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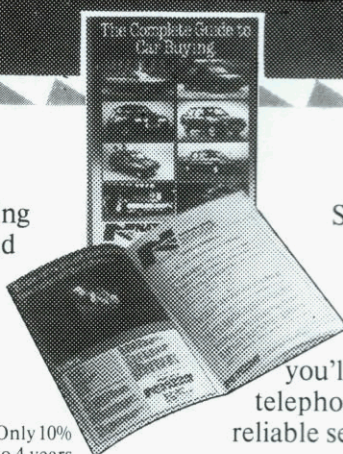
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NEXT ISSUE

Still an inspiration, Winston Churchill stands imposingly a few yards from the British Embassy in Washington. Visible in the left hand is a flower, replaced every day by a mystery admirer. In the next issue of SOLDIER you can read about the many Army personnel working in and attached to this important embassy.

ALSO ● The Army Photographic Competition winners ● 131 Ind Cdo Sqn RE (V) in Guernsey ● Cambrai ● And much more.

LETTERS

Write to:
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Keane contest

Competition is always keen in SOLDIER's HOAY contest. And in HOAY No 422 the name Keane was the lucky one. A cheque for £50 is on its way to the home of S Keane in Cromwell St, Heywood, Lancashire. This issue's competition is on page 43.

Can we have the badges?

Reference your story *Badge Bonanza* (SOLDIER, September 7) and the sale of cap badges, buttons and buckles. As a member of the Army Recruiting Organisation we often attend large shows and school functions. This year we gave away (for a few pence in the Army Benevolent Fund box) vast quantities of greatcoat buttons on a card.

We are often approached by dads and old comrades and asked if we have any cap badges. Would it therefore not be a good idea if the badges, buttons and buckles were distributed to ACIOs for shows and conventions with the proceeds going to the Army Benevolent Fund? - SSgt S Y Jarvis, ACIO Chatham, Kent.

ATC IN SEARCH OF DECORATIONS

In 1991 the Air Training Corps celebrates its 50th anniversary. We wish to compile an accurate list of all ex-cadets who have received awards and decorations since the formation of the ADCC (Air Defence Cadet Corps) and the ATC.

No complete record exists of awards made to ex-cadets although it is known that approximately 500 ex-cadets were decorated during the Second World War, including one VC.

However, we believe that this figure is rather on the low side. It is known that many cadets joined the Army and we have little knowledge of any

awards that may have been made to them.

So if any readers as ex-cadets have received an award or decoration since 1938, please let me know so that we may complete the listing in time for our 50th anniversary.

Information required is cadet name, ATC or ADCC squadron no; service, regiment, rank at time of award; date of award and any other information which may be of interest (e.g. copy of London Gazette citation); photograph. - B H Swallow, Wing Commander, OC HQ Dorset/Wiltshire Wing ATC, 16 Main Road, Boscombe Down, Wilts.

History at cross purposes

There must be another reason for officers of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers wearing the cross-brace of their Sam Browne belt back to front. It is claimed that their Colonel-in-Chief, the late King Alphonso XIII of Spain attended a review wearing a cross-brace of his Sam Browne belt back to front, so to save him any embarrassment the officers quickly

altered their own belts to match.

However, in the museum of the 16/5L, Stafford, there are a number of photographs that clearly show the cross-brace of the Sam Browne belt worn back to front between the years 1901 to 1904, when the 16th were serving in South Africa.

This would indicate that this method of wearing the belt had been adopted before Alphonso

had any connection with the regiment.

It would be interesting to hear if any reader knows the correct story or has a photograph pre-1901 in his possession showing the cross-brace of the Sam Browne belt of the 16th. - Edward A G Croucher, Fen Cottage, South Topham, Diss, Norfolk IP22 2JN.



Left - Soldiers patrol the grounds of Spandau Prison in Berlin as heavy equipment moves in to begin the demolition of the prison walls

Pattern moan is knit picking

I heartily agree with Cpl Margaret Graham (SOLDIER, October 5) that our girls can be both pretty and practical, but come on SOLDIER...

Just as the last thing I'd expect to see in *Woman's Own* magazine would be an advertisement for the SAS Survival Handbook, what is the last thing we would expect to see in the magazine of the British Army. An offer for a free knitting pattern perhaps?

But what do we have in that issue. An offer of a free knitting pattern!

I know that we live in an age of equality and I don't care if it was in Anne Armstrong's page, the line must be drawn. - SSgt (AC) T M Carmichael, Royal Regiment of Artillery, New Road, Woolwich, London SE18 6XR.

No, SOLDIER has not dropped a stitch! The magazine is read not only by macho male soldiers, but by the WRAC, soldiers' wives, and by thousands of civilians. They can't all be non-knitters. - Ed.

COLONELS BY NAME

I read with great interest Graham Smith's article *The Colonel* (SOLDIER, September 7). As a civilian, I am still not sure of the difference between colonels of regiments and colonel commandants, or additionally, colonels-in-chief. Can anybody enlighten me? I am interested in precisely defined differences. - E A Milne, c/o Felix Ortiz, PO Box 507, Mojacar Playa, Almeria, Spain.

Colonel-in-Chief is a figurehead for regimental ceremonies and nearly always a member of the British Royal Family. Exceptions

include the Duke of Wellington who is C-in-C of the DWR and Olav V of Norway, C-in-C of the Green Howards.

Colonel of the regiment is an honorary appointment, a kind of regimental ambassador. Holders are appointed to a Regular regiment and are usually Army officers, sometimes Royal with military rank, for example Fd Marshal HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards while the Queen is C-in-C.

Colonel Commandant is the equivalent for a corps. Gen Sir James Glover, for example, is Colonel Commandant of The Corps of Royal Military Police.

Signal shaped appeal

I read your article on SHAPE (SOLDIER, September 7). I was stationed with Allied Land Forces Central Europe Signals Squadron, Fontainebleau from June 1956 to August 1957. At this time SHAPE HQ was at Rocquencourt near Paris.

I wonder if you can throw any light on what happened to ALFCE Signals Squadron.

Was the squadron disbanded or was it amalgamated with SHAPE Signals Squadron?

Were any readers stationed at Fontainebleau between June 1956 and August 1957 - L C Edwards, Ex WO11 (SSM), 81 Signal Squadron (V), 26 Boscombe Avenue, Barton, Eccles, Gtr Manchester M30 7DU.

Calling . . .

● Ex-Cpl A "Lofty" Chadwick and ex-Cpl E "Cisco Kid" Dadson who were in the 8th Kings Royal Irish Hussars between 1949-54. You are asked to contact Ex Cpl A E Leggatt, 32 Park Terrace East, Horsham, W Sussex.

● Harry Dent (possibly from Darlington) and Ben Barnley; both thought to be 391 Wksps REME, who were in Ommen, Holland, May-August 1945. You are asked to contact A Hurink, Telgenkamp 17, 9451 Ge Rolde, The Netherlands.

● Anyone who remembers Cpl Joseph Roberts, of 5th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers, who served in Gallipoli, possibly at the Suvla Bay landings. Cpl Roberts joined the Army at Wrexham aged 16, was badly wounded, treated at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and discharged from the Army in March 1919. He lived in Flint, North Wales, until he died in 1960. Seeking information is grandson Mr M G Rudd, 11 Kilnwood Close, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 0HQ (tel 0243 606692).

Reunion

● The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment annual reunion will be held at the Union Jack Club on November 6, for all former members of The Queen's Royal Regiment and The East Surrey Regiment. Details from the secretary, RHQ The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1JU (tel 0227 457411, Ext 4253).

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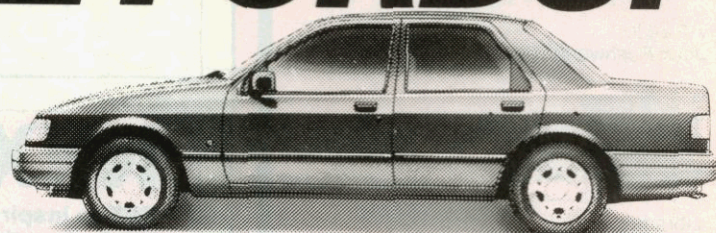
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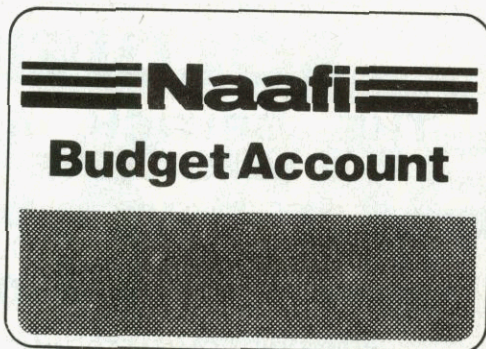
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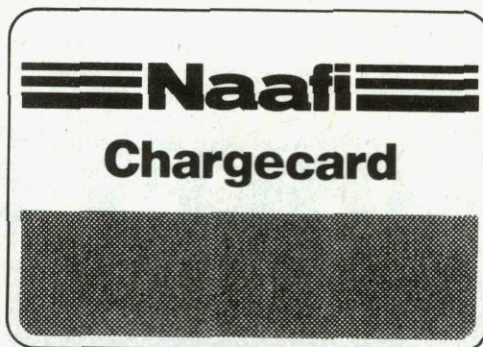
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Army museum plans £1m extension

THE National Army Museum in Chelsea, currently seeking planning permission for a major £1 million extension to its premises in Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, is confident that building could start early next year.

It is to be built on the present car park and will allow as yet unseen collections to be put on display for the first time. More than 20,000 items from buttons, badges and

uniforms and other archive material will have to be moved by pantechnicon in a massive operation from a source "somewhere in Surrey."

Mr Philip Clarke, a museum spokesman said: "Hardly a day goes past without someone offering us a military relic or artefact. We get thousands of letters every year and lots of archive material in the form

of books, family records, letters and diaries. The museum will be able to make full use of the extra display space. We are the only museum to deal in depth with the British Army since the 1485 Battle of Bosworth.

"We are the only museum to exhibit all hand held weapons from the days of the Mary Rose to those used in Northern Ireland today."

Hampshires win top infantry competition

THE British Army has won for the very first time the prestigious Northern European Command Infantry Competition (NECIC). Winners of the event held in Denmark were an eight-man team from The Royal Hampshire Regiment who beat last year's winners, the Royal Marines, into second place.

Six countries, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK, Canada, Norway and Denmark, took part in NECIC.

In the shooting event the Hampshires fired SA 80 for the first time. They are to be equipped with the Army's latest rifle later this month.

Lt Col Tim Glass, CO of the Hampshires, said: "They were delighted with SA 80 but they would have won the shooting even on the SLR."

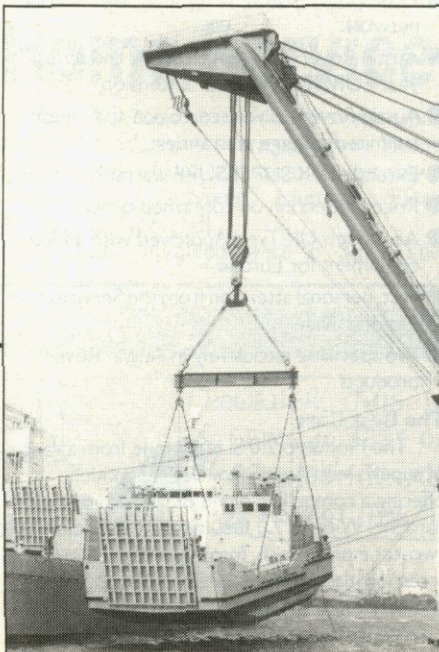
There were seven disciplines - shooting, fitness, the assault course, armoured vehicle recognition, first aid, NBC and map reading.

The Hampshires had trained for two months for the event and after their victory team leader Capt Chris Warren said: "For us it was like winning the World Cup."



The Queen Mother, escorted by battery commander Maj N J G Kobine, inspects the guard of honour when opening the new TA centre in Dundee for 219 (City of Dundee) Air Defence Battery, recently formed as part of 105 (Scottish) AD

Regiment. The regiment was raised under the second phase of the TA expansion programme. The new centre, one of three on a central Dundee site, will be named Oliver Barracks after a distinguished Scottish soldier.



BIG LIFTER

AFTER an 8,000 mile trip from the UK aboard a freighter, the Royal Corps of Transport vessel *Abbeville* is lowered into Hong Kong harbour. The 190 tonnes Ramped Craft Logistic (RCL) and sister vessel *Akyab* arrived in the Far East to replace two ageing lighters of 415 Maritime Troop RCT - vastly increasing the unit's lifting capability.

Shells found at Bramley

SAPPERS from 49 (EOD) Sqn, 33 (EOD) Regt, RE, clearing First World War toxic gas bombs from the former ammunition depot at Bramley, north of Basingstoke, unearthed 190 explosive items during the first four days of the operation.

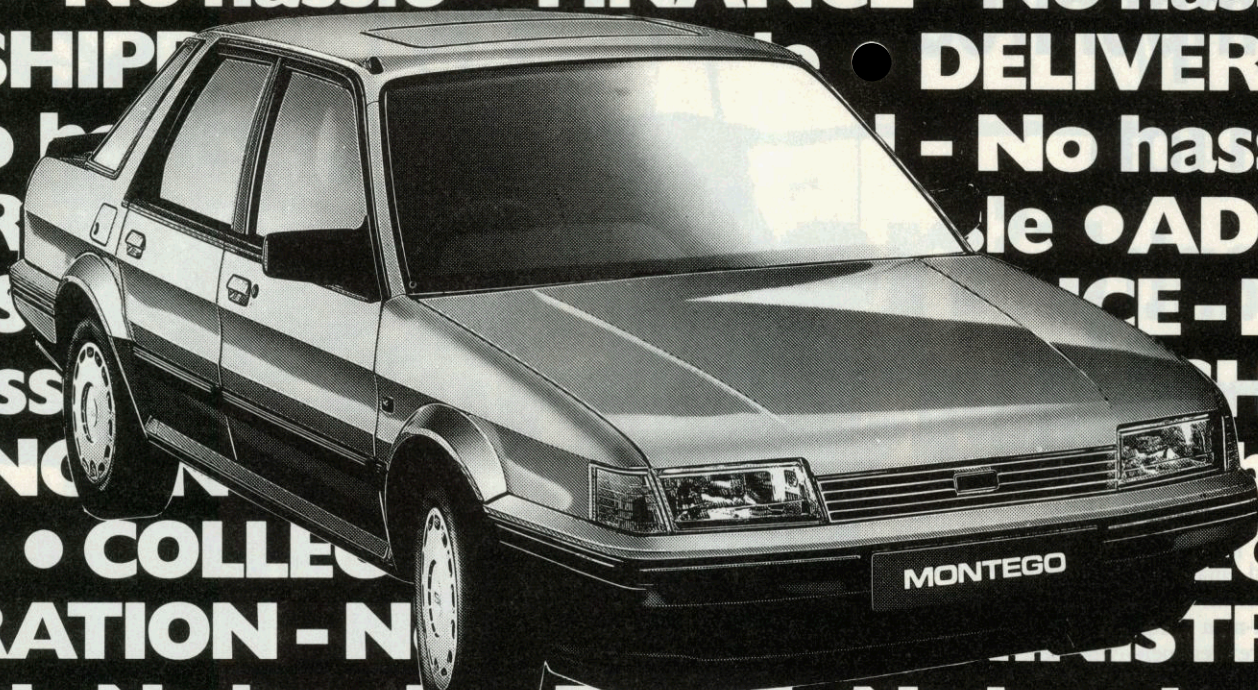
The cache included a dozen Livens containers, 28 six-inch shells, seven 4.5-inch shells, seven Stokes mortar shells and 180 grenades of the No 128 type.

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Soldiers on fire alert

MEN of the 1st Bn, The Royal Hampshire Regiment based at Tidworth, Hants, turned firefighters in West Glamorgan during the Fire Service dispute there. The dispute has now been resolved.

