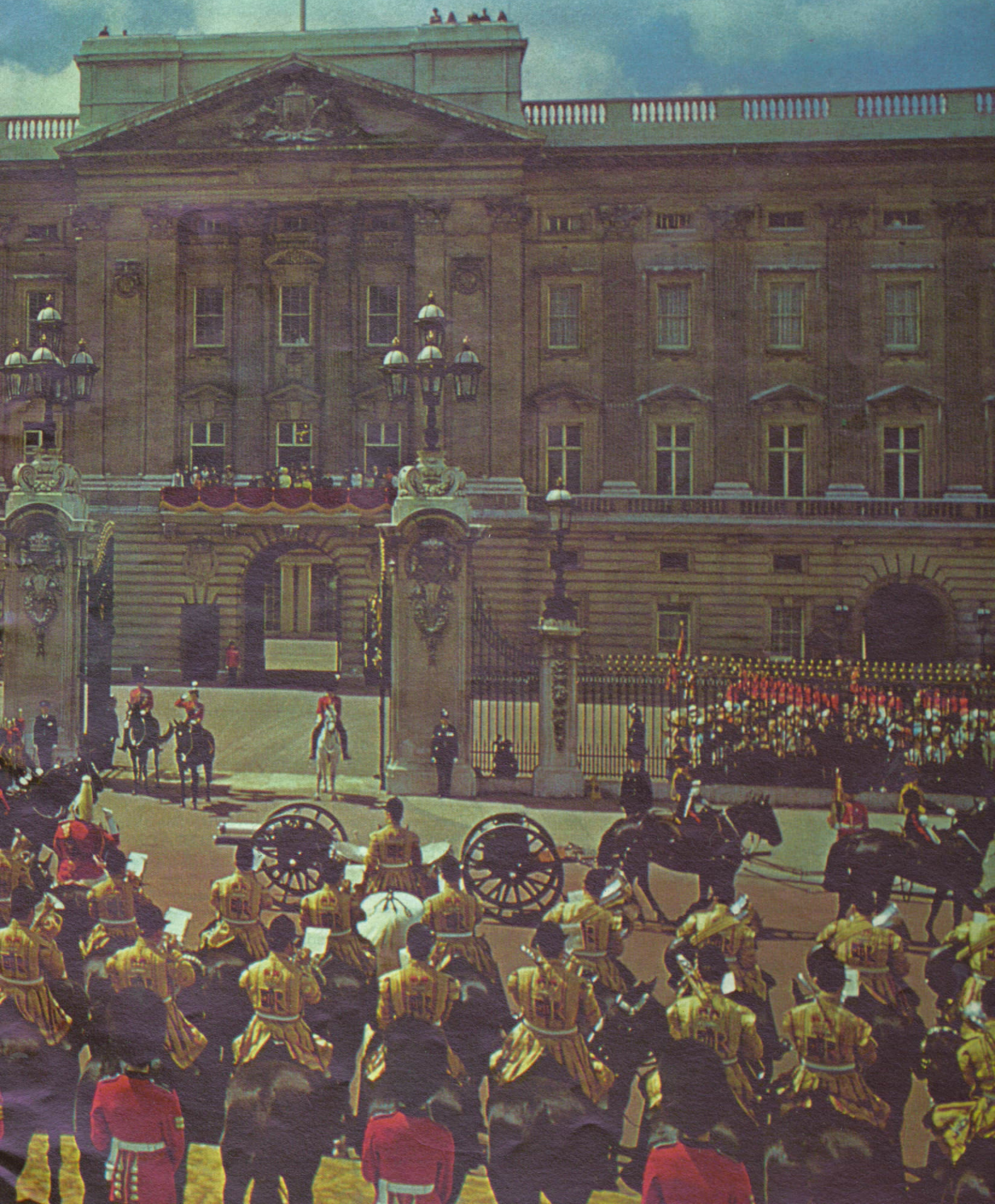


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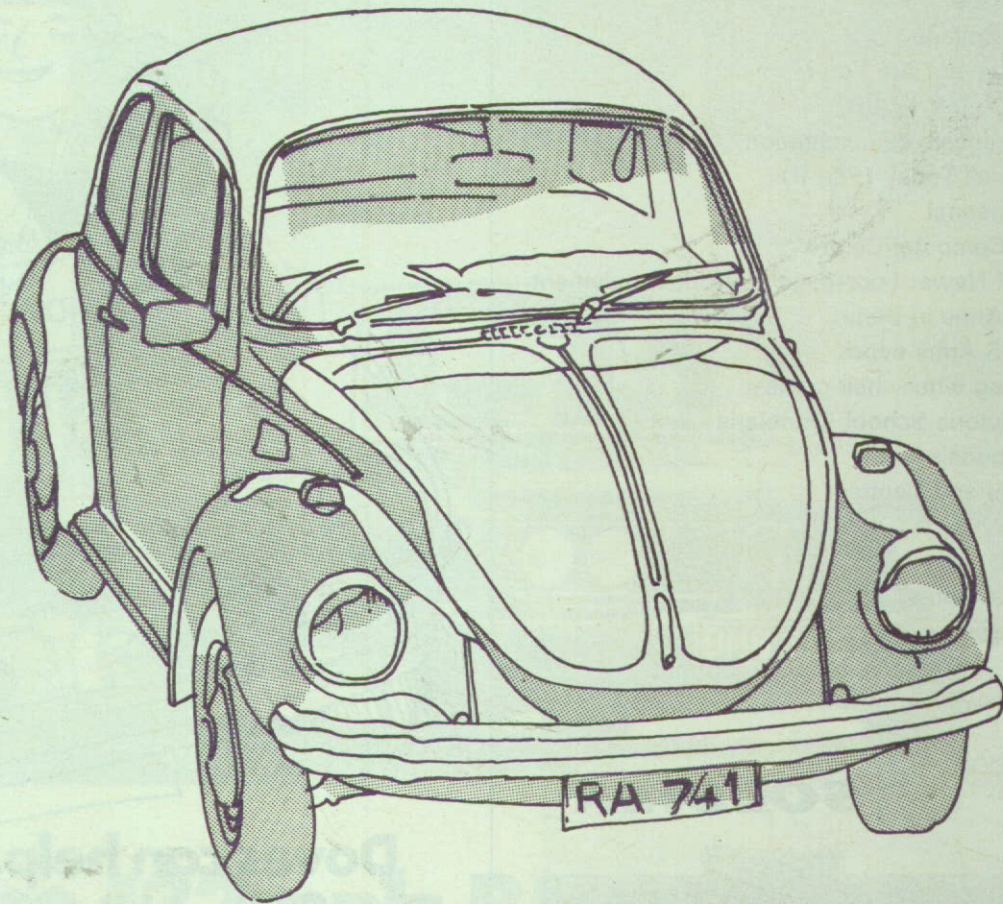
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AUGUST 1973

- 1 Gloucester Carnival (band) (29 July-10 August).
- 1 Tyneside Summer Exhibition (bands) (30 July-5 August).
- 1 Bristol 600 (21 July-12 August) (King's Troop RHA, White Helmets, 6-11 August).
- 1 Colchester Searchlight Tattoo (1-4 August).
- 1 **The Queens Regiment careers display in ACIO, Strand, (opposite Charing Cross) (1-10 August).**
- 2 Hull Show (band) (2-4 August).
- 3 Cardiff Searchlight Tattoo (3-11 August).
- 4 Open Day, Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury.
- 7 Bingley Show (band) (7-8 August).
- 9 Darlington Army Week (band) (9-19 August).
- 15 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 17 Shrewsbury Musical and Floral Fête (bands).
- 17 Edinburgh Tattoo (17 August-8 September).
- 18 Crewe Carnival (band) (18-19 August).
- 18 Pontypool Carnival (Red Devils).
- 18 Friern Barnet Show (corps displays).
- 19 Hartlepool Show (band).
- 22 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 23 Southport Flower Show (band, Red Devils) (23-26 August).
- 24 Bebington Carnival, Wirral (band, Red Devils) (24-26 August).
- 24 Leeds Gala (band) (24-27 August).
- 25 Harlow Show (RA motorcyclists).
- 25 Guards Association Gala and Sports Day, Standish, Wigan (band, displays).
- 26 Aylsham Show (band).
- 27 Swansea Carnival (Red Devils).
- 27 North East Hants Agricultural Show, Alton (RA motorcyclists).
- 27 Rotary Bank Holiday Fair, Palatine Park, Worthing (band, Black Knights freetail team).
- 28 City of Leicester Show (band) (28-29 August).
- 29 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 29 Sheffield Show (band) (29 August-1 September).
- 31 Keighley Show (band) (31 August-1 September).

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 1 Edmonton Carnival (corps displays, **RA motorcyclists**).
- 2 Historic Military Vehicles Rally, Waltham St Lawrence, Maidenhead (RA motorcyclists).
- 2 Hinckley Steam Fair (band).
- 5 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 7 Blackburn Army Display (7-9 September).
- 8 **Eurogala '73, Swindon (RA motorcyclists).**
- 9 Burma Star Association Military and Flying Display, Waterbeach Barracks, Cambridge (**RA motorcyclists**).
- 10 DLI Festival, Co Durham (10-12 September).
- 11 **Regimental KAPE, Southampton (RA motorcyclists).**
- 12 Kneller Hall grand (band) final concert.
- 13 Cambrian March (13-16 September).
- 13 Kendal Gathering (band) (13-15 September).
- 15 Welwyn Garden City Water Festival (band).
- 15 Ringwood (Hampshire) Carnival (RA motorcyclists).
- 15 **Open Day, Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham (15-16 September).**
- 16 **Arms and Militaria Fair, Miami Bowl, Morecambe.**
- 23 Paignton Army Display (RCT, RAC) (23-25 September).



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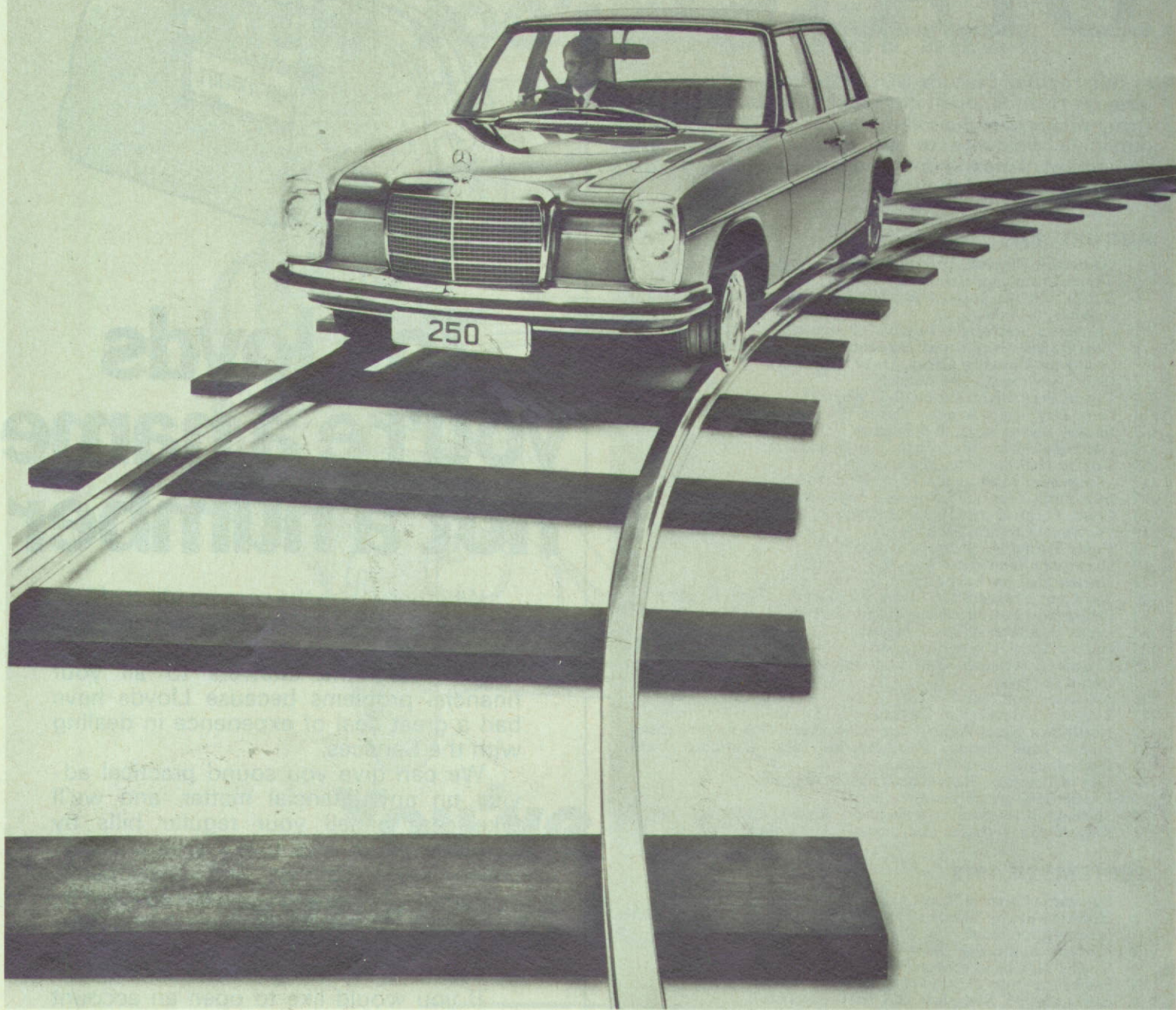
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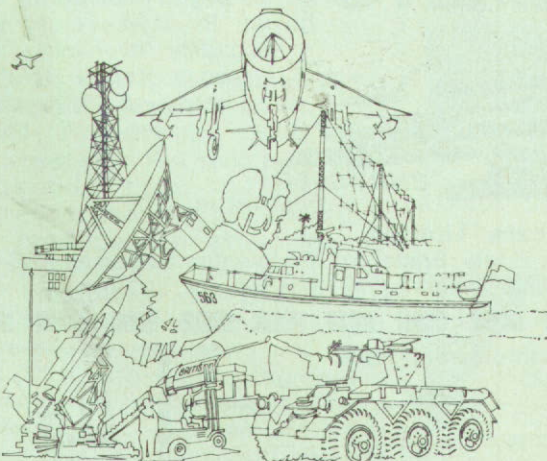


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On 9 June survivors of the 11th Armoured Division will go to the Normandy town of Flers, which they liberated, for the unveiling of a divisional memorial.

The site was provided by the village of St Georges des Groseillers and the town of Flers paid for site preparations and landscaping. Meanwhile a committee of ex-members of the division has raised more than £3000 to pay for the 36-foot long and nine-foot high memorial. It is in rose-pink granite with bronze plaques in French and English.

The committee secretary, Major Claude Davey, of Beggars Roost, Hammersley Lane, Penn, Bucks, reports that a few hundred pounds is still needed to complete the fund. Donations will be welcome.

Flers, incidentally, has recently "twinned" with the Wiltshire military town of Warminster. This will further strengthen the links between the French town and the division because 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, only present-day survivor of the division, was stationed at Warminster when war broke out.

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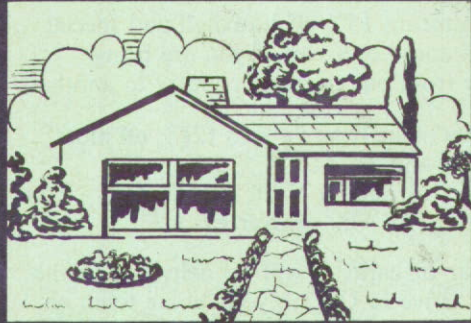
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Easily accessible to the general public, standing as it does on the main road through Brecon to Abergavenny, this immaculately kept museum with its well-lit display cases and clearly captioned exhibits has much to offer the visitor.

The largest of the four rooms contains the main items of regimental interest, not the least of which are those connected with the historic, though fateful, stand at the battle of Isandhlwana by the 1st and 2nd battalions of the 24th Regiment followed by the immortal defence of Rorke's Drift by the 2nd Battalion's B Company. Nine Victoria Crosses were awarded to members of the regiment for their gallantry on that January day in 1879 including those won by Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill, who lost their lives saving the Queen's Colour of the 1st Battalion after Isandhlwana. This Colour and the wreath of Immortelles, which Queen Victoria placed upon it in memory of their heroic action and of the defence of Rorke's Drift, can be seen in the regimental chapel in Brecon Cathedral.

A wheelback chair that once stood in the hospital at Rorke's Drift, a charred drumstick picked up by Lieutenant Bromhead VC after the action, a battered bugle and two bibles found on the battlefield at Isandhlwana are just a few of the relics which, with a slight effort of the imagination, bring the dust and fury of the Zulu War of nearly 100 years ago very near to home.

Other items in this room include an 1801 "return" of musicians of the 24th which shows the names of two 11-year-old fifers, one of whom had already served four years and the other three. Here too are many items of interest of the Boer War and World Wars One and Two. A case of weapons captured in Aden in 1967 marks the last overseas operation undertaken by The South Wales Borderers before the regiment amalgamated with The Welch

Regiment in 1969 to form The Royal Regiment of Wales.

Of particular interest among the various uniforms on display is an 18th century officer's red coat with green facings and silver buttons inscribed "24," some silver gorgets of the same period worn by officers of the 24th, and Lieutenant Coghill's spurs, sash and belt worn at Isandhlwana.

The weapon room, at present temporarily closed, has a good collection of firearms ranging from the old flintlock musket to the more sophisticated weaponry of the 20th century. There are examples of British, German, Turkish and Japanese grenades and mortars and a selection of machine-guns, pistols and revolvers. Other interesting exhibits are Nazi daggers and a Japanese hara-kiri sword.

The impressive display of about a thousand medals in the medal room dates back to the battle of Ramillies in 1706 and there is the French Croix de Guerre awarded to the 7th Battalion for its gallantry in the assault on the Grand Couronné in September 1918.

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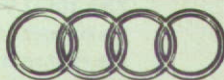
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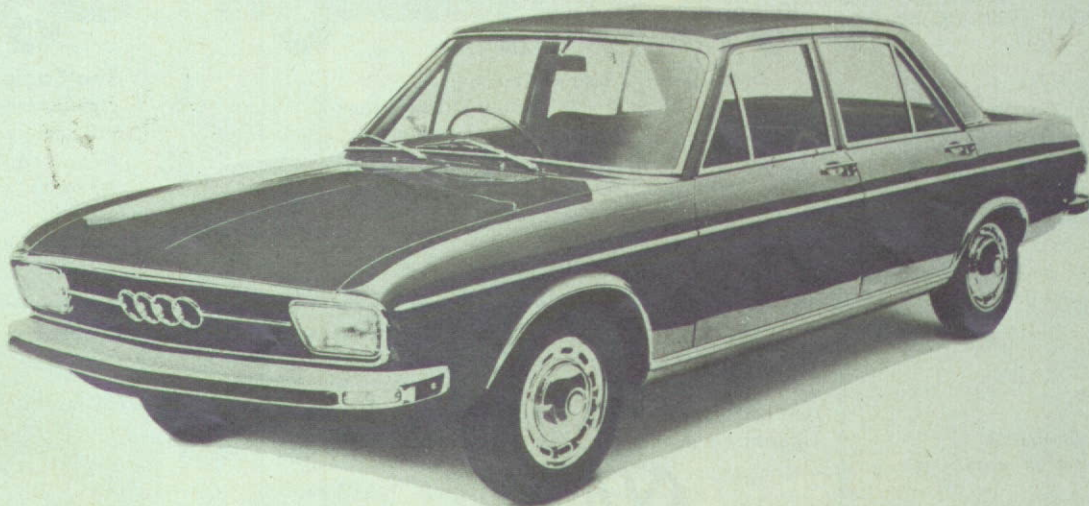


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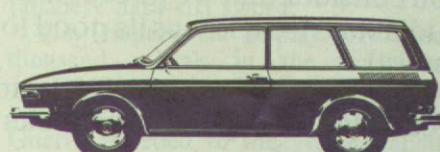
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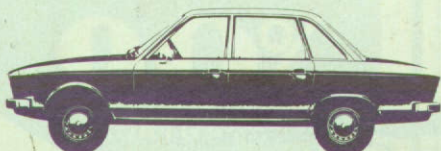
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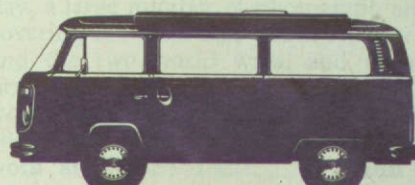
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THE Lance is one of the oldest weapons in name but the newest "version" provides the very latest in artillery weapon systems. It has been ordered for the Army to replace the present Honest John missiles. Lance is described by its American manufacturers as a "reliable, low-cost guided missile system that can be operated under any climatic conditions in which infantry, armoured, mechanised or airborne divisions may be committed."

