whole of the staff went out in turn on a 13-mile march through the woods overlooking the Mohne See of Dambuster fame.

With snow forecast for the area they bivvied up and got a quick meal down them before setting off on a night exercise. Then, the manoeuvres completed, it was an eight-mile forced march back to base.

It was during this exercise — aptly named 'Frozen Members' — that the senior officers found themselves at the beck and call of corporals and sergeants. Some NCOs, like Sergeant Hugh Ward, with two lieutenant-colonels and a major in his section, were positively hoping their charges would do something wrong. "They'll get all the dirty jobs," he promised with a wide grin, "as well as making my tea!"

The Happy Wanderer — ▲  
Major Bill Bowen.

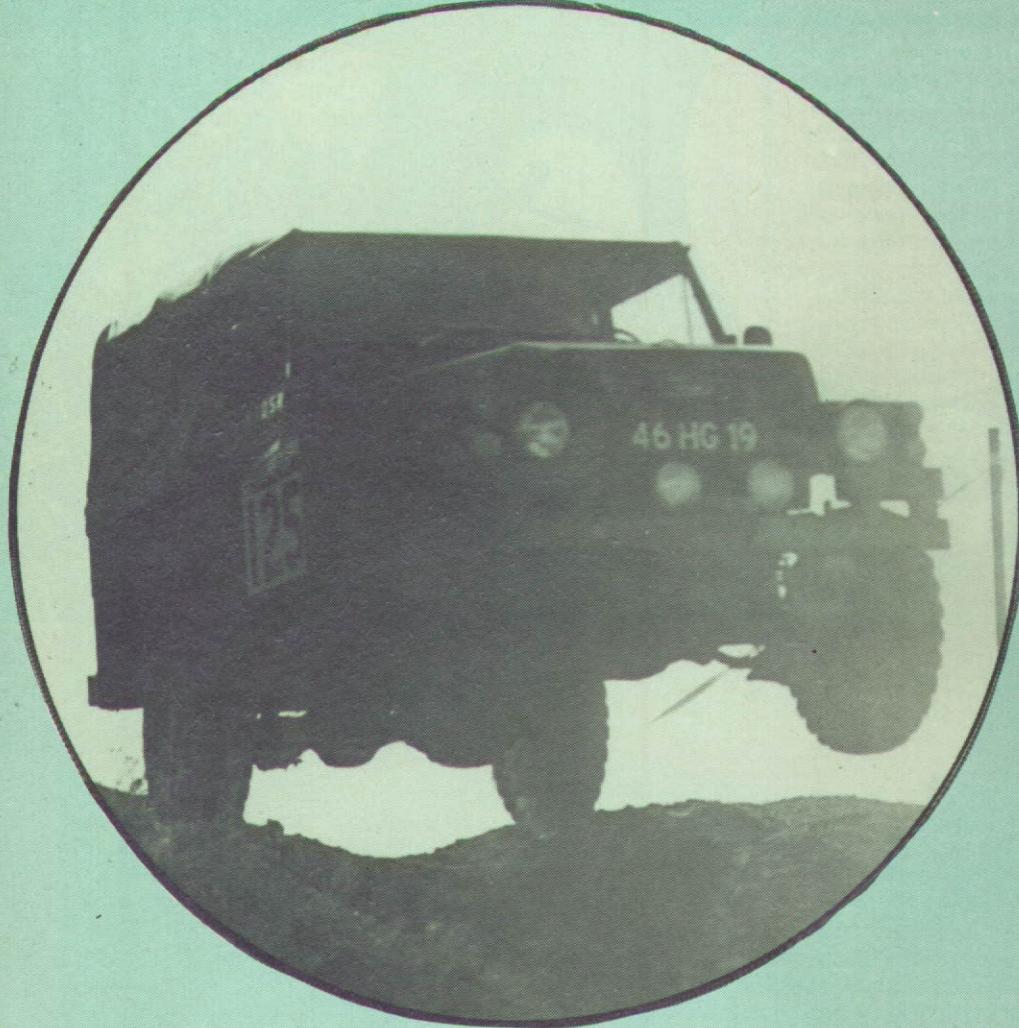
Cpl Taff Miles and Paul Trent discuss field signals. ▼



Staff support takes on a new meaning as Canadian Major Floyd Lydon (left) joins forces with WO1 Chips Rafferty and Maj John Williams of REME.



Pictures: Stuart Andrew



**It's the highlight of the military motorsport calendar — a 48-hour test of skill and endurance over some of the roughest country in Germany. This year's event was the toughest ever with less than half the starters making it across the finishing line.**

## **MAGNUM SPIRIT 82**



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HE FIRST FEINT skeins of autumn ice were forming over the dark forest pools when the still night air was shattered by a blaze of light and the scream of engines. Light and sound joined to a crescendo as the Land Rovers flew past. One caught a glimpse of drivers' arms battling with heavy steering wheels and the softly illuminated faces of navigators, heads bowed as if in prayer, as they concentrated hard on the task of finding their way over 500 miles of road and track through the hills and forests of Northern Germany.

Every year the British Army Motoring Association (BAMA) sponsors the Army Driving Championships in an exercise known as 'Magnum Spirit'. The aims of BAMA are simple; to improve driving skill and vehicle navigation through competitive motoring. So the Association encourages military participation in civilian motorsport events throughout the year.

Magnum Spirit marks the climax of the year's activities by bringing together all those who have experience in competitive motoring and just as important, gives beginners a chance to try competition for the first time and perhaps learn from the experts.

◀ A bumpy landing for Cpl Kerry Gill and WO2 Lewis of 4 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt.

▼ Majors John Fraser and Mike Farmer receive the Army Driving Championship rosebowl from Major General Mike Allen, the DGMT.

WO2 Les Dalton was competing in his last military event. He set the early pace but failed to make the final placings.

Most of today's top Army crews first drove competitively in a BAMA Championship exercise.

Exercise Magnum Spirit 82 was the biggest for many years with 129 Land Rovers entered by more than 80 British Army units in BAOR and the UK, plus three jeeps from the French Army. The organisation was taken on by 24 Infantry Brigade commanded by Brigadier John Hemsley, himself a rally driver of international repute, and the course was set by Major Bob Wannell of the Royal Signals, a very experienced navigator. The result was a gruelling test of driving ability, navigational skill and stamina; an exercise of 48 hours including over 550 miles driving at night and a daylight cross country test.

Over 500 people assembled at Sennelager for the night-time start. Drivers, navigators, timekeepers, vehicle scrutineers, marshals, storemen, and cooks created an enormous bustle of activity.

The rules made it quite clear that vehicles had to be in standard condition — the world of twin carburettors, high lift cams and bored-out engines is forbidden in a military competition. But crews were allowed to fit extra spotlights and safety equipment since they were about to set off on an exercise far more demanding than normal unit driver training.

Conditions were near perfect for the drivers as they sped away through the darkness but the cold soon found its way through the parkas of the timekeepers keeping lonely vigil on hill tops across an area the size of Wales.

By breakfast the next morning 100 weary crews returned to Sennelager, the rest having dropped out because they had overrun the tight time schedule or their vehicles had developed minor faults. There was to be no let up for the crews though. After a meal and a wash they were straight out on to the tank tracks of Sennelager Training Area for a series of auto trials designed to test the drivers' ability to cope with the unexpected.

Many drivers found themselves negotiating terrain they might previously have considered impossible for Land Rovers — they learned a lot about their vehicles and their own handling skills.

After the cross country section the results were worked out whilst the competitors slept. By now the experts were beginning to show with WO2 Les Dalton and Major Bob Price from COD Donnington just ahead of Sergeant Don Knight of 94 Locating Regiment RA and WO2 Dave Weston of 22 Armoured Brigade Signal Squadron. Proving herself a better cross country driver than many of the men was Lance Corporal Sandra Elliot who with Lance Corporal Angela Thornalley of 68 Squadron RCT was to go on to win the WRAC prize.

To ensure an equally demanding test, experts and beginners were each set a different course on the second night. The best 44 vehicles after phase one went on to compete in an event run exactly along the lines of an international rally — over 220 miles long including 68 miles of special stages through closed forest roads. For the less experienced crews there were 250 miles of tough navigation and driving — a test that proved too much for many.



Battling through the mud — S/Sgt Eddie Lennox and Sgt Thomas Baker of 12 Armd Wksp REME.

By the end of the event in a cold clear dawn the earlier leaders had been overhauled by Major John Fraser and Major Mike Farmer of HQ RCT, 1 (BR) Corps and 59 weary crews had made it across the finishing line of the toughest ever exercise in the Magnum Spirit series.

Witnessing at first hand the high level of driving and navigational skills shown by all entrants was the Director General of Transport and Movements, Major General Bill Allen, who stressed the importance of events like Magnum Spirit for improving operational standards.

"The ability to handle a vehicle as driver or navigator over adverse terrain is an essential element of modern warfare. The skills of all drivers, whether on reconnaissance, driving ambulances or moving stores were as much an essential factor in the Falklands conflict as they were in the jungles of SE Asia or the deserts of North Africa."

Those skills were certainly tested to the full during Magnum Spirit yet entrants covered 57,000 miles of hard driving virtually without mishap. Two Land Rovers rolled on to their side but were soon righted and drove on, two bumperbars were bent but soon straightened and the worst injury was sustained by a competitor on the cross country stage — a sprained wrist.

## FINAL PLACINGS

**Army Champions.** 1st crew and 1st RCT crew: Major Fraser & Maj Farmer HQ RCT, 1 (BR) Corps; Runners up and 1st RA crew: S/Sgt Gillett & L/Bdr Bodham 50 MSL Regt RA; 3rd overall: Maj Murray & Maj Gardner 47 AD Sqn RCT; 1st crew class II: Sgt Wilkinson & L/Cpl Davies 17/21 Lancers LAD; 2nd crew class II: Cpl Haddow & Cpl Quinn 1 Kings Own Borderers; 3rd crew class II: L/Bdr Kenny & L/Bdr Foster 50 MSL Regt RA; 1st R Signals unit entry: Dvr Wigfall & Cpl Cullen 3 Armd Div Sig Regt; 1st WRAC crew: L/Cpl Elliot & L/Cpl Thornalley 68 Sqn RCT WRAC; Best RCT (BAOR) Team: 10 Regt RCT.

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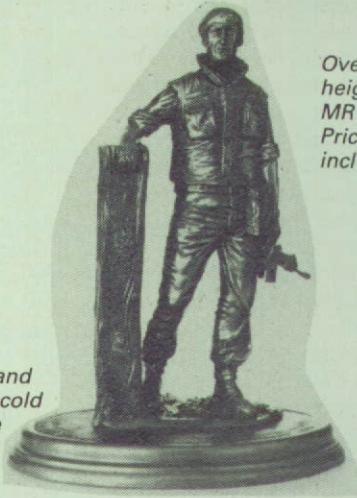
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**Once a National Service Redcap, now a Football League referee, Brian Daniels brings a touch of Army discipline to the game but also a rich sense of humour.**

**John Walton talks to...**

# THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

**T**HE CROWD were mystified when SOLDIER photographer Doug Pratt took a picture in the centre of the field at the start of the Southampton-Nottingham Forest game. All eyes should have been on Mick Mills — making his debut for Saints after a football lifetime at Ipswich.

But the SOLDIER spotlight was on a man who is out on the park every Saturday yet whose presence is never noticed until he becomes embroiled in a controversy. That man was the referee — 48-year-old Brian Daniels — the oldest official on the League list and due to retire at the end of this season.

Ex-military policeman Brian has been refereeing since his schooldays. "Before I left school I realised I would not make a professional footballer because although I

could kick a football and sprint, high jump and hurdle I had no footballing ability.

"I went and pestered to become a ref but I had to wait until I was 16 before I could. It was unusual then and I think I might have been the youngest qualified referee in the country at the time. Now there are a lot of kids of 14 who are passing referee's exams."

Called up for National Service Brian found himself in the RMP and bound for Germany. As soon as they found he was a qualified referee Brian was kept as part of 101 Provost Company.

"We were not a particularly big unit and a lot of the Guards battalions could not understand why we won practically everything going at football. It was simple really — we had ten professionals and an amateur international playing for us.

"It helped my refereeing a lot because I

**'We had two replays as a result of a bad decision I made and it took a third game and a new referee to sort it out.'**



would referee, say, local games against the catering corps. We wouldn't beat them by too much because we got extra grub when we visited them!"

When he was refereeing Brian was often listed by his unit as on duty — "on mobile patrol". This could come in handy on occasions.

"Some games would see guys get a bit stroppy about my decisions and on a couple of occasions they said they would see me afterwards. They waited outside the hut where I was changing and were most upset when I walked out in my uniform with a red armband and said 'You want to see me?'"

Another problem Brian encountered were officers who did not realise that once players are on the football field in shorts they do not carry rank.

"I sometimes had lieutenants and captains try to pull rank on me and they came unstuck. On one occasion I went over and told a player off and he said to me 'I'm a second lieutenant — stand with your heels together'. But he was the one who got the rocket after the match."

Brian rose to the dizzy heights of lance-corporal and spent his last few months in plain clothes — "getting a case against a German lady of ill repute".

Like many ex-National Servicemen he sometimes wonders what would have happened if he had signed on again. "Sometimes I regret coming out because at my final interview I was told that if I signed on I would be a substantive sergeant. But you can't think like that...One thing about the military police is they taught me to write a report and that's stood me in good stead."

After the heady days of an Army Cup

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◀ Waving back the Ipswich 'wall' as Saints prepare to take free-kick.

Final in Germany it was back to refereeing local junior games in Essex. "I got a senior cup final and proceeded to cock it up from start to finish. We had a ball with laces in it and a dog came on, got his teeth under the laces and ran off with it. I was a great fan of the dog because the game was a disaster for me. We had two replays as a result of a bad decision I made and it took a third game and a new referee to sort it out. But you learn from days like that and we all have games we want to forget."

