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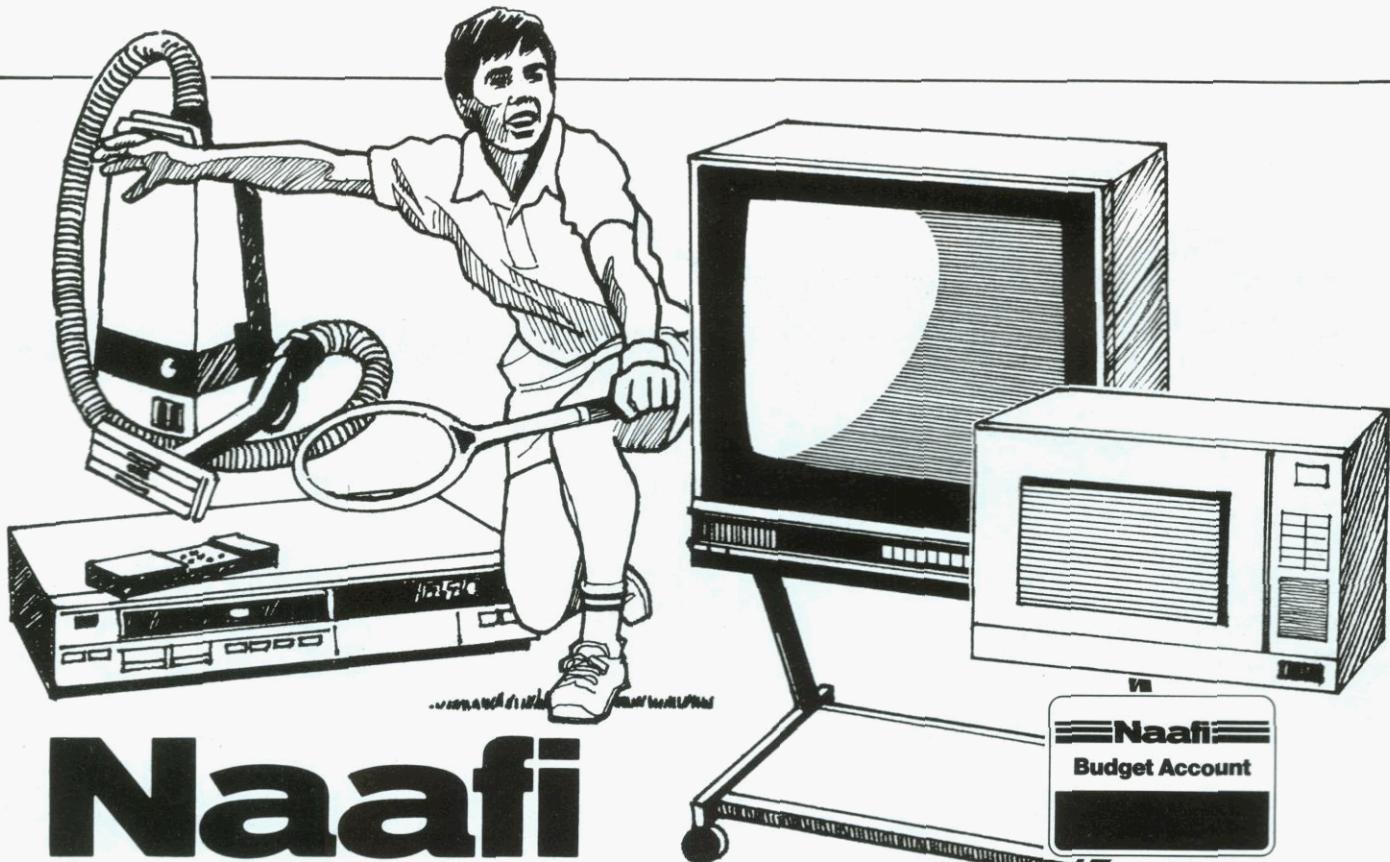
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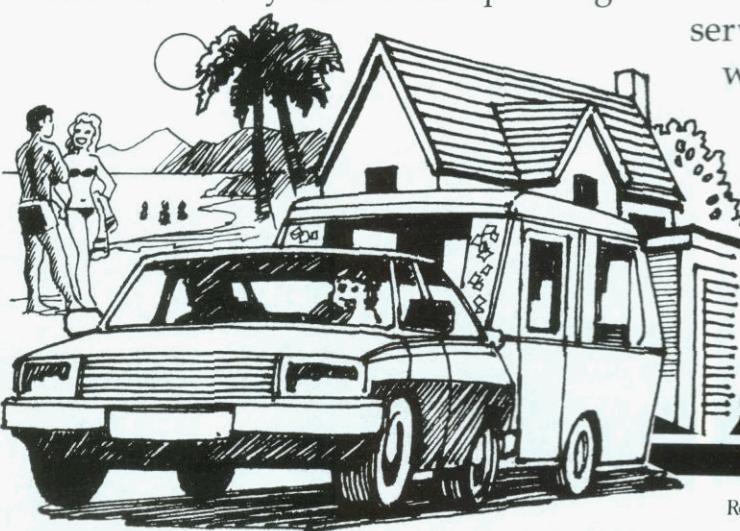
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## Bumper to bumper traffic jam

Our story (April 6 issue) on vehicles being held in reserve at Recklinghausen, Germany, in the Forward Vehicle Depot triggered off memories of a different vehicle store for reader ex-Sgt J C Thomas of Smallthorne, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. He sent the photograph

reproduced above showing a few of the American trucks parked on 30 miles of autobahn in Germany after the Second World War. He remembers that it took two years to run down the three vehicle parks, each of which stretched for ten miles.

**HOAY the Gurkhas!**  
Well done the Gurkhas in Hong Kong! Sig/Cik Tek Bdr Gurung of the Garrison Pay Office is the latest winner of SOLDIER's HOAY competition and receives the £50 prize. How about trying for another £50 Hong Kong? This issue's competition is on Page 39.

## Medal facts

Reference the letter from WO2 F Hammett 1LI of ACO Nuneaton (SOLDIER April 20). Poor WO2 Hammett has let the Light Division down badly by not getting his facts right.

QRs Chap 10 Para 10.008 clearly states that he is entitled to receive the bar to his LS and GC Medal 15 years after the date of the award of the medal and therefore he should be able to receive his after 33 years reckonable service, like I did. — E A Tofts MSM Ex-WO1, 43rd and 52nd and RGJ, Vorster Str 289, 4050 Moenchengladbach 6, West Germany.

# More emphasis needed on the concept of One Army

Cpl Tibbles' letter (SOLDIER, April 20) is an affront to the serious Territorial soldier like myself and shows a misunderstanding and lack of knowledge of the Territorial Army.

Without wishing to get involved in a pointless slanging match with the Regular Army, whom I respect immensely for their professionalism, and while I acknowledge they "live and breathe" the Army 24-hours a day, and the stress on families which goes with this, which admittedly the reserve soldier cannot appreciate, I feel I must put over the views of myself and others of my own unit in particular.

We in 10 Para take the job seriously and try in what we do to adopt a professional attitude guided by experienced PSIs.

The Territorial Army supplies the Regular Army with a lot of manpower, either via attachment or as Regular recruits, and in general these

men fit in well at an individual level. Soldiers who have served in both Regular and Territorial Armies know the relative strengths and weaknesses of the Territorial Army.

Probably the biggest difference between both the Regular and TA is not with the

individual but the higher levels of organisation, eg the battalion, due to the training time factor and the distances the sub units are spread.

On the other hand many men in my own unit in particular, spend as much and sometimes more time in the "field" in the

course of the year than many Regular units, particularly those on public duties. This has led us on occasions to out-perform some Regular units.

Maybe it's time, given the political will, for a more definite role for the TA to give it more credibility within the Regular Army and the nation. Maybe as back-up to the civil police, on duty in the Falklands, or even Northern Ireland given the necessary training, we could do short term tours to fill in any "overstretch" by the Regular Army. But this is a debatable subject on its own.

There must be more emphasis on the One Army concept. We are not whingers in the TA and are also ready to serve 24 hours, seven days if needed. — 24675795 Pte G C Whelan, 1 Company, 10th (V) Bn Parachute Regt, White City, London W12.

## Tolerated Terriers

In reply to Cpl Tibbles letter in SOLDIER (April 20), it is quite obvious that during the induction of recruits to the Services they are not made aware of the role of the volunteer.

With due respect to Cpl Tibbles, I have served with both the Regular Army and with the sponsored TAVR (later called HQ TA REME) for 13 years and during that time was posted to many regiments overseas.

With their many skills and influences, civilians must be of immense value to the Services.

We have always been aware of being "tolerated". Hostile attitudes we overcame by showing the Regulars they could not reduce our enthusiasm, break our spirit or shake our patriotism by sheer hard work and long hours — something that is often forgotten by the peace-time Army. — Rex H Johnson, Sambourne, Redditch, Worcs.

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## Magazine of merit

**SOLDIER** has won two awards in the annual competition run by the British Association of Industrial Editors.

Both were Certificates of Merit, one awarded in the class of internal news-magazines and the other for the best black and white photograph, a shot

taken by Paul Haley of members of the Army boxing squad in training at Aldershot.

The newsmagazine judge commented that **SOLDIER** was "a very fine journal, packed full of interesting stories."

# Pikemen parade for the Queen

PIKEMEN and musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company delighted onlookers with their uniforms when they took to the streets of London to celebrate the company's 450th anniversary.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip and the Lord Mayor of London, Sir David Rowe-Ham, took the salute at the Mansion House and afterwards presented a new standard to the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers who escorted the carriage procession to a reception at the Guildhall.

The Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) is the oldest regiment in the British Army and is the senior unit of the Territorial Army.

Originally an infantry unit, it started training in the handling of field guns in 1781 and maintained both arms until 1973. Today the regiment has three operational squadrons earmarked for artillery support to BAOR.

It also has two HSF companies, a UK-based gun troop and a band and corps of drums. The HAC carries out ceremonial duties in the City of London such as guards of honour and the firing of salutes from the Tower.



Bearing pikes and muskets, men of the HAC march past Mansion House where the Queen takes the salute from the balcony

## BAOR boost for a life of adventure

ADVENTUROUS training in BAOR has been given a boost by the appointment of more than 130 specially designated officers whose job it is to foster more imaginative projects among their units.

A recent study of current AT pursuits has identified that some are almost indistinguishable from military training.

The newly appointed Regimental Adventurous Training Officers (RATOs) will steer units towards the more unusual and satisfying pursuits.

A 16-strong Army expedition is currently in Bolivia and Peru for caving, diving, trekking and a variety of scientific projects.

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## IN TANDEM TO CHINA

TWO Army doctors are to attempt to cycle by tandem the Lhasa High Trail from Chengdu in China to Kathmandu. Maj John Shearwood, based at Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital Woolwich, and Capt Andrew Colvin, from BMH Hanover, are hoping to complete the spectacular 2,000 mile mountain track in seven weeks starting at the beginning of July.

# Commando gunners first past post

COMMANDO gunners swept the board in the annual UKLF observation post competition at Aldershot. Designed by gunners to test Royal Artillery OP teams in all aspects of their demanding wartime role, the weekend competition was won by 29 Cdo Regt for the Regulars and by 289 Cdo Bty for the TA.

Teams flocked from all over the country to take part and keeping a close eye on them was Brig Richard Mountford, Commander RA South, who told SOLDIER: "It tests and teaches every aspect of military skill required by a forward observation party.

"This ranges from the ability to bring down artillery fire on a variety of targets and administering advanced first aid, to being able to dig an OP slit trench and

shelter in the dark and recognising AFVs.

"This is the concept of one Army in action with Regulars and the TA who have identical operational roles undertaking the same tests in competition. It is designed to test their strengths and weaknesses."

Four-man artillery OP teams must be fit, self-sufficient and proficient in infantry skills if they are to survive alone and forward of friendly positions, and the weekend course flexed competitors in theory, initiative and physical attributes.

There were 14 TA teams and five Regular teams. The Regular units contributing teams were 26 Fd Regt, 29 Cdo Regt and 94 Loc Regt, and the TA units were the HAC, 100 Fd Bty, 101 Fd Bty, 266 OP Bty, 269 OP Bty, 289 Cdo Bty and 307 OP Bty.

## Royal year for Berlin

A RIGHT royal year is in store for Berlin whose citizens are celebrating the city's 750th anniversary.

Among a string of dignitaries of many nationalities visiting the divided city will be the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess

Anne and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

It will be a busy time for the British troops in Berlin, and SOLDIER magazine will be visiting the city to meet units involved.



Gas, Gas, Gas! – competitors in the UKLF OP event tackle a timed NBC test

THE Queen's Regiment's new museum at Dover Castle has been officially opened by the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the Rt Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton. The Flying Dragons, the regiment's own free fall parachute display team, dropped in with the ceremonial key and Beating Retreat was carried out by the regiment's Quebec and TA bands with the 5th (V) Bn Corps of Drums.

The opening coincided with the regimental day honouring its predecessors at the Battle of Albuhera in 1811.

## 219 Fd Sqn lend a hand

A NEW car park and picnic area have taken shape near the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's hangar at RAF Coningsby thanks to men of 219 Field Squadron (ADR) who put in two weekends to complete the project which will be enjoyed by an estimated 14,000 visitors annually.

## Silver berets!

CELEBRATING 25 years of wearing the coveted green beret, 29 Commando Regiment, Royal Artillery, mounted a parade and tattoo to mark their silver anniversary.

# NEW REGIMENT FCR CHALLENGER

THE Army's contribution to BAOR is to be enhanced next year by the formation of a 12th armoured regiment, equipped with the Challenger main battle tank; by the re-mechanisation of 6 (Airmobile) Brigade; and by the purchase of more battlefield helicopters.

Secretary of State for Defence Mr George Younger revealed in his Defence White Paper that despite the British Government's commitment to Trident and nuclear deterrence, 95 per cent of the increase in defence spending during the past nine years has gone on conventional defence.

Current strength of the Army given in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1987 is just over 160,000, of which nearly 6,500 are women. The overall figure is to be reduced by about 4,000 under the Lean Look programme.

Greatest concentration of British combat forces remains in BAOR, where 55,000 soldiers are based, rising to 56,000 in the next two years. Just over 41,500 are stationed in the UK.

Outside the Nato area, the Army's

presence in the Falkland Islands will continue on a reduced level; the Hong Kong garrison will be maintained until 1997 when control of the territory passes to the People's Republic of China; and British forces will continue to be stationed in Brunei, Belize and Cyprus.

The Statement reveals that receipts of about £70 million are expected from the sale last year of surplus defence property, including married quarters.

Against this there is insufficient training land to meet the needs of Regular and reserve units in the UK, and the Ministry of Defence intends to purchase suitable land when it becomes available.

### POINTS FROM THE WHITE PAPER

**Chemical Weapons:** The UK gave up its chemical weapon capability in the late 1950s and no change to that policy is planned. Research is devoted entirely to

defensive and protective measures, to which Nato attaches considerable importance.

**Nuclear warheads:** The Army in Germany deploys five regiments of artillery capable of firing nuclear warheads supplied by the United States.

**Territorial Army:** Second phase of the TA's expansion is under way with the formation of five of the six planned infantry battalions, three of which have home defence roles, two more Royal Engineer airfield damage repair squadrons, and an Army Air Corps squadron.

**Gallantry medals:** The dedication of the Armed Forces in Northern Ireland was reflected by the award last year of 120 gallantry medals, including three Military Medals, two George Medals and 17 Queen's Gallantry Medals.

