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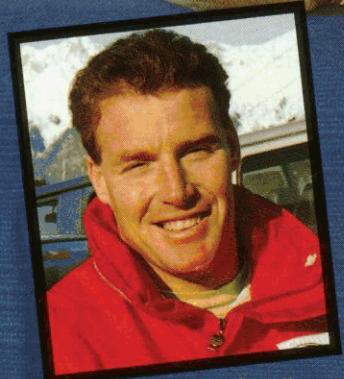
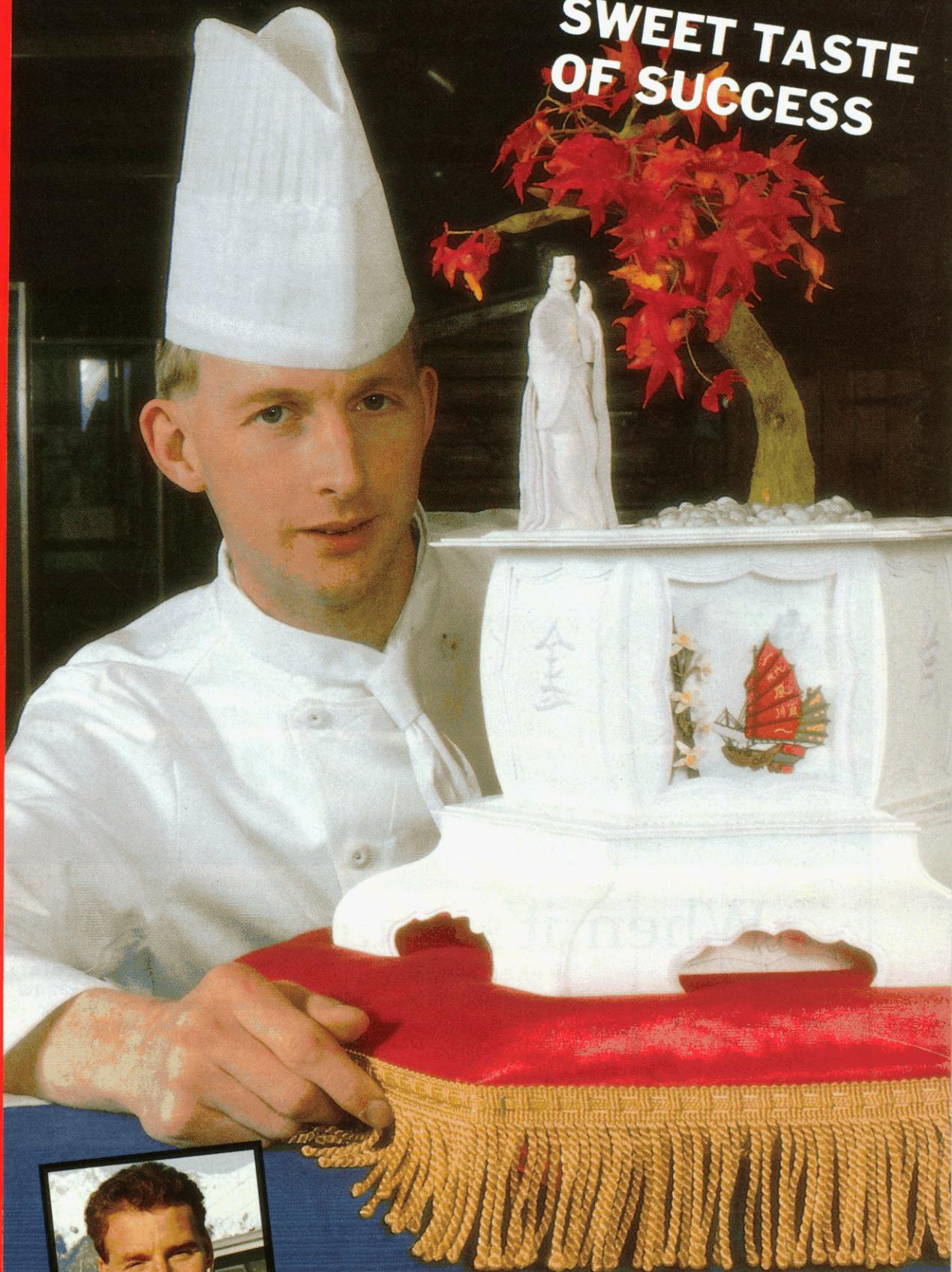
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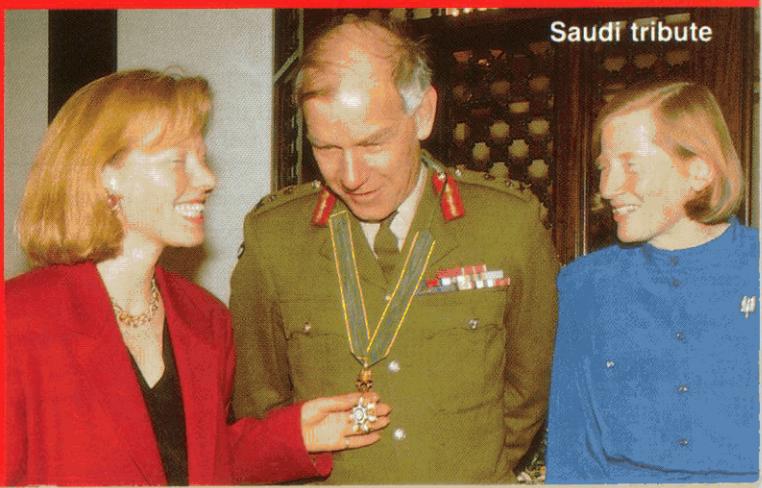
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FRONT COVER (main picture): SSgt Garry Young, ACC, displays the Japanese theme buffet table centrepiece which won him a gold medal in the pastillage category at Hotelympia. Incredibly, the bonsai tree and its pot are made entirely from sugar. See story, pictures and results in Pages 20-21. (Picture: Mike Weston)

BOBBING ALONG: Cpl Mark Tout, who led Britain's bobsleigh challenge at the Winter Olympics. See Page 48.

SAUDI TRIBUTE: Britain's Gulf War commander Gen Sir Peter de la Billière is congratulated by Lady Bridget de la Billière and daughter Phillida on receiving the Order of King Abdul Aziz from the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Nasser H Almanqor, at the Royal Embassy in Mayfair.

Phillida is an officer cadet in the Territorial Army, serving with The Royal Yeomanry. (Picture: Mike Weston)

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Gen Inge takes command



GEN SIR Peter Inge is the new head of the British Army. He has succeeded Gen Sir John Chapple (left), who was promoted Field Marshal on stepping down as Chief of the General Staff.

Gen Inge (right), was previously Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine and Commander Northern Army Group. He was commissioned into the Green Howards in 1956.



Senior WOs worth a bit extra

Now it's save as you serve

IN THE same week that 3,500 Servicemen heard that they would be made redundant under Options for Change, Defence Secretary Tom King announced a number of housing measures.

The Housing Task Force headed by the Earl of Arran, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, recommended:

- **New saving scheme:** Special plan to provide Service personnel with a private sector-style mortgage saving account. MoD will contribute £1 for every £3. Minimum investment of £50 a month over five years (maximum £200 a month);

- **MoD housing:** Continuation of the existing MQ discount purchasing scheme;

- **DIY shared ownership:** Housing Corporation to take 500 Service applications in the next financial year, and more to follow;

- **Married quarters:** Recommendation for a new non-profit making organisation to take over ownership and management;

- **MQ shared ownership:** Longer term study of a parallel scheme for Servicemen to buy a stake in their MQ;

- **Staying on in MQs:** Personnel leaving to be allowed to remain in their quarter at market rent as long as necessary.

SENIOR warrant officers are to receive a 7.5 per cent pay rise from April 1. Other personnel, from privates to brigadiers, will receive a 5.9 per cent rise.

Generals are covered by a separate review.

The two per cent extra for warrant officers in Bands 6 and 7 reflects what they could expect to be earning for doing a similar civilian job.

A private's pay goes up from £7,466 to £7,884, while a brigadier receives £2,805 more, his pay rising from £50,003 to £52,808.

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body recommendations for a £274 million salary package were approved by the Government on February 10.

The AFPRB attached great importance to its report being implemented in full on April 1. It said the decision not to stage the 1991 award had been much appreciated within the Services.

While continuing to base its recommendations on the principle of maintaining pay at levels comparable outside the Armed Forces, the AFPRB took into account recruitment and retention, the effects of Options for Change and the Gulf War.

"The Gulf War proved again

the necessity of maintaining a highly professional, well equipped and well motivated fighting force. We believe that no small part of this motivation arises from a remuneration package which is felt by personnel to offer fair reward for work well done," says the report.

The AFPRB believes the disparity between branches and specialisations on rates of promotion has had a "demotivating effect" on some senior

AFPRB report raps Grade 4 MQs – Page 30

NCOs and has asked the Ministry of Defence to look into the provision of an incremental pay structure for these ranks in the 1993 award.

Members of the review body spent 71 days taking evidence from Servicemen and women during 16 separate visits to locations in Northern Ireland, Germany, Gibraltar and the United Kingdom.

In some areas they were disappointed at the low level of awareness of their recommendations, and call for "a wider distribution of our report together with a clear and

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South Georgia blaze sappers praised

THREE Royal Engineers serving on the remote Antarctic island of South Georgia have been praised for their courage during a fire which broke out in their accommodation block.

All three, from 34 Field Squadron based at Waterbeach, Cambridge, ensured the safety of colleagues before tackling the blaze, caused by an electrical fault.

SSgt John Richards, woken by the fire, evacuated the building and then went back to find a missing member of his



Air Vice Marshal Peter Beer presents his commendation to SSgt John Richards, watched by Maj Alan Macklin (OC Fl Fd Sqn RE), Spr Gareth Barber and Spr Ken Flemming

detachment. Sprs Gareth Barber and Kevin Flemming helped him to tackle the flames before they were defeated by the smoke.

The fire, in November, completely destroyed the accommodation block. It was rebuilt in January by sappers

from 52 Field Squadron, based at Ripon in Yorkshire.

Air Vice Marshal Peter Beer, Commander British Forces Falkland Islands, presented the men with commendations and told them: "You displayed great courage and dedication to duty."

Regiment takes Princess's name

SEVERAL new titles have been announced following the decision to amalgamate regiments under Options for Change.

The Queen's Regiment and The Royal Hampshire Regiment will merge early next year to form **The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshire's)**.

It is the first of the new Infantry titles to be decided, subject to the approval of the Queen, by the Army Board.

Five new cavalry regiments have been named. They are:

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

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

● **The Light Dragoons**, from the 13th/18th Royal

Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) and 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars;

● **The Queen's Royal Lancers**, from the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers and 17th/21st Lancers. The new regiment will keep the famous 17/21 L regimental motto, "Death or Glory".

Also named was the new **Royal Logistic Corps**, to be formed next April by the amalgamation of the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Catering Corps, and the Royal Engineers' Postal and Courier Service.

The Bill which will provide a necessary legal framework for the planned merger on July 1 of The Ulster Defence Regiment and The Royal Irish Rangers to form **The Royal Irish Regiment** received its first reading in the House of Commons on February 6.

Main effects of the Bill will be to allow UDR members transferring to the new regiment to retain their existing terms and conditions, to limit to Northern Ireland (other than for training) the service required from officers and soldiers of the home service battalions of the Royal Irish Regiment, and to allow part-time service to continue within the "home" battalions.

The latest step in the reformation of the Army's command structure in the United Kingdom began with the announcement by Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton that South East and South West Districts are to be amalgamated to form **Southern District**, with its headquarters at Aldershot. That change, with effect from April, means the new structure will comprise five districts - Scotland, Eastern, Wales and Western, Southern and London.

Soldiers rescue trapped climbers

FOUR soldiers serving in central Norway with Larkhill-based 94 Locating Regiment RA and 2 Flight AAC from Netheravon defied atrocious blizzard conditions and temperatures down to minus 18C to help save the lives of four badly injured climbers.

The four were LBdr Stephen Luke and Ray Hodgeson of 94 Loc Regt and LCpl Darren Ronnay and ATpr Sean Murphy of 2 Flt.

The Wiltshire soldiers, on exercise in Norway with the Allied Commander Europe's Mobile Force (AMF), used three BV 206 oversnow vehicles to take police and medical teams on a hazardous journey across a trackless mountain to reach a group of Norwegians hit by an avalanche.

Four injured and frostbitten climbers - still clamped to the mountain by ropes - were rescued and one body recovered during a mission lasting 12 hours.

Norwegian police later said the climbers would have died during the night but for the skills of the soldier drivers.

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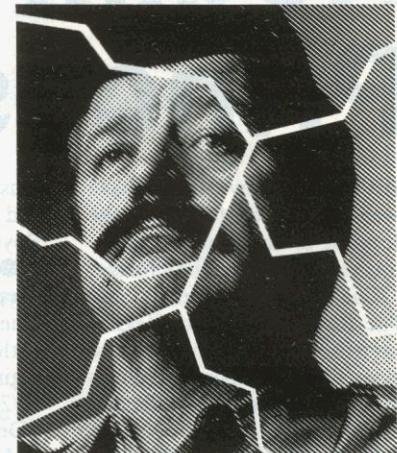
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Man in the background

FEW adjutants of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, can have had their tenure more splendidly recorded than Lt Col Patrick Gascoigne, Scots Guards.

Little did he know that his role during the presentation of new Colours to Sandhurst last April would earn him a place in



Sandhurst Chief of Staff Col Brian Isbell studies the new portrait

the new full-length portrait of the Queen (see back cover) commissioned by the RMA to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the original establishment at Woolwich.

Yet he so nearly did not make it. Col Gascoigne, now commandant of the Military Corrective Training Centre at Colchester, recalled that he was in agony from a back injury for days before the parade, and got through the ceremony only with the help of lengthy sessions on the physiotherapist's couch and pain-killing drugs.

Before commissioning at Sandhurst into the Scots Guards, Col Gascoigne spent a year in the ranks of the Royal Corps of Transport as a driver.

In a break with tradition, the new portrait will hang in the Grand Entrance of Old College, where it will be seen by visitors as well as officer cadets in training.

The first portrait of Her



The then Maj Patrick Gascoigne on Blitz during the Colours ceremony last year

Majesty by Andrew Festing, himself a former Sandhurst cadet and son of the late Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, depicts the Queen in her Garter robes.

And how does Col Gascoigne feel about his unexpected appearance in the royal portrait? "It's lovely. It's a great honour to be in the same painting as the Queen," he said.

Royal Colonels

THE following appointments of Colonels-in-Chief of Army regiments have been announced.

The Queen is to assume the following appointments: Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Lancers on the formation of the new regiment; Colonel-in-Chief of the Adjutant General's Corps on the formation of the new corps; the Patronage of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department to mark the 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother: Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish) on the formation of the new regiment.

The Duke of Edinburgh: Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Gloucestershire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and

Wiltshire): Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) and The Gordon Highlanders; Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish).

The Prince of Wales: Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Dragoon Guards on formation; Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles and 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles; Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) and The Gordon Highlanders; Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Air Corps to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

The Princess of Wales: Colonel-in-Chief of The Light Dragoons on formation; Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Queen's Regiment and The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

The Duke of York: Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Cheshire Regiment and The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's); Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Royal Irish Rangers and The Ulster Defence Regiment on the formation of the new regiment.

The Princess Royal: Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Royal Hussars on formation; Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) and The King's Own Scottish Borderers; Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Logistic Corps on formation.

Guildhall goodbye

MORE than 500 serving and retired WRAC officers and their guests joined the Duchess of Kent at the final reunion dinner of the Women's Royal Army Corps in London on February 12.

The dinner, at the Guildhall, marked the impending disbandment of the WRAC, when those members not already rebadged to the corps in which they serve will transfer to the new Adjutant General's Corps to be formed on April 6.

The Duchess, Controller Commandant of the Corps, was accompanied by the Duke of Kent.

● Sixty members of the WRAC, past and present and of all ranks, attended a private reception at Clarence House on February 27 given by the Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief of the Corps since its formation in 1949.

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2 Queens sent to Northern Ireland

THE 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Regiment has been sent to Northern Ireland, raising the Army's strength in the Province to 18,000, the highest level since 1978.

The deployment is the third reinforcement this year, the other involving the 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers and 27 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The gunner regiment has been supporting a major operation in south Fermanagh where several permanent vehicle checkpoints (PVCPs) are being rebuilt to improve security and traffic control.

● An anti-terrorist operation by Security Forces at Coalisland left four IRA gunmen dead and two injured.