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Tank veterans plan return to Cambrai

SIX veterans of the Battle of Cambrai, which changed the face of warfare, will revisit the scene on the 70th anniversary of the great tank assault which took place on November 20, 1917.

They will be in a party arranged by the Regimental HQ of the Royal Tank Regiment in response to an invitation from the mayor of Cambrai for British troops to take part in commemorative ceremonies on

November 21 and 22.

The Colonels Commandant of the RTR, Lt Gen Sir Anthony Walker and Maj Gens Laurie New and Richard Jerram, will attend, with men from the 1st, 2nd and 4th Royal Tank Regiment.

Also bound for Cambrai to mount an exhibition is Lt Col George Forty, curator of the Bovington Tank Museum who is taking a number of exhibits for display.

Follow that!

BLANDFORD based wives have become camp followers – and that's official! They followed their husbands to their annual battle camp as part of a 30 Signal Regiment exercise which culminated in a families' day featuring first aid, field cooking, weapon training, vehicle maintenance and self-defence. Stands were set up at Westdown Camp and the wives were invited to try their hand at the various skills.

Four to get QGM

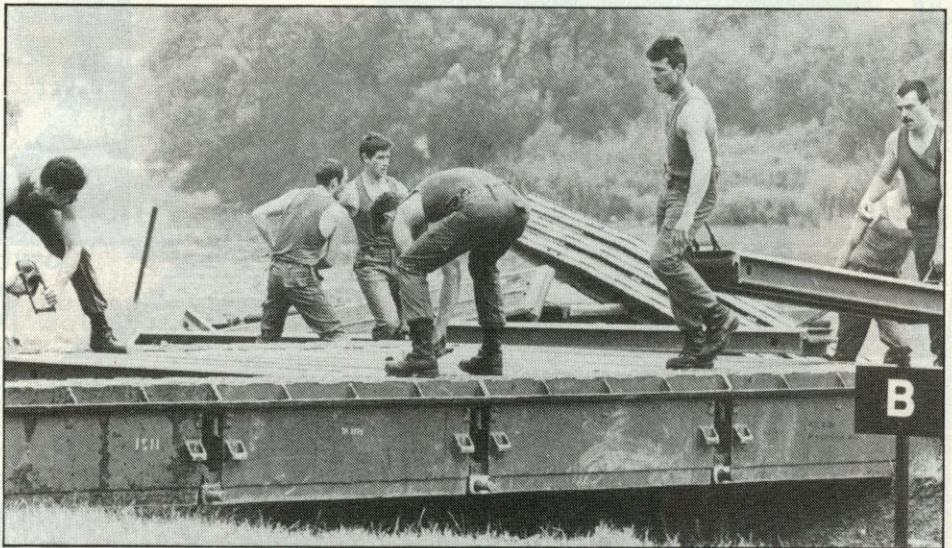
FOUR Queen's Gallantry Medals and a Military Medal are included in the latest list of gallantry medals awarded to Army personnel serving in Northern Ireland.

The complete list is:

OBE – Lt Col D T I Glyn Owen, WG; Lt Col E T Hudson, Gren Gds; Lt Col R M M Low, Queens; Capt R S Abson, RAOC; Capt A Bostock, PWO; Maj R A Churcher, RGJ; Maj J E Goodall, Int Corps; Maj T W Hambrook, D and D; Maj K M Ryan, R Anglian; Maj A D Slater, R Anglian; Capt A J Whistler, RRF; Maj A G Wiles, AAC.

Queen's Gallantry Medal – WO2 G Lewis, RA; SSgt R J Scott, RAOC; SSgt R A L Trude, RAOC; SSgt K Ward, Para. **BEM** – Sgt D F J Bull, Para; Sgt J Lybert, RCT; Cpl D McBurney, PWO; Sgt M P Morton, R Anglian; Cpl K F Ryan, Para; SSgt J A Streeting, R Signals; Sgt A D Sykes, QGM, Coldm Gds.

Military Medal – Cpl A Brown, Para. **Mention in dispatches** – Maj B W Ballinger, RCT; Lt Col A Behagg, R Anglian; Spr R W Billington, RE; SSgt K P Brett, R Anglian; SSgt T E Bridges, RE; Maj P J R Brokenshire, Int Corps; Cpl K J Burton, PWO; Maj R G Cartwright, Gren Gds; Lt Col R S J Cohen, LI; Lt Col A F Davidson, Kings Own Border; Cpl M R Edwards, RRW; Cpl K Fowler, PWO; SSgt W A Hannah, RE; Lt Col W M W Jackson, Int Corps; Capt D G Jones, RE; Lt Col A C Kenway, DERR; Lt Col J P Kiszely, MC, SG; Maj W D M Leavack, Int Corps; Cpl C Nicholson, LI; Capt R N O'Byrne, RAOC; Maj J A Pinel, RE; Capt J G G Ross, R Anglian; Cpl K D Smith, R Signals; Cpl D Spencer, R Signals; WO2 P A Stainthorpe, PWO; Maj P Timothy, RAOC; Cpl K White, Kings Own Border; late Lt D J Woolf, Kings Own Border.



Fast workers. Sappers attempting to break the world bridge building record

A BRIDGE TOO FAST!

RECORD breaking 21 Engineer Regiment have earned themselves a place in the Guinness Book of Records by shaving almost 3½ minutes off the previous best time for building a medium girder bridge.

The Nienburg based unit plucked the record from holders 26 Engr Regt with a

time of 12 min 51 sec during a competition at an RE 200 celebration in Hameln.

Twelve Royal Engineer teams from BAOR and UK took part and 26 Engr Regt almost managed to regain their record but dropped a kerb piece in the gap and were disqualified.

Back to nature

SAPPERS from 22 Engineer Regiment, RE, based at Perham Down, near Bulford, have just spent a fortnight removing an old grenade range on Willsworthy Ranges, Dartmoor, with the aim of returning the site as far as possible to moorland.

Home Service units in action

IN their first major exercise of its type since Brave Defender two years ago, four Home Service units from the south west have completed a weekend exercise, Fiery Wyvern in Cornwall.

The units involved were E Sqn, The

Royal Wessex Yeomanry from Salisbury; E Company, 6 LI (V) from Bath; F Company, 6 LI from Truro and 302 Sqn, RCT based at South Cerney, Glos.

Also taking part were TA soldiers from C and D Companies, 6 LI.

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501 TRAINING BATTAL...

(THE LADS ARE OK HERE- THEY DIDNT GROAN WHEN I TOLD THEM I'D FORGOTTEN THE MILK AND SUGAR...

(HOWEVER...THIS IS REALLY GOING TO TEST OUR FRIENDSHIP....I ALSO FORGOT THE TEA...

(ANYONE HERE CARE TO SHAVE EARLY?

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

GUARD dog Skipper is a heavyweight in the canine world. Tipping the scales at nine stone he adds up to a fair weight of responsibility for his bantamweight handler, LCpl David Hughes, who is a good half stone lighter. When Skipper stretches up on his legs he can look down on 5ft 2in David.

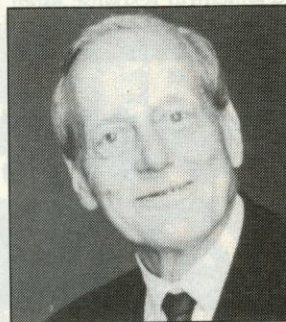
The two have been together for eight months at Hemer, West Germany, where

David is serving with the 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry, in the regimental police. They are pictured on the Sennelager Training Area at this year's International Canine Biathlon.

David has been able to hold his own against his four-footed Goliath. After all he has represented the Combined Services at boxing and is the current BAOR flyweight champion.



GEN CHAPPLE



GEN HARMAN

Generally speaking . . .

GEN Sir John Chapple, C-in-C UKLF, has taken over from Gen Sir Jack Harman as deputy chairman of the National Army Museum's council. Gen Chapple, a dedicated military historian, presented his predecessor with a goblet engraved in Latin.



MAKING HIS PEACE: Magqubu Ntombela

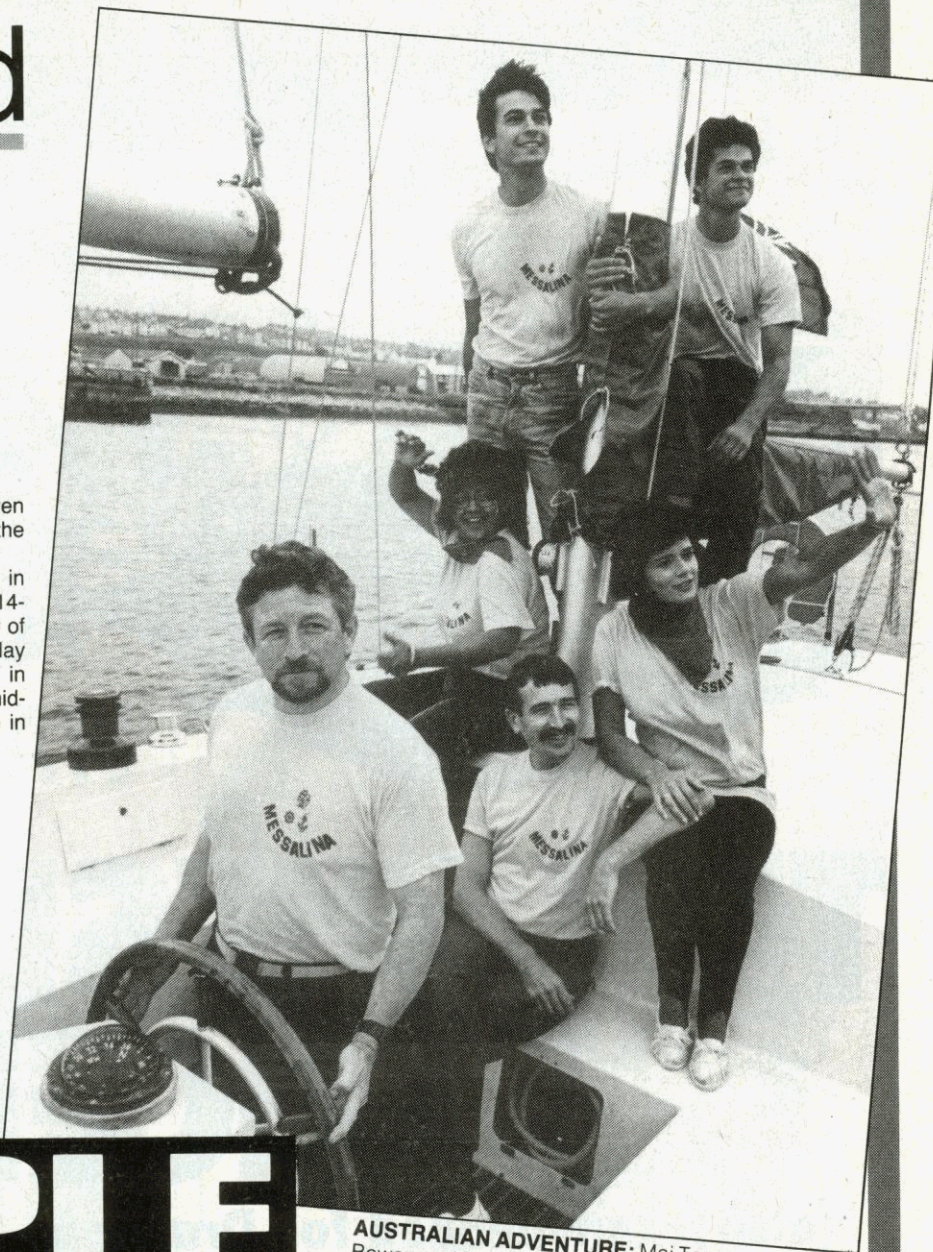
All aboard for epic voyage

FORMER jockey and RAMC officer, Maj Terry Bowen dipped into his savings last year on retirement from the Army to buy a 47-foot ketch *Messalina* in Rhodes.

TA officer with 203 General Hospital RAMC (V) in Cardiff, Terry has now put that all behind him to make a 14-month odyssey Down Under. And he is taking his family of eight with him. He plans to set up an adventure holiday centre with his brother, John, who already lives in Queensland. Terry and his family plan to windsurf in mid-Atlantic and water ski across the International Dateline in mid-Pacific.

NEW DG

BRIG Brian Lowe, full time member of the Defence Manufacturers Association of Great Britain since 1986 as its Director Co-ordination has been appointed the organisation's director general, the second such appointment since the association's inception in 1976.



AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE: Maj Terry Bowen and family

PEOPLE

Shades of the past

MEMORIES die hard for an 87-year-old Zulu priest, Magqubu Ntombela, who has just visited the South Wales Borderers Museum in Brecon. His mission - to make his peace with the spirits of five soldiers who died at the hands of his father 108 years ago at the battle of Isandhlwana.

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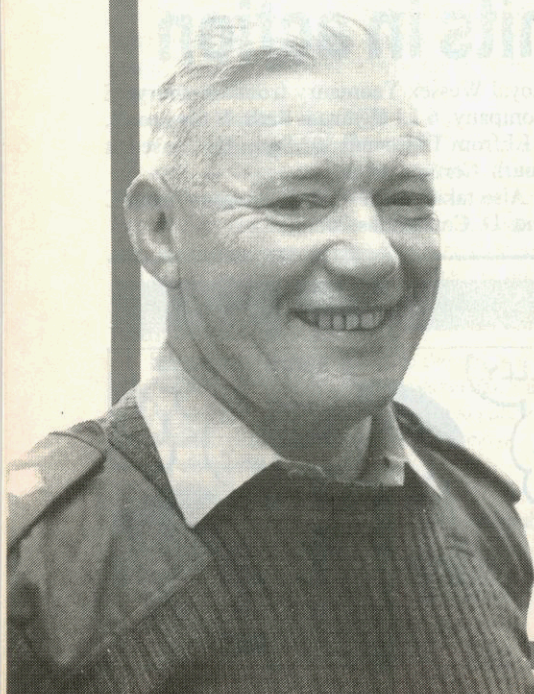
Harry's the last of his line . . .

THE retirement of Lt Col (QM) Harry Clegg, ACC, the Aldershot Garrison Regimental QM, marks the end of an era. Forty years ago he was in the first batch of 24 ACC apprentices, 14 of whom held a reunion in Aldershot earlier this year.

Col Clegg (pictured) is getting ready to grapple with a very large garden in Wrexham, north Wales.

"This is really going to be a second innings for me," he said. Col Clegg still maintains close contact with the other 23 members of that ACC intake of four decades ago.

A Hotelympia gold medal winner 27 years ago, Col Clegg is leaving the Army after 40 years and 314 days to become a consultant in kitchen planning and design.



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SOLDIER to Soldier

Blossom didn't cause Sospan III's death

From that great goat herd in the sky to which, presumably, all good goats go eventually, Sospan III may be wishing he could horn in on the publicity over what caused his premature departure.

A few issues ago, SOLDIER reported that Sospan – regimental goat of 4th Bn RRW – died from suspected cyanide poisoning, having eaten blossom from an oriental tree in the grounds of The Grange at Swansea.

Now CSgt B A John, Goat Major of 4 RRW, has sprung to Sospan's gastronomic defence. "I can categorically state that Sospan at no time ate any

ornamental plants," says CSgt John, who has been looking after 4 RRW's regimental goats for 14 years. "He did not eat anything of which I was not aware."

Plant poisoning, he points out, is accumulative, and animals only succumb if they are allowed to feed on any species of poisonous plants continually.

And to prove his point, he has sent SOLDIER a photograph of a smart and apparently healthy looking Sospan taken only ten days before his sudden death.

"His death is still a mystery," says CSgt John. Cyanide poisoning indeed! It's enough to get a goat's goat.

Left – Sospan III and CSgt John

TIPS FROM A TOP JOB MAN

Jim Henderson has been a sailor and an airman – but the book he has written after a lot of painstaking research provides information and advice which is equally valuable to the soldier.

Former RAF senior NCO Jim, Employment Officer with the Regular Forces Employment Association for ten years, is the author of *Back to Work in Civvy Street*, which has a print run of 5,000.