Later, Brian made the line on the Isthmian and Athenian Leagues then on to their referees' list. Eventually he was appointed to the Football League and has now completed 18 years, all except two in the middle.

Although he has a keen sense of humour both on and off the field there is a serious side to him. He is now a positive vetting officer for Securicor. And while he is always willing to have a joke with players and is known by fellow referees and linesmen as a bit of a character, he is also a keen disciplinarian.

"I've seen the game change three times and I think that discipline has improved again. I'm all for this new professional foul attitude although we knew there would be a hue and cry about it. Perhaps I get more co-operation from players because I am a seasoned veteran and the clubs and players all know me."

The most frightening experience of his career was back in the glory days of Manchester United when they fielded people like Best, Law and Charlton. Brian officiated at a marvellous game in which United went down 4-3 to West Bromwich Albion.

He was returning to London by train with his young son when they were discovered by some young thugs. "I changed compartments three times and even ended up in the loo with my lad on my lap. But they kept finding me and finally offered me a crate of beer, which I refused.

"It turned out that they had smashed the buffet car and nicked the lot. The train made an unscheduled stop at Watford and police went through the train with dogs. I



got off the train and was thrown across the platform. I finally explained who I was and produced my identity and we were the only people allowed off the train. I'm convinced they could have killed me so I never travel to matches by train any more."

Brian has retained some of his links with Army football. He always attends the Army's game against the Essex FA and recently refereed a game at Sandhurst — "I was determined to get in there somehow!"

At the end of the season he will retire from refereeing. Major honours have eluded him although he has been linesman for important European games and was reserve referee for the 1980 League Cup Final.

What are the chances of him getting this year's FA Cup Final? He grins: "I've heard that with a bit of luck I might be considered

Brian gets ready for the fray with his linesman Peter Pittaway.

for the Davis or the Wightman! There's no sentiment in the matter — just because you have stayed on they are not necessarily going to give you a major honour. I'd like one, but in 100 years time I won't be bothered — so why bother now?

"I could carry on refereeing in the Athenian League for several more seasons but I will pack up at the top. I don't want to give a decision and have some young player coming up and saying 'no wonder you are off the League list'. But I still hope to be active in football, preferably in administration."

**Pictures: Doug Pratt**

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## COOL HEADS ON MOONBASE SIX

THE SUN-KISSED Mediterranean island of Aristo is a safe place again for British tourists to visit despite a bit of trouble stirred up by the locals — thanks to the efforts of 121 men of 19 Infantry Brigade HQ and Signal Squadron and 30 men of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

The azure-rimmed island of Aristo is not to be found on any maps or in any holiday brochures. It doesn't really exist. But it did for a while during 'Exercise Moonbase Six', a fictitious scenario acted out on the real-life Aphrodite's Isle — Cyprus — which was rugged enough for the reality the players wished to portray.

Although only a company-strength exercise, the plot dictated that a number of British nationals — tourist and resident alike — had to be moved to an area of safety, away from militant forces who were sorting out their own differences.

The sanguine Brits were successfully rescued and Aristo was soon restored to tranquil normality.

After the action, Major Mike Collins, Royal Corps of Signals, who commanded the effort of Moonbase Six, said: "We have

achieved our exercise aims, all of them, and it was a pleasure to have individual units working together as a team. I am sure we will all return to the UK a lot fitter than we were before the exercise."

Other parts of the training involved military tactics and weapons firing. The visitors were all based at 'Radio Sonde' Camp at Episkopi in the western Sovereign Base Area (SBA) and apart from the Warminster-based Royal Welch Fusiliers all the men taking part were drawn from Colchester units including men from the HQ and Signal

Squadron, 19 Field Ambulance RAMC, 40 Field Regiment RA, 156 Provost Company RMP, 8 Field Workshops REME, as well as representatives from the RAOC and the RCT.

To carry out the training without disturbance; the units were split into four groups, each spending four days at four different locations on the island.

Tactical training involved night patrols, day marches across rough and dusty terrain and section attacks on a deserted village near Episkopi. Weapon training took place some 70 miles away on the Dhekelia Ranges and at Akrotiri.

Beach landings from Army landing craft and more leisurely wind-surfing, canoeing and sailing skills were practised on a sun-drenched Evidihmou Beach which also housed a tented camp.

Meanwhile, 6000 feet up in the Troodos Mountains, instructors taught abseiling, rock climbing and orienteering. Many young soldiers found themselves scaling the heights for the first time in their lives, but they were soon confidently abseiling down a 200-foot sheer rock face. ■



**Story: Pete Brown  
Pictures: Peter Brignall**

Landing craft drill on Evidihmou Beach.



THIS Christmas will be one of sadness for many families. The tragedies of the past year are too fresh in many minds for a wholehearted celebration of the festive season.

The Remembrance Service this year reflected a new awareness of the meaning of the poppy wreaths and, amid the reality of the present, faded memories of past conflicts were rekindled. A new compassion could be seen on the faces of the Servicemen who stood so still under the gentle stream of poppy petals, each representing a life lost, a beloved husband, father, son or brother, as they fell silently to the floor of the Albert Hall. We cannot and will not forget their final sacrifice even as life goes on and we prepare for Christmas.

As 1983 dawns, let us pray that peace will prevail and that we Service families will find the courage and good humour to face the separations from our husbands as they are called away for duties in Northern Ireland or the Falklands, for unaccompanied tours elsewhere, on exercises, training or courses. Such commitments highlight the need for good neighbourliness in our Service communities. Everyone can help make life just that little bit better, so do come forward.

There are exciting prospects in view in 1983 for those of you in the UK or returning home from an overseas tour. The birth of the UKLF Federation of Wives' Clubs is the most exciting development for Service families in many years and I shall be giving you all the details in the New Year issue of **SOLDIER**.

So, as you do your last minute shopping and stagger home under the weight of that family-size turkey to ice the Christmas cake and add yet another dash of spirits to the pudding, I wish you all wherever you are:

A very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Anne Armstrong



Mrs E has written to us from Surrey with her views on the problems of moving for Service families. We have passed her letter to the Project 305 team who are looking into this problem and have included some extracts from her letter below:

"Is there anything that can be done to prepare us a little more for our return to UK, particularly financially. It was quite a shock to lose our LOA (initially our LOA was paid even after our return to UK which meant the Army took it back the next month and we were paid very little that month) and to have half a dozen bills to pay at the same time.

"Would it not be possible to purchase TV licence stamps and telephone bill stamps in BAOR post offices so we could save well in advance?

"We had to wait quite a while for a quarter and lived with relatives for four weeks before we had a temporary quarter and eventually our permanent one. However, in spite of two moves, we were not entitled to any further disturbance allowance even though the moves were not our fault. We also had to pay our own storage charges while we waited, having already paid over £200 to have our furniture brought back from BAOR, yet the Army pay storage charges for people posted overseas who leave their belongings in UK. Why?

"As the wife of a SNCO who knows the Army well, I can cope — but for young Army wives these trans-European moves can be such a worry."

I have heard that benefit rates have changed recently. Can you tell me whether this is so?

Mrs A, Colchester.

There have been changes in benefit rates and I suggest you get hold of the new DHSS leaflet, SB 2/NOV 82 'Which Benefit? 60 ways to get cash help', which will tell you all you need to know

about benefits. See also leaflets NI 196 and NI 208.

My eldest daughter has just left school. She is sixteen and unable to get a job out here. Child Allowance and LOA have been stopped for her so at the moment we are getting nothing at all, even though we are supporting her.

Have you any suggestions?  
Mrs T, BFPO 36.

## ASK ANNE

You raise a widespread and worrying matter, Mrs T. Many families with children who have just left, or are about to leave school are being faced with this problem.

I suggest you contact the Youth Opportunities Scheme co-ordinator in your area and discuss your daughter's future with them. They may well be able to offer some help with training schemes or courses. The addresses are as follows:

Mrs Jennifer Green, Co-ordinator BFG YOP, Area YOP 1, BFPO 40. (Birgelen, Brüggen, Düsseldorf, Mülheim, Duisberg, Rheindahlen, Wildenrath).

Mrs Brige Willman, Co-ordinator BFG YOP, Area YOP 1a, BFPO 40. (Bracht, Krefeld, Mönchengladbach, Viersen).

Mrs Sue Acland, Co-ordinator BFG YOP, Area YOP 2, BFPO 113. (Gütersloh, Bielefeld, Herford, Minden, Osnabrück).

Mrs Sheila McQueen, Co-ordinator BFG YOP, Area YOP 3, BFPO 41. (Paderborn, Sennelager, Detmold, Hameln).

Mr John Dixon-Nuttall, Co-ordinator

BFG YOP, Area YOP 4, BFPO 17. (Dortmund, Münster, Soest).

Mrs Sarah-Jane Shirreff, Co-ordinator BFG YOP, Area YOP 5, BFPO 30. (Hohne, Soltau, Verden).

Our daughter will be starting at boarding school in England next September.

She has to wear glasses and we have been told by the boarding school that, although they can arrange for treatment of both eyes and teeth, they would prefer us to make our own arrangements for her to be tested and treated during holiday times.

Is our daughter entitled to treatment at British Military Medical Centres here in BFG?

Mrs D, BFPO 38.

Children of Servicemen who are at boarding school in England are not officially allowed treatment at military Medical Centres in BFG. However, they will be treated in cases of need or in an emergency and the Medical Centres generally do all they can to help families in this position.

I would advise you to arrange for treatment wherever possible through the school in UK rather than rely on the facilities in BFG during the holidays.

And, lastly, a letter from Germany from a wife with a suggestion for consideration:

"I'm sure I'm writing on behalf of many unemployed wives who, through their circumstances, are unable to pursue their careers and who are, therefore, unable to contribute to a private pension plan of their choice.

"Many of my contemporaries in UK are well on the way to being eligible for a pension after 20 years of full-time and continuous work but we, who have been continuously moved about both at home and overseas are unable to contribute to this type of plan due to endless uprooting.

"Isn't it time our Government took this fact into account and paid us wives an amount each month comparable to that which our contemporaries in UK are paying (or having paid for them, which is more to the point) into private pension plans? We too need to provide for later on.

"Isn't it time that the Armed Forces Pay Review Body and/or the Local Overseas Allowance Review Body looked into this discrepancy when assessing Servicemen's pay? If their findings were favourably disposed toward us wives, we would be able to contribute for our pensions regardless of where our husbands are sent."

Well, what do YOU think of that suggestion? Let us have your views for our New Year issue.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A SEASONAL HINT this week for all you lovers of REAL Christmas trees:

Keeping your tree looking fresh and cutting down on needle fall may be easier than you think. It simply requires a little care and attention before you decorate to save the daily task of picking up heaps of needles each day.

The key to making your tree last is to keep it moist. Keep it in a cool place like a shed or garage until you are ready to decorate it. Shake off all the loose needles before you take it indoors and, unless the tree is quite fresh, cut a few inches off the stub and put it into wet sand, gravel, shingle or even wet, screwed up newspaper. If you cannot keep the stub damp, spray the tree all over with an anti-transpirant which will help to conserve moisture. A cool position in the room will also help to keep your tree in tip top condition.

Merry Christmas!

# CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM YOUR NAAFI

STAFF AT THE NAAFI depot in Amesbury are puzzled and a little disappointed this year. They have not heard from an old friend and Christmas just will not be the same without him.

Albert is more of a pen friend really and he has ordered 25 Christmas hampers from Naafi for enough years to give him the status of a 'regular'. But this year Albert is missing and speculation is rife in the hamper packing department as to what has happened to him.

Meanwhile, though, work goes on as normal as the small staff processes orders and packs and despatches thousands of parcels of good cheer to addresses in UK from relatives serving overseas who will not be home for Christmas and who have taken advantage of the special Naafi service that can say "Happy Christmas" in a very special way.

There are no fewer than 11 different parcels to choose from, ranging from the Gift Parcel No. 1 for 'Senior Citizens' to Gift Parcel No. 11 which is a 'Special

Christmas Wine Pack', especially chosen for the connoisseur of bottled Christmas cheer. There is a speciality parcel of a miniature tea chest containing a kilogram of excellent quality tea and other parcels that make sure that Christmas spirit is not left to chance as well as the always welcome food hampers, which contain assortments of Christmas fare to make your mouth water.

Prices range from £5.10 to £17.40 so there is something to suit every pocket.

Naafi started the service in 1968 and its popularity has grown each year as the orders received by overseas shops show. The Naafi manager at Amesbury is Bill Cunningham and he is proud of the team's record of good service. They do all possible to deliver parcels, even those which are incompletely addressed. He admits it can be a headache on occasions.

Orders have been flooding in this year from the Falklands where so many Servicemen will be spending a Christmas thousands of miles away from their families. They are being looked after with particular care and their order forms have included a special card for their messages to be included with their parcels.

The four members of the hamper packing team work under the direction of Daphne Thomas who is the chargehand in the department and they include young Rachel Roberts who is being employed by Naafi on a Youth Opportunities Scheme. The others are Jim Campbell, who is in his second hamper packing year, and Betty Pennells. Daphne has been with Naafi for 15 years but she looks forward particularly to the months before Christmas. "It's a very special job," she said, "and as each parcel leaves on the GPO van we know it will bring a greeting from someone overseas who won't be home in time for Christmas."

On an average day, each worker will expect to pack between 25 and 30 parcels and these are collected by a special GPO van which calls daily at the depot to whisk away these very personal and unusual Christmas gifts, making sure that they are delivered on time.



The packing team at work on Naafi Christmas parcels.

## Pictorial tribute to RGJ

FOLLOWING THE RECENT success of her book *A Falklands Tribute*, Anne Pitcher has now produced a similar tribute dedicated to the Royal Green Jackets — particularly apt in view of the tragedy suffered by the Regimental Band in July. *A Tribute to the Royal Green Jackets* is a pictorial account of the history and activities of the Regiment with forewords by both the Chief of Defence Staff, Sir Edwin Bramall and the Mayor of Winchester. On the front cover is a photograph of the Band taken just three days before the bomb blast in Hyde Park.