The terrorists had launched a heavy attack on Coalisland RUC station, firing from several points. Shortly afterwards, uniformed soldiers encountered armed men outside the town at Dernagh crossroads in the car park of a Roman Catholic Church. One soldier was injured during the ensuing exchange of gunfire.

A 12.7mm heavy machine

IN BRIEF

AWARDS for those who took part in Operation Haven, the international relief effort to help Kurdish refugees fleeing from Iraqi troops into the mountains between Iraq and Turkey, include a number to British Army personnel.

OBE: Lt Col G L Kerr, RA. **MBE:** Maj R C Hendicott, RE; Maj N A Smellie, RAOC. **BEM:** SSgt (now WO2) A S Treadwell, RCT. **Mention in Despatches:** Capt (Actg Maj) A Sandford, RAMC.

Sappers training at Yantlet demolition range in Kent before deploying to Cambodia with the United Nations were visited by Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton. The



BRIG Martin White, Commander Bielefeld Garrison, opens a new computer training centre at 51 Army Education Centre. On his right is Group Education Officer Maj Chris Caswell, RAEC, the driving force behind the project which has brought low-level training opportunities to 40,000 personnel, including dependants, based in the area.

Backed by the Federation of Army Wives (BAOR), the Bielefeld Garrison Computer Facility (BGCF) has the latest teaching aids and can cope with more than 40 students a week. About 550 will pass through its doors in

gun mounted on a lorry was recovered from the scene along with several AK47 rifles.

● A total of 434 Servicemen have been killed in operations in Northern Ireland since August 1969, Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton told Parliament. The figure does not include killings of soldiers of The Ulster Defence Regiment.

Injury figures for Servicemen in the Province, kept since 1979, total 3,838.

the first 13 weeks. Courses on offer range from the basics to recognised civilian qualifications and times have been designed to suit the working hours of military personnel and busy mothers. The centre has to be self-supporting, with courses costing between DM10 and DM98, although Service personnel can claim back most of this.

Details of individual and block bookings for military units and family organisations can be obtained from co-ordinator Mrs Carolyn Cole (mornings only) on Bielefeld Military 2360, or by writing to BGCF, 51 AEC, BFPO 39.

Rabies warning

WITH troop reductions in BAOR causing a return of families to Britain on a large scale, Army Veterinary and Remount Services are involved in an awareness campaign to prevent an increase in the smuggling of family pets and proscribed plants into the UK.

Bulford altarpiece

A polyptych – a painted altarpiece in five parts – has been presented to Bulford Garrison's Roman Catholic church, Our Lady Queen of Peace. Painted by the late George Warner Allen, the main panel depicts Christ being lowered from the cross, watched from side panels by British Servicemen.



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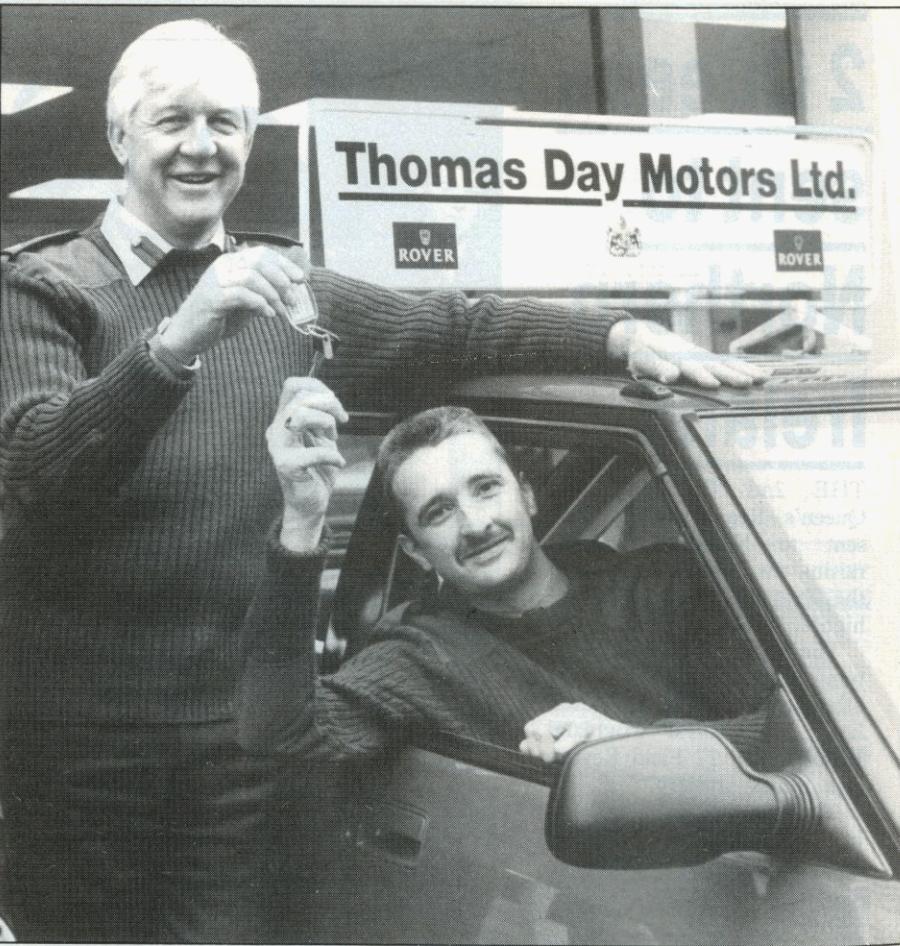
WO2 (SQMS) **David Harding** won't forget the Army Catering Corps' 50th anniversary in a hurry. The Master Chef, currently serving with the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards at Munster, Germany has just received the keys to a brand new five-door Rover 214 Si 16 valve motor car from **Brig Barrie Atkinson**, Director ACC.

David's car was the magnificent first prize in the ACC's golden jubilee raffle, drawn at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot by **Lt Gen Sir Richard Swinburn**, GOC South East District.

Natcars of Bridgwater provided the Rover at cost, and Thomas Day Motors of Fleet helped to boost ticket sales by showing off a sample car.

The promotion worked, resulting in more than 30,000 tickets being sold and £18,847 raised for Corps charities.

As luck would have it, David had just bought a new car in Germany!



Picture: Mike Perting



RARE RIFLE: Tony Whittaker (centre) with the rifle, Maj Bob Smith (left), curator of the museum, and Councillor Chris Lewis, Mayor of Brecon

A Martini-Henry rifle thought to have been used at Rorke's Drift is now known to have been made in 1886, several years after the famous defeat of the Zulus. The rifle was presented to the Museum of the South Wales Borderers at Brecon by property developer **Tony Whittaker** who understood it had been issued to Pte **Thomas "Old King" Cole**, killed in action at Rorke's Drift and commemorated in a painting of the battle (see inset).

Museum curator **Maj Bob Smith** said: "Having examined the weapon we can safely say it was not at Rorke's Drift. But it is a beautiful weapon, a superb example of the 1886 vintage, and the museum is very pleased to have it."

If the cup fits . . .

Sgt John Fowle has just received another sporting award – his Army Catering Corps angling colours. After rallying at national and international level, he turned to a quieter pastime, and caught the fishing bug.

Now John, a quality controller in HQ Catering Group at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, is busy hooking honours at Army, Inter-Service and national levels. And he is rapidly running out of room for his trophies.

The ACC colours were presented by **Lt Col Bruce Dyson**, HQ Catering Group's Technical Controller.



Palace double take

The award of the MBE to the brothers **Edmondson-Jones** must be unusual, to say the least. Both are serving officers and both were in operational lists while doing post-Staff College appointments. And they attended the same investiture.

Maj Paul Edmondson-Jones, RAMC, serving with the Army Medical Directorate, received his MBE in the Gulf list, while **Maj Robert Edmondson-Jones**, R Anglian, currently with the 2nd Battalion at Celle, Germany, received his for work at HQNI.

Robert (left) and Paul are pictured outside Buckingham Palace.

Matthew's Grand opportunity

Junior Leader Matthew Wardle won't mind getting soaked on his summer hols. Now doing his junior leader training at the Junior Infantry Battalion, Shorncliffe, Matthew has been selected to join the first British Youth Expedition to canoe down the Colorado River and Grand Canyon.

The young soldier, who joined The Cheshire Regiment last year, fought off stiff competition at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham to win his place on the exped, and in August will join a team of ten canoeing the 225 miles between Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Mead.

JLdr Wardle, who will be sponsored by JIB Shorncliffe, is a former national Under 14 canoe champion, and a current Division 2 kayak paddler.

PEOPLE CAP THIS LOT!



Cpl Heather Sturdy, LCpl **Donna Davies** and Pte **Michelle Coultham** weren't taking their new Army Catering Corps berets with a pinch of salt. They were among the first Servicewomen in 1 (BR) Corps to swap their Women's Royal Army Corps berets and cap badges as they joined male colleagues in the ACC and Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The trio received their new badges in the kitchens at 4 Armd Div HQ and Signal Regt, Herford, while other ACC presentations were being made at Bielefeld by **Lt Col Tony Hellard**, Commander Catering 1 and 4 Armoured Divisions.

Also at Bielefeld, Maj Gen **David Botting**, Director General of Ordnance Services, visited 6 Ordnance Battalion to welcome 20 former WRAC soldiers into the RAOC. The girls were presented with their new berets and badges by **Brig Peter Chambers**, Commander Supply 1 (BR) Corps.

The Two Types make a comeback

Interview: Phil Wilcox
Main picture: Mike Weston

WHEN SOLDIER was launched in 1945 it very much reflected the tastes of the day. Perhaps not surprisingly, the first issue contained a cartoon by a 31-year-old Welch Regiment captain, William John Philpin Jones.

Capt Jones was (and is) better known by his pen name, Jon.

The cartoon, inevitably, featured his internationally successful wartime creation – The Two Types.

With Montgomery's death in 1976, Eighth Army reunions officially ended. But this year – the 50th anniversary of El Alamein – veterans of the North Africa and Italian campaigns might do worse than take a look at Jon's recently published book on the celebrated duo.*

"I'd no idea they would take off like they did," he said, sitting in his comfortable, off-the-beaten-track cottage in south Wales. "I just drew these two characters I had in mind and suddenly they – and I – became famous overnight."

Before the war, however, Jon had frequently wondered whether he should have taken his father's advice and opted for a "safe" job in a bank or the police.

"But I had always been keen on drawing – and was determined to be a cartoonist on a national newspaper."

One failed art certificate and one move from Llandrindod Wells to Birmingham later, young Jones was getting desperate.

"I was a student sharing digs with a friend from Wales, a trainee engineer. We were both fed up at not making any headway, so we found the London address of the French Foreign Legion.

"We saved up, booked a single fare to Euston, made an appointment to meet someone – and they didn't turn up."

He returned to Wales and began to bombard the Western Mail with political cartoons.

"Eventually, one of them was accepted – I can't for the life of me remember what it was about – and I was paid the substantial sum of five shillings.

"What is more, since further cartoons followed, I could then recommend to my father that he should start to buy that newspaper regularly: he was very pleased when he discovered the reason."

After a series of misadventures in London, Jon volunteered for the Coldstream Guards in 1940, and trained at Caterham.

Discipline there was tough, but it was

even more rigorous at Pirbright, where Jon was sent for several months of field training before being recommended for a commission.

"Just before passing out at Sandhurst, several of us were invited to take supper with the Commandant. I was naturally very flattered when he suggested to me that, with my results, I might like a commission in the Brigade of Guards.

"There was just one snag: a small matter of my needing a private income of something in the region of £500 a year – slightly beyond my means, to say the least."

So Jon opted for the Welch Regiment



The cartoon which appeared in the first issue of SOLDIER on March 19, 1945. The caption read: "Must be sweating on his Blighty leave."

(which in June 1969 became part of The Royal Regiment of Wales), spending a short time with the 19th Battalion at Stockton-on-Tees before being posted to Bircham Newton in Norfolk – defending the aerodrome.

The regiment was under Col Pip Ayres, who gave me the surprise of my life a few months ago when – at the grand age of 95, and still in good health – he dropped in on me when he was in Wales."

When the battalion was disbanded, Jon was assigned to a beach group in Movement Control in Scotland for training, before embarking for "the Middle East", attached to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

"On July 10, 1943, we landed in assault craft near Cape Pachino in Sicily, to take control of the beach until reinforcements arrived. Not long afterwards I left Sicily for Tripoli, as a lieutenant in the Infantry."

Jon took part in the landings on the Italian mainland – Salerno in the September and Anzio four months later.

"Anzio was the worst: I was there for about four months, waiting for the breakthrough from Monte Cassino, and finally left on a hospital ship, suffering from shell shock. I was one of the lucky ones."

It was while he was in Sicily that Jon came up with the idea of The Two Types.

"Amid all the hustle and bustle going on around them were two officers dressed in most peculiar garb, leaning nonchalantly against their battered jeep. They made such a strange sight that I mentally noted every detail of their rather odd outfits.

"One, with a black moustache, was dressed in a khaki drill bush-shirt worn with some aplomb. The other, with blonde whiskers and an Armoured Brigade beret, wore a pullover with dummy pockets, so stretched through a white webbing belt that it nearly reached his knees.

"I later realised that this casual wear and eccentricity of character was quite typical of Eighth Army types in the desert."

There were no dress parades in that particular theatre. The emphasis was strictly on comfort. Silk scarves, suede boots, corduroy trousers and sheepskin jackets all served a practical purpose in an environment of choking clouds of dust, a shifting, dirty surface, and bitterly cold nights.

"Even while I was in that hellish place, Anzio, I would draw at every opportunity I could snatch, between advances and retreats. Of course, drawing materials were not easy to come by and when I ran out of paper I would sketch out ideas for cartoons on the plaster walls."

Whenever he could, Jon would send cartoons – including the embryonic "Two Types", who at that stage were "just two characters" – to the British Army newspapers.

"I had a small degree of success. Then, out of the blue, in the middle of training in the desert for the invasion of southern France, I was summoned to Algiers to see the colonel.

"It turned out that he'd had an application from the British Army Newspaper Unit, who wanted me to join them. The next day a destroyer had been laid on to take me to Naples: I couldn't believe my luck."

The "summons" had come from Hugh



174385 Capt Jones, WJP (retd) with a little piece of British Army history: A "Two Types" book published during the war

(now Lord) Cudlipp, the unit's Editor-in-Chief, who only knew Jon through his cartoons. Jon found himself not only free from military discipline but working alongside such literary luminaries as Bill Connor ("Cassandra") and author Hammond Innes.

"I drew for the Eighth Army News, Union Jack and the Sunday paper, The Crusader, but it was The Two Types which caught the imagination of the troops.

"It's hard to single out their precise appeal, but I suppose that basically they helped the morale of the officers and ORs in Africa and Italy. They were a bit like the Daily Mirror's Jane – only with a few more clothes on!"

"It took a little while before people understood what I was trying to say. I was laughing at the Army – as a member of the Army myself."

The series was syndicated all over the world, as far afield as Burma and India, and to all three Services.

And the reason why – except for a brief period at the end of 1944 when, in reprinting the cartoons, the Daily Express called them "Fortescue and ffoulkes" – the Types had no names?

"When I joined his unit, I was told by Cudlipp to go out and meet as many people as I could. I soon realised that it would be a mistake to christen my 'offspring', because it became apparent that every unit I visited had its own Two Types which they could instantly name."

"The greatest compliment I have ever been paid was when a Royal Engineer came up to me in the desert and said: 'Thank God for you – you made us laugh

"So what I did in the end was to keep

Jon, the cartoonist

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drawing them twice a week for provincial papers. By now, of course, they went under the banner: Civvy Types".

Eighth Army reunions helped to perpetuate their memory, with actors adding flesh and blood to the caricature.

And what about more recent conflicts involving British forces? Was there a place for a modern-day equivalent of Jon's duo?

"I can't see the Two Types fitting in to something like the Falklands. In any case, it never seemed to me to be a big war. And of course, the Gulf War was all over bar the shouting in no time at all."

"I was very happy and very proud in the Welch Regiment. If I were still drawing pocket cartoons [he retired from the Daily Mail in 1981 with a total of 15,000 of them published], I'd love to have my say about the cuts."

Any regrets?

"Only that I should have kept more of the original 'Types' cartoons. When I came out of the Army, I had lots of originals, but gave many of them away. I had a large box made, to carry the remainder, but it became a nuisance lugging them round each time I moved house."

"In the end, I decided that an ideal place to take them would be the Imperial War Museum. A bored-looking retired general decided that there was 'not a lot of room to store bloody cartoons' and so I ended up giving most of them to friends."

Jon had the last laugh, however.