**BAOR equipment:** Significant developments in BAOR are the introduction of the Saxon armoured personnel carrier and the ordering of a seventh regiment of Challenger tanks. In addition, the new Warrior mechanised infantry combat vehicle (MICV) is to enter service



CHALLENGER: new armoured regiment for BAOR

shortly. The re-mechanisation of 6 (Airmobile) Brigade will begin next year and will significantly enhance the anti-armour capability of 1(BR) Corps.

**Falklands budget:** Of the total 1987-88 defence budget of £18,782 million, £257 million is provided for Falkland Islands costs, compared with £435 million the previous year.

**Lean Look:** The Lean Look programme has identified 4,000 uniformed support posts that could be cut, amalgamated, filled by civilians or put out to contract. It is planned to achieve this cut by 1990, releasing manpower for the new armoured regiment forming in BAOR.

**Recruitment:** Shortfalls of both officers and other ranks remain in some specialist

areas where there is competition with the civil sector, but recruitment to the Services remains generally satisfactory. But the voluntary outflow of officers is still causing concern. Recent studies reveal that the most common reason for premature resignations is the turbulence of Service life.

Studies recognise the need to alter the relationship that exists between the Services and the wives of their personnel to reflect changes in British society.

**Contracting out:** With the exception of key posts to be filled by Service personnel to meet the war role, all dental technical work is being put out to contract this year with a saving of 79 uniformed and 22 civilian posts. Direct supply of drugs to hospitals is still under consideration.

**AIDS:** In addition to an intensive programme of prevention education and publicity, central medical staffs are screening blood supplies for use at home and abroad, and arranging for panels for safe donors to provide emergency supplies in certain areas overseas.

Pat's all packed  
for the top



LT PATRICK KIDD: off on Paddington Green in the Andes

## BOOT-FACED! TAX FREE!

Odd ad in SOLDIER magazine; if you want to earn a few bob then it could be just the job for you. "Help," it said, "is required in beeswaxing and buling a pair of new ammo boots."

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The ad was placed by a policeman from Staines, Surrey. The laugh would be on his other foot if someone from Scotland applied to take on the job!

If nothing else, visits by TA soldiers to the Falklands are helping to "break down misconceptions" they and the Regulars have about each other. Among many volunteer soldiers to have made the 8,000-mile trip to the South Atlantic isles is tax inspector Margaret Gooden, a corporal in 44 (Cinque Ports) Signal Sqn from Gillingham, Kent, who has just spent three weeks there in the comcen. Said Margaret: "Before I left I had the feeling I really belonged there." Nothing taxing about that!

## Cavalrymen brush off infanteers' art bid

Most sporting contests are for "pots". Not so though when the 15/19th Hussars and 2LI get together for an athletic and sports foray.

They bash away at each other for the Esla painting which records on canvas Wellington's crossing of the river Esla in May 1813.

In those days 2LI was known as the 51st Foot Regiment and the 15/19th The King's Royal Hussars as the 15th Hussars. Both



WO2 DANNY JUKES 2LI, SSGT JOHN NEESAM 15/19th, CSGT MICK HALL 2LI, WO2 RAMSAY ORD 15/19th, WO2 PAUL EVANS 2LI, SGT IAN CARTWRIGHT 15/19th:

regiments were engaged in the river crossing.

But more than 100 years were to pass before they served together again and the painting was commissioned and put up as the

Esla trophy in 1933.

Northern Ireland 1974 was their next meeting with a win for the 15/19th. Now they've won it again by the narrow margin of two points when a full day's

sport was held at their base at Detmold in BAOR.

The painting was presented to the winners by Brig Michael Regan, Cdr 20 Armd Bde, who handed back the painting to

cavalryman Lt Col Stewart Balmain, CO of the 15/19th, who accepted with alacrity the challenge of 2LI CO Lt Col Jim Parker, to a return match at Iserlohn next year.

# High road to Andes

Lt Patrick Kidd is going up in the world – all the way to the top of the Peruvian Andes. Patrick, a 23-year-old tank troop leader serving with the 4th Royal Tank Regiment at Osnabrück, Germany, is in charge of a 15-strong Service trekking expedition to Peru.

Dubbed Exercise Paddington Green, the expedition is taking its members to two demanding areas of the Peruvian Andes at heights of more than 15,000ft.

Patrick learned of his elevation to expedition leader just 48 hours before he was due to leave for South America!

## John's happy return marks son's birthday

With the knife plunged deep into his 19th birthday cake, Spr David George waits for the order from his father, John, to cut the first slice.

David is attached to the REME Field



Workshops at RAF Mount Pleasant in the Falklands and, perhaps a trifle surprisingly, so is his dad, a senior forecaster in the met office.

Well used to the vagaries of the South Atlantic weather, he has spent many years in the Falklands and the Antarctic as a base leader and observer.

Now he is down there again and joined David in his birthday celebrations. A really happy return.

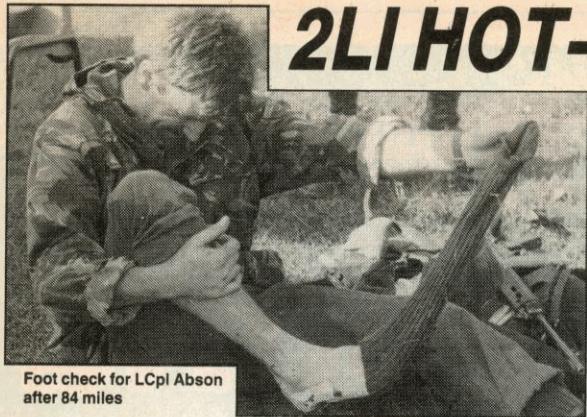
A keen hill walker, he knows the countryside surrounding Port Stanley well. Before the winter sets in John will be off with David to sustain his fitness and met skills which will enable him to resume his mountain weather courses in Snowdonia when he returns home.

JOHN AND DAVID GEORGE: back to the Falklands and a party



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# 2LI HOT-FOOT IT FOR 24 HOURS



Foot check for LCpl Abson after 84 miles

Nobody managed to march 100 miles in 24 hours, but Cpl Paul Cocoran came close by covering the distance in less than 25. He was one of 26 from 2LI, based in BAOR, competing for the Rutherford trophy.

With today's infantry mostly motor-borne, few of the competitors had much

of the marching practice necessary to sustain 4mph-plus over that distance.

Now checks are being made to see if Paul Cocoran has set a world record. If he has, it will boost their confidence that, with a little more practice, next year's race will see whole teams completing the distance within the time limit.

# PEOPLE

## Far East title for muscle-man George



GEORGE:  
Asia and  
UK bid

THE rippling muscles and Rambo-style physique of Cpl George Maccellaro have won for him the title of Junior Mr Hong Kong.

George, a personnel clerk at HQ 10 Dental Gp at HMS Tamar, won the "pots" and the acclamation of judges in the Territory's top body-building contest. Now he can expect to compete all over

Asia. Said George: "I took up body-building about 18 months ago. In the beginning I just wanted to get fit and I used to go and see the stars and wonder whether I would ever get to their stage."

George is taking part in the Mr Asia event in Malaysia this month, and has in his sights the Mr UK title in September.

## Cheshire man to lead TA unit



A Cheshire soldier born and bred is to command one of the Army's newest units - the 3rd Battalion The 22nd (Cheshire) Regt (V). Lt Col Philip Wilde, 43, is the first CO of the new TA infantry battalion being raised in the county, and will restore the regiment's connection with volunteer soldiers.

LTCOL PHILIP WILDE



CPL R BAUER, WO2 W HAARMANN, CPL BRIAN REES: a little help from his friends

## HELP FOR BRIAN

WO2 W Haarmann and Cpl R Bauer who went to 26 Engineer Regt to make the presentation.

Apart from bedding and a few clothes there was nothing the family could rescue from the blaze.

Estimators put the cost of replacing his belongings at around DM20,000.

But as soon as a local German Air Force unit heard of the family's plight, they collected more than DM3,100 to help replace some of the lost items.

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And when a sergeant from the German unit called to take Brian's wife Diane and her children, Natalie, two, and Gareth, five, to their new flat, he gave them some of his own children's toys to replace those lost in the fire.



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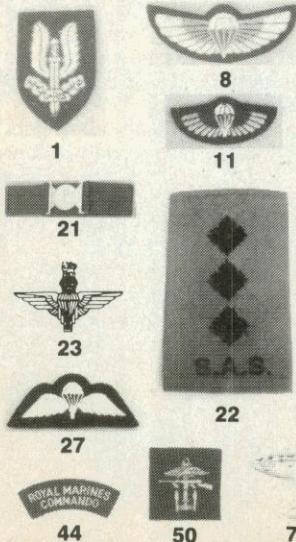
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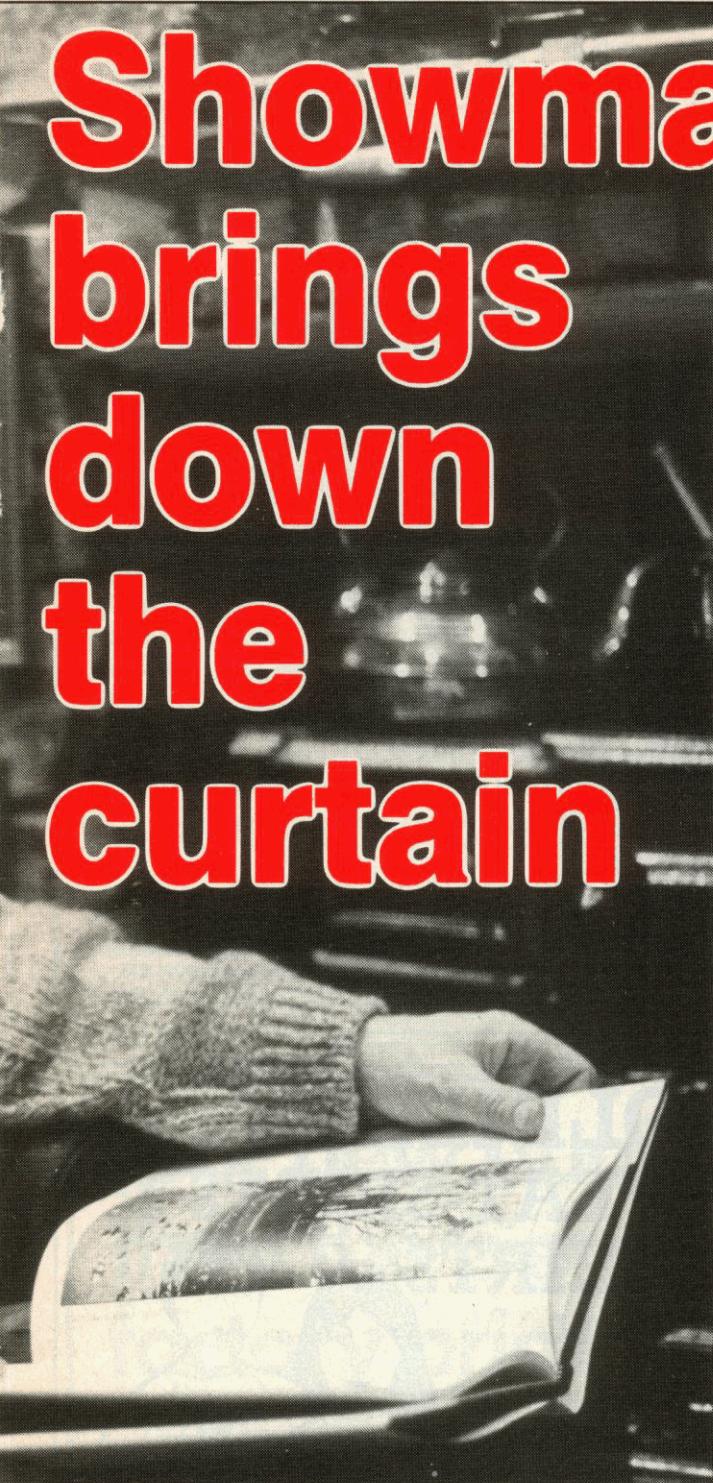
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# Showman Derek brings down the curtain



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participating in representative boxing and rugby and later becoming captain of the Army swimming and water polo team in Singapore.

Medals and "pots" of his athletic prowess proliferate in his home as do pictures of his internationally famous film star daughter, Jenny.

A switch to the RASC saw him in 1952 handling the military supply admin for the Coronation.

"I lived in a tent in Regents Park and was responsible for feeding the troops engaged on the Coronation and for dishing out the rum ration for those lining the royal route!"

More moves followed his royal admin duties with a spell in BAOR and then at Aldershot for an adjutant's course before

moving to Singapore and his first links with showbiz and CSE.

"I was responsible for putting the artists 'out on the ground' and ensuring their accommodation and travelling arrangements were all OK."

Until then that was the nearest he had ever been to a footlight. But starlight was about to strike the 34-year-old Agutter and a chance meeting, after being bowler-hatted from the Army, saw him accepting a job as head of CSE based in Cyprus.

"There were only 12 shows a year coming from London to the Near and Far East in 1961 because most stars in those days were busy with revues and theatre work in the winter and seaside shows in the summer.

"They didn't really want to

know much about troop shows. So far as we were concerned things looked grim and there was talk of closure.

"Then things improved with the Persian Gulf and Aden crises and the average CSE tour was lasting anything up to three weeks. They were golden days; tremendous fun with a host of famous names and the number of shows going out got a huge boost."

Reeling off a few figures, he said that since 1946 CSE has used more than 12,000 artistes and produced more than 1,300 shows.

Since 1969 Ulster alone has seen close on 400 shows and 3,000 artistes and the Falklands 45 shows and 400 artistes over the past four years.

"We had a few problems with the RAF when we wanted to fly some girls there in a 'Herc'... they were reluctant to do it because of the lack of facilities on board the aircraft, but we persuaded them in the end. Now we have eight shows a year going to the South Atlantic."

One memorable occasion at Kelly's Garden, near San Carlos, featured Harry Secombe.

"One particular day took in four performances, but Harry had a terrible cold and lost his voice and the girl trumpeter, a speciality act, split her lip.

"Both had to cry off and I recruited a piper from the Irish Rangers, who were then based there, and an officer who could play the guitar.

"But while they filled the bill admirably, the piper wouldn't leave the stage and kept on

playing despite frantic signals to get off. On top of all that it was raining cats and dogs.

"Having gone 8,000 miles to put on a show it was a blow to have Harry and the girl musician pull out, but looking back it was all good fun and a lot of laughs."

While he has mingled with the stars for 27 years and counts many of them among his friends, he reckons his biggest moment came with his one and only Royal Command.

***Can you lay on a show for me to say farewell to my shipmates?***

The message was from Prince Charles, then the skipper of HMS Bronington and about to leave the Royal Navy.

"The choice of artists was left to me, but the Prince specifically asked for people who had entertained troops in Northern Ireland to be included on the bill, and not just those who wanted to take part because it was a royal 'do'."

"Top of the bill was ex-Goon Harry Secombe with impressionist Johnny More, musician Linda Myers and The McCalmonds, a folk group.

"It was a time to remember and to cap it all the Prince wrote me a delightful letter of thanks.

"Of course I'd do it all again. It's been a marvellous 26 years organising and shepherding scores of the best known names in the business and hundreds of lesser artists.

