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FRONT COVER

A soldier slung beneath a Scout helicopter of 664 Parachute Squadron, Army Air Corps, scatters red, white and blue paper petals over the crowds at Jersey's Battle of Flowers festivities during a visit by 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, to the island (see pages 13-16).

Picture by Paul Haley



BACK COVER

An assault boat team from the Combined Cadet Force at Warwick School completes a race during the detachment's watermanship training at Welbeck College, Nottinghamshire. It was part of a massive CCF summer camp run by Eastern District (see pages 18-20).

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SEPTEMBER 1975

- 20 Welwyn Garden City Water Carnival (Pegasus gymnastic team; band).
- 20 Laying-up Colours, 1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment, Chichester Cathedral.
- 23 Grangemouth Tattoo (23-27 September).
- 23 Kettering (Northamptonshire) Week (23-27 September) (Red Caps; band).

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- 19 Shell Sport, Brands Hatch (Red Devils).
- 24 Farewell Parade, Guards Parachute Company, Pirbright.

NOVEMBER 1975

- 5 Berlin Tattoo (5-9 November).
- 7 Queen presents new Colours to The Royal Welch Fusiliers, Caernarvon.
- 8 British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall, London.
- 8 Lord Mayor's Show, London.

APRIL 1976

- 3 Freedom of Delyn (Clwyd), The Royal Welch Fusiliers.
- 24 Presentation new Colours, 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Gloucester.
- 25 Laying up old Colours, 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, Gloucester Cathedral.

JUNE 1976

- 25 Aldershot Army Display (25-27 June).

JULY 1976

- 2 Royal Artillery, At Home, Woolwich (2-3 July).

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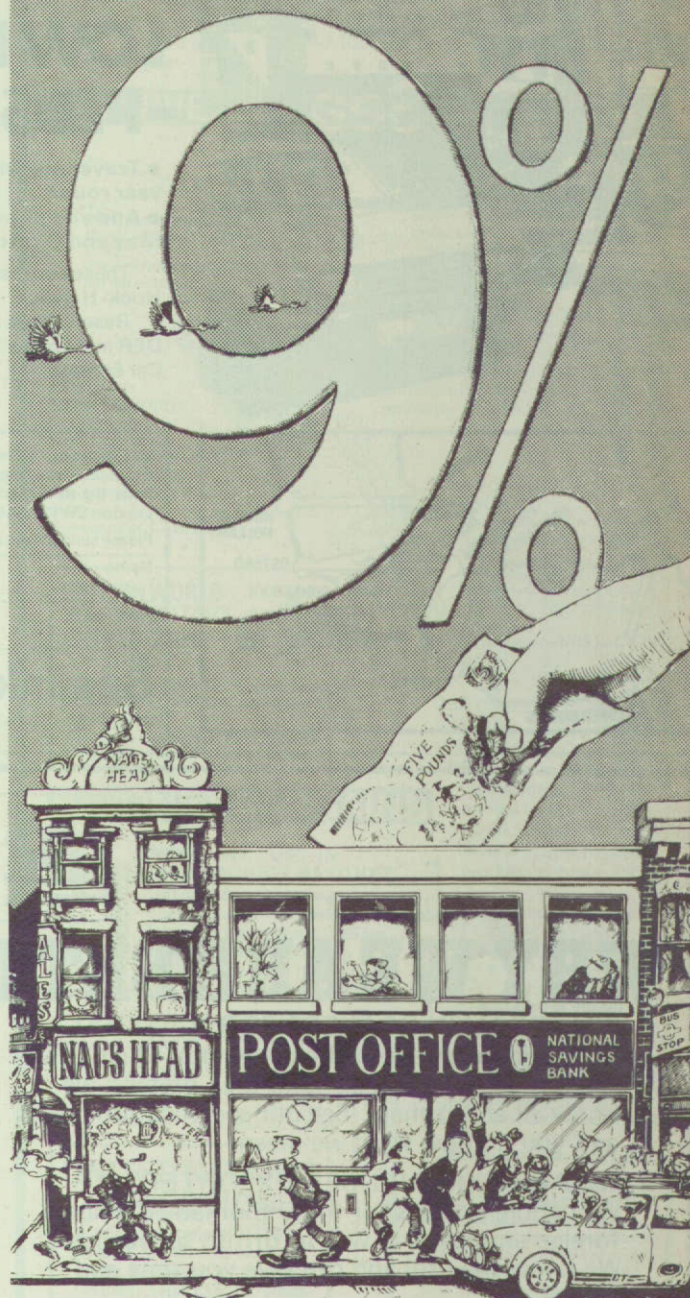
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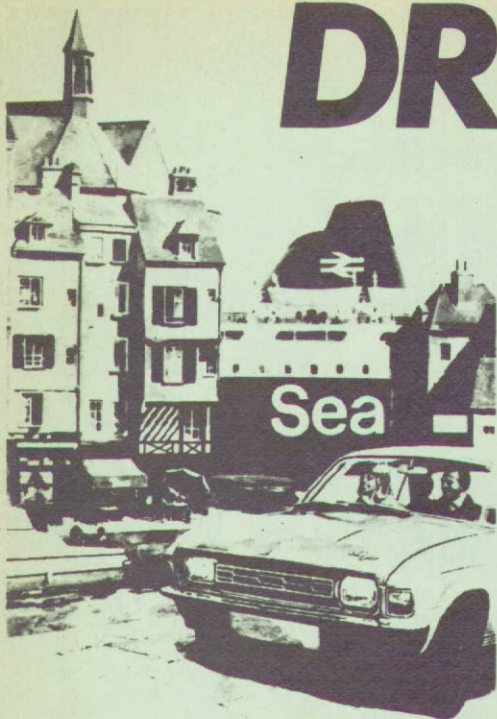
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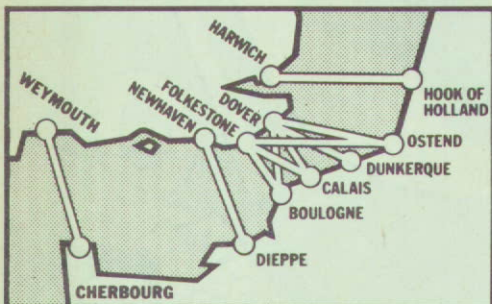
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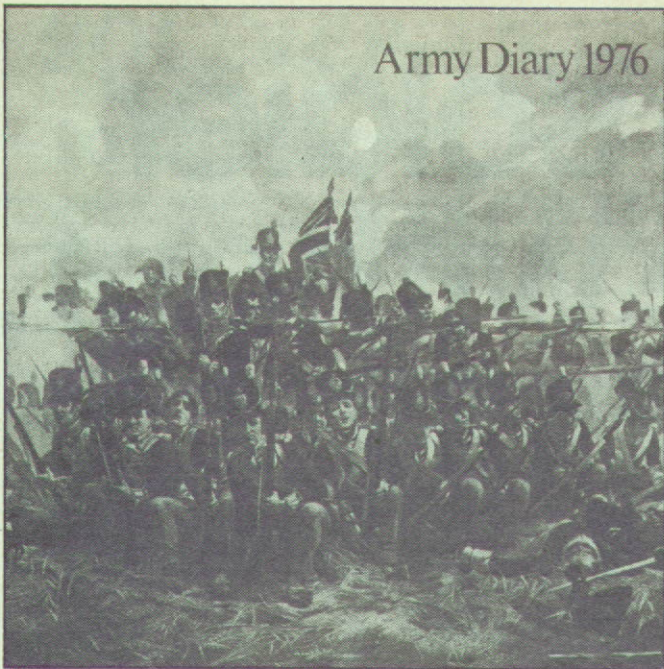
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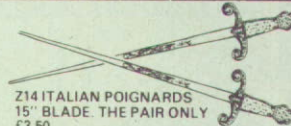
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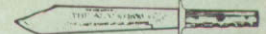
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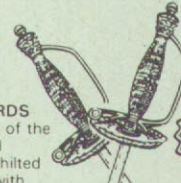
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But while many see it as the Army's responsibility to restore access to places of natural beauty, it should not be forgotten that the public has a responsibility to the unspoiled landscape and its denizens found even among shot and shell in training areas.

The relative safety afforded to wild-life in the privacy of Ministry of Defence land has been recently highlighted with the news of the return of carefully nurtured Great Bustards at Porton, Wiltshire. Ranges on Salisbury Plain abound with many species of birds—some rare—which have learned to live in peace with guns and bombs. And anyone who has trained recently at the Stanford area in East Anglia will know one practically wades knee-deep in fauna.

Unique opportunities for plant, bird and animal life to thrive are paradoxically created in these areas set aside for battle training. It is up to the public who are given access to these areas to see that the delicate balance of nature is not upset by acts of carelessness or thoughtlessness which, as a species, we are all too apt to produce.

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Yet another regimental drum ice bucket—that of The Durham Light Infantry—is added to the range of more than 70 available. And, to meet a constant demand, an ice bucket for the Royal Army Ordnance Corps will shortly be produced—an announcement will be made in SOLDIER when it is available. Last month's SOLDIER to Soldier gave the new increased prices for ice buckets but unfortunately a proof correction was not made and the UK figure appeared at a rather surprising £67.25. This figure should have read £6.25—those for BFPO and elsewhere are £5.80 and £6.85 respectively, all three figures including postage and packing.

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The Royal Berkshire Regiment

A SIGNED photograph of General Eisenhower, hanging in a corner of the museum of The Royal Berkshire Regiment, serves as a reminder that the upper room in the red brick keep at Brock Barracks, Reading, which now houses the museum, was once used as a chapel by the US 401st Glider Infantry Regiment.

Two items in a varied collection of campaign souvenirs and militaria which should not be overlooked are an 1825 recruiting poster, in perfect condition, urging men to join the "Emerald Greens," the 66th Foot (Berkshire)—"the regiment which forced the passage of the Douro! Heroes of Talavera and Albuera!!"—and a dinner plate used by Napoleon during his exile on St Helena where the 2nd Battalion helped to guard him from 1816 until his death in 1821.

Exhibits are arranged as far as possible in chronological order. From 1812 to 1814 the 49th Foot (Hertfordshire), which amalgamated in 1881 with the 66th to form the Berkshire Regiment, was in Canada engaged in frontier warfare with the Americans; a badge, button and cartridge box found at Fort George date from this period. A Russian percussion musket, bugle and two grenades are among relics brought home from the Crimean War by the 49th whose battle honours include Alma, Inkerman and Sevastopol. Also on view is an interesting set of Crimean prints including a panoramic view of the battle of Sevastopol.

The museum owns three of the regiment's six Victoria Crosses; five Naval General Service medals with clasp "Copenhagen" remind one that the 49th, acting as marines, took part in the naval battle of Copenhagen (1801). The medals and decorations of General Sir Miles Dempsey, Colonel of The Royal Berkshire Regiment from 1945 to 1956, are also displayed.

On 27 July 1880 the 66th earned undying glory at Maiwand against an army of 40,000 Afghans. After several hours of desperate combat by General Primrose's small force of three battalions, only the remnants of the 66th stood firm. Contesting each foot of ground, the last hundred men under Colonel Gelbraith withdrew to a walled garden where they fought on until only 11 were left. Finally the last 11 charged the whole Afghan army and were killed to a man. A drummer's life found after the battle near the body of Drummer Johnstone, a white and a khaki helmet bear witness to that dreadful but glorious day.

Here too is "Bobbie" the dog, who survived the Afghan campaign (1879-80) and was wounded at Maiwand. He was the pet of Sergeant P Kelly, of the 66th, and can be seen in Frank Feller's picture, "The Last Eleven." Bobbie now sits proudly in a glass case wearing the Afghan Medal he received from Queen Victoria at Osborne and aware, one might almost think, that he is unquestionably the museum's best-known exhibit.

In 1885 the 1st Battalion, the old 49th earned for the regiment the title of "Royal" for its gallantry at Tofrek in the Sudan where, attacked by fanatical hordes of the Mahdi, it formed squares and, back-to-back, fought off every enemy charge. An example of the pill-box uniform cap worn by the Mahdi's followers, a shield made from hide and a picture of the battle can be seen.

Relics of the South African War include a Boer flag captured at Jaggerfontein and a soldier's New Testament. The Webley revolver used by Second-Lieutenant A B Turner VC and a German anti-tank rifle and bullet are noteworthy in a miscellany of World War One relics, while the railway station signboard from Bernières-sur-Mer, where the 5th Battalion landed on D-Day, dominates the Museum's World War Two section.

Uniforms and insignia include a 49th coatee worn by Major R D Astley in the Crimea, a 66th subaltern's epaulette (circa 1850), a pre-1914 foreign service pattern drummer's red serge jacket as well as Volunteer and Militia uniforms, badges and buttons.

An interesting display of weapons features some early firearms, a Japanese medium machine-gun and cavalry carbine, a German Schmeisser machine-carbine and automatic rifle, and a Soviet semi-automatic Simonov carbine taken during the Suez landing of 1956 by the 1st Battalion's anti-tank platoon.

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Parachute artillerymen added flower power to Jersey's holiday highlight when they dropped in to show the flag on a . . .

Sunshine salute

THOUSANDS gasped as red, white and blue paper petals showered down from the sky to add even more colour to the bloom-crusted floats of the annual Battle of Flowers parade which highlights the summer season on the Channel Island of Jersey.

Behind this airborne highlight were men of I Parachute Battery (Bull's Troop) who had come to the island to show the flag for their parent unit, 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery. On the ground, the battery's camouflage-painted vehicles, decked with flowers, drove in the cavalcade. Pretty girls joined the soldiers in their Land-Rovers and all entered into the holiday spirit by wearing the yellow

over ►

At 10,000 feet above Jersey a Black Knight freefalls down.

Story
Mike Starke
Pictures
Paul Haley



Sunshine salute continued

red and blue Parachute Artillery T-shirt which proclaimed the unit's presence during its two weeks in Jersey.

A spectacular parachuting display by freefallers of the regiment's Black Knights team climaxed the day. The tiny dropping zone, no more than 50 yards by 50 yards, nestled between a tree-lined bank, the coast road, a fair-ground and sea-front dwellings. Even to these expert skydivers—including chief instructor Sergeant Len Melville, who is a world-class competitive parachutist—the job looked difficult and at a dawn rehearsal that day none of the eight jumpers made the arena, an off-shore breeze wafting them on to the nearby beach.

The Black Knights were determined not to disappoint the thousands who had come to see them and the Battle of Flowers. In the event, four parachutists managed to land on the pocket handkerchief of grass with two crashing unhurt into trees, one dropping into a walled garden and one on the beach.

Tragically, one of the four men to land on target, Bombardier David "Dusty" Binns, was drowned two days later when the team landed in the sea during another Black Knights display. A Royal Engineer soldier, Lance-Corporal Edward Brennan, attached to the battery for the Jersey trip, also lost his life in the sea after a parascending accident.

The battery paid tribute to its two dead comrades by lining up on the beach to watch a ceremonial drop by Bombardier Binns's fellow Black Knights and observing a minute's silence. Moving sympathy came from many local friends the unit had made during its brief stay in Jersey and it was decided the two men's memory could best be served by continuing the publicity tour which still had several days to run.

Spectators were still gasping after the excitement of the Battle of Flowers parachuting display finale when the Scout helicopters, which had accompanied the unit as parachuting aircraft

from 664 Parachute Squadron Army Air Corps, made low passes and showered the paper petals on the crowd. As the petals filled the air, a regimental salute was fired from the battery's four guns to round off the proceedings.

Although it was the climax of the fortnight in Jersey, the Battle was only a skirmish in the campaign to publicise the Parachute Artillery in the Channel Islands. And parachute artillery was a theme both locals and holidaymakers—to their delight and entertainment—found difficult to avoid while I Battery was around.

The visit started with a roar . . . the roar of C130 engines as some 60 soldiers, led by the regiment's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Cornock, made a military-style parachute drop in three passes over the broad sandy sweep of St Aubin's Bay near Jersey's capital, St Helier.

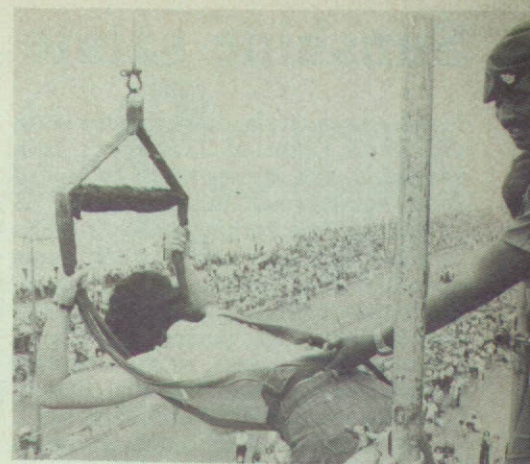
Forty or so other members of the battery, including the Black Knights, fol-



Holidaymakers gather to watch the jaws of the LCT disgorge the vehicles

Right: Major Harnett leads the battery into the Battle of Flowers procession.





The parachute tower was popular with a number of girls as well as boys, making a thrilling sideshow to the festival.



Sergeant Len Melville, Black Knights' chief instructor, takes a few lessons in charm from Jersey's beauty queens.



Rong Raver [sic] "registered" in the battery commander's nickname: ZAP.

Left: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders played in the Battle of Flowers.

Sunshine salute concluded

lowed a day later, landing from the sea in the Royal Corps of Transport's tank landing craft Audemer which had sailed from Marchwood military port. As curiosity drove bathing holidaymakers to inspect the grey craft, its bow doors open like some gasping beached whale, the battery's vehicles and guns, decked with bright orange "parachute artillery" pennants and stickers, rolled ashore.

Major Tony Harnett, the Battery Commander, explained the abbreviation of his regiment's long name, emphatically dismissing the erstwhile use of "airborne gunners." "We're Parachute Artillery," he said. "Airborne is something Jackie Stewart gets when he hits a bump motor racing and gunners are people found in Chicago or Belfast."

Daily displays were accompanied by one of the battery's guns with men on hand to explain the artillery side of things to willing listeners. Sailing, trampolining, parascending and water skiing demonstrations showed that adventure training is as much part of a soldier's life in the Parachute Artillery of the seventies as the tough and demanding fighting skills he must master.

Part-timers play their part and three members of the regiment's reserve unit, 289 Parachute Battery, Royal Horse Artillery (Volunteers), based in East Ham, London, were in Jersey with I Battery. Lance-Bombardier Bob McKenzie and Gunners John Webster and Dave Southee had taken two weeks' holiday to make the journey.

As darkness fell and the spectacular outdoor pursuits of the soldiers came to an end, the battery went into action on a more personal front, mingling with the fun-seeking holidaymakers and chatting to locals in pubs and clubs. Several places of entertainment took the soldiers to their hearts and in tribute to them the cabaret cast of the Blue Fox nightclub, led by singer Yana and musical comedian Steve Allan, donned T-shirts for their performances.

When the time came to leave Jersey a week after the Battle of Flowers, I Battery's new friends had swelled to thousands. Said Major Harnett: "You couldn't stop your Land-Rover for a paper without being surrounded." And that was just how he liked it. And clearly it was the way Jersey liked it too.



"I want you up there and parachutin', Lofty boy!" snarls the sergeant-major.

The regimental sergeant-major of 7 Para RHA, Warrant Officer 1 Dave Allmond, found a soul-mate among the stars at the Watersplash night club where Windsor Davies and Don Estelle were performing on "leave" from the BBC television comedy series. "It Ain't Half Hot, Mum," in which they respectively play the battering battery sergeant-major and got-at-gunner.