In 1982, a London auction house put several originals 'under the hammer'. A total of £15,000 was raised – out of which donations were made to, among others, the Royal British Legion and the Falklands Fund.

One of the chief buyers was the Imperial War Museum . . .

Meanwhile, as the British passion for nostalgia grows, Jon is finding that, far from being forgotten, the Two Types live on in people's memories.

A reader of one publication wrote to ask what the pair wore. Letters, telephone calls and faded newspaper cuttings flooded in – a tribute indeed to the man behind the cartoons.

Jon admits that from time to time he used to get a bit fed up with drawing the Two Types.

"But I'm glad I persisted." Thousands of soldiers who fought in Africa and Italy would agree. The Foreign Legion's loss was certainly the British nation's gain.

* Jon's Complete Two Types is published by Belfew Publishing Company Limited, London, softback, £9.95.

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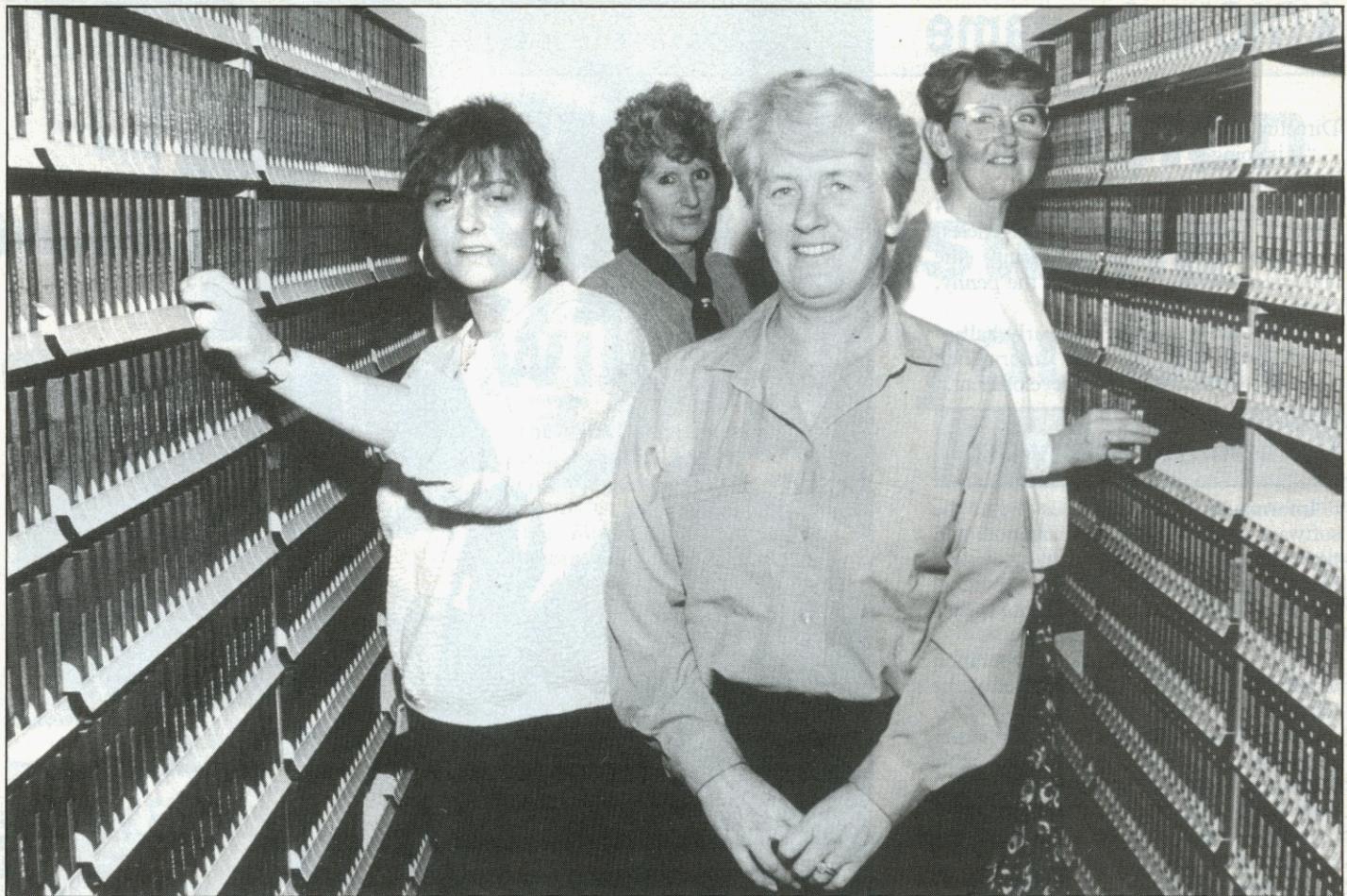
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Getting it taped: MoD employees (left to right) Kathy Saunders, Pam Tarry, "Bobby" Barter and Liz French of the media library. Staff in the library control the use of more than 14,000 magnetic tapes and cartridges, allocating them as appropriate, to the computer applications on Worthy's daily work schedule

AGIC's the name, data's the game

SHOULD THE Army ever want to trace a parachute-trained soldier who is a well-digger and also speaks Arabic, it need look no further than the Adjutant General Information Centre (AGIC) at Worthy Down.

Within seconds – at the worst, minutes – an operator can check through 1.3 million records and tell authorised callers whether such a paragon exists.

The secret, of course, is computers – which have made the old index card systems seem like something from prehistoric times.

Indeed, Worthy Down, near Winchester, can trace its history back to the Iron Age, when its first inhabitants, in the fourth century BC, were the Belgae.

The original Royal Army Pay Corps Computer Centre – rebuilt in 1988 and renamed last year – came about as a result of the ending of National Service, when the RAPC changed from manual pay

**Words: Phil Wilcox
Pictures: Terry Champion**

accounting methods to an automatic data processing system.

All Regimental Pay Offices (RPOs) were converted in turn. In 1960, there were 15 RPOs, now there are only five.

But the most significant development came in the years between 1971 and 1975, when personnel records and the Army manning system were automated.

Since its opening in September 1960, Worthy Down's data processing systems have been replaced and updated, reflecting technical advances, changing work patterns and the need to match the increasing workload.

In 1978 communications links were set up, providing remote input centres and a teleprocessing facility to all RPOs,

Manning and Record Offices, Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts) Ashton and, later, the Army Pensions Office in Glasgow.

This meant that selected information from the pay or pensions account or record of service could be shown on a visual display unit in the appropriate office. Eventually, the facility was extended to include officers' records of service.

An improved system was installed in 1985, while, at the other end of the scale, a microcomputer system had been developed and installed for Army unit administration throughout the world.

The previous year, on the hardware side, twin processors had been set up at the centre, replaced by more modern versions in 1989.

"The computer now has a more significant part than ever before in the Army's role," said Brig Frank Roberts,

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Director of AGIC.

"It is going to be one of the key elements in the AG's Corps concept."

The Centre deals with a staggering £4 billion a year in more than 20 currencies.

Perhaps even more staggering, the amount works out correctly to the penny, claims Brig Roberts.

AGIC's 329 employees – nearly half of whom are Army – cover Information Services, Operations and Development.

Information Services

Information Services deals with the software supporting Army personnel and pay administration, as well as providing users with access to the personnel information they require – and the means of processing it locally.

Reservists' call-up papers for Operation Granby, for example, were prepared at the Centre.

Apart from having details of the Army manning and pay network at their fingertips, Information Services staff deal with recruiting.

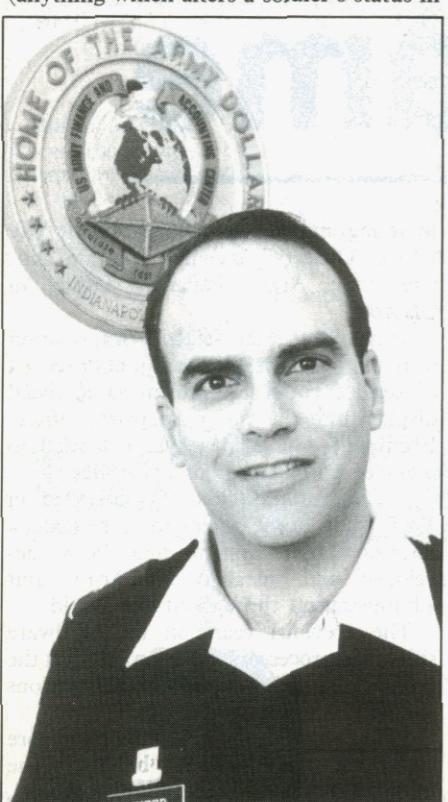
Another specialist task is printing camera-ready copy for the Army List.

Cpl Moira Cameron, AGIC's first female JNCO, was a pay clerk in Cyprus before she was posted to Worthy Down last November.

"It's been an eye-opener dealing with ad hoc personnel requests," she said. "I feel defeated if I can't tell a caller the name of, say, someone in the Royal Signals who is an underwater juggler . . ."

More seriously, she added, queries can range from a soldier's current fitness assessment to details of his service record.

There were nine million "occurrences" (anything which alters a soldier's status in



Maj Tom Lineer, on exchange



Cpl Moira Cameron

any way, such as getting married) in 1990, explained Col Mike Guthrie, Assistant Director, Information Services.

After data had been fed into the mainframe computer, these resulted in 15 million payments.

Details are also maintained, for statistical purposes, of persons who have left the Army.

The Pay and Pensions Systems organisation at AGIC deals with more than 800,000 accounts, worldwide, including 21,000 Gurkha pensioners in Nepal, India, Brunei, Thailand, Hong Kong – and Wales.

The Centre also maintains a micro-computer system for the British High Commission in Singapore, paying, among others, resident Army pensioners.

All this in addition to Regular and Territorial soldiers' and officers' salaries.

"The accounts also include Reservists' pay – even if it is for as little as one day a year," said Col Guthrie.

As far as the average soldier's pay is concerned, instead of masses of paper being involved in its preparation every month, tons of data can be reduced to a tiny microfiche.

Impact printers running at 2,000 lines a minute have speeded up the vital operation of printing pay statements and ensuring they are dispatched on time.

And the all-important AB592B books which Reservists know well are run off extremely quickly.

Casting a Transatlantic eye over part of Information Services' work at Worthy Down is Maj Tom Lineer, US Army, currently on an exchange posting from Fort Harrison, Indianapolis, main base for the US Army Finance Corps. Maj Lineer is, among other things, budget manager for the British Army's information technology resources.

"Our respective methods are similar, but not the same," he said.

But there is no denying one aspect common to both countries: in its own version of Options for Change, the US Army is already making cuts.

However, on this side of the Atlantic, there does seem to be at least one area of growth – recruitment.

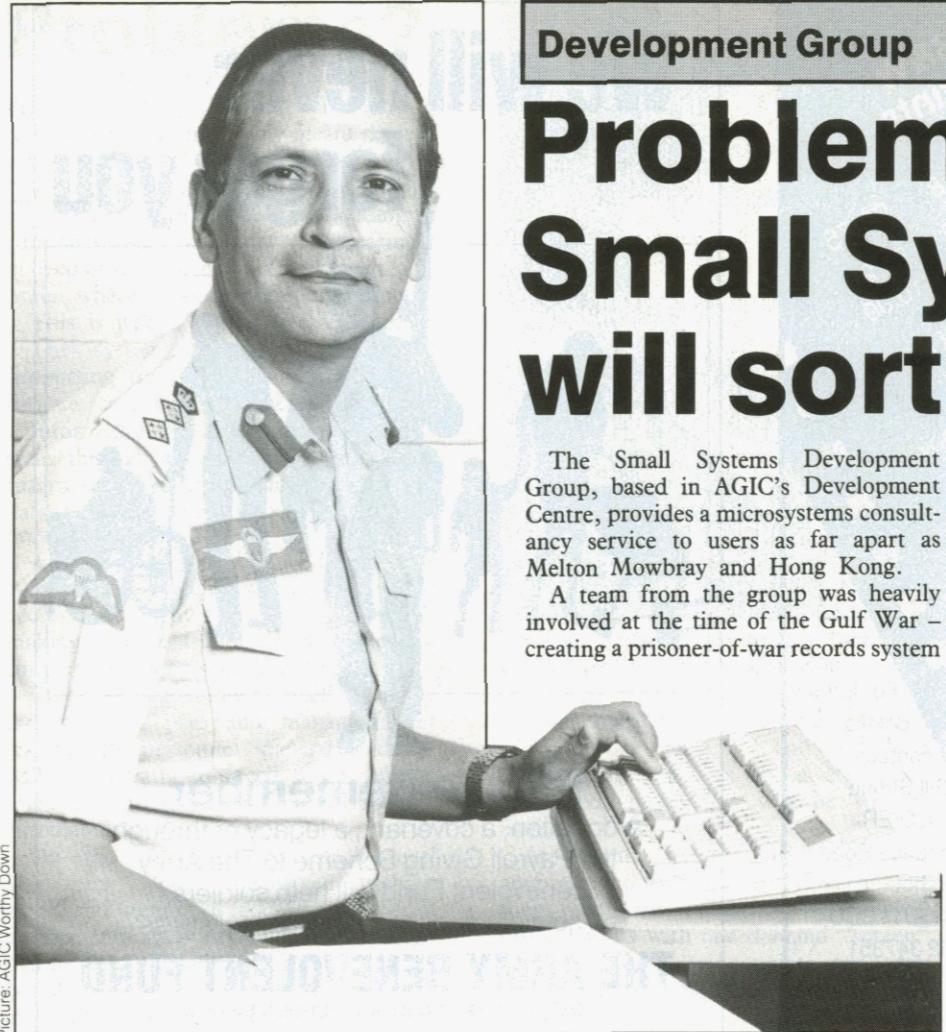
"There was a significant increase in applicants after Operation Granby," said SSgt Chris Myers, Manpower Systems section.

"And we are still recruiting quite strongly in most areas."

He and his colleagues are at the sharp end of Project March – the Army's on-line recruiting system.

A daily call is made to more than 250 recruitment offices connected to the mainframe computer at AGIC. Information is passed to the Army Recruitment Centre at Sutton Coldfield which then allocates jobs to appropriate posts.

"We are given annual targets by different corps, saying how many recruits they will want, and split new applications up accordingly," said SSgt Myers.



UNICOM Project Manager Col Sean O'Meara



The Adjutant General Information Centre at Worthy Down

Operations Centre

The data from the Manpower Systems section, and all of the other sections used by AGIC's customers, is processed by Worthy Down's Operations Centre.

Here, among other things, a nationwide "Help Desk" deals with users' problems such as hardware failures and programming queries. Currently averaging 50 calls a day, operators at the desk use a software package to record problems, number them, allocate a severity level and direct them to the appropriate section to be dealt with.

The problem is monitored and users kept informed of progress: severity levels are graded from one to nine, but so far the desk has never reached level nine –

"catastrophic"!

Staff in the Systems Software division of the Operations Centre evaluate new software products – and provide a case, if necessary, for obtaining new or replacement items.

"We discuss with users what they want," said an officer in the division. "It's very much a case of specific systems tailored for specific people – but there is a common core. The systems should be both easy to use and easy to maintain."

Around 130 commercial software products from different suppliers, together with several in-house developed tools and utilities are maintained by System Software programmers.

in four days, followed by a casualty-recording system.

These programmes are now being re-written for general use, to be integrated into brigades' plans.

Also on the horizon are plans to replace the existing system at AGIC with a local area network system which will offer multiple applications on the same terminal.

This would mean that diagnostic help could be given remotely to users in, say, Hong Kong or Cyprus by "logging in" to their machine.

At present, AGIC's Maj Nick Bayes and his colleagues (slogan: "Have computer – will travel, have problem – will find solution") fly to overseas units as troubleshooters, installing computers and explaining how they work.

It goes without saying that, with Worthy Down's history of innovation, a project is currently being developed there which "will transform the way units work."

Working within the Assistant Chief of the General Staff's top level budget, and composed of officers, WOs and NCOs representing all branches of the Army, plus civil servants and computer consultants, the Unit Computing (UNICOM) project is the Army's largest general purpose computer project.

Its aim is to provide units with one standard computer system covering common planning, administration and quartermastering functions, replacing many manual and automated systems.

UNICOM also aims to provide unit COs with a management information system to help with day-to-day admin and to provide office automation and electronic mail facilities throughout units.

Work on the new system is progressing well and, following unit trials and acceptance sometime this year, implementation is due to start late next year.

"Installation should be complete in all Regular and TA units with a strength – or administrative responsibility of 50 or more military personnel some time in 1997," said Maj Alan Griffin, a member of the UNICOM team.

Over the past five to ten years, he explained, a growing quantity of small computer systems has been introduced at unit level.