The book is available from the PRO, Royal Green Jackets Depot, Winchester, Hants. Price £1.50 plus p&p. All proceeds will go to the Royal Green Jackets Band Fund.

## Identikit Santas

FATHER CHRISTMAS IS alive and well and living in . . . well, apart from the snowy wastes he is traditionally supposed to inhabit, he may also be found in the Falklands, Cyprus, Germany and Hong Kong — all at the same time.

Every year, the Naafi depot at Ludgershall supplies over 100 jolly red Santa suits for prospective service Father Christmases. The suits hang in rows to fit every size and shape and the oldest one has seen 25 Christmases as thousands of Service children have whispered their secrets into the ear of the wearer. The suits are cleaned, repaired



and checked before the Christmas rush and extra beards included if the suit is destined for several parties at one location.

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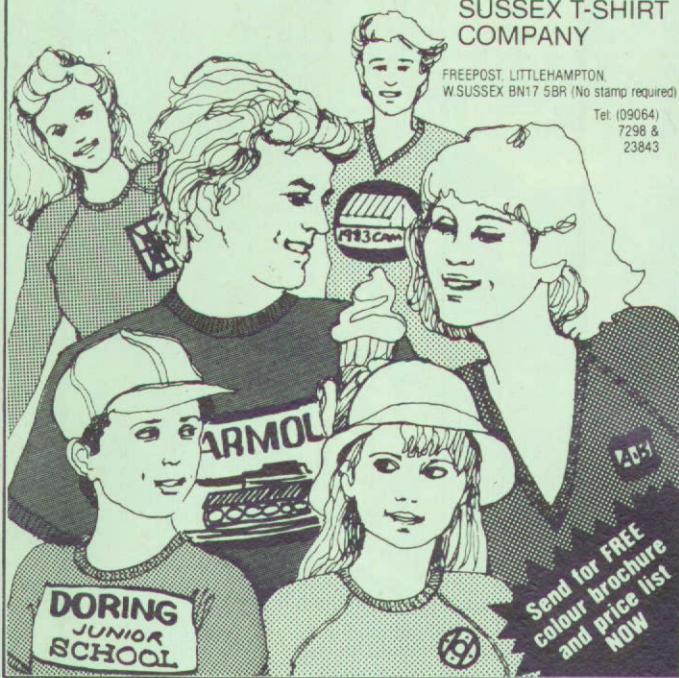
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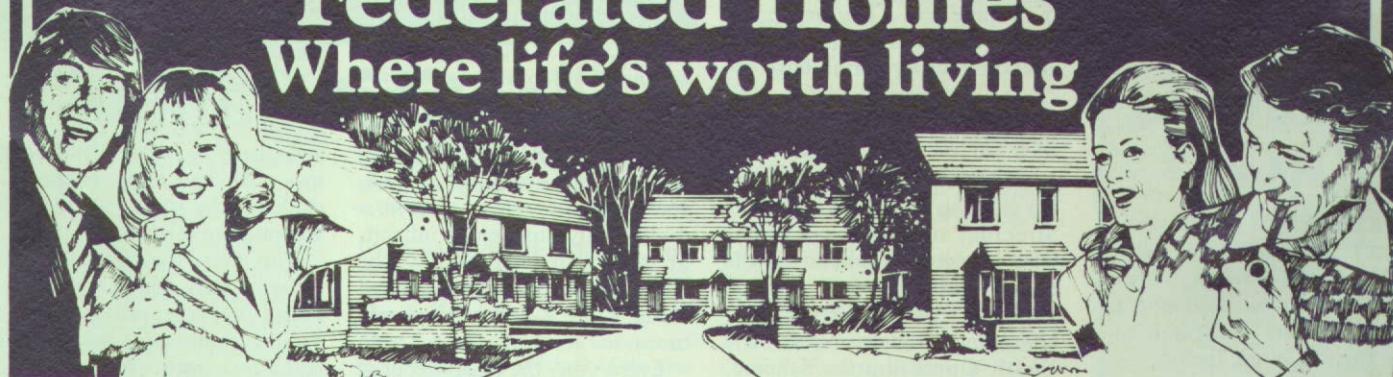
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**T**HERE IS A small and very elite corps of the British Army which is urgently looking for recruits at the moment. It is not the one with the winged dagger which has films and books written about it — yet the level of expertise which it reserves in its own field is at least equal.

The Small Arms School Corps is just over 130 strong and comprises the men who teach unit arms instructors their jobs. To even get into the Corps and wear its cap badge of a Vickers machine-gun and crossed rifles you must have shown sufficient ability on School of Infantry courses to have earned a 'distinguished' mark.

Corps adjutant, Lieutenant-Colonel Don Gillam, admits that with new posts appearing all the time the Corps is short of staff. "We want to recruit but we are particular who we recruit. We want the cream."

Something like a dozen new people are recruited to the Corps in a normal year but currently the SASC needs a few more than that. Those who attend Junior NCOs or other arms courses (not all SASC men are ex-infantry), and obtain distinguished grading are approached and registered as candidates.

Later their commanding officers are asked to release them for candidate training. In the past this has caused difficulties. After all, the CO has sent the man on the course to help his battalion and now finds that he is likely to be taken away.

But Colonel Charles Lane, Commandant of the Small Arms Wing at the School of Infantry and depot commander SASC, a non-Corps man, feels that resistance is less these days.

"Because a man has done well on the course here he is likely to do well in his battalion so there is an attraction for the CO to keep him. But COs are probably less worried now since there are more SASC around the world and they are starting to see

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**It is one of the smallest corps in the Army but its influence is felt all over the world wherever soldiers are trained.**

# ONLY THE BEST WILL DO

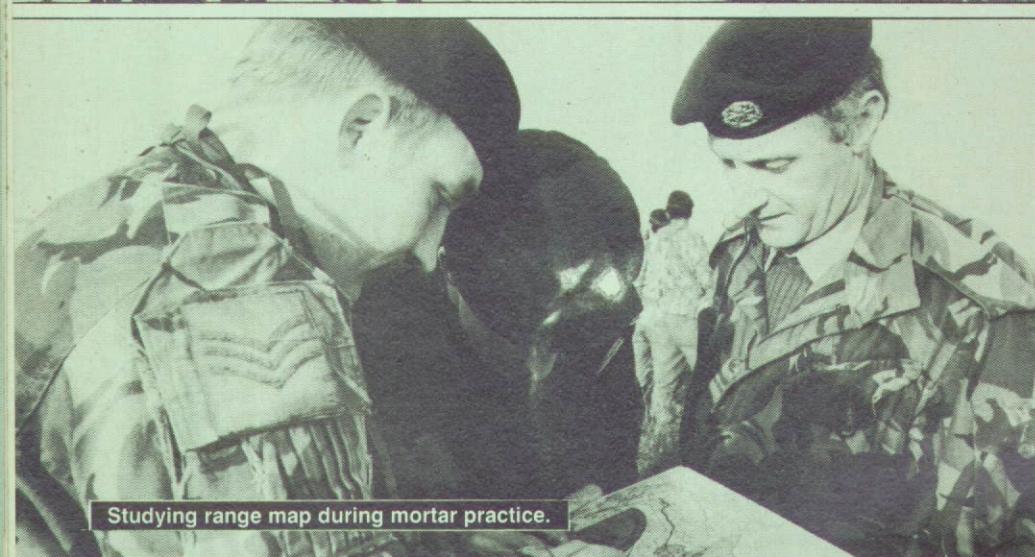
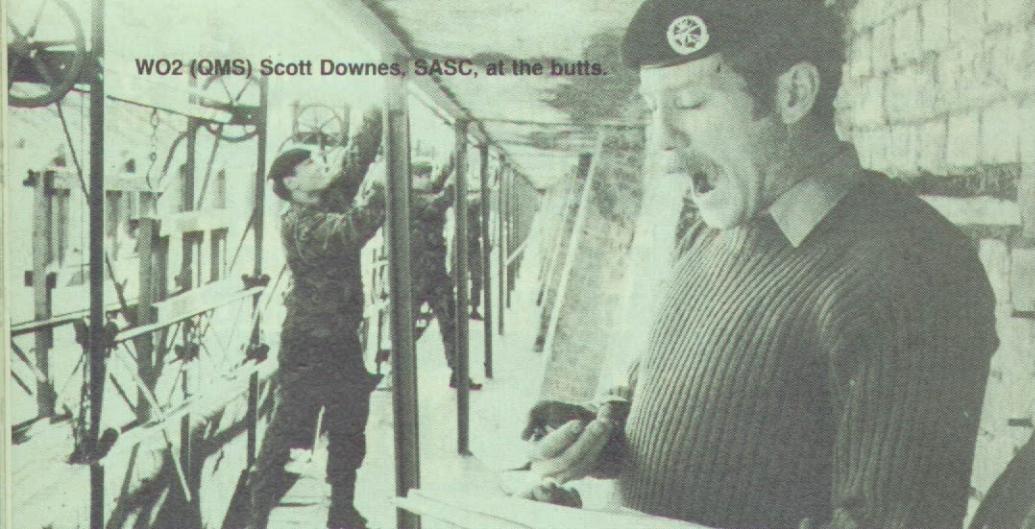


Night firing mortars on Salisbury Plain. ▲ Marksmanship practice on the Ash ranges. ▼



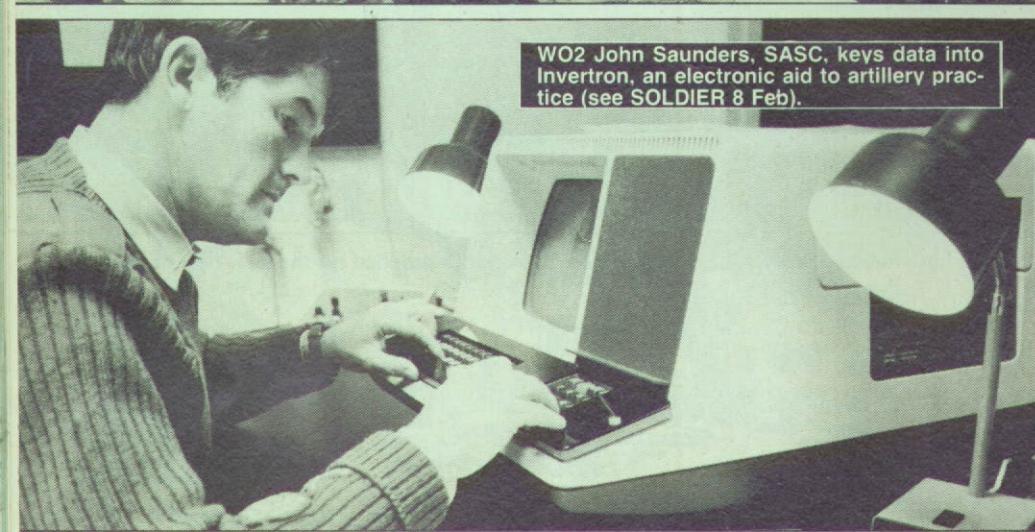
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WO2 (QMS) Scott Downes, SASC, at the butts.



Studying range map during mortar practice.

WO2 John Saunders, SASC, keys data into Invertron, an electronic aid to artillery practice (see SOLDIER 8 Feb).



"The hardest they have to work is in the first two years," explains Colonel Gillam. "They are teaching for eight hours a day as well as spending four to five hours in preparation. And their weekends will be spent on more preparation and writing reports."

Not surprisingly, the Corps has made its mark at Bisley over the years and two Queen's medallists are still serving. One is Lieutenant-Colonel Gillam and the other, WO1 Tony Haverson — at present working at the Infantry Trials and Development Unit at Warminster. His win was in 1970 but a more recent success was by QMSI Jim Cairns, who won two silver medals for Scotland in this year's Commonwealth Games.

At Warminster the SASC experts instruct both officers and NCOs in a variety of

Learning to fire Wombat anti-tank gun watched by Sgt Malcolm Grant, SASC.



Instruction in Milan firing drill from WO2 George Witts, SASC.



courses. The junior NCOs course turns out trained weapons instructors who then go back to their units. Indeed the role of the SASC has been likened to that of University dons or training college staff who teach the teachers how to teach.

**SOLDIER** talked to three SASC men at Warminster with varying experience.

QMSI Peter Read joined after 11 years with the Royal Green Jackets. He says: "It's been well worth it — I have never had any regrets about transferring. We are unique — there is not another Army in the world which has anything like us. I have gained a great deal of job satisfaction since I have been in the Corps but I have also worked a little harder than in the average infantry rank equivalent."

SSI Geoff Paine, joined just a year ago from 1 Queens. His view: "To get the hat you have got to work very hard. If a man cannot shoot and know how to use weapons properly he cannot be a soldier. We train the people who train those soldiers and that is how our success is achieved."

One of the most recent recruits is ex-paratrooper, Sergeant Instructor Brian Smith, who says: "Of course you miss the unit you have been with for ten years, but as you go on your attitude of mind develops. I had just spent three years in the depot with recruits but here you get the NCOs and you can let them use their own initiative and give them a bit of licence to think for themselves."

More SASC men are instructing at the School's Officers' Division. Major Alan Stockley tells them: "You must appreciate that the young officer who comes here will always remember two names — his drill instructor at Sandhurst and his platoon commander course instructor."

Like the NCOs' Division the Officers' Division fits in all sorts of small specialist courses between its main courses. They qualify people for field firing and teach weapon training officers and warrant officers how to train shooting teams, organise skill at arms meetings, sort out ammunition allocations and other specialist tasks.

The Other Arms Division takes people from outside the Infantry and some of these do eventually find themselves in the Small Arms School Corps. The soldiers on the course are expected to reach the same high standard as the infantry. The point is drummed home that the Falklands campaign showed the need for everyone to be able to use their weapons.