"The last thing you think about when you join the Forces is what will happen when you leave," he says.

The RFEA has 40 branches nationwide, and last year helped and advised 11,500 Servicemen and women about job opportunities, placing 5,000 of them in employment.

Jim's book tells Service personnel how to set about getting a job, how to prepare for the future, a future that should start to be planned two years before leaving the Services.

"The Serviceman has many of the qualities which industry is looking for," he says. "He accepts responsibility, he is versatile, dependable and reasonably mobile, and that says a lot for the quality of the Serviceman and woman."

Jim went to sea at the age of 14, served in the merchant navy for 3½ years and then in the RAF for 29 years, three of which were spent on loan to the Army.

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Jim Henderson

The book (see advert on Page 47) gives detailed information on self-employment, on franchising (14 pages of firms and addresses) and an index of employers who are keen to take on good ex-Service personnel in existing vacancies even for familiarisation and civilian training attachments.

Undercover agent to fight Aids

In a move to combat the Aids virus, Sweden's 45,000 army conscripts are reportedly being issued with condoms – in camouflage-coloured packs.

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SAPPERS LEAD SEARCH FOR TOXIC GAS BOMBS

TWENTY-SEVEN households and many head of farm livestock were evacuated during a large scale joint Army/police real life drama just north of Basingstoke, Hampshire. Army EOD experts in NBC suits moved into the area to probe for suspected First World War bombs containing choking toxic phosgene gas, writes **Graham Smith**.

The sappers were from 49 (EOD) Squadron, 33 (EOD) Engineer Regiment, RE, who in earlier weeks had unearthed eight of the 60 lb, two-foot-long cast iron bombs during a routine route clearance survey for a proposed water main along the eastern perimeter of the former ammunition depot at Bramley.

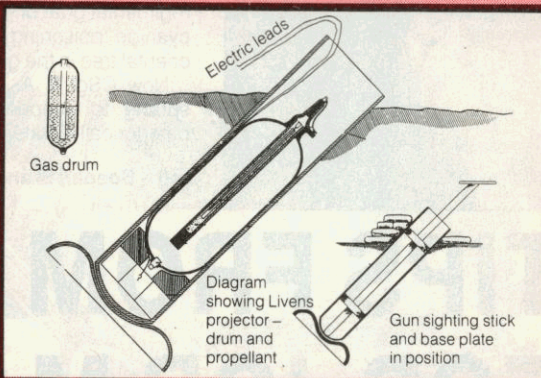
The joint venture, code-named Operation Apple, had been planned three weeks in advance and involved some 250 Army personnel from the Royal Engineers, RAOC, RAMC and RA.

Seventy years ago the liquid phosgene bombs were filled with 30 lbs of the lethal lung irritant ready for electronic firing from crude mortars designed by Capt William Livens, RE. These launchers were known as Livens Projectors.

Army authorities are still unsure how the bombs came to be dumped at AD Bramley which was vacated by the Americans earlier this year. They are holding an internal inquiry.

During the first day's six-hour search for surviving 2,000 metre range bombs, 56 adults and 16 schoolchildren were evacuated to safety outside a 550 metre

How the gas bomb worked



hazard area. Some of them were offered shelter and light snacks in the village hall at Sherfield-on-Loddon, just over two miles away.

Meanwhile, the Chattenden based sappers began serious excavations in four-man teams physically cocooned in Mk 3A "Noddy suits" and translucent suits over those.

By their side were aluminium boxes, a plentiful supply of fuller's earth, plaster of Paris for canister sealing purposes and the latest in Chemical Monitoring Agent - CAM - devices.

During the initial survey earlier the sappers had also exhumed a 4.5 inch shell believed to be filled with mustard gas; a lethal find turned up by a sophisticated metal detector.

All of the bombs had been found lurking eight feet below the earth and beneath the water table - a blessing as it turned out for

the sappers, because water and phosgene, in the event of a leakage, are not compatible.

Operation Apple was entirely dependent on the weather conditions sandwiched in between the mandatory digging times of 10 am to 4 pm. It was an operation which, according to Maj Garth Whitty, OC of the squadron which is more used to 'crash crew' call-outs, could last from a week to several weeks.

The Army had firmly ruled out the idea of reburial because of possible leakage from corroded metal.

Expert weather forecasters predicted that in any given seven-day period, weekends included, only two days would be suitable for working conditions at this time of the year.

A CDE Porton expert who was on site said that gusty conditions were the most favoured to dissipate any leakages.

Most householders were notified by telephone 90 minutes before the digging resumed. Those four homes not on the phone were told by the local police. Local radio stations put out daily bulletins.

A video monitor link from the excavation was set up in the joint ops room to check progress. Any find would, like the earlier ones, be carefully packed into fuller's earth-filled aluminium boxes and taken to CDE Porton for examination and destruction.

Daily at 8 am local weather forecast readings were made by a team of personnel from the AMETS troop of 22 (Gibraltar 1779-1783) Locating Battery, RA, part of 94 Locating Regiment from Larkhill. Long range forecasts were provided by the Larkhill Met Station itself.

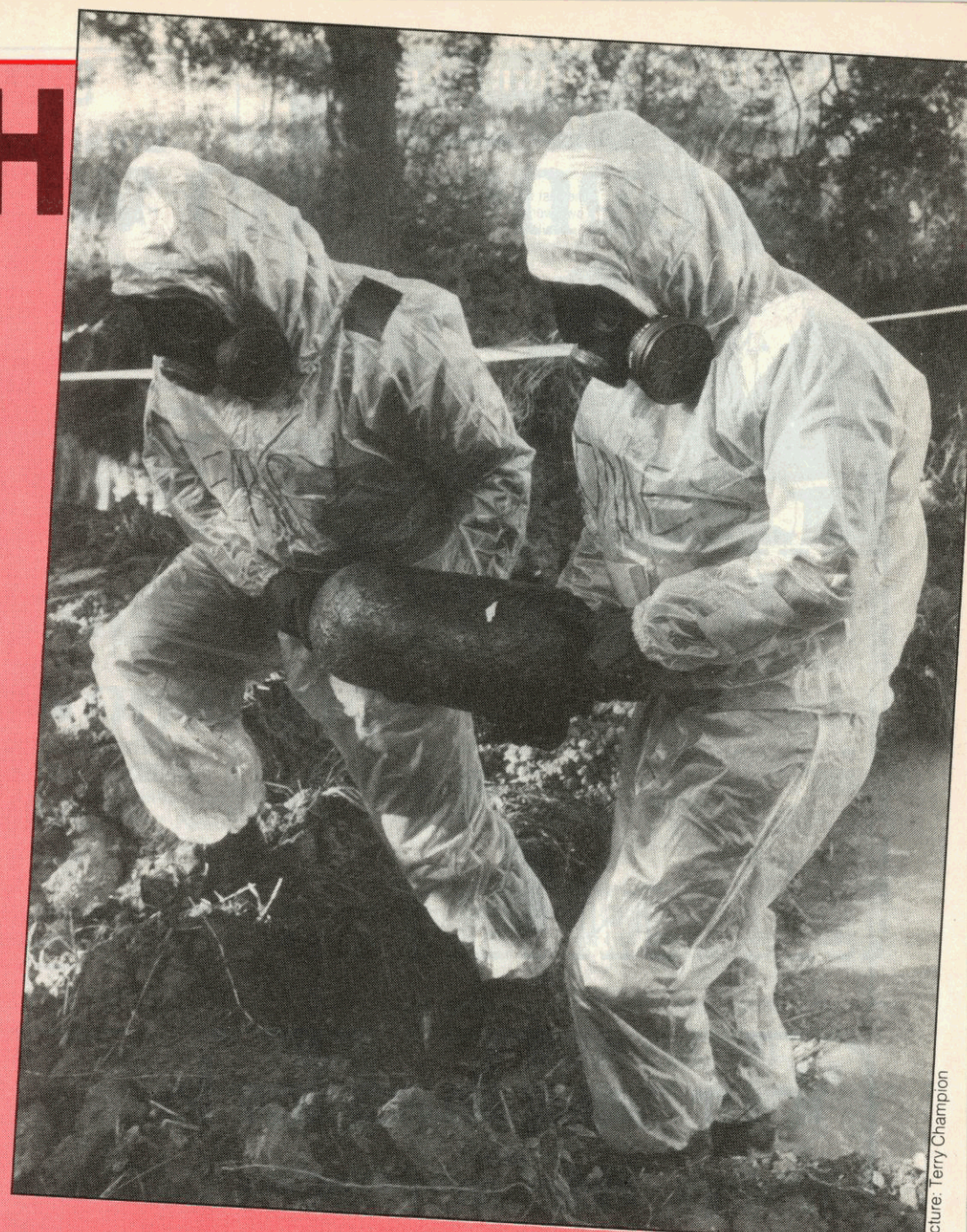
To deal with any possible leakages RAOC personnel were on hand at a decontamination point 300 metres from the Incident Control Point and not far from a "hot line" crossing where NBC-suited operators worked a "buddy-buddy" system to ensure maximum safety.

Medical supervision from the RAMC came from the Aldershot based units of 23 Para Field Ambulance and 22 Field Ambulance.

The sappers of 49 (EOD) Sqn used a mechanical digger to heave out the earth around the suspect site, then used shovels to remove the last couple of feet.

As they worked the sappers of 49 (EOD) Squadron were calmly putting Operation Apple down on video as a training aid film.

Sgt Dave Percy and LCpl Andre Jones of 49 EOD remove a gas bomb from a site at the First World War ammunition dump at Bramley near Basingstoke, Hants



Picture: Terry Champion

Londoners head north to concentrate on arms

MORE than 2,500 members of 56 London Brigade assembled at Otterburn Training Area in Northumberland to take part in Exercise Dick Whittington, one of the largest exercises to be staged in the United Kingdom since Brave Defender.

It was the first concentration by the recently formed 56 London Brigade, whose badge embodies Dick Whittington's black cat and the 56 (London) Infantry Division sword bayonet.

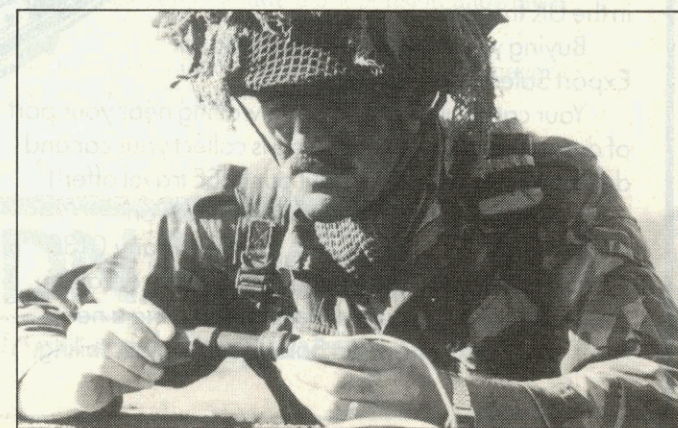
The Regular and TA units of the Brigade were 2 Coldm Gds, 4 RGJ (V), 221 (Surrey) Fd Amb

RAMC (V), 253 Pro Coy RMP (V) and from outside 2 Tp 24 Fd Sqn RE and the Gun Troop of the HAC.

The RAF provided support in the former of Jaguar ground attack aircraft and Chinook helicopters.

The first week was given over to unit training including a five battalion Milan concentration at which 48 missiles costing £1/2 million were fired.

The second week culminated in a highly successful 72 hour exercise dubbed appropriately Black Cat.



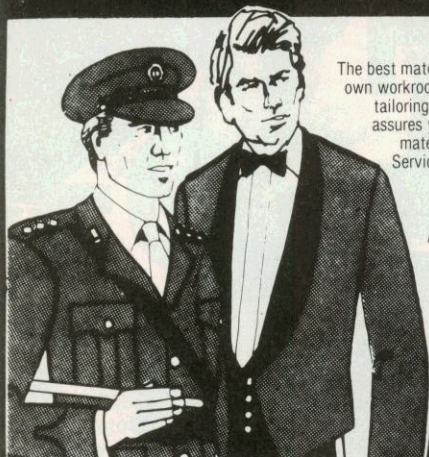
Sgt MS Green of 24 Fd Sqn RE concentrates on the task in hand



Members of 3 Coy 2 Coldm Gds in action during Exercise Dick Whittington at Otterburn

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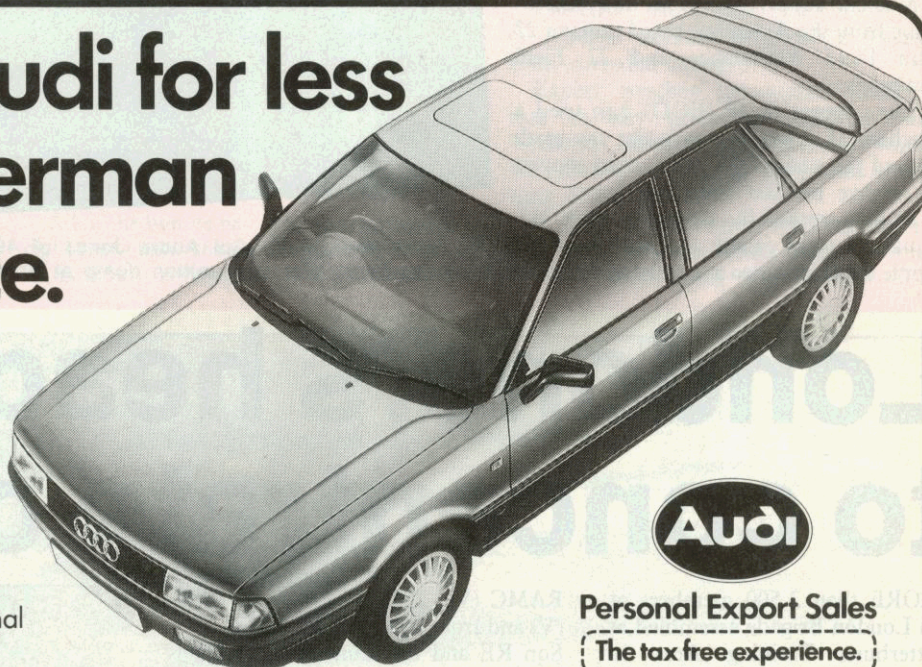
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Look what one council offered a soldier after eight years on their list

WHILE serving his engagement a soldier of The Queen's Regiment registered with the local authority and stayed on their housing list for eight years. He renewed his application every six months thinking that when he left the Service he and his family would be sure of a home.

He arranged a civilian job in the area where he had strong family connections.

Is their number up?

UNDER a new scheme all 16-year-olds at school and all school leavers who are dependants of British Forces personnel should have received by now a plastic card giving their National Insurance number.

Anyone overseas whose child has not received one should contact either school or pay office and obtain Form RB N Reg 36.

In the UK the issue is automatic between a child's 15th and 16th birthday and is linked to the issue of Child Benefit.

Everyone needs a National Insurance number to ensure their contributions are recorded when they are in work.

When the time came he approached the council and his wife was asked to sign an acceptance form without seeing the building on offer.

Rightly she refused and asked to inspect it. Some idea of the sight that met her eyes may be gathered from the pictures on these pages. The house had (among other horrors)

- a shattered front door
- smashed electrical connections
- a wrecked kitchen
- walls smeared with excreta
- useless heaters.

The council said they would carry out maintenance repairs but the redecoration would be a matter for the family.

Not unnaturally the husband did not want to move his expectant wife and two children into the place as it stood.

But the council insisted that it was a case of take it or leave it. Say "No" and it meant returning to the end of the waiting list for two years.

The family appealed (to a board chaired by a councillor) and were supported by their doctor and a local MP. The local housing commandant accompanied them to the

inquiry and the appeal was granted.

The family were offered and accepted another house – not ideal but a great improvement.

Though one's first instinct might be to blame the council, the housing commandant in question found himself sympathising with their plight. With 3,000 families on their waiting list they had no new building scheduled for this year.