Although attempts have been made to standardise both hard and software, the

Development Group

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The Small Systems Development Group, based in AGIC's Development Centre, provides a microsystems consultancy service to users as far apart as Melton Mowbray and Hong Kong.

A team from the group was heavily involved at the time of the Gulf War – creating a prisoner-of-war records system

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sheer diversity of the modern Army's requirements has inevitably meant there is a wide variety of systems in use.

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This is where UNICOM comes in.

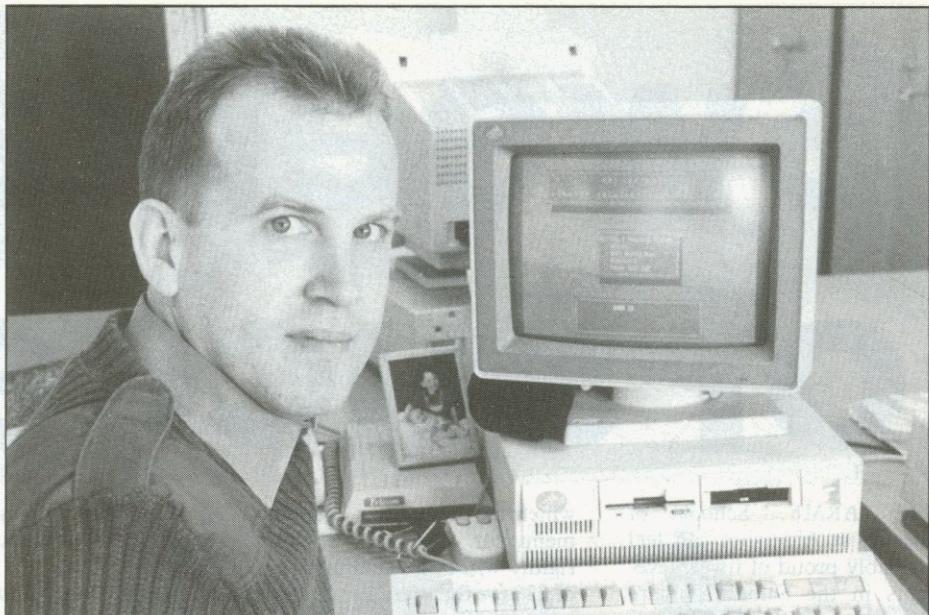
The system will have a database supporting training, personnel and pay, finance, catering, equipment and stores.

Information will be obtained from those areas through an advanced Management Information System — giving access to the data to a far wider population than at present.

There will also be a full Office Automation System which will allow access to the Army's "wide area network", making communication between units a simple operation, said Maj Griffin.

To put each area in a nutshell, it will be far easier to plan and manage career training, the personnel "paper mountain" will be greatly reduced, and budget management and accounting will be fully automated.

On the catering side, stock level accounting will be achieved without significant wastage of food, and records of entitlements such as double milk rations will be instantly available. The system will be 20 times faster than the present one — and will provide at least 100 times more storage space. Similarly, documents



Sgt Paul Collard, from AGIC's Technical Support Group, is involved in a project to get Gurkha pay on to the computer

relating to equipment — anything from a watch to a tank — will be held electronically, and, as far as stores are concerned, procedures will be streamlined.

At present, for example, orders for ammunition, food and petrol each have their own form. The new system will provide units with one demand "screen" for all items and point out any "mis-matches" at the end of the procedure.

As Maj Griffin pointed out: "To meet

the requirements of Options for Change, UNICOM will revolutionise unit administration in all of these functions — thus easing the load on commanding officers and their staff as well as creating a more technical, more efficient and faster acting Army."

So, far from being just "that place where my pay comes from", officers and soldiers of all ranks might like to ponder the fact that there is a lot more going on at the former staging post for sheep bound for Smithfield than they might imagine . . .

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THE ARMY School of Catering at Aldershot can feel justifiably proud of its achievements in the Salon Culinaire competition at the Hotelympia exhibition, Kensington, where it won more than 40 awards.

But especially delighted are WO2s Lou Jones and Mick Hunt. They were the first serving Army representatives for more than 15 years to appear in the prestigious National Chef of the Year final.

On the day, they ended up in third and fourth places respectively – behind civilian entrants based in Paris and Eastbourne – but that was from an initial field of almost 400 competitors.

"We were invited to apply 18 months ago and had to produce a potential four-course menu for 350 people," said WO2 Hunt.

The initial 380 entries were sifted by judges from the Craft Guild of Chefs, on the criteria of elements like costs, balance and skills, and were whittled down to 32 semi-finalists."

Four regional heats were held to produce eight finalists.

"We then had one month in

which to submit a suitable menu for the final, sticking rigidly within a maximum cost of £36 for the ingredients. That was a work of art in itself.

"You start to create a dish, for example, and then find the one essential ingredient which you want will break the budget. And there are restrictions on the way one can use, say meat. For instance, we can't have pheasant and duck on the same menu."

In the end, with 93p to spare – and his ingredients calculated to the ounce – WO2 Hunt opted for *Consommé de poisson et délices de fruits de mer* (a melange of seafood delights perfumed with coriander and centred within a light consommé), followed by *Terrine de riz de veau aux herbes du jardin* (terrine of sweet-breads encased within a crust of delicate fungi and served upon crisp herb leaves, moistened with a raspberry dressing).

He is now looking ahead to the Craft Guild of Chefs' world culinary Olympics at Frankfurt in October, where he has secured a place.

Looking ahead to something entirely different is WO2 Lou Jones.

Currently nearing the end of a two-year exchange at the Army Centre of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia, WO2 Jones will be leaving the Service after more than 20 years when his tour is completed.

Lou, who flew back specially for the competition, hopes to run a private hotel and do the catering himself.

His menu of *nage* of lobster, warm salad of veal sweetbread and *girolles* (mushrooms), loin of venison in sauce, and *soufflé exotique* gained him a prestigious third place.

SSgt Steve Whitworth, his counterpart from Fort Lee, did the US Army proud. In his first entry in a major British competition he collected two silver medals.

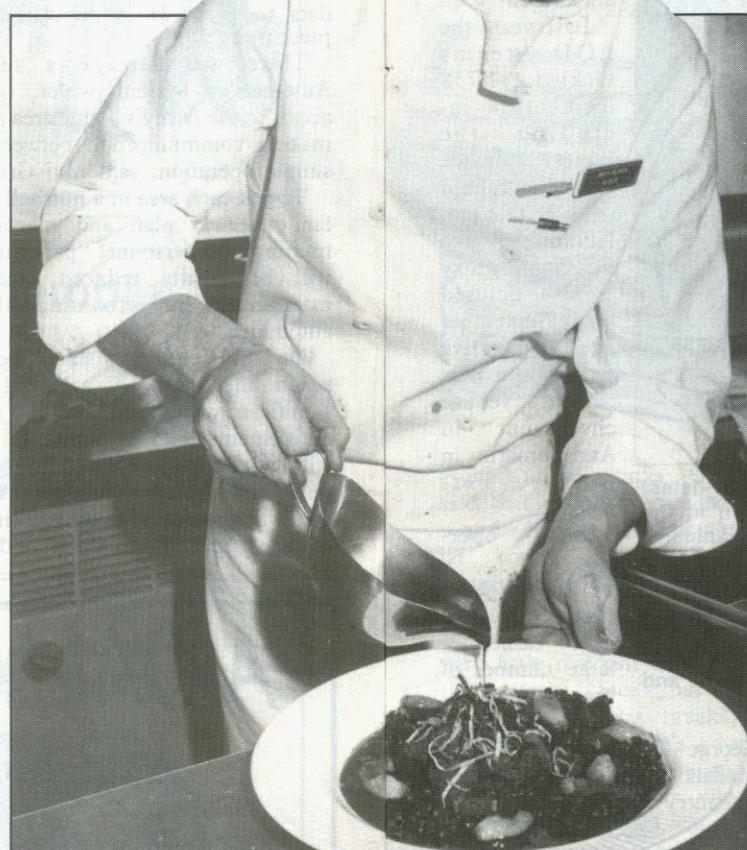
Army School of Catering civilian instructors also did well, Brian Jones and Peter Dau winning an award for a special arrangement for the Table of Honours in the Salon.

This is a category for chefs who have already won three gold medals in the past and are therefore precluded from entering other categories.

potatoes and dressed with a light game and blueberry *jus lie*.

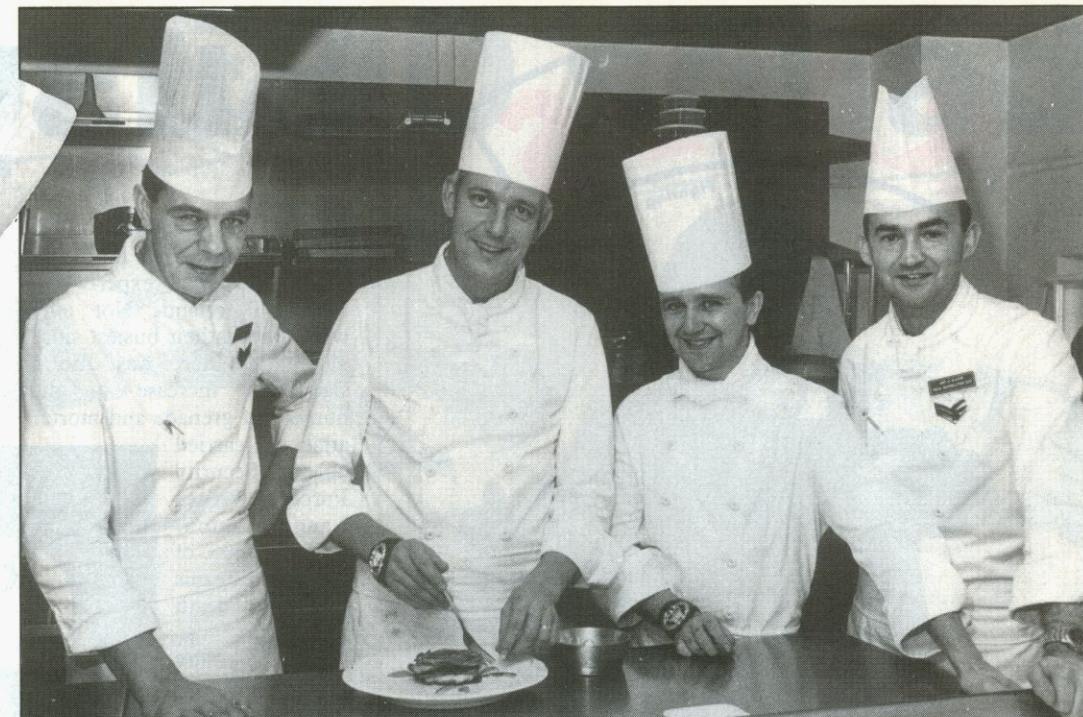
And to round it off there was a small charlotte of apples scented with ginger and cloves, served accompanied by a delicate compôte of seasonal fruits bedded upon a vanilla and caramel sauce.

"Naturally, there was quite a lot at stake (£2,000 prize money and a china cigar case) but, if you'll excuse the pun, winning is just the icing on the cake. The main thing is that the Army has proved it can hold its own against the best civilian competition," said WO2 Hunt.



Adding the finishing touch to loin of venison is Greg Oliver

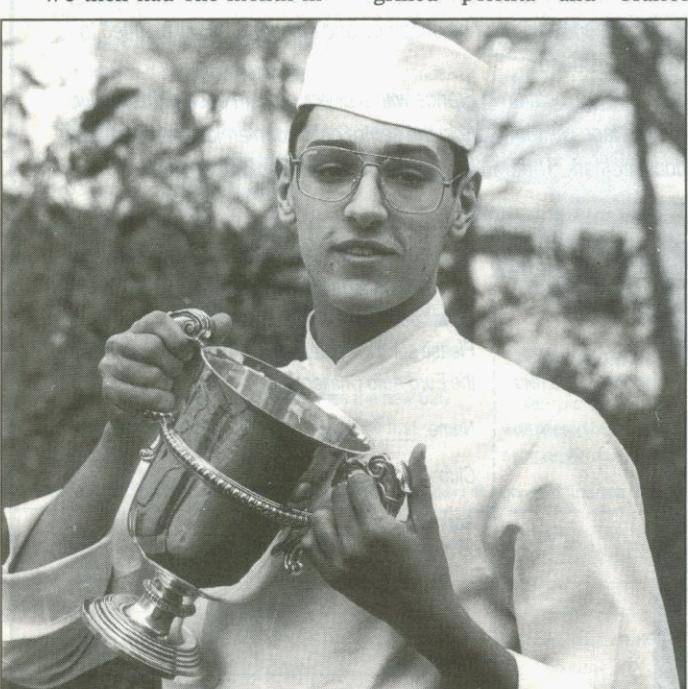
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WO2s Lou Jones and Mick Hunt (centre) with commis-chefs, Sgts Martin Topping (left) and Dave Oliver



Happy line-up of winners, military and civilian, at Aldershot



App John Mulligan keeps a firm grip on the Apprentices' Trophy

HOTELMPIA RESULTS

Special award (Junior Grand Prix) – Army Apprentices College, ACC.
Chef of the Year – WO2 Lou Jones (3rd); WO2 Mick Hunt (4th).

Special award – Snr Instr Off Brian Jones and Higher Instr Off Peter Dau (Table of Honour).

SENIORS

Gold medals – SSgt Garry Young (pastillage); HIO Andy Whitson (decorated celebration cake – royal icing); WO1 Phil Sims (restaurant sweet); IO Greg Oliver (venison or game); Cpl Andy Clements and Marie Pearson (Inter-Service cook and serve); WO2 Lou Jones (offal – open).

Silver medals – SSgt Pete O'Callaghan (decorated celebration cake – sugar paste); HIO Louis Espanon and SSgt Steve Whitworth (US Army) (show platter of meat); Sgt Chris Boul, Pete Johnson and Andy Sargent (Master Chefs Team Grand Prix); SFC Richard Mutz (US Army) (cuisine moderne); SSgt Steve Whitworth (US Army) (show platter of salmon); Sgt Andy Sargent (individual Inter-Service).

Bronze medals – LCpl Gavin Wakeham (miniatures); SFC Richard Mutz (US Army); Cpl Robert Stevens (decorated celebration cake – royal icing); SSgt Mick Bateman (duck); HIO Louis Espanon (show platter of fish); HIO Chris Willson (petit fours).

HIO Louis Espanon (show platter of salmon); Sgt Martin Topping/SSgt Mick Bateman (individual Inter-Service); SSgt Les Penaluna (show platter of game).

Certificates of Merit – SSgt Garry Young (decorated celebration cake – sugar paste); Cpl Pete Bennison/Pte Shona Muffit (Inter-Service cook and serve); IO Greg Oliver (international fish); IO Dave Oliver (show platter of poultry); Sgt Kevin Tibble (first course).

JUNIORS

Gold medals – App Keith Newman (decorated celebration cake – sugar paste); App Michael Wells (decorated celebration cake – royal icing); App Shem Newman (show platter of meat); Ptes Campbell Ross and Donna Oliver (cook and serve).

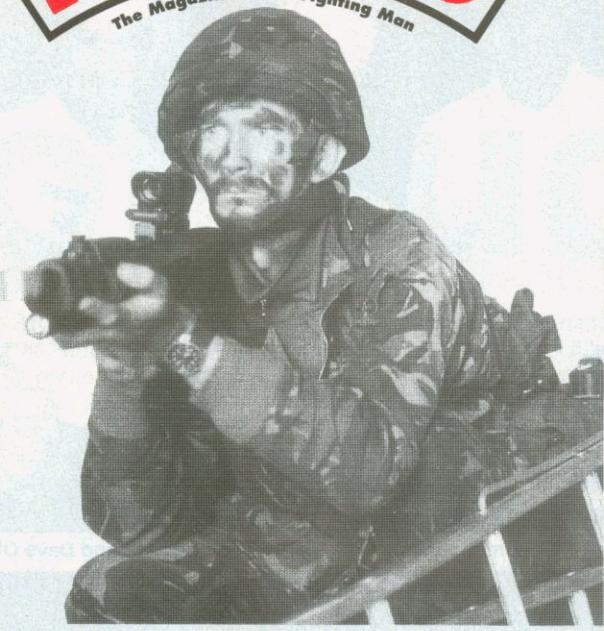
Silver medals – App Stuart Bone (miniatures); App Alex Sandison (works in chocolate); App LCpl Colin Cook (decorated celebration cake – sugar paste); App RSM David Rimmington (decorated celebration cake – royal icing); App Phillip Handoll (show platter of fish).