The complete system consists of the missile itself—Britain is to have the nuclear warhead version—two types of launcher, a loader-transporter vehicle and support equipment. The Army is ordering the self-propelled tracked launcher.

Lance can deliver its nuclear payload for over 100 kilometres at supersonic speeds. The rocket is powered by prepackaged liquid propellant and the

guidance system that keeps it on target is proof against all known electronic countermeasures. The liquid propulsion and inertial guidance systems are key features and were both designed specifically for Lance to give it an accuracy and reliability comparable with conventional field artillery.

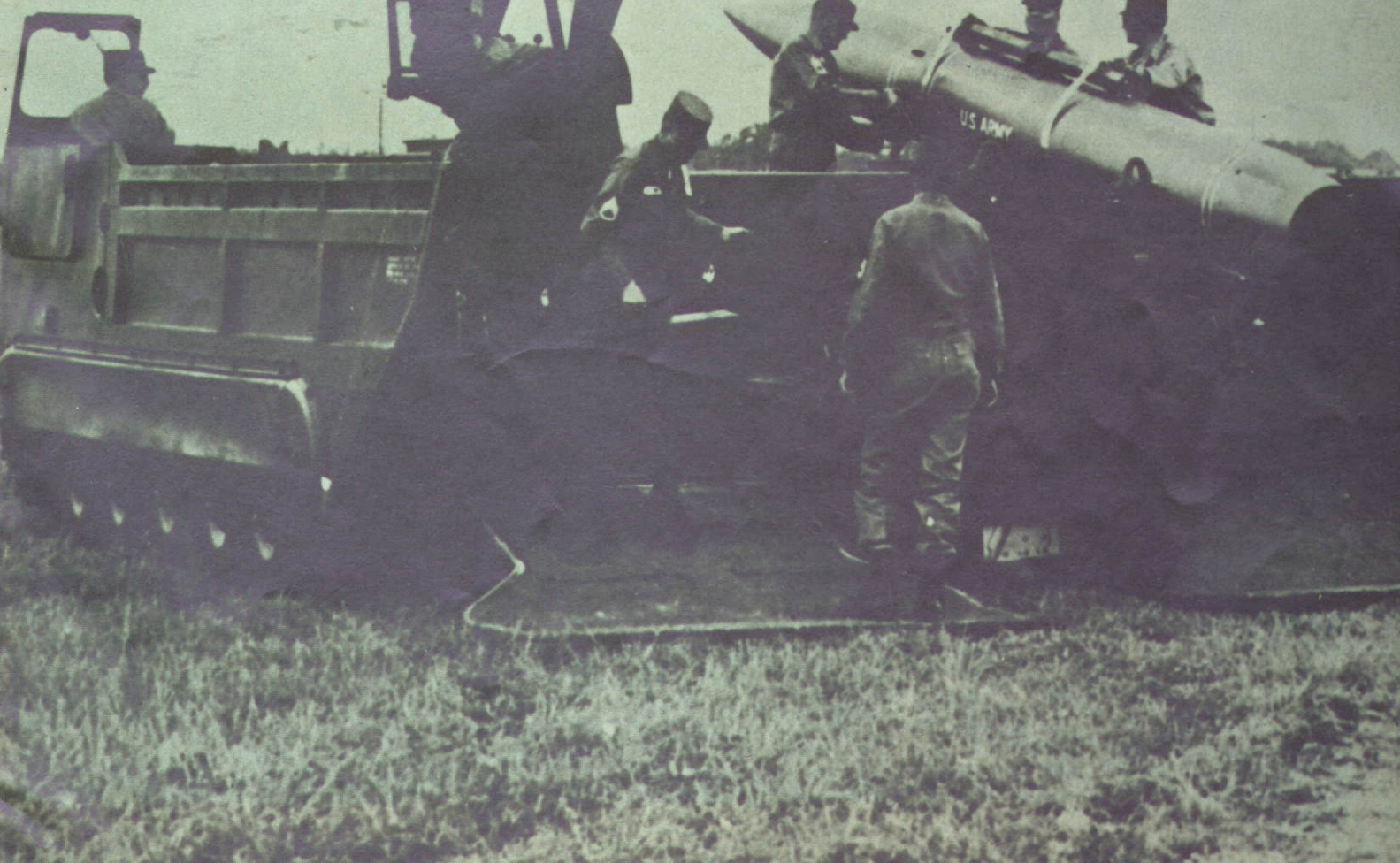
Apart from the increased range other advantages include automatic compensation for weather condition changes while the missile is in flight and fewer requirements for support equipment such as missile heating blankets and power generators.

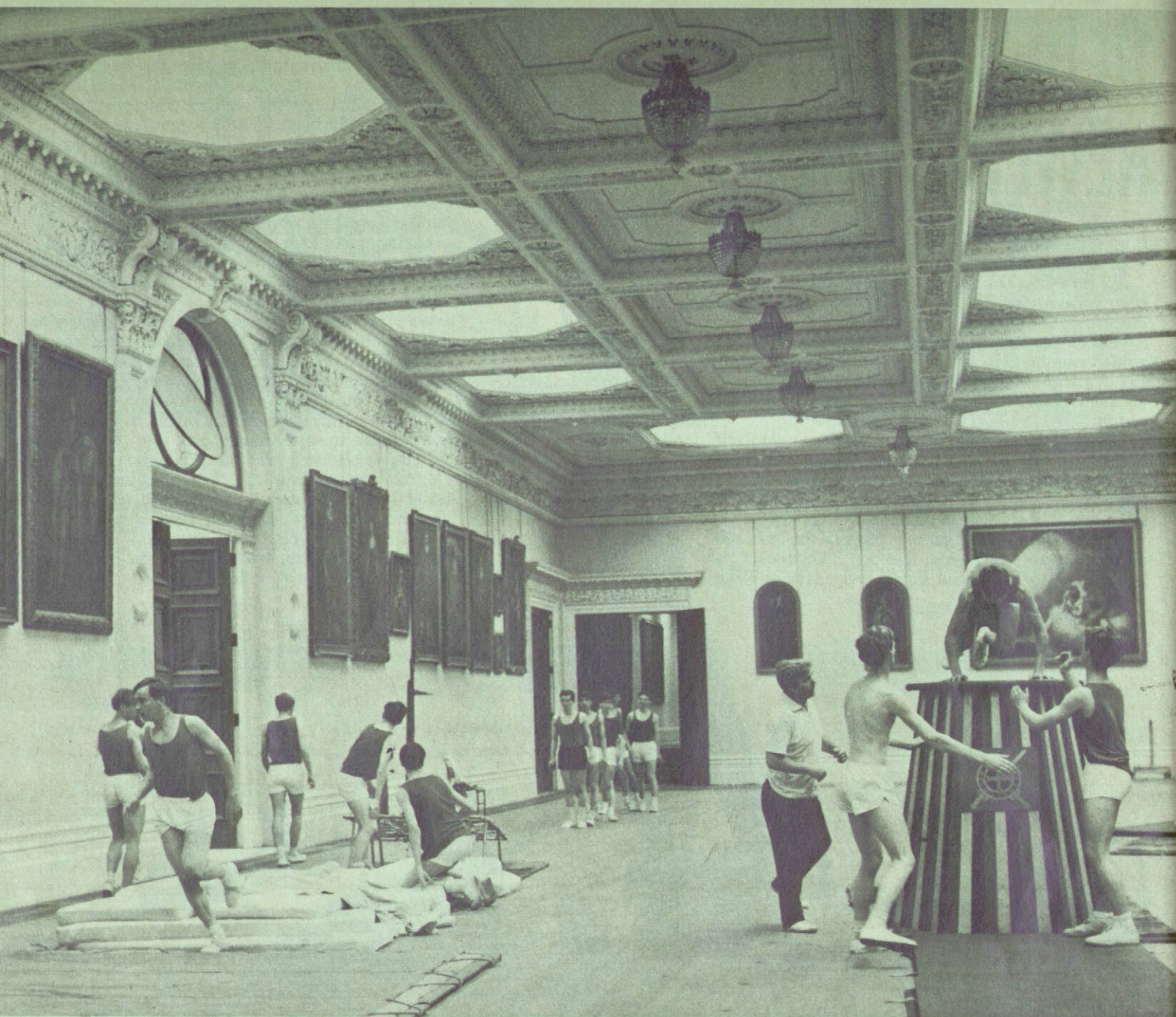
The missile is divided into five main sections. From front to rear these are the warhead, a central section housing the guidance and control package, the fuel tank, an oxidiser tank and the tail-mounted engine section. The whole missile is just over six metres long.

Lance's mobility has already earned it the nickname "the shoot and scoot missile." It is ready for action within a very short space of time after arrival at the pre-surveyed firing position. Preparations include fitting the four fins and removing the tail cover. While the missile is being readied for action, the firing device is run out on its cable to a distance of up to 100 metres.

The monitor/programmer includes a computer and is used to insert range data into the guidance system. It also provides the pre-launch power and controls the arming and firing sequences. After firing Lance, the crew return to the self-propelled launcher and move out in the tracked vehicle.

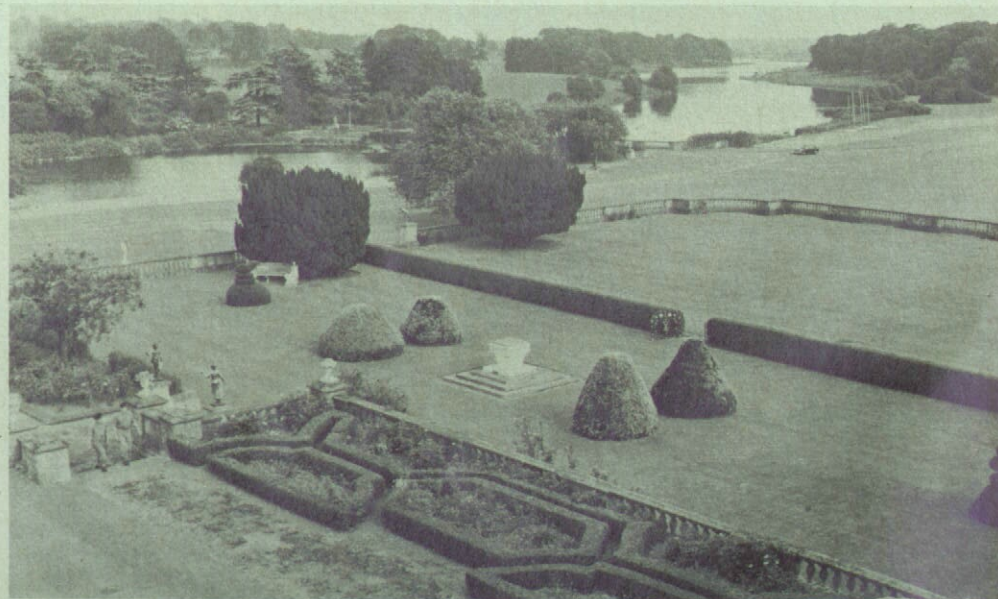
"The Lance battlefield missile," claim the manufacturers, "can go anywhere the Army needs to go . . . as close as a shadow."





WELBECK- WHERE BOYS BECOME MEN

Above: The portrait-lined underground hall where boys do physical training and (right) the opulence of the Welbeck surroundings.
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THEIR accents revealed that they came from just about every region in Britain and their backgrounds were many and varied. But every one of 150 youngsters living at a stately home on the edge of Sherwood Forest was scheduled to be a British Army officer—further proof, if any were needed, that an officer career in the modern Army does not require a plummy accent and cavalry élan—rather high intelligence and educational qualifications as well as leadership qualities.

Welbeck College is now 20 years old. Its original aim was to produce Army officers from the industrial north, which had not traditionally been an officer-rearing area. Today the boys come from many areas—but most are from grammar schools and the two years they spend at Welbeck gives them the self-confidence which enables them to be accepted for Sandhurst.

Welbeck has certainly made its mark in the technical corps. Between 1968 and 1972, 73 per cent of the commissions into the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers went to Welbexians. Other figures were: Royal Signals 63 per cent; Royal Army Ordnance Corps 40 per cent; Royal Engineers 19 per cent; and Royal Corps of Transport 16 per cent. More than a thousand Welbexians have become Regular officers and most are still serving. More than 100 have reached the rank of major and the first lieutenant-colonel is expected any time. Within the next four or five years Welbeck will embark on a family

tradition when the first son of an old boy will go to the college.

Just what sort of boy is selected for Welbeck? The headmaster, Mr Michael Maloney, told SOLDIER: "This school exists to get people from areas which are not traditional officer producing backgrounds. We don't care what length a boy's hair is when he applies or what his accent is. We don't try to iron their accents out when they come here but we do give them considerable training in public speaking. The Army today does not care about accents as long as people can communicate clearly."

"At selection we look for boys who are lively minded, reasonably intelligent, interested and willing to have a go. We then have to develop social confidence in them so that they can give an order and can talk to both their seniors and juniors. The difference between when they come and when they leave is tremendous. Many of these boys would not stand a chance at the commissioning board without what they learn here."

Mr Maloney, who took over as headmaster last September, describes himself as "just an ordinary schoolmaster." His Army background is a spell as a National service officer with the gunners and the Royal West Africa Frontier Force.

People who have only vaguely head of Welbeck imagine it as a place of strict military discipline and lots of Army training. In fact training is confined to Monday afternoons when the Combined Cadet Force meets. Two-thirds of the boys have no previous cadet experience and the sessions give them their first preview of their chosen career.

In the CCF high drill standards are expected and the man who sees to this is the regimental sergeant-major, Warrant Officer I L Masters, of The Gloucestershire Regiment. The Welbeck estate with its rolling acres, artificial boating lakes and spinneys is ideal for military training and for all kinds of sport.

Sport is an integral part of college life and is compulsory. Although all of the



Top left: One of the cadets has a go at the assault course along the Duchess's Walk.

Left: Horseman, D Foxley, exercises his steed in the grounds before the annual inspection.

Bottom left: Stephen Turpin in the workshop working on a wooden model of a submarine.

Below: Cadet swings into action across an aerial ropeway rigged up across the lake.





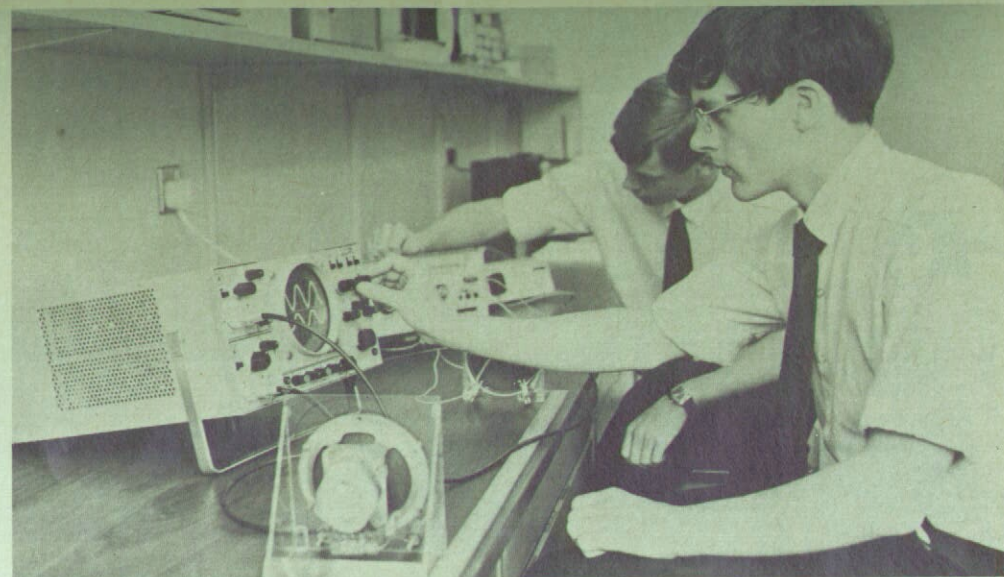
John Phillips (17) joined the Army as a junior leader with the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington but as a boy with ten O levels he was regarded as more suitable for officer training and transferred to Welbeck. As a result, in a few years time he will be an officer with a degree instead of a corporal or sergeant without one. He says: "It was good fun with the junior leaders but it is just as good here, if not better. When I am commissioned I could probably go back into the Royal Armoured Corps but for the time being I am keeping my options open."



Barry Bennett (18), Army officer's son from Pinner, Middlesex: "I think Welbeck is the best way to get into the Army. You meet every sort of chap here. Everybody is much stronger after their two years here and academically it is excellent. I feel the college is good for your work, your character and your spirit."



Miles Stockdale (18), ex-grammar school boy from Mansfield, Notts: "I am doing wrought-iron work here which is the first time I've ever done anything practical. Welbeck gives you a good idea of the Army and you know what you are heading for but it is not wholly Army-orientated. It was a big change for me at first and it took some getting used to but then I realised that everyone else was in the same boat."



Above: Ian MacDonald (front) and Michael Tudor carrying out sound velocity tests in physics laboratory. Left: Boy uses headphones and tape during a German lesson. Below: The Welbeck boating lake is accustomed to more leisurely craft than this boatload of cadets at full stretch.

WELBECK continued

boys are highly intelligent and are aiming to subsequently obtain degrees, the swot and bookworm has no place at Welbeck, any more than in the Army. Strong fixture lists against other schools are arranged for cricket, rugby, athletics, hockey and shooting and there are facilities for tennis, squash, fencing, sailing, cross-country running, golf, climbing and orienteering.

Welbeck Abbey is leased to the college by the Duke of Portland, who lives on another part of the estate. The octogenarian Duke takes a keen interest in the college.

The opulence of the surroundings and the aura of bygone aristocracy are everywhere from the spacious and well-kept lawns to the Duchess's Walk (now an assault course) to the underground ballroom. Here, oil portraits of 17th and 18th century nobles look down on boys doing physical training. Their instructor, Quarter-

master-Sergeant Instructor James Thompson retires this month.

Back at Welbeck, this time as a teacher and adjutant to the Combined Cadet Force, is Captain Ian Carruthers, Royal Signals. Captain Carruthers, who was at the college from 1961-63, is on a two year posting as a young Army officer with whom the boys can identify.

He says: "I went to a grammar school in the North of England and I suppose I was just a country boy who would not have thought of trying for Sandhurst if I had not come here. Welbeck gave me a lot of self-confidence and I have found it rewarding to come again and to give something back."

About two-thirds of the curriculum is devoted to mathematics and science and every boy studies mathematics and physics to A level. The eventual aim is to have all boys taking three subjects at A level. A recent innovation in mathematics has

been electronic calculators. The boys are not allowed to use them for examinations but they do experiment with the calculators and the head of the mathematics department, Mr George Langdale, feels that Welbeck is in the van of a mathematical revolution. "The whole world is moving into electronic calculators and I let some of the boys use them to work out problems which others are doing in the usual way. There is a lot of interest and our computing society which meets in the boys' free time is heavily over-subscribed."

Modern aids are also evident in language lessons where Mr Gordon Partington uses a master language tape and headphones to each pupil. They repeat the phrases, record them on individual tape recorders and later play back their efforts. Mr Partington describes the system as "useful but not the answer to everything."

Practical work is not neglected and for some boys it is the first time they have

ever made anything. Among items produced in the workshops are pewter goblets, shooting sticks, trays, cupboards, model cannons and antique pistols.