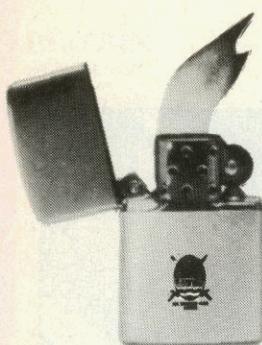
"Who was my favourite? Norman Collier, the chicken man. He's one of the funniest comics around. I'd take him along any time. He's a sure-fire laugh raiser."



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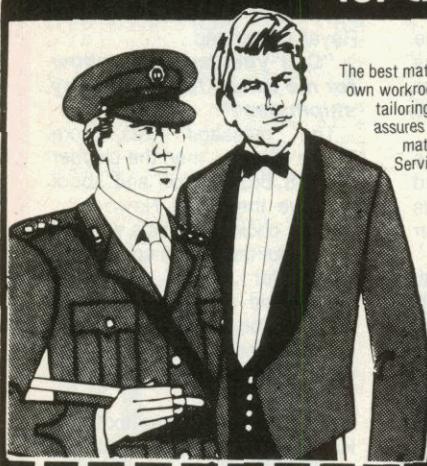
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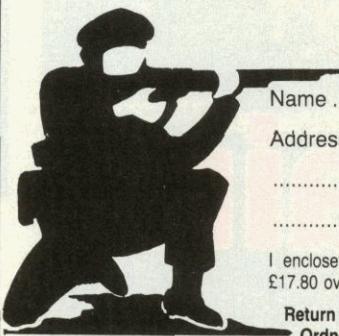
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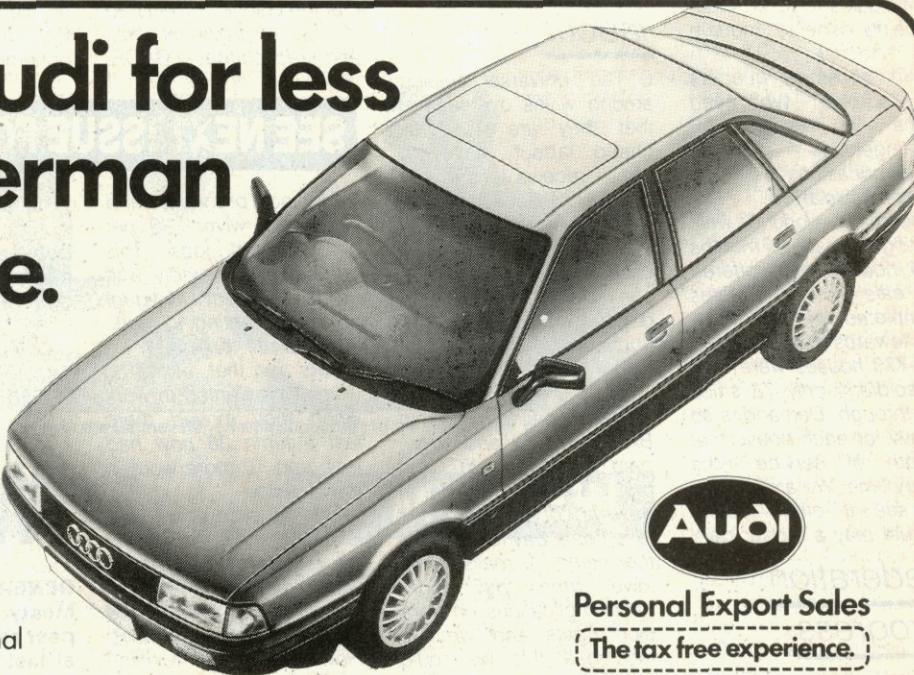
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Q. Ten years have passed, with no constructive housing policy to help Service-men/women keep pace with house prices. What is being done to rectify this in the light that council houses will not be available to Service-men/women in the future?

A. You know my record as one of the original architects of the assisted house purchase (AHP) scheme that ministers decided should not be introduced. And I do underline that it was a ministerial decision. All our efforts since have been in encouraging accompanied service. However, all AHPs, by nature are expensive and we must face the reality of a reducing defence budget. But we're investigating how we might more profitably benefit from the £39m a year saved by soldiers with building societies.

## Surplus quarters

Q. The present policy is to speed up the disposal of MoD surplus MQs and it is estimated there are 14,000 with 5,000 due for immediate sale. Statistics show only half will be put on the JSQM sales register. What is being done to improve this ratio?

A. Not all empty quarters are surplus. We need some in reserve for contingencies and on other occasions we need accommodation. The scheme is working well. During the past six months 284 houses were offered for sale with 234 sales completed and 334 moving towards completion. In all, 773 houses were sold to soldiers; only 78 sales fell through. Demand is so heavy for each house that length of service wins every time. We are looking to see if other factors should play a bigger part.

## Federation progress

Q. The Federation of Army Wives launched by Lady Kitson covers UK and NI. Do you support this Federation and how do you see it progressing?

A. I am strongly in favour of this organisation and its magazine **Neighbours** and I hope to see it Army-wide in the next couple of years. It serves a most useful purpose in the communication field by getting wives "in the know"

# THE REASONS WHY

... this or that has or has not been done. General Sir David Mostyn, the Adjutant General, provides an insight into housing, work for wives, DHSS, pay and communications



GENERAL SIR DAVID MOSTYN

## Jobs for the wives

Q. What steps are being taken to increase the employment of wives in the legal services, medical and welfare roles; also in other areas where wives with less professional skills are able to contribute?

A. First of all there is no doubt about the impetus that the Gaffney report had in the employment field and I reckon that in BAOR,

new unit can see that Mrs X, coming with her husband in three months is a secretary and would like to be employed as such if possible.

## Overseas anomalies

Q. The new Social Security Act highlights even more the anomalies in the DHSS system affecting Service families overseas. The Reform of Social Security Scheme chapter 11 says:

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excluding pregnant and post natal wives, 39 per cent are in jobs. This compares favourably with the 45 per cent UK figure of wives wanting to work. LLI told me in Omagh six weeks ago that, of the 50 wives who wanted to work of course fighting both. I must be honest however and point out the dangers of all this; if we win the battle to get full DHSS benefits for the comparatively few wives in BAOR entitled to them, we may have to concede the battle that all wives there should pay the full DHSS charges – for example, prescription and dental charges and this would hurt far more people.

"The Government believes it right to retain a link between contributions paid and benefits received." What is being done to rectify the non-payment of these benefits with losses amounting to £1,500?

A. Yes, working wives in BAOR are, by and large, paid less than LEC, but their pay is tax free. But at the end of the day their take home pay is probably the same. I realise that lower gross pay might have implications on pension rights and we are looking at this. We could fight for our wives in Germany to be employed under EEC legislation with all the rates and rights of German civilians. But if we did this we might put at risk all the benefits they currently enjoy as Service-men's wives – duty-free goods and cars, no car licence, no TV licence etc. And that would affect all wives in BAOR, not just the 45 per cent who want to work.

But because a wife is a lawyer she may not necessarily be the type we want – her skill may be in conveyancing which we don't need in BAOR! However, the 25 full-time equivalent midwives we are taking on in BAOR post-Gaffney, are all to be dependants and we are giving them refresher training. The Federation of Wives is looking forward to registering wives' professional skills and DGPS MS and DM(A) are, at my behest, looking into notifying wives' employment requirements on posting orders so when these get sent out in advance the

A. I'm only going to answer this in general terms because it's a very complex subject. However, we are negotiating with DHSS who are adamantly sticking by their contention that DHSS benefits are not exportable to BAOR. There are also as you know, debates as to whether a wife giving up her job in UK to move with her husband to BAOR, is moving voluntarily and therefore not eligible for the full range of benefits. We are of course fighting both. I must be honest however and point out the dangers of all this; if we win the battle to get full DHSS benefits for the comparatively few wives in BAOR entitled to them, we may have to concede the battle that all wives there should pay the full DHSS charges – for example, prescription and dental charges and this would hurt far more people.

working time in my life, but equally I am sure they will be the most rewarding."

It was evident Sir David was well aware of current issues, such as house purchase, disturbance and other allowances which cause financial difficulties through not keeping pace with today's costs. Wives' employment and children's education were others he mentioned.

By way of explanation Sir David told how many conditions of service were introduced 40 or 50 years ago to meet the circum-

stances of the day and which do not now have the same relevance. In other words many conditions of service are way out of date.

But I sometimes think we ought to ask ourselves whether it is reasonable always to expect new allowances to come in and new money to be thrown at new problems without ever giving anything up. It is going to take a long time yet to solve the allowance studies. But they will have to be resolved as £700 million a year in allowances

continue. And in addition unless the Report's recommendations are brought into effect the probabilities are that PVR will increase and wives will continue to be dissatisfied with employment prospects. Moreover the turbulence caused by moving home so often and the subsequent disruption in education, the poor maintenance of quarters and the wealth of commercial skills and talent among wives, which to date has so often been

ignored will continue to be a source of discontent.

There are fundamental problems which have to be overcome before many of the proposals can be implemented. Attitudes will have to change in all ranks; privates to generals will have to readjust their thinking.

It will be a question of out with old ideas and in with new ones and being prepared to be flexible and up-to-date.

Home stability and isolation have been highlighted as two major areas of Army policy

needing basic

changes which would lead to important and beneficial consequences for family welfare.

Other areas pinpointed are: wives should have a higher profile in community affairs and development; local works maintenance budgets should be increased and MQ management scrutinised.

The Report stresses that the whole welfare infrastructure needs a new look – cause there for conflict within the chain of command – and emphasises the provision and need for

Some improvements urged in the Report have already been implemented; for example there is no longer a limit on the number of unfurnished MQs in the UK.

And there is the fervent hope that baggage scales will soon be increased. Comparisons are made with the American and Canadian forces who enjoy superior benefits – particularly when moving house – which are much envied by British Servicemen and women.

In addition action is suggested on many other important points – jobs for wives, DHSS benefits and work training. All are of interest, but if people are apathetic the Report and its suggestions will surely fade away.

Continued interest is essential to make the proposals work and it requires work and goodwill to achieve results.

Financial constraints there will be and some far-reaching recommendations will not be immediately implemented.

But read the report and comment – if you wish let me know your views. Above all don't let this report be buried through lack of interest.

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## All change for a new look

THE good news for all married soldiers and their wives is that Col Mike Gaffney's *Wives' Study Part 2 – The Way Ahead*, is now available in units for all ranks, including wives, to read.

There is no restriction on who can or cannot read it for Part 2 is a complete document with no need to refer to Part 1.

This time it is hoped that all wives will have access to the report which suggests innovative ideas, extra welfare support, more stability in postings and how to minimise isolation.

Unless a concentrated effort is made to implement the report, especially where no finance is involved, niggling unrest with Service life will

Brig Richard Mountford, Garrison Commander, Aldershot, talks over the Gaffney Report with supporters of the local wives' group

## Why the AG knows all the answers

### IN MY VIEW

I had the feeling that, as a family man with six children, he could see how wives could and should play a larger part in many aspects of Service life.

With one married son in the Army, two others working, his eldest daughter a sister in charge of a neurological ward at Great Ormond Street Hospital and two younger ones at school, his is a family spanning all ages. It's a perfect example.

The Mostyns did not put down roots and stay in their house. For them it was

involved – and that's big money!

He is also very aware that this is one of the reasons for PVR, but made the point there were many areas where we could help ourselves.

When I asked for his views on the Federation of Army Wives I was delighted at his response.

"The Federation of Army Wives (UK and NI) has a part to play in Service life and I would like to see the Federation becoming a truly world-wide Army organisation."

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# THE BROWNING BITES BACK!

THE military clock has been turned back nearly 70 years by the planned second lease of life for the 50-calibre Browning machine gun.

Some 1,600 are being taken off storeroom shelves, dusted off and fitted with special sights ready for distribution to BAOR to play their part in air defence.

The idea stems from the Royal School of Artillery's Air Defence Wing at Larkhill, Wilts, which annually puts 240 all-arms air defence unit instructors through five-day courses.

The preaching of the air defence gospel to converts of the 80s, using small arms such as the GPMG, LMG, SLR and, eventually the LSW, is based on the sermon of the dangers of air attack.

A minimum 3km field of view is essential to see and identify an approaching aircraft for a four-second engagement.

Enthusiasm for the infantry to be tutored in air defence was heightened after the Falklands conflict of five years ago. The initiative for all-arms air defence was largely identified by BAOR, which defined a requirement for a heavy machine gun suited to air defence, specifically against attack helicopters such as the Soviet Hind D and E.



The Browning 50-cal shell is a considerable improvement on existing small arms ammunition, say Larkhill's AD experts. The Americans are already developing a sniper rifle using the round.

The 50-cal ball round has a longer range and is a more effective bullet, bigger and heavier than existing small arms offerings. Trials are currently under way to find different types of ammunition for it - high explosive, armour-piercing and special effects.

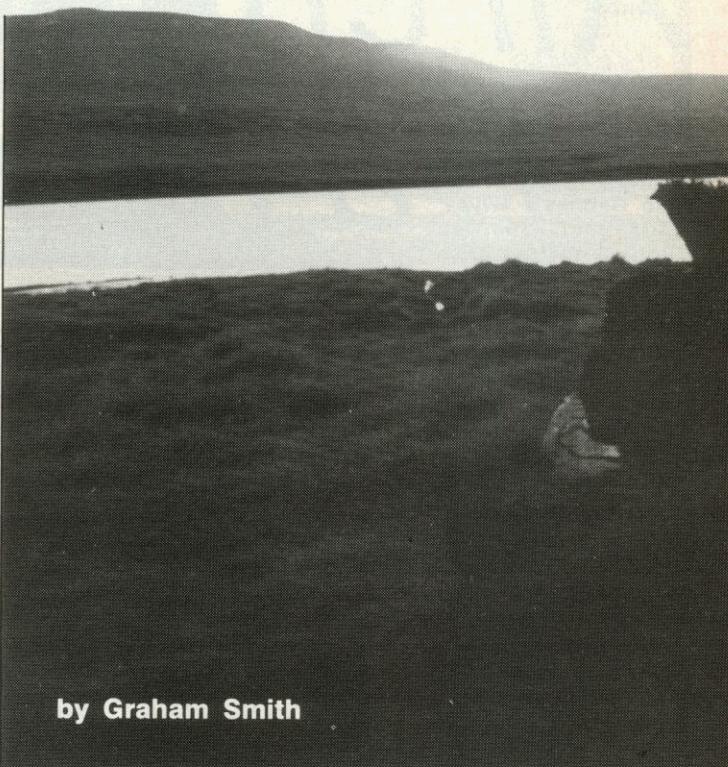
Rounds that not only blast brick walls and bunkers but can penetrate armoured avionics systems in ground attack aircraft as they hurtle towards a target at seven-miles-a-minute.

If it hits the right spot, the 50-cal can knock out a marauder with a single round.

The system is cheap and does not need to be procured as a "new buy" subject to extensive tests. It is available now and all it needs is a suitable platform for its air defence functions.

All-arms air defence mountings for GPMGs, for instance, are soon to be issued for vehicles such as four- and eight-tonne trucks.

The AD Wing at Larkhill is at pains, however, to point out that the all-arms air defence



by Graham Smith

## If it hits the right spot

role is one in which units would have to look after their own against a sudden air threat.

Passive defence is the order of the day - complete concealment and no tell-tale tracks crossing the site. Active defence, using personal small arms, would be a last resort.

This would be particularly apt if normal AD support from specialised systems like Rapier and Javelin, manned by trained personnel, was not available.

The message from Larkhill is that personal weapons still play as vital a role in engaging enemy aircraft as they did seven decades ago, whether a soldier is in the forward or rear areas of the battle.