Bronze medals – App Sheridan Lott (miniatures); App John Mulligan (show platter of poultry).

Certificates of Merit – Apps Matthew Beardwell/David Harries (works in marzipan).

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Busy times for EOD squad

BY ALL accounts, 1991 proved a hectic year for Army bomb disposal experts in Northern Ireland. Not only were they at their busiest since 1978, but there was also a significant increase in the number of grenade and mortar attacks carried out on Security Forces, writes Laurie Manton.

The efforts of the EOD teams to prevent death and injury also brought the benefit of reducing public expenditure, for each bomb defused meant less money being paid out to repair damaged property. But the repair costs for April, May and June 1991 still totalled £1.5 million.

Bomb disposal in Northern Ireland is the responsibility of 321 Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The unit is the only agency in Northern Ireland permitted to investigate and render safe suspect improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

During the past 20 years, the 321 EOD Coy has dealt with

more than 40,000 emergency calls – about 40 calls a week. Of these, more than 4,700 were terrorist bombs involving over 205,000lb of explosives.

Since the start of the Troubles in 1969, 17 EOD operators and three team members have been killed and 22 injured.

Last year, the EOD teams tackled 1,758 incidents, including the largest device ever neutralised in Northern Ireland – a 3,500kg proxy bomb defused last September after an abortive attack on a permanent vehicle checkpoint in Annaghmartin in County Fermanagh.

EOD operators working in Northern Ireland have earned a large number of bravery awards, among them two George Crosses, 30 George Medals and 60 Queen's Gallantry Medals.

The Chief Ammunition Technical Officer (CATO) for Northern Ireland talked of the fight against terrorist bombs.

Speaking at an EOD demonstration on an Army demolition



The coffee-jar bomb – latest home-made weapon in the terrorist arsenal. Explosive is packed into a steel tube inside the jar. When thrown, the glass breaks, releasing a depressed switch. Last year there were 73 incidents resulting in two deaths and two serious injuries

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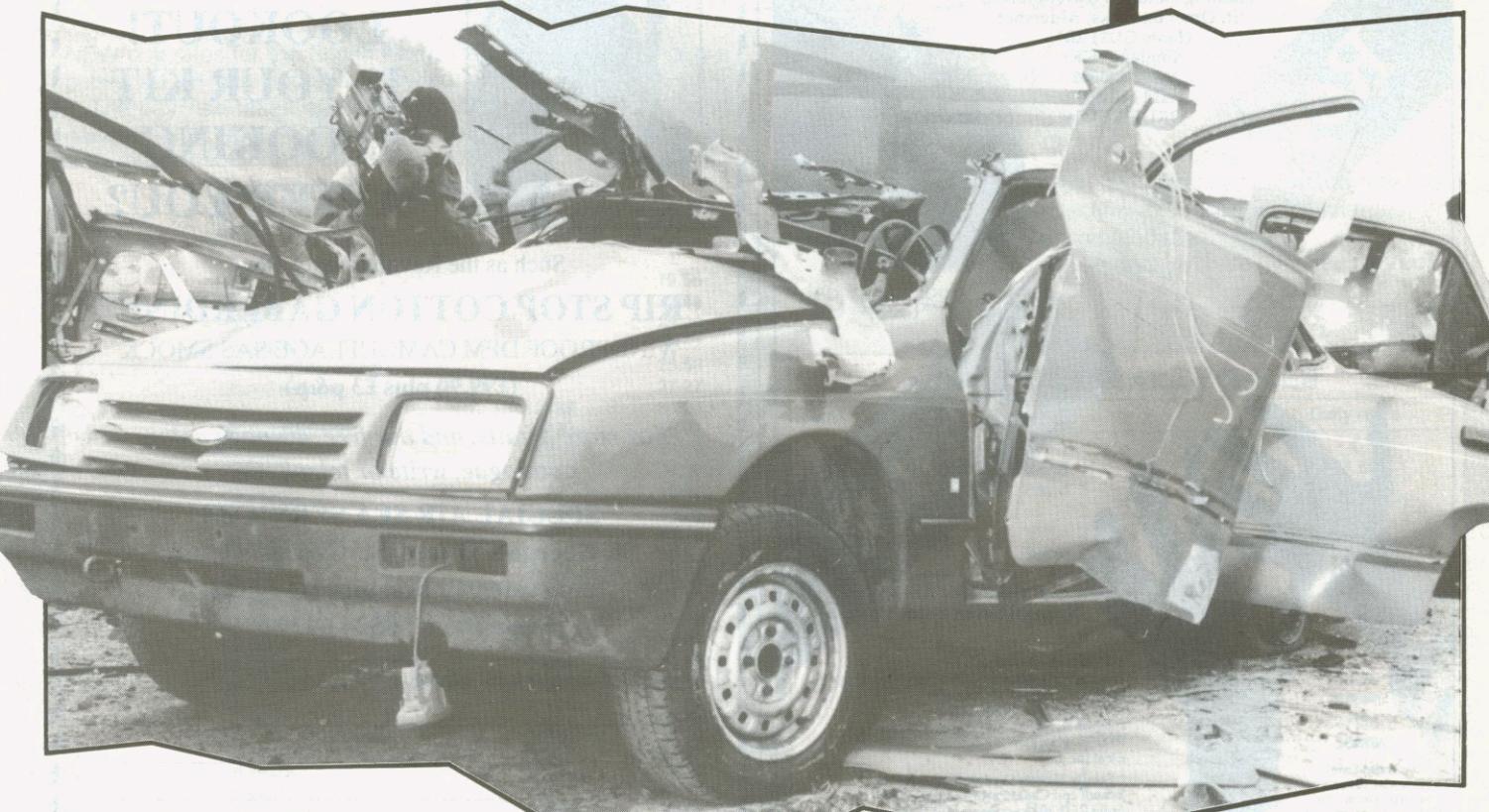
Attacks against Security Force bases had been a feature of 1991.

At one base, about 1,000kg was packed into a dumper truck which was crashed through the security fence and detonated.

"You are talking about large amounts of explosive. It might not be as good as military explosives but when you count that hundreds of pounds of it are used, the effect is quite tremendous.

"At Market Hill, there was an enormous hole in the ground with blast damage out to three or four hundred metres away. Imagine the devastation that would have been caused at Annaghmartin if that 3,500kg device had been detonated," said CATO.

CATO said there was no such thing as an easy bomb to defuse. "Every bomb is difficult. You can never be sure what you are up against until the device has been made safe



ground at Ballykinler, CATO said that it had been a hectic year for his teams. "The coffee jar bomb made its first appearance in Belfast last May, and its use has since spread across the Province. There is very little one can do against these attacks. Once it has been thrown and the glass breaks, it generally functions. It's a very good little weapon," he said.

"The Mk 12 mortar, which first appeared in 1989, was used 28 times against the Security Forces, resulting in four deaths and four serious injuries."

Attacks against individuals using under-vehicle booby traps left three dead and several others injured.

"They don't need large amounts of explosive to kill someone. Two ounces in the right place will kill. The only way to protect yourself against this very dangerous weapon is to look under your car. You must get to know the underside of your vehicle," he said.

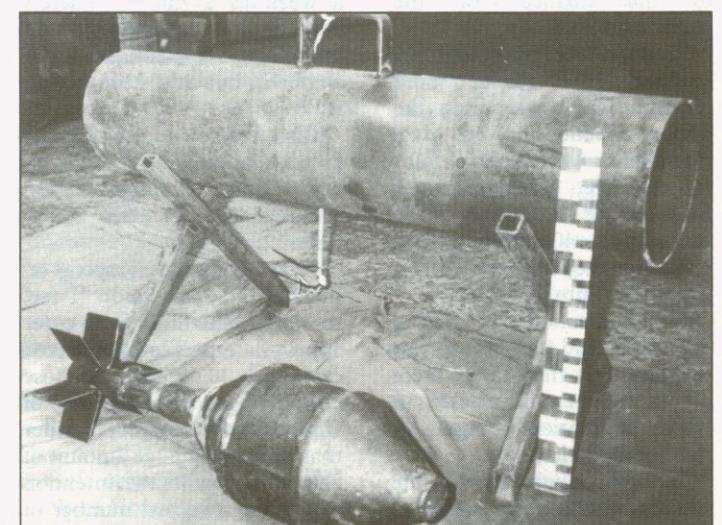
As sources for commercial explosive dry up, the terrorists are making more and more use of home-made explosive (HME), but it needs up to three times the amount of manufactured explosive to be as effective.

"If TNT was on a scale of 100, the HME would register 40. Their production techni-

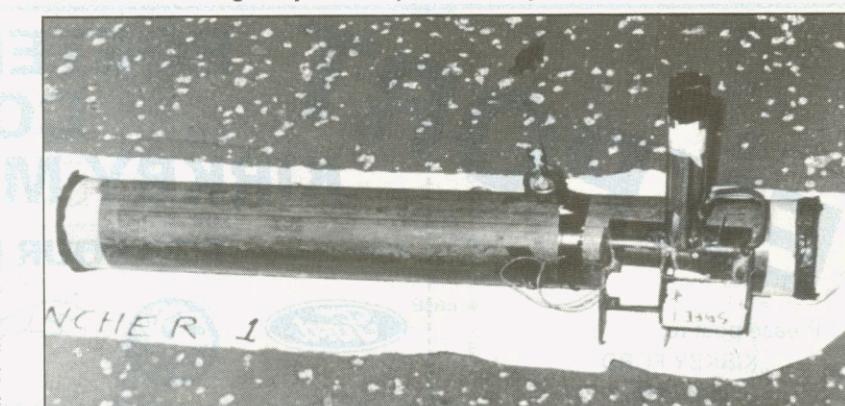
ques get better, but they learn a lot of hard lessons and have suffered a number of own goals," he said.

Ammunition technical officers required special qualities. "ATO's are basically ammunition technicians who as part of their trade learn all there is to know about the ammunition and explosives used by the Land Army, from a .22 bullet through to a missile.

"They are very experienced in terms of military rank, so we don't have 18-year-olds carrying out bomb disposal. They have to be stable-minded and technically well-qualified."



The Mk 12 mortar, which first appeared in 1989, has been used 28 times against the Security Forces, causing four deaths and four serious injuries. It uses an impact fuse and varies from other mortars by firing an anti-armour warhead containing Semtex from a horizontally-mounted tube



New on the terrorist scene in Northern Ireland last year was the improvised grenade launcher known to the Army as the PRIG (Projected Recoiless Improvised Grenade). The weapon was used seven times in 1991 and on each occasion failed to hit its target

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YOUR NEW PAY SCALES

A SOLDIER SPECIAL FEATURE

NEW pay rates for the British Army, Regular and Territorial are published on this and the following pages.

The pay rise takes effect in full from April 1. It reflects the decision of the Government to accept in full the

recommendations of the 1992 Armed Forces Pay Review Body report, and amounts to an increase in basic pay of 5.9 per cent, with appropriate adjustments for certain ranks and bands. Warrant officers in Bands 6 and 7 will receive an increase of 7.9 per cent. No changes have been made to the X Factor.

Accommodation charges have increased at broadly 9 per cent for married quarters (reflecting increased water charges) and 5 per cent for single accommodation.

Pay for doctors and dentists will be the subject of a separate report.

OFFICERS – MAIN SCALE

Rank	Service	Annual	Daily rates
		£	£
2 Lt	On appointment	19.56	
Univ Cadet	+1 year	22.45	
	+2 years	25.20	
	+3 years	27.52	
2 Lt (SSLC)	On commissioning	25.53	
	After 9 months	27.27	
2 Lt	On appointment	34.04	
Lt	16429	45.01	
	+1 year	46.19	
	+2 years	47.37	
	+3 years	48.55	
	+4 years	49.73	
Capt	On appointment	57.28	
	+1 year	58.83	
	+2 years	60.38	
	+3 years	61.93	
	+4 years	63.48	
	+5 years	65.03	
	+6 years	66.58	
Maj	On appointment	72.19	
	+1 year	73.98	
	+2 years	75.77	
	+3 years	77.56	
	+4 years	79.35	
	+5 years	81.14	
	+6 years	82.93	
	+7 years	84.72	
	+8 years	86.51	
Lt Col	Special list	99.54	
	On appointment/under 19 years service	101.27	
	2/19 years in rank/service	103.94	
	4/21 years in rank/service	106.61	
	6/23 years in rank/service	109.28	
	8/25 years in rank/service	111.95	
Col	On appointment	117.95	
	+2 years	121.05	
	+4 years	124.15	
	+6 years	127.25	
	+8 years	130.35	
Brig		144.68	
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OFFICERS REGULAR COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY)

Daily rates

	£
On appointment/commission	69.35
1 year	70.39
2 years	71.43
3 years	72.47
4 years	73.51
5 years	74.55
6 years	75.59
8 years	76.63

OFFICERS FROM RANKS SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION (LATE ENTRY)

Years of soldier service

<12 yrs 12-15 yrs 15 yrs+

	£	£	£
On appointment/commission	62.95	66.15	69.35
1 year	64.55	67.75	70.39
2 years	66.15	69.35	71.43
3 years	67.75	70.39	72.47
4 years	69.35	71.43	73.51
5 years	70.39	72.47	74.55
6 years	71.43	73.51	75.59
8 years	72.47	74.55	76.63
10 years	73.51	75.59	76.63
12 years	74.55	76.63	76.63
14 years	75.59	76.63	76.63
16 years	76.63	76.63	76.63

SOLDIERS SCALE B RATES

Rank		Daily rates
	£	
Pte 4	Band 1	21.60
3	Band 1	24.16
	2	28.01
	3	32.28
2	Band 1	26.99
	2	30.85
	3	35.12
1	Band 1	29.26
	2	33.11
	3	37.38
LCpl 3	Band 1	29.26
	2	33.11
	3	37.38
2	Band 1	31.24
	2	35.10
	3	39.71
1	Band 1	33.59
	2	37.45
	3	42.06
Cpl 2	Band 1	36.05
	2	39.90
	3	44.52
1	Band 1	38.67
	2	42.53
	3	47.15
Sgt	Band 4	42.14
	5	46.30
	6	50.85
SSgt	Band 4	44.54
	5	48.70
	6	53.26
	7	58.76
WO2	Band 4	47.61
	5	51.77
	6	57.39
	7	63.00
WO1	Band 4	50.75
	5	54.91
	6	60.59
	7	66.20

NOTE: For Scale A deduct 30 pence

For Scale C add 45 pence

LENGTH OF SERVICE INCREMENTS (LSI) Daily Rates

Rank	9 yr	12 yr	15 yr	18 yr	22 yr
	£	£	£	£	£
Pte	0.75	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05
LCpl	0.75	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05
Cpl	0.75	1.05	1.25	1.25	1.25
Sgt	0.90	1.25	1.55	1.85	1.85
SSgt	0.90	1.25	1.55	2.15	2.15
WO2	0.90	1.25	1.55	2.15	2.45
WO1	0.90	1.25	1.55	2.15	2.80

JUNIOR ENTRANTS

Age	Daily rates
17.5 and over	21.30
17 but under 17.5	16.10
16.5 but under 17	13.27
16 but under 16.5	13.27

ADDITIONAL PAY

Daily rates of additional pay have been increased as follows:

Officer pilots and flying instructors	£	
Initial rate	8.42	
Middle rate	14.15	
Top rate	21.37	
Lt Col after 6 years	20.22	
Lt Col after 8 years	19.03	
Colonel on appointment	17.83	
Colonel after 2 years	16.64	
Colonel after 4 years	15.46	
Colonel after 6 years	13.68	
Colonel after 8 years	11.89	
Brigadier	7.13	
Soldier pilots and flying instructors	£	
All ranks	Initial Rate	8.42
	Middle Rate	14.15
	Top Rate	21.37
Parachutists	£	
All Ranks		3.18
Parachute jump instructors	£	
All Ranks		4.24
Air Despatch	£	
Under Trg/Lower Rate	2.92	
High Rate	4.72	
RCT helicopter crews	£	
All Ranks		2.92
Aircrewmen	£	
All Ranks	Initial Rate	4.18
	Middle Rate	9.20
	Top Rate	10.82
SAS	£	
	Lower Rate	Higher Rate
All Officers and WOs	14.10	19.76
WO2, SSgt, Sgt	11.31	16.94
Cpl and below	9.19	14.80
Work of an objectionable nature	£	
All Ranks		2.10
Falkland Islands	£	
All Ranks		3.80
Northern Ireland	£	
All Ranks up to Brig		3.80
Gurkha Service	£	
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All ranks	Lower Rate	Higher Rate
0.50	0.50	0.85
Experimental	£	
All ranks	per test	1.60
Sea command money	£	
All officers/WOs		1.00
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		5.61
Special Communications	£	
Sgt to WO1	6.76	
Sig to Cpl	5.07	
Divers	£	
All ranks	Category	
ACAD	1	2.44
UDS: Army	2	4.88
AAD	3	7.00
ADS	4	11.87
ADI	4	11.87
Separation Allowance	£	
UK and NW Europe	2.70	
Elsewhere	3.45	
Work in unpleasant conditions	£	
Soldiers only		0.55
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Additional Housing Rate	3.94	1.42
		1.99

ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

Daily Rates

ENGLAND, WALES AND OVERSEAS				
Overseas rates must include Overseas Facility Charge				
Married quarters				
Type	Grade			
I	1	2	3	4
	8.36	7.60	5.31	3.35
II	7.55	6.86	4.80	3.04
III	6.62	6.03	4.24	2.71
IV	5.81	5.29	3.84	2.44
V	5.09	4.65	3.34	2.20
D/WO	4.05	3.69	2.70	1.73
C	3.72	3.40	2.48	1.62
B	3.43	3.13	2.28	1.50
A	2.62	2.39	1.77	1.20
Single accommodation				
Rank	Grade			
Maj and above	1	2	3	4
	3.37	3.06	2.22	1.41
Capt and below	2.81	2.56	1.84	1.19
WO/SNCO	2.09	1.90	1.39	0.90
Cpl and below	1.21	1.11	0.83	0.57
Junior	0.94	0.86	0.66	0.46

NORTHERN IRELAND				
Married quarters				
Type	Grade			
I	1	2	3	4
	6.43	5.35	2.70	0.42
II	5.55	4.61	2.34	0.37
III	3.55	2.87	1.25	NIL
IV	3.05	2.47	1.11	NIL
V	2.69	2.18	0.97	NIL
D/WO	2.34	1.92	0.93	NIL
C	2.14	1.76	0.85	NIL
B	1.94	1.59	0.77	NIL
A	1.50	1.23	0.60	NIL
Single accommodation NIL				

OVERSEAS FACILITY CHARGE				
Married quarters				
Type	Grade			
I	1	2	3	4
	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
II	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
III	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.59
IV	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.35
V	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.20
D/WO	1.60	1.60	1.36	0.91
C	1.59	1.46	1.14	0.76
B	1.36	1.23	0.96	0.65
A	0.78	0.71	0.55	0.38
Single accommodation				
Rank	Grade			
Maj and above	1	2	3	4
	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.68
Capt and below	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.60
WO/SNCO	0.80	0.76	0.60	0.42
Cpl and below	0.45	0.42	0.33	0.24
New food charges (£ per week)				
Single	All ranks		20.65	
MUA	All ranks		13.30	

SCOTLAND				
Married quarters				
Type	Grade			
I	1	2	3	4
	7.95	7.19	4.90	2.94
II	7.14	6.45	4.39	2.63
III	6.21	5.62	3.83	2.30
IV	5.40	4.88	3.43	2.03
V	4.68	4.24	2.93	1.79
D/WO	3.71	3.35	2.36	1.39
C	3.38	3.06	2.14	1.28
B	3.09	2.79	1.94	1.16
A	2.28	2.05	1.43	0.86
Single accommodation				
Rank	Grade			
Maj and above	1	2	3	4
	3.23	2.92	2.08	1.27
Capt and below	2.67	2.42	1.70	1.05
WO/SNCO	1.95	1.76	1.25	0.76
Cpl and below	1.07	0.97	0.69	0.43
Junior	0.80	0.72	0.52	0.32
For those in Scotland who do not pay a water charge direct to their local authority add 19p for married and 9p for single accommodation per day.				

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS		
Rank	Service	Annual
Brigadier		52,808
Colonel	After 8 yrs	47,578
	6 yrs	46,446
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	21 years	95.89
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	25 years	102.35
	27 years	105.42
Col	On appointment	111.07
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Rank	Service	Rates
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	2 years	54.34
	3 years	55.74
	4 years	57.13
	5 years	58.53
	6 years	59.92
	On appnt	64.97
	After 1 year	66.58
	2 years	68.19
	3 years	69.80
	4 years	71.42
	5 years	73.03
	6 years	74.64
	On appointment	91.14

NON REGULAR PERM STAFF

Rank	On appnt	After 3 yrs	6 yrs	9 yrs
Pte	26.06	26.15	26.25	26.36
LCpl	29.96	30.06	30.16	30.26
Cpl (Class II)	36.32	36.42	36.52	36.62
Cpl (Class I)	38.68	38.78	38.88	38.98
Sgt	42.08	42.18	42.28	42.38
SSgt/Signal				
Instructors	44.24	44.34	44.44	44.54
WO (Class II)	52.06	52.16	52.26	52.36
WO (Class I)	59.98	60.08	60.18	60.28

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PAY REPORT

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comprehensive dissemination of our main recommendations".

Main recommendations in the report were for increases and upratings of:

- Basic pay;
- Length of service increments;
- Pay scales for officers promoted from the ranks;
- Pay scales for university cadets;
- Northern Ireland pay;
- South Georgia and Falkland Islands pay;
- London pay;
- Separation pay;
- Charges for accommodation and mortgage benefits.

Other points were:

Nurses: The review body notes discrepancies between the three Services in the ways in which nurses are employed and graded, and is aware that NHS changes sit uneasily with the Service rank structure.

Members have doubts about the appropriateness of the paybanding system for nurses and will be discussing it with the MoD.

Lost leave: Members of the AFPRB have felt "increasingly uneasy" over the past two years about leave lost because of

Service commitments, including Operation Granby. Some units had failed to keep records, making it difficult to assess the true position. MoD has been asked to produce figures for the 1993 report.

Fringe benefits: The report notes "a net advantage" to civilians over more senior officers on major fringe benefits – such as provision of company cars, private medical insurance and accommodation and mortgage benefits.

Unequal pensions: A number of soldiers had complained about inequalities between the pension scheme for officers and that for other ranks. Main criticisms concerned the age from which service was reckonable, length of service required for immediate pension and amount of pension available for commutation.

MoD had stated that the differences were largely historical and no modifications were planned. The AFPRB believes it would be difficult to defend this view as civilian pension schemes continue to improve.

Northern Ireland pay: AFPRB members visited Northern Ireland during 1991 and report that time spent on

duty and unsocial hours had increased, as had tour lengths for many personnel. They were aware of the exceptional demands made on soldiers working in the Province and proposed that NI pay be uprated to £3.80 a day.

Allowances: During the pay body's 1991 visits, soldiers again voiced complaints arising from the 1988 MoD Review of Allowances and its subsequent reviews.

Noting the MoD's latest changes on travel, accompanied service and legal expenses for houses moves, the report cautions: "Although we welcome these changes in principle, we believe very strongly that some of the methods by which these allowances are paid are time-consuming and expensive to process in themselves.

"We therefore believe there would be some merit in MoD looking again at these allowances and making a comparison with methods of payment in civilian life."

The report also expresses concern about aspects of MoD's Northern Ireland allowance package, particularly regarding higher cost of food, fuel and private motor insurance.

Charges: Having re-examined evidence on rents and water charges, the AFPRB found it necessary to recommend increases which took into account current charges in civilian life. Personnel living in married quarters would be most affected.

"We continue to be concerned that too many Service personnel are living in Grade 4 accommodation which is well below the standard acceptable in civilian life," says the report. It recommends that senior officers bear the biggest rental charge rises, and Grades 3 and 4 occupants the smallest.

Food charges: The married unaccompanied food charge (MUA) is significantly lower than the evidence suggests it should be, and the review body intends by a series of increases to raise it to an appropriate level. This is reflected in the new single (£20.65 a week) and married unaccompanied (£13.30) food charges.

Pay as you dine (PAYD): The AFPRB records its disappointment with the MoD's lack of progress on the PAYD study mentioned in two previous reports. Trials are expected to be held at some units during 1992.

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Grade 4 quarters below standard says AFPRB report

MARRIED quarters at the lower end of the Services estate take a bashing in the 1992 report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

Commenting on its recommendations for accommodation and food charges, the report says:

"We continue to be made aware from our visits and other contacts with Service personnel that the standard of some accommodation is a legitimate cause of dissatisfaction.

"We remain disturbed at the discrepancies in standards and grading between the three Services, and at the Services' tendency to downgrade accommodation, rather than to improve it."

The report notes that about a quarter of available accommodation is categorised as Grade 3 or 4, and express concern that too many Service families are

Cot deaths – mattress link 'unfounded'

SERVICE families have no cause for concern over recent national newspaper stories linking cot deaths and PVC-covered, foam-filled cot mattresses of the type issued by the Ministry of Defence.

The theory was first brought to the attention of the MoD in 1990 and, after consultation with technical and medical advisers, a statement was issued

stressing there was no cause for concern.

Following the latest claims, published in a report by Penarth Research International, the MoD again sought technical advice from the buying agency and consulted the Defence Medical Services Directorate.

Both organisations say the claims made by Penarth Research Interna-

tional are unproven and not generally accepted by the scientific community.

An independent working group set up by the Department of Health reported last May that the link between Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and poisonous fumes from PVC cot mattresses was unfounded.

Research is still going on, but the MoD under-

stands that no new evidence has been produced. The latest media coverage repeats the claims made two years ago.

The MoD's specialist advisers have confirmed that there is no cause for alarm. They recommend that parents should wipe PVC cot mattresses once a week with a fresh, diluted solution of disinfectant such as Dettol or Savlon.

living in houses "well below the standard acceptable in civilian life".

"We are also concerned that the Army continues to have the most problems with its living accommodation, both in terms of varying standards and in the amount of Grade 4 accommodation it possesses."

Rental charges recommended by the AFPRB continue to be based on evidence about rents charged for local authority housing.

In setting the level of rents, allowance is made for the comparative lack of security of tenure for Service families (who have to quit their quarters on leaving the armed forces), the absence of right-to-buy schemes available to local authority tenants, and the lack of choice in quarters.

As part of the Northern Ireland conditions of service package, no charge is made for single accommodation, while charges for MQs are abated by MoD.

The report points out that rental charges for married quarters contain an ele-

ment for furniture hire which is related to an assumed average life for furniture.

It also notes that more and more Service families are choosing to buy their own furniture, and approves of an MoD proposal that occupants of partially furnished quarters need not pay the full furniture element.

"We see this as a first step towards the introduction of a system which would allow Service personnel to have full choice in the provision of furniture in their quarters and to be charged accordingly.

"We continue to believe that the Services should move to a situation where most married quarter occupants rent on an unfurnished basis and that such a change would be welcomed by service families."

Recommending increases for all MQ occupants, to £150 a year for officers and £125 for other ranks, the review body said it would look to equalise both sets of charges in its 1993 report.

ment for the provision of cookers in MQs. The AFPRB believes this reflects more accurately civilian furniture hire costs.

A separate charge for garages has been set at £219 a year.

The AFPRB says the water and sewerage charges for MQs should be increased significantly to maintain comparability with civilian life.

Evidence from MoD and the Office of Water Services shows that water and sewerage charges for all MQs are a lot less than for comparable civilian accommodation – and in many cases less than charges paid by Servicemen under the old rates system.

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And MoD has until 1994

to spend it, allowing planners more freedom than usual.

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"When the system was up and running, it was in the long-term interests of the Army that redundancies were treated no differently from anyone else. That way everyone leaving the service in the future would receive the same assistance."

The Adjutant General said that soldiers being made redundant at the three, six, nine and 12 year Manning Central Points (MCP) were not "being made redundant by stealth".

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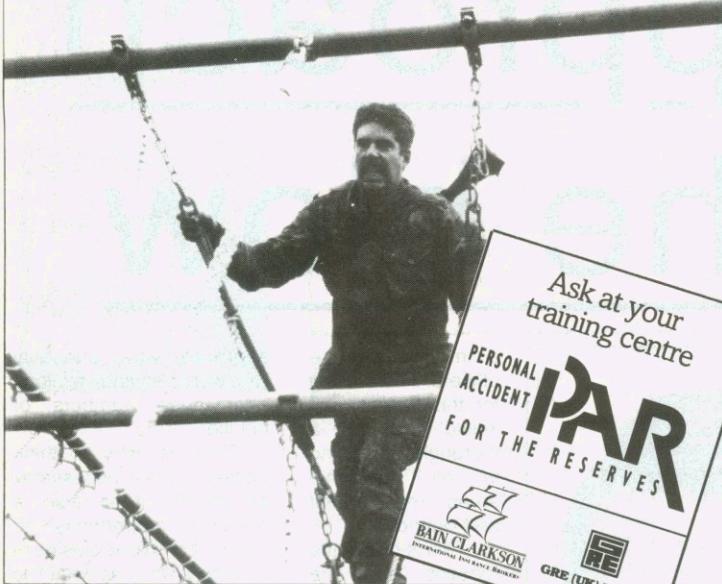
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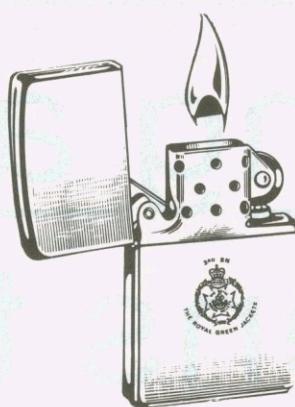


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The Duchess of Gloucester: Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Adjutant General's Corps on formation.

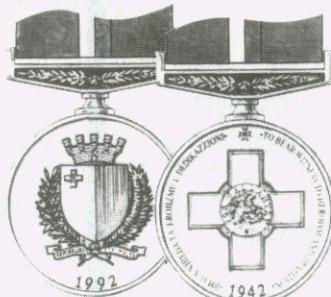
The Duchess of Kent: Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Dragoon Guards on formation; Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Logistic Corps on formation; Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Adjutant General's Corps on formation.

Princess Alexandra: Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Lancers on formation.

The Queen of Denmark: Allied Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment to be formed from The Queen's Regiment and The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

The King of Norway: Colonel-in-Chief of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

George Cross jubilee medal



Veterans of the siege of Malta are eligible for this medal struck to mark the 50th anniversary of the award of the George Cross to the island.

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Paras never forgot this medic hero

A STORY and picture in SOLDIER (February 10) about an Edinburgh man's pilgrimage to his brother's Second World War grave in Germany has had an unexpected and heartwarming sequel.

We reported that 74-year-old Stanley Jamieson returned to Hohne after nearly 50 years as the guest of 1 Armoured Field Ambulance, which had organised a memorial service.

Stanley's brother George had died in his arms during heavy fighting at a bridge near Hanover. Both men were serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps.

SOLDIER has now received this letter from a comrade:

MAY I express my gratitude for helping me, along with other survivors of B Coy, 7th (LI) Parachute Bn, to locate Stanley Jamieson, ex-RAMC, who was attached to our battalion.

The Jamieson twins, as they were known to us, have always been spoken of at reunions and visits to Airborne Forces Days over many years.

These two lads will never be forgotten by those of us who are left. Their coolness and courage under extreme difficulties had to be seen to be believed.

The tragedy of it all was the death of brother George. For

him to end like that – four weeks from the end of the war, after going through Normandy, the Ardennes, Holland and the Rhine crossing – was a bitter pill for us to swallow.

The prisoners who were captured after the battle in which his brother died, on April 7, 1945, owe their lives to Stan, who would not hear of any reprisals against them.

I ask anyone who meets an ex-RAMC man to shake hands with a hero. That's what these gentlemen were and there are many ex-Servicemen alive today because of them. – Bob Tanner, ex-Sgt, London.

Tank regiment that did not amalgamate

I AM afraid I do not agree with your RTR footnote (February 10) in which you said that all tank regiments were "Royal" throughout the Second World War and were amalgamated to eight in 1945.

After serving with 12 L and RWY, I joined 43 RTR towards the end of the war.

The regiment (mechanised from 6 NF in 1938) was in India 1945-47, was always Royal and was never amalgamated with the eight Regular

battalions: in the 1950s, I believe, it reverted to 6 NF.

According to the fourth edition of Edwards's *Regimental Badges*, the 40th/41st RTR was formed in 1955 from 40 and 41 RTR and I believe was finally disbanded in the Sixties.

I believe Macksey's *History of the Royal Tank Regiment, 1945-75* includes a chart showing when the pre-war RTR TA Regiments were finally disbanded. – Ian S Hallows, London.

BIRD'S EYE-VIEW



"He may not be much of a cook, but his creative art is monumental."

• School of Catering success at Hotelympia – Pages 20-21

Medal was cause of ill-feeling

IN HIS letter (January 13) SSgt N J Rampton suggested that the Gulf Medal should be awarded "on the same basis as the Jubilee Medal".