Messrs Allmond and Davies had previously met at a Royal Artillery RSMs' convention in Woolwich and SOLDIER's photographer had a field day when Mr Allmond invited the two actors to join the real Army for a day at I Battery's temporary accommodation in St Helier Boys' School.

They reminisced about old times in the Army and Windsor Davies reminded RSM Allmond that he once served as a sergeant himself in 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, during National Service between 1951 and 1953. Don "Lofty Sugden" Estelle looked on in awe... and said nothing.

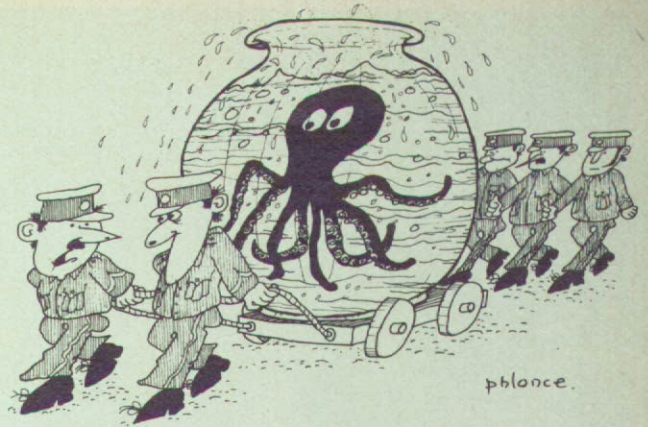
The "battery sergeant-major" meets his match with WO1 Dave Allmond!



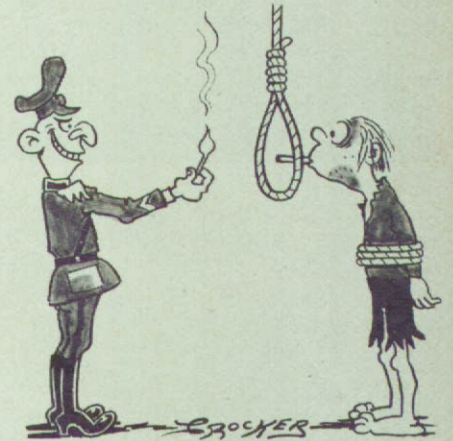
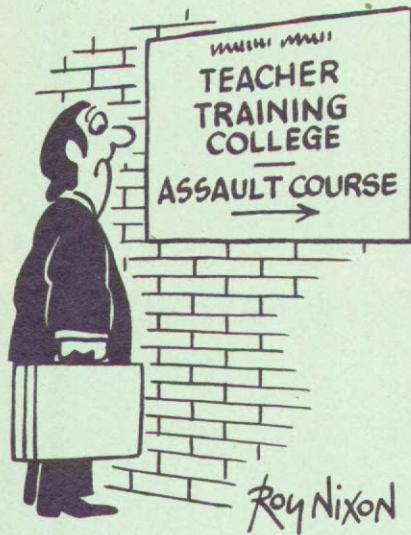
Three lads are told about Army life by Sergeant Paul Cook who gives each a "parachute volunteer card (right).



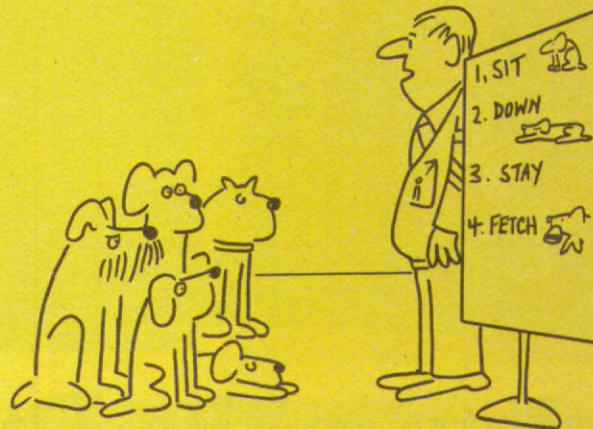
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"Why can't we have a goat or a donkey like other regiments?"



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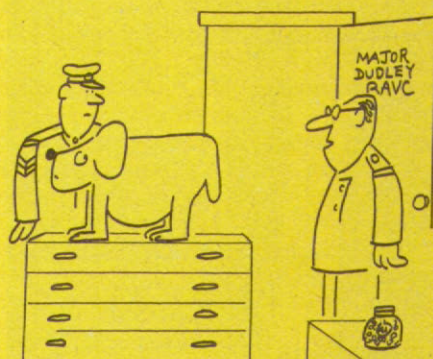


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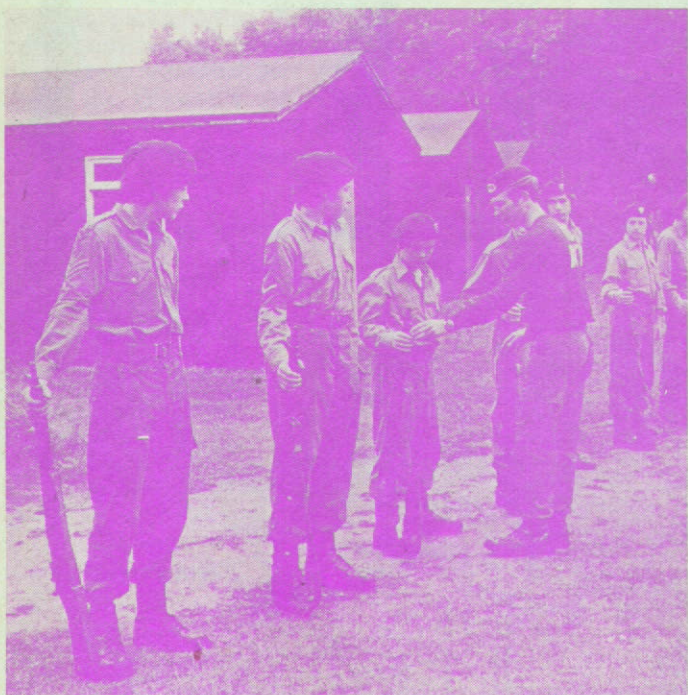
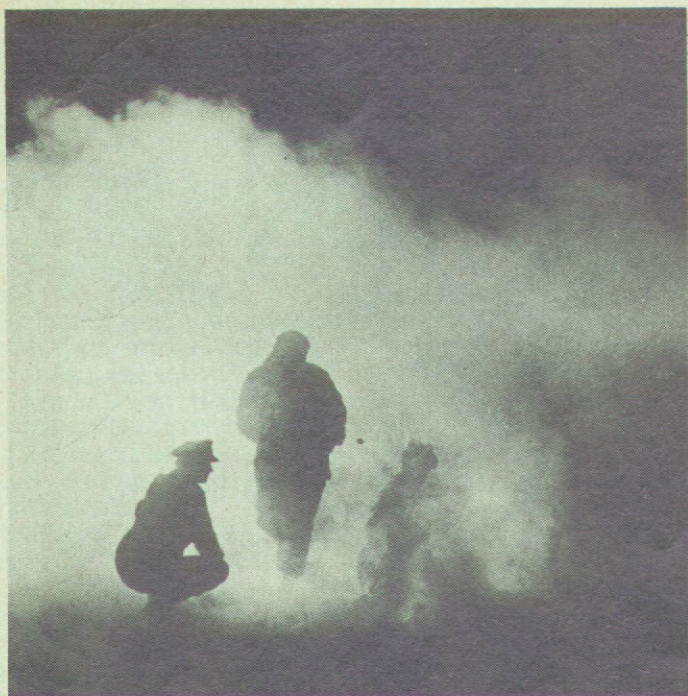
"Haircut!"



"I think we can rule out malnutrition."



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Cadets in the Dukeries

Story by John Walton/Pictures by Paul Haley

HURRY, hurry, hurry . . . just get over . . . up, up, up, get moving, don't hesitate — go . . . Come on, son, get your rifle, go on **MOVE** . . . you're slowing down. Come on, fuzzy, let's have you over. Go on, throw him over. . . .

Words of encouragement echoing through the still evening air and belated by a muscular young man in a singlet to dozens of khaki-clad lads as they scramble over walls, through oil-

drums and rope-swing across ditches. For a few harsh seconds the boys of Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex, might almost wish themselves back among the blackboards and exercise books of that august establishment.

But soon the last of the cadets has finished the course and is preparing to check his rifle before firing on the range. Now there are smiles and a glint in the eye of every one of them—proud of their achievements at Proteus Camp in Sher-

wood Forest. A few minutes earlier the Woodford boys had been inspected by Lieutenant Robin Bennett, 9th/12th Lancers, commanding 16 Army Youth Team, Northampton.

His men had provided the vocal accompaniment on the assault course. He told the Bancroft contingent: "This is the best turn-out of cadets I have seen so far—not only at this camp but also in my own area."

Bancroft was just one of 23 schools

■ Night attack—flares reveal instructors in silhouette.

■ Beret perched on long hair as cadet lines up a target.

■ Member of 16 Army Youth Team gets cadets ready.

■ Warwick boys battle their way across Welbeck Lake.



Budding Tarzans swing their way along the stiff assault course at Proteus Camp.

Right: Helping hand over a high wall while (far right) youth team instructor bends the ears of the few slowcoaches.

which sent around 1000 members of the Combined Cadet Force to Proteus Camp during three weeks of the summer holidays. Organised by cadet training and Army youth teams from Eastern District, the camp was the largest of its kind in the United Kingdom this year.

The budding soldiers had an ideal setting—the Dukeries training area embraces much of the remnants of Sherwood Forest and indeed until last year included the legendary Queen's Oak, a massive hollow tree in which Robin Hood is reputed to have hidden from his enemies. However, the days of the Army in the Dukeries are num-



Cadets *continued*



Cadets pull through their weapons and (right) Lieutenant Robin Bennett inspects.



bered—all of the remaining 1600 acres are scheduled to revert to their owners by 1978. The future of the American-built Proteus camp is undecided.

Within easy range of Proteus are many other facilities all of which were used by the various contingents. At the National Water Sports Centre near Nottingham they were able to learn canoeing and water-ski-ing while parties of boys visited three base camps in the Peak District for fell-walking and rock-climbing. Watermanship classes were at the Army's Welbeck College, ancestral

home of the Dukes of Portland.

Most nights found contingents 20 miles away at Beckingham carrying out night exercises. As lads from St Edmund's School, Canterbury, and St Benedict's, North London, patrolled their way through stygian gloom, waded through a canal or crossed a pond by assault boat, Captain Roger Burgess, of 15 Cadet Training Team, Leicester, and his helpers from 37 Army Youth Team, Ipswich, occasionally lobbed up flares to test the lads' reactions.

Training officer for the camp, Captain

Man overboard gives youngsters a chance to practise a bit of lifesaving.

Gordon Davis, who is cadet training commander for Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, was well satisfied with the way things went. "They have all had a good time and done a lot of useful things. What we are trying not to do is to turn out clockwork soldiers and I feel that this camp has provided a great variety of organised training."

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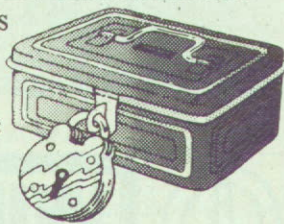
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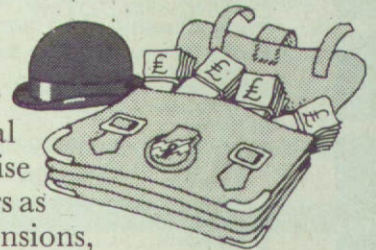


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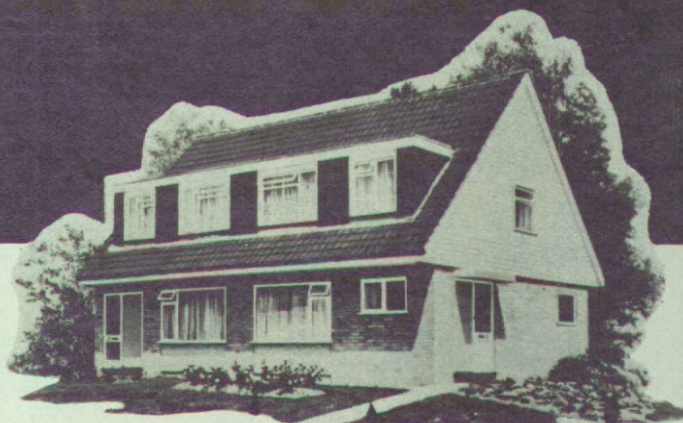
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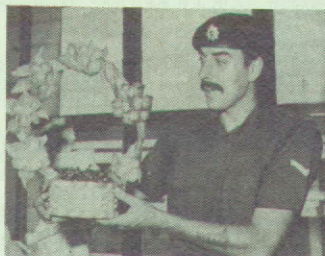
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Professional driver cum amateur cook, **Lance-Corporal Michael McKenzie** has taken first prize in the open division of the forces cookery contest for Australian, New Zealand and British troops in Singapore. Leading local hoteliers judged hobby-cook Michael's modelled basket the best in its class. He shares the kitchen with his wife



Diane who is with him in Singapore with their son **Scott**.

Drop-in

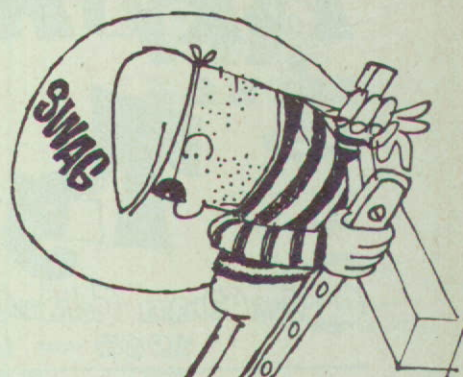
There was a heavenly crowning ceremony for Deal Regatta Queen **Kay Barron** when the sky-diving team leader of the Black Knights freefall team, **Captain Chris Copeland**, of 7 Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, dropped in at her coronation. Kay is more at home on sea than in the air—she is a stewardess on Townsend Thoresen's Dover-Zeebrugge car ferry service.



Sign-in

Following in father's footsteps is 16-year-old **Paul Pinchard** who signed on in Cyprus to enter the Army Apprentices College, Arborfield. Paul hopes to make a career in electronics with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the corps in which his father is serving as a warrant officer 1 in 48 Command Workshop, Cyprus. Paul is seen collecting his first day's Army pay of £3-odd from the paymaster, watched by the recruiter, **Captain George Kyle**. When he finishes his apprenticeship, Paul will be on some £3000 a year at today's rates—a handsome start for a lad still in his teens.

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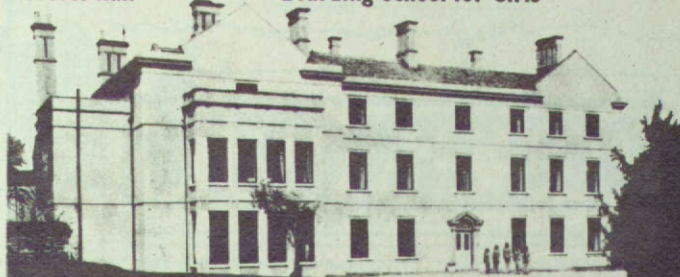
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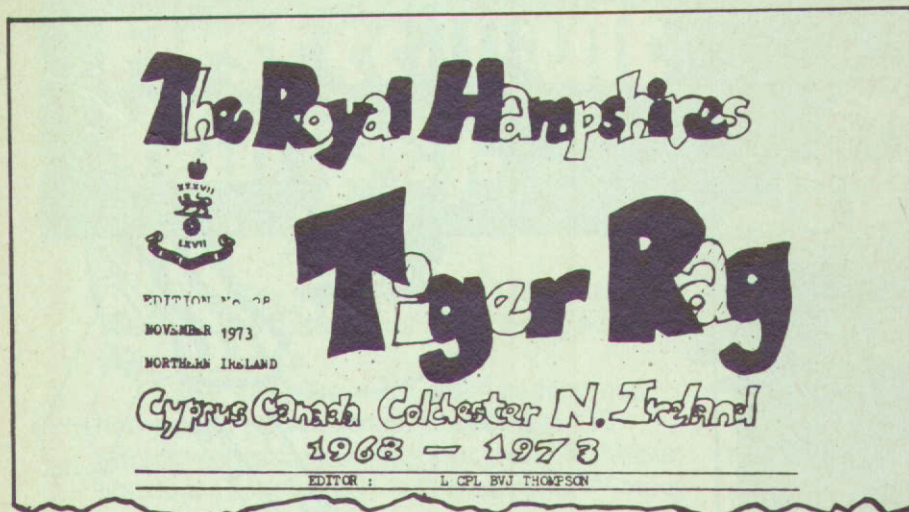
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Read all about it . . .



The Royal Hampshire's lively Tiger Rag followed them to Hong Kong after Ireland.

BORED with pigs and stags, it was inevitable that soldiers serving in Northern Ireland should turn to more exotic beasts and so discover a whole circus of creatures including green moles, pink panthers and tiger rags.

But this military menagerie has nothing to do with furry friends. Pigs are the long-snouted Humber armoured personnel carriers used on peacekeeping patrols; stags are the soldiers' thankless vigils in the strife-torn province. As to the more colourful animals, they are just a few of the many unit publications that have sprung up during the present troubles to inform and entertain the troops.

Every conflict the Army has been involved in for any length of time has resulted in the birth of such publications. They not only spread news—often a useful counter to enemy propaganda and rumour—but also lift morale by providing amusement for reader and writer alike.

Even in the horror of World War One trenches, soldiers summoned up enough

reserves of energy and wit to produce the often wry Wipers Times, New Church Times and several others, taking their names from anglicised versions of the bloody battlefields that have gone down in history.

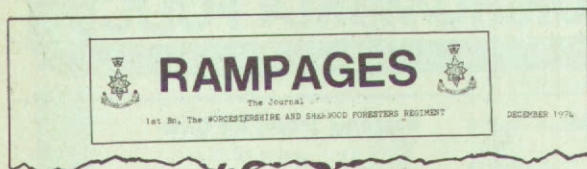
World War Two brought forth many new magazines and newspapers chronicling the endless saga of men at war. SOLDIER was just one of these, born in the deserts of North Africa and raised in Belgium and Germany as the conflict drew to a close. SOLDIER is the only one of these wartime Army publications to survive to the present day.

Thirty years later the British Army finds itself already involved in the intercommunal Irish strife for as long as it faced the Nazi foe in the last global conflict. Some relief from the frustrations of standing between two factions which have been bent on mutual destruction for centuries can be gained from the production of unit newspapers and, equally importantly, the publications keep families back home, in the rest of the United Kingdom or in Ger-

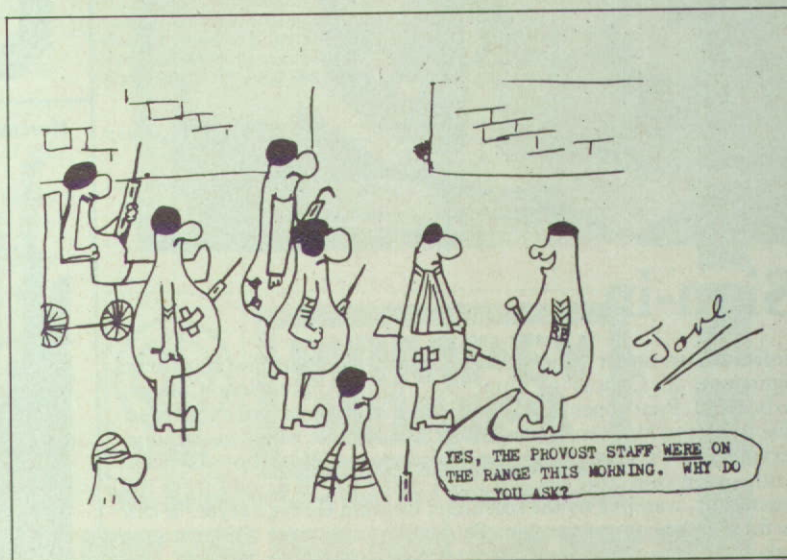


A "delicate pink paw" was offered by Green Mole of 3 RGJ.