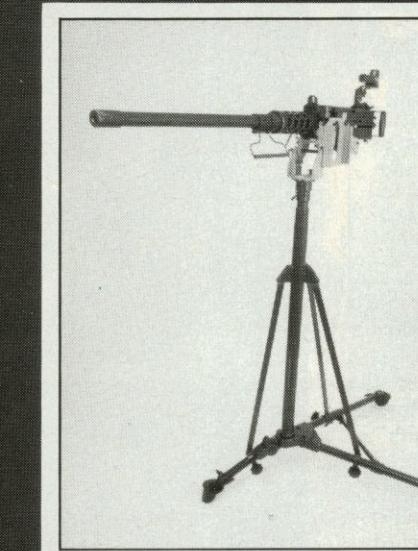
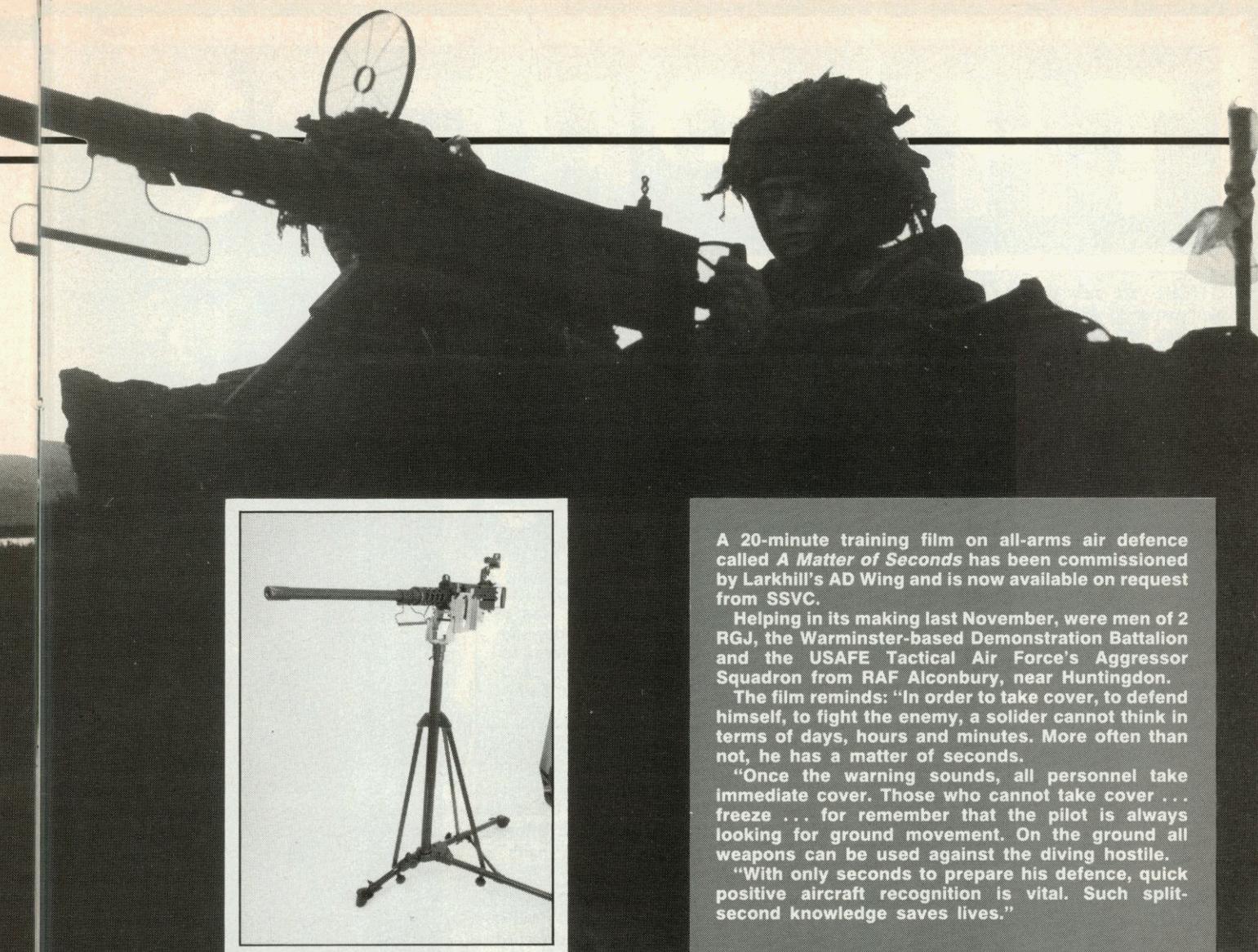
Capt Jay Tate, RA, the Wing's SO3 IG, is of the opinion that before the Falklands war the issue of all-arms air defence was "totally

misunderstood and surrounded by an aura of apathy."

He went on: "Everyone in the FEBA or RCZ, whether he is a cook shuffling rations from truck to truck or a front-line soldier, is under threat from the air. From helicopters like Hind and Havoc, from fighters like Frogfoot and Fencer, and from parachute landings. Specialist AD weapons like Rapier and Javelin cannot give cover everywhere. We've simply not got enough of them.

"In peacetime the interest in all-arms air defence tails off. The issue of all-arms air defence becomes a bolt-on goodie. That interest, however, became really concentrated in the Falklands during the air battle for San Carlos Water.

"We, in air defence, have subsequently changed our policy towards it, thanks to the



A Browning machine gun ready for action during the Falklands war

## it can knock out a marauder with one round

initiative and interest of the infantry. Simply, more people have got to be trained."

He added: "The emphasis is on the command and control of all-arms air defence. It's very difficult but can conserve ammunition, which is prodigiously expensive, and prevent detection of position.

"What goes up must come down as was evidenced in a recent war when two formations braced-up an incoming aircraft at some cost to each other.

"All-arms air defence should be the concern of the company or platoon commander and is not that of the air defenders themselves."

The Larkhill AD courses ply potential unit instructors with five days of lectures, films, classroom sessions, systems simulations and teaching

periods, including an introduction to aircraft recognition, passive defence, command and control and live firing at a one-fifth scale, radio-controlled model aircraft.

Significantly, nearly eight hours of these tutorials are aimed at aircraft recognition.

Three basic theories sum up the Larkhill AD Wing thinking:

● There is a chance an aircraft may be hit and damaged;

● There is a deterrent value to the pilot of a hostile aircraft flying into a hail of small arms fire, causing him to pull away - possibly into real AD systems;

● The morale boost it gives to soldiers on the ground pumping off heavy machine gun shells at the raider.

Capt Tate said: "An air attack is the most frightening experience because you are so

totally helpless against such overwhelming odds. The aircraft is fast, and always gets you by surprise.

"The ability to shoot back at it with a heavy machine gun steadies the nerves considerably. It gives the soldier something aggressive to do to get his own back.

"What we are exhorting is a new image for all-arms air defence.

"We want to raise a universal awareness of the air threat for commanders at all levels so that they can consider the measures they should be taking to counter that threat. Such expertise is not always present and, consequently, tends to be ignored.

"Existing personal weapons can be effective. There is no new kit to master.

"There may be those who

think the 50-cal machine gun is a re-hashed ranging gun. This is not the case. It improves on the GPMG 1,000-metre range with its 7.62mm ammunition by 500 metres. It will be far more effective than the 7.62mm round.

"We are trying to drag the subject of all-arms air defence out of the mire of obscurity. AD is vital. Quick and accurate aircraft recognition is the key to effective AD. The soldier must always remember that the threat from the air is one of the most sudden and potentially lethal attacks he will ever have to face."

The 84lb, 50-cal Browning machine gun with its 550 rpm capacity from a belted system was first fired on October 15, 1918 at New Haven, Connecticut, USA and the air-cooled version a month later.

# THE PRESS GANG

THERE are newspapers and there are newspapers! Some are sympathetic towards the Army and its role in a peacetime society, others hostile and ever ready to "knock".

Down in deepest rural Wiltshire near the cathedral city of Salisbury is based a small group of publicists ever eager to exploit the written, visual and audible aspects of public relations to project the Army doing its job.

UKLF has two mobile PR teams comprising a writer, photographer, clerk and driver, with a worldwide charter, albeit an ever-shrinking one on grounds of cost, to relay to the "back streets of Darlington" the role of the Army on overseas detachment at the taxpayers' expense.

Compact, resourceful and resilient, the roving squads, equipped with pen, camera, video kit and tape recorder, are responsible to the British public for portraying how the British squaddie acquires himself overseas and in the UK.

One team is led by a civilian, the other by an Army major. Team support is

usually all-military, from lance corporal to WO2.

Overall supervision of the teams' output in column inches, pictures, time on national and regional TV and air time on local radio is the responsibility of Mr Les Burgess, UKLF's chief press officer.

"The mobile teams provide us with the only means the Army has of instant creative presentation of its activities from overseas," he said.

Turning the team's input into output is more than £100,000 of ENG (Electronic News Gathering) kit, darkrooms and an

by GRAHAM SMITH, who was a UKLF mobile team leader in 1978-80, covering assignments in most of northern Europe and more than a dozen other countries.

£11,000 picture transmitting facility linked to the Press Association and the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall.

Of help to the teams in the UK is the 52-strong TAPIO - TA Public Information Officers' - pool, a part-time "bank" of expertise.

Teams use a mix of talents in the field. The Army clerk, complete with local boy proforma, doubles as the sound recordist for the ENG cameraman. Photographers are sent to the Services Sound and Vision Corporation (SSVC) to learn the advantages of this technique.

Writers are sent to the same location to learn the intricacies of the taped interview for local radio.

The time-honoured practice, once the subject of a BAOR "numbers game" league table, of providing masses of local boy stories, has diminished. These are now incorporated into regional features which are marketed in advance to relevant newspapers.

Team leader Martin Paterson, 32, a Glaswegian and married with three children, explained: "I recently did a trip covering the 13th/18th Royal Hussars and we targeted three main Yorkshire newspapers serving the regimental recruiting area, Doncaster, Sheffield and Barnsley. The results were very good, including a whole page in one Doncaster paper."

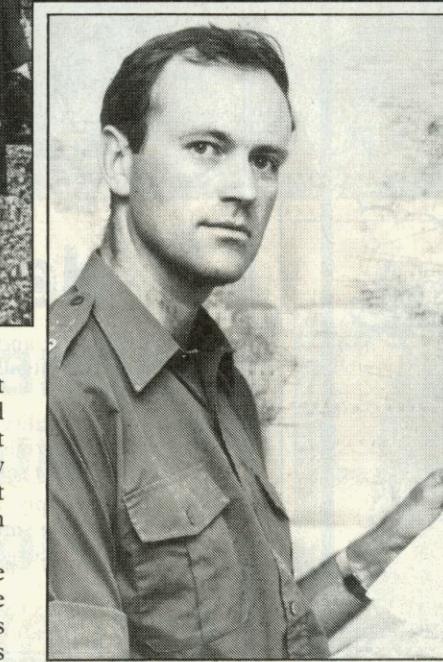
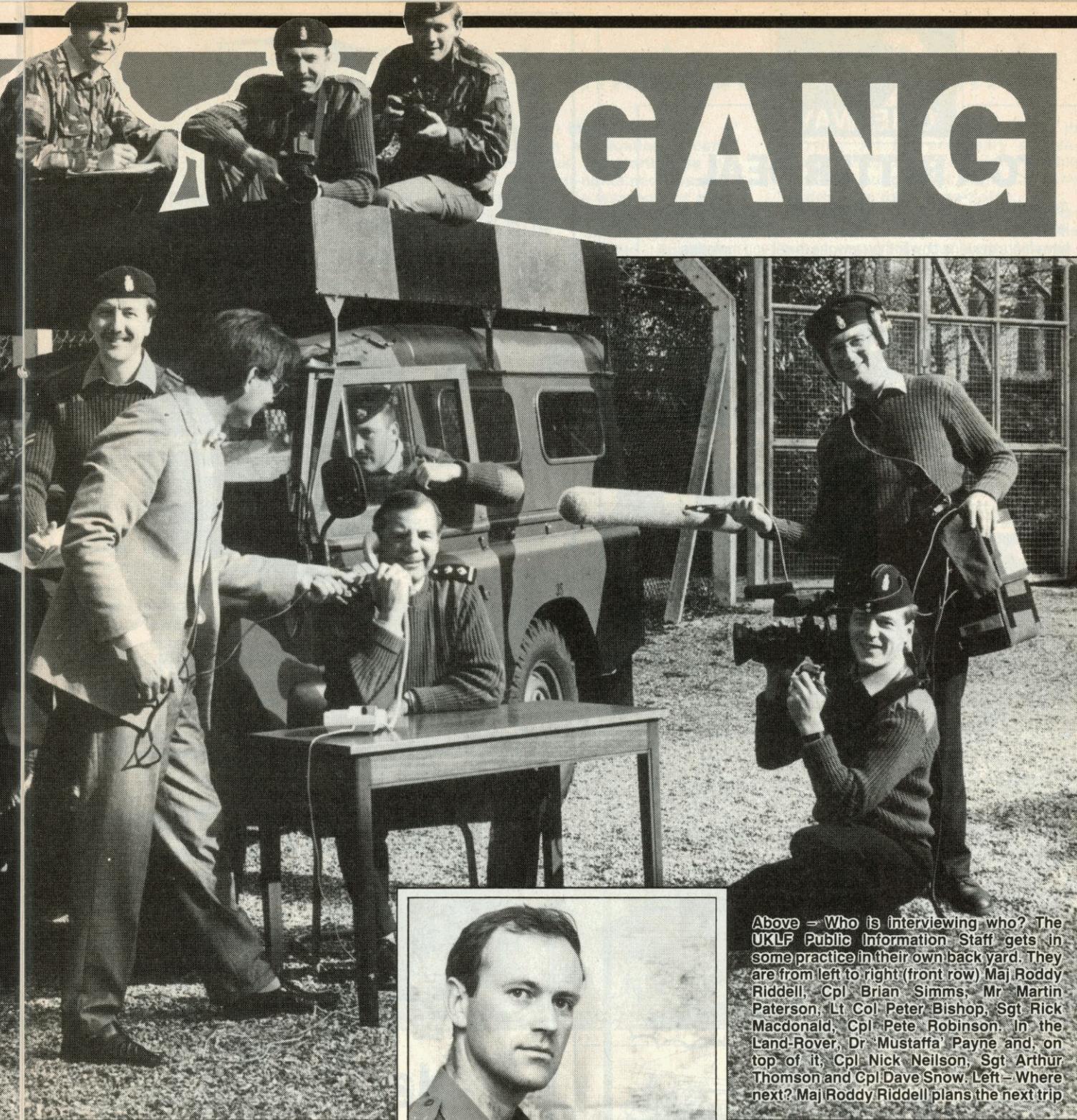
absences from his home by bringing back "lots of presents" for his family.

"My first trip here seems to have been regarded as successful. I spent three days on an Arctic survival course during a three-week stay in Norway. It gave me an invaluable insight into what I had been writing for the provincial papers," said the bow-tied scribe.

In the six months he has been a team leader, Martin - he started as a commercial photographer before moving into the world of American Forces' public information - has been learning fast.

Learning more about the Army and more about the art of writing itself. He admits it was "hard to keep my hands off a camera" when he was sent on his first assignment.