The old School of Musketry collection of small arms was recently incorporated as a combined SASC and School of Infantry museum. It is one of the finest in the world and was acquired as a result of the old school carrying out trials on infantry weapons systems over the years.

The curator, Major Maurice Fogwell, stresses that the museum is a working one used by various military courses. It includes most Warsaw Pact weapons and rifles from 1570 to date.

Prize exhibit is a Tinker's Mortar — a flint lock musket which can be converted to fire grenades from its hollow butt. Only one other example exists and that is in the Tower of London.

Says Major Fogwell: "There are still one or two missing things but these could only be obtained by exchange. We are particularly looking for a Stokes Mortar of World War



Preparing to fire another mortar round.

One."

Twenty five miles down the road at the Support Weapons Wing, Netheravon, another group of SASC instructors are employed instructing on mortars and anti-tank weapons.

Most SASC men are dual trained in small arms and support weapons but the RSM at Netheravon, Warrant Officer 1 Bob Teasdale admits: "You will always meet people who say you cannot be up to date on both."

In addition to the mortar training at Netheravon and on the ranges at Larkhill, the instructors also visit the Army overseas for concentrated spells of mortar training. And the full round of anti-tank weapons courses is also supplemented by overseas concentrations.

One instructor who has carved out a specialist position for himself is WO 2 Bill Iredale, who deals with armoured fighting vehicle recognition. His task is to raise the infantry's expertise in this area and he has

The Small Arms School Corps is descended from the School of Musketry founded at Hythe, Kent in 1854. It became a corps and took its present title in 1929. In 1969 it joined its parent School of Infantry at Warminster.

Its strength is 132 and of those, slightly under half are providing instruction for officers and non-commissioned officers attending courses at the School of Infantry.

The remainder are scattered throughout the world — there are 26 at training establishments in the United Kingdom, 11 at Research and Development establishments. SASC representatives are also found in Rhodesia, Hong Kong, Brunei, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, the Falklands, Oman, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. Two SASC advisory teams, based at Aldershot and Catterick, help units which do not have their own training teams.

produced pamphlets and a training system which is used in the infantry and other parts of the Army.

The system involves the use of scale models covering all Nato and Warsaw Pact fighting vehicles with variants. They can be camouflaged and hidden in bushes. The student sitting at the rear of the room looking at them through binoculars gets the exact view he would have in the field from a distance of two-and-a-half kilometers. Mr Iredale contends that you cannot train a man on pictures alone and then send him out to do the real thing.

Today the Small Arms School Corps men are rightly recognised wherever they go as the experts in their field. The proof of their abilities is provided by the high standards achieved by the troops on the group taught by unit instructors who are SASC trained. ■

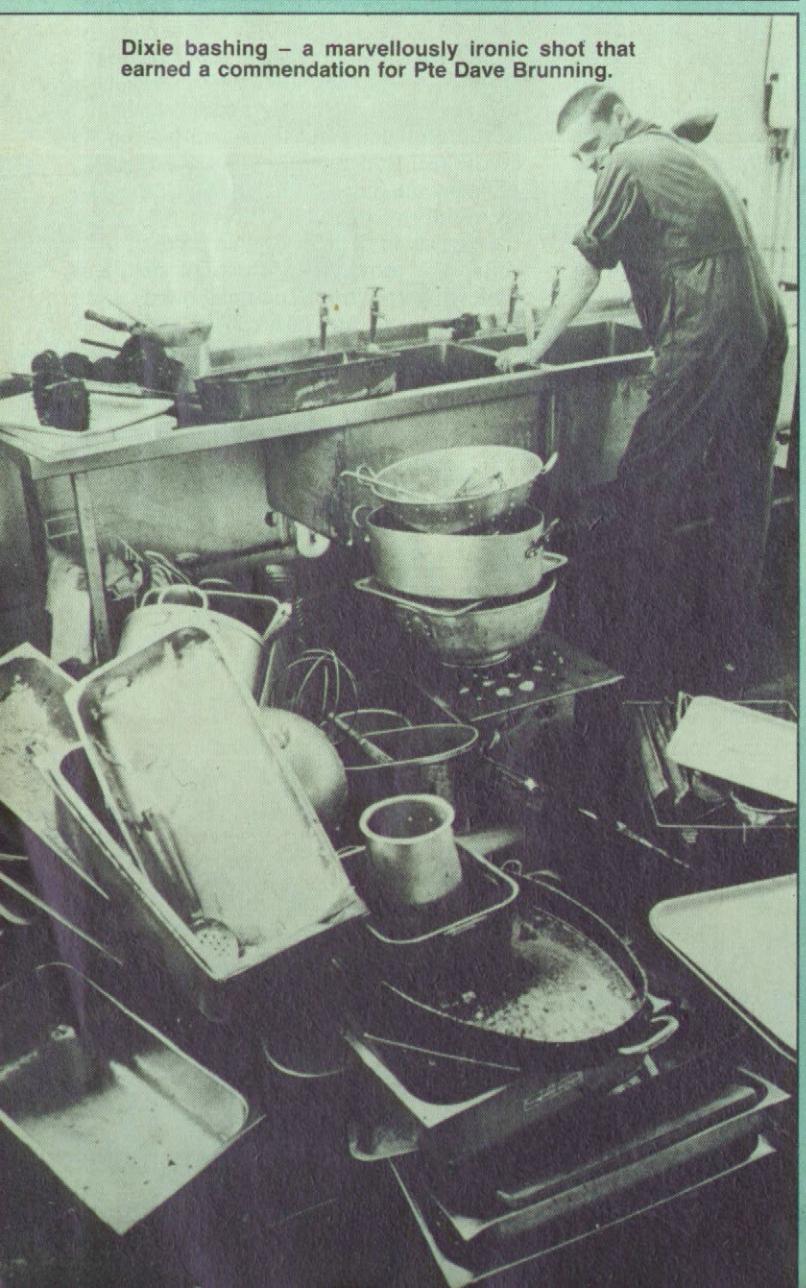
The eyes of experience, Capt Tom Whyte SASC.



Page Three Girl gets plastered – it won Paul Haley the 'fun' category



Dixie bashing – a marvellously ironic shot that earned a commendation for Pte Dave Brunning.



## Army Photo Competition 1982

### FEWER ENTRIES – BETTER PICTURES

ENTRIES FOR THE 1982 Army Photographic Competition were slightly fewer than last year – but the overall standard was higher.

The best entries – some of which we show here – were briefly displayed in London last month when the prizes and trophies were presented by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement.

The winners were actually announced back in March but events in the South Atlantic caused the presentations to be postponed. Thus there were no Falkland pictures on view – but plenty of others reflecting the Army at work and at play.

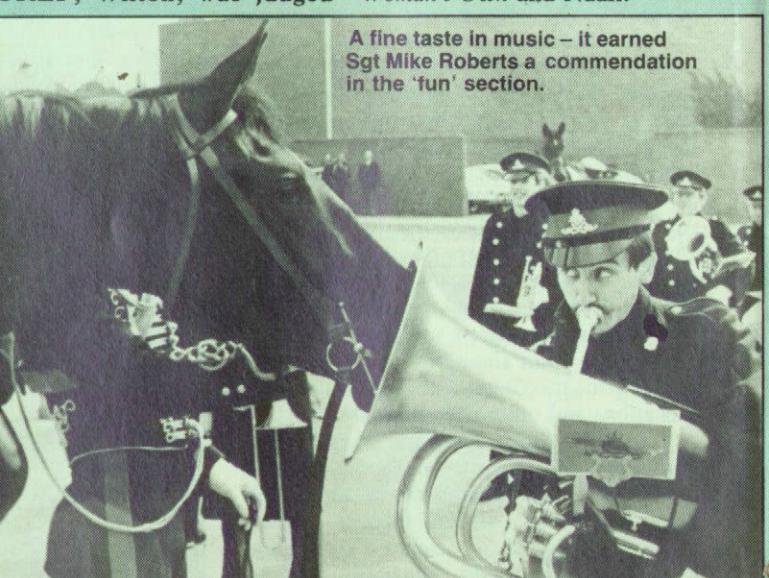
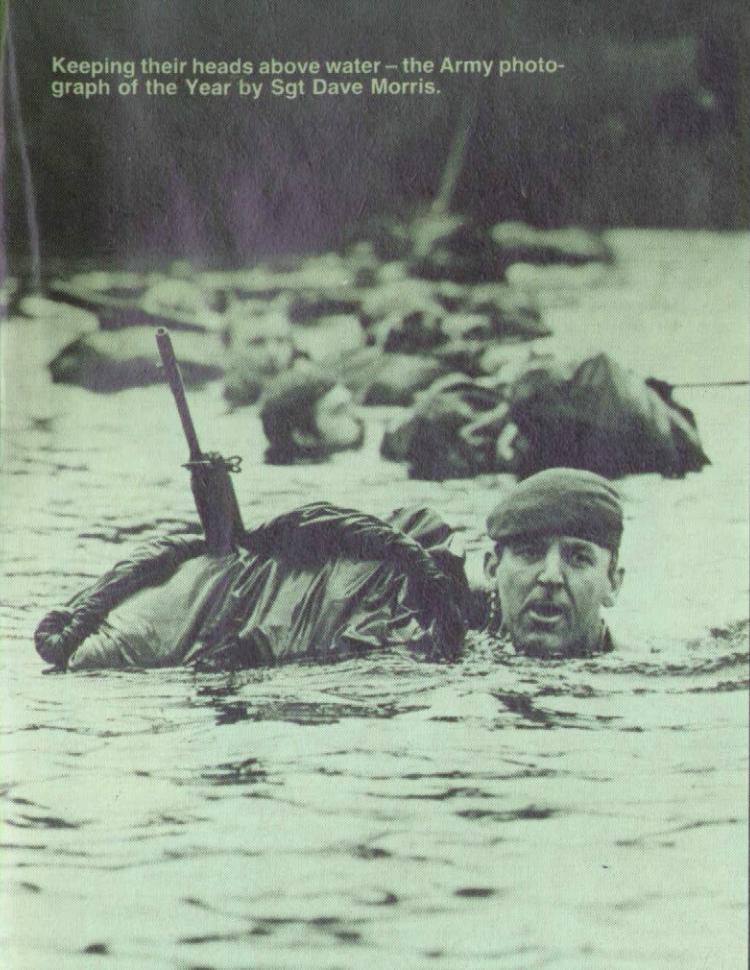
Sergeant Paul Montgomery RAOC, a photographer with the public information staff at HQ UKLF, Wilton, was judged

Army Photographer of the Year for his striking portfolio on the 'Cockney Jocks' – 1st/51st Highland Volunteers (TA) – on exercise in Germany. And Sergeant Dave Morris made it an RAOC/UKLF 'double' by winning the prize for the best single Army picture – soldiers swimming across a river in full kit.

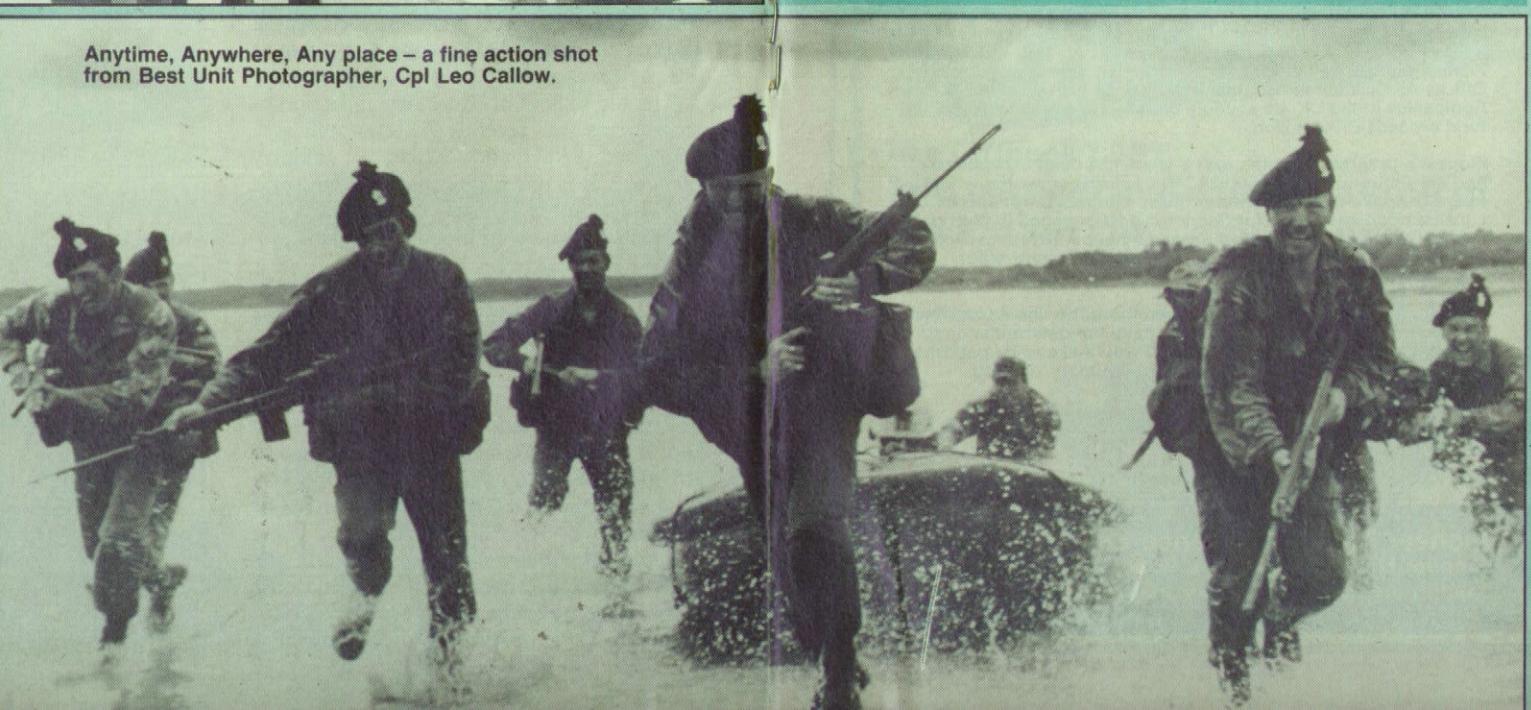
SOLDIER's Paul Haley won the 'Army is Fun' category for his picture of Page Three Girl, Debbie Boyland, on the Para Depot assault course.