Below: Alliteration's artful aid invoked to mention unit vehicles.



The Ram (of Derby) and—pages make a snappy name while austere "Defence" tells of the UDR.



Right: A cartoonist's contribution to Tiger Rag.



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Weekly Report for Soldiers in Northern Ireland

Serial No 68

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Dated 12th June 1975

UDR train with seized IRA weapons



A member of the Regiment may be issued with a personal protection weapon if a threat against his life has been established.

ALLEGATION: 'The UDR is equipped with . . . 12 Shorland armoured cars which have turret-mounted 7.62 mm machine guns . . . but when large groups of UDR men are being moved, lorries driven by Regular soldiers are used.'

FACT: Regular soldiers are not used to drive the UDR. The Regiment has its own drivers and is equipped

many, abreast of events.

The Ministry of Defence has boosted units' efforts by providing grants—sometimes as high as £100—to help out with the costs of printing a paper or magazine. These grants are given only to units on unaccompanied tours so that their publications serve both soldiers on duty and families at home.

It is said that all units which, as one editorial put it, "become amateur journalists" for the duration, have claimed their subsidy. And there are very few units which have not produced at least a news-sheet to report their progress through a Northern Ireland tour.

A lightning survey of titles reveals that the imaginative creations of the infantry belie the old myth that the thickness of their arms is matched only by the thickness of their heads. It was 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, that named its "underground"(?) publication The Green Mole. Then there was Tiger

Rag—consistently a good read—from 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment. Colourful elegance was evoked by The Pompadour of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglians, while a more robust Rampages was the work of 1st Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

But the teeming maw of Northern Ireland has devoured duty hours from all sections of the Army and a stint by The Royal Hussars prompted the sophisticated soubriquet of The Pink Panther for their newspaper.

Some units favoured soldierly simplicity—the 1st Royal Tank Regiment printed its views in the nutshell of First Edition. And the Holmes-like matter-of-factness of 1st and 2nd regiments, Royal Military Police, is embodied in their statements taken down and used in evidence of their day-to-day work in Northern Ireland under the title The Review.

Army Public Relations in Northern

Ireland produces Visor which is intended for all units serving in the province. In practice, it gets a much wider readership and is closely followed by the representatives of the daily Press on duty in Belfast. Visor is printed by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Lisburn and has grown over nearly two years of existence while unit publications have come and gone.

Many of these often lively publications do not survive the economic rigours of life back at unit home bases and news and views are relegated to notes in the corps and regimental journals covering, as they do, several units in one edition. But some magazines—Tiger Rag for example—establish such a foothold in their units that every effort is made to keep up the good work.

Perhaps a few, like SOLDIER, will survive peace and war for 30 years and more to record the facts, figures and fun of Army life.



16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

THE LANCER

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OMAGH,
COUNTY TYRONE,
NORTHERN IRELAND.

Left: Visor gives an authoritative view. Above: under plain cover.

How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences see page 47.





Saving the village pond

THE quiet little Suffolk village of Risby, near Bury-St-Edmunds, was invaded by a band of Scottish soldiers from Aberdeen who attacked the village pond in ferocious style. The welcome "invaders" were junior infantrymen from Depot, The Scottish Division, Bridge-of-Don, who were clearing

the village pond in their spare time as part of the national "save the village pond" campaign.

The 17-year-old Scots were on two weeks' training at the nearby Army range at Thetford, Norfolk. Each evening after training was over they deployed a 25-man platoon in the village and on

the Sunday their whole company strength of 70 turned out complete with officers and non-commissioned officers.

Their first job was to clear the edges of the pond of the jungle of trees and undergrowth which had accumulated after years of neglect. Wielding machetes, axes, spades and any other implement they could lay hands on, the lads soon learned from their instructors some useful jungle-clearing techniques.

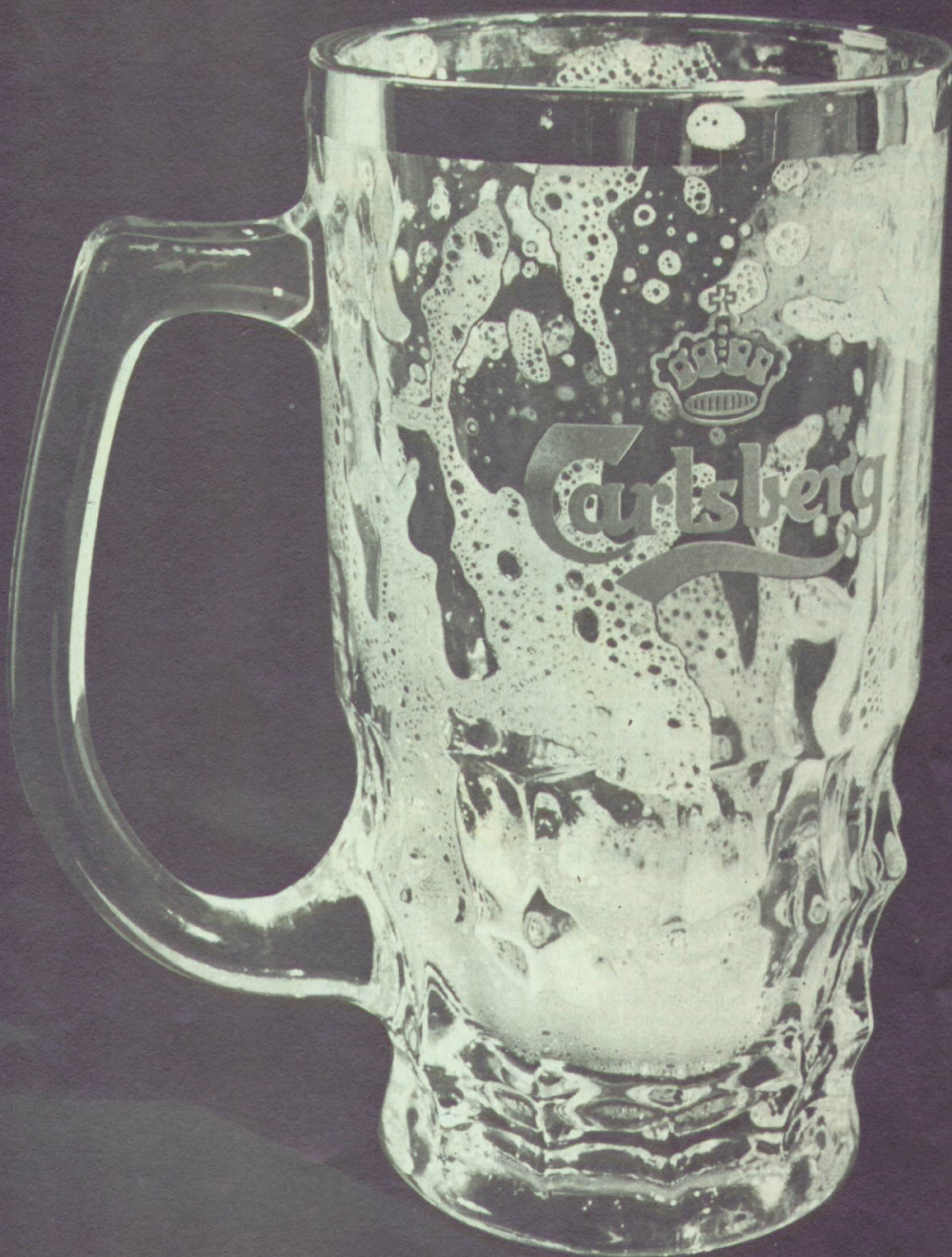
By the end of the second evening of work the stagnant water of the pond itself was exposed to view for the fascinated villagers who had come to watch. Many were seeing their village pond for the first time.

Waders were donned for phase two of the operation, a waterborne assault on the actual pond. A final muddy resistance was mopped up and clean spring water began to flow into the pond for the first time in many years.

"It's quite incredible what these boys have done in such a short time," said Risby Parish Council chairman, Mr Charles Legg. And their work goes a long way to achieving his ambition of seeing the pond totally restored to take its place in the charm of the rural Suffolk scene.

A villager joins soldiers clearing the pond as others (above) rake the bottom.





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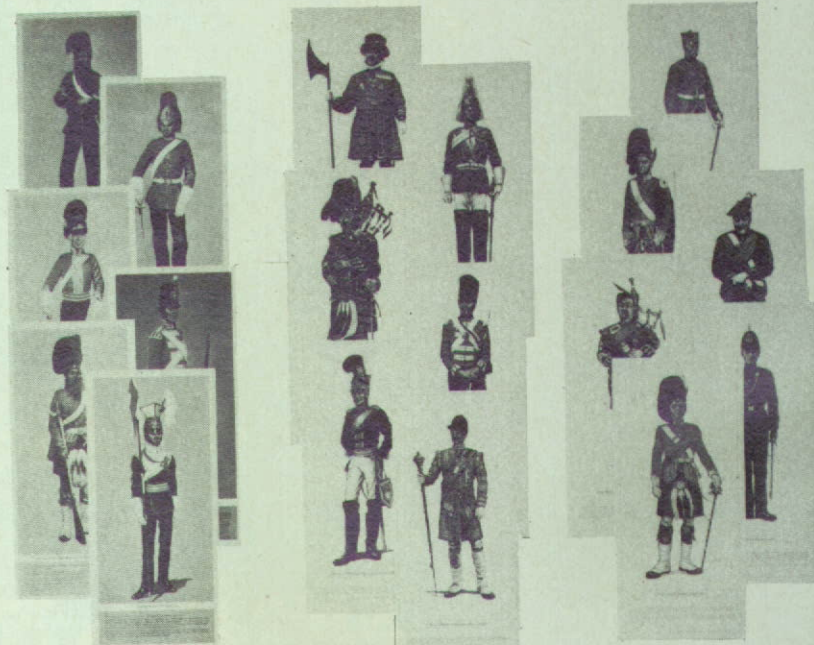
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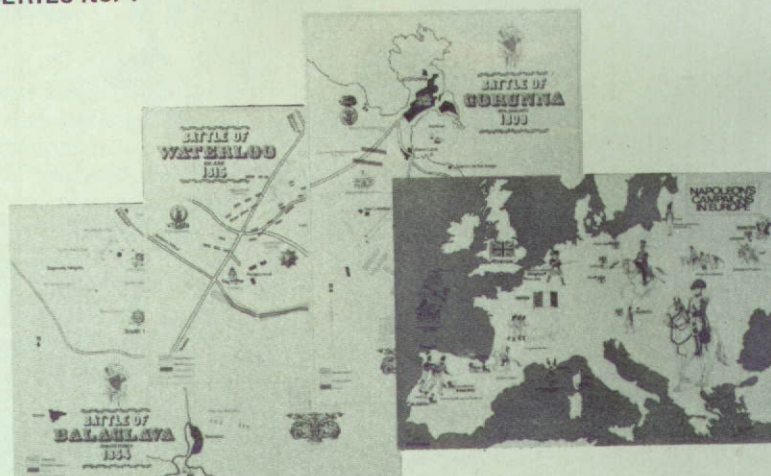
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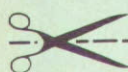
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CAROT REPORT

The Army must recruit increasing numbers of graduate officers if it is to obtain its fair share of the higher quality output of the educational system in competition with commerce and industry, says the CAROT (Committee on Army Regular Officer Training) report. But the report, which was approved by the Army Board in May, adds that a majority of officers who commented felt it would not be in the Army's interests for all officers to be graduates. "In the past we have relied upon the good sixth form boy as the backbone of our Regular officer recruiting. In principle we shall continue to rely on the same boys, but in practice an increasing number will present themselves in the guise of graduates or potential graduates."

Figures show that of all officers between the ages of 22 and 24, some 46 per cent are graduates or are reading for degrees. This gradually tails down among older age groups to 15 per cent over the age of 32. University cadetships have been a noteworthy recruiting success, the report says. It suggests that the Army would benefit if an increased proportion of cadetships was offered to those willing to study at the Royal College of Military Science, Shrivenham, for Council for National Academic Awards degrees.

The overall period of training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, is recommended to stay at 12 months and the concept of Regular officer recruits undergoing a period of genuine service in the ranks should be further examined. Although there is a continuing need for pre-university study courses at Sandhurst, they should be offered more sparingly than at present.

The report has harsh words to say about the general standard of literacy among young officers which it describes as "poor." It adds: "We think that the art of self-expression and the ability to write clear, concise English should be taught and practised at every opportunity in a young officer's education."

A progressive qualification scheme should be introduced, the report recommends. This would be mandatory with the first level culminating in qualification for promotion to captain and the second in qualification for promotion to major. One or both levels should have a language option and the Director of Army Training, Major-General Sir Rollo Pain, says: "I would like to encourage as many officers as possible to read for a degree in modern languages." In order to qualify for selection for staff training, officers should take a special written examination based on the syllabus of the Second Level Papers but set to a higher intellectual standard.

CAROT also makes a number of proposals for altering courses at Shrivenham and Camberley as well as specialised training such as special-to-arm courses, languages and management. It recommends a greater range of interesting Military Secretary appointments to be made available to Women's Royal Army Corps officers and, to enable them to compete fairly with male officers for these posts, an increased number of vacancies for women should be allotted on staff courses.

PENSIONS INCREASE

Service pensioners of the UK-based Regular Army who left the Service before 31 March 1975 (or 31 December 1974 in the case of general officers) are to receive an increase of 26.1 per cent in their pensions from 1 December 1975 or, if they are under 55 years of age, from their 55th birthday. Payment of the increase will however be made from 1 December to pensioners below the age of 55 if they were invalided from the Service or if they have become permanently incapacitated since their retirement or discharge. Widows of such pensioners in receipt of a forces family pension will receive a similar increase. (F2(AD))

LIFE ASSURANCE

Servicemen and women in Northern Ireland, or about to be sent there, can obtain life assurance cover at no extra cost if they get their policy through Naafi.

Until now, Service people stationed in Northern Ireland have had to pay an extra premium on their life assurance or endowment policies. "Most companies charged the extra" said a spokesman for Naafi "some demanded as much as 50p per £100 throughout the whole term of the policy, not just while the soldier was in Ulster. This always struck us as unfair, so we are pleased that Naafi has managed to negotiate with two first class Life Offices for our customers to obtain cover, without paying an additional premium, for assurances maturing on the 66th birthday or earlier, up to the sum assured of £10,000."

Some Servicemen, such as nuclear submariners, aircraft pilots and bomb disposal crews, may still have to pay an extra premium wherever they serve. (Naafi)

MENTIONED IN PARLIAMENT

● Military bands came in for a drumming from Mr Tom Litterick (Labour, Birmingham Selly Oak) who asked if Mr Robert C Brown, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army, agreed that in the context of nuclear missiles and electronic guidance systems the 95 bands were no longer relevant for any military purpose. Mr Litterick also asked for Mr Brown's agreement to his contention that the bands' public relations and recruitment functions were now best carried out by the media



and that their cultural contributions might be better served if they were demobilised and reformed as civilian organisations forming music centres throughout Britain. Mr Brown did not agree and said he thought his view, shared by the vast majority of the population, was that silver, brass and military bands were a part of the tradition of this country which he hoped we should never lose.

Mr Toby Jessel (Conservative), whose Twickenham constituency includes Kneller Hall, welcomed Mr Brown's reply and said British Army bands were the envy of the world. Apart from the vital function of morale boosting, the bands were worth their weight in gold because they were a big tourist draw. Mr Philip Goodhart (Conservative, Bromley and Beckenham), pointed out that the Soviet Army and Chinese People's Republic Army attached high importance to maintaining military bands; Mr Brown said he was sure the people of those countries enjoyed the music as much as he did.

● Recruiting officers who went into schools to lure young people into the forces with the help of audio-visual aids "which often give a misleading and exaggerated view of life in the forces" worried Mr Dennis Canavan (Labour, West Stirlingshire). He said the practices were "tantamount to babysnatching." Mr Brynmor John, Under-Secretary of State for defence for the Royal Air Force, pointed out that only one in three applicants was accepted and added: "I should have thought that that



"Would you give me the sales talk again—I'm getting kinda discouraged."

was sufficient rebuttal of his point that we are anxious to snatch whoever comes into a recruiting office." Secondly, Service officers and personnel went into schools like other career advisers to give factual information to young people. He was anxious that they should give as realistic a picture as possible—"it does not suit our book to have glamourised pictures which the reality does not match."

● Mr E Loyden (Labour, Garston), asked the Secretary of State for Defence if he would take steps to apply the concept of industrial democracy to the forces and if he would consider the publication of a consultative document on the subject. Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence: "No."

● Mr Rodgers told Mr George Rodgers, (Labour, Chorley) that on present plans no medical practitioners would be released from the forces as a result of the curtailment of expenditure on the defence programme.

● Plans were afoot to rebuild Wellington Barracks, London, on the present site, Mr Brown told Mr Alan Beith (Liberal, Berwick-upon-Tweed). Subject to funds being available, the rebuild was planned to start in October 1976 and to be completed in the spring of 1981.

● In a debate on servicemen's housing, Mrs Winifred Ewing (Scottish Nationalist, Moray and Nairn), said that every year about 40,000 men left the Services, about a third of whom were married. "It is clear that many older servicemen are not able to buy houses through normal commercial mortgages at the end of their service," she said. Mrs Ewing added that she was not proposing that servicemen be "advantaged" but that they should not be "disadvantaged" in regard to acquiring local authority houses at the end of their Service careers. It was sad to see men with 20 years' service worried because they had nowhere to go and a senior officer from a base in her constituency had told her that they sometimes felt they were treated like a bunch of gypsies. She suggested that on entering the Service, if married or on getting married, a man should be able to put his name on one local authority housing list of his choice. This would help to spread the burden round the country a bit more although there would still be a bulge in areas where servicemen habitually ended their careers. If a man got to the top of the list before he left the Services there would be no problem as he could stay near the top until his career was over.

Mr Frank Judd, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Navy, said a circular similar to the one recently issued to local authorities in England and Wales was being considered for Scotland. Main features of the new circular were that local authorities should not enforce residential qualifications for servicemen and that they should be able to go on to housing lists well in advance of discharge dates and to postpone taking up the offer of houses until release from the Services. Thirdly, local authorities should treat irregular occupants as being homeless and accept notice to quit married quarters as the equivalent of a warrant for possession.

Mr Judd said he had a great deal of sympathy with Mrs Ewing's approach. Local authorities everywhere should accept their share of responsibility for rehousing the men and women who had provided our national defence system. But he could see a number of difficulties in what she proposed. In the last financial year about 600 officers and men had taken advantage of the scheme in which they could receive an advance of pay to assist with the cost of buying a house. A new scheme had also been introduced this year designed to help the older retiring man in the 50-plus age bracket.



"And then, as I said before, I began to get the crazy idea that I was changing into a motorcar!"

● Prime Minister Harold Wilson told Mr James Wellbeloved (Labour, Erith and Crayford) that the Queen had approved proposals for the grant of the General Service Medal 1962 with clasp "Dhofar" for specified services by British forces in the Dhofar province of Oman since October 1969.