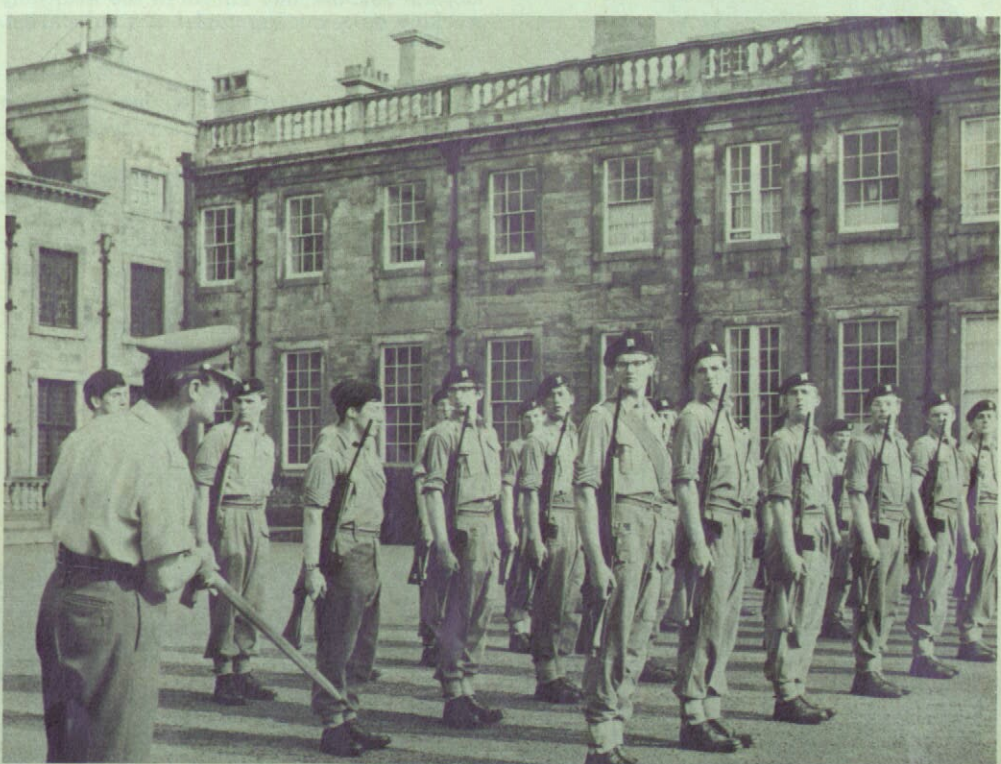
Applications to go to Welbeck run at about three-and-a-half for each vacancy and interviews are now from a short list.

Mr Maloney sees the standards rising even higher: "Now that it is essential for boys to get A levels for Sandhurst I am taking greater pains than ever to make sure that boys are A level material and that they are really motivated towards a technical management career."

Because of this stringent selection process, which uses aptitude tests as well as interviews, the number of failures from Welbeck is very low. In providing the chance for any boy, whatever his background, to become an Army officer, Welbeck is carrying out a function of which that legendary hero of these parts, Robin Hood, would surely have approved.



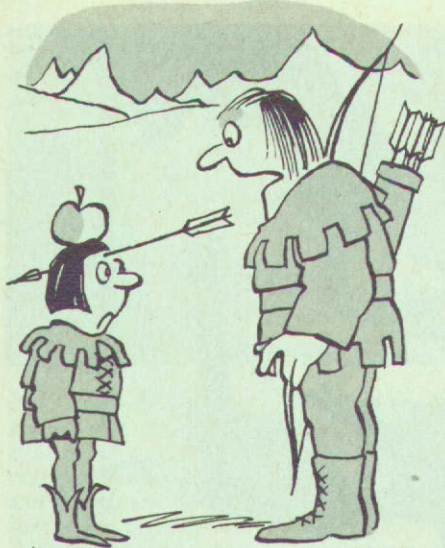
Right: A cadet drill squad comes under the eagle eye of the RSM, Mr L Masters. Parade ground standards are expected to be high.



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 see page 45.

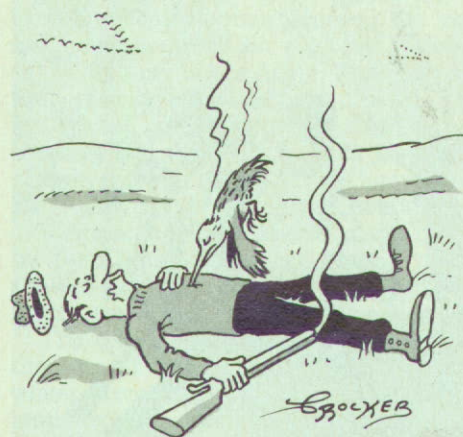




Roy Nixon

"You must have grown!"

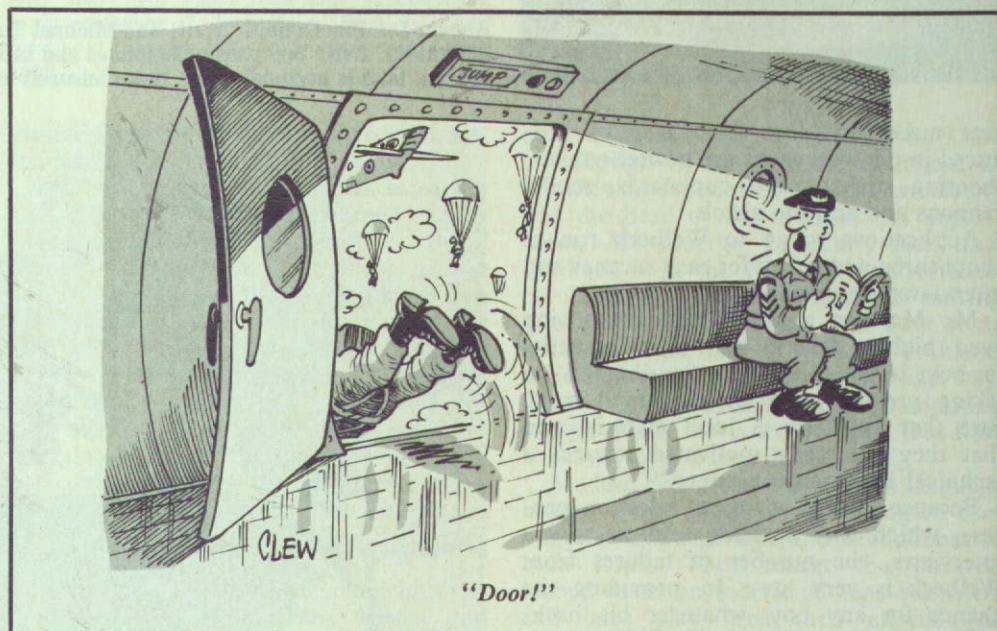
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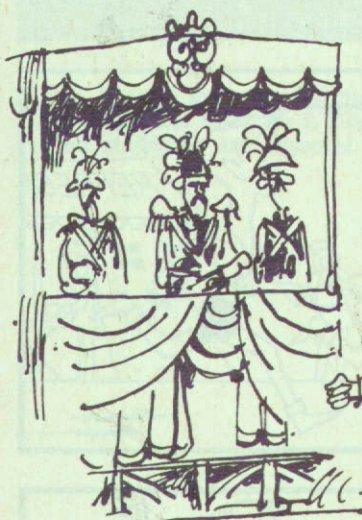
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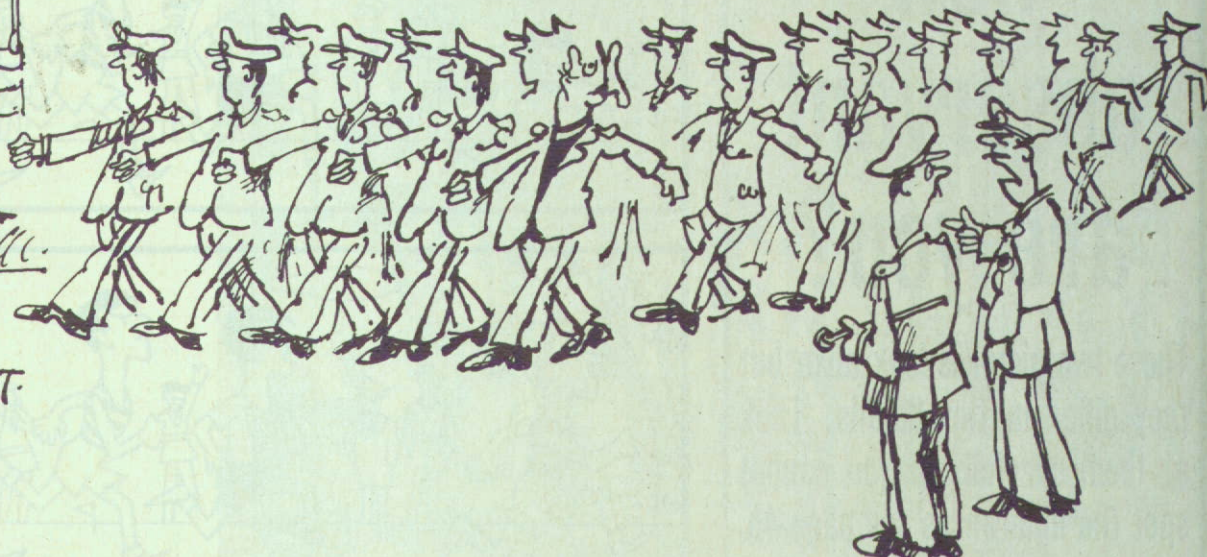
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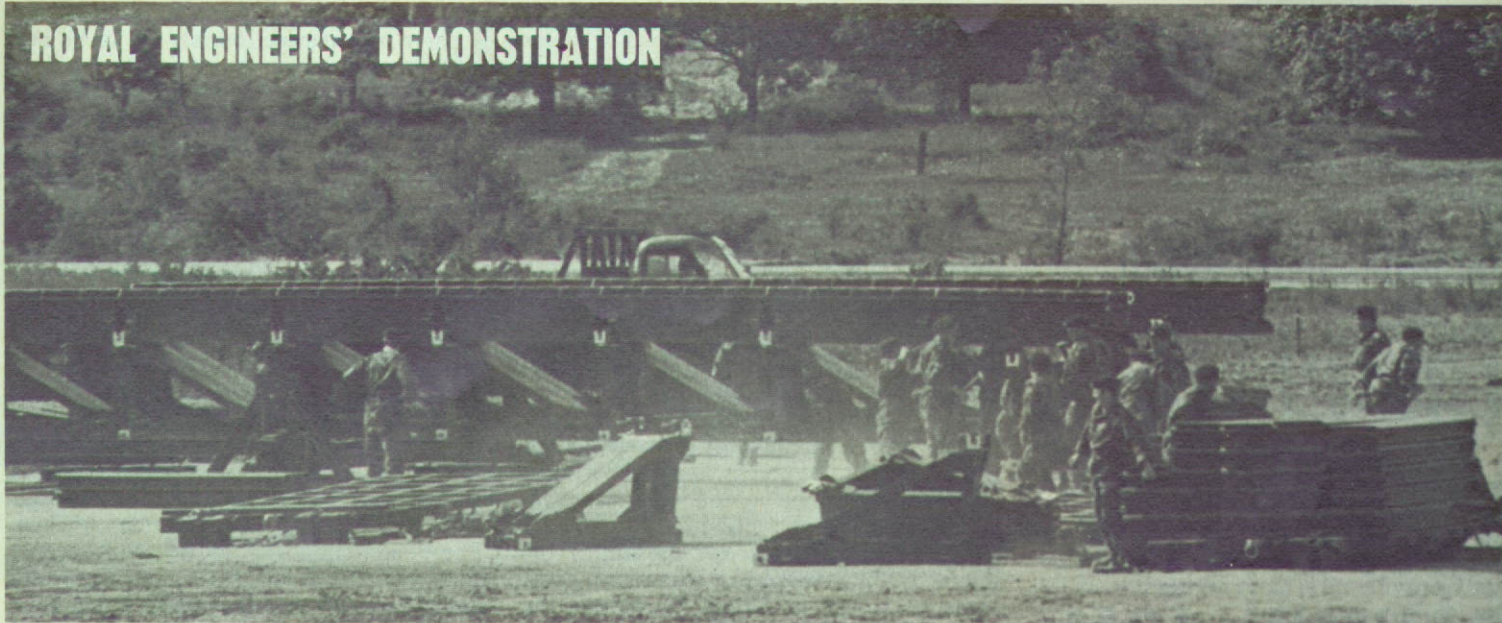


HONESSETT



"Captain, I'd like you to have a word with the Chaplain!"

ROYAL ENGINEERS' DEMONSTRATION



The scene at Chattenden as part-time sappers from Tees-side rush to erect a medium girder bridge by hand in record time.

GEORDIE SAPPERS SET BRIDGE RECORD

Twenty five part-time sappers from the north-east erected a 100 feet medium girder bridge by hand in just under half an hour (an unofficial sapper record) recently.

The officer and 24 men from 118 (Tees) Field Squadron Royal Engineers (V) made their successful record attempt in front of British and overseas military equipment experts at the Royal Engineers' Demonstration at Chattenden. The normal times allowed for erection of this type of bridge are 60 minutes by day and 90 by night.

The Volunteers staged their display as part of their annual summer camp. Captain John Coulthard, a lecturer at Tees-side Polytechnic, who commanded the operation, said it was three minutes better than the best time they achieved during practice.

"We don't specialise in bridge work but I think the reason we have succeeded is

that our men are enthusiastic and generally stronger than the average Regular soldier because we come from an area with a tradition of heavy industry and mining. The men include miners, steel workers and shipwrights."

Theme of the demonstration was "the spectrum of Royal Engineers Support" and, as well as a static equipment display, visitors saw the Royal Air Force's Harrier jump-jet emerge from a "hide", take-off, hover and land on an airstrip laid by Sapper combat engineers.

Among the many vehicles on show was Spartan, the tracked reconnaissance vehicle, which will soon replace the Ferret scout cars used by sappers. Spartan has a driver and commander and can accommodate up to five other men. Acceleration is very good and the maximum speed is around 80 kilometres an hour



Above: Spartan, which is soon to replace Ferret scout cars used for sapper reconnaissance. Right: A Royal Air Force Harrier jump-jet demonstrates its remarkable hovering ability.

"In front of them all..."

THE PEACE KEEPERS OF PANMUNJOM

As we speed along the new highway north of Seoul past paddy fields and dusty villages the military presence becomes ever more apparent. Sentries stand at check points, American-built Army trucks rumble by. It is still reminiscent of Aldershot but this is for real. We are heading for one of the great East/West frontiers of today—Panmunjom—where the Korean Armistice was signed on 27 July 1953.

Soon we reach "Freedom Bridge," stretching across the famous Imjin river and with the remains of a war-damaged bridge by its side. Beyond here, our guide tells us, American and South Korean troops are in a state of constant alert.

The tension heightens as we pass sandbagged observation points and fortifications. A sign at the side of the road tells us that the camp we are passing is the home of the "Bearcats," America's most frontline troops in Korea. Nowadays the responsibility for patrolling most of the 151-mile-long demilitarized zone has passed to Republic of Korea forces.

We pull up at the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission Headquarters (the Advance Camp). This is only 100 yards outside the DMZ and the officers and men in the camp have as their motto "in front of them all." They are mainly military police and provide security in the United Nations Command portion of the Military Armistice Commission area, the Swiss and Swedish observers' camps and for visitors.

Soon a slide show is under way to

show just what happens at Panmunjom. A party of Japanese tourists are to be our coach companions. An American officer explains that once past the fortified barrier fence no photographs are allowed until we are in the joint security area. His remarks are translated into Korean, then an interpreter recites them again in Japanese. Each one is greeted by loud cries of "Ah!" from the tourists.

We hear of a village within Panmunjom called Taesongdon, whose inhabitants fled to the south during the war but eventually returned and started farming again. Young men are allowed to bring in wives from the south but a girl who marries outside the village must leave it.

There is another village representing the Communists. The American officer tells us: "We call it Propaganda Village. There are supposed to be 2000 people there but we think there are really only about 25 to 30 and they raise a flag each day. Up until last November they had several large loudspeakers and used to broadcast propaganda up to 20 hours a day."

In recent times there has been some relaxation of tension and direct talks have taken place between north and south Koreans as well as Red Cross talks aimed at reuniting families. North Korean infiltrators are still encountered from time to time but there were only two serious border incidents in the first five months of this year compared to an annual figure of several hundred violations not long ago.

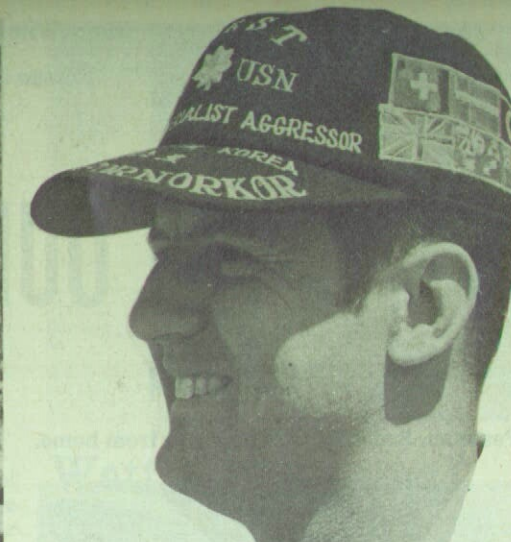
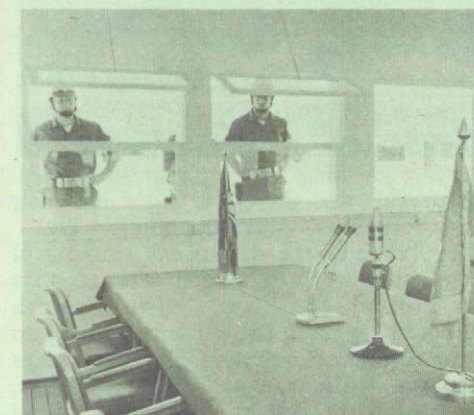
We board the coach and it rumbles past the barrier into the demilitarized zone.



Above: A heavily sandbagged American observation point just outside the 4000-metre-wide demilitarized zone.

Right: The frontier. The line down the middle of this conference table marks the Korea Military Demarcation Line.

Below: New North Korean building in the joint security area looks bigger than its UN equivalent—but probably isn't.



Commander Mike West, US Navy, wearing one of the souvenir caps sold at the Advance Camp.

A mile further on we stop at the entrance to the joint security area. A hundred yards away two North Korean guards regard us impassively. We have a ten-minute wait—for North Korean visitors are in town—and in the past there have been ugly confrontations between tourists brought in from both sides at the same time.

Eventually the all clear is given and we move into the joint security area. There is not a lot to see. Each side has the same number of buildings and Military Armistice Commission personnel can move freely through the area but by custom do not enter the opposing side's buildings.

The Iron and Bamboo curtains have many facets. In Berlin it is a Wall—in Panmunjom a table! The table where the meetings of the Commission are held is neatly bisected by the Military Demarcation Line with the communist side of the table in North Korea and the United Nations in the Republic.

There are four levels of meetings at Panmunjom. When the Commission itself meets its proceedings are often photographed by hordes of tourists peering through the windows. There are also secretaries' meetings to discuss minor violations of the cease-fire, and meetings of security officers and joint duty officers.

We are shown the North Korean and United Nations flags on the table. Both are identical in size and we are told that it took a protracted series of meetings before even this could be agreed on. Since then the North Koreans have added an extra tier to the base of their flag to make it higher than that of the UN!

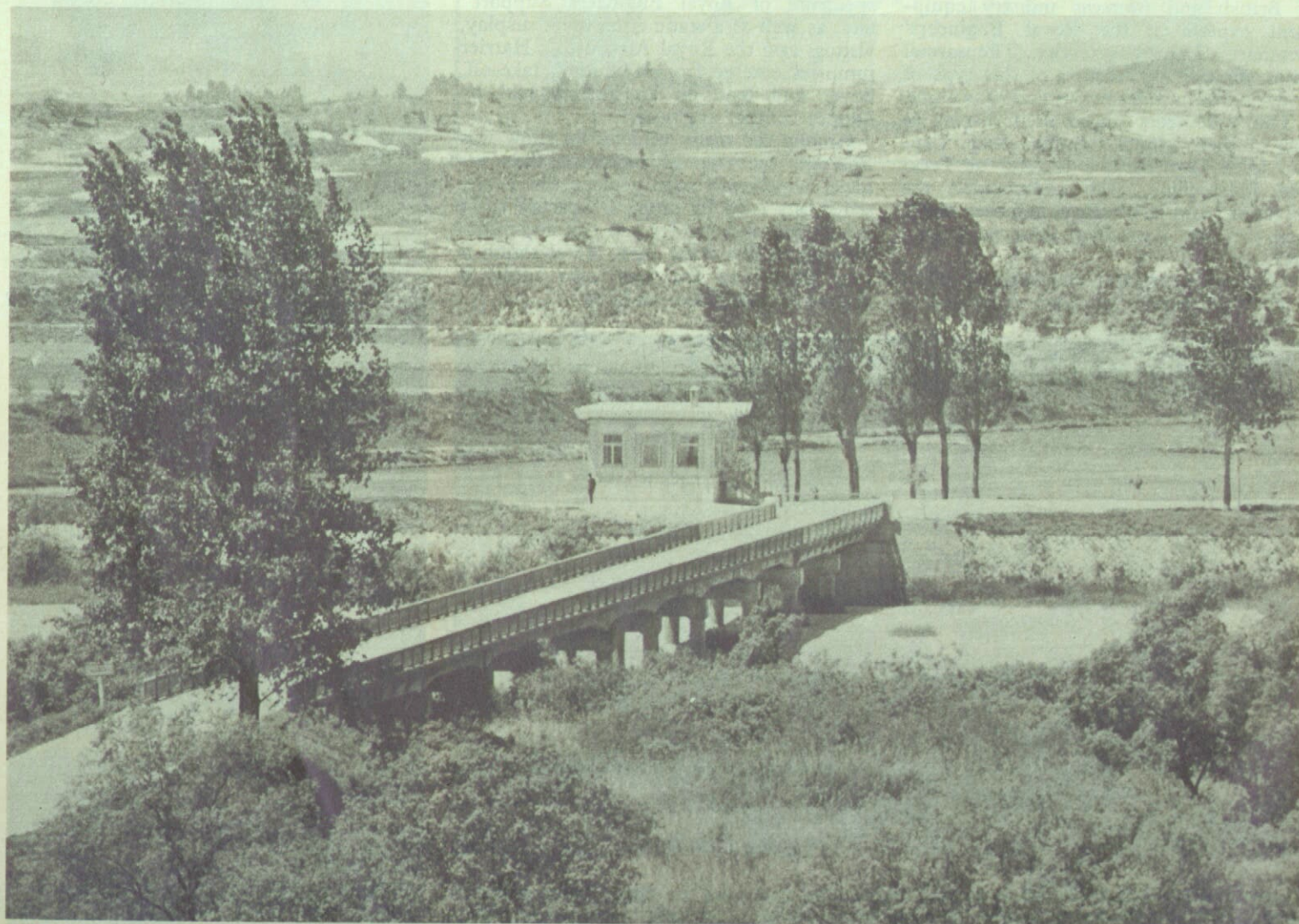
From a vantage point we look out towards the actual building where the armistice was signed. It was erected by the north in only 72 hours at the time of the armistice and is now known as the Peace Museum. Nearby is the "Bridge of No Return" where prisoners-of-war and more recently the commander and men of the USS Pueblo were handed over.