They were waiting for someone to die – literally – to provide vacant accommodation.

Because the situation shows no signs of improvement I have devoted most of this issue's article to the subject of housing.

Take care before you go too far

A NEW DHSS leaflet is a must for families travelling or serving overseas.

Called *Protect Your Health Abroad* (Serial SA 35), it deals with the prevention of cholera, malaria, tetanus, typhoid, yellow fever, Aids and other diseases.

It also gives some general information worth noting.

For example Servicemen and their dependants who travel on leave beyond the local leave travel limits of 50 miles over the German/Belgian border are not entitled to medical or dental treatment at MoD expense in the event of illness or accident.

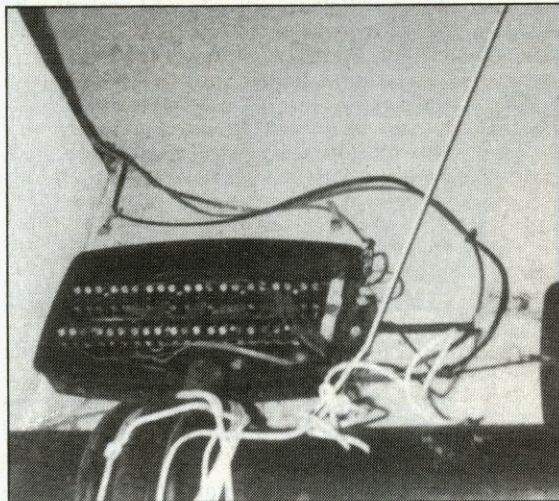
Only those authorised to travel on formal leave over the 50 mile limit qualify.

To avoid inconvenience you should obtain Form E111 (certificate of entitlement to medical treatment) through the leave clerk (filling in another form CM1).

If you don't and you have an accident or raging toothache it could cause problems.

EEC social security regulations differ in detail.

Greeted by a broken door – and met inside by a filthy wall with a message from the previous tenants, right. Below, damaged wiring



WITH FAMILIES IN MIND
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NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT OUR HOUSES IN ORDER

IT is quite clear when one looks at the housing scene that it is time for soldiers to rethink their ideas.

In July 1986 the three Services asked the Department of Environment to republish their 1975 guidance circular to local authorities. It was unable to do so.

This 12-year-old circular remains virtually dormant.

Because so many councils and authorities do not have the housing stock they are unable to be sympathetic to Servicemen when they finish their time.

It may be argued more and more in the future that public sector housing is not for people in work with a regular wage.

It may indeed be reserved for the homeless, one parent families, compassionate cases and people who lose their jobs and fall on hard times.

Local authorities have difficulty in coping at the moment with such demands, let alone finding houses for those on their lists.

been interpreted (in a case in 1984) so as to discriminate further against irregular occupants of MoD houses.

For a soldier to make the best of his chance of obtaining a council house he should consult – wait for it – Annex A to D/PS(A) 15/67 PS4(a). This gives the correct procedure to follow.

However, from the number of letters I receive, it now appears that some local authorities are unwilling to accept families on their lists because of a shortage of dwellings.

The mandatory requirement to rehouse homeless people, the entitlement of sitting tenants to buy their homes, and a fall in new public sector building have contributed to the problem.

Soldiers and their families get no favours. They can get advice and should consult their local housing commandant and check with their local authority.

In my view ...

boroughs.

The situation applies in many other areas. I predict that in five years there will be no council housing available for discharged Servicemen and their families if something is not done soon.

More and more councils are removing serving soldiers' names from their lists as they change their housing policy.

The advice given by one council ("Let us know one year before you are due to leave the Army") is nonsensical. The stock of public housing is dwindling fast.

At the same time house prices are increasing almost by the month. The Ministry of Defence has undertaken to produce a housing report – but we can't wait for it for ever.

NOTE: All Army Education centres should hold a copy of *Public Sector Housing*. This contains a guide to the policy of every local authority in England, Scotland and Wales. It was brought up to date this year and applies specifically to Service families seeking council housing.

THE REASONS WHY

THOUGH different areas have different rules, soldiers may well face difficulties in getting their names on a housing list.

They may have to prove residence in a district before they enlisted and have to have relatives in the region. And perhaps the wife may be expected to have a residential qualification.

Even if a man is registered on a list it does

not give him an automatic right to a house.

This is a general misconception throughout the Services.

Any one of the following reasons may lead to a soldier or an ex-soldier being barred from entitlement to a council house:

- (1) *No employment in the area.*
- (2) *Not having lived in the area before discharge.*
- (3) *No family connection with an area.*
- (4) *Being in receipt of a gratuity of more than £8,000 or a pension in the £8,000 plus bracket.*
- (5) *The fact that he has been in regular employment.*
- (6) *No school age children.*
- (7) *The Homeless Persons Act 1977 has*

An individual may be required to pay on the spot and it could take some time to reclaim a proportion of costs arising from sickness or injury.

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Pride of place for 3 Queens and 25 Engr Regt

TWO Swords of Peace signifying a joint winning award have been presented to the sappers and to the Queen's Regiment in ceremonies at Osnabrück and Canterbury respectively, the Queens award delivered by freefall parachute display team!

The Wilkinson Swords of Peace are awarded annually to each of the three Services, writes **Graham Smith**.

The sappers, men of 25 Engineer Regiment, received their award in recognition of their salvage and clearance work carried out in the Falklands in 1986 and this year when, reinforced by 518 Company, Royal Pioneer Corps, their principal task was to recover some 7,000 tons of stores and equipment from RAF Stanley after the opening of the Mount Pleasant airfield. The operation, code-named Flogger, was completed in two months.

The regiment also undertook the arduous task of clearing all the military scrap and rubbish from around the old airfield at RAF Stanley and from the town of Stanley itself.

Some 15kms of barbed wire were removed and dumped at sea, 150 derelict vehicles were buried and some 500 lorry loads of rubbish removed from around the town of Stanley.

At the Osnabrück ceremony, Mr Fletcher Nicholson, Managing Director of Wilkinson Sword Ltd, presented the Sword of Peace to Gen Sir George Cooper, Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Royal Engineers. The sword was then presented to Lt Col Kevin O'Donoghue, CO of 25 Engineer Regiment.

As a token of thanks, 25 Engineer Regiment made its own presentation of an engraved poignard to the members of 518 Company, RPC, for their help in winning the award.

At Canterbury the Wilkinson Sword of Peace award to the 3rd Bn, The Queen's Regiment, made a spectacular entrance when members of the regiment's freefall parachute display team, The Flying Dragons, delivered it to the regiment on



Above - Lt Ben Whitworth troops the sword through the ranks of 25 Engr Regt at Osnabrück

Right - A replica Pioneer sword is presented to Lt Col Kevin O'Donoghue by Maj Martin Featherstone. Earlier, Maj Featherstone had received a poignard from 25 Engr Regt to mark 518 Coy's part in winning the sword

their parade ground at Howe Barracks.

Mr Nicholson presented this Sword of Peace to the Rt Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of The Bank of England and Lord Lieutenant of Kent. The sword was then presented to Lt Col Bob McGhie, CO of 3 Queens.

The regiment was awarded its Sword of Peace for its achievements during a tour of duty in Belize between April and October 1986.

The battalion was deployed to assist the Belize Defence Force and to help in natural disaster relief operations. Regular patrolling brought the soldiers into contact with the local population providing opportunities to give basic medical support to the villagers.

Open days for the local population were held at each of the company bases and battalion members were able to offer help in repairing churches, installing UNICEF-

funded water pumps and rebuilding a much needed medical clinic.

Members of 3 Queens also formed part of a tri-Service disaster relief team sent to Jamaica after serious flooding.

The citation said the battalion had earned a "well-deserved reputation for its friendliness and co-operation. It generated a tremendous amount of goodwill and did much to maintain good, friendly relations with the inhabitants of Belize."



Before and after: Lt Susie Clarke has her finger on the button before (top picture) the demolition of Kettle's Overbridge on the Bluebell Line in Sussex. The second photograph shows the results of 57 Training Squadron's handiwork

All in a day's work

CIVIL engineering graduate Lt Susie Clarke was able to flex her demolition skills when a team of Royal Engineers from Hawley based 57 Training Squadron were called in by Sussex steam railway enthusiasts to blow up an old bridge.

Lt Clarke, on full time attachment to the Royal Engineers after completing her degree at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, led the team in blowing up the bridge on the Bluebell Line.

She was assisted by SSgt Jeff Evans, who is to be awarded a Queen's Commendation for brave conduct following an incident last year when he saved the life of an officer.

Old link with the Royal Anglians

THE Bermuda Regiment's history can be traced to 1892 when the Bermuda Militia Artillery was formed by an Act of Parliament. The first drill took place on June 15, 1896, with 106 personnel.

Also in 1892 another Bermuda Act authorised the creation of a 300-strong force for local defence, the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps.

In 1899, the BMA was strengthened by another 103 men and a year later more joined to form a band.

About this time the BMA changed its role taking on more advanced work on the manning of the guns. The original Bermuda Militia was disbanded on April 20, 1928. A reorganised militia came into being on lines similar to the British TA.

In 1929 the BVRC was affiliated with the Lincolnshire Regiment with the result that the Bermuda Regiment has had a long



Experts together. WO2 Nigel Hurrell, Royal Anglian, a Training Wing PSI and his Bermudian counterpart, WO2 Warrent Furbert

association with The Royal Anglian Regiment, descendants of the Lincolns.

In 1951, under the Defence Local Forces Act 1949, both the BMA and the BVRC were reformed. The Bermuda Militia Artillery retained its name but the BVRC was succeeded by the Bermuda Rifles.

Conscription was introduced for the Bermuda Rifles in 1957 and in the BMA three

years later.

Both units merged on September 1, 1965 to form the Bermuda Regiment and on November 25 of that year Princess Margaret presented the regiment with its Colours and became its Colonel-in-Chief.

In 1978 the regiment increased from 500 to its present strength of between 700 and 750 personnel.



SOLDIERS IN PARADISE

EACH autumn for the past ten years a Bermuda Government computer printout facility has chattered into action for just 20 seconds watched by the island's Deputy Governor and two JPs.

During those 20 seconds the short term destinies of many of the island's young men are decided in an annual ritual which decrees 180 of them will top up the ranks of the Bermuda Regiment.

Every January, this number of young men aged 18 to 23 are compulsorily conscripted for three years into the part time regiment, a militia which dates back to 1892.

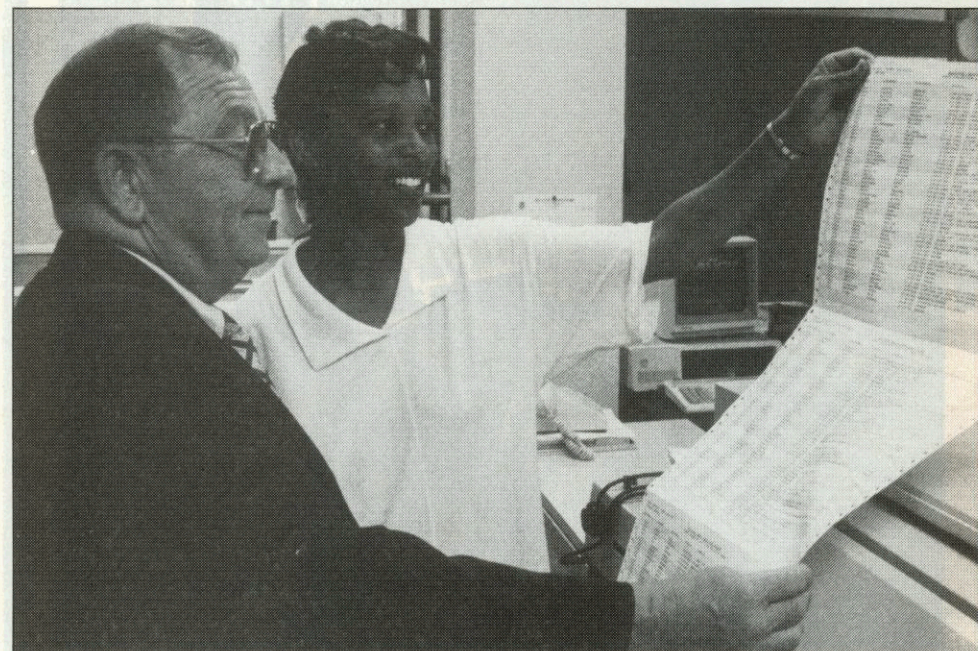
The 732-strong regiment has two main roles - internal security and ceremonial duties on the sun drenched holiday isle 580 miles east of the North American seaboard.

Those computer-balloted young men who are not trawled in the first electronic sweep are still eligible for their TA-type "national service" each year until the age of 23. Their names are routinely entered into the draw each year.

Once the computer has made its selection the list of names appears in all three island newspapers and proper call-up papers are sent out to the 180 conscripts.

Somehow the Bermuda Regiment always manages to make its annual quota from the island's indigenous population, of which about 60 per cent are of African descent.

The regiment is administered by a 26-strong permanent staff, five of whom are British Army Loan Service personnel. Currently they are a major and four



warrant officers from The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The Royal Anglian Regiment has forged strong links with the Bermuda Regiment through their forbears, The Lincolnshire Regiment.

The current quintet of one Poacher and four Vikings are Maj Alan Deed, Staff Officer; WO1 (RSM) Jeff Wilcox, RSM; WO2s Nigel Hurrell and Malcolm Fenn, Training Wing PSIs; and WO2 Rod Allen, NCO Cadre PSI. All are married and have their families with them.

Maj Deed is the Military Adviser to the

Bermuda Regiment's CO, Lt Col Gavin Shorto.

"I'm not here to run the regiment on his behalf nor to bring MoD policy into the regiment. I'm here in support bringing into play my experience of current British Army practices," he said.

Maj Deed is also responsible for ops and intelligence involving regimental readiness for IS duties and natural disaster contingency planning. He also writes the initial instructions for training weeks, the training teams' schedules, exercise scripts for local and overseas scenarios and

It was the isle of devils to sailors of old

Bermuda, 580 miles due east of North America's eastern seaboard, is named after Spanish mariner, historian and navigator Juan de Bermúdez who landed there in 1503.

English Admiral Sir George Somers settled the island on July 28, 1609 after a five-day sea storm when his flagship *Sea Venture* was wrecked. The *Sea Venture* and another vessel had become separated from the rest of the fleet as they sailed to colonise Virginia.

The incident became the inspiration for William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Bermuda, which adopted the name of Somers Islands for a while, was known to British seamen as the "isle of devils" because of its

treacherous reefs.

The island later became a convict station, its prisoners living in gaunt, offshore prison hulks while engaged on hard labour. Scottish prisoners who had fought against Cromwell and the Irish were sold into slavery in Bermuda in 1651. It was also home to whaling stations.

Self-government was introduced on June 8, 1968 and Bermuda is now the oldest self-governing colony within the Commonwealth.

The island economy is based largely on its 600,000 annual tourists and the commercial benefits of banking and the insurance business.



Cpl Leon Forde raises the Bermuda national flag to start the day at Warwick Barracks

All is revealed

Bermuda defence administrator Bernie Gibbons and computer operator Debra White watch the list of conscripts emerge. Writer GRAHAM SMITH and photographer PAUL HALEY have visited Bermuda to report on one of the world's smallest island militia forces.

organises courses for regimental personnel.

"I also liaise with the British Defence Staff in Washington who, every 18 months, come out here to mount a Fitness-for-Role study of the regiment.

"The PSI posts out here are open to all three Royal Anglian battalions and being seconded here does not hold up promotion. Personnel are very carefully selected by Records and Manning and the Queen's Division at Basingbourn from whom we get very good support.

"I have sent 26 Bermuda Regiment

personnel on overseas courses this year and by December six more will be attached overseas, including six bandmen to Gibraltar."

Main role of the Bermuda Regiment is to help the 448-strong island police force to keep law and order. It also lays on ceremonial guards and parades on appropriate occasions.

Britain, incidentally, is responsible for the external defence of Bermuda, which is Britain's oldest governing colony within the Commonwealth.