● The Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, would close when the Services Psychiatric Unit was accommodated at the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, Mr Judd told Mr David Price (Conservative, Eastleigh). The move is planned for early 1978.

NEW FORMATION TITLES

As announced in the Defence White Paper earlier this year (SOLDIER News, May), the brigade level of command is to be eliminated and units will be commanded directly by smaller-sized divisional headquarters. One effect of restructuring will be to improve the man-to-weapon ratio and it is intended that Rhine Army's fighting capability will be fully maintained and in some cases enhanced. Another effect will be to change the titles of formations in Rhine Army.

When reorganisation is complete 1 (BR) Corps will consist of four armoured divisions to be known as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Armoured Divisions, an artillery division known as The Artillery Division and an infantry formation known as the 5th Field Force.

In the United Kingdom there will be three more field forces, the 6th, 7th and 8th. The present Berlin Infantry Brigade will become the Berlin Field Force and the two infantry brigades based on Hong Kong will combine to form the Gurkha Field Force.

DOCTORS' AND DENTISTS' PAY

The Government has accepted pay increases for Service medical and dental officers in line with those awarded to general practitioners in the National Health Service since the groups last had an increase (1 April 1974). The recommendations are an integral part of the main pay review and as they form part of the last pay round they are not affected by the policy governing settlements effective in the pay round starting 1 August.

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	After 2 years in rank	21.96	8015
	After 4 years in rank	22.72	8293
	After 6 years in rank	23.47	8567
Lieutenant-Colonel	On appointment	24.40	8906
	After 2 years in rank	25.16	9183
	After 4 years in rank	25.91	9457
	After 6 years in rank	26.67	9735
	After 8 years in rank	27.25	9946
Colonel	On appointment	27.58	10067
	After 2 years in rank	28.04	10235
	After 4 years in rank	28.51	10406 (max)
Brigadier		30.14	11001

*Education grant of £1095 a year (£3 daily) is paid in addition.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Membership of the Girl Guides Association in the United Kingdom has risen for a 12th consecutive year to a record total of 834,660, with gains in every major age grouping and in practically all the main Guide areas. The Guide section (aged 10 to 16 years) showed the highest percentage increase among its 10-12 members, reversing recent trends. Brownie Guides (7-10 years) continued their steady rise and in the teenage bracket, now divided into Ranger Guides (14-18) and Young Leaders (16-18), the rise in the number of Young Leaders more than compensated for a slight drop in Ranger Guides.

Although 379 new Brownie Packs and Guide Companies were opened, the Guides Association, already Britain's largest youth organisation, still cannot meet the demand. Waiting lists exist in many districts and hundreds of girls have to queue for up to two years before they can be enrolled.

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(Girl Guides Association)



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RHINE ARMY



Forest fire threatens barracks

DURING the disastrous forest fires in Germany, two British Army units inside the fire zone were forced to abandon their barracks near Celle as the holocaust bore down on them. The two units were the Royal Army Ordnance Corps' 7 and 11 ordnance field parks, which are responsible for the supply of all material, including ammunition and fuel, to two armoured brigades in Rhine Army's 1st Division.

The progress of the vast fire was watched closely as it drew nearer the historic city of Celle and eventually the contents of ammunition sheds in the camp were loaded on to vehicles in case it was necessary to evacuate them at speed.

Late that same evening the fire reached a point only two miles from Sheuen camp and was estimated to be travelling at three miles an hour. The decision was taken to evacuate and the ammunition was sped away. As both ordnance field parks carry most of their stores on vehicles, these were also driven to a safer part of the Celle station. But this left a large quantity of items which are normally kept on the ground plus all

the domestic needs of the bases. A feverish battle began to salvage whatever possible in the face of the advancing blaze.

Working through the night, the men of the two units—with considerable help from comrades in others—completely emptied their own camp before the fire could reach it. Some 200 tons of stores were loaded on to borrowed vehicles and these included not only the total backing requirements for the two brigades but items such as oxygen and acetylene containers, paint stocks, most of the soldiers' own kit and belongings as well as a number of cars and caravans belonging to men of the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales' Own Regiment, currently on an emergency tour in Northern Ireland, and 270 televisions belonging to SKC intended for Service families in the area for the pilot British television programme scheme due to start at Celle not long after.

By 0300 next day almost every item of value had been loaded and as the flames now licked to within 100 yards of the camp, it was finally evacuated leaving

only a small party to safeguard the buildings and what little remained within. Many senior ranks on leave volunteered to help and were pressed into service in the battle against the blaze.

Miraculously the wind changed and although five neighbouring villages were evacuated completely by the German authorities, the fire line moved away without causing any damage to the camp. After a well-earned sleep, the soldiers of the ordnance field parks set up shop in a temporary barracks and provided the spares required by 1st Division from their ad hoc site.

Throughout the evacuation and while the tired personnel opened for business as usual on the square of Trenchard Barracks, the camp's petrol point was going flat out refuelling the host of fire-fighting and other emergency vehicles that streamed in while the vast pall of smoke that stretched across north Germany to as far as the English Channel was constantly disturbed by firefighting helicopters and three French water "bombers."

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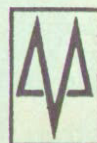
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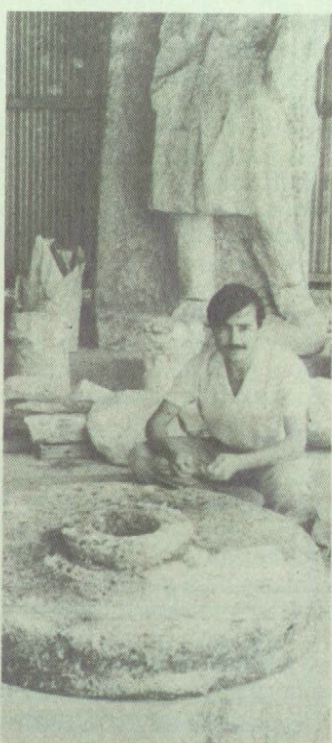
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A highlight of this year's Colchester Searchlight Tattoo was the spectacular Household Cavalry Quadrille—a musical display of horsemanship and dressage—by the state trumpeters and drum horses of The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals.



Learning that the Guards always keep a straight bat is a member of the United States Marine Corps under instruction—as to what is and isn't cricket—from Captain David Budge, 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards, in Hong Kong. The marines, from the USS Barbour County, played the Grenadiers at cricket, soccer, softball and American football during their visit.



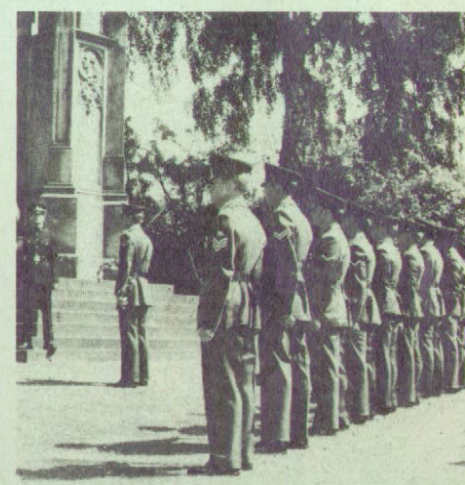
This year's Schützenfest in Osnabrück lasted nine days, with British, American, Dutch and German units adding to the festive and competitive spirit of the shooting. The top military event was a NATO contest and the top British team, from 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Highlanders, came fourth overall with 1050 points. German units finished in the first three places.



Seven young men in light blue berets with eagle badges brought a new colour to the summer term passing-out parade at Bovington, Dorset—home of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps. The seven have the distinction of being the first junior leaders to pass out into the Army Air Corps. The corps began direct recruiting in 1973 on becoming a fighting corps in its own right. Previously it drew men from all arms of the Army who retained their own cap badges on the light blue berets.



Men of 58 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, "enjoying" their own version of deep-breathing exercising during respirator training in Cyprus.



A guard of honour from 36 (Minden) Battery, 16 Light Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery, was joined by representatives of British and German Army units in Minden itself to commemorate the battle which gave the battery its name. Minden was a combined Anglo-German conflict fought 216 years ago against the French during the Seven Years War from 1756 to 1763.

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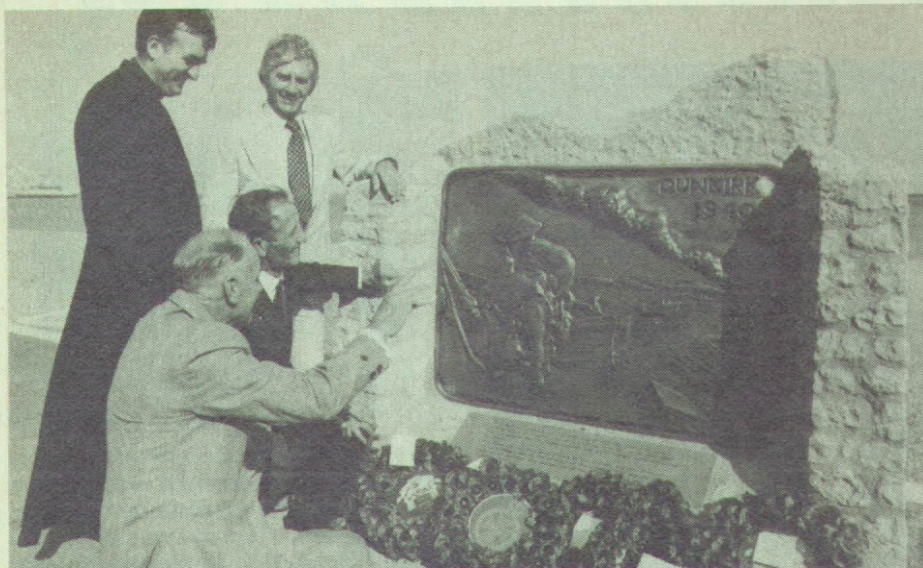
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evacuation of 1940. The stone came from the company's Swansea quarry and was selected by foreman Alec Selby himself evacuated from Dunkirk.



"Get that litter picked up. And what's more, get your hair cut!" Regimental Sergeant-Major Emrys Brownson, Welsh Guards joins in the end-of-term fun for children at Rheindahlen outside the joint headquarters of Rhine Army and the Northern Army Group of Nato.

The "mini-Wombles" came from St David's School which caters for British military and civilian families based at Rheindahlen. Afterwards Mr Brownson gave his assessment: "A great bunch of kids—but who's that little horror saluting with his left hand?"



The Honourable Artillery Company, which claims the title of the oldest fighting regiment in the world, dating back to 1537, and 1st Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, which holds the "right of the line" in the Army, paraded together in Detmold, Germany. The link between the two was forged in World War Two when they fought alongside in the North African desert. Also, the Regular soldiers of the Royal Horse Artillery provide many of the permanent staff instructors for the Honourable Artillery Company.



Rumours of Cuban soldiers working for the United Nations in Cyprus are completely unfounded. The bearded gentlemen actually belong to the pioneer platoon of 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. All Canadian infantry pioneers are allowed to grow beards, not just the pioneer sergeant as in British regiments. Beards are not compulsory but once a Canadian pioneer grows one he is not allowed to shave it off without permission.



The latest mount to bed down in the stables of the Household Cavalry at Hyde Park Barracks in London is Wayne 654—not a horse, but a rider-controlled vacuum sweeper which, it is claimed, can scoop up dust and dirt at the rate of 290,000 square feet an hour.



Rhine Army's 2nd Division and its German base of Lübbecke share the same crossed keys emblem. And to accentuate even more the close links between the two, the Army is taking a full part in the celebration of the town's 1200 years of existence with events spanning twelve months. The division, reformed from the previous 2nd Infantry Division and 6th Armoured Division, took up residence in Lübbecke in 1958.

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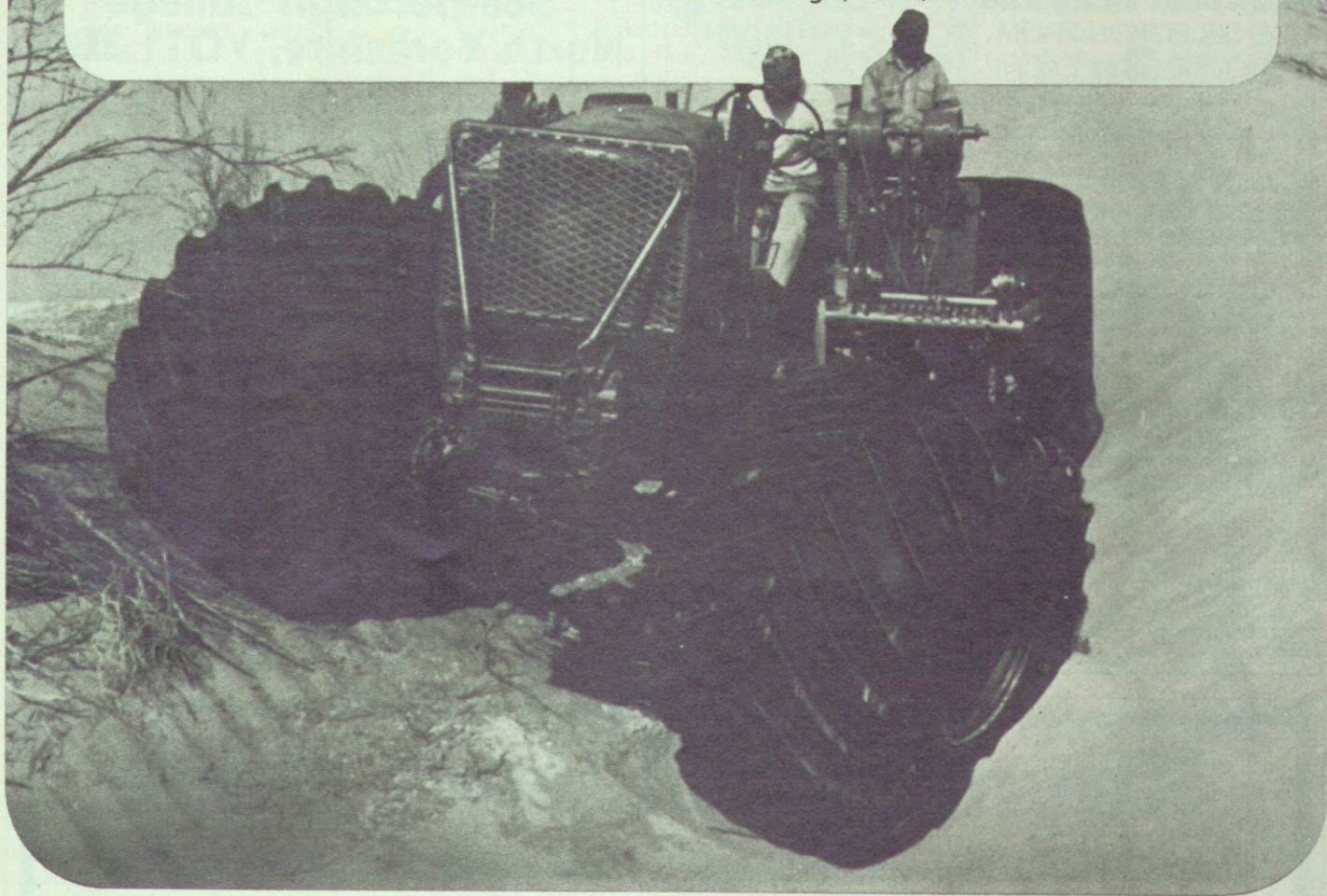
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Inter-Services' 400 metres title going to Chris Van Rees (3).

Army athletes pack national ratings

AMONG the top 20 United Kingdom athletes named in each event, a total of 13 Army athletes figure in a list compiled by the National Union of Track Statisticians. Clearly the Army shines in both track and field events at national level—many of those mentioned have represented their countries in their events—and both sexes are represented in the list.

The Army competitors named are: 200 metres, Corporal S Hall, Royal Signals (21.6 seconds); 400 metres, Second Lieutenant C Van Rees, Royal Artillery (47.7 seconds) and Private W Taylor, Royal Anglian (48.1 seconds); 800 metres, Lieutenant G A B Grant, Royal Artillery (1 minute 49.4 seconds) and Second Lieutenant Van Rees (1 minute 50.3 seconds); 1500 metres, Lieutenant Grant (3 minutes 42.2 seconds); high jump, Private J R Hutchinson, Royal Army Medical Corps (2.00 metres) and Second Lieutenant F R Antolik, Royal Anglian (1.96 metres); long jump, Sapper A Rose, Royal Engineers (7.24 metres); discus,

Sergeant T G Ratcliffe, Grenadier Guards (48.86 metres); javelin, Warrant Officer 1 N J Hart-Ives, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (68.96 metres); women's shot, Private V A Head (14.36 metres) and Captain E Elliot (13.22 metres), both Women's Royal Army Corps; women's discus, Private V S Head, Women's Royal Army Corps (44.44 metres).

Although many of the performances listed here are better than existing Army records, they may only be considered for Army recognition if they were achieved during a recognised Army or inter-service meeting or any match in which the competitors are representing the Services and the officials hold the required qualifications.

Many of the athletes named in the United Kingdom ratings featured strongly in the inter-Services meetings at Portsmouth. Several events brought spectacular successes. In the high jump, Antolik and Hutchinson came second and third, both clearing 1.93 metres (6 feet 4 inches). Antolik was later selected

to represent England at an international meeting in Wales.

The 200 metres was dominated by Hall who equalled Flying Officer D Halliday's inter-Services record with his winning time of 21.7 seconds and would have set a new Army record but wind assistance disqualified the time from ratification as a record. He had improved on his own Army record of 21.9 by one tenth of a second against the Civil Service and Hampshire back in May.

Van Rees easily beat the RAF's international Sergeant M Delaney to win the 400 metres in 48.9 seconds. He finished a good third in the 200 metres and went on to run a swift last leg in the 4×400 metres relay to clinch an Army win by 6.8 seconds—more than 50 yards.

Grant, who has shot to international standard this season, shone in the 800 metres with a convincing win despite being one second-plus more than his own Army record, yet to be ratified. Sergeant J Turvey ran well to finish second and both did all that was asked of them in the 4×400 metres relay.

In his first season over obstacles, Taylor was six yards in the lead in the 400 metres hurdles when he hit the top of the last barrier and fell. He still finished third. He was the other member of the winning 4×400 metres relay team.

The javelin honours went to Warrant Officer 1 N J Hart-Ives for the seventh time in the last ten years. He has won the Army championship for 11 out of the last 12 years. The missing crown was in 1967 when duty overseas kept him out of the contest.

Sergeant C Campbell won the 500 metres, running the gruelling event for only the second time in his career. He took the lead after an intelligently gauged race in the home straight.

The women's shot record was broken by Private Head by a massive margin of 84 centimetres with a good put of 13.52 metres. This was 23 centimetres less than her Army record set in June at the individual championships at Aldershot (see SOLDIER, August 1975). Private B Lewis lopped two centimetres off the inter-Services women's long jump record, but again the strong wind prevented official recognition. The wind also kept Corporal A Patterson's 100 metres hurdles time—one tenth of a second inside the record—from the record books. Full results in Sports Shorts.

MARATHON MONEYSPINNER

AN eight-day marathon run of 420 kilometres to raise money for charity may have set an Army runner on course for a crack at the world record for the 100 miles in an event being organised in Staffordshire this month.

Sergeant Fred Howell, 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars, was sponsored in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund on a venture which entailed running further each day than the Olympic marathon event of some 26 miles.