The Army Photographic Competition is open to all regular British Army and TA personnel as well as civilian photographers employed on Army public relations duties. Prizes are sponsored by leading photographic firms as well as by Woman's Own and Naafi.

Keeping their heads above water – the Army photograph of the Year by Sgt Dave Morris.



A fine taste in music – it earned Sgt Mike Roberts a commendation in the 'fun' section.



Anytime, Anywhere, Any place – a fine action shot from Best Unit Photographer, Cpl Leo Callow.

#### PRIZEWINNERS

##### Army Photographer of the Year

Sgt Paul Montgomery RAOC, HQ UKLF

##### Colour

Capt Roger Antolik, 2 R Anglian

##### Black and White

Sgt David Morris RAOC, UKLF

##### 'The Army is Fun'

Paul Haley, SOLDIER Magazine

##### Ladies Award

Sgt Diane Newton WRAC, 49 Sqn RCT

##### Best Unit Photographer

Cpl Leo Callow, R Irish

##### Army Photograph of the Year

Sgt David Morris RAOC, HQ UKLF



Touching up the targets – a colour picture that won the Ladies Award for Sgt Diane Newton.

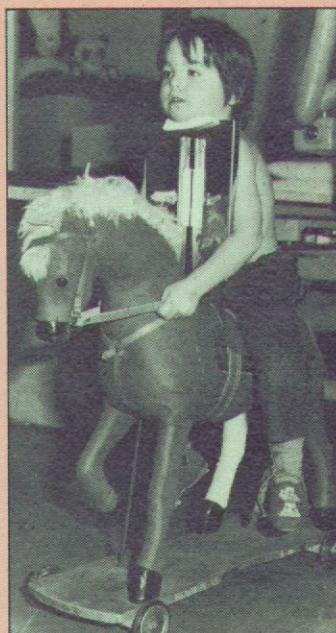
# GETTING THE PICTURE

A LITTLE BOY sits on a rocking horse at Aldershot's Cambridge Military Hospital and pulls the reins tight to have his X-ray picture taken. To him it's just a game, but to the doctors treating him that picture is rather special. It's being taken by a new computerised X-ray generator, the first to be installed in a British Army hospital, that can look at the body's inner workings in far more detail than has previously been possible.

Costing more than £110,000 the unit will work in conjunction with two X-ray tables where it can be switched over to specialist photography that will not only show different layers of the body at one-millimetre sections but specific organs in detail.

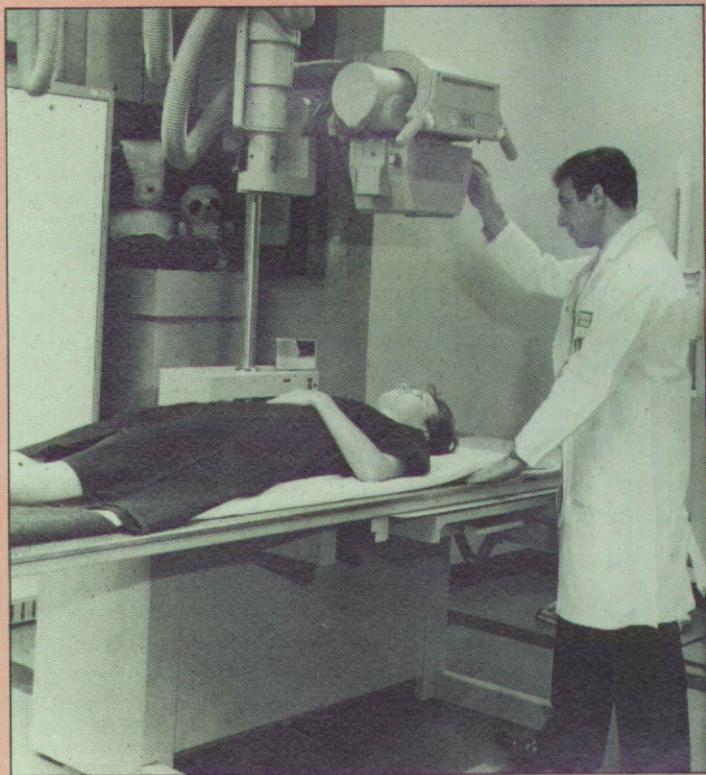
Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Leach, the hospital's consultant radiologist, says: "It gives far better definition of structures deep in the body than X-rays. It will also cut down on the need for 'second takes' after the first X-ray has been taken."

Hub of the new system is a computerised 12-pulse generator which has a digital display



of exposure conditions allowing radiographers a choice of up to 236 pre-programmed settings.

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findings.

Captain Mike Lawler, superintendent radiographer, said:

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## The Christmas present they'll remember all year

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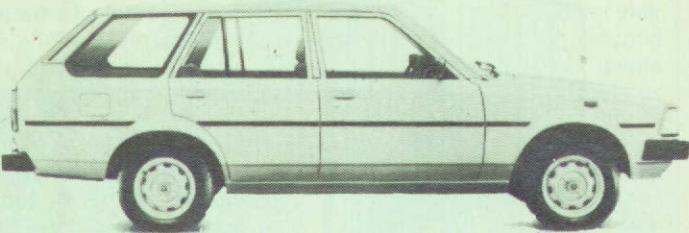
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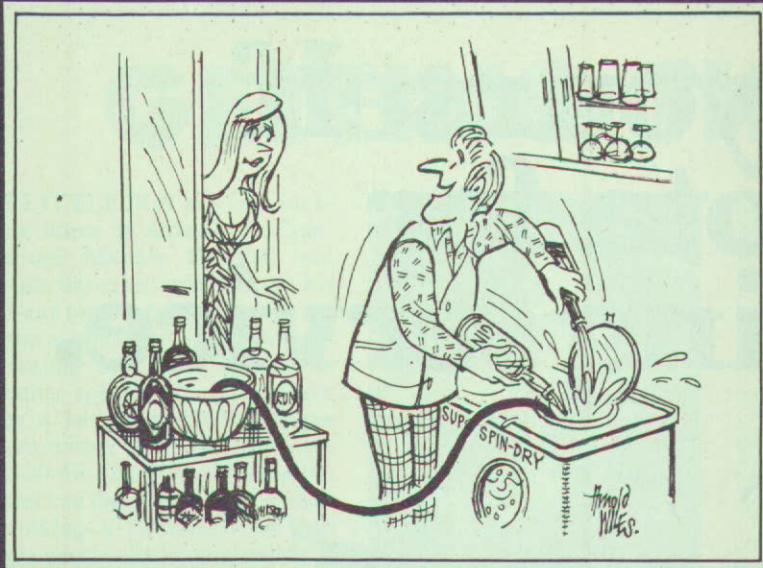
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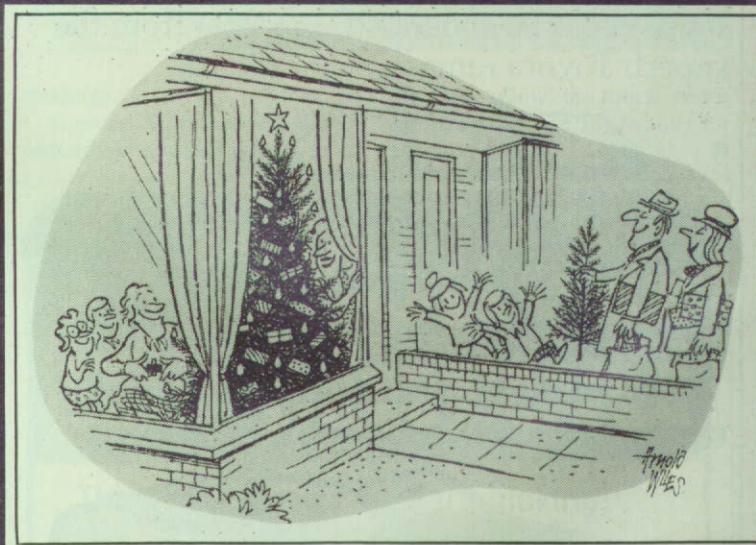


"The CO got a Star Wars watch for Christmas."

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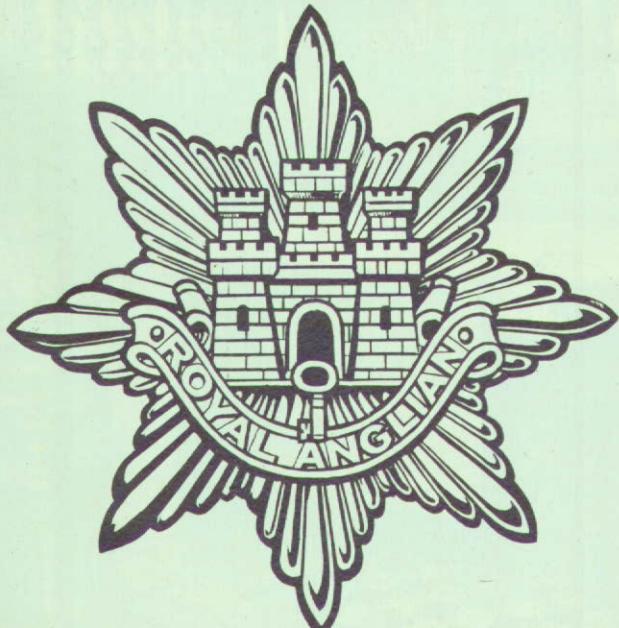
LARGE REGIMENTS are the rule in these modern days being fewer in number due to the reduced role the infantryman plays in modern warfare and the change in our nation's circumstances with Imperial power behind us and the task of universal policeman falling on other's shoulders. The Royal Anglian Regiment is a product of these changing times but stems from ancient and honourable roots. No less than nine Regiments of Foot were its forebears, the 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 44th, 48th, 56th and 58th which in the Cardwell Reform became respectively the Norfolk Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment, the Lincolnshire Regiment, the Northamptonshire Regiment, the Bedfordshire Regiment (later to become the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment) the Essex Regiment, and the Leicestershire Regiment. These were all typical English county regiments considered to be the backbone of a British Army that

held an Empire and emerged victorious from two global conflicts — as the long list of battle honours bears witness.

The device of the Castle and Key of Gibraltar, awarded for conduct during the 1779-1783 Siege of Gibraltar although not officially confirmed until 1836, formed the crest in the cap badges worn by the men of the former Suffolk, Essex and Northamptonshire Regiments. They thus maintained a link with the three original battalions of the East Anglian Brigade, the immediate predecessor of the present formation. The badge worn by that Brigade was similar in design except that it was larger and flatter and the scroll read 'East Anglian'. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment came lately to the East Anglians having been one of the battalions of the short-lived Forester Brigade (originally called the Midland). The coveted 'royal' prefix was only awarded comparatively recently to three of the post 1881 regiments; the Norfolk Regiment was granted this in honour of the Silver Jubilee by King George the Fifth in 1935, their 250th anniversary, and the Lincolnshire and Leicestershire Regiments received it eleven years later in recognition of their services during the Second World War. The current badge depicted here is described as "Upon a silver anodised star of eight points, the Castle and Key of Gibraltar. Underneath a scroll inscribed 'Royal Anglian' in gold anodised." Officers wear the badge in silver plate and gilt.

Hugh L King

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The early days of World War Two. Hess (right) gives the Nazi salute.

**M**YTCHETT PLACE, a late 18th-century manor house near Aldershot, currently houses the headquarters of the Army Medical Services TA. Yet at one time it was the reluctant home of a man who, by his very existence today, still affects East-West relations.

The man was former German Deputy Führer, Rudolf Hess, now in his 90th year and still languishing under four power guard at Spandau prison in Berlin. He has been the sole inmate since Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach were released in 1966.

When Hess parachuted into a remote part of Scotland in May 1941 he expected to bring peace between Britain and Germany and a united front against the Soviet Union.

What actually happened was that his appeals fell on deaf ears and he spent the rest of the war as a prisoner — only returning to Germany to take part in the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal. There he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Hess spent more than a year at Mytchett Place, but today the building consists of a series of offices and there are no mementos of his stay. During his confinement there he was guarded by two detachments of Scots Guards and Coldstream Guards and the house grounds were fortified with trenches, tunnels and camouflaged machine posts before he moved in. These too have long disappeared.

The house and grounds, including nearby Mytchett Lake, were bought by the War Office in 1912 for the then princely sum of £16,500. Right up until 1960 it was used as a senior officer's residence and just before the Second World War King George VI and Queen Elizabeth went to tea there.

The room in which Hess was incarcerated complete with secret microphones is now the office which holds the records of Army Medical Service TA personnel.

Just outside the door is a landing and it is known that one night Hess burst past his captors and plunged over the balcony. He

Today Rudolf Hess languishes under four power guard in Berlin but 40 years ago his prison was a country mansion near Aldershot. John Walton has been looking round the building that was once home to . . .