The regiment has three rifle companies, A Company (85 personnel), B Company (89-strong) and C Company (208 members as the training company), and a 262-strong HQ Company and an 88-member Support Company.

The permanent staff includes two officers and 16 SNCOs who administer not just the rifle companies but also the NCO cadre, the pre-conscript 32-strong Junior Leaders' Regiment founded in 1970 and the 60-strong band which gives 65 performances a year.

The regiment has allowed women to join its ranks since December 1978. Five are on the permanent staff and seven on the NCO cadre.

It's an army which boasts three millionaire entrepreneurs, an architect-cum-model, a 22-stone cocktail barman and a girl bodybuilding champion among its ranks.

Training is tough for the rookie recruits. Square bashing and basic infantry skills are the order of the day at Warwick Camp, about eight miles from Hamilton, the

capital of Bermuda.

At the end of their first fortnight 60 youngsters are chosen for the Junior NCOs cadre. They can look forward to ten days' further training in Canada, at Valcartier, near Quebec, a scheme which has been going since 1985. The Canadian link goes back to 1929 and the Bermuda Regiment's connections with that country's Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

The regiment also identifies its potential officers. This year ten have been selected

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Former editor looks to the future of the regiment

IN CHARGE of the Bermuda Regiment is Lt Col Gavin Shorto, himself a conscript 23 years ago. He is a former newspaper editor and one-time Director of the Bermuda Government's Public Relations Department.

Conscripted into the Bermuda Rifles in 1964 he was commissioned immediately before the amalgamation with the Bermuda Militia Artillery in 1965.

After four years as second in command, he became the full time CO in July 1984.

Col Shorto has attended a number of courses at British Army training establishments as well as the Canadian Command and Staff College. His British Army attachments have included Belize, Canada, Cyprus and Northern Ireland.

He is very clear about the two main roles of his regiment, internal security and ceremonial, and has a quiet confidence about its future.

"There are two ways the regiment could change," he says. "There is a lot of talk

about Bermuda's independence. I think if Bermuda should decide to go down that route things would definitely change in the regiment.

"There are a number of possibilities, the principal one being that the regiment would become involved in some kind of coastguard force perhaps on its own, perhaps with other organisations like the police.

"I think at any independence we could also expect the regiment would be asked to take on a limited defensive role.

"There are a couple of other things which could involve changes in the regiment. The police currently have some duties which could easily be taken over by the regiment. For example, the guarding of Government House. We are also talking with the police about becoming more involved in their marine section."

Asked why the Bermuda Regiment did not have scout cars or light armoured vehicles in its 14-strong fleet for internal security duties, he replied: "Our experience in the civil



riots of 1968 and 1977 showed there was certainly no need for armoured cars. You must remember that no one has fired a shot in anger in civil disturbances here.

"Although we are able to put

mesh over the windows of vehicles we do not see the need for heavily armoured vehicles."

Commenting on the use of women (there are 22 in the ranks) in front line IS duties, Col Shorto explained: "I cannot



think of any good reason why they should not be involved. They are all volunteers who wish to be involved in that kind of thing."

Col Shorto was very complimentary about the presence

of the five Royal Anglian Loan Service personnel.

He said: "The state of the art for internal security training is in Britain at the moment. The conflict in Northern Ireland has enabled British Forces to

develop and hone their techniques and equipment so that the connection, for us, is extremely valuable with our role of IS. We are able to take advantage of their knowledge.

"We also train on the British

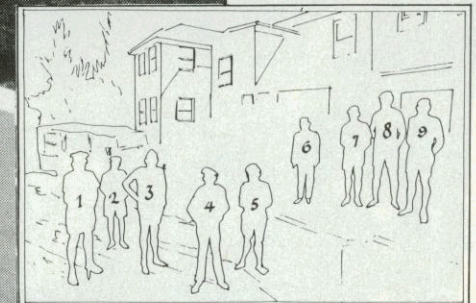
system, as it were, and we model ourselves on British Forces from those points of view.

"The British staff here are very valuable. I certainly don't feel we could do without them."



Roll call at headquarters

Staff outside the Bermuda Regiment HQ. 1-WO1 (RSM) Jeff Wilcox, R Anglian, RSM; 2-Capt Anthony Steede, Bermuda Regt, Adjutant; 3-Maj Alan Deed, R Anglian, Staff Officer; 4-Lt Col Gavin Shorto, CO Bermuda Regt; 5-Maj "Bubbles" Burnard, Regimental Historian; 6-Mr Bernie Gibbons, Defence Administrator/Capt Paymaster; 7-WO2 Malcolm Fenn, R Anglian, PSI; 8 and 9-WO2s Nigel Hurrell and Rod Allen, R Anglian, PSIs



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of which some may be UK-bound for the TA commissioning course at Sandhurst. The Bermuda Regiment selection process is rather like a Westbury Regular Commission Board weekend.

During his three years of part time military service the Bermudian recruit will probably clamber in to his lovat green combats about 260 times. He will also take part in two battalion-sized exercises on the island and participate in half a dozen minor ones.

He will get about in one of the regiment's 14 vehicles which include eight Toyota Land Cruisers. Bermuda has just 126 miles of metalled roads.

Block leave of eight weeks is held in the height of the tourist season when summer temperatures soar.

Every soldier is expected to attend a minimum of 40 drill nights a year. Most put in 70 attendances plus the mandatory

Everyone goes on leave with the tourists!

15 day annual camps. But the three year men are not confined to the 21-square-mile island with its population equivalent to that of Guildford.

They get the chance to take part in camps in Jamaica with the Jamaica Defence Force and at Camp Lejeune, near Jacksonville, North Carolina, home base of 45,000 US Marines.

This year's camp in Jamaica cost Bermuda about £229,609.

Like conscripted armies worldwide the idea of military service is not a popular

one. The permanent staff admits it but has learned to live with the problem. About 70 per cent of recruits do not want to serve their time.

In marked contrast the other one third eagerly volunteer to extend their service.

Absenteeism is a common problem though not a big one. Discipline comes expensive, with about £7,500 in fines being handed out each year.

Persistent malingerers can opt for civilian court action and have had jail sentences handed out by the bench, only to return to the regiment to finish their service! Last year, 14 chose this method of protest.

The regiment also concedes it has had a drugs problem on a minor scale.

Capt Anthony Steede, the regimental adjutant who was attached to the 2nd Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment for 18 months and has a Warminster platoon commanders' course and a Sandhurst

Regular Careers course behind him, said: "Absenteeism is something of a problem but it is something we have learned to live with. Young soldiers keen on bucking the system soon find it costs them or causes them great inconvenience.

"As for drugs, I would be lying to you if I said it did not exist but we are aware of it and we know who they are."

WO2 Nigel Hurrell, one of the two Royal Anglian PSIs with Training Wing, said: "It's a job giving a great deal of self-satisfaction when, after training the regiment's future trainers, you can sit at the back of their classes and see them in teaching action. Some of them have got a flair for it and it is these we try to get back to the UK on platoon or skill-at-arms courses during the year.

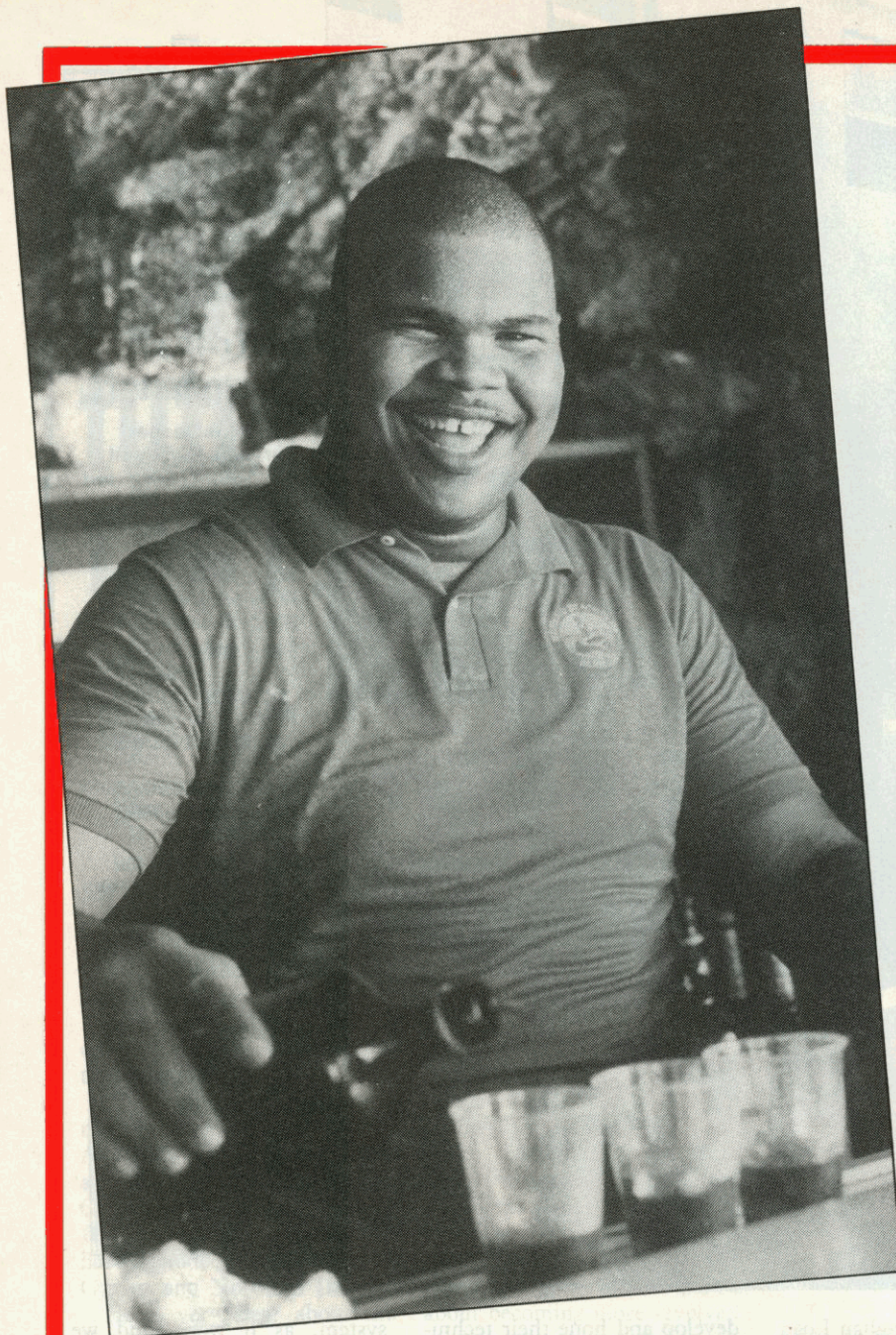
"The most difficult thing they find is man management but, to be fair, a lot of



The only three girls within the Junior Leaders Regiment check out a Canadian ration pack. Left to right are LCpl Carol Tucker (15), Pte Jodi Simmons (15) and Cpl Petrina Bassett (16)

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In uniform and out of it . . .

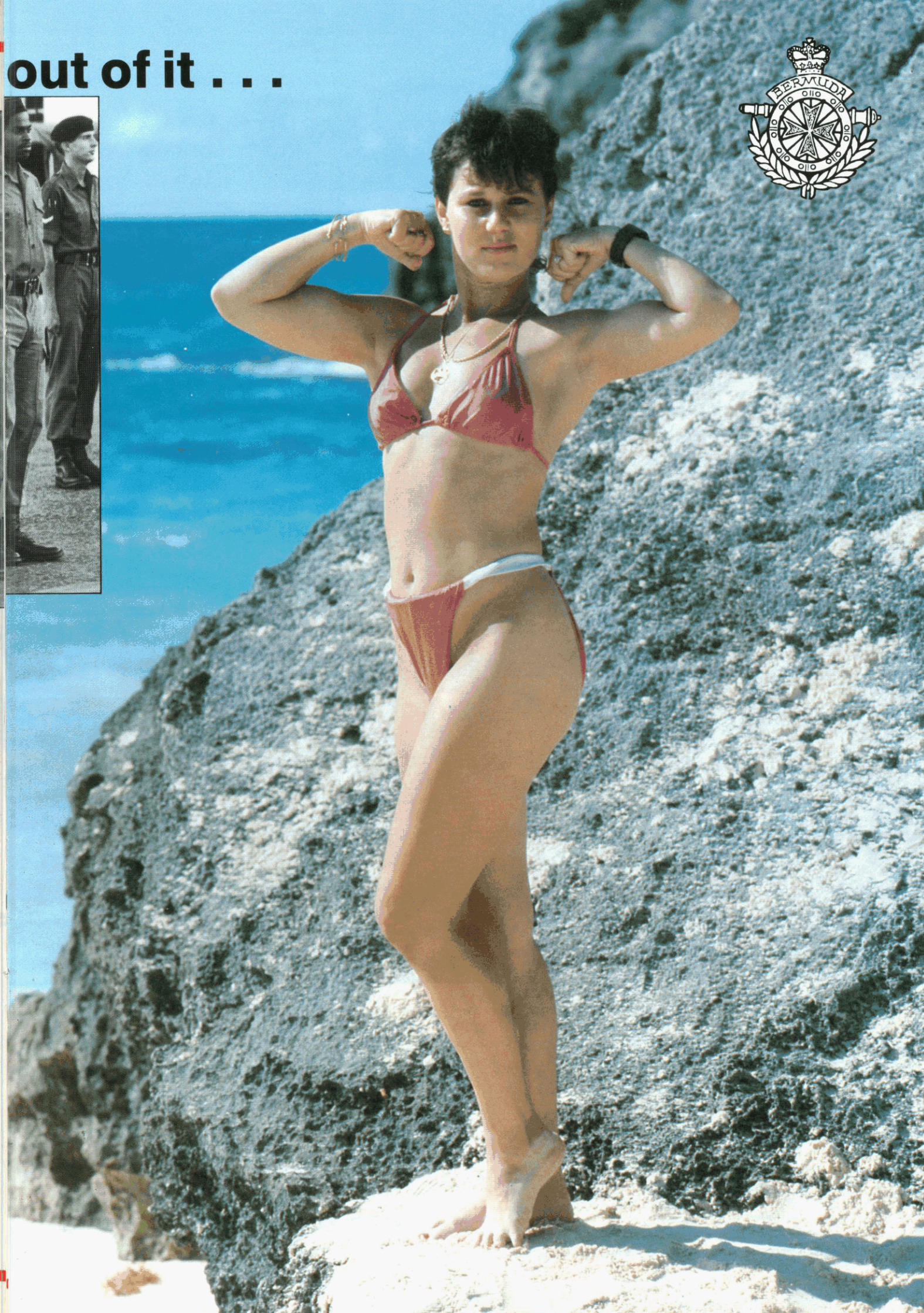
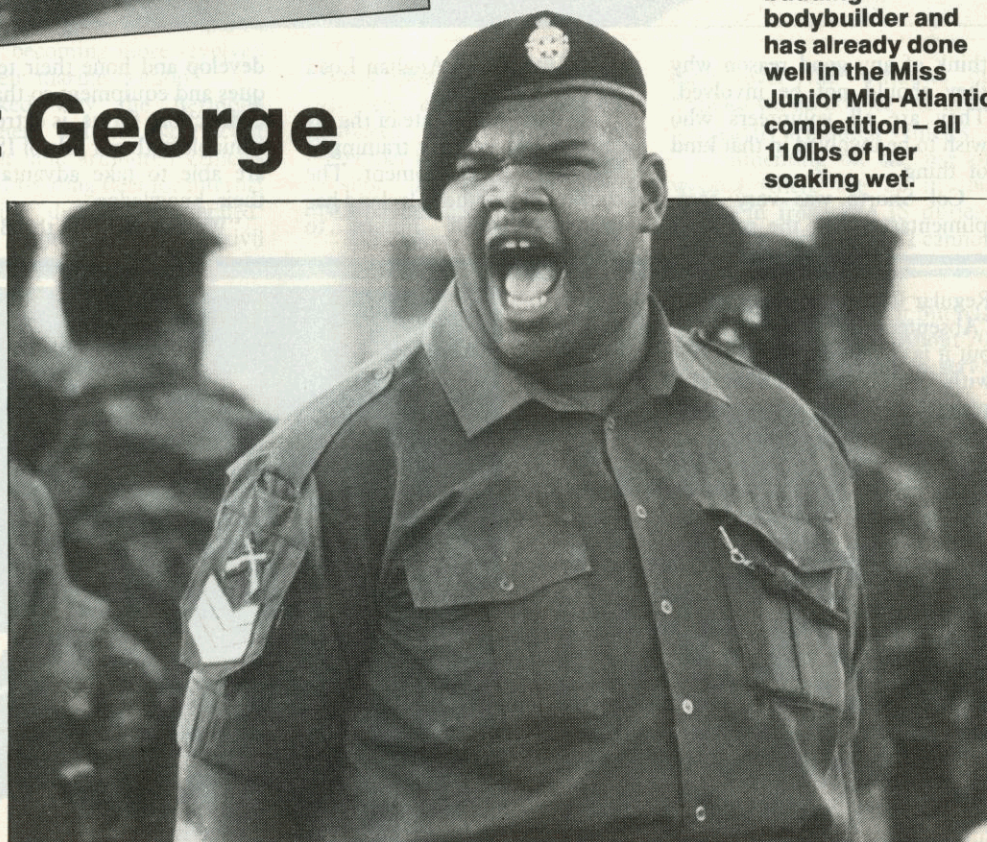


**Suzanne's
a real
cracker**

LCpl Suzanne Rebello at attention on the parade ground (above) stands at ease on the beach (right). Suzanne (19) measures in at 34-24-34, is a budding bodybuilder and has already done well in the Miss Junior Mid-Atlantic competition – all 110lbs of her soaking wet.