Our brief tour is over and we head back south. Panmunjom meetings usually consist of prepared statements and long harangues. But the uneasy peace has endured for two decades and as Sir Winston Churchill once said: "Better jaw, jaw than war, war."



Above: "In front of them all" sign at the United Nations Advance Camp just south of the DMZ.

Left: The Bridge of No Return, where the two sides exchanged prisoners at the end of war.





Major William Turner, KOSB, Liaison Officer to UN Command, Korea.

Korean driver, Mr Tae Yong Pak, is proud of his Union Jack flash.

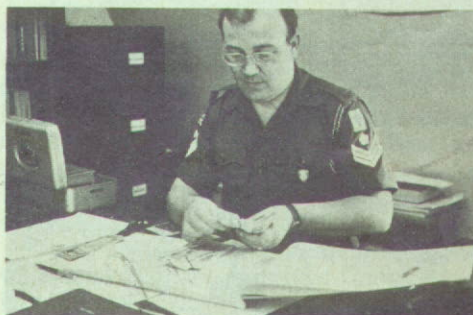


OUR MEN IN KOREA

Postman, Bruce Terry, a long way from home.

Staff-Sgt Jim Hawkins counting out the won.

Jack Dolan mending a much used typewriter.



JUST 28 men form Britain's military presence in Korea today. Compared to the thousands who poured into Korea in the 1950s to combat the Red invasion there remain only two officers and four men in the country on a permanent posting and an officer, a colour sergeant and 20 soldiers rotated in from Hong Kong every two months as part of the United Nations Honor Guard.

Heading the British forces in Korea is Brigadier A B Taggart, Commander of the Commonwealth Liaison Mission, Defence Attaché and a permanent member of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom. His clerk is Staff-Sergeant Colin Reid, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Working from hatted accommodation at the United Nations Compound in Seoul are the four men who make up today's Commonwealth Liaison Mission. Their day-to-day work brings them into contact with Americans, Koreans, Thais, Filipinos and other nationalities in the compound and while there is time to sample the delights of the beautiful Korean

countryside and the Seoul night life their job is responsible and demanding.

In charge of the day-to-day running of the mission is Major William Turner, a six footer from the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who is the Liaison Officer to United Nations Command, Korea. He takes charge of parties of British military visitors, many of them Korean war veterans and shows them such places as Panmunjom and Gloster Valley. He is British member of the Advisory group to the Armistice Commission.

A bachelor, Major Turner, like his three men is on a 12-month tour. While he has rapidly assimilated a vast knowledge of life and conditions in Korea it is his chief clerk, Staff-Sergeant Jim Hawkins, who has to tackle the knotty problem of money conversion.

The Korean currency unit is the won, which currently runs at something less than 1000 to the £. The won is non-exchangeable outside Korea and Staff Hawkins has to do calculations in a bewildering number of currencies. His visitors may hold sterling (virtually un-

exchangeable in Seoul) or American dollars or even Hong Kong dollars. To further complicate matters transactions within United Nations camps are by way of American military payment certificates!

In addition to his financial wizardry, Staff Hawkins, like other members, has to turn his hand to other administrative tasks. His colleague, Sergeant Jack Dolan, of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, is primarily responsible for vehicle maintenance but also handles stores, accommodation and many other jobs.

The other member of the quartet, Corporal Bruce Terry, is BFPO 3! In charge of incoming and outgoing mail, Bruce went to Korea only recently. He also drives and handles immigration and emigration matters and in-flight meals.

The Briton in Korea today is a rare sight. But as the SOLDIER team toured battle zones, villages and the city of Seoul with members of this small but dedicated team the warmth of the Koreans towards them was summed up in an oft repeated phrase translatable as "honourable British gentlemen!"

A piper leads the way as men of The Black Watch march off after their last parade at the end of a two-month stint with the UN Honor Guard.



PURELY PERSONAL



Middlesex VC

Mrs. Hilda McReady-Diarmid (83) wears her late husband's VC, won at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, before she presents it to The Middlesex Regiment's museum. **Captain Alastair McReady-Diarmid** was awarded the medal posthumously after what was described in the citation as a "feat unparalleled even by heroes of old." The VC will join 11 others at the museum in Edgware. There to receive the medal into the collection were **Colonel Aymar Clayton** (left), Deputy Colonel of (Middlesex) The Queen's Regiment, and the museum curator (right), **Major Dick Smith**.



Private's piglet

Building himself a souvenir of his tour of duty in Belfast has been one way for **Private Peter Langley**, of the 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, to spend his spare time. From a sketch he constructed this model of a "pig" using scrap materials. Private Langley is a member of the regimental pioneers. His next modelling task is to build a Saracen armoured car.



Watt's in a name?

Staff-Sergeant Tom Watts took a break from his job as a dispenser at the ANZUK Military Hospital, Changi, Singapore, to have a chat with his namesake, **Surgeon Vice-Admiral James Watt**, Medical Director General (Navy), who was visiting the hospital.



Soldier sailors

There was something different about the captain on the quarterdeck of HMS Intrepid at Istanbul when he turned out as duty officer-of-the-watch. For he wore the three pips and khaki of the Army instead of the blue-and-gold braid of the Navy. **Captain John Young** commands a 30-strong signal troop of soldiers aboard Intrepid and they are fully integrated into the ship's company . . . hence the khaki captain's appearance on the quarterdeck.

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THE Army has enlisted the might of modern electronics into the quartermaster's store in the form of a computer at Bicester which can cope with one million instructions a second to see that the soldier of the seventies is equipped with what he wants, when he wants it.

The new "recruit" puts in a 24-hour day at the Royal Army Ordnance Corps' Central Inventory Control Point Computer Centre which is claimed to be the largest Service computer centre in Europe.

The full range of Army stores—except rations and quartermaster inventory material—is programmed into the computer's high-powered brain to provide, procure, control and forecast requirements throughout the world. Some of the needs of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force are also dealt with by the centre.

Already the computer is linked to subsidiaries in Chilwell, Donnington and Germany and will soon spread its circuits' tentacles to embrace Cyprus, Hong Kong and other computers at Ministry of Defence centres.

The quietly clinical rooms of the Bicester complex belie the computer's gargantuan task of accounting for items under more than a million different account headings, calculating the requirements for some 600,000 items and providing complete and up-to-date management information under a further 400,000 headings.

The heart of a computer is its processor which holds programmes and working data. The Bicester model has two to keep up with its work-load. A control unit interprets and carries out programme instructions and an arithmetical unit per-

forms mathematical functions at a rate impossible to the human mind.

An input and output system feeds what operators affectionately call "The Beast" and a backing store—used where large quantities of data have to be maintained—holds many millions of computer "words." To the electronic brain, a word can have up to four letters or can be any number between plus or minus 8½ million.

Cash savings and reliability are the two chief advantages of the new computer complex which is manned by a mixed Service and civilian staff. It gives the bonus of providing standardisation across the whole stores range for the Army and can warn when stocks of a single item are running low. In one day, it can estimate needs for the future for any number of years in advance.

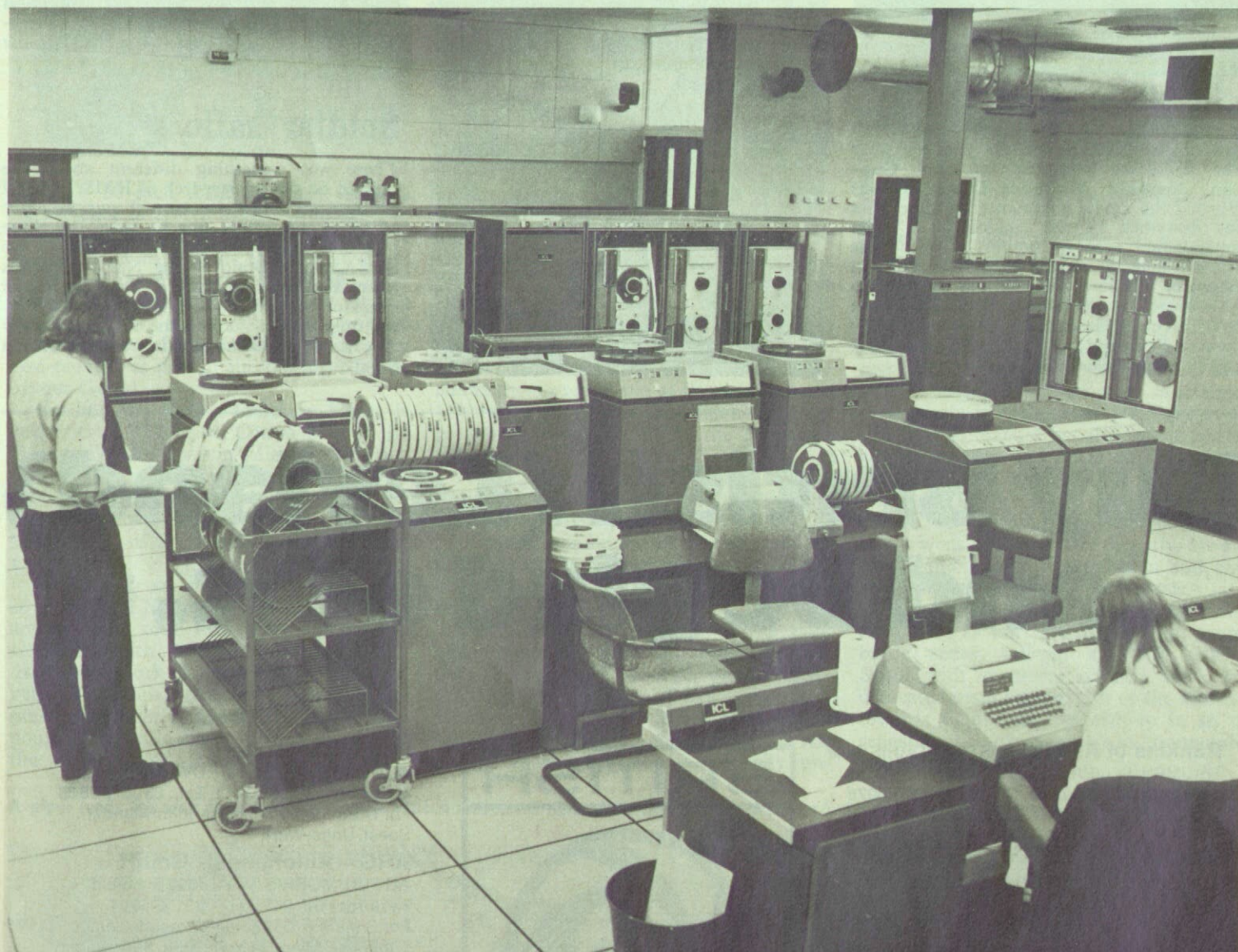
The magic figure "million" punctuates the statistics surrounding the computer's super-human powers. There are no comparative figures to show how many headaches it will save by its fantastic capabilities in quartermaster's stores throughout the world!



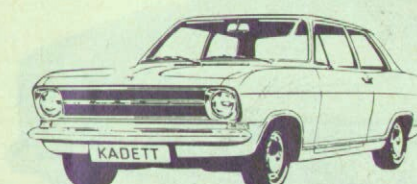
Left: The main computer room is clinically clean and quiet with controlled temperature.

Bottom left: The electronic brain manages its own "telepathy" by international links.

Right: These girls feed the computer with demands. A double check avoids wrong orders.



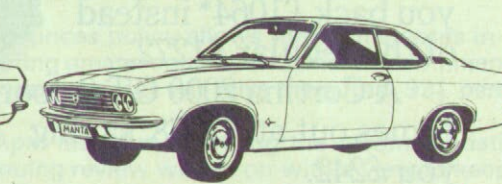
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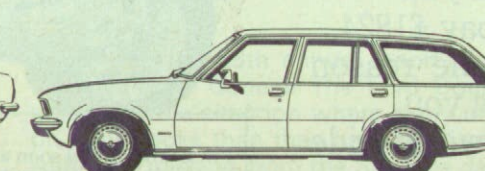
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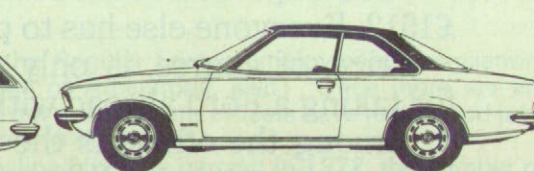
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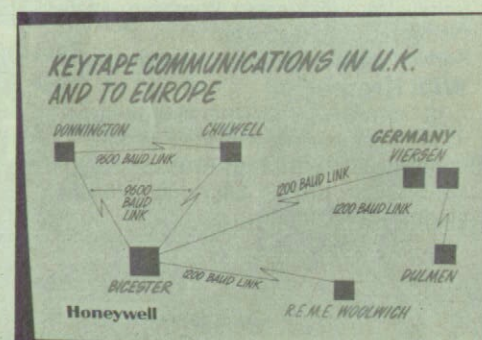
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SOLDIER

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ARMY PAY RISES

Backdated pay rises for the Army ranging from £1.96 a week for a trained soldier to £248 a year for a brigadier have been promised by the 1973 report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay. It also recommends spending some £340,000 on increasing women's wages towards equal pay with men.

Increased rates of food and accommodation charges are also announced. The extra cost per week for all ranks up to sergeant who are single will be 42p. All single men above the rank of corporal will pay 49p more and single officers' charges are due to increase by 63p.

Married quarter rents for other ranks will go up by an extra 49p to 77p a week depending on the number of bedrooms. Officers will pay 84p a week more for three-bedroomed quarters and 98p or £1.05 a week extra for the two types of four-bedroomed quarters.

The new charges will be backdated to 1 May 1973. But the pay rises will apply from 1 April 1973.

The cost of the pay recommendations amounts to about £47½ million and is kept within the limits of the government's pay and prices policy at the maximum level allowed of £1 a week plus four percent. About £6½ million is expected to be recovered from the increased food and accommodation charges.

Medical and dental officers in the Services are excluded from the recommendations. Their pay scales are designed basically to give average earnings over a career equal to the average earnings of general practitioners in the National Health Service.

The main factor governing the review of their pay is the recommendations of the separate Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body. A decision on pay in this field will be taken when the government has considered this body's report.

Senior officers above the rank of brigadier are also excluded. Their pay is considered by the Top Salaries Review Body. But the new extra food and accommodation charges apply to everybody including senior officers and medical or dental officers.

The review body decided that the increase should concentrate on basic rather than additional pay since this would be to the greater benefit of all personnel rather than the small groups drawing additional pay.

Stage Two of the government's pay and prices policy allows further increases in pay above the limit to be given to women to bring greater equality with men. Recommended increased rates for the women's and nursing services will raise them from 93½ percent to 95 percent of the men's rates.

Service pay was last increased on 1 April last year following the recommendations of the pay body's first report. The continuing review will go on with a view to keeping pay fair in comparison with civilian earnings.

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

Presenting the 88th annual report of the Regular Forces Employment Association, the president, General The Lord Bourne of Atherstone, said: "Once more we are moving into a situation where many of our employment officers have more good jobs on their books than they have applicants to fill them."

Although releases from the Services declined by nine percent in 1972, the number of ex-Regulars registering with the association (11,613) was only three percent lower than 1971. Over 9000 of those registered were found jobs—a 78 percent success rate compared with 75 percent in 1971. More than half the association's branches situated throughout the country achieved better results in 1972 than 1971.

Lord Bourne added that the soaring house prices posed many problems for ex-servicemen and in some areas where the best job opportunities were available it was often more difficult to find a house than to find the right job. Part of the association's employment officers' responsibility is to advise on housing.

General Pat Claxton, general manager of the association, said: "The first half of 1972 was particularly difficult from the employment point of view and the increase in placings must be judged against this background. It reflects credit on the association's employment officers. It also clearly shows that servicemen and servicewomen continued to be in high demand wherever suitable vacancies were available."

The report says that an encouraging proportion of the men sought employment with county and municipal authorities—in particular with the police and fire services—and that there was a continuing need for skilled men, especially in the engineering and electronics industries and in the building trade.

Partly due to the expansion of government training facilities, the number of ex-Servicemen placed as instructors was the highest recorded. Recruiting into the Post Office, which fell sharply in 1971, remained at the same level but the reduction in numbers

REGULAR FORCES EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION

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BRINGING PETS HOME

of postmen was more than offset by the number of men accepted by the Post Office Engineering Department.

The association is part of the Forces Resettlement Service and works in close co-operation with the Department of Employment, the Ministry of Defence and the Services. It has 43 branches in Britain's major cities and a staff of 67. Total expenditure this year will be about £92,000, half coming from public funds and half from Services' welfare funds.

Service families bringing pets home from overseas postings should know that the importing of animals and birds into the United Kingdom is strictly controlled.

The importing of most animals and birds is governed by various animal health import regulations which are the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Others are subject to the regulations of the Department of Trade and Industry or the Home Office.

Among other things, pet owners must find out if the animal or bird they want to import is allowed into the country. Transportation to Great Britain, reception on arrival, transportation from the port of arrival and suitable quarantine or isolation accommodation if required are just some of the factors involved.

All costs involved are the responsibility of the pet owner and airlines or shipping companies will insist that all the regulations are complied with before carrying a pet.

The golden rule for those wishing to import an animal or bird into Great Britain is to write to:

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Letters should be sent to the ministry at least three months before the intended import date for the animal or bird and should list details of the breed, age, species and sex of the pet as well as its country of origin. Advice will then be given on the correct procedure for getting the pet into the country.

Veterinary officers of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and government veterinary surgeons in the countries of origin will normally be able to give advice but it is wise to confirm the advice in writing with the ministry in case regulations have changed.



APPOINTMENTS

Brigadier Peter Blunt is to be promoted major-general as the Army's Transport Officer-in-Chief this month. He has been Deputy Transport Officer-in-Chief since last December.

In 1959 Major Blunt, as he then was, was awarded the George Medal for his part in the rescue of the crew of a ten-ton Army petrol tanker trapped following an accident in Germany. Ignoring the risk of fire and explosion from smouldering electric leads, he extricated one of the men. It took firemen an hour to release the other. Meanwhile Major Blunt, whose clothing was soaked with highly inflammable spirit, gave him a pain-killing injection with a syringe borrowed from a doctor and stayed with the badly injured man in the wrecked cab.

Brigadier Blunt comes from an Army family. Two brothers are in the Royal Corps of Transport and he himself joined as a boy. He was commissioned in 1944 and as a subaltern in The Royal Scots Fusiliers commanded the defence platoon at Field-Marshal Montgomery's tactical headquarters in North-West Europe.

After the war he transferred to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and then to the Royal Army Service Corps and for a while left the Army for the Foreign Service. Back in the Army he qualified at the Staff College, Camberley, and later at the Joint Services Staff College and the Royal College of Defence Studies.