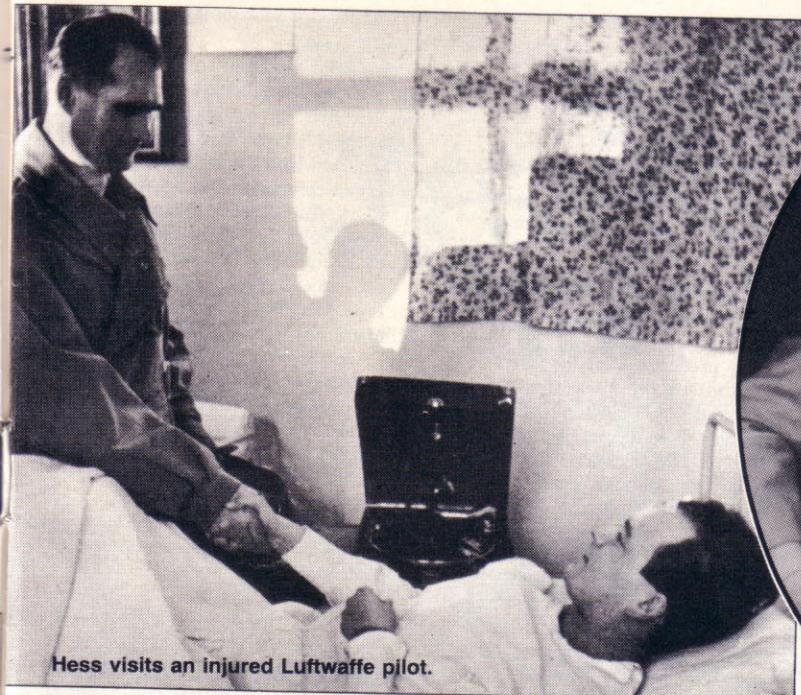
# THE SQUIRE OF MYTCHETT GREEN



Mytchett Place — now TA offices.



The balcony that Hess plunged over. ▶



Hess visits an injured Luftwaffe pilot.



Hess sits between Goering and Ribbentrop at the Nuremberg Trials. ▲



◀ Hess's old room at Mytchett Place.

dropped 15 feet on to the stone floor of the hall and broke his leg.

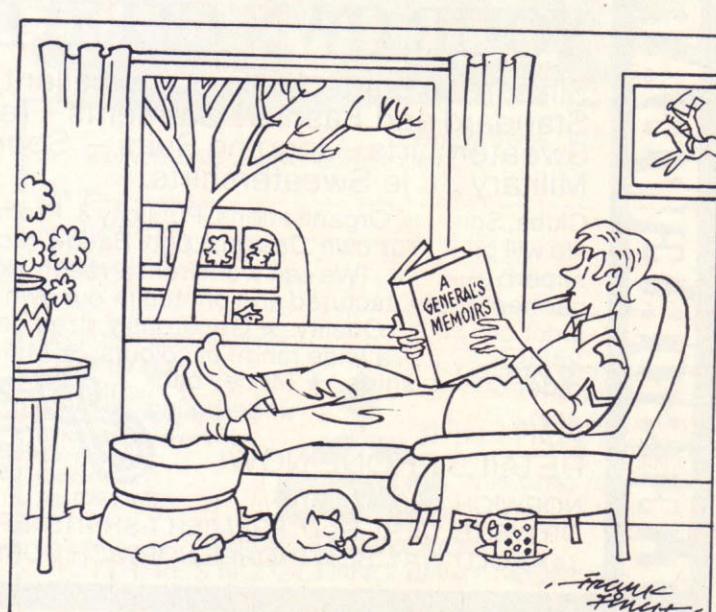
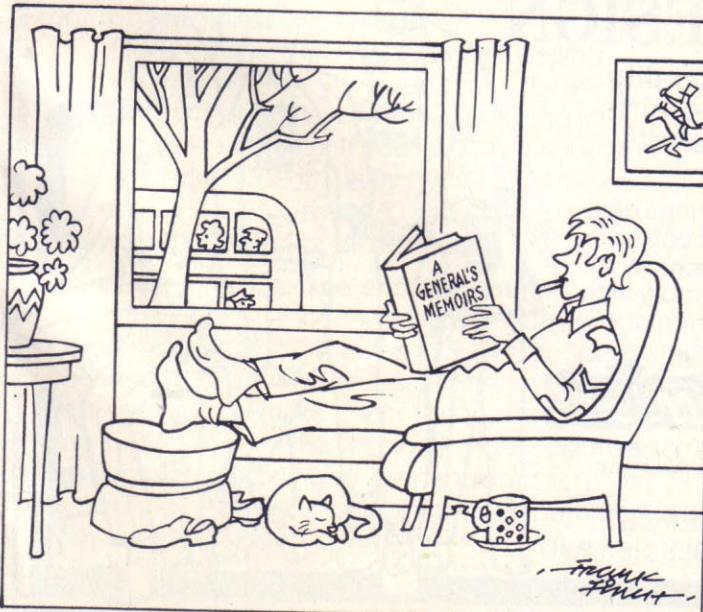
Great pains were taken to keep Hess's presence at Mytchett a secret.

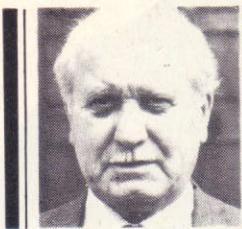
According to James Leasor in a book written in the 1960s Mytchett Place was known as 'Camp Z'. Hess himself was referred to as 'J' or 'Jay'.

Important visitors came down to see him during 1941 and 1942 including Lord Beaverbrook and Sir John Simon. Eventually he had apparently outlived any usefulness and he was moved to Abergavenny. His title to those in the know could no longer be 'The Squire of Mytchett Green'. ■

## How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details.  
Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 37.





# On the Record

## with Rodney Bashford

### Gilbert and Sullivan on Parade

Band of the Royal Corps of Transport. Conductor: Major T A Kenny. Band-leader 1008.

I love Gilbert and Sullivan and this record. Not because I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Savoyard objecting to the gods being tampered with, but because the tampering is done with such mouse-like tread. Timorous, feeble, and ultimately dreary. Quite a feat really to make G&S sound dreary with Sir Charles Mackerras's Pineapple Poll ballet to serve as model. You don't enliven these great tunes by putting a string of them into march time, waltz time, or any other metrical bondage — you merely emasculate; and we all know what emasculation can do to you.

A pity really, for the general idea was good. The RCT do have good ideas and are usually a worthy buy, so I hope this band, which is lucky enough to have several willing arrangers in its midst, remembers the old adage "G&S are dynamite — handle with extreme care". They need all the things denied them here, total conviction and commitment, understanding of the idiom with idiosyncratically correct rhythms (especially in 6/8 time), and phrasing that takes some account of the words.

There are excerpts from *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Iolanthe*, *Patience*, *The Mikado* and *HMS Pinafore*, a Savoy Soldiers Medley, *Sullivan's Land* (on his court-room ditties), a flatish *March of the Peers* with not a zing-boom in sight, and a version of the unplayable overture to *The Yeomen of the Guard*.

Could, and should, have been a winner. It ain't, though if you like the tunes served up any old how then you might enjoy it. But I said to myself, said I . . .

### On The March, Vol 5

Band of the Black Watch. Conductor: Bandmaster N M Rogerson. DR 45.

Sixteen more marches from great to merely good in this series, but who of us would cavil at having a march of our own labelled good?

The German composer Wilhelm Zehle, whose marches were sent to Boosey & Hawkes for publication and thus bear quaint titles, has no less than three here, matching even Sousa. *Viscount Nelson* and *Wellington* have so many original features as



well as inspired tunes that they are great by any standards and make his *Trafalgar* weak by comparison. On a disc of Karl King's Marches (whose *Barnum & Bailey's Favourite* appears here) *Trafalgar* would stand out as a masterpiece. Other less than great but popular classics are Bergheim's *The Skywriter*, Clerks's *Euterpe* and, dare I say it, Sousa's own *Invincible Eagle* and *Semper Fidelis*, R B Hall's *Officer of the Day*, Peter Anderson's under-rated *Step Lightly*, Starke's *With Sword and Lance*, and Alford's *Old Panama*. At this late stage I think it can be revealed to the few who don't already know that Alford wrote *Namur* for a fellow student at Kneller Hall for the annual march competition, a practice not unknown to this day. The lucky winner of the

competition was W V Richards, one of the very few bandmasters to win an MC, whose fame will rest on having written Alford's eighteenth march.

My predecessor in the Grenadiers fell foul of the Press for playing *Badenwiller* by G Fürst at the Queen's Birthday Parade in the 1950s. The Press on this occasion were off the mark, for although it was Hitler's favourite and a great SS stomper we have a way with these things in the British Army. Several regiments first heard their regimental marches played by the enemy, liked it, and took it to themselves as they did with enemy drums, colours, and other legitimate booty. What better way to divest a tune of all sinister associations than to purloin it for more innocent use? Guardsmen, I know, grow an inch and dig their feet in when we play it. Unfortunately the Black Watch band seem tired by the time they play *Badenwiller*, and the last great march *The Champion* by Arthur Graham. Both could have been more committed, and the latter with its contrasting major and minor moods, its fine bass solo, and masterpiece of a counter melody in the trio, needed a more poetic approach. But carry on marching Mr Rogerson.

From Black Watch, BFPO 106 price £5.10 inclusive of p&p.

### A Sunday Evening in Spring

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Joneses mentioned on the sleeve it would seem to be a choir in the Welsh miner tradition, and a fine one too. Its lady conductor, though, is not the first to conduct the Grenadiers band. Avril Coleridge-Taylor and Imogen Holst, famous daughters of famous composers beat her (literally) to it. And I seem to remember Dame Ethyl Smyth hurling her brolly to fine effect many years ago.

Side one of this attractive programme is given a fine send-off with Major Kimberley's (with a little help from Sir Arnold Bax) choral fanfare *Edwardus Rex*, followed by Handel's chorus *Sound an Alarm*. The choir sings the lovely Russian folksong *The Silver Birch* and *Three Hungarian Folksongs*, all forces joining in for the tantaras and zing-booms of Sullivan's *March of the Peers* from *Iolanthe*. Side two is more mixed in styles, juxtaposing a version of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* with Rod Stewart's *Sail-*



ing. Fatal; not the juxtaposition, but allowing a straight (or wobbly) baritone singer within miles of a pop song. Pop singers never use vibrato so as to achieve the opposite of the drawing-room ballad.

*Castilla*, a ballad from Spain, *Eli Jenkins's Prayer* by Dylan Thomas and set by one of the Jones family, and *Deus Salutis* are from the choir alone, with *Campanology*, a trombone solo *Misty*, and another Derek Kimberley item *Salute to the Prince of Wales* as finale.

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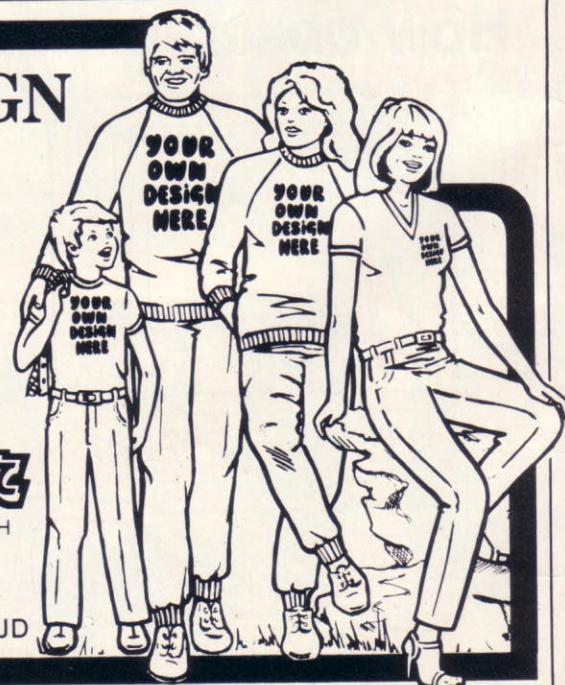
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Three of the traders sold brazils, three

sold chestnuts, three walnuts, three almonds and three filberts.

Almonds were not sold by Mr Nutt and Schell, and Schell and Cobb did not sell brazils. Nutt sold fewer chestnuts than Kurnal. The quantity of walnuts sold by Schell was in the same place in the quantities sold as was the quantity of brazils Nutt sold. And Nutt sold the smallest quantity of filberts.

Of one sort of nut Hazle sold most, Kurnal had the next greatest sale and Cobb sold least, while of another sort Nutt sold most, Hazle sold the second greatest quantity and Kurnal sold least.

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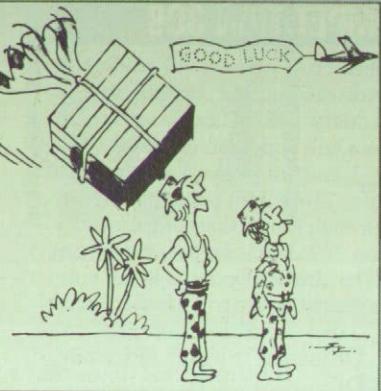
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## CAKES AND ALE?

Whilst reading Mail Drop (1 Nov) I noted the letter from a distant soldier written here in the Falklands moaning about not getting any 'Freebies'. I have been here four-and-a-half months now and have noticed no shortages, with plenty of parcels coming from people at home.

As for books and magazines, I have never been short of things to read. There are always plenty about — he only needs to ask around. We have got video and projector films as well, so there is plenty of entertainment, if only he cares to look for it.

Furthermore, only having been here six weeks, he hasn't really allowed much time for any parcels to reach him yet.

And if he likes sweets so much, what's wrong with compo sweets? — Cpl K Powell, ACC ATT, Log Bn BFPO 666.

## DISAPPOINTMENT

The showing of the film Malta GC on BBC in September was a great disappointment to me, and no doubt to many ex-guns who took part in the defence of Malta in those days.

Very little mention was made of the many days when the policy was, 'no friendly aircraft airborne, with very limited ammunition for both heavy and light AA. I was glad to see that one person had a letter published in the *Radio Times* drawing attention to the omission and also mentioning the AA Brigades that took part.