Sergeant George at your service!

Mean on the barrack square and mellow on the beach. Sgt George Daniels, who weighs in at 22 stone and measures an impressive 6ft 4in, is a good example of the contrasting lifestyles of the Bermuda Regiment's personnel. Once he is off duty, growling George turns into gentle George and becomes a beach cocktail barman. Many soldiers in the regiment have jobs in the island's booming tourist industry, so block leave is the order of the day at the height of the season.



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Cocktail with a difference

LCpl Zina Darrell (right) mixes a cocktail with a difference – a Molotov cocktail for throwing at regimental colleagues during an anti-riot drill sequence which brought into play shields, guns and

protective helmets on the square at Warwick Barracks (above). Zina is one of 22 women in the Bermuda Regiment who have volunteered for front line internal security duties.

They are music to the ears of thousands of tourists

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the NCOs are just youngsters and have not got the experience. It takes time and cannot be learned overnight."

Asked why Bermuda has not got a full time conscript Army living on camp, he replied: "There can never be such a militia on the island because 70 per cent of recruits are involved in the island's main source of income – tourism. They are needed at their places of work as chefs, bell hops and waiters during the day or evening."

WO2 Hurrell said it was difficult to teach map reading in Bermuda because everyone knew the island end to end. "In Jamaica we can put them in the bush and march them from A to B. That's where the man management comes in. Like soldiers the world over they are happiest when they are off camp and out on training. They come into their own when working as teams."

WO1 (RSM) Wilcox, said of the 732 strong regiment: "The soldiers do the jobs required of them."

Back on the barrack square the recruits are quickly brought back to military reality – a world of drill, discipline, haircuts, attendance records, correct dress and fines.

WO2 Eddie Lamb, C Company's Company Sergeant Major, left his charges in no doubt about his wishes for their future after hoping that they had just spent a happy eight weeks' block leave.

An administrative assistant in an insurance firm – a Bermudian cottage industry alongside tourism – he told them in robust mid-Atlantic accented soldierly vernacular that he expected a marked improvement.

"I hope you have come prepared to be soldiers or suffer the goddam consequences!" he bellowed.

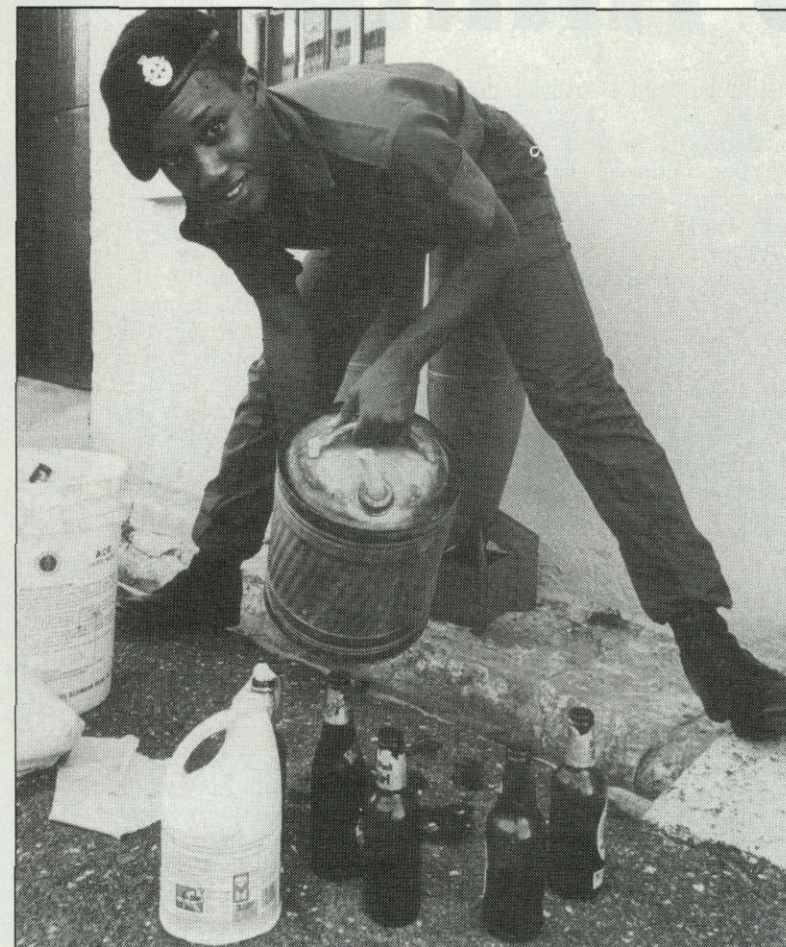
The regimental band puts on 14 Beating Retreat ceremonies between May and November to the delight of thousands of tourists from cruise ships moored at Hamilton and St George's. The island's tourism department sponsors the band to the tune of £750 per performance.

Of the total Bermuda Government budget of £157,093,750, about £2,043,125 is allocated to the regiment.

Spending is closely monitored by ex-RAF sergeant Bernie Gibbons. He wears two hats as regimental captain paymaster and government administrator. He has been a Bermuda resident for 21 years.

"Overseas exercises to Jamaica and North Carolina may seem costly but are vital to the training," he said. "They provide what Bermuda cannot supply – range work, intensive map reading, house clearance exercises, river crossings (the

Regiment to rescue on hurricane island



RESPONDING to the effects of the worst hurricane to hit Bermuda in living memory, the whole of the Bermuda Regiment was initially deployed to meet the emergency. The eye of Hurricane Emily caused extensive damage for 90 minutes as it struck during the island's morning rush hour.

The regiment's personnel were mobilised from 0800 to 1900 each day after the disaster which virtually wiped out power supplies and felled trees causing road blockages.

Emily's 112-mph winds caused about ten per cent of the island's houses to lose their roofs but injuries were miraculously low.

Maj Alan Deed, R Anglian, the regiment's staff officer, told SOLDIER: "Warwick Camp itself got off remarkably lightly. The regiment, later embodied at the rate of about 500 uniformed men a day, worked in conjunction with the Public Works Department and Bermuda Electric Light Company clearing blocked roads from fallen trees and a tangle of electric wires. The regiment also helped householders place tarpaulins over shattered roofs."

A British sapper, Capt Bob Marsh, from Maidstone, was flown in to assess what equipment was needed from British sources.

JUBILEE

IN 1897 a small contingent of the two-year-old Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps sailed to England to take with pride its place during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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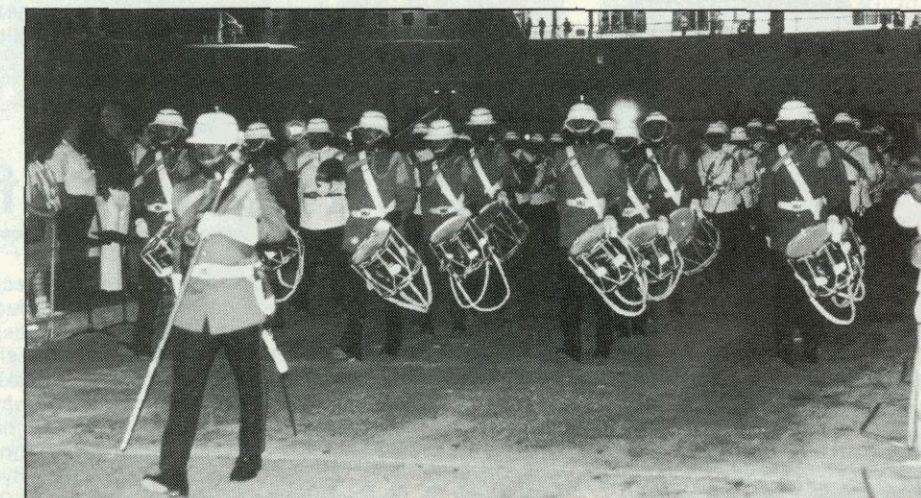
island has no rivers) and helicopter familiarisation."

Small arms mainstay of the regiment are 500 semi-automatic, 5.56mm mini-Ruger rifles – an M1 carbine type – acquired four years ago to replace SLRs subsequently donated to Jamaica.

Also in stock are about 100 Israeli Uzi sub-machine guns, some night-scoped Ruger sniper rifles, Federal riot guns and some .38 Smith and Wesson revolvers.

Equipment lists will soon show UK-made inter-locking transparent riot shields, helmets and PVC baton rounds. The regiment is also looking at a British flame-resistant coverall.

Capt (QM) Glenn Brangman, who has Queen's Division and 3rd Bn, Royal Anglian attachments to his credit, said: "We have to choose the best from both worlds and adapt them to Bermuda's needs."



Dockside drum beat. The 60-strong Corps of Drums raises the pace at St George's during a Beating Retreat performance watched by 1,000 cruise ship passengers. Director of Music, Capt Leslie Lowe leads the march past

QUICK TO ANSWER CALL TO ARMS

BERMUDA responded quickly to both world wars by sending its sons to help in the conflicts nearly 4,000 miles away across the Atlantic.

On the declaration of war on August 4, 1914, the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps assumed defence duties, helping the British Army's 2nd Bn, The Lincolnshire Regiment then stationed in Bermuda. The

Bermuda Militia Artillery did its bit, too.

Both sent units to France, the first contingent of 89 BVRC volunteers leaving the island on May 1, 1915.

They were so well trained as machine gunners that they soon left England for France, arriving there on June 23. It is said that the Bermudians were the first Colonial volunteers to arrive on French soil.

A second contingent of 33 machine gunners later left their sunny coral outcrop for the mud of the Western Front battlefields.

The Bermudians distinguished themselves in action and won praise from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the C-in-C for their "valuable services, exemplary conduct and physical and intellectual fitness."

They served until the Armistice as a Bermuda contingent with the 1st Bn, The Lincolnshire Regiment. One in three died on active service. Sixteen were commissioned, one was awarded an OBE and six others the Military Medal. Their names are on the roll of honour in Lincoln Cathedral.

A roll of honour in the officers' mess at Warwick Camp, eight miles from the island capital, Hamilton, has a total of 80 names recorded for the First World War and 35 more listed for the Second World War.

During the First World War the Bermuda Militia Artillery sent 240 men to Europe and was said to be the only coloured artillery in the British Army.

They, too, were commended by Gen Haig.

At the end of the First World War the BVRC went back to its role of being Territorial troops. On October 30, 1929, King George V approved their affiliation with The Lincolnshire Regiment for their outstanding service alongside them during the war. They were also given the privilege of playing *The Lincolnshire Poacher* on parades and the right to incorporate the Lincolns' battle honours on their drums.

On the outbreak of the Second World War the BVRC was mobilised for the island's defence. Bermuda sent 102 men to help the Allies, again serving with The Lincolnshire Regiment. Many others, however, volunteered to fight with The Parachute Regiment and the SAS.

They served, as Bermudian contingents, with the Lincolns in north west Europe, and in 1944 were in action with the Caribbean Regiment in Palestine, Italy and Egypt. Bermudians also fought in Burma.



Members of the Junior NCOs cadre on patrol near the beach fronting Warwick Camp, eight miles south west of Hamilton, the island capital

Marilyn's busy asserting herself!

Cpl Marilyn Steede, an executive secretary at Bermuda College, joined the regiment because she thought she needed to be "more assertive" and to improve what she thought was her "weak character." Who's arguing now as Marilyn, who is on the NCO cadre, clutches a riot gun during anti-riot drills?



Alarmed!

"Get your hair cut!" WO 2 Eddie Lamb, Company Sergeant Major of C Company, isn't overjoyed by what he sees on one of his drill night inspections. He promised all slackers they would "suffer the consequences" on their first night back at barracks

Armed!

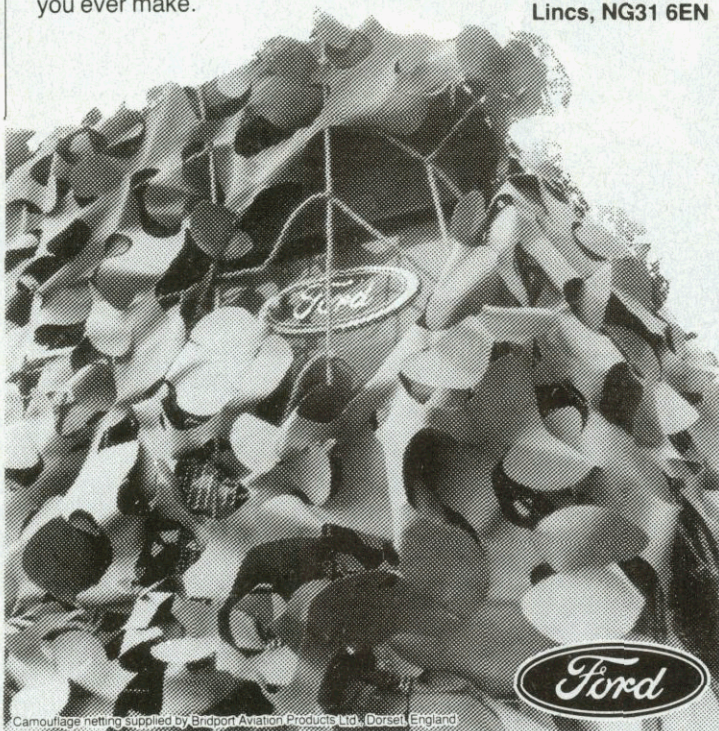
Armourer Sgt Maj Chauncey Durham holds one of the 500 mini Ruger rifles which were bought at a bargain price four years ago to replace the regiment's SLRs. The 6.6 lb, 20 round magazine rifle has a 5.56mm calibre

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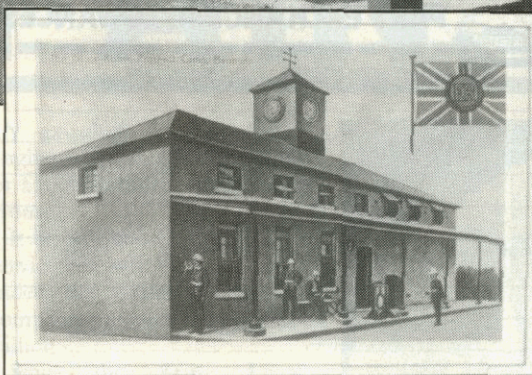
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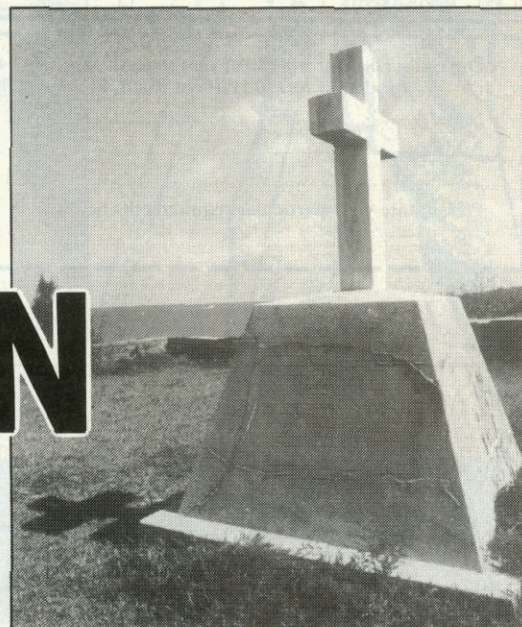




Then and now. Inset below left shows men of the 1st Bn, The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) depicted outside the Prospect Camp guardroom near Hamilton in the years between 1929 and 1931. Now (left) it is the home of the Bermuda Police Cycle Squadron. The barracks has become the island's police HQ



Right – in 1864 Yellow Fever killed hundreds of British troops stationed in Bermuda. This simple, weather-battered cross fronting the sea at Ferry Reach is one of many such memorials to the British dead in churchyards throughout the holiday isle



FORGOTTEN GARRISON

BRITISH troops were first stationed in Bermuda in 1701 when an Independent Company of Foot reinforced the local militia against pirate attacks which never came.