After a champagne celebration at the finish line after the "multi-marathon" across West Germany, Sergeant Howell declared: "I've been keen on running 'ultra distances' for

some time and now I've done this run I hope I will be considered for the 100-mile world record attempt being organised at Tipton, Staffordshire, in October."

He recently ran in the Isle of Man road race over the 40-mile Tourist Trophy course, finishing third in a time of four hours, five minutes and 19 seconds, only four seconds behind the second-placed runner. The time made him the fifth fastest competitor in the 21 years the race has been run.

The charity run in Germany attracted the attention of medical advisers to the British Olympic team who asked Sergeant Howell to complete a questionnaire on the physical aspects of the run.

QUEEN'S ROYAL IRISH ON TARGET

THE annual parachute free-fall accuracy and patrol contest in Rhine Army was won by the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. A team although most of the top placings in the parachuting phase went to one or other of the five teams entered by the Berlin-based 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.

The 19 teams completed the parachuting section near the Joint Services Parachute Centre, Bad Lippspringe, with jumps at half-hourly intervals after dawn on two consecutive days. The second phase consisted of patrolling over the mountainous and heavily

wooded Teutoburgerwald. Tasks included navigating a helicopter, first aid, demolition, speed marching, radio communications, river crossing and finally a sub-machine-gun shoot.

The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars' team comfortably won the patrol phase outright and their 10th place in the parachuting was enough to give them top prize overall. The win by 1 Para in the parachuting was due in no small part to one of their number being Corporal Scotty Milne, current British champion and holder of his regiment's gold lanyard for achieving more than 1000 freefall descents (SOLDIER, November 1974).

Second overall was 2nd Division Regiment, Army Air Corps, with 1 Para third.

ARMY ROCKS TENNIS CHAMPIONS

THE RAF's iron grip on the inter-Services lawn tennis championship was shaken fiercely by the Army players when the two teams met in their leg of the three-cornered contest.

The Royal Navy was trounced 6-0 by the Junior Service but the Army forced the champions to a 4-2 split in the honours, drawing their match with the Navy 3-3. The Army players were: Lieutenant-Colonel B Reeves, Major A Hilton, Major G Billingham, Capt V Smith, Lieutenant M Jeffrey and Corporal G Ruffer.

But even the Army's strong opposition was not enough to stop the RAF romping home to their 12th successive victory in the contest, making their 26th win in the 30 postwar years of the tournament.

The Women's Royal Army Corps did not fare so well in their section of the inter-Services match, losing 1-5 to the WRAF and 2-4 to the WRNS. The WRAF triumphed after a 4-2 win over the WRNS.

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CRICKET

The Army has emerged convincing champions in the inter-Services tournament, having beaten the RAF and RN by 57 and 13 runs respectively in the 55-over matches played in the competition. The RN beat the RAF by 70 runs.

Depot Prince of Wales's Division (Crickhowell) won the minor units cricket cup by nine runs, scoring 144 to the Depot Queen's Division's 135. Other results: Army 107, Stragglers of Asia 153 for nine (55 overs); Stragglers won by 46 runs.

SWIMMING, DIVING, WATER POLO

Army Championships, major units

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st QDG (1min 12.2sec), 2nd RMAS (1:13.7), 3rd 1 Para (1:15.0). Backstroke 100yd: 1st RMAS (1:4.6), 2nd 1 Para (1:7.6), 3rd 8 Sig Regt (1:7.8). Butterfly, 66½yd: 1st Coldm Gds (3:7.2), 2nd 1 Para (40.51), 3rd RMAS (40.5). Freestyle, 66½yd: 1st RMAS (34.4) (Army record), 2nd 1 Para (35.7), 3rd 1 Coldm Gds (36.4). Individual medley, 133½yd: 1st RMAS (1:23.4), 2nd QDG (1:25.3), 3rd 1 Para (1:30.7). Breaststroke relay, 4×66½yd: 1st QDG (3:1.2) (Army record), 2nd RMAS (3:11.8), 3rd 1 Para (3:12.0). Freestyle relay, 4×66½yd: 1st 1 Para (2:21.4), 2nd QDG (2:25.0), 3rd RMAS (2:25.1). 4×100yd: 1st RMAS (3:44.6) (Army record), 2nd QDG (3:48.2), 3rd 1 Coldm Gds (3:58.2). Medley relay, 4×66½yd: 1st RMAS (2:38.4), 2nd 1 Para (2:43.2), 3rd 1 Coldm Gds (2:46.0). Overall result: 1st RMAS (61 points), 2nd 1 Para (50), 3rd QDG (46).

Army championships, minor units

Breaststroke, 66½yd: 1st Depot Queen's Div (47.4) (Army record), 2nd 65 Corps Sp Sqn RE (48.8), 3rd 59 Ind Cdo Sqn RE (50.3). Backstroke, 66½yd: 1st Depot Queen's Div (44.5), 2nd 11 Sig Regt (44.5), 3rd 11 Armd Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (51.6). Freestyle, 66½yd: 1st 65 Sqn (37.5), 2nd Depot Queen's Div (37.5), 3rd 11 Sig Regt (37.7). 100yd: 1st 11 Armd Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (59.7), 2nd 65 Sqn (1:0.9), 3rd Depot Queen's Div (1:4.2). Freestyle relay, 4×66½yd: 1st Depot Queen's Div (2:36.8), 2nd 59 Sqn (2:44.8), 3rd 11 Sig Regt (2:47.5). Medley relay, 4×66½yd: 1st Depot Queen's Div (2:59.0), 2nd 65 Sqn (3:1.4), 3rd 11 Sig Regt (3:11.7). Overall result: 1st Depot Queen's Div (37 points), 2nd 65 Corps Sp Sqn RE (25), 3rd 11 Sig Regt (21).

Army individual championships

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st A/T Cpl R Steel (AAC Harrogate) (1min 10.2sec), 2nd Lieut N Lewis (1 RTR) (1:11.0), 3rd A/T M Burke (AAC Chesham) (1:11.8). 200yd: 1st Steel (2:35.9) (Army record), 2nd Burke (2:39.8), 3rd Tpr Morris (QDG) (2:47.3). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st Cpl S Birley (SEE) (1:2.6), 2nd J/Bdsm Myddleton (JLR RAC) (1:4.8), 3rd Cpl Green (8 Sig Regt) (1:8.8). Butterfly, 100yd: 1st Gnr M Tripp (22 Loc Bty RA) (58.6), 2nd SI E Martin (APTC, RAMC Trg Centre) (1:2.5), 3rd Tpr P Astle (QOH) (1:2.8). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st SI M Gibson (APTC, AAC Chesham) (52.1), 2nd Tpr D Heron (QDG) (52.1), 3rd Tpr Trussler (QDG) (55.3). 200yd: 1st Heron (1:56.0) (Army record), 2nd Lieut M Quick (RA) (2:9.8), 3rd Tpr Shaw (QDG) (2:12.5). 400yd: 1st Heron (4:9.7) (Army record), 2nd 2/Lieut M Mumford (RMAS) (4:20.2), 3rd Birley (4:24.7). 800yd: Heron (8:57.2) (equalled Army record), 2nd Birley (9:21.0), 3rd Quick (10:10.0). Individual medley, 266½yd: 1st Mumford (3:5.2) (Army record), 2nd Martin (3:26.6), 3rd J/Sgt B Wakefield (JLR RE) (3:30.2).

Army Women's Swimming Association

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st L/Cpl B Banks (12 Dvr Trg Regt RCT) (1:19.9), 2nd Q/Pte P Styman (Mil Hosp, Colchester) (1:29.9), 3rd L/Cpl D Bird (5 Sqn, 8 Sig Regt) (1:35.5). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st Q/Cpl S Maisey (Mil Hosp, Catterick) (1:12.0), 2nd L/Cpl A Robb (1 RMP) (1:7.4), 3rd Pte Batts (12 Coy WRAC) (1:31.9). Butterfly, 100yd: 1st Maisey (1:17.9). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st Robb, 2nd Pte V Mahoney (WRAC Coll) (1:11.5), 3rd Maisey. Individual medley, 133 1/3yd: 1st Banks (1:44.0), 2nd Robb (1:48.7), 3rd L/Cpl D Williams (29 Coy WRAC) (2:04.4).

Inter-zone team relay: 1st BAOR (1:21.1), 2nd London/Eastern districts (1:24.8), 3rd NE/NW/Scotland districts (1:29.1).

Inter-Service championships

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st RN (1:7.2), 2nd RAF (1:9.2), 3rd Army (A/T L/Cpl R Steel) (1:9.4). 220yd: 1st RAF (2:29.2) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (Steel) (2:31.3), 3rd RN (2:31.5). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st RN (1:2.2), 2nd Army (Sgt S Goodall) (1:3.0), 3rd RAF. Butterfly, 100yd: 1st RAF (55.6) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (Gnr M Tripp) (58.9), 3rd RAF (1:1.1). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st Army (SI M Gibson) (52.0), 2nd RN (53.0), 3rd RAF (55.1). 200yd: 1st RN (1:53.9) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (2/Lieut M Mumford) (1:53.9), 3rd RN (1:57.2). 400yd: 1st Army (Tpr D Heron) (4:08.1), 2nd RAF (4:18.7), 3rd RN (4:19.7). 800yd: 1st RAF (8:48.9) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (Heron) (8:49.1), 3rd Army (Cpl S Birley) (9:13.3). Individual medley, 4×66½yd: 1st RN (2:58.6) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (Mumford) (3:1.9), 3rd RAF (3:8.6). Medley relay, 4×66½yd: 1st RAF (2:30.9) (Combined Services record), 2nd Army (3:22.1), 3rd RN (3:29.8). Overall result: 1st Army, 2nd RN, 3rd RAF.

Inter-Service championships (women)

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st WRAF (1:18.8), 2nd WRAC (L/Cpl S Banks) (1:19.6), 3rd WRNS (1:20.8). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st RN (1:11.0) (Combined Services record), 2nd QARANC (Q/Cpl S Maisey) (1:17.2), 3rd WRNS (1:18.2). Butterfly, 100yd: 1st WRNS (1:7.8), 2nd QARANC (Maisey) (1:15.3), 3rd WRAF (1:23.1). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st WRAF (1:5.5), 2nd WRAF (1:6.0), 3rd WRNS (1:9.1). Individual medley, 4×33½yd: 1st WRAF (1:38.7), 2nd WRAF

(1:39.9), 3rd WRAC (Banks) (1:41.5). Medley relay, 4×33 1/3yd: 1st WRAF (1:21.3), 2nd WRNS (1:23.4), 3rd Army Women's Swimming Association (1:32.1). Freestyle relay, 4×33½yd: 1st Army Women's Swimming Association (1:13.6), 2nd WRAF (1:15.2), 3rd WRNS (1:16.6). Overall result: 1st WRAF, 2nd WRNS, 3rd Army Women's Swimming Association.

Combined Services v Civil Service

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st Civ S (1:27.1), 2nd Civ S (1:8.1), 3rd Comb S (RN) (1:8.1). 200yd: 1st Civ S (2:27.1), 2nd Civ S (2:29.0), 3rd Comb S (RAF) (2:31.0). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st Civ S (1:0.2), 2nd Comb S (Sgt S Goodall, Army) (1:3.2), 3rd Comb S (RN) (1:4.1). Butterfly, 100yd: 1st Civ S (56.0), 2nd Comb S (RAF) (56.1), 3rd Comb S (Gnr M Tripp, Army) (59.1). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st Comb S (SI M Gibson, Army) (52.0), 2nd Civ S (53.0), 3rd Civ S (54.6). 200yd: 1st Comb S (Tpr D Heron, Army) (1:57.4), 2nd Comb S (RN) (1:59.0), 3rd Civ S (2:8.0). 400yd: 1st Comb S (Heron, Army) (4:9.4), 2nd Civ S (4:16.6), 3rd Comb S (RAF) (4:17.9). Individual medley, 4×66½yd: 1st Comb S (2/Lieut M Mumford, Army) (3:2.8), 2nd Civ S (3:4.7), 3rd Comb S (RAF) (3:9.6). Medley relay, 4×66½yd: 1st Civ S (2:29.1), Comb S disqualified. Freestyle relay, 6×66½yd: 1st Comb S (3:26.1), 2nd Civ S (3:42.4).

Combined Services v Civil Service (women)

Breaststroke, 100yd: 1st Comb S (WRAF) (1:18.6), 2nd Civ S (1:18.8), 3rd Comb S (L/Cpl B Banks, WRAC) (1:20.4). Backstroke, 100yd: 1st Civ S (1:10.4), 2nd Civ S (1:16.1), 3rd Comb S (Q/Cpl S Maisey, QARANC) (1:18.5). Butterfly, 100yd: 1st Civ S (1:4.5), 2nd Civ S (1:9.3), 3rd Comb S (Maisey, QARANC) (1:17.7). Freestyle, 100yd: 1st Civ S (59.8), 2nd Civ S (1:4.6), 3rd Comb S (L/Cpl Robb, WRAC) (1:6.6). Individual medley, 4×33½yd: 1st Civ S (1:37.0), 2nd Civ S (1:41.3), 3rd Comb S (WRAF) (1:41.3). Medley relay, 4×33½yd: 1st Civ S (1:24.6), 2nd Comb S (1:26.2). Freestyle relay, 6×33½yd: 1st Civ S (1:50.6), 2nd Comb S (1:50.8).

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Inter-Service championships

Army 6, RAF 13; RN 7, RAF 8; Army 5, RN 9. Overall result: 1st RAF, 2nd RN, 3rd Army. Other result: Combined Services 7, Civil Service 11.

DIVING

Army championships

Springboard, 3 metre: 1st SSI D Bellamy (APTC, 1 RHF) (65.90 points), 2nd L/Cpl Waterhouse (35 Engr Regt) (61.13), 3rd J/Cpl Magee (JLR RE) (55.90). Firmboard, 5m: 1st L/Bdr M Kempson (50 Mssl Reht RA) (61.45), 2nd Bellamy (54.69), 3rd Waterhouse (48.48).

Inter-Service championships

Springboard, 3m: 1st Army (Bellamy) (75.53), 2nd RAF (74.60), 3rd Army (Kempson) (60.50). 5m: 1st Army (Bellamy) (57.05), 2nd RAF (56.04), 3rd Army (Kempson) (52.43). Overall result: 1st Army, 2nd RAF, 3rd RN.

Inter-Service championships, women

Springboard, 1m: 1st WRNS (28.73), 2nd WRNS (26.28), 3rd WRAF (25.90). Firmboard, 5m: 1st WRNS (30.49), 2nd WRAC (Capt A Rowe) (28.78), 3rd WRNS (23.52). Overall result: 1st WRNS, 2nd WRAF, 3rd WRAC.

PARACHUTING

Army championships, held at Netheravon

Individual accuracy: 1st S/Sgt J Walmsley (JSPC(L)) (1.37 penalty points), 2nd Cpl S Milne (1 Para (2.26), 3rd (equal) L/Cpl D Wright (1 Para) and WO2 Laing, (both 2.31). Novices: 1st Sgt Hinchliffe (95 Cdo FOU), 2nd Bdr Bell (7 Para RHA), 3rd Pte Sibley (3 Para). Individual style: 1st Milne (27.5), 2nd Cpl Smith

(Red Devils) (30.6), 3rd L/Cpl A Sinclair (3 Para) (31.4).

Team accuracy: 1st 1 Para (Milne, Wright, L/Cpl Christie, Pte Young) (28.46), 2nd RAF (Flt-Lieut Bennett, Sgt Mapplebeck, Cpl Byrne, Flg-Offr Jones) (36.61), 3rd 3 Para (Cpl Bird, L/Cpl Coffey, Pte Cruickshank, Sinclair) (39.64).

Team relative work: 1st 7 Para RHA (Capt C Copeland, Sgt L Melville, Bdr Andrews, Bdr D Binns) (3000), 2nd (equal) 1 Para (Milne, Christie, Wright, Young) and JSPC (L) (WO2s McQueen, Laing, McCarthy, S/Sgt Walmsley) (both 1500), 4th (equal) RA (Capt Patrick, Capt Neame, Sgt P Challinor, L/Bdr Royle), 3 Para (Bird, Coffey, Cruickshank, Sinclair), scratch team (L/cpls Howerski, Kelly, Collingwood, Cpl Leary) (all 1000).

ATHLETICS

The Welsh under-20 athletics team beat the Army under 20s by 253 points to 151 at Bargoed, Wales. Army best performances:—110m hurdles: 1st A/T East (AAC Harrogate) 14.9 sec. 400m hurdles: 1st L/Cpl D Johnson (1RWF) 58.3 sec. 5000m: 2nd A/T Cpl Staynings (AAC Harrogate) 15 min 46.2 sec. Long jump: 2nd A/T Sgt Burns (AAC Chepstow) 6.18m, 3rd A/T L/Cpl Stevenson (AAC Harrogate) 6.17m. Triple jump: 2nd Stevenson 12.46m, 3rd Burns 12.23m. Pole vault: 3rd A/T Cpl Till (AAC Arborfield) 3.20m. Shot (7.25kg): 2nd A/T Cpl Britton (AAC Arborfield) 11.43m. Discus (2kg): 2nd A/T Brown (AAC Chepstow) 34.36m, 3rd Britton 31.94. 1500m: 3rd A/T L/Cpl Dack (AAC Chepstow) 4 min 6.8 sec.

Inter-Service championships

100 metres: 1st RAF (10.9sec), 2nd Army (L/Cpl S Hall) (10.9), 3rd RAF (10.9). 200m: 1st Army (Hall) (21.7), 2nd RAF (22.1), 3rd Army (2/Lieut C Van Rees) (22.4). 400m: 1st Army (Van Rees) (48.9), 2nd RAF (49.7), 3rd RN (50.8). 800m: 1st Army (Lieut G A B Grant) (1:52.3), 2nd Army (Sgt J Turvey) (1:53.7), 3rd RAF (1:57.2). 1500m: 1st RN (3:58.7), 2nd Army (Sgt S Harrison) (4:00.0), 3rd RN (4:5.6). 5000m: 1st Army (Sgt C Campbell) (15:2.0), 2nd RAF (15:4.4), 3rd RAF (15:23.0). Hurdles, 110m: 1st RN (14.4), 2nd RAF (14.7),

3rd Army (Cfn M Morgan) (15.3). 400m: 1st RAF (55.6), 2nd RAF (55.8), 3rd Army (Pte W Taylor) (56.5). Steeplechase, 3000m: 1st RAF (9:6.6), 2nd RAF (9:13.4), 3rd Army (WO2 T Davies) (9:22.6).

Relay, 4 × 100m: 1st RAF (42.9), 2nd Army (43.4), 3rd RN (44.2). 4 × 400m: 1st Army (3:20.2), 2nd RAF (3:27.0), 3rd RN (3:30.0).

Javelin: 1st Army (WO1 N Hart-Ives) (65.58m), 2nd RAF (64.1), 3rd RAF (63.34). Discus: 1st RN (50.8), 2nd Army (Sgt T Ratcliffe) (48.86), 3rd Army (Gnr D Maloney) (48.4). Shot: 1st RN (15.6), 2nd RAF (15.15), 3rd Army (S/Sgt E Ricketts) (14.66).

Hammer: 1st RAF (51.62), 2nd RN (50.98), 3rd Army (WO2 E Percival) (47.7). Long jump: 1st RAF (7.2), 2nd RN (7.07), 3rd Army (Spr A Rose) (7.04). High jump: 1st RAF (2.03) (inter-Services record), 2nd Army (2/Lieut F R Antolik) (1.93), 3rd RAF (1.93). Pole vault: 1st Army (Sgt P Cribb) (4.00), 2nd RN (3.90), 3rd RAF (3.8). Triple jump: 1st RN (14.76), 2nd RAF (14.66), 3rd RAF (14.12).