I wonder if there has ever been an official publication of the work of ground defences during those days of siege? If not, I am sure there must be enough chaps around who remember it if anyone is interested. Or is it now all too far away? — A S Dunkley, 59 Clumber Road, Leicester LE5 4FJ.

## HEARTENING

Although my copies travel over a very lengthy mail route to reach me here in Japan, they are always worth the wait. As a retired US Army officer who retains a close interest in



## BOLD POWS

From the very start of battles and wars one breed of man has been very prominent. Yet for all his courage, stubbornness and nerve little is said about him. I mean, of course, the prisoner-of-war who escapes. Some gallantry medals are won in a matter of several minutes, but the bravery of an escapee may last day and night for weeks on end before he reaches safety.

In the name of justice, should not a tri-service medals board be formed, not only to decide who is eligible for campaign medals, but to see that the gallant escapees get due recognition of their service to their country as well? Then a good many ex-Servicemen might be able to lift their heads a little higher. — J Buckley, 8 Little Field, Stoke Heath, Coventry CV2 3HB.

## Can You Help?

I am currently engaged in writing a book called *Army Wives and Camp Followers 1660-1982*. It is the story of the Army wife from simple beginnings, often unrecognised, without official quarters or allowances, medical help or shopping facilities, through the Indian Mutiny, Crimean War, and two World Wars to today's set up both at home and abroad.

While agreeing with the general tenor of Wally Harvey's letter (1 Nov) on the chaotic system of awards in World War Two, I would point out that many of us were fobbed off with an Africa Star without the appropriate clasp by virtue of administrative incompetence.

This point was substantiated by the very large numbers of 8th Army Veterans on the recent reunion where no more than one in three could sport an 8th Army Clasp.

It was Winston Churchill who claimed that in years to come we would be proud to say we fought and marched with the 8th Army. So we are; many of us would be prouder still if we could get the clasp so hard-earned. — Mr Frank Kelly, MM, 13 Milward Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS8 2DS.

Presumption that such a visit by a

In tracing the genealogy of my forebears, I have come across a Captain Charles Whiteway Hazlehurst who was supposed to have joined the Rugby Rifles, yet the Army records him as a captain in the Cheshires. Could the Rugby Rifles have been a school regiment? I would be grateful for any information. — T Hazlehurst, 18 Windsor Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA5 1PS.

A new history of the erstwhile Devonshire Regiment (11th Foot) is being written. It will cover for the first time the whole life of the regiment from when it was raised in June 1685 until its amalgamation with the Dorset Regiment in May 1958.

The author is trying to collect original material from family sources — letters, journals, family histories, etc, having a bearing on the regiment and which are unlikely to be found in official records. Any family papers, particularly of the 19th and 18th centuries will be of interest. If any readers believe they have material which could be of use, would they please write, in the first instance giving particulars, but not sending the documents, to me. — Brig J P Randle OBE MC, Regimental Secretary, The Devon and Dorset Headquarters, Wyvern Barracks, Exeter.

I have taken over the running of the Old Comrades Association of the Ayrshire Yeomanry and am anxious to contact ex-members so that I can keep them informed of the activities of their old comrades. Any old comrade wishing to get in touch please write to Major R Y Henderson TD DL, Blairston, Alloway, Ayr.

I am researching the military career of the late Father Daniel Brislane, an Army chaplain during World War Two. He served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers until 1942, then with Scottish Command until 1943 when he transferred to Africa until 1944.

Then he was attached to HQ 3rd Corps and here he stayed until his return to Britain in November 1946.

If any readers have photographs of Fr Brislane I would appreciate the loan of them to have copies made before return. — Gary Packer, 17 Tanyrallt Road, Clydach, Swansea SA6 5JQ.

Can anyone help me find out about a magazine possibly issued for British troops during World War Two or, if not, for a local garrison called *Fanfare*? According to my information there were five editions published between March 1942 and December 1943.

I wish to obtain genuine copies, or if not available, then photocopies would do. — B J Wadsworth, Room B5, Narellan House, Boohee Street, Reid ACT, Australia 2601.

## Pen Pals

I am 19 years old, 5ft 6ins with auburn hair and blue eyes. My hobbies are dancing, most sports, keep-fit, cooking and writing letters. — Carolyn Townsley, 64 Wells Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, West Yorks WF12 0LE.

I am a happy-go-lucky auxiliary nurse. My name is Caroline and I am 18 years old. I have dark hair and big blue eyes. Please send a photo if possible. — Caroline Bridges, 1 Harefield House, Harefield, Romsey, Hants SO5 8NP.

I'm Elizabeth, 28, single, 5ft 1ins with fair hair, blue eyes and slim. I enjoy reading and walking in the countryside. — Miss Elizabeth Cowley, 4 Aldesworth Road, Cantley 2, Doncaster, S Yorks.

My name is Mary. I am 17, a 5ft 3ins vegetarian with long dark hair. I am a heavy rock freak. I also like camping, cycling, hiking, reading, homebrewing, handicrafts and headbanging. — Miss M Cole, 13 Oxford Road, Fleetwood, Lancs.

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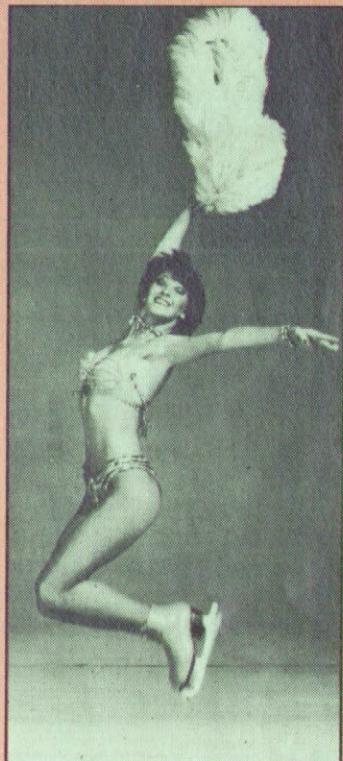
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things military, I find it truly heartening to see that the regimental system and traditions in general are still alive and well in your Army along with superb fighting capabilities, as recently demonstrated in the Falkland Islands.

Your magazine is the best of its genre, as far as I'm concerned, in capturing the essence and mystique of its Service, and reporting it all in a very literate and engaging style. Keep it up! — James J Darling, PSC Box 6752, APO San Francisco 96328, USA.

## AFRICA STAR

Your correspondent (1 Nov) mentions the easy manner in which his brother obtained the Italy Star by his ship being delayed at a southern Italian port during his voyage to the Far East, his ship being in Italian waters a matter of hours.

Presumption that such a visit by a

## SOLDIER REVISITED

I admit to being a rather proud mum whose son has recently become a Junior Gunner JLRA at Nuneaton. When he left, I tidied up his room, taking down what seemed like hundreds of pictures, posters and targets and sorting out numerous back numbers of magazines.

Using an old framed painting I have made a collage, about 36ins by 22ins, using mostly front and back covers of SOLDIER. Now we have a picture representing the wide variety of Army life.

We have read and admired SOLDIER for a good number of years now. Each fortnight my husband and I enjoy reading it before posting it off to Gamecock Barracks where it is readily passed round the troop. — Mrs Wendy Walters, 6 Brigham Gardens, Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 0LW.

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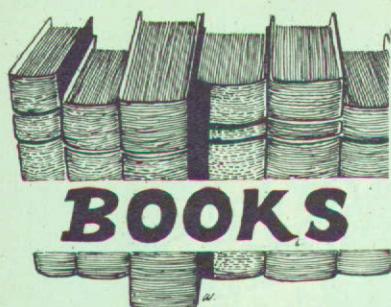
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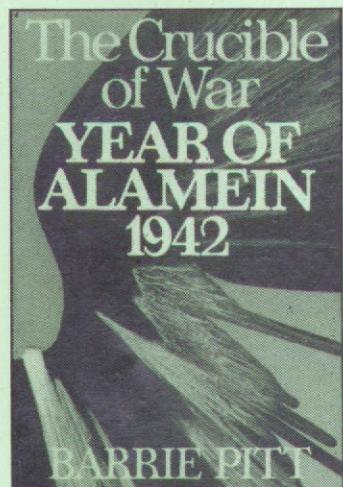


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## The Crucible of War — Year of Alamein 1942: Barrie Pitt

"The Afrika Korps was now a minor formation fighting an unimportant campaign against a secondary enemy . . . (Rommel's) requirements did not at that moment warrant even the momentary distraction of the High Command's attention from the Russian front."

Thus Mr Pitt describes the German attitude in the second half of 1942, crucial to the events in the desert campaign which this second *Crucible of War* volume describes. There is a fine world of speculation to be based on the thought that Hitler



might have spared Rommel adequate resources, even postponed the attack on Russia — but that is not Mr Pitt's field. He has produced a down-to-earth and exciting study of what actually happened.

He is particularly interesting in his summing-up of the states of the opposing forces at various times. The German-Italian Panzerarmee, dashing and successful under its charismatic leader in the early months, ends the year defeated, starved of food, ammunition and fuel, its leader sick and only too well aware of its probable fate.

On the British side, especially when they were driven back to Alamein, the troops were confused and lacked confidence in their leaders. Then their new commander, the waspish little man with the funny hats, set about wooing them back to morale, and showed with successes that his methods worked.

The British infantry had (with some exceptions) found the armoured formations untrustworthy, and bad relations between the two (widespread but not universal) still bedevilled Eighth Army after Alamein. The situation was not helped by the fact that Montgomery did not like Lumsden, the commander in his armoured corps and, according to one officer, "Herbert was scared stiff of Monty." That might have done in a more junior officer, but in a corps commander . . .

Mr Pitt does not, like many authors, make any play with an Auchinleck-versus-Montgomery controversy. He blames the Auk squarely for the disasters at Gazala and after, because he did not relieve the inadequate Ritchie earlier. He accuses Montgomery of little more than "an element of gratuitous arrogance, perhaps even of brutality" in taking command of Eighth Army 48 hours before the appointed time, and tells Monty's critics to remember the part

time can play in warfare and that a get-things-done general is more likely to be victorious than the other sort.

Mr Pitt's narrative reminds us how difficult were communications and navigation in the desert. The problems of the latter reached a climax during Second Alamein when formations were bickering about where they were on the map. Army Command lost patience and insisted that, at a specified time, flares should be fired from advanced positions so that cross-bearings could be taken. The result was that the armour's navigation was shown to be inferior to that of the infantry and the infantry had been less accurate than could have been wished.

One of the last glimpses Mr Pitt gives us of Rommel is a sad one. He had been driven almost back into Tripolitania when he decided to relax for a while at a film-show with some of his troops. The programme included an old newsreel of Rommel at a Berlin press conference, saying, "We have the door to all Egypt in our hands. What we have, we hold!" Of this the author writes, "Even Rommel's presence and the deep loyalty the majority of the audience felt for him could not restrain the sardonic laughter which greeted the declaration."

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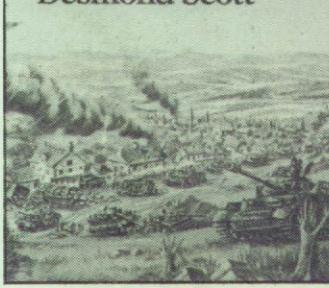


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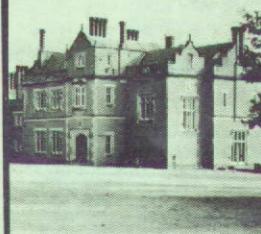
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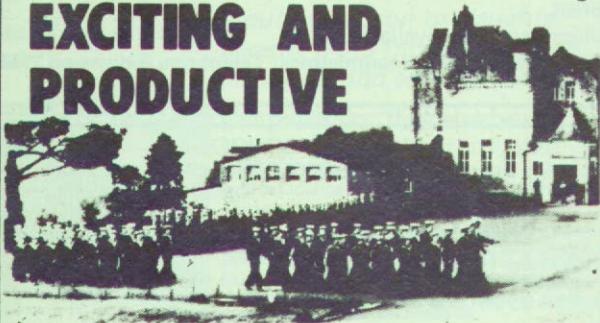
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, from Clive Mayhew of the North Surrey Military Group.

P.S. 'Carry on Yomping'.



## SOCCER ROUND-UP

### New men bled Army XI 5 Oxford University 3

DEPRIVED of the services of all but two of their recognised Army players, all on duty at the Corps Quadrangular Tournament, the management took the opportunity of bleeding some promising newcomers. The result was a competitive game in which the visitors never lost touch while the Army never looked like losing.

Corporal Mark Bowen RAPC started the move which led to the Army's first goal. He raced out of defence and sent a long forward pass looping over a rather square defence. Lance-Corporal 'TP' Stead DWR ran on to the ball and shot home off an upright.

Two minutes later Oxford equalised with a similar goal but their enjoyment was shortlived for, from a free kick, Corporal Rab Trotter, Gordons, won the ball and set Pte Phil Stant RAOC to shoot home.

Five minutes into the second half Trotter raced down the left flank and centred for Stead to score. The University then fought back and put the makeshift Army defence under pressure to be rewarded with a second goal.

Bowen and Sergeant Ian Dean ACC added two further goals before Oxford replied with a fine goal eight minutes from time.

### Duel in Smoke London University 1 An Army XI 2

THE TEAM OF YOUNG HOPEFULS went to Motspur Park for the annual tilt with London University and managed to edge out the winners by an odd goal in a match which is never easy.

The Army opened brightly and the pressure paid off in the 13th minute when skipper Bowen stroked a quickly taken free kick into the path of Trotter, who raced clear and slotted the ball under an advancing goalkeeper.