He also mollifies the effects of frequent



Above - Who is interviewing who? The UKLF Public Information Staff gets in some practice in their own back yard. They are from left to right (front row) Maj Roddy Riddell, Cpl Brian Simms, Mr Martin Paterson, Lt Col Peter Bishop, Sgt Rick Macdonald, Cpl Pete Robinson. In the Land-Rover, Dr Mustafa Payne and, on top of it, Cpl Nick Neilson, Sgt Arthur Thomson and Cpl Dave Snow. Left - Where next? Maj Roddy Riddell plans the next trip

TAPIO officers.

"Like everyone else we come up against the constraints of how to get out there and back, helped out by a very small civil flight vote. We try to limit team visits to ten-day detachments, taking the view that everything can be collated for publication in that time."

Assignments covered in the UK have included the Army ski championships, the Cambrian Marches, the Ten Tors expedition and the Army Skill-at-Arms competition, all at the request of the respective districts and only if teams are available.

"We always plan to give a fair balance between Regular and TA unit stories. We sometimes send stories to SOLDIER as well," he added with a wry grin.

"I would say that 70 per cent of our

written material finds its way into print. ENG is more difficult to assess as TV unions will not accept input into the UK if they are capable of covering an event themselves. Overseas assignments present a different situation.

"Last year, for instance, we got nearly

three minutes on ITV on the UKMF Bold Guard exercise which would be worth about £50,000 during prime time viewing, and another couple of minutes on BBC TV. We hope soon to develop our local radio output, having soldiers talking in regional accents about their lives to their own listeners over the air waves."

Posting of Army personnel did pose problems to the unit, he said, but incoming soldiers are quickly trained in the ways of journalistic and television requirements.

He concluded: "I think mobile teams are extremely cost effective, providing the specialised service they do for a British public which has always realised the value of Army training and its role, particularly since the events of the Falklands five years ago."

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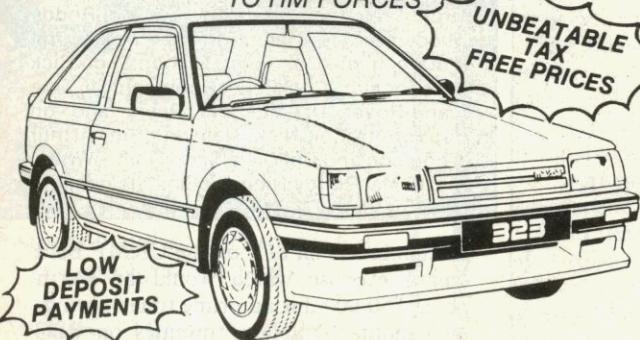
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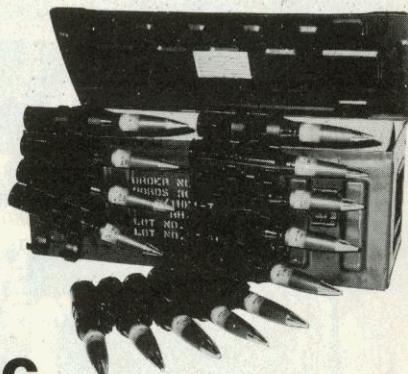
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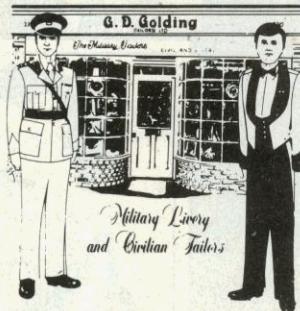


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# Soldiers' floating home leaves Falklands

**BIBBY VENTURE**, or Coastel 1 as she is better known to countless soldiers serving in the Falklands, is on her way home.

She is the first of the three coastels moored outside Stanley to be sent back to the UK following the move of the Falklands garrison to the new

headquarters at Mount Pleasant.

Purpose built as floating accommodation blocks for North Sea oil workers, two self-contained coastels were hired and one was bought after the Falklands war by the Ministry of Defence.

Sappers of 53 Field Squadron

(Construction) were instrumental in carrying out the necessary excavations around Bibby Venture to enable her to be nudged out of the Canache mooring by four mexe-flotes.

In deeper water she was floated on to her heavy-lift "mother" ship for the long journey into the North Atlantic.

# LAST OUT!

Story and pictures by Col Sgt Leo Callow

A SHORT but active chapter in the history of Port Stanley has drawn to a close with the departure of The Royal Irish Rangers from the capital of the Falkland Islands.

The regiment's 2nd Battalion was the last infantry unit to be stationed in Port Stanley and its departure leaves just a handful of men outside the main garrison at Mount Pleasant.

The Rangers made the most of their posting to the South Atlantic and "the best live firing facilities outside North America," according to Lt Col Willie Burke, CO.

The battalion ran a potential NCOs cadre in between the customary round of settlement patrols. It also mounted a reinforcement exercise of South Georgia.

The Rangers found an unusual chum in the form of Sammy the seal who became a daily visitor to their Coastal floating accommodation block outside Stanley.

Spending many hours sunning himself on an old wooden raft nearby, Sammy knew he was on to a good thing when the Rangers started feeding him his favourite titbits.

An impromptu folk group formed by four Ranger sergeants made quite an impression on many of the islands' clubs and bars where they staged several concerts with the battalion's bugles, pipes and drums.

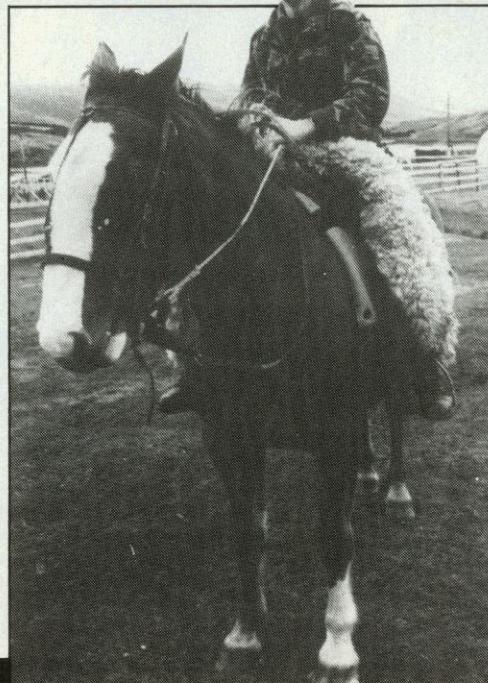
As the Irishmen prepared to depart the islands, another well-known shamrock countryman arrived in the form of Canon Jerry Murphy who used to play rugby for Ireland and was capped no fewer than six times.

Now rector of Port Stanley cathedral, Canon Murphy was until recently Domestic Chap-



## Irish Rangers quit Port Stanley

laid to the Queen while rector of the parishes of Sandringham. A former platoon commander in the Ulster Rifles, he saw action in Palestine.



Above - Returning from a five day settlement patrol in the camp area outside Stanley, Sgt Ken Fox (left) and his platoon from A Coy pose for a picture around an Argentine Panhard armoured car at Mount Pleasant

## Meet the lone Ranger!

Left - Lone Ranger on the open trail - Rgr Johnny Quigley, normally a driver, takes to the camp outside Port Howard settlement on four legs



Bugler LCpl Greg Foster sounds the Last Post at the memorial erected by the Falkland islanders to the 255 British Servicemen who lost their lives in the 1982 war

# Falklands scene: the sombre and the silly



Left - RAF pranksters pulled a few legs with their "penguin crossing" at Mount Pleasant. Several drivers - including the photographer - obediently stopped at the sight of the cardboard penguins lining up to cross the road

Right - Canon Jerry Murphy, new rector of Port Stanley, and his wife Joy outside the capital's cathedral. His close links with the Army include active service with the Ulster Rifles and a more recent appointment as Assistant Chaplain General to the Armed Forces

Below - Paymaster Maj Alan Howard-Harwood 2 R Irish discusses the new pay scales with Sammy the seal



**Treasure trove of history**

John Smith's home in Port Stanley is a treasure trove of South Atlantic memorabilia. His assortment of curios spans more than a century of the islands' history. Now that the British Forces have moved from Port Stanley to Mount Pleasant, John - who wrote a book called *73 Days* recalling the islanders' own story of the 1982 conflict - is hoping to house and expand his collection in Britannia House, the former HQ.

Pictures by  
Col Sgt  
Leo  
Callow



A poignant reminder of the 1982 hostilities. Whitewashed stones mark the spot where Col H Jones VC of 2 Para fell during the attack on Darwin. He was attacking a position up the hill to the right when he was shot





Watery command task for team leaders during Southern Craftsman at Bordon

## SOUTHERN CRAFTSMAN

YOU can take it as fact that the men of 133 Corps Tps Wksp REME know their craft! They proved it by finishing top team in the annual Exercise Southern Craftsman for independent REME TA units in the Eastern, South Eastern and London Districts.

TA tradesmen attached to infantry TA and other reserve units were also encouraged to take part in the stiff two-day competition held in the Bramshott,

Longmoor and Bordon areas of Hampshire.

This year specialist teams from HQ REME TA took part for the first time and a guest team from 37 Sig Regt LAD REME, Western District, was invited.

Aim of Southern Craftsman is to train the whole REME unit before team selection. Categories tested are repair, recovery, manufacture, regimental skills, fitness, shooting and sense of urgency.

Much competitive spirit is generated by the competition and this year there were 16 entries. Each team consists of a team leader, in most cases the OC, and nine men. Trade structure is left to the unit but the team is limited to two senior ranks.

Administration was provided by 9 Fd Wksp REME (V) under Capt Bernie Stevens and the control and monitor post was successfully commanded by Capt Jeff Harper. Overall co-ordinator was Major

# A brave new militia

Graham Smith looks back at the rebirth of the TA 40 years ago

FORTY years ago the Territorial Army started again to recruit part-time soldiers just two years after thousands of them had fought alongside Regulars and conscripts in Britain's five million-strong wartime Army.

It promised to be a brave new militia, the best equipped volunteer Army in Britain's history.

Gone were the days of wooden machine guns and pieces of tubing serving as mortars. The new post war Terriers would train with the real thing.

Mr Frederick Bellenger, Minister of War, observed it had taken two global conflicts to shatter the conception of the TA as a second line of defence.

The reborn TA, he said, would "run parallel and in joint harness with the active Regular Army."

Equipment would be scaled down in comparison with the Regulars. In some cases half, in others a quarter. But there would be enough to train a company or battery on tactical work while others engaged themselves in technical training and drill.

Anti-aircraft units, for instance, were kitted out with 3.7s, Bofors, predictors and radar. Armoured units received tanks,

armoured scout cars, the latest in radio equipment and transport. REME units were supplied with modern workshops and the tanks, tractors, 5.5s, 25-pounders, 3.7s, ambulances, radar and radios on which to learn, practise and perfect their technical skills.

Modern ordnance units were set up and the infantry did well out of the new arrangements. Besides the issue of personal weapons they were given personnel carriers, mortars, radios, anti-tank guns and transport on which to train their support technicians.

A new airborne branch of the TA also came into being in 1947. It had full parachute issue, including sleeping bags, lifebelts, ropes and Dennison smocks. Everything down to flare sea markers.

In short, the issue of personal kit included most things the Regulars got.

Regular WOs and NCOs were loaned to the TA as instructors, helping in admin and training.

Two big features of the new TA were range work and annual camps. Ambitious plans suggested more advanced tactical training at company, battalion and brigade level to test the efficiency of the part time Army as it emerged to fulfil a commitment



Gen Sir Leonard Atkinson presents the Turners Shield to 133 Corps Tps Wksp REME B team

## AT WORK

Alan Blofield REME who was assisted by ASMs John Crabb and Dodge Eady.

The exercise continued through Saturday night with the able assistance of the District Specialist Training team and 221 Fd Ambulance, who had set NBC and very realistic battle casualty scenes respectively.

The School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at Bordon laid on several difficult recovery situations and ASM

Cronie of SEME had cannily chosen 6ft of the filthiest water seen on Bordon Heath for many a year for the commander task.

A march and shoot competition took place the following day and the exercise finished with an obstacle race in which teams were called upon to use tools made the previous day while covering a course as quickly as they could.

Gen Sir Leonard Atkinson, the Upper Warden of the Worshipful Company of

## Independent REME TA units show their skills

Turners, presented the Turners Shield to 133 Corps Tps Wksp REME B team, the overall winners.

WO Tony Finch, captain of the victorious team from Maidstone said afterwards: "I reckon this is the best Exercise Southern Craftsmen I've been on in the past ten years but surely the organisers must be running out of ideas."

Not so, plans are already afoot for next year.

envisioned three main elements – an increased permanent staff (ex-Regulars charged with training and organization), volunteers and the National Service input expected in 1950.

Camps were set up on a limited scale in parallel with the recruiting drive and all units were scheduled to attend annual camps in 1948.

*The relationship between employer, volunteer and the TA was just as much an issue 40 years ago as it is today.*

Mr Bellenger was asked in the House if the Government would compel employers to give TA volunteers eight days for camp in addition to their annual holiday entitlement. No such powers existed.

Conditions of service were clearly defined. TA recruits with no previous Army experience had to do 40 training periods of at least one hour each. Officers and trained men had to do only 30.

Every volunteer had to put in at least eight days' annual camp, 15 days if possible.

If they put in more than 48 hours' service they received Army rates of pay; from two to 48 hours they were given a scale of training expenses.

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Joint pay for a husband and wife team. Sgt H Bastard, RA and Sgt Bastard, ATS, of 562 Searchlight Regt, sign on for their cash at Mitcham Drill Hall, Streatham, in the summer of 1947

in post war Britain.

Provision was made for men who had served in a particular corps to join a different arm in the TA if they wished.

Only the Airborne Division insisted on ex-paras or those with previous experience.

The plan for the revitalised TA of 1947



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# Brave new militia

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Officers got 1s 6d an hour (a daily maximum of nine shillings); sergeants and above 1s 3d (7s 6d); corporals a shilling (six shillings); and others nine pence (4s 6d).

In full training, the volunteer could earn a bounty of £8 made up of £5 for completion of compulsory training, £2 for 40 voluntary periods and £1 for passing skills tests or satisfying his CO he had reached the required standard.

Commissions were given to officers holding, or having held, RARO, TA, TARO or emergency commissions or for having served on the active list since 1939.

Commissions were open to ex-Regular soldiers but candidates were required to attend a special OCTU course.

The initial engagement was four years.

VOLUNTEERS training for home defence date from the Napoleonic Wars.

In 1859, the renewed fear of invasion brought about the formation of volunteer rifle corps and the National Rifle Association was founded in the same year.

An Act of 1863 defined the conditions of service of the new force and authorised a capitation grant of 30 shillings to each efficient recruit.

Battalions of infantry were raised in the towns and counties and each was attached to the regiment of the line which had a connection with the locality.

The TA – then known as the Territorial Force – was organised in 1908 under the reforms announced by Lord Richard Haldane, Secretary of War, in the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act. Fourteen divisions and some cavalry brigades were raised on a county basis. Enlistment was for four years.

In 1914 no fewer than 11,900 officers and 302,000 other ranks volunteered to fight in the First World War.

This response enabled entire war units to be raised and brigaded in the 15 territorial and yeomanry divisions which took part in the four-year conflict.

But the Territorial Force did not gain full recognition until April 1916 and was disbanded in November 1919. It was reformed in 1920 and the organisation was promoted from third line to second line of defence status.

The 1920 establishment provided for 14 infantry divisions, two cavalry brigades – parts of them mechanised – troops, coastal defence and an anti-aircraft component.

A reorganisation in 1935 saw two divisions disbanded and merged into five anti-aircraft divisions. The field force now comprised nine infantry, one armoured and three mechanised divisions.