He was at one time military assistant to the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence). Later he commanded a bridging transport regiment in Rhine Army and was a lieutenant-colonel on the defence planning staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command. In 1969 he was promoted brigadier and appointed Commander RCT of 1st (British) Corps in Germany.

Brigadier Blunt is married to the daughter of the late Major-General T W Richardson; they have three sons.

Brigadier P B Tillard, at present Brigadier General Staff at the Ministry of Defence, is to be Chief of Staff at Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine, in the rank of major-general. He succeeds Major-General D G House.

Brigadier Tillard enlisted into the 60th Rifles, King's Royal Rifle Corps, in 1941 and was commissioned the following year. He saw war service in Syria, Italy and Greece. In 1947 he joined the 13th/18th Royal Hussars. He attended the Staff College, Camberley, in 1956 and the Joint Services Staff College in 1962. He commanded his regiment from 1964 to 1966. He was promoted brigadier in 1967 and appointed Commander Royal Armoured Corps, Headquarters 3rd Division. He took up his



"How do you tell a general he's sitting on your choc-ice?"

present post in 1969, and was closely involved in setting up the armoured training area at Suffield, Canada.

Major-General David Scott-Barrett, General Officer Commanding Eastern District, is to be GOC Berlin (British Sector) in succession to Major-General The Earl Cathcart.

Major-General Scott-Barrett enlisted into The Royal Berkshire Regiment in 1941 and was commissioned into the Scots Guards in the following year. He fought with the 3rd Armoured Battalion in North-West Europe. He attended the Staff College, Camberley, in 1955 and was appointed as an instructor there in 1960. He was principal staff officer with 4th Division in Germany from 1965 until his promotion to brigadier, commanding 6th Infantry Brigade, in December 1967.

He attended the Imperial Defence College in 1970 and took up his present appointment in February 1971. His elder son, Nicholas, is an officer with the Scots Guards. Major-General R S N Mans, who until last month was Deputy Director of Personal Services as a brigadier, is the new Director of the Military Assistance Office at the Ministry of Defence. The office deals with after-sales support for equipment bought by overseas countries.

The new director was commissioned into The Queen's Royal Regiment from Sandhurst in 1939 and saw active service in France, East Africa, Madagascar and in post-war Palestine.

He has instructed at the Staff College, Camberley, and at the Canadian Army Staff College. In the mid-sixties he commanded the 1st Battalion, Tanganyika Rifles. Following two tours as a colonel on the staff at Headquarters, Far East Land Forces, and at the Ministry of Defence, he became Deputy Commander South East District at Aldershot in 1969. He went to the Personal Services Directorate in July 1972.

Major-General W F Cooper preceded Major-General Mans as Director of the Military Assistance Office. He is going on to become Deputy Quartermaster-General in September, succeeding Major-General R W T Britten.

Major-General Cooper was commissioned into the Royal Engineers from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, in 1940. He saw service in North Africa and Italy and was awarded the MC in 1945. He was a senior staff officer at Headquarters Middle East Land Forces during the Radfan operations and became a brigadier at 46. He has been Chief Engineer at Headquarters Far East Land Forces and Deputy Director of Army Staff Duties in the Ministry of Defence.

APPOINTMENTS

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The new Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance in succession to Major-General A E Walking is to be Major-General H Knutton, the present Director-General of Weapons (Army).

Major-General Knutton was commissioned from the ranks into the Royal Artillery in 1943. He served in Europe with the 15th (Scottish) and 1st Airborne divisions. After World War Two, he instructed in India, served with airborne artillery in the Middle East and lectured at the Royal Military College of Science. He commanded a missile regiment in Germany from 1964 to 1966 and became a brigadier commanding the Air Defence Group, Royal Artillery, based at Chester, in 1967.

Major-General D G House succeeds Major-General C W Dunbar as Director of Infantry. He was commissioned from the ranks into The King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1941 and was awarded the MC in 1945.

He commanded the 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, in the Far East in 1964 and later in Berlin. He became a brigadier at 43 as commander of the 51st Gurkha Infantry Brigade in the Brunei operations.

In 1967 he was appointed Chief of the British Commander-in-Chief's Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany and two years later became Deputy Military Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.

Brigadier E M Mackay is to be Chief Engineer at Rhine Army Headquarters in the rank of major-general. He succeeds Major-General D R Carroll.

Brigadier Mackay served in the ranks of The Royal Scots Fusiliers in France and Belgium before being commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1941.

He was one of the first sapper parachutists, taking part in the airborne assault on Tunisia in 1941. He was in the Sicily landings and was captured at Arnhem. He later escaped to rejoin the British Forces and went on to take part in the airborne liberation of Norway.

After the war he took part in active operations in Indo-China, Java and Suez. As Chief Engineer of the Malaysian Army in the Borneo operations he devised techniques later adopted by the Royal Engineers. He was Chief Engineer, Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces, until April this year.

NEW SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

As an experiment, a new Service Fellowship has been awarded for the Michaelmas Term this year at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

The new fellowship is quite distinct from the one-year Defence Fellowships which have been awarded in the past. If it is a success, it is hoped it will be repeated.

Lieutenant-Colonel J N Chapple has been awarded the fellowship. He is at present a member of the directing staff at the Staff College, Camberley, and is no stranger to Cambridge where he previously studied at Trinity College.

During his term at Fitzwilliam, he will carry out agreed studies, in particular examining the role of the serviceman in the present international situation.

OPEN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Captain R G Beaglehole (28), of the Royal Army Education Corps, was among 600 of the Open University's first graduates to attend the graduation ceremony at Alexandra Palace.

There to see the ceremony were Captain Beaglehole's wife and daughter. They watched the installation of the Open University's new Chancellor, Lord Gardiner, and the presentation of the first ten honorary degrees as well as the graduation of the first students to complete the courses.

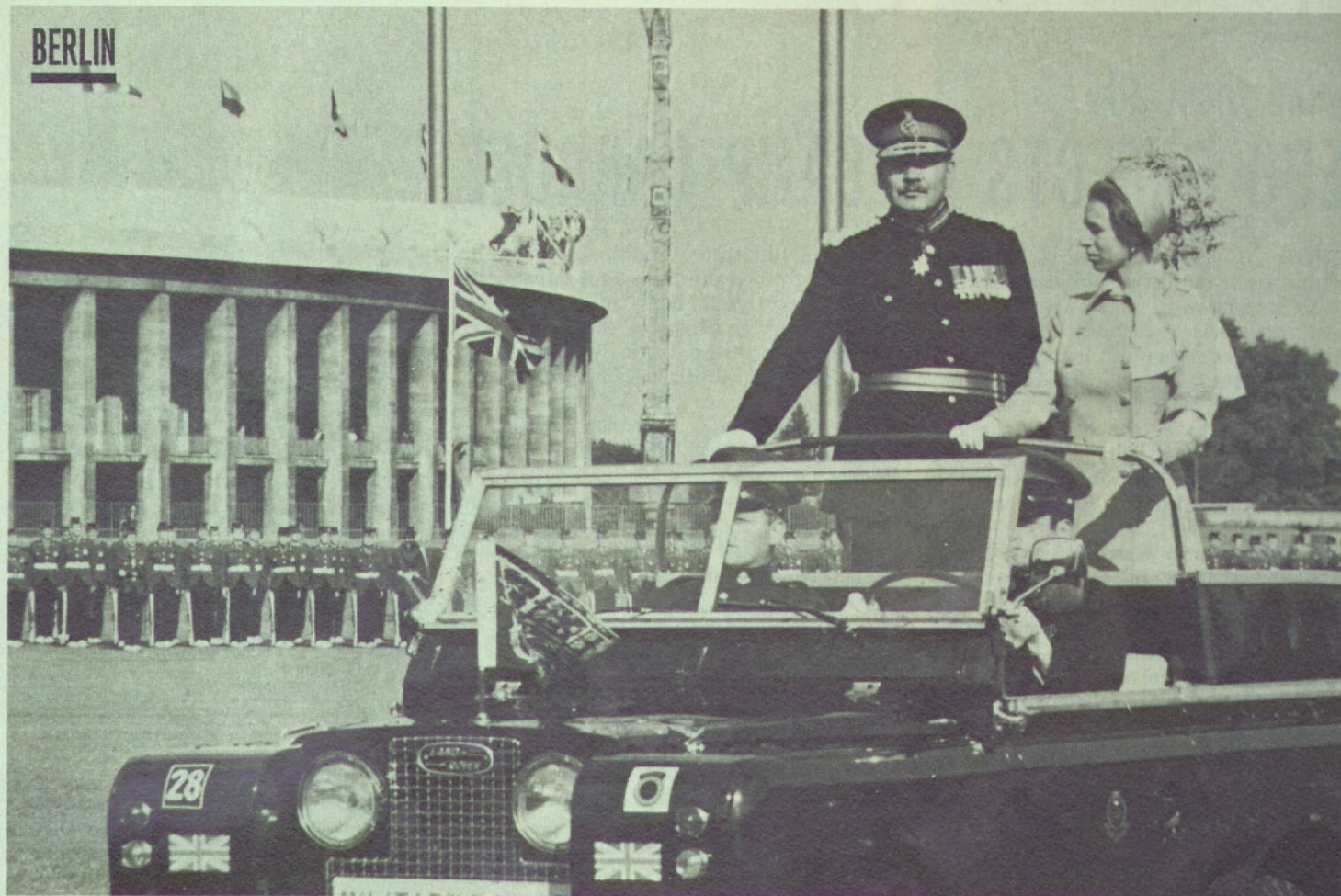
Captain Beaglehole studied politics and education for his degree. He is attached to the Royal Corps of Transport in Somerset.

SAVINGS NEWS

As from July the interest rate at which the Premium Bond prize fund is calculated was raised from $4\frac{3}{4}$ percent to $4\frac{7}{8}$ percent. The weekly prize draw was increased by the addition of 25 prizes of £1000 to the present single £25,000 prize. The monthly prize structure stays the same.

Subject to provisions to be made in Parliament's Finance Bill, the amount of Ordinary Account interest in the National Savings Bank or a Trustee Savings Bank exempt from income tax will be raised from £21 to £40 for the tax year 1974/75 in which interest received in 1973 will normally be included. (HM Forces Savings Committee)

BERLIN



Princess sees The Wall



The divided city of Berlin provided a royal welcome for Princess Anne when she visited the 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief.

The newly engaged princess was shown all aspects of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters' life in the city including soldiers in the dining rooms, an all-ranks dance at Montgomery Barracks, a searchlight tattoo and a staged battle scene. She was guest of honour at a picnic on the banks of the river Havel and spent two hours sailing with officers of the regiment.

Princess Anne's major military engagement was to take the salute at the annual Queen's Birthday Parade on the Maifeld—part of the 1936 German Olympic Stadium complex. Three infantry regiments and a tank squadron stationed in Berlin provided 700 men for the parade, which included massed bands.

Under the shadow of the Brandenburg Gate, the royal guest stepped on to the parapet of the infamous Berlin Wall to take a glimpse into the eastern sector.

Among the princess's civic engagements was a visit to a porcelain factory. She attended a reception as the guest of the city's Governing Mayor, Herr Klaus Schütz, when she added her name to the famous Golden Book—already signed by other members of the British Royal Family.

Above: The princess rides with the GOC Berlin, Major-General The Earl Cathcart, after inspecting the Queen's Birthday Parade.

Left: A bouquet for the princess when she saw a school at Montgomery Barracks.

Below: Another royal signature in Berlin's Golden Book. The city's Governing Mayor, Herr Klaus Schütz (right) sees the signing.



Behind them all...
ZERO DEFECTS AT CAMP CARROLL

FOR 20 years the American Army has been in Korea. What started off as a reaction to a sneak attack on an almost defenceless country has turned into a permanent commitment. Down in the south of the country, a few miles from the old "Pusan perimeter," lies a logistics centre claimed to be the best in the Far East and providing storage, supply and maintenance facilities not only for American forces in Korea but for other parts of Asia when necessary.

The USA Camp Carroll Army Depot lies in the shadow of a hill known as "Broken Heart" and decorated with just such a heart. It is about 20 miles north of Taegu and only a mile from the Seoul-Pusan motorway. Construction of the camp began in 1959 and it was officially dedicated the following year to the memory of an American Korean War hero, Sergeant First Class Charles F Carroll. A part of the US Army Korea Support Command, it is the largest and most modern storage and maintenance facility in the Far East.

Like most things American the scale of Camp Carroll is vast. The warehouses are enormous and stock just about everything from weapons and clothing to the smallest radio part. Using mainly Korean nationals with GIs in supervisory roles, the storage division has to document every item and file it away ready for a requisition which may come from anywhere in Korea or even Japan or Okinawa.

In Korea the black market can be a problem and at Camp Carroll security is tight. SOLDIER found Specialist Ken Wilson "behind bars"—everything which is instantly saleable such as paper, films, flash bulbs and so on is kept in a special barred security area.

The railhead from the southern port of Pusan has been extended right up to the camp and the Camp Carroll men have created their own "Happy Valley Railroad" to shunt the wagons about—using converted five-ton tractors.

The second role of Camp Carroll is

vehicle maintenance. Standing out in the open air are literally thousands of vehicles of all shapes and sizes and in various states of repair. Much of this equipment has been shipped back from Vietnam to be completely rebuilt in the camp workshops. Last summer the area in which these vehicles stood was a Korean paddy field—today it provides permanent outdoor storage.

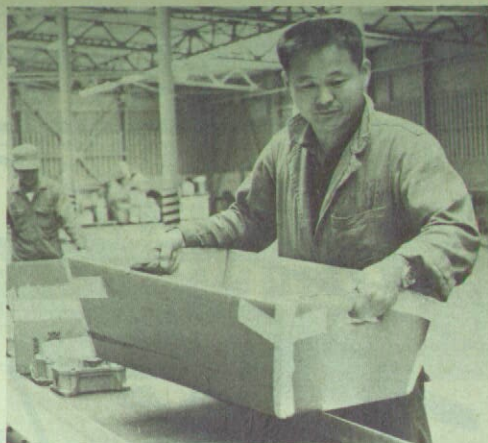
"We Pledge—Zero Defects" says the slogan of the mechanics who handle this vast task. A battle scarred vehicle goes into their workshops and emerges in a day or two looking and acting as good as new. An average of at least ten trucks a day gets this renewal treatment and all are thoroughly tested at the equivalent of 60 miles an hour for four days before being finally passed.

Of course, a proportion of the vehicles are beyond repair. These are removed to the cannibalisation area (again stretching away into the distance), where they are used to provide parts for vehicles which come in. Deputy Director for Maintenance, Major Robert Ebert, says that his division handles any type of maintenance except marine and aircraft. It embraces combat and tactical vehicles, artillery, small arms, generators, radio equipment, projectors and engineering construction equipment.

Logistics does not have a great deal of glamour about it. The story of Camp Carroll is not one of dynamic impact. But in the armed peace that exists in Korea today the men that work in this camp know that on their efforts and techniques rests the efficiency of the US Army in Korea.

Right: Vehicles as far as the eye can see. This storage area is only a small part of the space filled with vehicles at the camp.

Left: One of the tractors which Camp Carroll mechanics have converted to run on rails and which are used to shunt wagonloads of stores.




Above: Korean nationals manning a conveyor belt in one of the giant storage warehouses.



Above: The administrative nerve centre of the storage division where everything that goes in and out is checked and rechecked. Below: Specialist Ken Wilson "behind bars."




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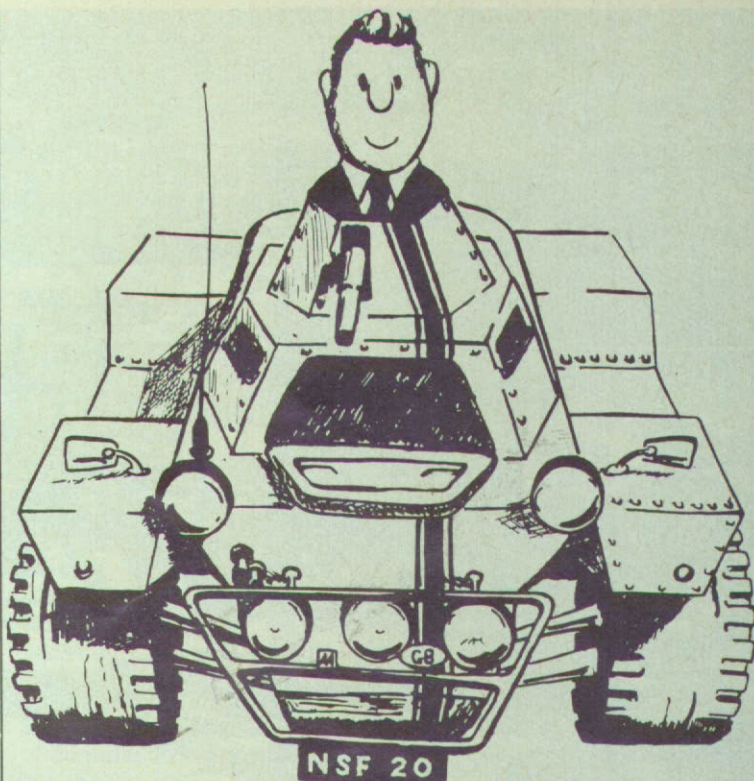
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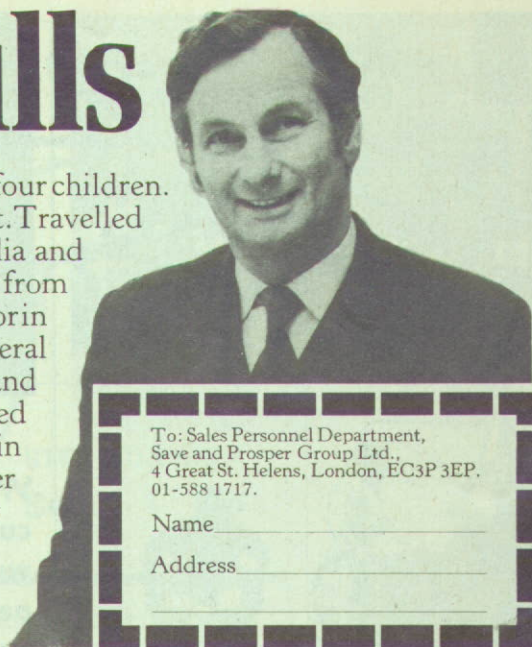
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A Chapter of Change

PIPES and drums played, Hunting Stewart tartan kilts swung to the rhythm of the march and scarlet tunics filed past as the boys of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, at the gateway to the Scottish Highlands, paraded to mark the end of a chapter in the school's history.

For the Royal Army Educational Corps it was the end of a half century of involvement with this unique boys' boarding school. The last remaining corps members of staff—the headmaster, Lieutenant-Colonel K Evans, and Captain S Hendry—were joined for the occasion by other members of the corps, including several former teachers, and by the Director of Army Education, Major-General K Hall, who took the salute as the boys marched past.

The Director told guests at the special corps day: "It is now over 50 years that my corps has been associated with this school and its staff. Throughout this time a great bond of fellowship and affection has built up. This is only the end of one chapter . . . the school will go on and on."

Progress is the cornerstone for the suc-

cess of Queen Victoria School, which was opened by King Edward VII in 1908 as a memorial to Queen Victoria and to Scottish soldiers and sailors who died in the South African War.

The military badges on fluttering pennants fixed to the drones of the school's pipe band at the march-past spoke of the strong connection between the school and Scottish regiments as well as the Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Ministry of Defence, through a Board of Commissioners who run the school, gives education, clothing and board free to every pupil. All that parents are asked to provide is pocket money and occasional voluntary contributions for special amenities.