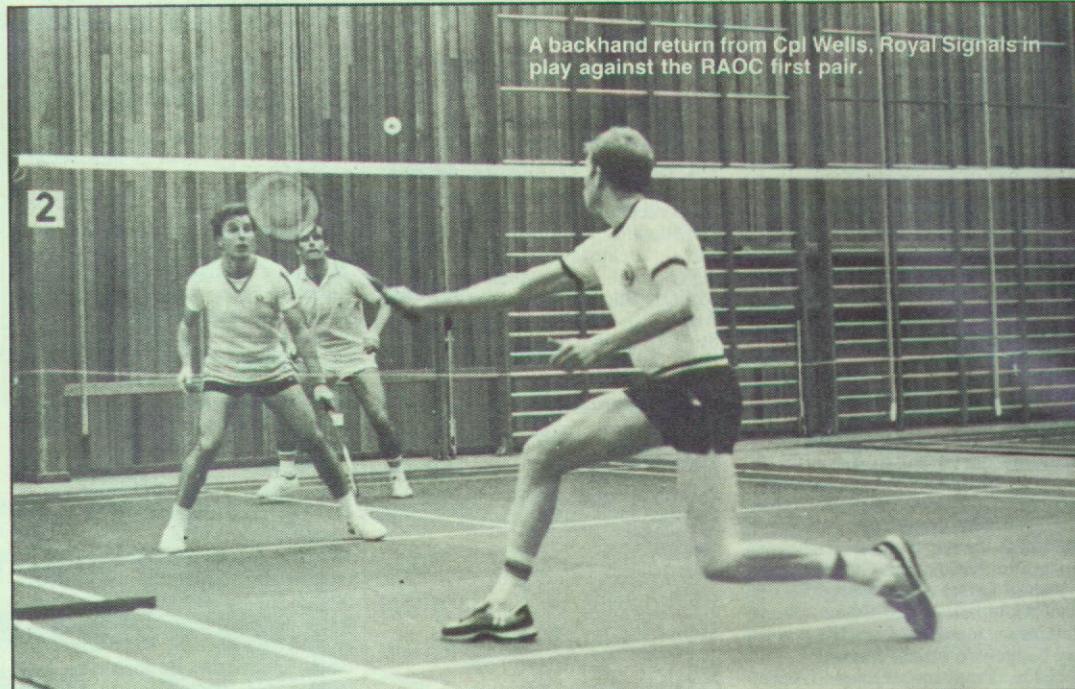
The University eventually equalised but five minutes later Private Ashley Hornsby, Intelligence Corps, split the London defence with a pass to Stead, who raced to the edge of the penalty area, shrugged off a challenge and clipped the ball home.

### Entertaining Terriers Army XI 2 TA XI 0

THE ARMY were surprised by the way the visitors took the game to them right from the start and Sergeant 'Ginger' Ingoe RE had a busy start in the Army goal.

But against the run of play the Army scored. Lance-Corporal Vince Davey REME whipped a long forward pass for Lance-Corporal Pat Russell RA to beat an advancing keeper. This was the signal for a spell of Army pressure and ten minutes later Russell scored again.

There were few further scoring chances before the interval



A backhand return from Cpl Wells, Royal Signals in play against the RAOC first pair.

## RAOC win shuttle battle

LIKE RUTTING DEER the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Royal Signals were locked in a death-or-glory battle for the title of UK Inter-Corps Badminton champions with the RAOC's eventual 5-4 victory only being decided in the very last game of the last match — reports Sally Daniell.

## Athletics Awards

STAFF-SERGEANT Bill Venus, who was the second veteran in the 40-44 years age bracket to come home in the recent New York Marathon, has been awarded the Harington Cup for outstanding service to Army athletics. He has been Army Cross-Country champion five times.

Other annual awards went to Sgt (SI) Mark Edwards, 5 Innis DG for his 1500 metres in 3m 44.4secs in the Inter Services Championships, Sapper Mark Sterling, 65 Corps Sqn RE, for a hammer throw of 56.04 metres at the same meeting and Private G D Birdsall, 1 PWO, for completing the 2000 metres steeplechase in 6m 02.8 secs at the Army Junior Individual Championships. Sapper Stephen Lyons, 3 Training Regt RE, earned an award for a pole vault of 4.10 metres in the match against Wales as did Captain Angela Carter WRAC for her 200 metres in 24.1 seconds in the Army Individual Championships and Lance-Corporal Phyllis Hylton WRAC for her long jump of 5.99 metres in the same event.

and the TA had the lion's share of play in the second half. They tried hard to get back into the game and only brave goalkeeping by Ingoe kept them at bay.

Although a relatively minor sport, Army badminton enjoys the advantages of enthusiastic organisers but like many Army sports, it has suffered from manpower diverted to the Falklands and only six Corps entered the two-day tournament at Worthy Down. Divided into two groups the final struggle was, as expected, between Group A winners, the Royal Signals, and the winners of Group B, the RAOC — but not without the occasional upset on the way. In the semi-finals both the RAPC and the ACC put the wind up their opponents by taking the matches to four all before losing the decider.

The final was the best of nine matches with the three pairs on one side playing each of the three pairs on the other. But it didn't always follow that the hardest contests were fought between the equal pairs. There was very nearly a surprise result when the RAOC third pair took the Signallers' number ones to 13-all in the final game and saved three match points before conceding defeat.

The spectators thought the Signallers would be on their

knees when it came to the match against their opposite numbers, especially as the RAOC pair were comparatively rested and included the Army number two, Staff Sergeant Graham Orzewski.

Instead this, too, went to three games, each point grittily contested, until the RAOC pulled a few points ahead and undermined their opponents' will. But while most eyes were being focussed on this match, it transpired that the overall decider was being played simultaneously on the court beside. Here the RAOC third pair, having boldly stretched the Signals' firsts, were now battling it out against their seconds. Staff Sergeant Mick Ellis and Corporal Guy Nonis, RAOC, were expected to win but there was another surprise when they lost the first game 7-15.

With four matches all and one game up, the Signals needed only to take the next game to ensure their victory, but the RAOC kept their heads and pulled back to take the next two games decisively, 15-3, 15-4.

## FIVE MEN UP FOR THE CUP

FIVE ARMY PLAYERS turned out in the FA Cup first round matches — the most for many a year. Three of them, Lance-Corporal Phil White, Lance-Corporal Steve Butler and Craftsman Dickie Briggs play for Windsor and Eton coached by Army and Combined Services coach, QMSI Alfie Coulton. They went down 7-0 to Third Division Brentford.

Private Phil Stant made his third appearance for Reading,

who were knocked out by non-league Bishops Stortford. And Combined Services stalwart, Lance-Corporal George Torrance, flew back from Berlin to appear for non-league Wokingham against Third Division Cardiff City. Torrance put the part-timers into an early lead but after the game was stopped following a crowd disturbance, Cardiff equalised. Torrance was allowed to remain for the replay which the Welshmen won 3-0.

# King's crown 'em!



Kingsman Harrison with trophy.

ANY HOPES that the 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, might have had of wresting the Army Inter-Unit Boxing Championship title from the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, speedily evaporated at Osnabrück.

Last year the paras, fighting in Scotland, had taken the reigning champions to a six bouts to five thriller. But this year their only two winners were brothers Privates Carl and Pete Crook with the Kingsmen taking the other bouts, many by knockouts.

As last year the heavier weights saw three quick wins for the 1 Kings — their victors being Kingsman 'Harry' Harrison, current Army Light-Middleweight champion, Kingsman Kenny



Kingsman Hughes (right) on his way to victory over Private Birnie.

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Spence and the Giant Lance-Corporal Keith 'Big Fran' Francis.

The only consolation for the Paras was a walk-over win for Private Carl Crook, reigning Army lightweight champion and victory for his brother, Pete at welterweight.

## Too-wild water upsets canoeists

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS in the Army Canoe Union Wild Water Championships had to be called off — the River Swale was in too dangerous a state. Fortunately the water had not been overwild the previous day and the team events did take place.

The river, as usual, did cause problems. The infamous tree which frequently causes upsets was out of action this year being under water. However, paddlers still found many other hazards on the unpredictable river and there was the usual crop of capsizes, one a mere 50 yards from the finishing line.

**RESULTS:** Army unit team K1: 1 SEE; 2 16 Signal Regt; 3 10 Signal Regt; 4 3 RTR. Army unit team slalom: 1 Log Support Group; 2 MCTC; 3 Cdo Log Regt. Veterans: 1 Old Ones (S/Sgt Pete Day, Sgt Mike Edwards, Cpl Geoff Page); 2 Story's Own (Sgt Bob Story, Major David Howie, SSI Rod Jenner). WRAC team: 10 Sig Regt. Junior unit team K1: 1 AAC Harrogate; 2 AAC Army Catering Corps. Junior unit team slalom: 1 and 2 AAC ACC.

## APTC ARE THE SQUASH CHAMPS

"THE BEST Inter-Corps Competition we have ever had," enthused Army Squash Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Dawson, about this year's tournament held at the Waverley Squash Club in Farnham. Now the new squash club and social centre will be used for the Army championships next month.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps lost their grip on the Watney-Mann Trophy for the first time since it was presented by the brewers four years ago. New champions are the Army Physical Training Corps.

Full results: *Division 1: 1 APTC, 2 RAOC, 3 Royal Signals, 4 RA, 5 (relegated) RCT; Division 2: 1 (promoted) REME, 2 RE, 3 RAC, 4 Household Div, 5 (relegated) POW Div; Division 3: 1 (promoted) ACC, 2 Queen's Div, 3 RAEC, 4 Army Med Services, 5 AAC, 6 Para Regt.*

— and make it a basketball hat-trick

THE PHYSICAL TRAINING CORPS are Inter Corps basketball champions again. Trailing REME by three points at half-time in the final play-off at Aldershot, they stormed back in the second half to win 82-70 and take their third title in four years.

Six teams took part in the tournament, playing each other over three days with the two top teams meeting in a decider. Play was of a high standard despite some of the Army's best players being in Hong Kong with the Combined Services, and the two favourites — REME and APTC — produced an exciting final with the winners only squeezing ahead in the closing stages.

## SOLDIER DARTS CONTEST

Have you entered a team in our 1983 Darts Contest yet? Entries must close on 31 December — so hurry. See 29 Nov issue for entry form.

# Welsh get the boot!

1 DWR 9, 1WG 8.  
JUST BY A WHISKER did the 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment topple 1st Battalion The Welsh Guards from their position as UK and Army rugby champions in this year's Major Units final in the ARU Challenge Cup Competition. And how the Welshmen must have wished that their kicking had been on target.

Voices in the stands were predicting an easy win for the Welsh Guards and despite a penalty goal and an early lead for the Dukes, the favourites looked solidly in control for the bulk of the first half. Their full back, Sgt D Evans (Evans 34), soon got a chance to level with a penalty but missed and this was to be the story of his kicking right throughout the match — always swerving too much to the left.

Even so, the Guards came back to take a 4-3 lead with a try by Lance Corporal J Davis, but shortly before half-time an opportunist try by flanker Second Lieutenant J C Preston, converted by Cpl P Jones, put the Dukes firmly into the lead.

The second half saw the DWR fighting a heroic rearguard action with the Welshmen battering away in vain to find a way through. Their Number 8 Sgt S Peacock, a 17 stone Army shot-putter, ran again and again at the defensive wall which finally cracked just sufficiently to let



Lance Sergeant S Walford through for an unconverted try 20 minutes from time.

Clinging desperately to a one point lead the Dukes made a determined effort to get the ball away from their own 22 but their eagerness led to a line-out offence giving the Welsh Guards a penalty kick. The otherwise volatile crowd held its breath as the luckless Evans 34 once more took the kick — but he missed yet again leaving a relieved Duke of Wellington's to claim a remarkable victory.

## GREAT COME-BACK

The first team squad of Malcolm Allison's Middlebrough raced into a three goal lead in the first half of their match against Combined services at Catterick. But a spirited fight back after the interval saw the Services side force a draw for the first time since the annual fixture began in 1974. Full story and pictures next issue.

## ...and POW have to fight

N IRELAND REGT AAC 10, POW DIVISION CRICKHOWELL 20.

THE UNFANCIED Air Corps team put in a spirited challenge throughout the final of the Whyte & Mackay rugby competition for minor units. They certainly ruffled the Prince of Wales's feathers and never looked out of the hunt until the last few minutes of the match.

The red shirted favourites from Crickhowell stormed into the attack from the start and took the lead through a well taken penalty by Cpl Stephen Harding.

This setback seemed to spur the airmen into a fight back and after Capt Rob Hood had been stopped just short of the line Sgt

Ken Woolford levelled the scores with his penalty shot. POW back into their own half. Woolford failed with three other penalty attempts from not too favourable positions, but his team were getting more possession from the scrums and eventually Hood pierced the defence

and passed to Cpl Kev Price, who went over.

Undaunted, the Crickhowell men promptly battled their way back down the field and Lt Ian Harper touched down for a converted try and a 9-7 lead.

With the wind behind them the depot team began the second half as they had the first and the Air Corps defended desperately. But a sudden breakaway saw Woolford with a golden opportunity for a penalty goal from the easiest of positions and there were gasps of disbelief as the ball curled away from the posts.

Two minutes later Woolford made amends with a well taken drop kick to restore the AAC lead, but as the game wore on his team were under increasing pressure and the dam finally burst when silver haired L/Cpl Mike Lloyd, put through Maj Wes Thomas for an unconverted try. Harding increased the POW lead with a well taken penalty kick and Lloyd scored again in the dying seconds of the match.



## Venus shines

THE FIRST-EVER Verden Garrison/Royal Signals marathon attracted 538 runners aged from 8 to 54 and the winner was S/Sgt Bill Venus, 1 Armd Div HQ & Sig Regt, in a time of 2 hours 30 minutes 30 seconds. Just 18 seconds behind him was S/Sgt Gerry Hagarty from 22 Signal Regt.

The Jim Barry memorial plate, awarded in memory of Lt Barry who was killed in the Falklands to the first Royal Signals subaltern or captain to finish, was won by Capt Matt Campbell of 233 Signal Sqn (NI).



The hoop-shirted airmen win the ball.

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