By 1938 numbers in the TA had risen to 204,000, this figure doubling by the time war broke out.

Following the reorganization in 1947 a massive recruiting campaign was mounted to attract 100,000 volunteers. At that time in

## Volunteers raised to take on Napoleon

1948 the TA numbered about 50,000, while the Regular Army stood at about 400,000.

In 1965 the TA boasted ten divisions – two of them earmarked for Nato – and defence cost curbs and changes in policy led to it being retitled two years later as the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve (TandAVR). Its current title was restored in 1979.

Today, the 72,200-strong TA – 65,900 men and 6,300 women – is regarded as an integral part of the British Army's structure – the "One Army" concept.

It comprises 35 infantry battalions of 21,500 men, five Royal Armoured Corps regiments (two armoured recce and three light recce), five Royal Artillery regiments (two field and three air defence), seven Royal Engineer regiments, two SAS regiments, The Honourable Artillery Company and more than 250 minor units nationwide.

The annual training requirement is now a minimum of 44 days of which 15 are spent at camp. The TA soldier is paid Regular Army rates and gets a bounty.

About 82 per cent of all TA units are independent – raised by their own resources in their own drill halls – while others are sponsored, dependent on their own corps or regiment.

Expansion plans will bring TA manpower up to 86,000 by 1990 – 41 battalions of infantry – with the introduction of several more specialised units including six new infantry battalions, three new light recce regiments, a helicopter squadron (666 is already up-and-running); four new airfield damage repair (ADR) squadrons and a new EOD squadron.

By 1990 the TA will field 60 per cent of BAOR/Nato reinforcement units and 51 per cent of UK home defence infantry companies.

# ARMY CHEF OF THE YEAR CONTEST



All the winners of the Army Cookery Competition... big pots for the top cooks. LCpl Rowena Grieve is seated third from left next to Chef of the Year Cpl Michael Gregory

## Rowena's taste

## of success

A 21-year-old WRAC who failed O-Level cookery at school has taken third place in the Army Chef of the Year contest, writes John Margetts.

Two years ago LCpl Rowena Grieve collected the title of Young Chef of the Year, now she is in the top league and beat seven others to third place.

The only WRAC chef taking part, she represented the Guards' Depot at Pirbright, but since qualifying for the contest she has been posted and now cooks for mums-in-waiting at Aldershot's Cambridge Military Hospital.

Married to Pte Kevin Grieve of the RCT Corps of Drums at Beller Barracks, Aldershot,

Rowena said she was delighted and thrilled to have participated and still more to have got a place in the top three.

New owner of the title Army Chef of the Year is Cpl Michael Gregory, who used to cook for General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Representative Colonel Commandant of the ACC and who presented the prizes at the Corps Training Centre, Aldershot.

Michael's offerings of a meal

for four for a total of £12 - mousse, chicken and a soufflé, prepared and cooked within a three-hour time limit - was enough to put him ahead of Cpl Peter Johnston who cooks for the GOC Northern Ireland.

Said Sir Geoffrey: "Wherever I go in the Army the message I get is constant; how well the Army is looked after by its ACC and WRAC cooks."

He added he knew this to be true as he and champion chef

Cpl Gregory were similarly shaped!

In the potato competition it was the aptly-named LCpl Dean Salt of 12 AD Regt, BAOR, who put sodium chloride on the tails of rivals to whip up an attractive and tasty dish with spuds. Runner-up was Pte Carl Spencer, 26 Fd Regt, RA and third LCpl David Knight of CAD, Kineton.

In the unit contest nine

**But general's chef takes the five-star honours**

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# Depot Para win unit competition

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teams of three battled for 36 hours for the honour of being top.

In between preparing and cooking they had moments of soldiering in NBC kit, moving into defensive positions and giving first aid to wounded men. Mid-cooking moves, too, were liable at anytime but the dishes were still tasty.

Winners of this section were Depot Para, Aldershot, with Sgt Philip Howard and Cpl Brian Chriss as the production team with LCpl Neil Spinks, Para Regt, as their driver and "bottle washer."

Second were Depot Queen's Division, Bassingbourne (Cpl Mark Humphreys, Pte Nick Perry and LCpl Paul Walden); and third, 26 Eng Regt (Cpl Brown, Cpl Addison and Spr Ditz).

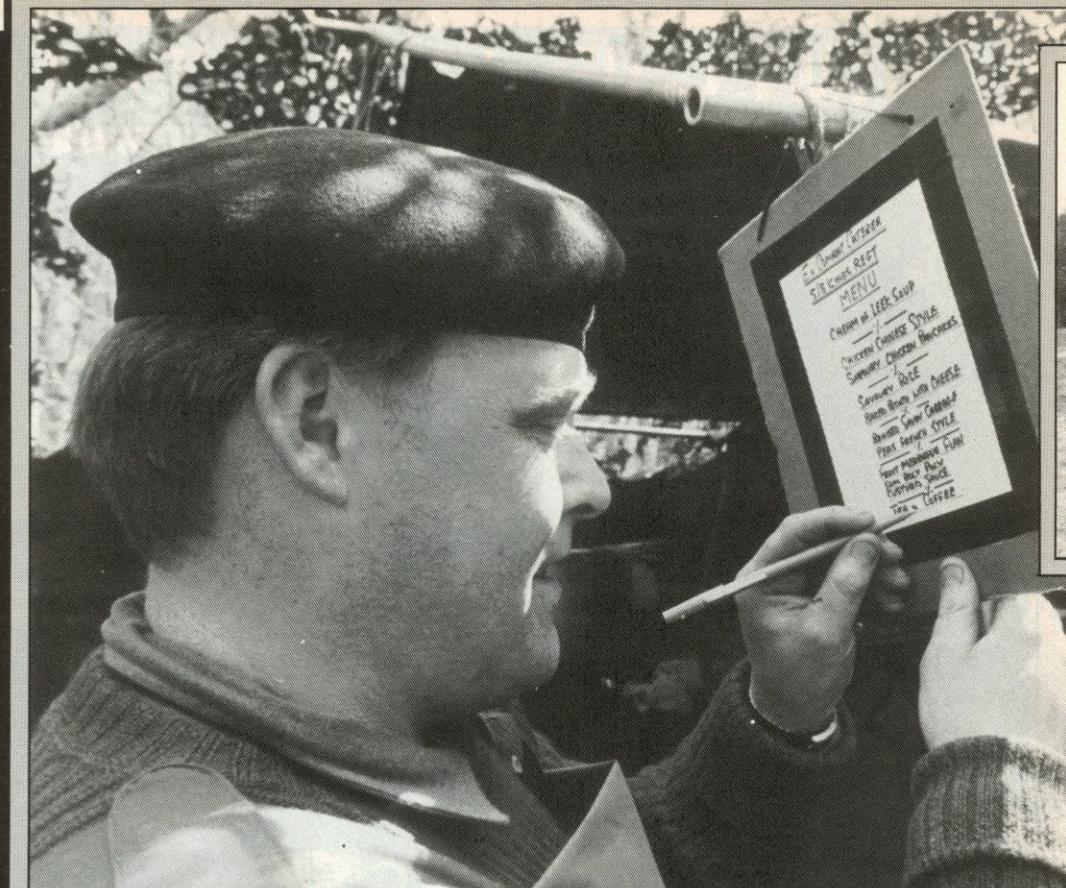
For the 1 DERR team, based at Aldergrove, Northern Ireland, it was a first-time effort in the contest and while Sgt John Inglis, Cpl Neil Kelk and Cpl Paul Driscoll produced some superb food, they were pipped for a place.

As a unit the DERR are among the pioneers of the Army's healthier eating campaign, but this time their cooks could not practise their normal routine as they were using compo packs which are stuffed with calories - more than 3,000 per man. Fine for a good feed, but . . .

In the Cook and Serve section Cpl Trevor Day of HQ 23 Gp RPC and waitress Miss Nicola-Jane Curtis did enough to convince the judges they were tops when it came to cooking and serving a three-course meal for two in 70 minutes.

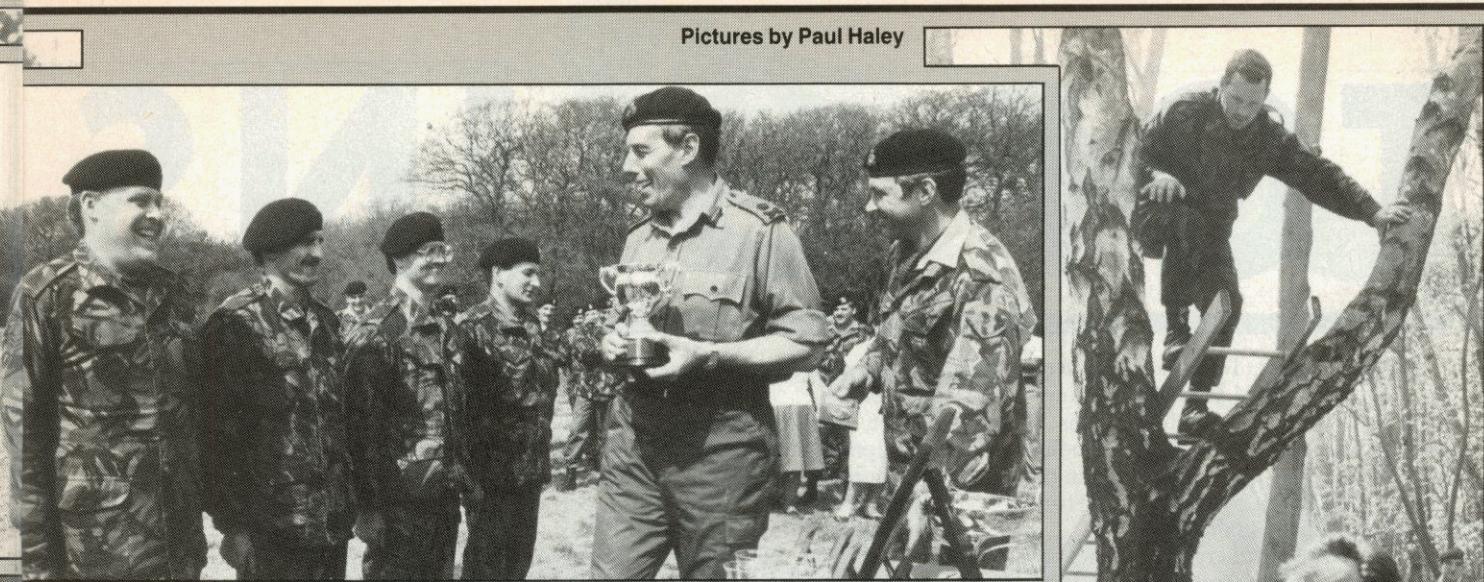
All nine teams served the same menu: Florida cocktail, chicken Maryland, chateau potatoes, French beans with tomatoes, jam omelettes, coffee and wine. Runners-up were A/Sgt Lowther of 1 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt, and waitress Miss Peterson. Third were Cpl Page and Cpl Melia KOBR.

Other winners were: Hospital team competition: 1, LCpl Philip Older ACC and LCpl Kim Blower WRAC; 2, LCpl Michael Bristo and Pte Elaine Mason WRAC. Young Chef of the Year: 1, Pte John Preston; 2, WPte Deborah Crowley; 3, Pte George Sommerville.



Above - SSgt Alan McCurry puts the finishing touches to the winning 5/8 Kings menu

Left - Runners up from South East District are (left to right) Cpl John Hammond, Pte Mark Docherty, Sgt Paul Wood and Sgt Shane Williams of the 5th (Volunteer) Bn, The Queen's Regiment



Lt Gen David Ramsbotham presents trophies to, from left to right, SSgt Alan McCurry, Sgt Ron Davies, Cpl Keith James and CSgt Stan Castell

## Cheshire champions

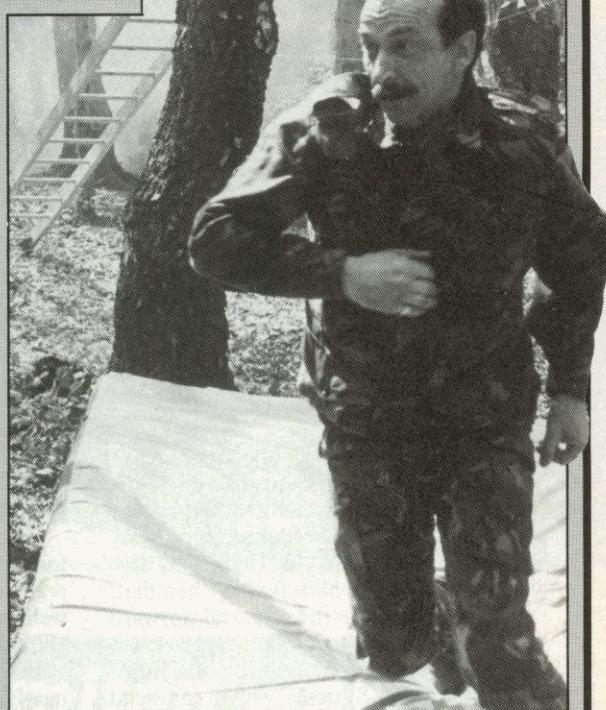
CIVVY chef manager Alan McCurry set a hot pace when he and three colleagues from the 5th/8th (Volunteer) Bn, The King's Regiment won the UKLF final of the TA field cookery competition for the third successive year.

SSgt McCurry, civvy chiropodist Sgt Ron Davies, baker Cpl Keith James, and CSgt Stan Castell, a lorry driver, whipped up an appetising spread of leek soup, chicken Chinese style with savoury chicken pancakes, rice, baked potato, cabbage and peas, followed by fruit meringue flan, jam roly poly and coffee to beat nine other units.

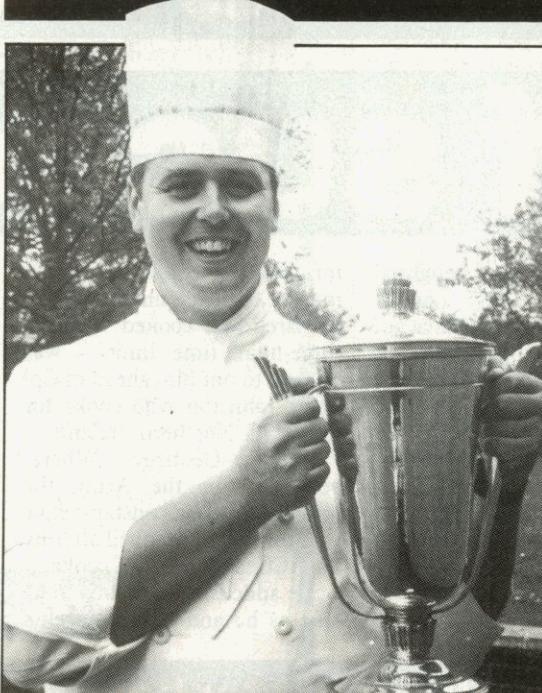
And just to add a dash of spice to the proceedings - and to make it a bit more difficult - the TA chefs on Exercise Combat Caterer had to do all their cooking under field conditions in the Aldershot area, complete first aid, physical fitness and map reading tasks and fire weapons on a range.

SSgt McCurry's team, all from the Warrington area of Cheshire, had to prepare their three course meal for 20 men using two ten-man compo ration packs.