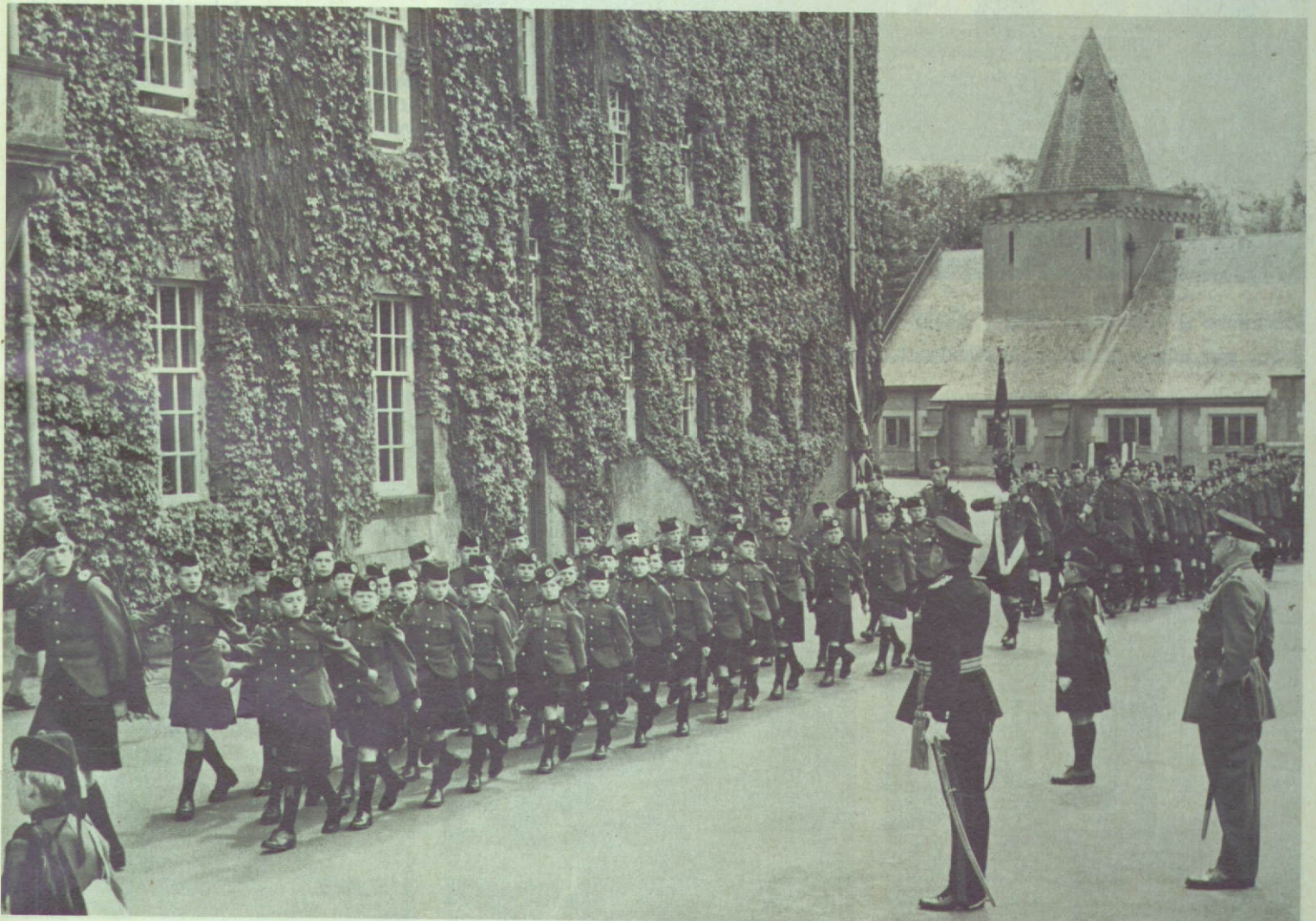
Admission to the school is open to boys between the ages of nine-and-a-half and 12 who are the sons of serving or former Scottish servicemen and women of the Regular forces. The officers' sons are eligible only if the father or mother served at least four years in the ranks as a Regular. Service in Scottish regiments qualifies if parents are not of Scottish birth.

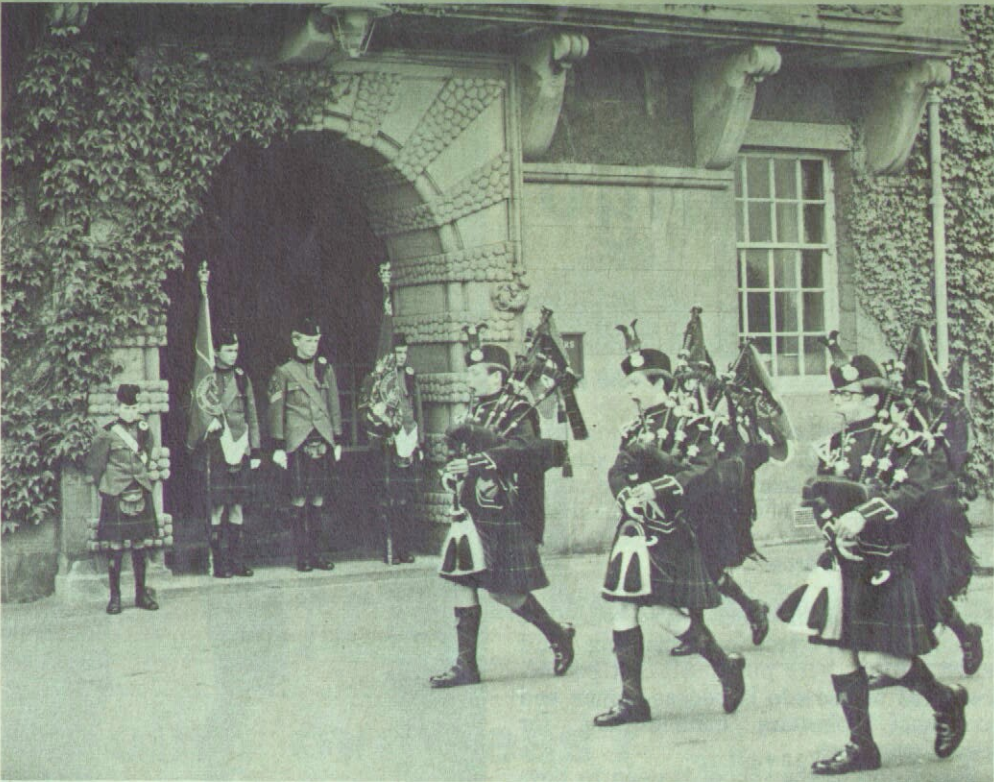
There are some 150 to 180 applicants



A boy bugler summons his fellows from the classroom to their dining room for lunch.

Below: Major-General Hall takes the farewell salute to his corps as the boys march past.





Schoolboy pipers—already experts—march past the colours at the school's main door.



Woodwork is a favourite subject in any boys' school—Queen Victoria's is no exception. A boy gets tuition in the art of metalwork. An experiment under way in the physics lab.



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each year, a figure whittled down to an average intake of 40 after ten or so eligibility factors are carefully weighed. Every effort is made to distribute the places fairly between all three Services and, in the case of the Army, between the various arms. So careful is the selection that the school's Commandant, Brigadier M R J Hope Thomson, commented: "It's harder to get in here than Eton!" Ministry of Defence sponsorship does not mean the boys are groomed for a Service career as was so in the early days at Dunblane. Only a few of the old military traditions are maintained to forge a link with the school's past—the kind of links to be found in any long established school.

Queen Victoria School cherishes its royal and school Colours and the formal uniform of kilt, tunic and glengarry. But they are now seen only on a handful of ceremonial occasions each year.

A bugle is blown at fixed times during the day to mark changes of school routine but the instrument's military connection is scarcely noticed by the boys in blue corduroy jackets and shorts (tartan trews for the seniors) whom it summons from lessons to meals which can offer up to a dozen choices of dishes . . . school dinners were surely never like this!

Captain Hendry commented: "During the week you wouldn't know this is technically a military establishment. It's just like an ordinary school." And this is how it is seen by the commandant. As the school's administrative head, he acts as a liaison officer between Dunblane and the

Hobbies are not forgotten—modelling is one.



Ministry of Defence and serves as secretary to the Board of Commissioners.

He said: "Educationally, we are no different to any other school." But the school offers a very special advantage to Service families—an advantage which amply justifies the school's cost to the taxpayer. Many parents have to make regular moves with each new posting which can disrupt a boy's schooling and social life. He added: "We provide uninterrupted education for the serviceman's son throughout his school career. Many of those coming here at ten years old have been to at least four or five different schools already."

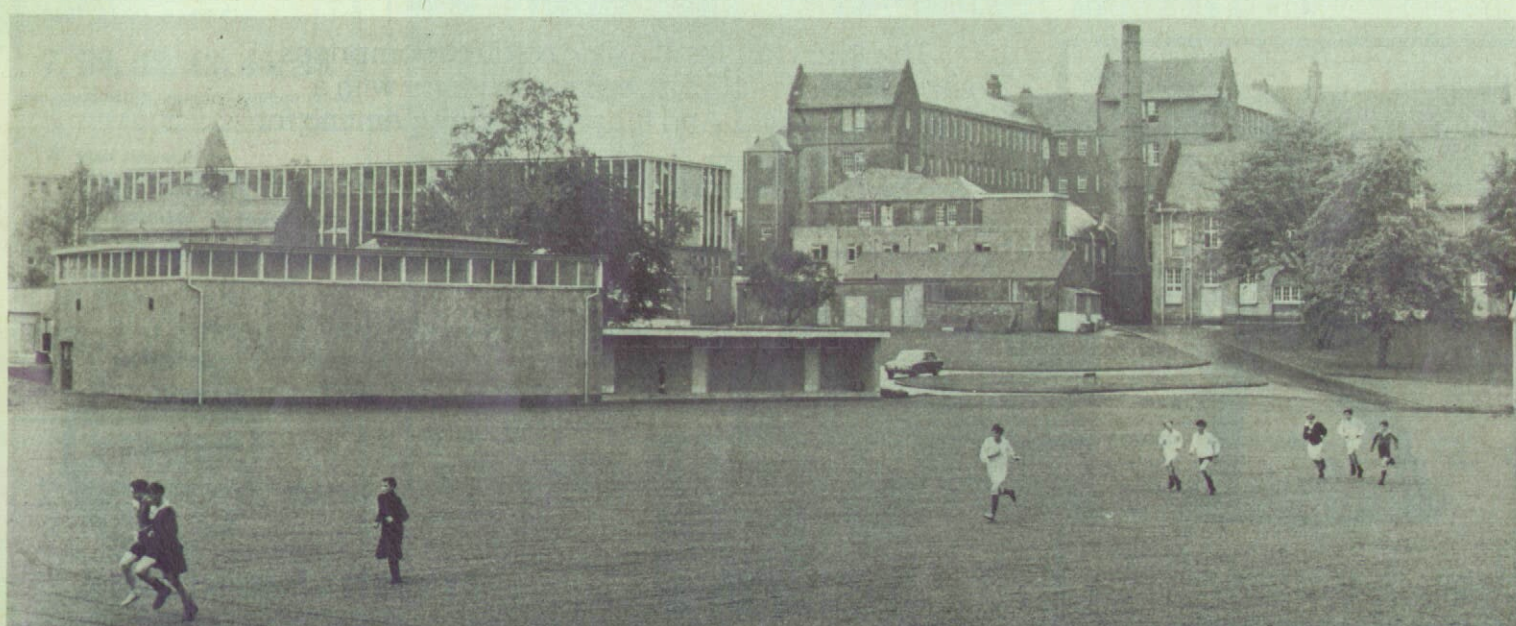
"The standard of education is very high here—this is achieved with small classes of 20 or so and the highly qualified teachers we have." There are some 250 boys in the school and just over 20 teaching staff. The number of boys gaining university entrances is growing every year.

When the school first opened, the emphasis was on practical work and the tradition of calling these lessons "trades" is carried on to describe the three weekly practice periods for the school's pride and joy—its pipe and drum band.

Every boy who enters the school is allocated to pipes, drums, bugle or Highland dancing and, as his aptitude for one of these develops, he may become one of the 30 to 35 who make up the band which plays at public ceremonial occasions, as well as at school. The young pipers and drummers do well in adult band contests and Pipe-Major J MacKenzie maintains "They're too good for juvenile competitions."

Excellence in all efforts is a common bond between staff and pupils. One of the school's most cherished traditions is its ability to adapt to current educational trends. "We've got to be prepared to change all the time," asserted Brigadier Hope Thomson. He summed up the school's aim as "to fit the boys as citizens and set the course for their individual talents." And this is one thing Queen Victoria School does not intend to change.

Cross-country runners pass a panoramic rear view of the school with (left) the new block.



Highland dancing is as proud a tradition at Dunblane as the band of pipes and drums.



Mr McIlroy at the end of his schooldays at Dunblane (left) and during his 1970 visit.

Some 3000 boys have passed through Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, since the early 1900s when each boy had a number and was given a military-sounding rank. Up until relatively recently pupils were called "boy." But now they tend to be known by their first names to the commandant, headmaster and their housemasters.

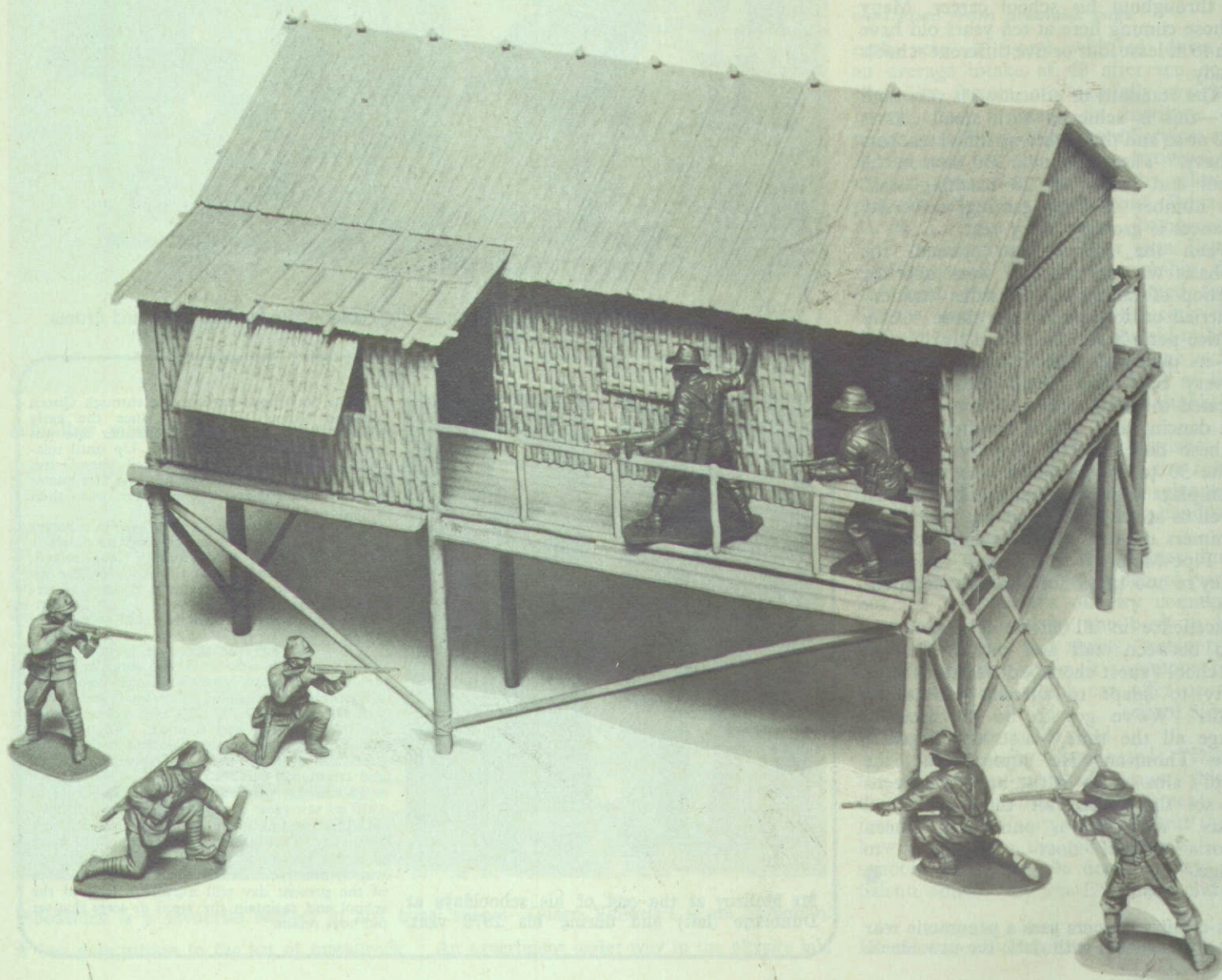
Despite the changes, old boys keep in constant touch with the school and one of the oldest is Mr J W McIlroy (79) who lives in New Zealand. He was boy number 5 at the school where his father was appointed orderly room quartermaster sergeant in 1908.

He wrote to SOLDIER to recall those early days:

"In June 1909 the first five boys took up residence in the school. It was gaunt with the smell of all such new buildings (somewhat different to the school of today, mellowed by the past 60-odd years) . . . I was honoured to be the first sergeant and monitor. We were an out-and-out military establishment with bands, pipes and drums, a tailor and shoemaker, drills and ceremonial parades.

"When my wife and I visited the school in 1970 we saw great changes with strong emphasis on education and the military role somewhat on a lower key. This is all to the good for the boys of today, but we of yesterday miss the military way of life. Nevertheless, we all hope the boys of the present day will nurture a love of the school and maintain the *esprit de corps* that we old boys retain."

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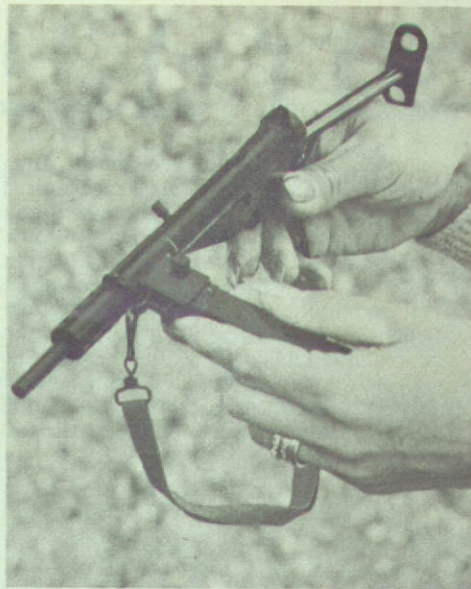
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The name "Sten" derives from the initials of its designers, Sheppherd and Turpin, and the first two letters of Enfield, where it was developed. It went through six marks and by the end of the war 3,750,000 had been produced.

Although intended primarily for use by British infantry in street fighting, prodigious production figures meant thousands could be dropped by parachute into occupied Europe for guerrilla units. It proved effective in this role because of the simplicity of operation and the ease with

which it broke down into constituent parts small enough to fit a handbag!

However, the Sten gained a certain notoriety. Stoppages were not infrequent, occasionally caused by unwary fingers slipping into the breech. The Sten has been the subject of many apocryphal anecdotes. One is of a soldier who threw his stoppered Sten to the ground in disgust, whereupon it started firing again spinning round in the process which caused his colleagues to perform an impromptu quick-step to avoid having their feet shot off.

Now legend has been preserved for posterity with a formidable looking facsimile from the Italian firm of Armodelli. Die cast in metal, it has a removable stock, magazine and sling just like the real thing. The cocking and firing action is authentic too. Infant infants will be pleased to know that it fires caps, but will be disappointed to find that the kind used are not supposed to be sold to anyone under 13. Apart from the fact that it is two and a half times smaller than the

original, the only give-away is the markings. The manufacturers have put on their own trade mark and the words "Tipo Sten," yet omitted the letters "A" (for automatic) and "R" (repetition) at the fire-selector crossbolt pin. One interesting point is that this model is £3.99—roughly what the real thing cost to produce in the '40s.

Armodelli models are available in this country from Model-Time of 6 St George's Walk, Croydon, Surrey, CRO 1YG. Other new items are a Japanese Nambu pistol and Italian Beretta automatic each at £1.21. Both have removable magazines and fire single-shot caps.