By 1687 the Bermudians had raised their own army which in 1728 was supplemented by a 50-man King's Independent Company of highly trained riflemen and expert marksmen.

In 1764, a detachment of the 9th Regiment of Foot (The Norfolk Regiment) arrived to serve in Bermuda for four years and 11 years later it is recorded that two companies of the 55th Regiment of Foot under Maj William Sutherland, formerly adjutant and ADC to Gen Harry Clinton who was involved in the American War of Independence, arrived on the island.

On December 1, 1779, British soldiers in Bermuda formed the Royal Garrison Battalion. It was strengthened in 1783 by men of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and in 1797 by the 47th Regiment of Foot.

Conditions for the soldiers nearly 3,500 miles from Britain were not good. They were quartered in warehouses, jails and derelict buildings. They became almost a forgotten Army to the London authorities.

Though reinforcements arrived periodically their pay was not so regular and they had difficulty in provisioning for themselves. Some had to be pensioned off in the colony because they were considered to be too feeble to serve!

Disease took its toll around 1864 when Yellow Fever killed hundreds of British soldiers. Regimental headstones and memorials still stand in the island's churchyards as testimony.

From 1701 to 1957 when the final British garrison withdrew from Bermuda, by then considered to be a "good station", no fewer than 70 units from 53 British regiments, five Canadian and one West Indian regiment had served there.

In 1948-9 the garrison was made up of units from the 1st and 2nd Bns, The Gloucestershire Regt. From 1945-53, a detachment from the Highland Bde served there.

In 1953 an infantry company from the Glosters was sent to British Honduras (subsequently Belize) and on April 25 of that year the rest of the garrison was withdrawn. The British had apparently left Bermuda for good.

A year later they were back. The British government had reversed its decision to discontinue a garrison presence.

Men of A Company, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry were posted in, firstly under a Maj Toot Williams on March 1, 1954 and later under the late Maj Anthony Marsh.

The British Army finally left for good in 1957. But they were to return on a temporary basis.

This time it was a six week emergency tour when 180 men of the Worcester based 1st Bn, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were

rushed to the island in 1968 to help the Bermuda Regiment and local police force restore order after 48 hours of civil disturbances in the island capital, Hamilton.

CO of the Bermuda Regiment at the time was the man who had commanded the last British contingent 11 years earlier, Lt Col Anthony Marsh.

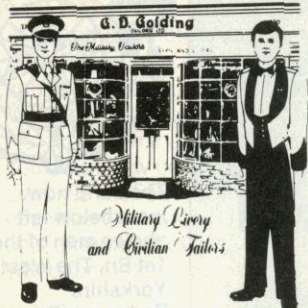
In December 1977 trouble flared again at the hanging of two Bermudians who had shot and killed the island's Governor and his ADC.

Eighty men from The Royal Regiment of Wales were flown in from Belize to be joined later by 120 men and support units from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers which was then the duty UK based Spearhead Battalion.

The British were not at any stage deployed directly against rioting Bermudians and the state of emergency was lifted on December 9.

Since then, the British presence has been confined to members of the Loan Service.

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PUTTING A PRICE ON PAIN

AN ex-soldier of the Royal Anglians will receive a cheque for £50,000 shortly, writes Bill Moore.

It brings the total awarded to Servicemen who have claimed under the Criminal Injuries Compensation laws to nearly £8 million.

Since the Army Legal Corps opened a department at HQ Northern Ireland to deal with such cases in 1979, some 1,900 of them have been processed.

The cell is managed at the moment by Maj Phillip McEvoy who had previous experience of this aspect of the law in private practice.

The latest case arises out of an incident in October 1985 when the soldier was hit on the knee by a brick. Though at first it was thought he might make a full recovery, his leg later collapsed and he now walks with a permanent limp.

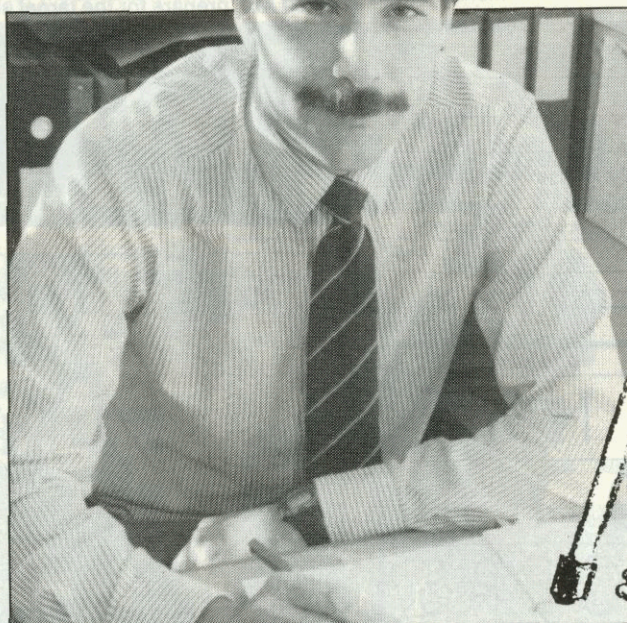
"This particular individual was a PTI and is no longer able either to continue in his rôle or to soldier at all," said Maj McEvoy.

The Army Legal Corps took over the handling of cases because conventional channels through civilian solicitors were taking so long.

A soldier can still go through a civilian lawyer if he wishes but most prefer to use the expertise available at Lisburn.

Claims are made against the Northern Ireland Office, and manning and record offices, medical experts and MoD branches provide an assessment of what a soldier might have expected from his career if not injured.

The record award for injury



Maj Phillip McEvoy

so far is £250,000, which was paid to Pte Andrew Bull, 1 RRW, blinded and scarred during an incident in the Falls Road in November 1983. The claim was settled in December 1985.

The shortest period in which the paper work can be dealt with and medical examinations completed is about five months.

The ALC cell negotiates with lawyers employed by the Northern Ireland Office and the great majority of cases are settled out of court. In cases of serious injury counsel may be instructed.

Where long delays arise this

is frequently due to the condition of the claimant. It may not be possible to reach a swift decision on the possibility of a soldier recovering fully or being crippled for life. Experts have to work out just what his financial loss may be.

A young soldier in an infantry regiment may be considered to have been excellent material with expectations of reaching WO2 rank – or even to have been potential officer material. How does one compensate him for the loss of a career? What price can be placed on vanished opportunities?

The file of precedents at

● **Claims should be initiated via the regimental medical officer and the orderly room within 48 hours of an injury being inflicted, though in special circumstances action has been taken retrospectively.**

Lisburn is growing. The list includes cases where soldiers have been awarded sums of a few hundred pounds to £1,000 for injuries received in a brick and bottle incident to the large awards to men who have lost limbs.

In one unusual case a bullet fired at a patrol of the QLR went through a soldier and hit another. One is claiming a moderate sum for a clean flesh wound. The other expects substantial compensation for the loss of a leg.

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"We do everything we can to make sure men get the best advice available but we cannot insist they take it," said Maj McEvoy.



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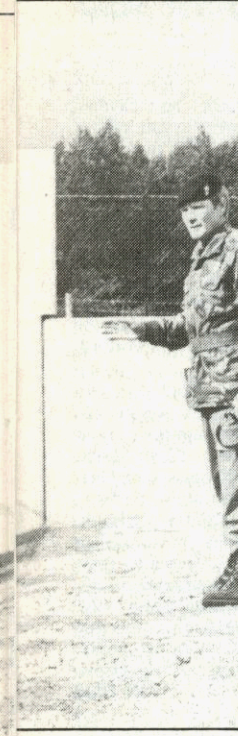
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GWYNEDD Army Cadets yomped to victory in the 1987 Cadet Cambrian Patrol competition in North Wales, writes **Gerry Nicholas**.

They wrested the coveted trophy from last year's winners, Powys, who finished in second place. Third was Gwent ACF.

All six counties in the principality were represented in the gruelling event staged over a 12 mile course, high on the Denbighshire Moors.

The two day event tested military skills, practical knowledge of map reading, first aid, canoeing, abseiling, night patrolling, assault courses and marksmanship.

Each Welsh county entered two ten man teams. The scenario supposed that the teams represented a long range reconnaissance patrol, operating behind enemy lines and seeking information.

On their return to the start point - at Kinmel Park Camp, near Rhyl - the cadets had to go over an Army assault course and take part in a falling plate rifle competition using the newly issued Ensign.



Above - Look mum, no hands! Cadets in action on the assault course

Left - Brig William Le Blanc-Smith, Commander 160 (Welsh) Infantry Brigade, congratulates Gwynedd B team as he presents them with the Cadet Challenge Trophy for winning the 1987 Cambrian Patrol competition



A Gwynedd A team member grimaces with the effort of heaving a heavy log across country



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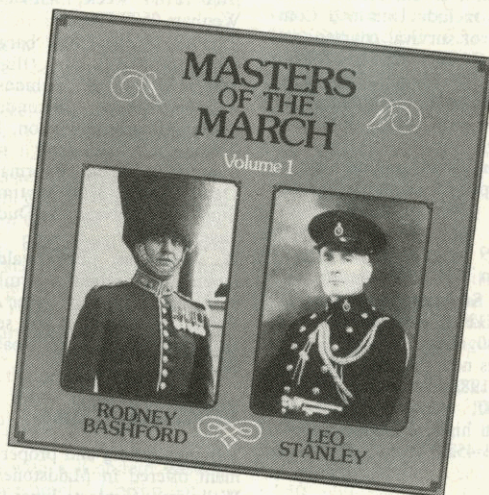
Not blooming likely. I'll just accept the mantle of Master as kindly offered, try not to be around when those colleagues of mine spot it in the record shops (sniggering the while), and merely acknowledge to myself that life has come full circle. I started life as Master Bashford!

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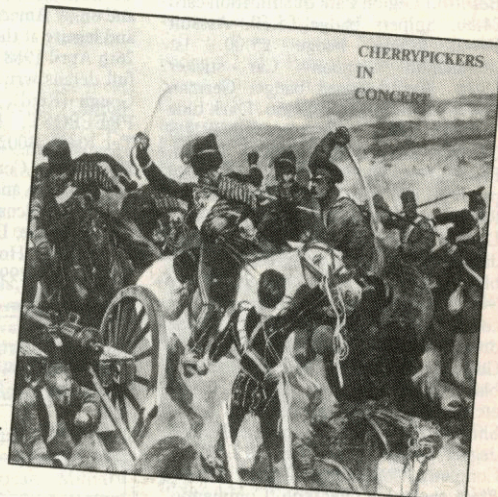
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Sammy Nestico's *Cable Car* and *Brass Fever* by John Cacavas seem to be getting lots of airings lately, and I can foresee the same popularity for James Last's *Sportpalast*. Ted Huggens, a Dutchman under a somewhat un-euphonious nom-de-plume, provides a euphonious *Pavane in Blue*, and four more near classics are *Midnight in Moscow*, *I Write the Songs*, *I Know Him So Well*, and *Lemon Meringue*, all enlivened by slick playing and a few modern additions of orchestration.



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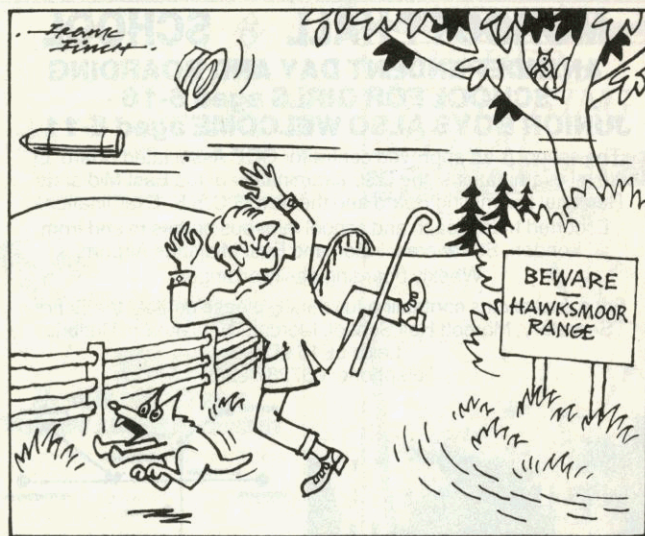
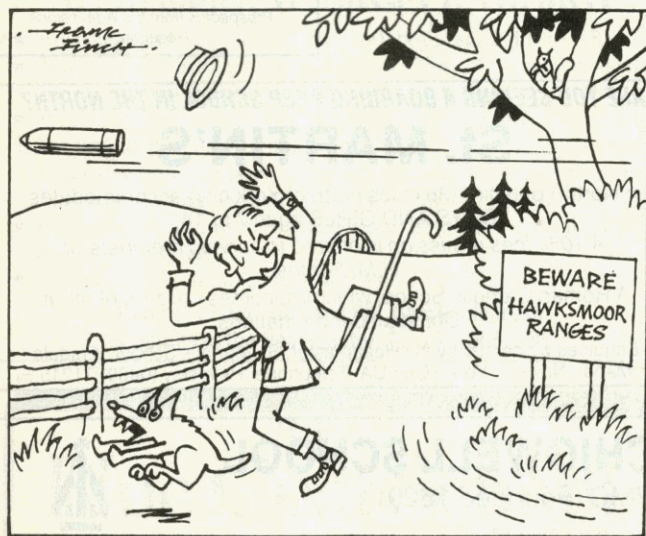
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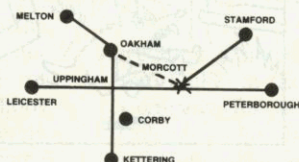
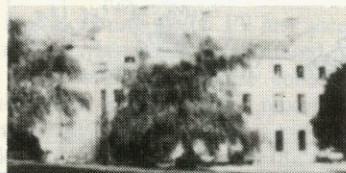
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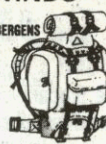


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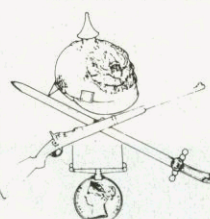
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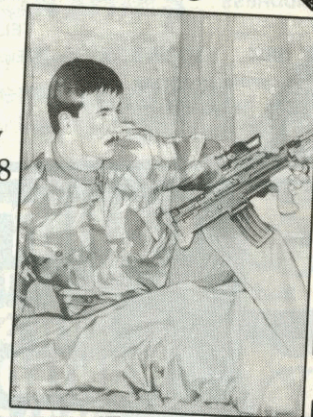
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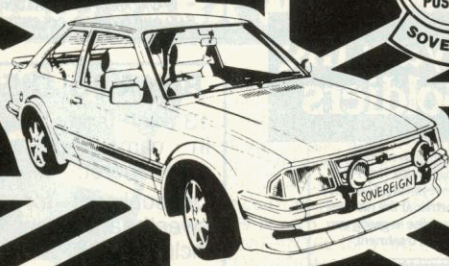


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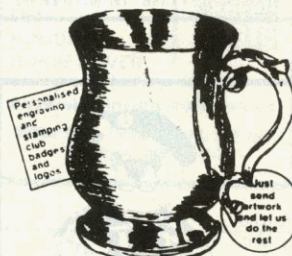
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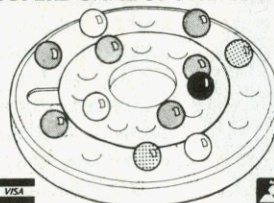
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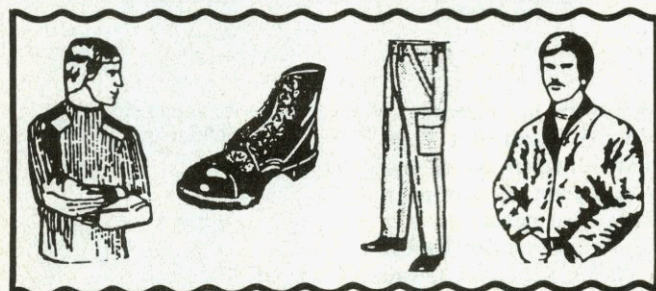
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Sixteen teams representing the eight home commands competed in the six-a-sides, playing 58 matches.