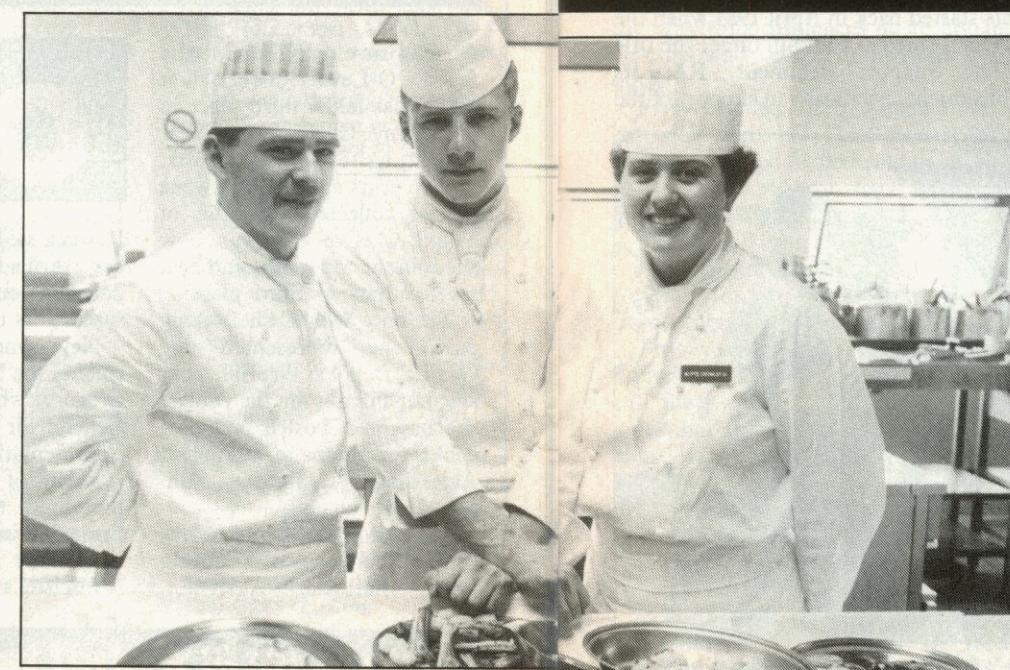
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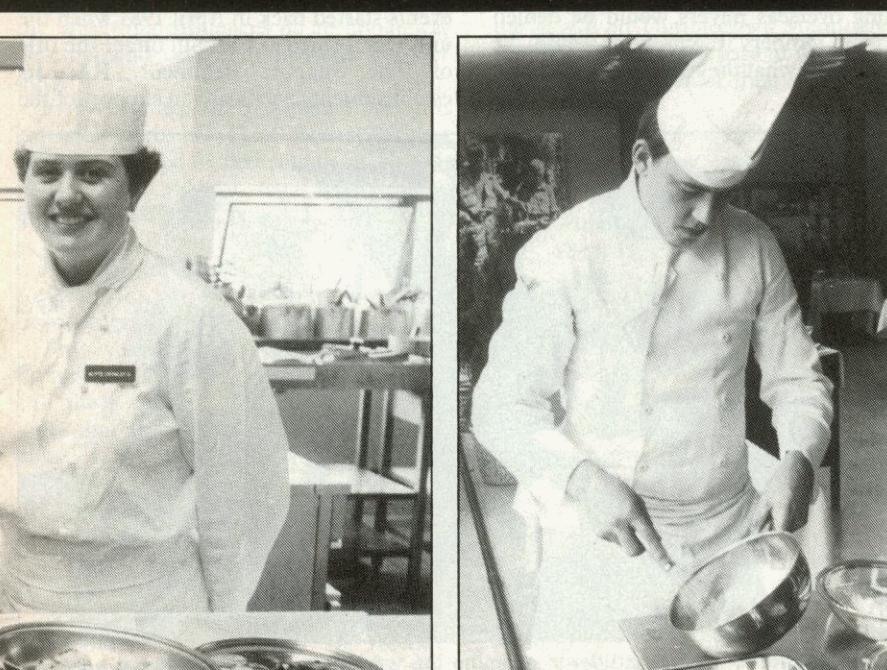
It wasn't all cooking! TA chefs on the assault course during Exercise Combat Caterer



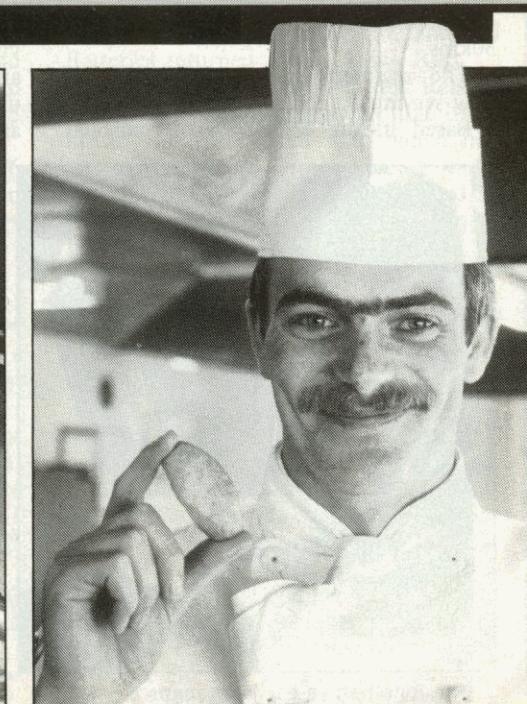
Chef of the Year Cpl Michael Gregory . . . no wonder he's smiling



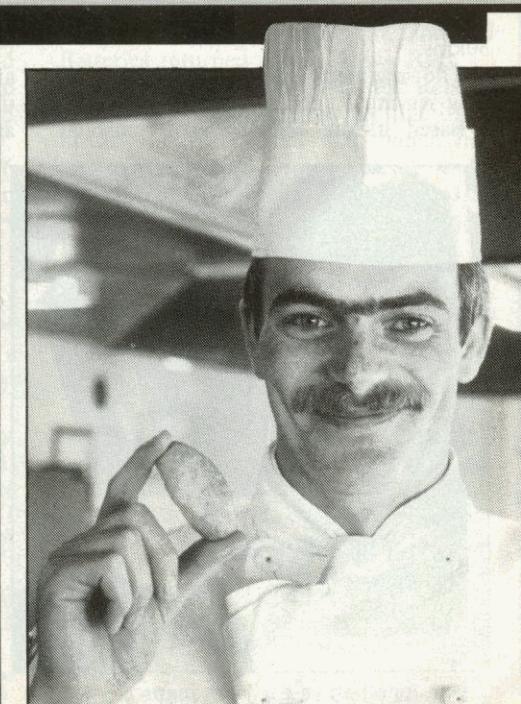
Ptes George Sommerville, John Preston and WPte Deborah Crowley



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Cpl Trevor Day won the Cook and Serve with waitress Nicola-Jane Curtis



LCpl Dean Salt. Aptly-named winner of the potato competition

# TOP GUNS

WITHOUT doubt 14 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, based at Larkhill features the Army's top guns, both in terms of sheer numbers – 45 of them including three MLRS units under trial – and in the 40,000 rounds fired per year. That's enough to fight a limited war.

The average artillery regiment, by contrast, manages to loose off about 3,000 rounds a year.

Steeped in history, 14 Field Regt, RA, has two firing batteries – 76 (Maude's) Fd Bty and 34 (Seringapatam) Fd Bty – which play a vigorously busy role in any calendar.

It is a regiment with a fully booked support role which, at the same time, has a built-in reinforcement role as part of the 15,000-strong United Kingdom Mobile Force (UKMF) with its North Germany and Danish commitment.

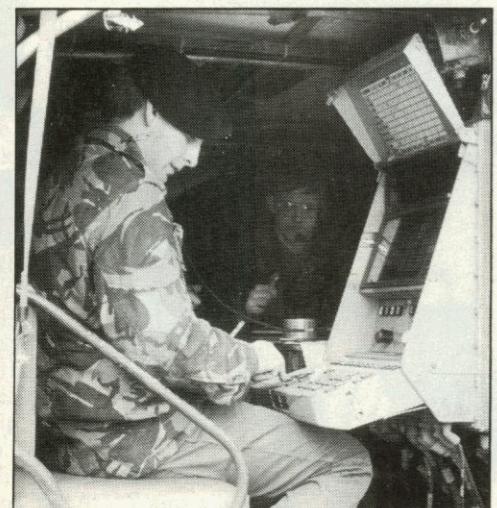
Consequently, 14 Fd Regt itself must rely heavily on its own support, which is provided by 1st Battery, RA, incorporating three troops – MT, Range and AD Support.

Field artillery on the regiment's inventory dates back more than 32 years. Three decades are accounted for by the Abbot which was introduced into Army service with 3 RHA in 1965, and five venerable 5.5s date back further than that.

In keeping with the 80s and forward battlefield technology, the regiment is currently evaluating a trio of Multi-Launch Rocket Systems which can send 2½ tons of high-powered devastation hurtling into one square kilometre of enemy territory in just ten seconds, or a dozen rockets with 8,000 bomblets over 30kms.

The regiment also has a couple of long-serving Lance systems.

Based in the heartlands of Salisbury



Gnr Jonathan ve der Veen mans a vehicle-sited command post

Plain Training Area, 14 Regiment has two primary roles.

The first, its firing element, is to supply guns, equipment and fire support for the Royal School of Artillery on a sort of rent-a-gun basis, as well as giving support to three neighbouring formations, Warminster's School of Infantry, Middle Wallop's Army Air Corps Centre and Netheravon's Support Weapons Wing.

The regiment's second role is mainly an administrative one on behalf of its peer, the RSA.

As for the pair of firing element batteries, 34 (Seringapatam) Fd Bty, RA, is 123-strong in military personnel and its hard-hitting hardware includes half a dozen L 119-barrelled 105mm light guns and eight veteran tracked Abbots of the same calibre.

Fellow unit, 76 (Maude's) Fd Bty, is 127-strong and its artillery inventory includes six L 118-barrelled light guns, another seven L 119s, three FH-70s, one each of Abbot, M 107 and M 110A/2, a pair of M 109A2/3s and the quintet of 5.5s. Added to this are the pair of Lance systems.

Battery commanders (BCs) and their forward observation officers (FOOs) regularly attend major all-arms exercises as well as supplying on demand the FDC (Fire Direction Centre) aspect.

In five years the regiment has fired nearly a quarter of a million shells into impact areas in pyrotechnic pursuance of its charter.

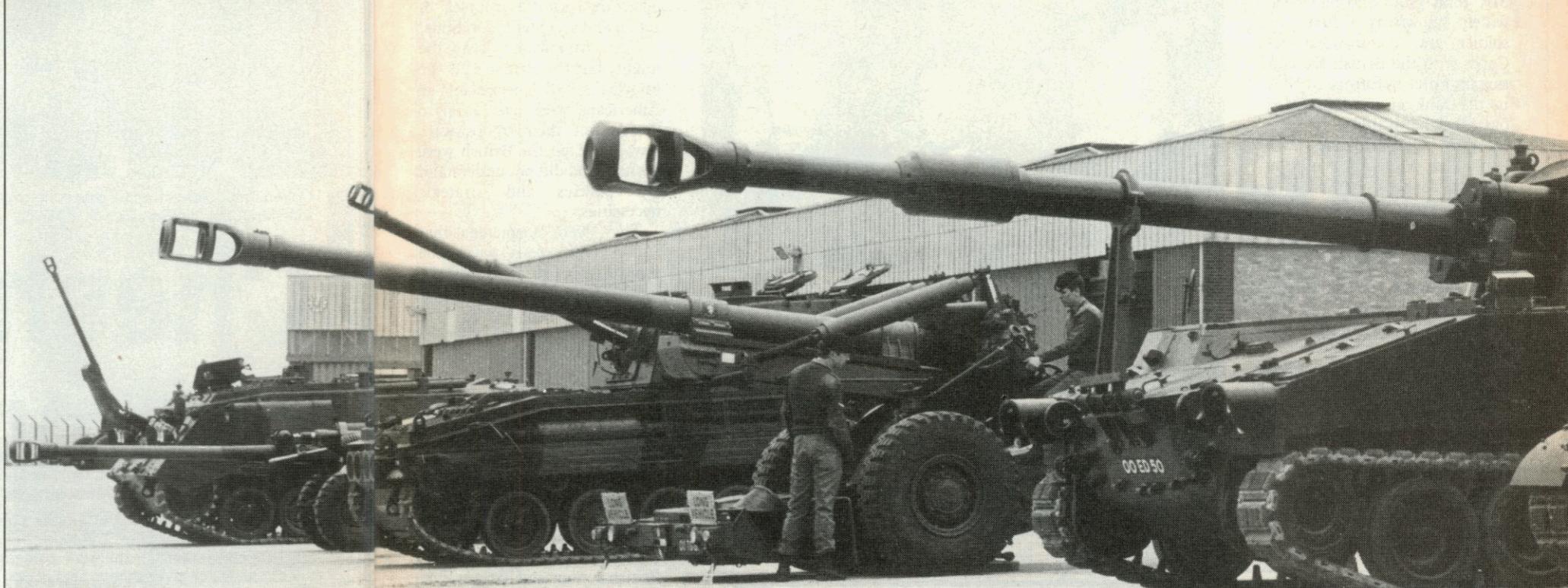
Without its expertise, no firepower demos would take place, sales initiatives to visiting overseas buyers would be denied and the gunners themselves would be unable to do what they love best – fire field artillery.

The new-look regiment and its train of events started back in April 1981 when the unit was formed at Larkhill under the title of The Support Regiment, RA. Its establishment specifically in support of the



Uniformed university students examine the workings of the old 105mm pack howitzer in the Field Regiment's gun park

Barrels galore in the regiment's gun park. Artillery pieces and men belong to (Maude's) Fd Bty, RA



## 14 Fd Regt

## – enough shells for a limited war

Royal School of Artillery dispensed with the unsettling influences on technological developments caused by two-year tours of duty.

Five years ago the regiment's two gun batteries were 132 (The Bengal Rocket Troop) – it fired 84,000 rounds in its own right during a 3½ year stay – and 176 (Abu Klea) Field Batteries, RA.

Both joined from 39 Heavy Regt to form the backbone of the new regiment. Additionally, an HQ Battery was raised from other RA regiments.

Two years ago another battery, 1st Battery, joined Support Regiment and is still there.

At that time the regiment boasted 45 guns, 13 Rapier, 200 vehicles, 1,030 military personnel and 266 civilians, becoming one of the biggest units in the British Army.

During the Falklands conflict the regiment was placed on immediate standby. In the event, one party of battery commanders and a party of forward observation officers from 132 Fd Bty sailed with 5 Infantry Brigade.

Members of the regiment took part in the assault on Tumbledown Mountain and Mount William and guarded Goose Green and Darwin following their capture by 3 Para.

In January 1984, both 132 and 176 Batteries were given a mobilisation role in

**Story: Graham Smith  
Pictures: Terry Champion**

support of 1st Infantry Brigade UKMF, a role which still applies to their successors, 76 and 34.

It was felt, however, and had been for some time, that Support Regiment, RA, should be given a number to bring it into line with other RA units. The numbers 1 to 13 had already been allocated to RHA regiments.

The regiment was given its identity number on October 25, 1984, when it became 14 Field Regt, RA.

Support Regiment had been the descendant of 14 Light Regiment and, before that, 28 Field Regiment. In August

1985 and 1986 respectively, 132 and 176 Batteries returned to 39 Heavy Regt.

But the following for 14 Field Regt of today is still a big one, largely due to its history and that of 28 Regt which had served in the First World War, in India from 1926 to 1940, and in the Sudan, Eritrea and Abyssinia, followed by Egypt, Cyprus and then North Africa.