Even now it would be interesting to know what that basis was – it was never clear at the time but managed to cause a great deal of ill-feeling all round and still does when the subject arises.

Or maybe that was the point SSgt Rampton was making! – Maj A Dorey, Central Volunteer Headquarters RA, Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich.

Man of note

I WAS sorry to read of the death of Gen Sir Nigel Poett. I remember him well, having served with Headquarters 5th Parachute Brigade.

He left us soon after the brigade arrived in Java early in 1946, but not before a friendly handshake all round.

He certainly was a Commander of Note. – L A Knight, Evesham, Worcs.

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THE PROGRAMME given by the Massed Bands in October of a charity concert in the Wembley Arena is here recorded in various other locations.

And the term massed bands includes trumpeters, corps of drums, and pipes and drums, not to mention, for the first time as far as I remember, a big dance band from the Foot Guards.

After the Royal Salute and an extended fanfare Attleborough by Lt Col Peter Hannam, the senior conductor, the Household Cavalry bands play several arrangements by Maj Tomlinson, including *English Airs and*

Welsh exiles will love this

A Welsh Celebration

Band and Trumpeters of the Welsh Guards
The Durnvant Choir
Conductor: Lt Col P Hannam

"A WELSH Celebration" is not to be confused with the same band's disc "Celebration", issued in 1990 for the 75th Anniversary of the Regiment.

On this CD they are joined by the oldest and largest male choir, established in 1895 and

140-strong. Not all the programme is Welsh in origin, though the timbre of the choir makes *76 Trombones*, and even *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, sound as if emanating from The Valleys.

But there are folk songs of course, hymn tunes, and well-known choruses, all accompanied by the band or piano, with such as the *Soldiers' Chorus*, *Goin' Home*, *Memory* and some of

the Prince of Wales's *Investiture Music* to give variety.

The Regimental Marches and Evening Hymn complete a disc which, with the aforesaid "Celebration" disc, would be welcome gifts for Welsh families abroad, containing as they do almost everything the exiles could wish for.

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Dances and Northern Trilogy on Geordie tunes.

The Big Band, formed "in deference" I imagine, play Sy Oliver's *Opus One*, Cole Porter's *Samantha*, and Gershwin's *Fascinating Rhythm*.

The massed bands have a spot for some light music (marches and popular classics) and are then upgraded to symphonic wind bands for a more serious exhibition of their skills. This upgrading of course implies that the instrumentation is enlarged and please pay

more attention, this is clever stuff.

It certainly is, and the *Concert Prelude* by Philip Sparke is an exciting and effective opener. Some fine trumpeting from two Irish Guards musicians in Vivaldi's *Double Trumpet Concerto*, a couple of Malcolm Arnold's lovely *English Dances*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with Musn D Thomas of the Welsh Guards as soloist, and finally two movements from Holst's *Suite in E Flat* give a welcome

lift to the usual standard fare.

Back to normal again for a rather lethargic version of the great march *Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse*, *Cossack Patrol*, and a grand finale of *1812 Overture*, *Amazing Grace*, *Taps*, and *Nightfall in Camp*.

All in all a rewarding example of what British Army musicians do better than anyone else – give a varied programme of music.

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Last roar of the Tigers?

Minden Rose

Band of the Royal Hampshire Regiment
Conductor: Bandmaster C C Gray
DREADED amalgamation faces the regiment which earned its principal battle honour at the battle of Minden, and known as The Tigers.

As has had to be said often before in these columns, this may be your last chance to hear the band.

Mr Gray himself, like all good bandmasters, provides some of the music – the slow march *Minden Rose*, a medley of local folk-songs called, appropriately enough, *Hampshire Folk*, and a piece featuring the corps of drums in *Drums A-Plenty*.

His quick march *Potter's Corner* celebrates the famous Aldershot landmark, known to all bandmen over many years, the home of George Potter, the famous drum company.

Other marches are Frank Panella's *On the Square* (the barrack type?), Sousa's corny *The Crusader*, Jimmy Howe's *Pentland Hills*, and Alford's *H M Jollies*.

In view of the forthcoming amalgamation the main attraction is all four of the marches associated with the regiment. They are *The Farmer's Boy*, always played before the battalion marches, which are *The Hampshire*, *We'll Gang Nae Mair to Yon Toon*, and *Cork Hill*.

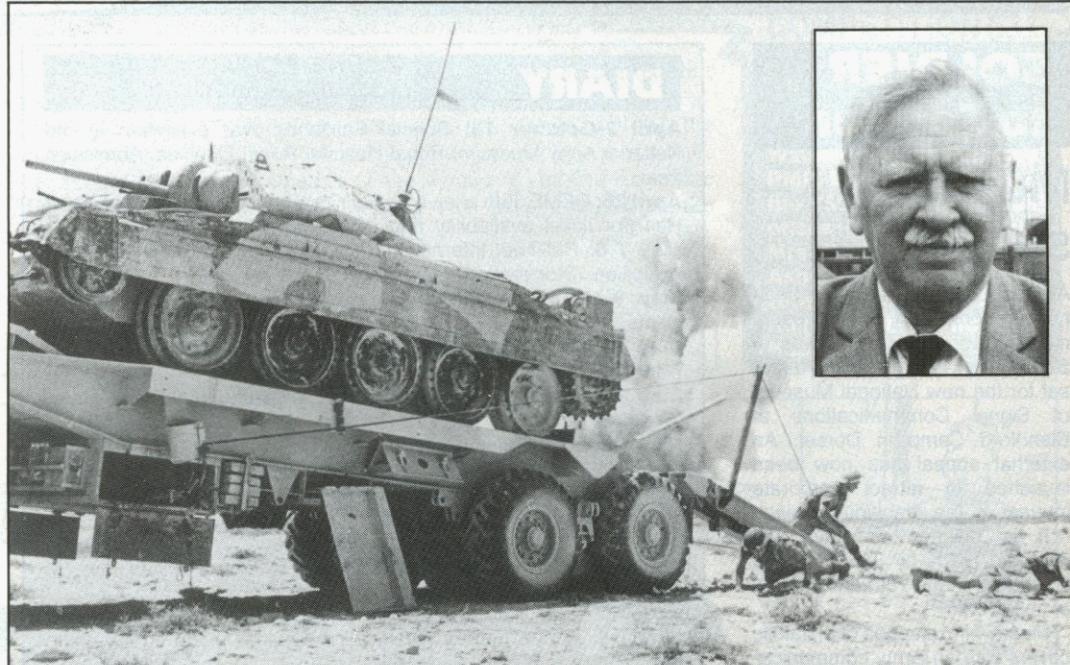
All effectively played, and what may be the swan song of the band of a famous regiment.

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Books in brief

The Generalship of Alexander the Great by Maj Gen J F C Fuller. Reissue of the 1958 classic, still the only comprehensive work on the subject. Spa Books Ltd, PO Box 47, Stevenage, Herts SG2 8UH, £16.95.

Commando Diary by Tag Barnes. Adventures in and out of action from North Africa to Burma with No 1 Commando, winning the Military Medal on the way. The author later became a successful angling writer and TV personality. Spellmount, 12 Dene Way, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0NX, £15.95.



Tank recovery under fire in the Western Desert, a photograph from *Panzer Bait*, the last book by William "Bill" Moore (inset)

Tanks at war

The story of 3 RTR

WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE is well-known to SOLDIER readers, particularly for his coverage of the Gulf War when he worked alongside the 4th and 7th Armoured Brigades.

He died last June, and *Panzer Bait* is his last book. It is the story of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Tank Regiment, which was almost continuously set against the jaws of enemy armour throughout most of the Second World War.

It is based on the accounts of three tank commanders who among them were shot out of a total of 40 tanks.

Bill Close was one of those rare individuals present at the end of 3 RTR's embattled journey who had been there at the beginning.

The "beginning" for Sgt Close and his battalion had been the brave but almost farcical defence of Calais in 1940, thence back to England and on to the ill-fated Greek excursion of 1941, followed by the desert battles of Sidi Rezegh, Gazala and Alamein.

Close was to be commissioned from the ranks and it was as a major that he fought in Normandy and finally ended hostilities on the shores of the Baltic.

Sgt Buck Kite has his place in the military archives as the only British soldier in the Second World War to be

awarded the Military Medal three times. The third was for taking on four Panther tanks – an action in which he was wounded by a shell he actually saw heading for him across a cornfield.

Geordie Reay won his DCM at Alamein, but was later to suffer appalling burns when his Sherman "brewed up" in June 1944.

Little-known wartime facts emerge from this book. For instance, it was only after two years of warfare that Brig

George Davy, the newly-appointed commander of 7th Armoured Brigade, arrived to find that the telescope of every two-pounder in his regiment was incorrectly adjusted.

William Moore's books are like that; the realism of battle with its horrors is always evident, but accompanied by interesting background detail.

Which fighting troops have it easier or harder than others? Infantrymen sometimes think of tankies as moving into battle in the "comfort of their homes". *Panzer Bait* prompts a re-think. – BJ

Panzer Bait: With the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment 1940-44 by William Moore. Leo Cooper, hardback, £18.50.

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Museum stamps

ABOUT £350,000 has so far been raised from past and present members of the Royal Corps of Signals towards the £3m target set for the new National Museum of Signal Communications at Blandford Camp in Dorset. An external appeal has now been launched to attract corporate interest in the ambitious project.

It is planned to have the museum ready by June 1995 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the Corps.

Meanwhile, a series of philatelic covers with an Army communications theme is on sale at the Royal Signals Museum Shop.

Five covers, each with a brief historical narrative of events ranging from the Peninsular to the Boer War, will be available during 1992 at a cost of £2.50 for the standard envelope, £3.50 (flown over the battle site) and £5 (signed).

They can be ordered from the shop at the School of Signals, Blandford Camp, Dorset DT11 8RH. Cheques should be made payable to the Royal Signals Museum of Army Communications.

Bari cemetery wreath laid

MORE than 2,000 Commonwealth Servicemen and women buried at the Bari War Cemetery were commemorated at a ceremony organised by the British military community in Italy.

Believed to be the first such ceremony since the cemetery was created after the Second World War, it involved British people resident in the Bari area, local people and Italian ex-Service associations.

An honour guard was provided by the Italian Army, and a Colour party by the Italian Air Force.

Sounds good!

REME is celebrating its golden jubilee with a military band concert at the Royal Albert Hall on April 26. The programme will feature the bands of the REME, RCT and RAOC, and the London Philharmonic Choir.

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DIARY

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

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

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

May 9-10: Middle Wallop International Air Show, Stockbridge, Hants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

July 17-25: Nijmegen Marches, Holland.

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

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

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

SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

On February 17, 1992 the following appointments took effect:

Brigadier — M G D Willis — To MoD.

Colonels — G J Yeoman to MoD; W G Harrison — To be CO AC Branch REME.

Lt Cols — M J Anderson, R Signals — To UK Mil Rep Staff Brussels; P A Bennett, RAPC — To HQ AFNORTH(BAE); A A King, REME — To 27 Dist Wksp; A J Rice, RA — To MoD; R Watt, RE — To be Comd Eng HQ Mil Works Force; C P C Sloan, Gordons — To Staff Coll.

recruits to the association, contact Mr M L James, Summerhill Cottage, Drabbles Lane, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9ER.

● **The 150th Regiment, South Notts Hussars (RHA) Old Comrades Association:**

Annual reunion dinner, Strathdon Hotel, Nottingham, April 11. Details from Hon Sec Doug Sturgess, 64 Cycle Road, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2DT (tel: 0602 704469).

● **Beachley Boys** who joined the ATS (Boys) in April and October 1942 can celebrate the 50th anniversary of their joining the Army at a reunion on July 3-5. If your Army number began with 2547, contact John Broad (tel: 0454 415143).

REUNIONS

● **2 RHA/2 Fd Regt RA:** 12th annual reunion, Kirkee Barracks, Colchester, May 2. Details from Mr T Caisley, 12 Farriers End, Stanway, Colchester, Essex CO3 5YE (tel: 0206 573659).

● **The Maritime Royal Artillery Old Comrades Association:** In addition to the annual meeting at Pontins, Southport, there will be a general get-together for all members during the week May 18-22. Ex-RN DEMS ratings welcome. Those interested, including potential

● **93rd S/L Regt RA:** The only all-girls S/L regiment will hold its 50th anniversary year reunion at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo, London, on September 19. £6.50 cost payable to Mrs R J Moore, 18 Spring Grove Gardens, Winsor Green, Birmingham B18 5DQ.

● **50th Anniversary of Cassino, May 1944:** At the request of the Monte Cassino Veterans Association the Royal British Legion Pilgrimage Dept has agreed to organise the British and Commonwealth contingents' participation. Contact Mr Piers Storie-Pugh at the RBL Pilgrimage Village, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7NX. Those wishing to trace the

location of fallen comrades' war graves at Cassino should send details of name and regiment with SAE to the Association Hon Sec at 41 Aldermary Road, Manchester M21 2QW. The Association has no connection with the recently-formed "World Union of Cassino Associations".

● **Falklands medics 1982:** RAMC personnel, specially members of 16 Fd Amb, who served in the Falklands in 1982 and are interested in a reunion are asked to contact Sgt Andy Brayshaw, B Sqn, 4 Armd Fd Amb, BFP0 29 (tel: Minden 0571 48613 or Minderheide Mil 5472).

● **Combined Training Centre, Inveraray:** Reunion weekend May 8-10 at the Combined Operations Museum. Details from Argyll Estates Office, Cherry Park, Inveraray, Argyll PA32 8XE (tel: 0499 2203).

● **RAMC/RADC WOs and sergeants:** Past and Present Dinner Club 1992 and the 1992 annual reunion takes place on May 2 at Keogh Barracks, near Aldershot. Details from WO1 (RSM) P Fowler, RAMC Training Group and RHQ RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot GU12 5RQ (tel: 0252 340217 or Aldershot Mil 5217).

● **Royal Pioneer Corps Association:** RPCA London lunch at Duke of York's on June 6 (bids before May 1) and RPCA annual reunion at Northampton on June 19-21. Details for both events from General Secretary, 51 St George's Drive, London SW1V 4DE (tel: 071-834 0415).

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

SEARCHLINE

● **Irish regiments:** Associations of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Ulster Rifles and Irish Fusiliers meet regularly throughout the country. More members are needed, particularly in the London area. You may discover you qualify for a medal you did not know about. Ring 0702 345904 or 0865 725860 for details.

● **Bomber Stan Brownhill, ex-3 RTR (Bovington):** attached to 7 Armd Bde 1944-56 at Herford, Germany, wants to contact **Lofty Ladd** and **Titch Dunbar** (ex-LAD), or anyone who remembers him. Ring Ray Patterson on 061-976 2084 (evenings).