Overall result: 1st RAF (148 points), 2nd Army (144), 3rd RN (100).

Inter-Service championships (women)

100metres: 1st WRAF (12.6), 2nd WRAC (Cpl A Patterson) (12.7), 3rd WRAC (Cpl S Burgess) (12.7). 200m: 1st WRNS (26.1), 2nd WRAF (26.1), 3rd WRAC Patterson) (26.9). 400m: 1st WRAF (58.8), 2nd WRNS (60.9), 3rd WRAF (62.4). Hurdles, 100m: 1st WRAC (Patterson) (15.8), 2nd WRAF (16.6), 3rd WRAC (WO2 D Lodge) (16.9).

Relay, 4 × 100m: 1st WRAF (50.9), 2nd WRAC (51.0), 3rd WRNS (51.8).

Javelin: 1st WRAC (Pte C Green) (39.28m), 2nd WRAF (37.92), 3rd WRAC (L/Cpl B Castle) (34.64).

Discus: 1st WRAF (38.88), 2nd WRAC (Pte V S Head) (38.58), 3rd WRAC (WO1 J Dabbs) (33.56). Shot: 1st WRAC (Pte V A Head) (13.52) (inter-Services record), 2nd WRAC (Capt E Elliot) (13.22), 2nd WRAF (11.73). Long jump: 1st WRAC (Pte B Lewis) (5.52), 2nd WRAC (Pte S Lewis) (5.39), 3rd WRAF (5.27). High jump: 1st WRAF (1.62), 2nd WRAC (Pte B Lewis) (1.58), 3rd WRAC (Pte Hodge) (1.55).

Overall result: 1st WRAC (85 points), 2nd WRAF (80), 3rd WRNS (42).

Combined Services AA versus Southern Counties AAA versus British Police AAA

100 metres: 1st D Halliday (RAF) (11.1sec), 2nd D Burnett (SC) (11.2), 3rd D Baptiste (SC) (11.3). 200m: 1st S Hall (Army) (22.0), 2nd J Wilson (SC) (22.2), 3rd L Wiltshire (BP) (22.6). 400m: 1st W Taylor (Army) (48.1), 2nd C Van Rees (Army) (48.5), 3rd L Walters (SC) (49.3). 800m: 1st G Grant (Army) (1min 49.4sec) (beat own Army record), 2nd B Potter (SC) (1:52.1), 3rd P Chimes (SC) (1:52.3). 1500m: 1st D Warren (SC) (3:50.1), 2nd J Odlin (SC) (3:50.8), 3rd D Ainslie (SC) (3:51.5). 3000m: 1st J Wild (RAF) (8:6.0), 2nd W Mullett (SC) (8:10.8), 3rd D Lem (BP) (8:11.0). 110 metres hurdles: 1st M Butterfield (RAF) (15.2), 2nd N Gerrard (BP) (15.7), 3rd G Shaw (SC) (15.9). 400m hurdles: 1st D West (SC) (53.3), 2nd M Whittingham (SC) (53.5), 3rd H Smith (RAF) (55.2). 3000m steeplechase: 1st A Nixon (SC) (9:0.4), 2nd R Bean (BP) (9:1.6), 3rd R Samuel (SC) (9:10.4).

4 × 100m relay: 1st Combined Services (42.2), 2nd Southern Counties (42.2), 3rd British Police (43.8). 4 × 400m relay: 1st Combined Services (3:16.0), 2nd Southern Counties (3:18.7), 3rd British Police (3:21.7).

High jump: 1st Butterfield (RAF) (2.00m), 2nd R Bray (BP) (1.95), 3rd S Faulkner (BP) (1.9). Pole vault: 1st A Williams (SC) (4.6m), 2nd C Boreham (SC) (4.6), 3rd E Fitzgerald (RN) (3.95). Long jump: 1st M James (SC) (6.94m) 2nd T Wells (SC) (6.75), 3rd G Byham (6.73). Triple jump: 1st C Kidd (SC) (14.59m), 2nd G Gallacher (SC) (14.17), 3rd C Curtis (RAF) (13.95). Hammer: 1st P Aston (SC) (61.08m), 2nd P Gordon (BP) (60.64), 3rd P Melluish (SC) (59.68). Javelin: 1st D Travis (SC) (75.50m), 2nd P Stewart (RAF) (63.98), 3rd J Mottram (SC) (62.6). Shot: 1st G Capes (BP) (19.75m), 2nd P Rees (SC) (16.57), 3rd E Palsay (RAF) (16.02). Discus: 1st M Cushion (SC) (56.18m), 2nd C Sutherland (SC) (51.6), 3rd P Gordon (BP) (49.08).

Match result: 1st Southern Counties (169.5 points), 2nd Combined Services (144.5), 3rd British Police (97).

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Delving into history

It was one of the hottest days of the year (or any other year for that matter) and the little girl sweltered in combat jacket and gas mask. "What did you have for breakfast?" asked Mike Blanch, keeper of education at the National Army Museum. The muffled reply of "Weetabix" was greeted with gales of laughter from a group of children from the Bromley Children's Holiday Club.

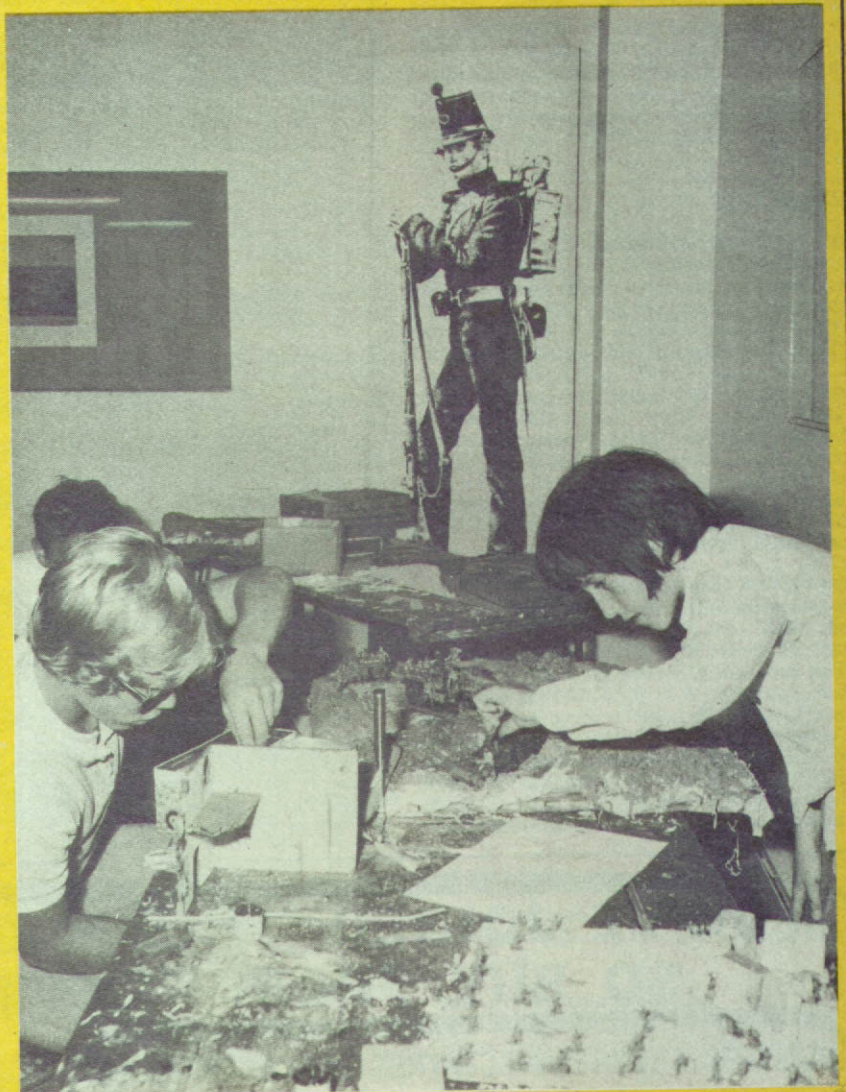
The Bromley (or to be more exact, Penge) group was among hundreds of children, mainly from the Greater London area, who visited the museum in Chelsea this summer as part of an experiment designed to increase their knowledge of military history as well as giving them a bit of holiday fun.

The coachload of Penge youngsters had been given the chance to make models, to sketch from exhibits in the museum and now to try on old uniforms and handle weapons. Other children, some of whom came every day, had been attracted by letters to schools, local publicity and through the society of friends of the museum.

Miss Elizabeth Talbot-Rice, research assistant to the director, who first thought of the idea, was jubilant. She told SOLDIER: "Now that we know it has been successful and that there is a demand we will be running this new museum club more regularly."

Most of the children who attended the club were aged between 11 and 14 although some were as young as four or five. Some came with youth clubs but many just came along by themselves or with a friend—average club membership each day was about 100 with a daily core of enthusiasts.

Those who went drawing in the galleries were provided with materials and there was a questionnaire which



Concentration from youngsters as they build battlefield and (below) paint models.



required careful study of museum exhibits to provide the answers. The military models, which included extremely complicated battlefield reproductions, both post-World War Two and older, were of museum supplied materials although model soldiers for painting had to be bought.

Each morning there was either a film or a talk on military history and the weapons handling sessions included genuine pieces as well as replicas of such valuable items as the Brown Bess.

"We are trying to build up a duplicate collection of weapons, uniforms and relics which we can use for the club and to brighten up school visits during term time," explained Miss Talbot-Rice.

As the children crowded round the rifles, Mike Blanch gave a warning: "When you pick this up don't try to fire it, don't try to fix the bayonet and don't wave it about." Just a gentle reminder that while to the children it was mainly fun and games the National Army Museum contains relics which have been gathered at considerable cost.



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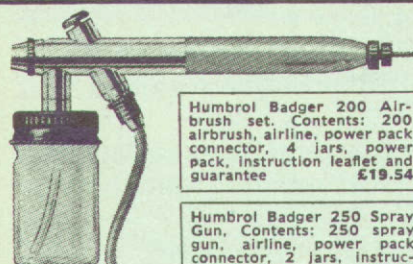


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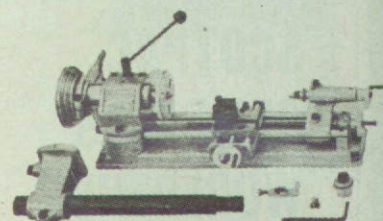
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Made in Paris by the famous French band, known to most Britons as Les Gardiens de la Paix, we have a most charming record of classic American marches seen through the eyes and ears of foreigners. Do British bands sound so "peculiarly British" to Americans as this sounds peculiarly French to me? I guess so. We probably sound stuffy, over precise and not a little pompous when playing such as Sousa and Karl King.

There's no pomposity here. The players are masters of their craft yet produce a final result which is gloriously alive, not always precise, sometimes wildly unpredictable, and always French. Tempos are wayward, tuning chancy, and ensemble decidedly dodgy at times, yet give me this any time in preference to some bands I won't name.

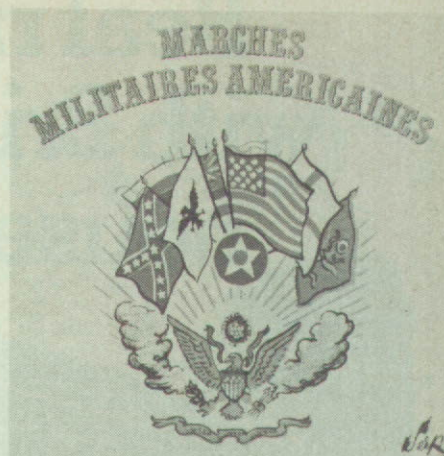
Two of Morton Gould's march paraphrases are "American Salute" and "Yankee Doodle," miniature tone poems really, and Sousa is represented with "Washington Post," "Semper Fidelis," "The Fairest of the Fair" and "The Stars and Stripes for Ever." "Blaze Away," "Seventy-Six Trombones," "National Emblem," "Anchors Aweigh" and a rather feeble version of "American Patrol" are there too, but how "Entry of the Gladiators" crept in I don't know. **RB**

"Pack Up Your Troubles" (Sing Along Through Two World Wars with the Carl Tapscott Singers) (RCA KXLI-0062)

I'm not sure at whom this record, made in Canada, is aimed. All the marvellous wartime tunes are here but not quite in "sing-along" mood as promised on the sleeve (of a real 1944 sing-along painted by Donald Sexton). I find the Tapscott Singers' versions a bit too clinical and unspontaneous, for after all if you're going to sing along you want to spread yourself and let rip. Most of the slower tear-jerkers are too fast for fireside singers and, if there's one thing all bandmasters soon learn, you have to wait for the crowd when accompanying community singing.

But if you merely want to hum along to your old favourites, content to let the chorus lead you where it will, then you'll love it all. And while you are humming you can enjoy some of SOLDIER's old cartoons on the lyric sheet which comes with the disc.

No need to list all the tunes. You can guess the best-known and loved for yourself. Some you might not have expected are "Till We Meet Again," "When You Wore a Tulip," "K-K-K-Katy," "Ship Ahoy!" "Oh! It's a Lovely War," "Oh! How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," "Wish Me Luck," "I've Got Sixpence," "Waltzing Matilda," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Plus the seventeen you guessed! **RB**



BRASS IN BRIEF



"Sounds of Brass Series Vol 19: The Cory Band," National Champions 1974 (Conducted by Major H Arthur Kenney) (Decca SB 319)

Fine playing from the 1974 national champions and including the test piece, Malcolm Arnold's lively and tuneful "Fantasy for Brass Band." Otherwise a light programme including "A Cotswold Lullaby" (Watters), "Carambina" (Hughes), "Allegro Preciso" for cornet and euphonium (Mozart), "Waltz and a Beat" (Hanmer), "Hootenanny" (Walters), overture to "The Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart), "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms" (arr Langford), "Slavonic Dance No 3" (Dvorak) and another Ronnie Hanmer piece, "Latin America." **RB**

"Going Home (GUS (Footwear) Band)" (Conductor: Stanley Boddington) (Studio 2 Stereo TWOX 1039)

A real old tear-jerking programme by this fine band, ending with Eric Ball's ultimate in

the genre, his tone poem "Resurgam." Fellow-travellers are the hymn tunes "Hark! Hark! My Soul!" and "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," dear old May Brahe's "Bless This House," "Greensleeves" and the title piece (a theme from Dvorak's "New World Symphony"). Positively frivolous are Verdi's "Aida March," "Galloping Home," a tuba solo "Bass in the Ballroom," more Rimsky-Korsakov with "Festivities at Bagdad," the march "Totem Pole" by Eric Osterling and "The Piper in the Meadow." Worth it for "Resurgam." **RB**

"Sounds of Brass Series Vol 20: Tredegar Junior Band" (Conductor: Tudor Williams) (Decca SB 320)

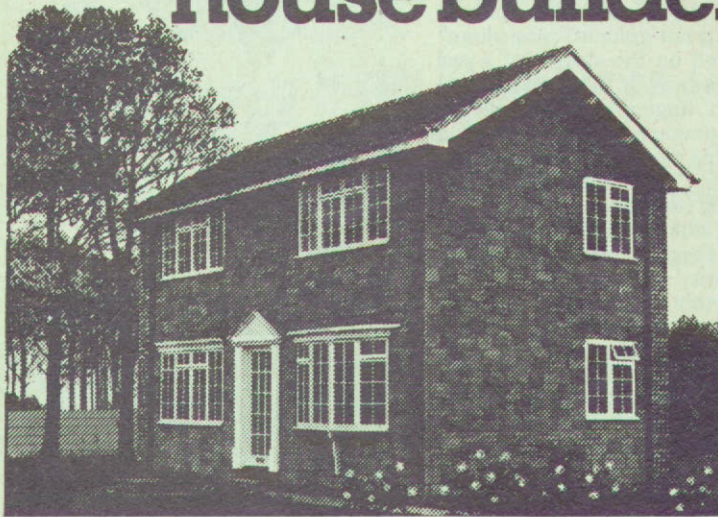
Butlin's junior champions of 1974, so don't expect perfection. Even so a rewarding project which shows what can be done with youngsters. "Patterns for Brass Band" by the prolific Edward Gregson was the test piece. The remainder comprises "Watching the Wheat," "Spanish Eyes" (Bert Kampfaert),

"Ceramic City Festival" (Stuart Johnson), "Jamie's Patrol," "Tredegar Castle" (Roy Newsome), "La Golondrina," "Moon River" (Henry Mancini) and Eric Ball's march "Torch of Freedom." **RB**

"Sounds of Brass Series: More Concert Classics Vol 18" played by the Fairey Band (Conducted by Kenneth Dennison) (Musical Adviser: Harry Mortimer) (Decca SB 318)

After an opening burst of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee" things become more or less normal with Rossini's overture "L'Italiana in Algeri," Verdi's "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from "Nabucco," "A Children's Overture" by Roger Quilter which doesn't suit brass, Gabrielli's "Sonata: Pian e Forte" which does, the fine "Polonaise" from another opera by Rimsky-Korsakov ("Christmas Night"), and the complete "Moorside Suite" for brass band by Gustav Holst. **RB**

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Letters

Mystery crates

I wonder if anyone can enlighten me on a mysterious incident which occurred in 1940, just after the fall of France, when I was serving with 17 Station Transport Company RASC at Granby Barracks, Devonport.

Two officers serving in France were detailed to bring back to England, at all costs and by whatever means, five wooden crates containing something of national importance. They eventually arrived at Devonport after a journey by road, rail, sea and canal. I became involved when detailed to drive them from Devonport dockyard to an ordnance depot at Donnington in Shropshire.

The officers were in battledress but wearing no badges of rank or unit signs. Their cap badges were those of the General Service Corps. When stopped for any reason on the way to Donnington, they produced to guards, civil police etc a letter and my vehicle was allowed to proceed. After delivering the crates I drove the officers to the railway station for their trip to London and was told to report back to Devonport and not to discuss the journey, crates or indeed anything about the affair until after the war.

I have always been curious about the whole affair and about what the crates contained—obviously something of importance, perhaps millions of pounds in Naafi money or secret decoding machinery. I would give much to know the truth even after all these years.—**K G Carter**, 58 Kestrel Crescent, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, OX4 5DY.

Mont Storm rifle

I am trying to find out some information about the Mont Storm rifle. What I would like to know is the dates it was in use, where it was used and in fact a brief note on its history. I wonder if any reader could help me?—**D C Stace**, Grovetown, Blenheim, New Zealand.

★*Mont Storm was a Belgian inventor who developed a method of breech-loading in the early 1860s. Storm's rifles were tested at the School of Musketry in 1863 but the report was not*

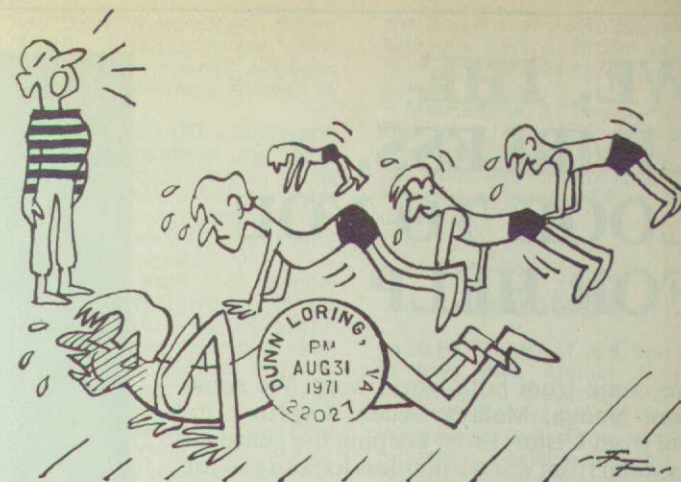
very favourable and the rifle was never adopted by the British Army. SOLDIER has been unable to find out when or where the rifle was used.