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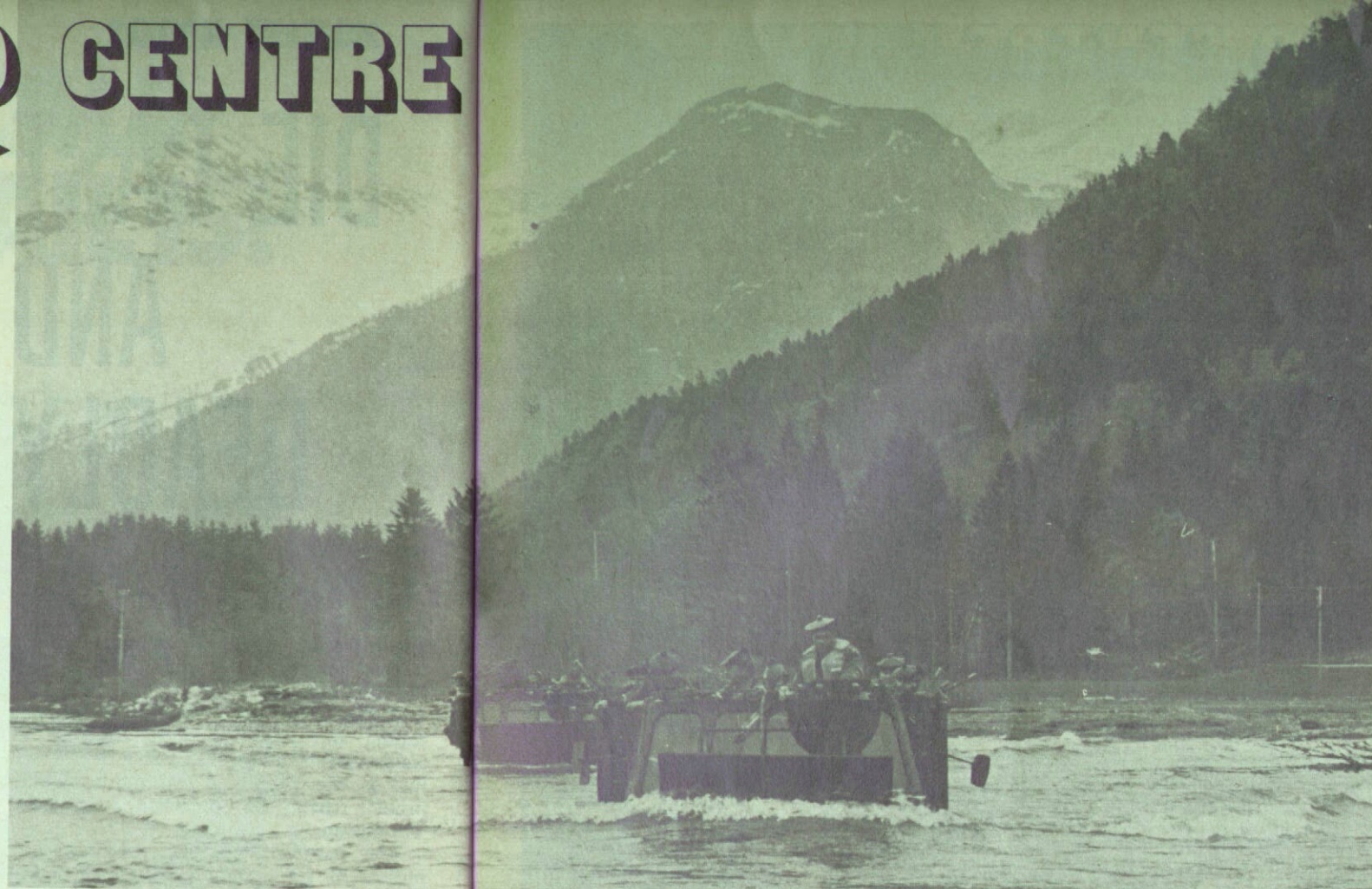


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Pretty Dr Bärbel Holzrichter from a Detmold hospital paid a special visit to Hobart Barracks, Detmold, to thank two Army Air Corps helicopter pilots who flew a mercy mission for the hospital by taking two vital transplant kidneys from Detmold to Gütersloh as the first stage of a journey taking one to Oslo and the other to Leuven near Brussels. The two men, Sergeant Robert Hartley (left) and Lieutenant Michael Green are both serving with 655 Aviation Squadron.



The 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders, works as a mechanised battalion during its current posting in Osnabruck, Germany, but reverted to its basic infantry role for "Exercise Tartan Patch" in Norway. Over 450 members of the battalion took part in the exercise while nearly 200 were across the Atlantic training in Canada. A highlight of the Norway exercise was an assault landing from assault craft and Stalwarts—the high performance workhorses of the battlefield.



The British Deputy High Commissioner in Ibadan, Nigeria, Mr Donald Middleton, recently presented complete sets of band music to the band of the 2nd Infantry Division of the Nigerian Army. Picture shows Mr Middleton handing over the scores to Warrant Officer Andrew Kponsue watched by (left) Lieutenant Ayo Ohunayo.

The three corps which comprise the Army Medical Services—the Royal Army Medical Corps, the Royal Army Dental Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps—are the most recent additions to the list of freemen of the Borough of Aldershot. The traditional freedom ceremony was at Aldershot football ground followed by the trooping of the freedom scroll in its silver casket along the ranks of five companies of troops from local hospitals and units. Picture shows Lieutenant-General Sir James P Baird, Director-General, Army Medical Services, signing the roll of honorary freemen.



The Prime Minister, Mr Edward Heath, paid a visit to the Army ranges at Castlemartin in Pembrokeshire, where he met members of the German Army who train on the ranges for half the year, and watched them fire the guns of their Leopard tanks.

A close liaison between the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, and the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, has been forged in the 18 months the two units have served together in the ANZUK Force. A formal ceremony recently marked the alliance when two company guards from each battalion were reviewed by the British and New Zealand high commissioners to the Republic of Singapore. The battalions' regimental Colours were trooped and regimental flags were exchanged.



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▶ General Gowon, head of the Nigerian Government, was dwarfed by the guard of honour formed by the bearskin-topped 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, outside Victoria Station after he and Mrs Gowon had arrived for a four-day state visit.



▲ Scarlet-clad drummers and buglers of 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment, figured prominently when the film "Young Winston" had its gala premiere at the East Town Cinema, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Military bands, Gurkha pipers and representatives of the Navy, RAF and women's Services added glitter to the occasion. The film centres on the early life of Sir Winston Churchill.



▶ Ken Dodd, the tattafalarious jokesmith from the jam butty mines of Knotty Ash, paid a surprise visit to the wives of 40 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Germany when he interrupted a journey to call at their club in Mansergh Barracks. Refreshed with coffee and cakes, Doddy entertained the girls with a potted version of his show.

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Pension commutation

I would like to air a grievance on pension commutation.

I left the Army two years ago just as the housing price explosion got under way. My savings and terminal grant provided the deposit and legal fees on a house and I have commuted £1000 of my pension to furnish and equip it (at today's prices it didn't go very far!) Because of the fantastic outgoings—mortgage repayments, ever-escalating rates, insurances and maintenance I wrote to the Army Pensions Office to see if it were possible to commute more of my pension to pay off the £5000-plus still owing and thus save years of worry and struggle.

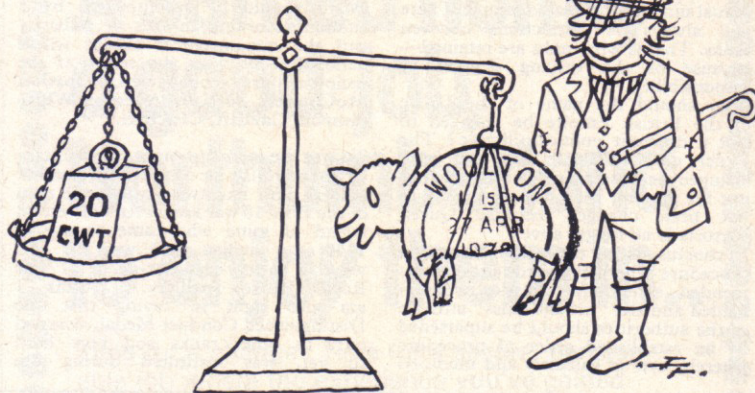
To my amazement I was not allowed to do this. Apparently one can risk one's pension on a business venture but may not use it to secure a roof over one's head and save years of anxiety.

I am writing this because the housing mortgage system is getting worse and I would not want any serviceman to think he will be allowed to commute his pension to alleviate the position.—**J Schoeppe (ex-WO II), 54 Goodman Park, Slough, Bucks.**

★ A Ministry of Defence spokesman for the Army Pensions branch points out that a soldier's service pension, like any other pension, is intended as a regular income for life but, to aid resettlement, commutation to realise £1000 is allowed in the first six months of discharge without any investigation. Commutation is a privilege

and not a right and, apart from the initial £1000, is considered only for a specific project which the pensioner can demonstrate would be to his distinct and permanent advantage, subject to certain rules and a minimum pension remaining. Commutation generally is an expensive way of raising money and immediate advantage should outweigh the loss of part of the pension for life. Also a service pensioner becomes eligible at the age of 55 for pension increases aimed at keeping pensions up to their original purchasing power (they are paid earlier in certain circumstances such as ill-health). These increases can be quite significant but are paid only on the uncommuted part of a pension; the commuted part can never be restored.

After thorough investigation by the Ministry of Defence, the spokesman continued, commutation to a certain limit can be allowed for the purchase of a viable business provided the pensioner utilises his own resources in full and takes advantage of any commercial or bank loan, whereas commutation is not allowed for the clearance of a mortgage. This is because in a business venture the pensioner must be employed full-time and it will be his only livelihood. In the case of repayment of a mortgage, the spokesman added, it is considered more beneficial in the long term to make use of normal mortgage facilities and make repayment over a limited period rather than to forfeit pension for life.



I wonder what your reviewer and other readers may feel about this idea.—**Maj K E C Cross (Rtd), No 2 Officers Mess, RAF Brampton, Huntingdon.**

Marching—with Alford

RB states in his "On Record" column (April) that he has never heard of an all-Alford LP before.

There is, or was, one in 1959 on HMV CLP 1312, "Colonel Bogey Marches On," played by the band of The Royal Marines School of Music. Its contents: Colonel Bogey, Holyrood, The Thin Red Line, The Two Imps (not a march), The Voice of the Guns, The Great Little Army, Eagle Squadron Dunedin, By Land and Sea, On the Quarter Deck, The Vanished Army, Thoughts, The Standard of St. George. The notes were by Lieutenant-Colonel F Vivian Dunn.

Of course, marches by K J Alford have been recorded quite often on LPs. Why not produce albums with marches of other British composers such as Ord Hume? One always sees the same ones. I have Colonel Bogey on 19 LPs, The Thin Red Line on 11, Standard of St. George on seven, Quarter Deck on eight etc.

I know that SOLDIER cannot do anything about it but I believe RB can.—**T J Koldewyn, 1412 Devonshire Crescent, Vancouver 9, British Columbia, Canada.**

Thomas Atkins MC

In reply to Captain Purvis's letter (June) it is incorrect to say that the Distinguished Service Order is awarded purely to senior officers and the Military Cross to junior officers. The award of the DSO is open to second lieutenants depending upon the act of gallantry. I can quote one officer, 2nd/Lieut Wedgbury DSO MC DCM MM, who gained his DSO during World War One. It is possible under the provisions laid down for its institution for the MC to be awarded to warrant officers (Company Sergeant-Major

Biddle MC DCM MM, The Gloucestershire Regiment).

I think it would be unfair to say that there is a conscious effort to maintain "class distinction" between officers and others ranks in respect of gallantry awards. Sometimes because of its rarity a medal (ie DCM) holds greater prestige than a cross (ie MC). I do not think that Captain Purvis can justify

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ROUND-THE-WORLD YACHT RACE PHILATELIC COVERS

The British Army entry for the 1973 Round-the-World Yacht Race is "British Steel"—loaned by the former Parachute Regiment sergeant, Chay Blyth. The race starts at Portsmouth on 8 September and is divided into four legs with stops at Cape Town, Sydney and Rio de Janeiro.

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Bombay Bloomers

Further to my friend Reg Rimmer's interesting and educational letter.

Not having any personal knowledge of this subject I consulted my colleague, Mr John S Rowland, who saw service before, during and after World War Two in the appropriate countries and who gave me the following information. Bombay bloomers first appeared in late 1940/early 1941. They got their name from troops who landed in Bombay before going into transit for Amah-doggah. Topees (Wolseley) were issued pre-war as best headgear in all Regular regiments, with a regimental flash sewn on the left side and a thick pug-garee. This headgear was only worn on guard mounting, CO's parade etc. The working headgear for all troops was a flat top pith helmet—very light and comfortable to wear.

Topees and pith helmets went out about 1944 with the issue to all ranks in Fourteenth Army of slouch hat and jungle green. Although they had been tried out as early as 1940, the only units to continue wearing the pinned-up bush hat as a parade dress in the Middle East—apart from the Australians—were native pioneer troops.

Shorts were not worn as parade dress in the British Army after 1948 although

still issued—and never worn in Burma, Malaya or Borneo.—**Albert Parker, 10 Easy Road, Hollins, Middleton, Manchester, M24 3FT.**

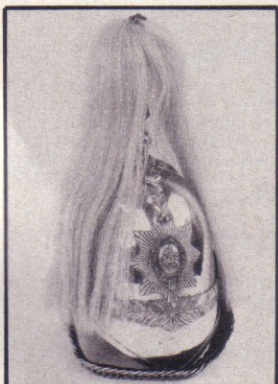
Marching— with Ord Hume

Reading through "On Record" during the past year I was glad to note that for the first time since the days of the 78's two of Ord Hume's marches have been included in a recording of military music (ie "Lynwood" and "The Waveney" on "Marching Orders for The Life Guards.") I think that Ord Hume was a great march composer and it would be appropriate if a recording company and a director of music got together to produce an LP devoted to some of his best marches, as has been done with Sousa and Alford.

Out of a large number which he wrote I can suggest 11, in addition to the above, which to my mind would make a good collection: On the Road, Second to None, Old Bill, The Advance Guard, Left-Right, The Regiment Comes, To the Front, Prairie Flower, The Avenue, Old Glory, Royal Salute, There must be others equally good which a certain amount of research in band libraries would produce.

OLD HELMETS

Two impressive helmets sold at a recent auction of militaria by Messrs Wallis and Wallis, of Lewes. Left, a Montgomeryshire Yeomanry Cavalry helmet which fetched £100 and (right) a rare "other rank's" 1842 pattern 6th Inniskilling Dragoons helmet knocked down for £300.



LETTERS

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any comment about the equality of bravery; each act of gallantry is individual and must be treated as such. There will always be distinctions between ranks. That is why ranks are retained—because of the varying degrees of responsibility.

Why should the name of the Order of the British Empire be changed to suit a different political climate? The Order of the Garter has not been changed because men have no further use for garters; the Victoria Cross has not been changed because Queen Victoria is no longer alive.

In conclusion, my contention is that the procedure whereby awards are recommended should be drastically overhauled and the "hit-and-miss" attitude of the authorities should be superseded by an established order of procedure whereby acts of gallantry and meritori-

ous conduct would be recognised by a selected committee. Furthermore, every award should be accompanied by a citation recording the act of gallantry and the circumstances except where national security or the safety of the recipient are endangered.—Gordon McConnell, 80 Kyle Avenue, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1SS.

To put the record straight, the Military Cross may also be awarded to warrant officers one and two—which the men of the 1914-18 war know. An old retired friend of mine who came to me in 1940 as a civilian clerk won his MC when a battery-sergeant-major of The Royal Horse Artillery. I think I am also right in saying that the Distinguished Conduct Medal, awarded only to other ranks and very hard to get, was instituted during the

Crimean War and before the Victoria Cross awarded also for the Crimea.—Lieut-Col The O'Doneven, Gold Mead, Lymington, SO49 QS, Hampshire.

Right sleeve only

Many moons ago you published a letter of mine appealing for some standardisation of the wearing of badges of rank by non-commissioned-officers in shirt-sleeve order. Matters do not seem to have improved and indeed the introduction of the jersey pullover would appear to have made things worse. Attending annual and weekend camps I see so many variations on the theme that I am amazed that nothing has been done to end a situation which has now reached comic propor-

tions. Even within the same unit one finds so much individuality as to be almost unbelievable. The latest and most colourful attempt I have witnessed was at Alcatraz when I encountered NCOs of The Light Infantry who had stained No 2 Dress chevrons a muddy brown for wearing with DP combat suit jackets!

When I originally wrote to you on this subject I suggested that NCOs wear their badge of rank in shirt-sleeve order in brass on the shoulder as do the civil police and this would seem to be the obvious thing to do given that the jersey pullover does not come supplied with epaulettes. Whatever system is eventually adopted, would it be too much to hope that the present jungle of confusion is cleared?

Finally, who is right, the NCO who wears his chevrons on the right sleeve in combat dress, or both? The situation with the jersey pullover is much the same and the wearing of the badge of rank on both arms would appear to be particularly favoured by warrant officers!—Cpl (right sleeve only) John D Shaw, HQ 156 Regiment RCT(V), TAVER Centre, Mather Avenue, Liverpool 18.

GS Medal bars

That excellent book "The Terror of Tobermory" by Richard Baker has a coloured photograph of Admiral Sir Gilbert Stephenson on the cover. It shows the admiral, now retired, wearing decorations and medals of both world wars, and it is interesting to note that his 1914-18 War Medal has seven bars or clasps.

After World War One several clasps were officially approved for that medal and the decision made public, but after four-and-a-quarter war years it seemed impossible to award correct medal clasps to the millions entitled to them and the matter was held in abeyance. It would be interesting to know if other senior naval officers received 1914-18 medal bars before their issue was cancelled.

The 1914-18 War Medal issue was extended to cover active service with the North Russia Expeditionary Force until 1922, also post-war sea mine-sweeping. However, no General Service Medal was granted to troops who served in the 1916 Irish Rebellion or to those engaged in active operations in Southern Ireland against the IRA until the signing of the Anglo-Irish peace treaty of 11 July 1921. I know that the omission caused resentment among those who had been on active service in the "Emerald Isle."

Every mobilised British Empire serviceman with a minimum of one month's service anywhere during World War One was entitled to the 1914-18 General Service Medal with the exception of those with service only within the United Kingdom.—R Rimmer, 21 Glyn Garth, Chester, CH1 5RY.

Calling escapers

The Colditz Story, like Peyton Place, goes on forever (Books, SOLDIER, May). It would appear that the élite occupants of this POW Hilton enjoyed not only reasonable accommodation, regular meals and tolerable German staff but a steady supply of articles normally denied to prisoners. The wonder would have been if no flights from the castle had taken place.

I would appreciate stories of those escapes that were made under the most terrible conditions and against all odds by less fortunate officers and men.—P R Preece, Property Services Agency, Defence Lands Office, Dusseldorf, BFPO 34.

Not quick but slow

The description in the May SOLDIER of its back cover said the RMA cadets, at their Sovereign's Parade, were marching past in quick time. They were, of course, marching past in slow time.

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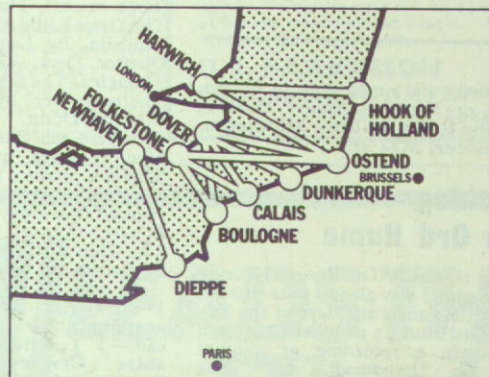
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IN SERIES...

Eighty per cent of the entries for the March Competition 178 were correct, which suggested that most had little difficulty in deciding which letters formed the series required. The correct letters S and Z were listed by 183 competitors while only 45 were wrong.

Prizewinners:

- 1 A/T D C Elmore, Army Apprentices College, Arborfield, Berkshire.
- 2 Lieut-Col P W Lannon, Ponderosa, Park Rd, Ashted, Surrey.
- 3 B W Pound, Flat Six, 47 Mulgrave Rd, Sutton, Surrey.
- 4 Capt A Armstrong, 58 Sqn RCT, BFPO 53.
- 5 Master J Martin, 82 Gardner Drive, Kincarth, Aberdeen.
- 6 L/Cpl J C Power, 13 Signal Regt, BFPO 40.
- 7 L/Cpl P T Ward, 355 Willems Park, Aldershot.
- 8 P C D Naish, 16 Cotton Lane, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9SA.
- 9 Miss P Upton, 20 Owen Square, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7TJ.
- 10 Lieut M Farnan, 8 Kelvin Parade, Belfast, BT14 6NB.
- 11 S/Sgt D Phoenix, RAPC, BFPO 53.
- 12 WO I R G Swann, RA Manning and Record Office, Fooks Cray, Sidcup, Kent.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

C/Sgt J Hope, Sgts Mess, 3 RRF, Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester.—Collects British campaign medals, especially of Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Will also purchase any British cap badges for reasonable prices. Please state if items for sale or exchange.

P Slavin, 2 Archibald Place, Mossend, Bellshill, Lanarkshire, ML4 2RF.—Requires pipers' badges 1st Battalion, Scots Guards; 1st and 2nd battalions, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

G A Storer, 338 Durnsford Road, London, SW19 DX8.—Has a number of scarcer Victorian and yeomanry cap badges for exchange for medals or other interesting militaria.

Cpl D C Wilkinson, 81 Wireless Road West, Mount Gambier, South Australia 5290.—Wishes exchange on Australian Army service dress for British camouflage uniform, medium size.

Anthony Amos (age 11), TASF, Royal Air Force, Akrotiri, Cyprus, BFPO 53.—Collects badges and rank insignia. Any help welcome.