The School of Signals certainly did not look to be potential champions in their early matches, conceding three goals to 7/10 UDR and eventually losing 3-2 in their first match, and then going down by

the same score to 3 LI.

But their fortunes changed when they beat SEME A by 5-4, scoring with the last kick of the match. From then on they were in peak form and won their remaining four matches to become top of the points table in Group B.

PCD RE made an impressive start, winning their first three games without conceding a goal. They slumped in the middle of their programme, losing to the School of Signals (3-1) and 3 LI (1-0), before tying up second place, in Group B, with wins over the Scottish Div Dep (3-2) and CAD Kineton (3-0).

Met gunned down in shoot out

THE ARMY retained the Grenadier Guards Cup when they beat the Metropolitan Police by four goals to two after a penalty shoot out at Aldershot, writes Pat Massey.

At the end of regular time the score was 1-1, with the Army equalising only after their supporters had despaired of them ever finding the net. Yet for much of the game the Servicemen had the lion's share of the play.

But there was very little penetration in the last third of the field and the Army squandered several good chances after efficient approach work.

Cpl Andy Edwards (R Sigs) thumped one close range effort

over the bar, as did LCpl Guy Whittingham (REME).

The Met scored just before the interval, then survived more Army pressure which set up SI Mickey Spencer (APTC) and Gnr Mark Carmichael (RA) with good goal opportunities.

With time running out Whittingham at last punished the Met defence when he lashed home an opportunist effort in a goalmouth scramble.

The game went to a penalty shoot out and Army 'keeper Cpl Chris Lomas (RE) saved the first Met attempt, only for skipper Cpl Sandy Brown (R Sigs) to fluff his chance.

The Met went ahead, Carmichael equalised and then the visitors shot wide. Spencer

slammed in his kick, Lomas saved the fourth Met penalty and Whittingham put the issue beyond doubt by scoring the Army's final penalty.

Lt Col Alexander Herroys, CO of the Grenadier Guards, presented the trophy to Sandy Brown.

Vauxhall and Opel League Premier Division team Windsor and Eton were beaten 3-0 in a hard fought match at Aldershot. The goals were scored by LCpl Colin McDonald (RAOC), Whittingham and Fus Mark Johannessen (RRF).

It was just reward for a gritty Army performance against experienced opposition who, although looking better organised than the home side throughout, were never able to unhinge an Army defence which contained only one



Action from the match between the Army and the Met at Aldershot

Picture: Terry Champion

recognised player in that department. McDonald had a superb game, read the play intelligently, and looked every inch the fine central defender he now is.

RSME Regt rides in

AFTER six events covering the season, 12 RSME Regt from Rochester, Kent emerged as winners of the Frazer Cup, the major units team cycling championship.

They just edged out 25 Engr Regt - winners for the past three seasons - with AA Coll Chepstow third.

The Frazer Cup competition

consists of a number of events, including 50 and 25 mile time trials and a 40 mile road race, all of which were won by 12 RSME Regt. The kilometre time trial was won by AA Coll Chepstow while 25 Engr Regt took the hill climb.

Spr Monk from 12 Regt also won the Inter-Service 100 mile time trial in 4hrs 23mins.

In Group A, SEME Bordon B side, held to a 2-2 draw by 17 Trg Regt RA in the opening match, notched up an impressive run of six successive wins to win their group easily. The only serious challenge to their supremacy was stifled in a 2-1 win over the high scoring 1 RHF.

17 Trg Regt RA edged into second qualifying place with wins over 45 Fd Regt RA (3-1), 3 UDR (3-2) and 414 Tk Tprr Sqn RCT (7-2), before suffering a temporary wobble in losing to 16 AD Regt RA (4-2) and drawing with 1 RHF (3-3). They secured their place in the semi-finals beating PWO Div Litchfield 3-1.

SEME B played and defeated PCD RE by 3-1 in their semi-final tie. They quickly raced into a three goal lead and, with LCpl Guy Whittingham looking impressive in a scoring role, won with some ease.

School of Signals won their "semi" against 17 Trg Regt RA by the same margin. Again, it was a case of getting their noses in front and then pacing themselves to a very comfortable win - the gunners scoring a consolation goal with the last kick of the game.

SEME B took an early lead in the final when Whittingham scored. The School of Signals responded with a quick equaliser

and edged in front by the interval. They scored a third early in the second half and then cleverly controlled the game, losing no opportunity to slow down the exchanges and quickly stifling any breaks by the tiring SEME front runners.

Whittingham almost grabbed a late second half counter which would have revived the game, but the signalmen were worth their win.

1 RHF carried off the Thorpe Trophy for the team scoring the highest number of goals in the group matches. With 27 goals, they edged out the School of Signals (26) and SEME B (24).

Pentathletes turn it on in Prague

THE Army athletes who took part in the Czechoslovakian Modern Pentathlon Championships in Prague put up an outstanding performance.

In coming third, behind Hungary and the Czech A team, they beat two other Czech state teams plus the national teams of Poland, Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany and Bulgaria, who finished in that order.

"I believe it is the first time an Army pentathlon team has reached such a position in an international competition at this level," said Maj Terry Bunyard, REME, who manages the team.

"It means that we qualified in our own right to compete as a team in the Olympic Games in South Korea next September."

This does not mean the team will automatically take part. The six British representatives will be selected by the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain.

Likely candidates for Seoul are Lt Dominic Mahoney LG and Cpl Peter Hart REME who were among the four competitors who did so well at Prague. The others were Cpl Steve Dadson REME and Gnr Kim Lee, 19, of 26 Field Regt.

For many years the pentathlon was mainly a military sport and it is only since the war that civilians have begun to play a significant part.

British Army pentathletes have taken part in every Olympic Games since 1912.

Pentathlon competitors ride, fence, swim, run and shoot (pistol). With 51 individuals in each section, Cpl Dadson was first in shooting; Cpl Hart first in the 4,000 metres (ten seconds ahead of his old rival, the Czech Kadlec), Lt Mahoney was third in riding and fencing, and Gnr Lee was 13th in swimming and 17th in fencing.

The team trains at the Centre of Excellence, Arborfield.

SEME's cricketers capped a fine season by winning the Director General REME Cup after a tour in Germany. They also retained the SE District League trophy for the second year.

Top gunners

TOP of the gunners' pile in six-a-side soccer are the men of 17 Trg Regt RA. Trained by their RSM, WO1 S Wallis, the 17 Trg Regt players won the Scissors Cup in competition with all other artillery units in the UK.

Fly master

WO2 (SQMS) D Woolacot ACC, Master Cook of 2 Bn Scots Guards, won the Army individual fly fishing championship during a nine hour session on Rutland Water.

Regulars break TA grip on rifle cup

THE stranglehold of the Territorial Army on the Gilbert Trophy at the Inter-Services long range smallbore rifle championships was finally broken when the Regulars outshot them 10,946 to 10,919 on Ash Ranges, Aldershot.

And that despite the Reservists setting a new TA record in the event. The TA also broke their own record in the 50 metre match but still ended up

losing to the Regulars.

With their tails firmly up, the Regulars made a clean sweep of the remaining Inter-Service matches, winning the PSK and long range competitions in fine style.

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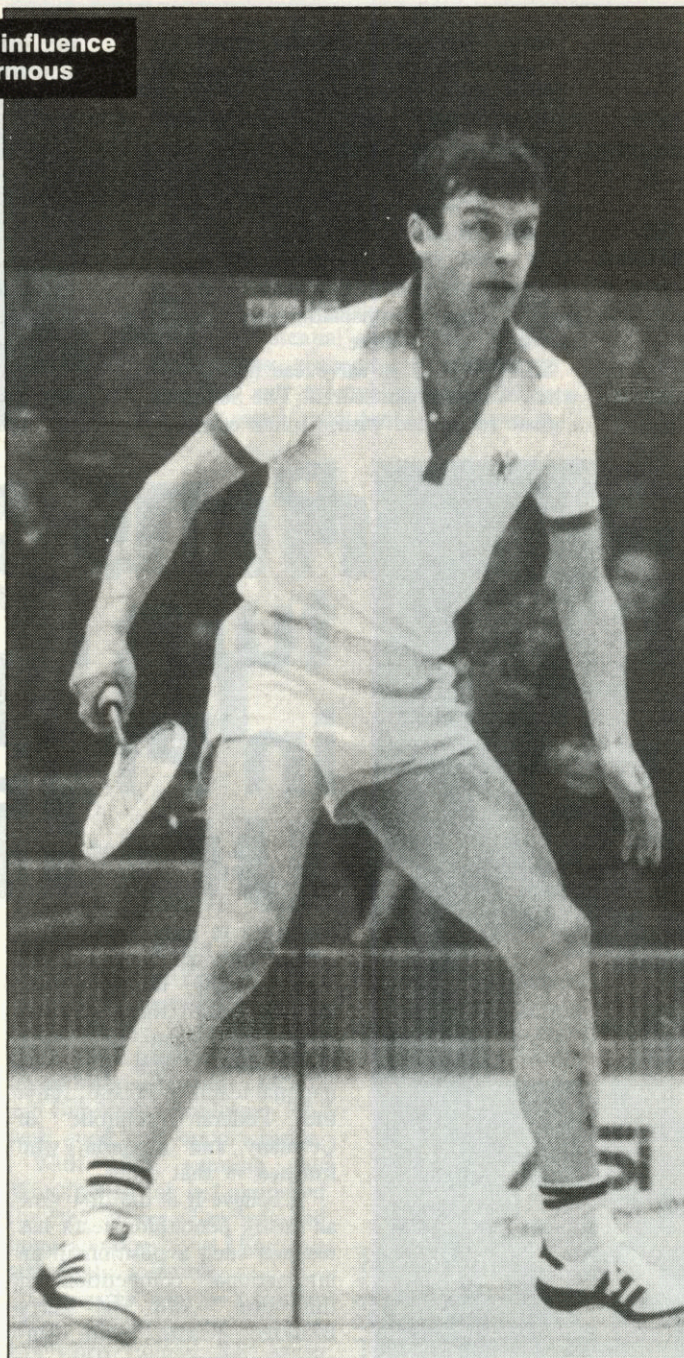
Chris represented the Combined Services all over the world, but his greatest honour was to represent Scotland on 106 occasions. That earned him a mention in the Guinness Book of Records, but his 100th cap in 1981 was marked by a presentation to him at the world team championships in Auckland, New Zealand.

Coached as a youngster in Edinburgh by Welsh international Hayden Davies, Chris won the Scottish junior championship in 1965 at the age of 16, retained it the following year, then won the Scottish Under 21 title.

Before concentrating entirely on squash, Chris Wilson was a rugby player of considerable talent, turning out for Sussex and London Scottish.

An outstanding ambassador of the game, and one of the

most courteous players on court, Chris's departure will signal the loss to the Army of one of the sport's all time greats.



Sailors take the Piskey!

FOR the second year in succession the Army reached the final of the Cornish Piskey golf championship, and again for the second year running lost to another Services side, writes **Mike Everton**.

Last year it was the RAF, and this year the Royal Navy took their revenge on the Army after losing to them in the Inter-Services. In fairness to the Army side, the Navy team consisted of their complete Inter-Services line-up, and the Army side was not as strong.

The competition, played at Newquay, was contested by 16 teams from all over the country. The format is scratch foursomes, with three pairings. The Army team consisted of Lt Col Nick Fleming, SSgt Nigel Calladine, Capt Mike Everton, Cpl Doug Spiller, SSgt Dave Cromie and Cpl Bruce Manners.

The result of the match was 2½-½ to the Royal Navy. The pairing of Fleming and Calladine saw a fine match ending in a half against the Royal Navy's number one pair, but the other pairings were putted off the course by the Navy.

All districts from within UK except Scotland entered for this year's Inter-District championship at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club.

As holders, it was Eastern District who organised the event. The format is 18 hole medal played off handicap, with teams of eight, the best six cards counting.

As some of the Eastern District team have local knowledge it was perhaps not surprising that they won by seven shots from South East District, with Wales coming third.

Individual honours went to Lt Col Ian Pearce of South West District, with an excellent score of gross 76 net 73, and Capt Mike Everton at EDist with gross 78, net 71. Next year the match is to be played at Tidworth on October 5.

College honours

THE newly formed York Garrison Sailing Club operated a fleet of six Enterprise dinghies in conjunction with the Army Apprentices College, Harrogate, at Ripon Sailing Club for the NE/NW district sailing championships.

Sgt Cowell and Sgt Crawley (AA Coll Harrogate) took the honours in the individual competition, with LBdr Col-drey (27 Fd Regt RA) winning the novice prize and App Tdsman Hughes (AA Coll Harrogate) the junior event. 2nd Inf Div HQ and Sig Regt won the team prize.



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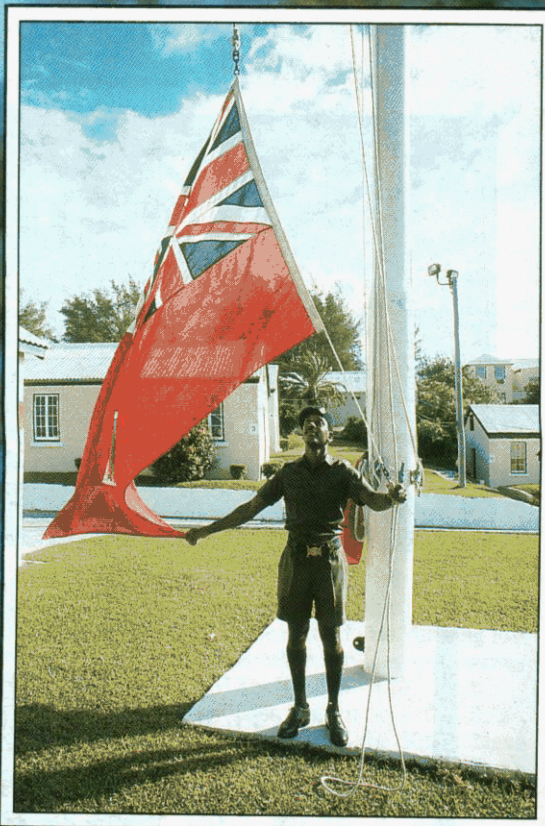


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