Fife and drum

I have noticed great interest in military music with fifes and drums among SOLDIER readers. However I have had little luck in my search for records or tape recordings of fife and drum music from Great Britain. In fact I have found only three records of that type. Are there really only three such records? I would be pleased to correspond with a British fife and drum fan who would be interested in exchange of recordings on magnetic tape.—**Maj E Maarup**, Snørlevej 6, 7500 Holslebo, Denmark.

Twig and map

I was very interested in the feature "Twig and Map Brigade" (SOLDIER August) but was surprised to see that there was no mention of Major C A Pogson who, at the age of 31, while serving with the 5th Mahrattas, found he had the ability to dowse. In 1925 the government of Bombay retained his services as a water diviner and in this capacity he had much success. His services were dispensed with in 1930 as a measure of economy but on his return to Eng-



land he continued to practise with a high percentage of success. Surely he should be mentioned with the other dowzers.—**Maj G K Wenham-Strugnell**, Haylings Lodge, Leiston, Suffolk.

★*SOLDIER mentioned Maj Pogson in an article written in 1955 on this subject.*

Together again

Looking into the future we can see a time when there will be no more reunions although at present, judging from what we read in SOLDIER, many regimental reunions still flourish and are likely to do so for some time. The Old Contemptibles Association, for instance, is still with us, a little thin on the ground it's true, but nevertheless still with us. Old soldiers never die, or at least they don't seem to, when remembered names and faces appear at reunions. It is well that most of us realise that someone has to organise

these reunions—they don't just happen.

We held a successful reunion when six of us, former members of 11th Armoured Car Company, RTR gathered at the home of George (Skin) Ellis with our wives. We had a day that we shall never forget. The 11th Armoured Car Company was one of six stationed in India between the wars and from this



photograph you will see that it wasn't yesterday—44 years ago in fact—but I am sure that some readers will remember us (left to right, back): Corporal Jim Lamb, Lance-Corporal "Ginger" Williams, Private "Darkie" Owens; front: Private Alec Tranter, Private "Doddy" Dodsworth, and Lance-Corporal "Skin" Ellis. I would ask that any member of 11 Company tries to come to the Indian reunion next year, wherever it may be held.—**W B Dodsworth**, 15 Mereworth Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9PL.

Were you there?

While serving with the MA Construction Battalion Force in June 1944 I was admitted to hospital in

Waterloo watercolours

Two important illustrations of the battle of Waterloo, never before seen by the public, have been secured by the National Army Museum. They are watercolours by Denis Dighton who was a military painter to the Prince Regent. One shows a flank company of the Coldstream Guards during the successful defence of Hougoumont Château. The other depicts the assault of the French cavalry on the British squares during the afternoon of 18 June 1815.

Dighton (1792-1827), made a series of sketches of the field of Waterloo shortly after the battle. These are now in the Royal Collection with two oils of his on the same subject (a third is in private hands). Dighton's works are considered to be the best contemporary portrayals of the battle so the acquisition of the virtually unknown watercolours is a valuable addition to the museum's collection. The pictures were purchased for 2000 guineas.

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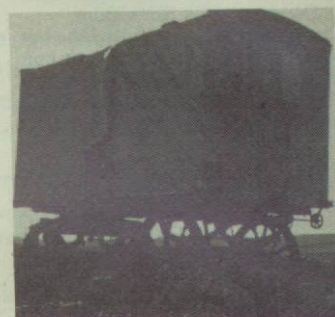
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GIVE TO THOSE WHO GAVE—PLEASE

the Red Cross military camp near Arromanches and I would like to exchange experiences with any reader who was in that camp, which to the best of my recollection was under canvas. Any letter from ex-CB (Dear Bees) Force veterans would be very welcome and would receive a speedy reply.—**R J Williams, Box 172, 7800 Plumpstead, WP, South Africa.**

Drumming up history

I am researching into the history of the Coldstream Guards band from 1785 to the present day and would like to contact as many former members of the band as is possible and anyone else who may have photographs, cuttings and stories of the band. Any assistance which SOLDIER readers may be able to give me would be appreciated. — **L/Sgt A W Cooper, Coldstream Guards Band, Duke of York's HQ, King's Road, London SW3.**



Rested and rotted

This photograph (above) is of a caravan which has been rotting away here in a remote part of Malta. It is I believe the only one of its kind to be found in the area. Judging by its size and robustness I am inclined to believe that it was a British military vehicle. I wonder if any reader can tell me what this type of caravan was used for?—**S P Portelli, Dar Il Wied, Monte Rosa Gardens, St Julians, Malta GC.**

Right lines

I read recently that the Army is about to take delivery of a new series of vehicles. Progress in the right direction at last—let us hope that some of these find their way to TAVR units and into the hands of men who earn their living as heavy goods vehicle drivers. I have often felt it a bit much when, after driving a well-maintained vehicle of my civilian firm, I have to drive vehicles of a lower standard in the TAVR. I hope you will find space at some time in the future to let us know how the Army drivers are getting on with their new vehicles.

While putting pen to paper I would like to say to readers who fill the Letters page with correspondence about medals that it is a sad truism that those who served in the hardest stations were often least rewarded as most were not around long enough to qualify. But I would say to all—let us crack on with the present and the future; our Army is second-to-none in the world, so let us keep it that way, and we can if we are provided with the right equipment and have the intelligence to look after it properly.—**Dvr A Ingram, RCT (V), 3 Falmer Gardens, Brighton, Sussex.**

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Competition

The second of the figure-letter crosswords ("Number off!" — Competition 204, June) brought in a large entry with eight out of nine entrants coming up with the correct answer of ATTEND, reversed in the crossword as DNETTA. This despite a transposition in the competition's text which occurred during the trying months of the printing dispute—the phrase "(not a palindrome)" should have qualified "answer" and not, as printed, "letter". Obviously a palindrome reads in reverse and the intention was to make it clear that the required answer was not in fact a palindrome. The figure-letter substitution was: 1-G, 2-T, 3-D, 4-I, 5-V, 6-A, 7-L, 8-E, and 9-N.

Full solution: Across—1677692 (GALLANT), 8342491 (EDITING), 86289 (EATEN), 38419 (DEIGN), 78587 (LEVEL), 2883 (TEED), 3869 (DEAN), 28982 (TENET), 677818 (ALLEGE), 619628 (AGNATE), 942 (NIT), 743 (LID), 387816283 (DELEGATED), 786 (LEA), 893 (END), 161 (GAG), 891498 (ENGINE), 691496 (ANGINA), 74983 (LINED), 9647 (NAIL), 7869 (LEAN), 96458 (NAIVE), 67489 (ALIEN), 87428 (ELITE), 1473491 (GILDING), 8342491 (EDITING). Down—1892469 (GENTIAN), 7869491 (LEANING), 74989 (LINEN), 38672 (DEALT), 61649 (AGAIN), 7483 (LIED), 7693 (LAND), 17869 (GLEAN), 981628 (NEGATE), 878589 (ELEVEN), 269 (TAN), 788 (LEE), 871 (ELG—the provided clue), 493419692 (INDIGNANT), 887 (EEL), 363 (DAD), 628 (ATE), 398226 (DNETTA—the answer, ATTEND), 633783 (ADDLED), 17869 (GLEAN), 2483 (TIED), 7892 (LENT), 78167 (LEGAL), 14589 (GIVEN), 24269 (TITAN), 1749283 (GLINTED), 1649491 (GAINING).

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How observant are you?

(see page 25)

The two pictures differ in the following respects: 1 Right sleeve of check shirt. 2 Cigarettes in packet. 3 Short end of seated man's tie. 4 Cross-stroke of "G" in "GUY". 5 Cap of man on escalator. 6 Belt of seated man. 7 Price on jacket. 8 Pocket flap below price. 9 Length of left sleeve of jacket. 10 Cigarette ends in ash tray.

Collectors Corner

J Howarth, 15 Lawrence Street, Preston, PR2 3OT.—Seeks RTR bandsman's Fear Naught and London Irish Rifles piper's cap badge, both KC; also 93rd Sutherland Highlanders brass PT glengarry badge; Montgomery Yeomanry WM with scroll MY..YYMY. Has for exchange badges Hampshire Cyclists, Highland Regiment, Tyneside Scottish (small 1914) and Scots Guards piper WM. Gene Christian, 3849 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, New York 10463, USA.—Seeks all items relating Indian native states; volunteer rifles (Indian and colonial); defence forces; camel corps; 25th Bn Royal Fusiliers (Frontiersmen); Yangtse gunboats; Shanghai, Tientsin etc military police, fire etc; Foreign Legion; French colonial; Imperial German colonial; Flying Tigers; Chinese forces, warlords; international brigades (Spain); mercenary forces; all exotic units.

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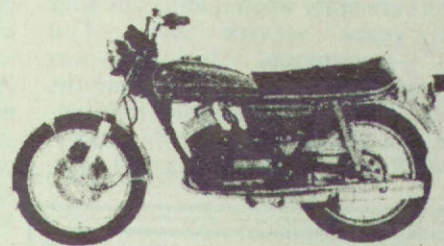
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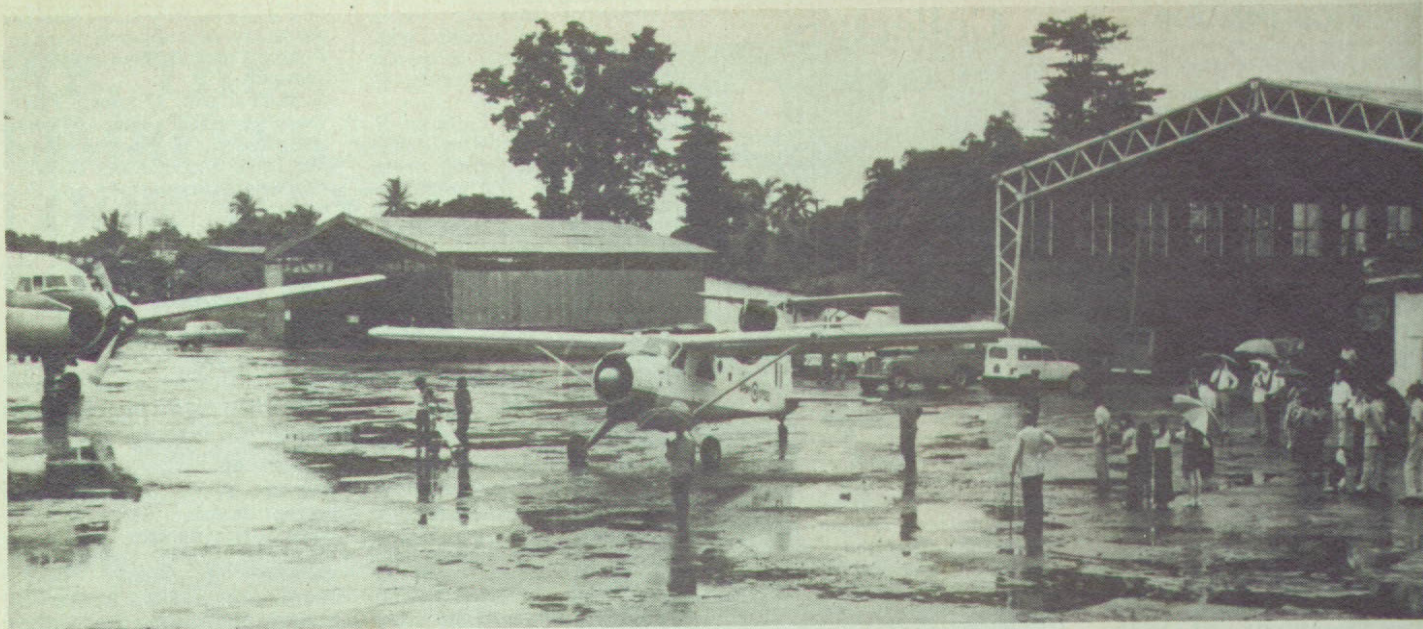
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had doubled as pilot and assistant military attaché at the embassy.

The ceremony, of Buddhist origin, is part-religious and part-family affair. It is used for newcomers and those departing to avoid calamities, for marriage (beseeching 12 children and an obedient wife), for convalescence (“may you be as strong as the antlers of a stag, or the jaws of the wild boar, or the tusks of an elephant”) and other necessary occasions.

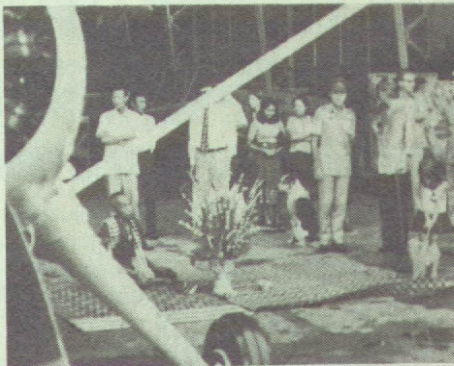
An elaborate bouquet of champa and other flowers in a banana leaf cone resting on an intricately carved silver urn, in its turn resting on a broad tin tray and surrounded by various delicacies, is the

centrepiece from which white cotton strands dangle.

The participants squat around the urn and the priest, having lit two candles atop the bouquet, incants prayers. Later the cottons are tied around the wrist with blessings being murmured to ensure that the 36 “phi” or spirits each body has, work in harmony to make certain the prayer works. The safe arrival of the aircraft in Singapore was the proof of this.

Major Shield, as commander of 130 Flight RCT in Singapore, established the Beaver detachment of one aircraft in Vientiane in 1968. During its stay the Beaver flew 1343 hours, visiting many places not normally seen by foreigners.

Above: The Beaver taxis out at Wattay, Laos, for its final flight to Singapore.

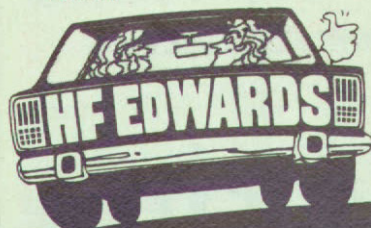


Left: The priest (kneeling) awaits the start of the “baçi” inside the hangar.

Below: Two local British Embassy staff tie cotton threads to Major P Shield.



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The following were the voters in the presidential election: Females—Barbrah, Dorish, Glendah, Hannah, Joanh, Olgah and Rosyh. Males—Brianh, Dikh, Fredh, Gush, Harih, Jorjh, Peterh and Tomh. The candidates were Dikh, Harih and Tomh.

Only two voters abstained — one a woman and the other Harih, who saw this as one way of not benefiting himself. Gush always uses both his votes but has never been able to get on with either Dikh or Harih. Votes cast by Barbrah had no effect on the results. Brianh badly wanted Dikh as president but Glendah dislikes Dikh.

By mistake, Rosyh marked her three votes against Tomh's name instead of Dikh's while Olgah did exactly the opposite. Peterh and Jorjh each used both their votes, one penalising

Tomh and the other Harih. A single vote was cast by Dorish but Hannah's votes had the effect of nullifying Dorish's protest.

A total of 13 votes was cast by the women voters. Tomh cast but a single vote and that was against Dikh's name. Dikh, on the other hand, felt that if he himself was not elected then he would prefer that it should be Tomh—and he cast both his votes with this in mind. As it turned out, Dikh's votes were decisive. Fredh, by the way, marked his ballot paper with two votes against Harih's name but unfortunately he spoiled his paper and his votes were disqualified. Had they been allowed, a different president would have been elected.

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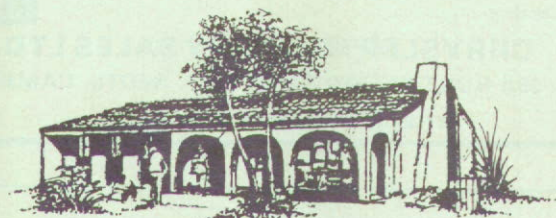
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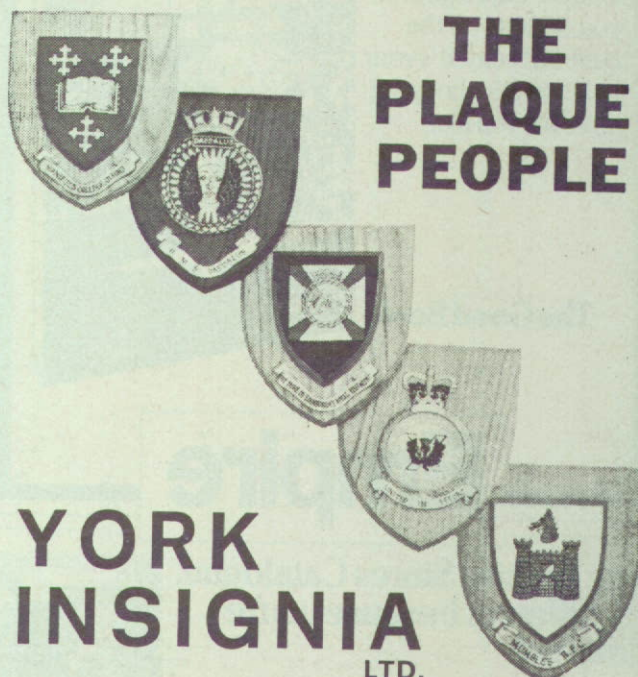
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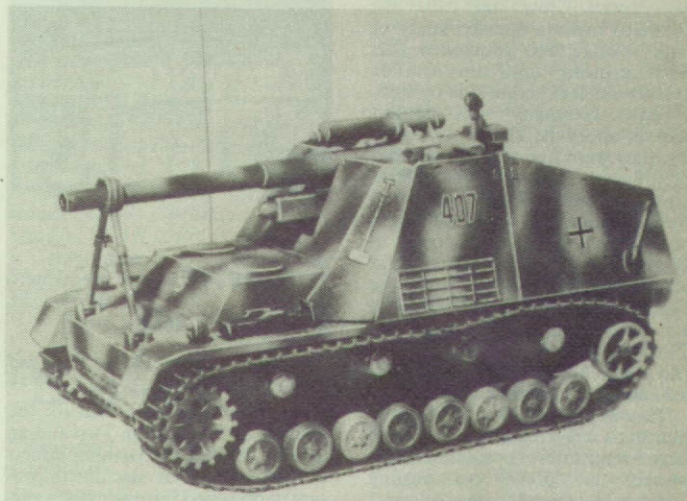
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WASPS and bumble bees were ungainly creatures with caterpillar tracks and a sting in the superstructure. The wasp (Wespe) was a 105-millimetre gun mounted on a Panzerkampfwagen II chassis and the Bumble bee (Hummel) a 150mm gun on a PzKpfw III and IV chassis.

The German High Command had originally conceived a unique design of self-propelled artillery called the Waffenträger (gun carriage) comprising a gun with 360-degree traverse which could be dismounted from the chassis by a special gantry — the gun then serving as a fixed ground emplacement and the chassis as an ammunition carrier or recovery vehicle. However, due to the limitations of the German AFV industry, the makeshift Wespe and Hummel were to become the main equipment of Panzerartillerie units. Their distinct disadvantages were a high profile and lack of overhead protection.