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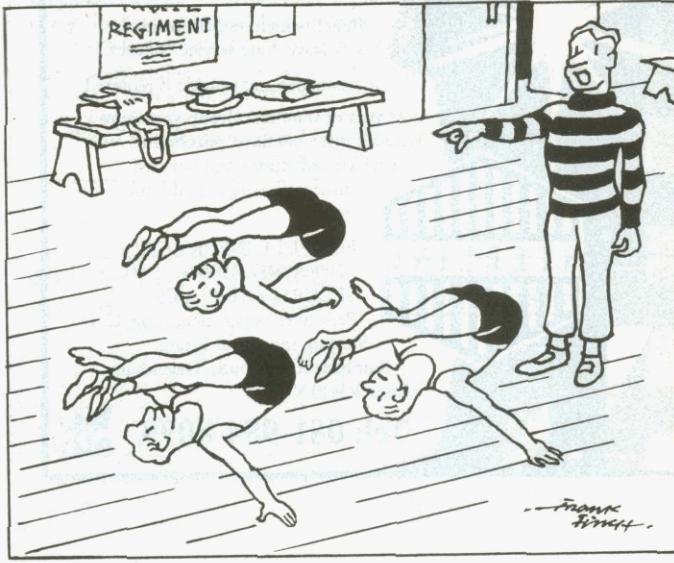
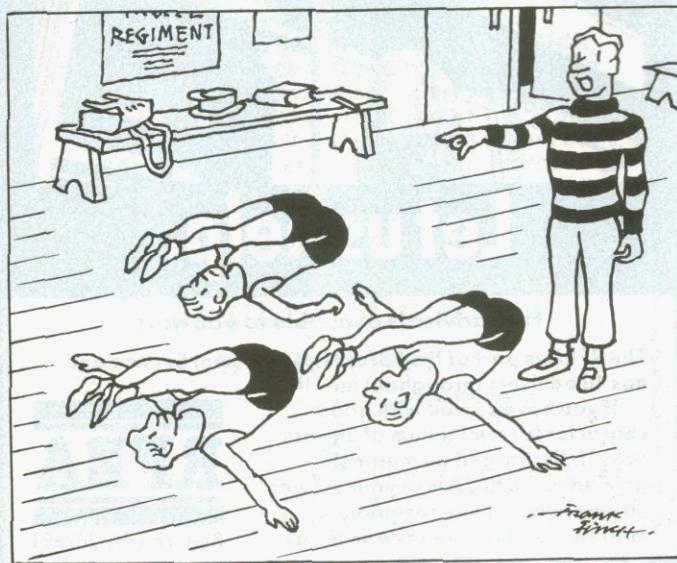
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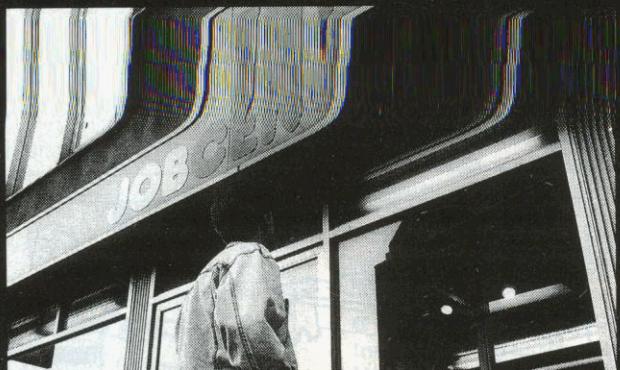
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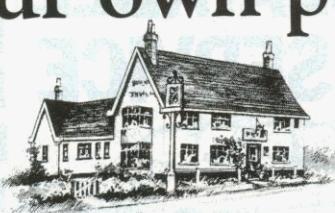
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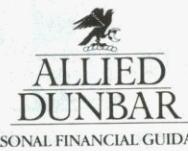
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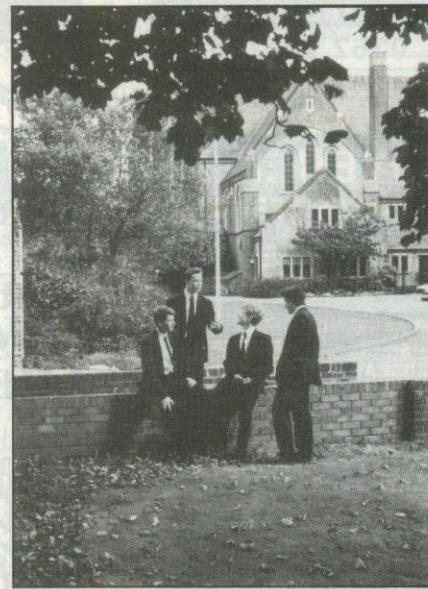


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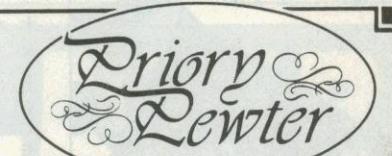
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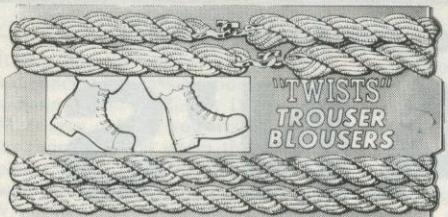
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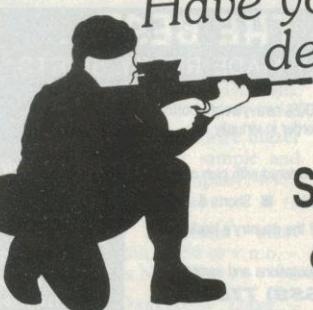
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But there was joy for Sgt Michael Dixon (35 Engr Rgt) who achieved the best ever British result in an Olympic biathlon event, when he finished 12th in the 20km race. He recorded a perfect score in the shooting phases.

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Biathlon, 20km - 12, Sgt Dixon, 59:2.0 (no targets missed); 65, Ldr Rudd; 67, LCpl Sklenar; 76, LCpl Ryan.

Bobsleigh

Two-man - 6, Cpl Mark Tout (2 RTR) and Sgt Lenny Paul (R Anglian); 13, Nick Phipps and Cpl George Farrell (R Signals).

Four-man - 9, Tout, Paul, Farrell and Fields.

Luge

Singles - 27, Cpl Ian Whitehead (101 Pro Coy RMP).

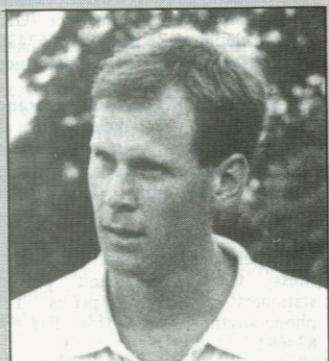
Watts and Dix on retain titles

THE 1992 Army indoor tennis tournament held at AIC, Aldershot and once again sponsored by Swiss Pioneer Life Insurance Company resulted in Capt Nigel Watts, AAC, and Major Julia Dixon, WRAC, retaining the men's and women's singles titles for another year.

This was the 11th anniversary of the tournament and it was rewarded by a record entry.

LCpl Mark Bolton, RCT, and Maj Robert Barber, QG, both from Northern Ireland, together with Pte Fletcher, RPC, from CAD Kineton and LCpl Steve Arnold, RE, from 36 Engr Rgt, Maidstone, emerged from the qualifying competition to join 12 seeded players in the main event.

Winner of this qualifying



Capt Nigel Watts

event was Barber, who defeated Bolton 6-1, 6-3. Fletcher won the prize for the best performance from a "non-finalist".

Robert Barber and Mark Bolton went on to do well in the main round robin groups, both beating two seeded players to finish second in their respective

groups, not quite good enough to proceed into the semi-finals.

The main event went according to seeding, with the four group winners and semi-finalists being Nigel

Watts and Lt Bill Herlihy, both members of the Army Air Corps and from BAOR, who contested one of the semi-finals, with Sig Paul Tague, also from BAOR, and Maj Alan Butterfield, RAEC, contesting the other.

Watts overcame Herlihy 6-1, 6-1, to reach his seventh final, and Tague defeated Butterfield 6-1, 6-4, to reach his first, which set up a repeat of the 1991 summer championship.

The final was the most competitive and of the highest standard for several years, Tague providing all the power and aggressive tennis from the

baseline, with Watts more defensive but consistent. The final score of 7-5, 6-3, which gave Watts his fifth successive title, was much closer than last summer.

Butterfield defeated Herlihy in the 3rd/4th place match 7-6, 5-7, 6-3, after a contest lasting over two hours.

In the women's event Julia Dixon from the Army School of Physical Training defeated Pte Clare Whitney from the School of Signals 6-4, 6-1. Whitney started well, but Dixon, with her greater experience, slowly took control.

The three days of tennis provided an opportunity to look at the form of players to represent the Army at the Inter-Service B Tournament to be held at RAF Halton on March 21-22.

Champions' broadside sinks Navy

THE ARMY swept aside the Royal Navy at Aldershot to claim the Inter-Services team boxing championship for the ninth successive year, writes John Elliott.

Three walkovers - for Cpl Neil McCallum, Cpl Joe Rajcoomar and Pte Loz Roche - undermined the Senior Service from the outset, and their challenge was sunk almost without trace long before the end of the evening.

After LSgt Dave Abbott had knocked MEM Colin Leiba out

of the ring in the final bout to underline a crushing 8-2 victory, team captain Dvr Chris Bessey accepted the trophy from Maj Gen David Grove, chairman of the Army Boxing Association.

It was an appropriate moment, because Bessey - one of the Army's new young lions - had earlier marked his card with an outstanding points win over Marine Trevor French, the 1991 ABA finalist and a current England international.

Another of coach WO2 (QMSI) Mick Gannon's younger stars, 17-year-old Spr Tom Winspear, revealed poise and power before knocking out old campaigner Mne Andy Calpin, while LCpl Lee Innes (57 Tg Sqn, 3 Tg Regt RE) was so in control against MEM Gary Curtis that the contest might have been stopped at the beginning rather than the end of the second round.

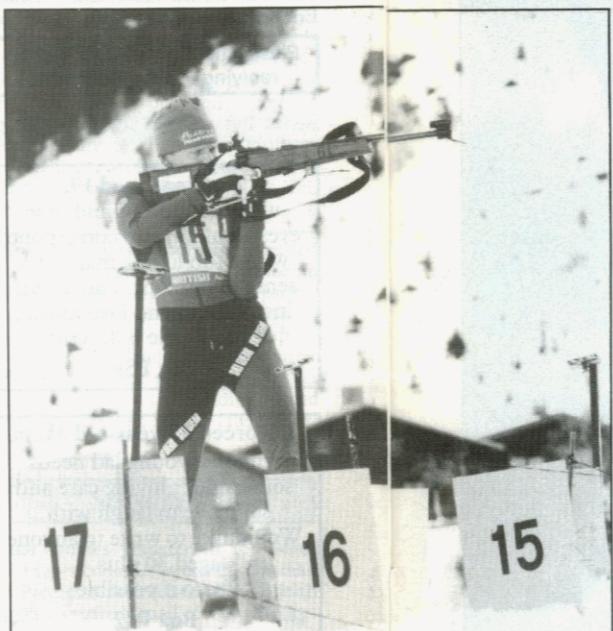
The Navy's two successes were against Pte Paul Treslove, beaten on points by Olympic-bound Mne Mark Edwards, the double ABA champion and Commonwealth Games bronze medal-winner, and Pte John Dowling.

Pte Jason Grimby (2 Para) and Pte Sven Hamer (1 Queens) got the Army off to the right start with points wins in two special contests arranged to fill the bill.

Flyweight - Fus Dale Duncan (1 RRF) beat AB(MW) Lennie Woodcock (HMS Nelson), pts m; **bantam** - Cpl Neil McCallum (10 Corps Tp Regt RCT), walkover; **feather** - Cpl Joe Rajcoomar (Army), walkover; **light** - Spr Tony Winspear (36 Engr Rgt) beat Mne Andy Calpin (CTCRM Lympstone), fbc; **2; light welter** - Pte Lawrence Roche (Army), walkover; **welter** - Dvr Chris Bessey (27 Regt RCT) beat Mne Trevor French (42 Cdo RM), pts u.

Light middle - LCpl Lee Innes (57 Tg Sqn, 3 Tg Regt RE) beat MEM Gary Curtis (HMS Amazon), rsc 2; **middle** - Pte John Dowling (2 Para) lost to Mne Gary Grounds (Commacchio Gp RM), pts u; **light heavy** - Pte Paul Treslove (1 Para) lost to Mne Mark Edwards (HMS Nelson), pts u; **heavy** - LSgt Dave Abbott (2 Gren Gds) beat MEM Colin Leiba (HMS Trafalgar), fbc 1.

Special contests: **welter** - Pte Jason Grimby (2 Para) beat Mne Brian Clark (42 Cdo RM), pts u; **light-middle** - Pte Sven Hamer (1 Queens) beat MEM Mark Clarkson (HMS Cumberland), pts m.



Above left: Capt Luke Minshall (26 Crawford) takes aim during the 4 Armd Div 5km biathlon event at Galtur. Above right: LCpl Geordie Crawford (22 Signal Rgt) wins the 3 Armed Div giant slalom at Fulpmes



Picture: Ssgt Phil Cadman

McMillan leads 35 Engr's challenge

ALPINE honours at the 4th Armoured Division ski championships at Galtur in Austria were shared by 35 Engineer Regiment and newcomers 9th/12th Royal Lancers, with sapper Cpl McMillan and 2nd Lt Cooper (9/12th L) coming first or second in every discipline.

Fine Alpine skiing by Capt Adrian Metcalfe (22 Signal Rgt) earned him the overall combination title, and the 15km veterans' prize was won by ski meet paymaster Maj Roger Morse.

35 Engr Regt, and Lt Chapman and LCpl Reece added the 15km langlauf silverware to booty returning to Gordon Barracks. In all, 35 Engr Regt won 18 of the 43 trophies.

Minor honours were spread between 1 Queens, 20 Electronic Wksp REME (who won the Minor Units' championship), HQ Regt 1 (BR) Corps, AMTC Silberhuette and 32 Hvy Regt RA. A new trophy for the best

military combination novice presented by Lt Col David Pickworth was won by LCpl Emery (9/12th L).

Col Pickworth, who had set 4 Armd Div's course since 1977, was taking part in his last meet before retiring from the Army in May. He started Alpine skiing with 7 RHA in 1962, transferring to Nordic in the early 1970s.

Maynard double shakes Dutch

Combined Service 2, Dutch Armed Forces 2

IF A WET and windy evening in Aldershot was not testing enough for the all-professional Dutch Armed Forces side, they suffered a real shock in this Kentish Cup opener when Cpl Dave Maynard (1 DERR) knocked in two goals in the opening eight minutes, writes Pat Massey.

But the Lowlanders eased their way back into the game, took control with some delightful passing, and reduced the deficit from the penalty spot after Sig Paul Brown (R Signals) had handled.

SSI Nigel Wiscombe (APTC) was called on to make several saves as the visitors took command in the second half.

Troops' final is one to savour

THE 1992 Schweppes Army Challenge Cup Major Units (UK) Cup Final will be remembered, if for nothing else, as the time when Troops Hereford, after some recent near misses, made it to the final for the first time in their history, writes John Quin.

As SOLDIER went to press they were meeting those experienced Army Cup campaigners and the current holders, 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

Some rugby pundits had decided that all 7 RHA had to do was make the short journey from Lille Barracks to the Military Stadium and the cup was theirs, but the champions, with their usual quota of current senior Army stars, young emerging players and "old hands", they will give the boys from Hereford due respect.

The Pilgrims' *modus operandi* leaves them little time for team training and squad

Cpl Mark Mallinson (RAF) did not help the cause by being sent off for retaliating to a sneak kick, and the Dutch equalised with a lucky deflection as time ran out.

The destination of the Kentish Cup will not be decided until Combined Services visit Belgian Armed Forces on April Fool's Day.

Army 1, Devon 4

An "off" day by the Army against Devon severely dented the soldiers' continued interest in the South West Counties Championship.

LCpl Smudge Smith (AAC) lobbed a fine goal, but it was the only consolation for the home side's poorest performance of the season.

Combined Services 3, Diadora League 1

Combined Services gifted a goal to a formidable Diadora League team at the Military Stadium, Aldershot then struck back three times to record a confidence-boosting win just a week before the Dutch game.

Keeper Cfn Mark Taylor (REME) fumbled a long cross and dropped the ball over his line.

The ball was changed soon afterwards and Taylor redeemed himself later with several fine saves.

Ten minutes from the break Maynard put the Servicemen on even terms, and the RAF pair, Cpl Steve Thompson and Sgt Craig Gill, added two more in the second half.

Challenge Cup

Domestic competitions are reaching a climax, with 7 Para RHA and SEME Bordon due to meet in one UK semi-final of the Wilsons Hogg Robinson Challenge Cup, and 1/3 Trg Regts RE to face the winners of the 2 Inf Div HQ and Signal Regt v 3 UDR tie in the other.

The log-jam was reduced when 1/3 Trg Regts beat 1 RHF and then ended 1 Para's run. The Paras had reached the quarter finals by beating 19 Fd Regt RA.

In the Army Minor Units Cup, Scottish Div Depot and Depot Kings Div meet in one semi-final, and 15 Bn RAOC meet the winners of the Depot RCT v 66 Sqn RCT tie in the other.



CSgt Derek Hunter (KOSB) kicks a penalty during the Army's 13-13 draw against Surrey at the Military Stadium, Aldershot in the build up to their Inter-Services matches

sessions, much to the frustration of their coach.

As promised in the last issue, here are six chances to win a pair of seats for this year's Willis Corroon Army-Royal Navy game at Twickenham on March 21. All you have to do is answer the following three questions and then send your answers to Maj J W Quin, RE, RCB, Leighton House, Westbury, Wilts BA13 3PS, by March 11.

1. Which regiment is 2nd Lt Tim Rodber, the Army's newest England international, due to join when he completes his Sandhurst course?
2. Which team won the Army's new inter Corps Merit table 1 this year?
3. Who are last season's BAOR Major Units' rugby champions?

Don't forget to enclose your name and contact address. Best of luck!

In their build-up to the big game, the Army beat Oxford University 27-16 and defeated the previously unbeaten Light Blues 25-24.

Finally, congratulations to Army doctor Lt Rob Wainwright, RAMC, who won his first Scotland cap when he went on as a substitute against Ireland at Lansdowne Road.

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