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M Ogden, 22 Albert Street, St Barnabas, Oxford.—Requires photographs and insignia French Foreign Legion; also copy of Sunday Times colour supplement (about 3 years ago) which contained article on Legion in Chad.

REUNIONS

The East Yorkshire Regimental Association. Annual reunion 22/23 September. Apply Secretary, 11 Butcher Row, Beverley, HU17 0AA.

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West Yorkshire and PWO Regimental Association. Annual reunion and White Horse Ball, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, 8 September. Annual memorial service, York Minster, 9 September. Details from Secretary, RHQ PWO, Imphal Barracks, York.

7th Bn (Light Infantry), The Parachute Regiment. Reunion, Aldershot, weekend 29/30 September. Details apply Ted Lough, Pegasus, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2BS.

The Dorset Regiment Association. Annual reunion and dinner, TAVR Centre, Poundbury Road, Dorchester, 8 September. Details from Secretary, The Keep, Dorchester, Dorset.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association. Annual reunion dinner TAVR Centre, Aylsham Road, Norwich, Saturday, 29 September, 6.30 pm for 7pm. Annual association service regimental chapel, Norwich Cathedral, Sunday, 30 September, 10am. Details from Secretary, Royal Norfolk Regiment Association, Britannia Barracks, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR 02R.

The Green Howards. Reunion dinner, Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Strensall, York, Saturday, 1 September. Parade service to Garrison Church morning 2 September. Accommodation for Saturday night available in barracks. Total cost £1.50. Applications to OIC, RHQ The Green Howards, Richmond, Yorkshire.

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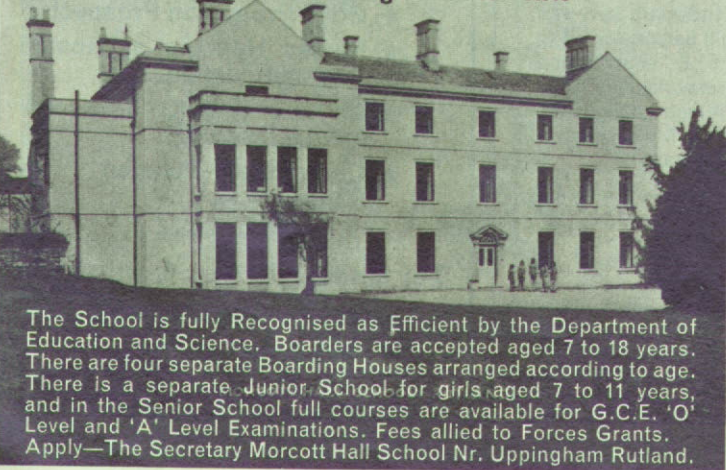
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ON RECORD

"National Brass Festival, Royal Albert Hall, 1972" (Black Dyke Mills Band) (Professional Conductor: Geoffrey Brand) (Resident Conductor: Roy Newsome); **(The Fairey Band)** (Musical Adviser: Harry Mortimer) (Musical Director: Kenneth Dennison); **(GUS (Footwear) Band)** (Musical Director: Stanley Boddington); **Band of Yorkshire Imperial Metals** (Musical Director: Trevor Walmsley); **York Celebrations Choir** (Chorus Master: John Warburton); Conductors: George Hurst and Geoffrey Brand (Decca SKL 5143)

A star-studded list of performers indeed, and unusually the programme is well chosen for the great occasion and achieves a real festival spirit. Only one questionable arrangement and even that is amusing rather than exasperating.

"A Flourish for Brass" is an extended fanfare by Gareth Walters and explores some new devices. It forms an introduction to an introduction, the second being that old war-horse to Act III of "Lohengrin" in which the ex-BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra conductor George Hurst makes his debut with brass bands. He continues with an arrangement for bands, choir and organ of the Coronation anthem "Zadok the Priest."

Two items are played by single bands only and naturally these are better balanced and more precise than the massed items. The first is Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" without a piano to help the band, the famous clarinet opening glissando being finely done on cornet (Yorkshire Imperial Metals). The



other is a stunning performance of Verdi's overture to "The Force of Destiny" by Black Dyke. In this the band and its late conductor Roy Newsome achieve wonders of brass tone and technique.

"Cornet Cascade" is a first brass band composition by Robert Docker and hardly lives up to its title, which cannot be said for the great Chabrier's "Joyeuse Marche"—a much under-played masterpiece. After a rather slow rendering of the Prelude to Act I of "La Traviata" the massed performers give a rousing version of a work just made for festivals, Gordon Jacob's "Sea Song Suite" in which "Shenandoah," "Tom Bowling," "Bobby Shaftoe," and the old "Drunken Sailor" and all, lead to the inevitable "Rule Britannia." Since the LP begins with "God Save The Queen" you have here all you could need for a fireside festival of your very own.

RB

"War and Peace" (The Band of HM Welsh Guards and the Pontardulais Male Choir) (Musical Director, Band of HM Welsh Guards: Major Desmond Walker) (BBC Records REC 146S)

The title is mine, although the words do appear on the sleeve in rather smaller letters than "Colditz," which will be intended to catch your eye in the record shops. "Colditz" is misleading, but "War and Peace" will just about pass muster.

Apart from some disconcerting juxtaposition of items I found this a most enjoyable entertainment by a fine band and fine choir, comprising well-known themes from TV series and other band items interspersed with Welsh choral music.

The band gives spirited performances of Robert Farnon's brave "Colditz" theme, then a somewhat wan imitation of the Russian folksong "Kalinka" called "Casatchok" and Trevor Sharpe's martial title music to Ken Griffin's TV series "Heritage" which featured the ceremonial attractions of London and Windsor. A charming trio for flutes called "Dawn Chorus" follows, with a ponderous "Preussens Gloria" (featured in "Man of Straw"), and Terence Brien's brassy "Bell A'Peal"—for which pun may his clappers be wrung.

Band and choir in concert give "All Through the Night," "Entry of the Peers" from Sullivan's "Iolanthe," Mozart's "O Isis and Osiris" from "The Magic Flute," and an extended version of the old "Tzarist Anthem" which proved such a touching theme-tune for TV's "War and Peace."

The Pontardulais Choir, winner of almost all the eisteddfodau it has entered, sings to glorious effect in "The Soldier's Farewell," Joseph Parry's famous love song "Myfanwy" and "Lazy Robin" by the great much-loved Welshman, E T Davies.

RB



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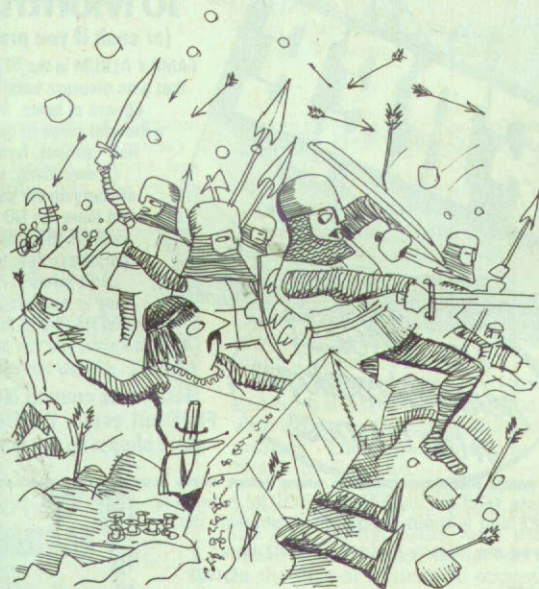
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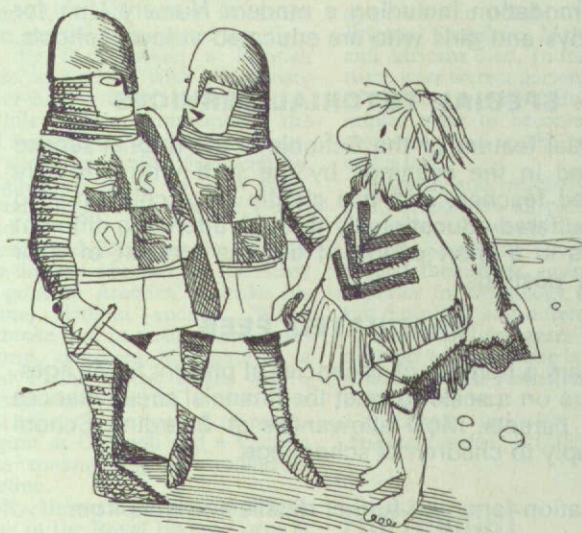
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BOOKS

GENTLEMAN GENERAL

"Alex: The Life of Field-Marshal Alexander of Tunis" (Nigel Nicolson)

In Field-Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, everything seems to have fallen neatly into place to produce a notable general. Nature endowed him with the qualities and they cascade from Mr Nicolson's pages—complete control, readiness for any emergency, calmness, confidence, modesty, humility and dignity, simplicity and greatness, and so on.

He had the background—a well-off, aristocratic family and Harrow. Also important was his timing. When World War One broke out he had been in the Irish Guards for three years and so was well poised to make his reputation. He made it, then added to it in command of a force of 6000 Balts against the Bolsheviks. Even more remarkably (for a Guards officer) he commanded a brigade on the North-West Frontier of India.

At the outbreak of World War Two he was a divisional commander. It was the unflappable Alex who brought the rearguard out at Dunkirk and later the remnants of the Burma Army to India. Small wonder that Churchill had early picked him for high command in "very important business."

The author's admiration for his subject is vast but finds its bounds in Alexander's handling of Montgomery. At Alamein ("as untidy and costly a battle as any previously fought in the desert") he considers Alex might have intervened twice, instead of which he placed complete trust in Montgomery. Similarly he suffered Montgomery to endanger Anglo-American relations by selfishness in Sicily. Earl Mountbatten summed it up: "He was such a gentleman. He put up with insubordination."

Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 11 St John's Hill, London, SW11 1XA, £3.95

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The Life of Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis

lesser-known segments. But to a great many Britons it was home. Mr Braund was one of them—this eloquent and readable book describes 13 years of his life which he devoted to Burma.

He went there in 1934, at the age of 20, to one of the great companies which flourished in the East, Steel Brothers. Rice, teak, petroleum—the firm had a finger in many pies, and Mr Braund paints a vivid picture of commercial life in Burma in the years immediately preceding World War Two.

When the war came, Burma was invaded and men like Mr Braund, with their local knowledge, became important to the defending forces. Commissioned, he went into the Chin Levies, fought in the retreat north and in the subsequent battles to drive out the Japs. The Chin Levies built up a formidable reputation—vouched for by Sir Bernard Fergusson in a foreword—and Mr Braund's account of their war will stand as a tribute to them. Their story is not often told and they certainly deserve to be more than a footnote to history.

Wren Publishing Pty Ltd, Mount Eliza, Victoria, Australia, £3.95

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WITH THE CHIN LEVIES

"Distinctly I Remember: A Personal Story of Burma" (Harold Braund)

Even when the British Empire was at its peak, Burma was one of its

WHEN B-P WAS GOC

"The Story of Catterick Camp" (Lieutenant-Colonel Howard N Cole)

Nowadays one associates Lord Baden-Powell with Scout rather than Army camps, but it seems he is also responsible for the existence of Catterick Camp. His last Army appointment was GOC Northumbrian Division (Territorial Force). His headquarters were at Richmond and he was asked to survey the area with a view to the establishment of a military training centre in the North of England.

With the vast expansion of the Army demanded by Kitchener for his New Army, plans were pushed ahead and a hatted camp was built in the face of some local opposition. No doubt there would have been more had it been realised that the camp was to become permanent. Among the camp's builders were fishermen from Yarmouth and Lowestoft, driven into unemployment by naval activity in the North Sea, and German prisoners-of-war. The latter proved most industrious. On

duty they built roads and off duty they built a theatre and the officers' club.

In 1925 the various "lines" dropped their alphabetical designations in favour of 1914-18 battles, thus following the Aldershot practice.

Colonel Cole has written an interesting and readable memoir which will be read with nostalgia by all who have served in Catterick. He picks out the highlights and pays tribute to the people of the surrounding district who have always helped and supported the garrison in innumerable ways.

Garrison Admin Commandant, HQ Catterick Garrison, Piave Lines, Catterick Garrison, Yorkshire, DL9 3JR, £1.25 (inclusive of postage and packing)

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"REAL GOOD WAR"

"My Warrior Sons: The Borton Family Diary 1914-1918" (Guy Slater)

"I think it's a Real Good War," wrote one of the Borton brothers in



Both brothers ended the war as brigadiers. Bosky returned to his old ways and died, disinherited, of drink at 49. Biffy became an air-vice-marshal and in retirement ran the family estate in World War Two. With him the family died out. Peter Davies, 15-16 Queen Street, Mayfair, London W1, £3.25

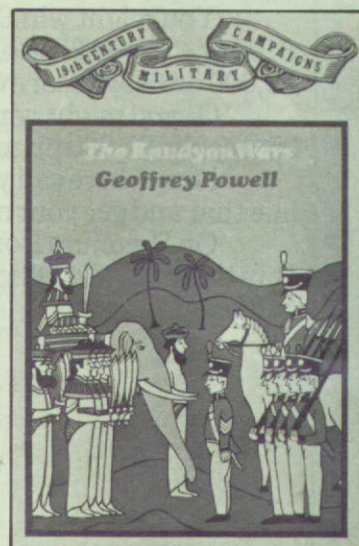
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COLONISING CEYLON

"The Kandyan Wars" (Geoffrey Powell)

The Portuguese went to Ceylon in 1505 and held sway until expelled by the Dutch in 1656. The British came along in 1782, took Trincomalee and lost it. Thirteen years later they finally drove out the Dutch and set about consolidating their position as masters of this beautiful and wealthy island.

Strangely, none of the invaders ever conquered the whole island. At its centre lay the Kandyan kingdom. When the British landed, the Kandyans were their allies. They did not remain so for long and it was to be 1818 before the island was finally subjugated. Before



1916, and the other could not have disagreed. Their letters from the fronts are the mainstay of the diary kept by their father, a Kentish squire, and edited with affectionate irreverence by a step-grandchild.

While father commanded the local volunteers, attended committees and patriotically, if reluctantly, ploughed his lawns to grow food, the sons went out to seek glory, and found it.

Bosky, the elder, was the family's ne'er-do-well who had left the Army and gone to America to make his fortune, without success. When war broke out, he rushed home into uniform, damaged his spine in a Royal Flying Corps crash, won a Distinguished Service Order as a naval officer in command of machine-guns at Gallipoli and a Victoria Cross commanding a battalion in Palestine.

Biffy, the younger, a Black Watch officer in the Royal Flying Corps at the outbreak of war, fought on the Western Front and in the Middle East. He was recommended for the Victoria Cross but (to father's disgust) awarded the Distinguished Service Order instead.

that moment came there were three small wars in which a multitude of Britons, Sinhalese, Malays, Indians and Africans died. In many respects these wars were a portent of the type of conflict in which European-type armies were to become more and more involved in the next century and a half.

Tragedy and treachery, cowardice and heroism are all part and parcel of a story in which the unsophisticated Kandyans successfully defended themselves against an army superior in technology and training but designed for a different purpose.

The Kandyan wars are almost a closed book and one is grateful for Colonel Powell's excellent and illuminating account.

Leo Cooper Ltd, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £5.50

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FORTHRIGHT

"Fighting General: The Public and Private Campaigns of General Sir Walter Walker" (Tom Pocock)

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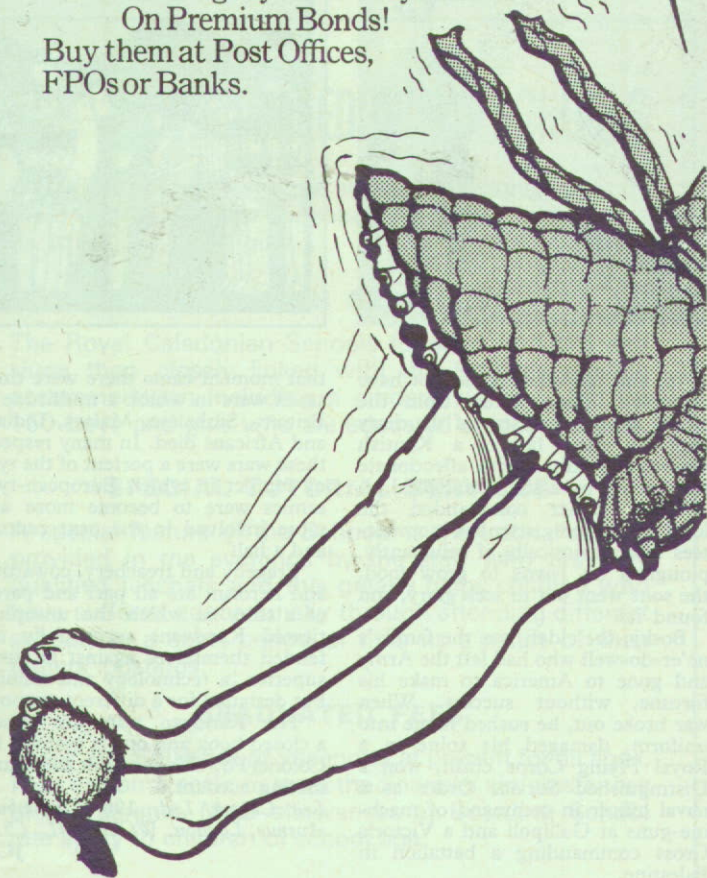
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of the North-West Frontier of India in the 1930s and ended in the command of NATO's sophisticated northern flank.

In between, Walker fought in Burma, in retreat and advance. He distinguished himself in the Malayan Emergency, not least by founding the Jungle Warfare School. He was Director of Operations for all three Services in Borneo and his campaign earned from the then Defence Minister, Mr Denis Healey, the tribute, "In history books, it will be recorded as one of the most efficient uses of military force in the history of the world."

In high-ranking appointments Walker was far from docile. As Major-General Brigade of Gurkhas he heard of the Labour Government's plan to reduce his beloved regiments and set out to muster all the defence he could, putting his own career in jeopardy and incurring the wrath of the CGS, Field-Marshal Sir Richard Hull.

As Commander Allied Forces Northern Europe, he warned of the dangers of public ignorance of the Russian threat and of allied inadequacies, and he did so publicly, particularly in one much-debated television programme which never saw the public screens, causing much controversy in official circles.

Walker denied that he was a "political general" but Mr Pocock wonders whether he really was an innocent in the political jungle. The essence of the Russian threat to Scandinavia was bullying: Walker was the man who stood up to the bully.

William Collins, Sons & Co Ltd,
14 St James's Place, London SW1,
£3.00. **RLE**

They had to move animals and farm machinery, stocks of hay and man-golds, and all within six weeks. The author was one of 156 members of the Women's Voluntary Service who helped them.

The evacuation was completed to schedule. The Americans moved in and, though they used the houses, they treated them with respect. When they moved on, there was a pause while the area was cleared of unexploded ammunition and the inevitable training damage made good. During this period the thieves and vandals moved in, smashing glass and stealing such wartime irreplaceables as brass door-knobs.

Eagerly, the farmers got their fertile fields back into production. It had all been, as one old lady said of the whole war, "a proper caper, and no mistake."
David & Charles (Holdings) Ltd,
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IN BRIEF

"Illustrated Book of World War II" (edited by Peter Simkins)
Now unhappily defunct, Illustrated magazine was once one of the best in its field. Throughout World War Two its staff photographers roamed the battlefields and built up a truly valuable pictorial record of a world at war.

This first all-colour volume on this subject presents some of the best of those pictures. Many of them, including a fascinating series of Hitler and Mussolini visiting the Russian front, were acquired by Illustrated's reporters in Germany after the war.
Pan Books Ltd, 33 Tothill Street,
London SW1, 95p

"Solo-Wargaming" (Donald Featherstone)
Years ago I had a colourful book crammed with ideas for the days when I had no one to play with. This book performs much the same service for the growing army of wargamers. In the early stages of the hobby live opponents are often thin on the ground and even when you are proficient it can easily become boring if you are wearing two hats.

Mr Featherstone, an acknowledged expert and prolific writer on wargaming, has come up with an answer. He describes scores of manoeuvres, ingenious and practical methods of conducting a war game, and even presents ways of preserving secrecy and surprise. It is the answer to the lonely wargamer's prayer.
Kaye & Ward Ltd, 21, New Street,
London, EC2M 4NT, £2.40

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The Evacuation of
Devon's South Hams
1943-44

OUT AND IN

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Against their scale of life it was a mighty upheaval for the 3000 people involved. Some were old and did not live to return to their cottages. Many were farming families, already deprived of their young men by the demands of the fighting Services.

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