World War Two wargaming will be reinforced with the addition of a new range of 1:72 scale kits from the Italian firm of Esci Modellistica. There is a whole menagerie of AFVs including the Wespe, Hummel, Elefant tank, Königstiger (King Tiger), Jagdtiger (Hunting Tiger) and Marder III (Pine Marten), as well as Hetzer and Marder tank destroyers, self-propelled assault gun Sturmgeschütz III, the tanks PzKpfw II Aus F and PsKpfw III Aus M and N/M, and the Hanomag SdKfz 251/1 half-track in both conventional and rocket-launcher versions.

Each is exquisitely moulded right down to rivet detail; there are crew figures, a choice of transfer decals, and coloured illustrations on the box which provide a guide to the various kinds of camouflage painting. Yet each costs a modest 60 pence.

If completing these three-inch-long models "straight from the box" is not a

sufficient challenge, AFV fans (eyesight allowing) could incorporate even more detail, such as thin white lines, known as "kill rings," behind the muzzle brake of the Wespe, or a criss-cross pattern of fine fuse wire to represent fastening wire for camouflage netting on the superstructure sides of the Hummel.

Esci, whose kits are marketed in this country by Richard Kohnstam (Riko) Ltd, 13 High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP1 3AD, have jumped from the tiny to the titanic with their 1:9th scale, 500-part kit of the NSU Kettenrad. This vehicle (reviewed in 1:35th scale versions in SOLDIER June 1974) was half motor-cycle and half tracked fighting vehicle. For £7.99 you get one of the most detailed plastic military kits ever made, with individual link tracks, working suspension and hatch covers removable to reveal an Opel Olympia 1478 cc engine which looks realistic enough to roar into action. **HH**

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Tanks again

"Encyclopedia of Tanks" (Duncan Crow and Robert J. Icks) "Airfix Magazine Guide 8: German Tanks of World War Two" (Terry Gander and Peter Chamberlain)

When Hitler's Panzers roared to victory in 1940, the world was taken by surprise. After World War One, say Messrs Crow and Icks, the Germans made a detailed study of tank warfare and concluded that both armour and anti-armour defence must progress side by side.

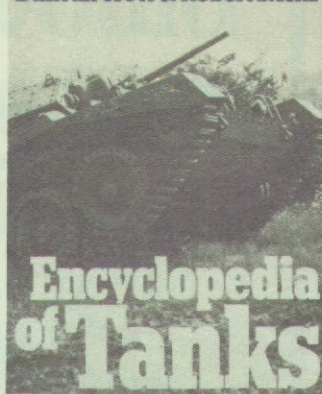
Since Germany was denied armour under the Treaty of Versailles, they were free to study without prejudice the results of allied use of armour whereas their conquerors were handicapped in development because of their large stocks of World War One tanks. It all paid off—when the crunch came the Germans were streets ahead and still led after the war was two years old. Their increased armour thickness and practice of up-gunning compelled the allies to follow.

This is just one aspect in many hundreds covering the story of the tank from its first appearance to the present day. Every tank-owning country is covered in this splendid book which must be well-nigh indispensable to the student of armoured warfare.

The handy little book by Messrs Gander and Chamberlain is intended primarily for wargamers, modellers and younger readers, but nevertheless makes an excellent introduction to German armour. It deals with German tank development up to 1939, takes us into World War Two developments and variants and goes on to cover the German tank designations, data, armament, camouflage and markings. It concludes with a basic book list with notes for further reading.

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Intensive Propaganda

"Swastika at War" (Robert Hunt and Tom Hartman)

A fine photographic record for the student of World War Two and an insight into the painstaking efforts of the German war machine to present to occupied Europe its own version of events.

The photographs, all in colour, are from the magazine Signal, based on Hamburg, which at one time had a distribution of nearly 2,500,000 copies. This was intensive propaganda and there was no shortage of money, newsprint or personnel. Access to any front and any form of transport was immediate and 1500 reporters supported by 1000 cameramen supplied the material.

This book records the excellent work of the photographers whose colour photography was far ahead of contemporaries. A must for your shelf of history.

Incidentally, SOLDIER, following the allied advance through Europe, was printed on SIGNAL's Hamburg presses and remained so

based until moving to London in 1953.

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Zhukov recalled

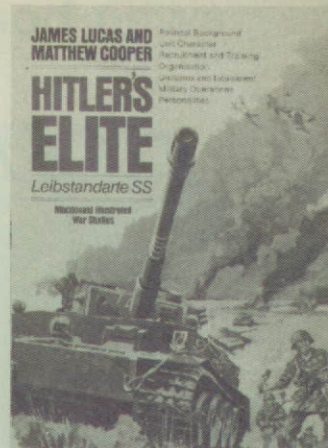
"The Road to Stalingrad" (John Erickson)

Just over a month after Hitler's invasion of Russia in June 1941, Stalin sacked his Chief of the General Staff, Georgi Zhukov, whose plan for making a stand involved abandoning Kiev. But when Voroshilov failed before Leningrad, Stalin had to recall Zhukov to be his military troubleshooter. Zhukov organised Leningrad's defence; then Moscow's, where he hurled the Germans back; and then he tackled Stalingrad where his massive encirclement plan trapped Paulus's Sixth Army.

This first volume of Professor Erickson's superbly comprehensive account of Stalin's war against Hitler is arguably the most important book yet published in the West on the Russo-German conflict. Nowhere else have I seen such a wealth of detail presented with such excellent command of this mammoth subject.

Deftly he brings together economic, political, strategic and intelligence material, including much from German and Russian sources not previously published, to produce what to the student of war on the Eastern Front must be classified as treasure trove. His probing pen takes us into many of the darker areas of the Kremlin's corridors of power—the intelligence reports and warnings which were doctored or ignored, the pre-war purges, the executions of officers who failed to halt the Panzers, all against the background of the struggle to build the Red Army into a force which could match the Wehrmacht.

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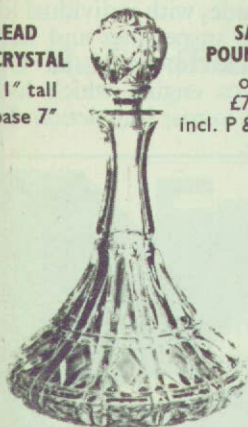
"Hitler's Elite: Leibstandarte SS" (James Lucas and Matthew Cooper)

The Waffen SS, and in particular the Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler, gained an unrivalled reputation during World War Two. The Leibstandarte had a mystique all its own. Formed from the SS as a personal guard for Hitler when he assumed power in 1933, it originally comprised 120 SS men hand-picked by Sepp Dietrich. It was a law unto itself and more than once Dietrich gave short shrift to Himmler, boss of the SS, when he tried to interfere in Leibstandarte affairs.

Gradually it expanded and reached its peak as a Panzer division of 20,000 men with the rare experience of fighting in every major campaign in Europe — Poland, Holland, France, Balkans, Russia, Italy, Normandy, Ardennes, Hungary and finally Austria. Of all the formations which Hitler put into the field, none built a finer reputation as fighters than the Leibstandarte. Sadly for such a superb fighting formation its reputation was tarnished by atrocities.

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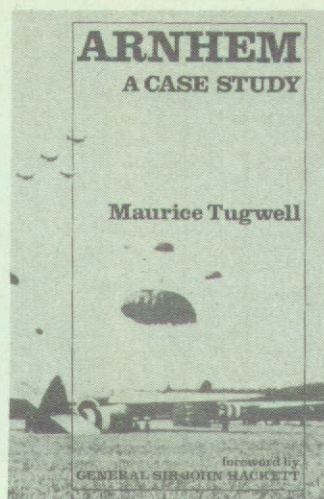
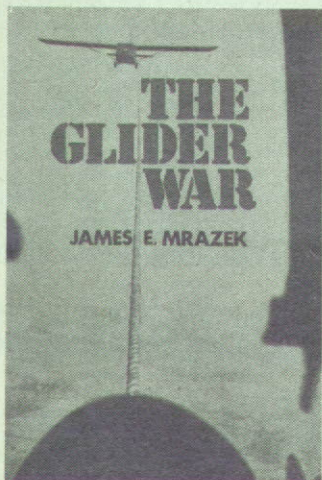


The authors acknowledge that some SS commanders, including Dietrich himself, took action to stop atrocities but the fact remains that prisoners and civilians were massacred by the SS and this alone justifies the Nuremberg Tribunal's finding that it was a criminal organisation. It was not defeat but this finding that left Waffen SS survivors with their most bitter humiliation. *Macdonald & Jane's Publishers, Paulton House, 8 Shepherdess Walk, London, N1 7LW, £3.25 JCW*

Five-year span

"The Glider War" (James E Mrazek)
"Arnhem: A Case Study" (Maurice Tugwell)

On 10 May 1940 the Germans used ten gliders to capture Fort Eben Emel, the key to Belgium's defences. Silently, stealthily, they landed Lieutenant Rudolf Witzig and 77 soldiers on top of the fort. Hollow charges blasted the fort's cupolas and after several abortive sorties the Belgian defenders had to surrender.



The Germans had given war a new dimension and plunged the allies into a furious race to develop their own gliders. The glider story fits snugly into a five-year span. It was a weapon with no ancestors and no successors. In this vivid and wide-ranging work, Colonel Mrazek more than makes up for the omissions of others and his book should stand as a fitting tribute to all those who went to war by glider.

Eben Emel was the starting point and the Philippine island of Luzon the end of the road. It was there that glider-borne US infantry and paratroops captured a vital airstrip. Between the two are many other actions—the British assault on the Vermork heavy water plant in Norway, the Germans in Crete, the allied invasions of Sicily and Normandy, Wingate's operations in Burma, Arnhem and the Rhine crossing and, of course, Otto Skorzeny's rescue of Mussolini.

Arnhem was perhaps the most controversial battle in the North-West Europe campaign. Had it been successful, it would have been a

masterstroke. But the allies had gone, as Cornelius Ryan said in his recent book, "a bridge too far."

Colonel Tugwell, veteran parachute officer and established writer on military affairs, examines Operation Market Garden lucidly and concisely. He looks at all the problems, not the least of which were those of command and supply, and asks whether the operation should have been cancelled when evidence began to mount that success was unlikely. He thinks not, a view shared by General Sir John Hackett in a foreword.

This is an excellent little book of value both to the serious student and the wargamer.

1 Robert Hale & Co, Clerkenwell House, 45-47 Clerkenwell Green, London, EC1R 0HT, £6.00

2 Seeley Service & Cooper Ltd, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8JL, £2.50 JCW

"La gloire"

"Waterloo" (Commandant Henry Lachouque)

The late Henry Lachouque was France's leading expert on the Napoleonic Wars. "Waterloo," his last book, is a sumptuous volume of coffee-table proportions. The museums of five countries were combed for paintings to illustrate it and present a vivid hour-by-hour commentary as the Commandant's story unfolds.

It was the age when soldiers were dressed to death and killed in fashion and Baron Louis de Beaufort's colourful re-creation of the clothing and accoutrements of the men of Waterloo enhance a superb book. But the controversial Lachouque must take pride of place. As David G Chandler points out in an introduction, Lachouque was devoted to the sentiments of "la gloire," a cherisher of the memories of

France's Napoleonic armies.

Naturally he regrets the allied victory but is correct when he concludes: "For 160 years, statesmen have been endeavouring to rebuild that which Napoleon constructed in 15 years and which was destroyed in ten hours at Waterloo." Granted, Napoleon forecast the unification of Europe—he called it "an agglomeration of the great nations"—and the Common Market is an established fact, but Commandant Lachouque's view could apply equally to another tyrant who tried to unite Europe on a foundation of conquest, terror and bloodshed, and met his own Waterloo in 1945.

Arms & Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High Street, London, NW3 1PR, £6.95 JCW

Painful art

"The Art of War: Waterloo to Mons" (William McElwee)

I have never read a one-volume work so exhaustive as this and I marvel at the author's diligence. The art of war, I conclude, is a painful art, very difficult to teach and bedevilled by those who blundered, illuminated by those whose vision was exceptional.

It is an art relying on the past for its future. Its simple rule is that the next war is going to be very little like the last—it is incredible how many military luminaries failed to realise this. When the church bells pealed peace, the military went to ground, planning and training along the lines that had so recently failed . . . or succeeded. The next awakening was always rude.

Mr McElwee paints wonderful pictures in his nine chapters, chapters that show Cavour moulding the new 19th century Italy; Bismarck, whose subtle skill was in such marked contrast to the feeble fumbblings of his contemporaries, creating a new Germany; Cardwell and Hal-

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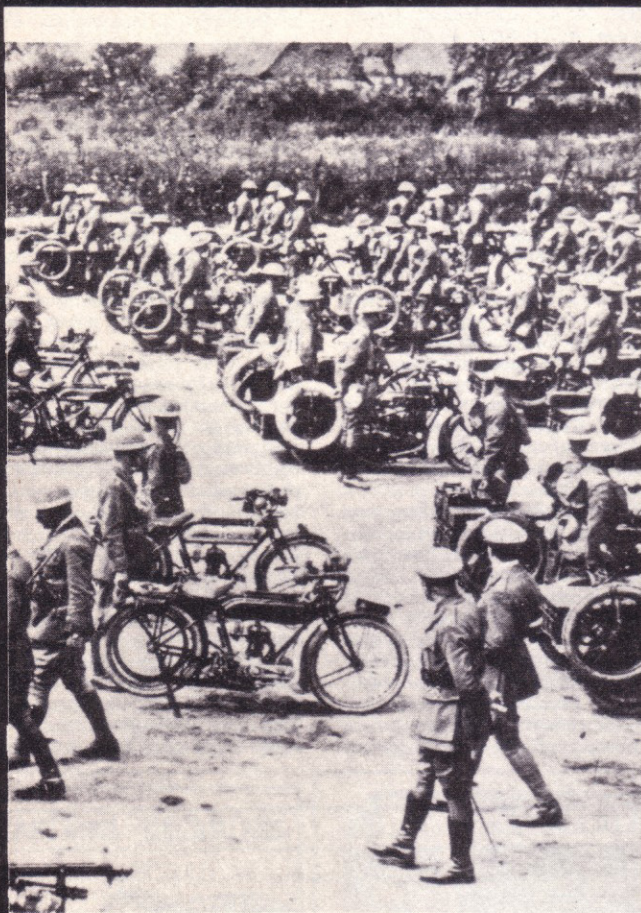
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dane succeeding each other and bringing about, in the teeth of conservative opposition, reforms that surely saved the world. That opposition, for instance, allowed the British Army of 1890 to have not one breech-loading gun.

There is a delightful and most necessary chapter on the world's navies with a first-class account of Lissa—the first clash between iron-clad ships in European waters and a battle which set trends in ship design and manoeuvre culminating in the first dreadnoughts in 1906. *Weidenfeld & Nicolson Ltd, 11 St John's Hill, London, SW11 1XA, £4.50* **PC**

All stand

"National Anthems of the World" (Edited by Martin Shaw, Henry Coleman & T M Cartledge)
Did you know that at the last count there were 174 countries with official national anthems? Have you heard of Mali, Nauru, Rwanda and Sabah? Probably, but for me this fine book is, apart from anything else, a geography lesson every time it appears—there have been (since the last edition in 1969) nine additions under the letters A and B alone.

The anthems are arranged for voices and pianoforte, with the words in the original language and an English translation. Sources, composers and authors with dates are given where known and there is a list of national days as an appendix.

This book is obviously needed by certain institutions, particularly those likely to have to entertain overseas visitors, and of course the forces, but individuals can amuse themselves for hours among patriotic gems of mayhem, slaughter, and fates-worse-than-death to the enemy. If you are a pianist there is many a musical treasure to be found which might inspire you to have a tune up your sleeve, ready for the next country to need one. They pay well—and think of the performing rights!

Bandmasters should still check with the embassy concerned before playing a national anthem—you could be shot at dawn for being a day adrift on the latest coup.

Blandford Press, 167 High Holborn, London, W1V 6PH, £5.80 **RB**

Heroism

"Stories of Famous Regiments" (Philip Warner)

This is a selection of first-hand accounts of the courage and endurance of individuals and regiments in campaigns from the Napoleonic Wars to the Malayan jungle of the 1950s. The author, a senior lecturer at Sandhurst, draws upon contemporary diaries and records to reveal human dramas and mass heroism such as the impossible task of Midshipman E Wood, later Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood VC, leading a ladder party at the siege of Sebastopol, and the bravery of the 2nd Devonshires at Bois des Buttes in 1918.

At Albuhera in 1811, the fiercest, bloodiest fight in the Peninsula War, the defeated French Marshal Soult said of the British: "There is no beating these troops in spite of

their generals . . . the day was mine and yet they did not know it and would not run."

Other stirring stories highlight the dour struggles at Quatre Bras, Vitoria, Balaclava, Maiwand, Isandhlwana, Abu Klea, Omdurman, the bravery of the Punjabis against the Japanese in World War Two and the incredible feats of the SAS in the Western Desert and later in Malaya.

Arthur Barker, 11 St John's Hill, London, SW11 1XA, £2.95 **GRH**

in brief

"Torture and Punishment" (Dr Alan Borg)

This is the first in "Treasures of the Tower," a new series of booklets on the Tower of London armouries. As assistant keeper of the armouries, Dr Borg is responsible for the Tower's collection of ancient instruments of torture, confinement and execution. The items described and illustrated are now on display in the Mortar Room in the White Tower and will at a later date form a permanent display in the Bowyer Tower.

This booklet includes a historical introduction to the Tower as the state prison of England, where torture was carried out under warrant, and describes and illustrates the method and use of a wide variety of instruments of torture including thumbscrews, manacles and gauntlets, shackles, "The Scavenger's Daughter" and the rack.

HMSO, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1P 1BN, 45p

"Airfix Magazine Guide 5: Tank and AFV Modelling" (Gerald Scarborough)

Tanks like the T34 and Tiger, Centurion and Chieftain, are best sellers in the field of plastic AFV kits because of involvement in famous wartime actions or recent or current service in modern armies. For this reason the early, obscure and exotic AFVs may never appear in kit form. Mr Scarborough fills this gap with useful and detailed advice on "scratch-building," that is creating a model from pieces of plastic card and lumps of plastic putty.

He used the most appropriate basic reference material for his projects—drawings published by the RAC Tank Museum at Bovington. Then comes construction with plastic card of varying thicknesses, occasionally cannibalising parts like wheels and tracks from commercially available kits.

Patrick Stephens Ltd, Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB3 8EL, £1.20

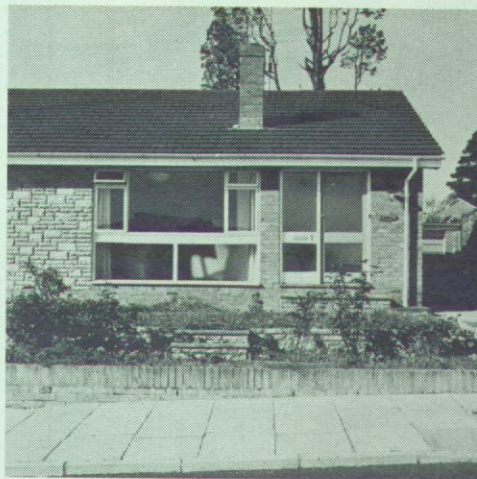
Key Uniform Guides 5: German Parachute Forces 1935-45 (Brian L Davies)

Key Uniform Guides 6: US Airborne Forces Europe 1942-45 (Brian L Davies)

These two books follow the first four reviewed in the April SOLDIER. They give a good historical background on the origins and development of the troops concerned and describe uniforms and accoutrements.

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