India, Burma, Korea, Hong Kong, the Aden Protectorate, Malaysia and the Oman are names indelibly inscribed on the regimental memories of the well-supported Old Comrades Association.

On November 14 another annual reunion is planned for them with a full programme at Larkhill.

Co-ordinator for the weekend is Capt Larry Smith, of 5 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Fd Bty, 94 Locating Regt, RA, at Larkhill.

Meanwhile, the gunners of 14 Field Regt will have sent thousands more shells into impact areas in the cause of battlefield expertise for the gunners of tomorrow. MLRS is for them, in historical terms, just round the next tactical corner.

# John Dill: the man behind the biggest liaison job of the war

SIR John Dill, who had been widely known as a first-class soldier and commanded 1st Corps with the British Expeditionary Force in Europe in 1939 in the rank of general, faded out of sight in 1941.

After Dunkirk he was appointed Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and a month later, in May 1940, became CIGS. For a year and a half he played a leading part in the conduct of the war and then, suddenly, his retirement was announced and he was designated to be Governor of Bombay.

Like a sop for someone no longer required.

He was promoted field marshal on Christmas Day 1941, his 60th birthday, and then went to Washington on what was expected to be a temporary posting as head of the British Joint Staff Mission and senior British member of



Field Marshal Dill (right) with Winston Churchill and General Alexander in Cairo

the Combined Chiefs of Staff, an Anglo-American formation designed to co-ordinate the military efforts of Britain and the United States and to ensure the smooth working of the Alliance.

So John Dill disappeared from public view but was destined to play an extremely important role in what must be considered the biggest liaison

job of the Second World War.

He never took up the Bombay appointment but stayed on in Washington, where he formed a close association with the US General George C Marshall. They met informally daily and discussed war situations and international problems, the attitudes their countries' military personnel and politicians were likely to

take, the possible courses of action and acceptable solutions.

The Americans had the might, but the British had the knowledge and experience. The Americans were over keen to invade but their troops were raw. They felt the British were hesitant and did not understand US policies and strategic necessities.

They were suspicious that American interests would be subordinated to those of the British Commonwealth.

In a note to Wavell, Dill explained the "serious inferiority complex" of the Americans with regard to the British which "paradoxically . . . leads to much bally-hoo about any American achievement which produces a spurious superiority complex."

Dill, with skill and candour, eased the way for Churchill to talk understandably to the US President, and interpreted British actions and ideas so that Roosevelt could produce the right phrases and the whole-hearted co-operation so necessary between allies.

Dill did an immense amount of work behind the scenes through personal contacts while still controlling the "Washington Whitehall" staff, which by 1942 had expanded to more than 9,000. He attended all the principal conferences with the war leaders and had a hand in the moulding of all the invasion plans, including some which never took place.

And yet, he was never really fit, having suffered from aplastic anaemia for years.

He died on November 4, 1944 and was buried with full military honours in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Above - Bernard Martin (standing) and friend pose for a picture taken behind the Ypres Salient some time in 1916

Left - Survivors of Bernard Martin's battalion, happy to be out of the line, September 1917

## When patriotism was all used up

OVER the past few years it has become a fashion among publishers to bring out 1914-18 war autobiographies. On occasions there have been several on the shelves. Yet, back they would come, as strong in numbers even if some have perhaps lacked literary quality.

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*Poor Bloody Infantry* has been published a year after the death of its author, Bernard Martin. It is always tragic when this happens and particularly so in this case when the work had such a long gestation period.

The story is about a middle-class 17-year-old who was impatient to get into uniform to fight the foe at a

time when the trench life expectancy of an infantry subaltern was three weeks.

Bernard Martin survived 15 months before being severely wounded in the face on the first day of the Battle of Passchendaele.

With experience and maturity came disenchantment. From the enthusiastic newly commissioned young officer, off to war equipped with valise, Burberry and Dunhill pipes, there emerged a man who had to write:

"We who volunteered to fight for King and Country were patriots, bursting with sentiment, but three years of war had dried up patriotism. There were no more Englishmen willing to fight. Men were conscripts now, dragged by Law from their homes."

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The horror of trench warfare and the periodic lemming-like pushes "over the top" naturally caused among those involved a desire for "Pip Ack Ack Pip" (an abbreviation for Peace-at-any-Price) as the author calls it.

This is an atmospheric and evocative work, sprinkled with humour that can bring a smile to even a hardened book reviewer, but the underlying message is one of futility and tragic waste of young lives in this conflict that prompted the assessment "Only the sentimentalists, blinded by glory-war, think of war without dead bodies."

God knows, there were enough corpses. — BJ

*Poor Bloody Infantry: A Subaltern on the Western Front 1916-17* by Bernard Martin, published by John Murray. Price £11.95.

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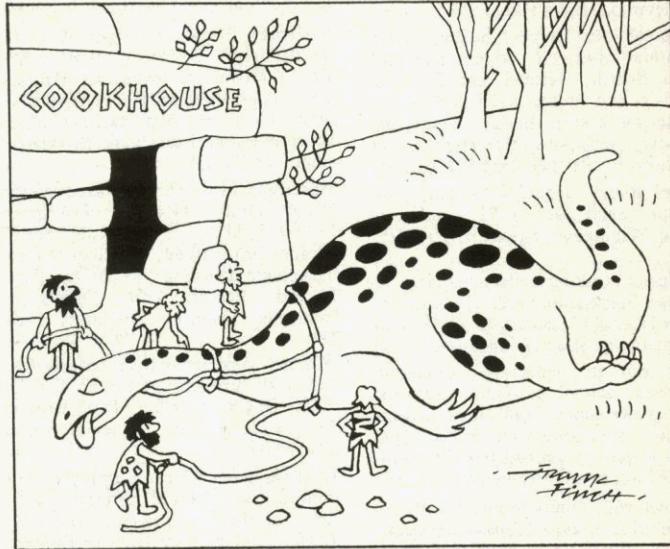
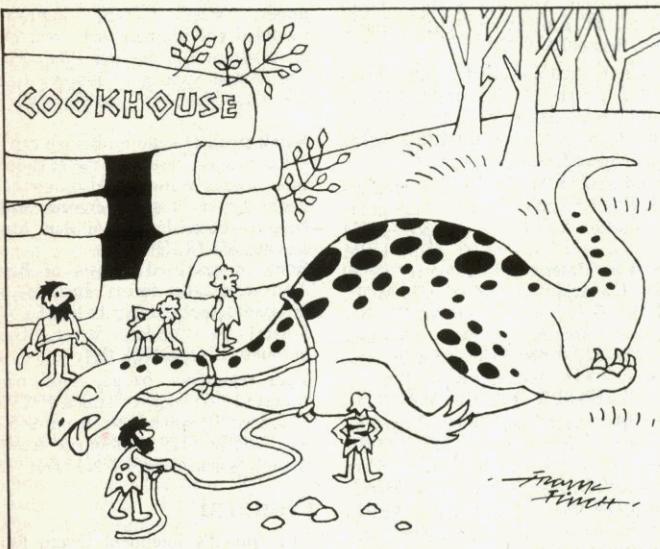
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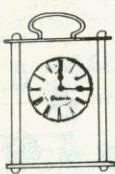
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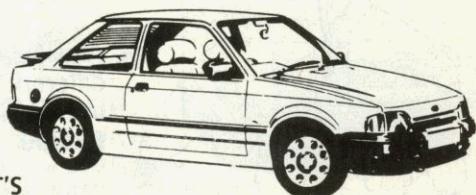
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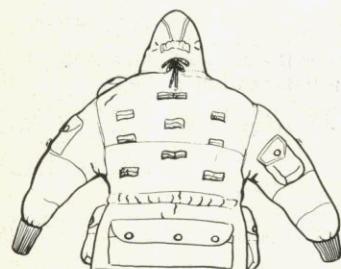
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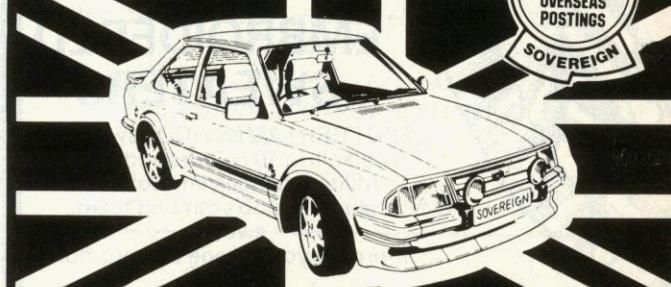
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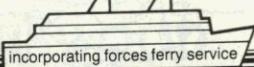
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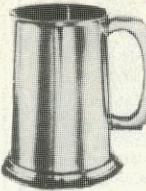
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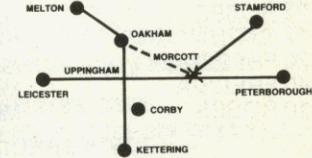
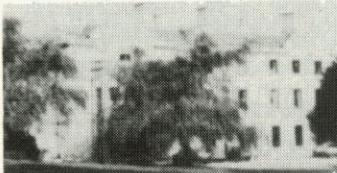
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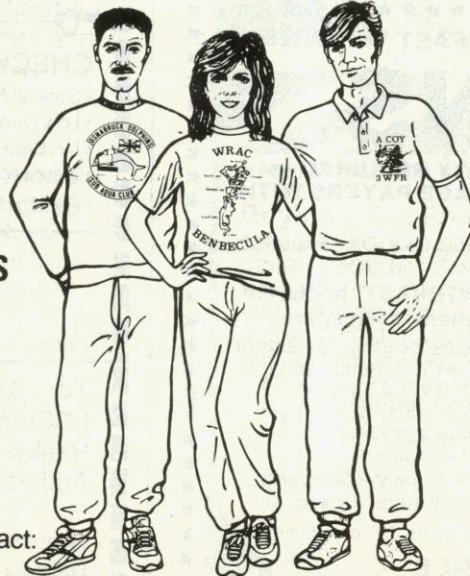
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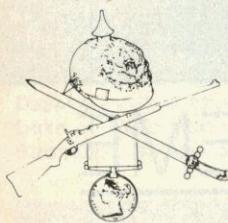
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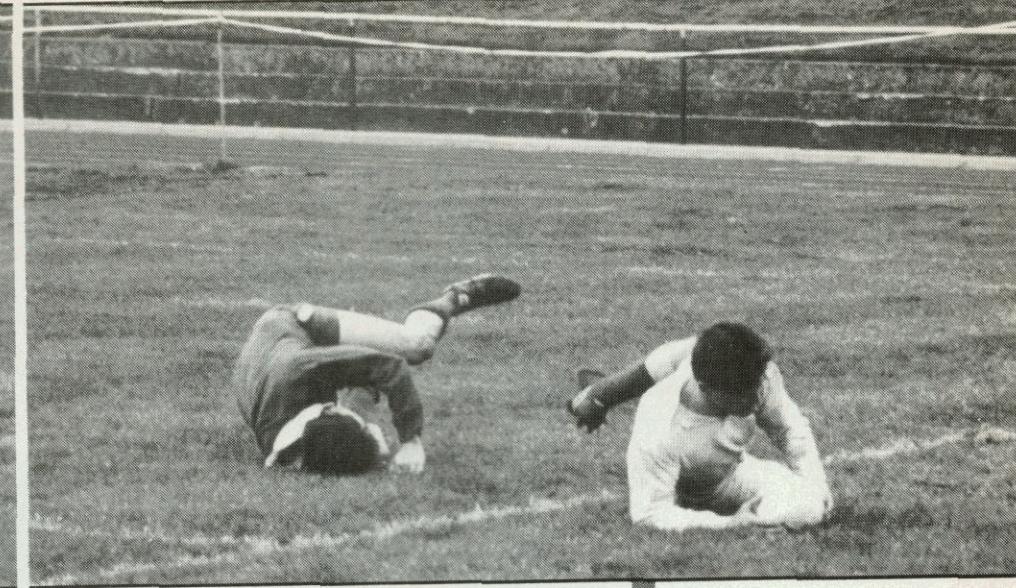
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## Cherry to lead all-woman crew

SKIPPED by Capt Cherry Lewis-Taylor, WRAC, a tri-Service crew of 12 women is to take part in Australian Adventure '88, a major Joint Services sail training expedition to mark the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia.

Volunteers flocked to answer the appeal in *SOLDIER* for an all-female crew to sail one of legs around the south coast of Australia.

The Army is providing more than a third of the 300 personnel needed to crew the two sail training craft which together will make the marathon voyage from the UK to Australia and back via a host of exotic locations.

Skippers on the first leg from Gosport to Gibraltar in July will be Sgt Alan Morgan, R Sigs, and Chief Petty Officer Bishop, RN.

The arrival of Adventure and Sabre, both Nicholson 55s, off Australia in December is tailored to coincide with the start of the country's bicentenary celebrations.

The two Service yachts will join a spectacular fleet of Tall Ships in Fremantle and sail with them around the southern coast to Sydney.

**EARLY WARNING:** The Army and Inter-Services marathon is to be held in conjunction with the Swinderby marathon at RAF Swinderby between Lincoln and Newark on Friday, October 2.

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IF SEME Bordon are to win this year's Jubilee Cup they are going to have to be more consistent than they have been in recent weeks, writes Pat Massey.

Following their dramatic defeat by 28 Sig Regt in the replay of the Army Challenge Cup, SEME started brilliantly against RAF football champions Kinloss in their Naafi Jubilee Cup opener.

But having controlled the game for the first half hour in which Stephen scored a fine goal, they drifted into a state of disarray and were lucky to escape with a 2-2 draw.

Under the "highest number of goals aggregate" rule of this competition, the result was a bad one for Kinloss. Beaten 1-0

## BAOR punish TA

### BAOR 2, TA 0

THE Territorial Army was unable to field its strongest side against BAOR at Aldershot but might well have taken an early lead when Duffus forced Hunt into a fingertip save in the sixth minute, writes Pat Massey.

Henningham wasted a good chance for BAOR who eventually opened the scoring in first half injury time when Williams hammered home a cross from Roach.

Roach headed off the line as the TA counter attacked, and it was BAOR who went further ahead thanks to a fine effort by

## SEME flatter to deceive

by Commando Training Centre Royal Marines - the Royal Navy champions and holders of the Jubilee Cup - in the opening game of the competition, Kinloss cannot now win the trophy.

That will now be decided between Jubilee Cup "veterans" SEME and the Lympstone-based Marines.

## SIGNALLERS' SIXES

WINNERS of the BAOR Rothmans six-a-side football trophy were 28 (B) Sig Regt. They took the title for the second time at Rheindahlen. The 16 finalists won through from 120 original entries.

Despite a valiant effort from a Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment defender, Ian Shaw of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment slides in for one of his four tries in the final of the Army's Strongbow sevens at Aldershot

## Wellington wonders!

THE traditional end-of-season Army Strongbow sevens brought to an end the 1986-87 rugby season and saw an all-infantry final in which the Duke of Wellington's Regiment overcame, with some ease, the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, writes John Quin.

It had been a fascinating day as always, more the pity then that only a handful of spectators saw the tournament.

9 Para Sqn RE did well to get to the main competition, only to be eliminated in the first game after a "sudden death" decider with 1 DERR.

Depot Kings had also done well only to fall to the same side in the semi-finals. 21 Engineer Regiment, from BAOR, had a cracking game against 1 DWR in the semi-final which many people, including those representing the national rugby press, judged to be the best game of the tournament.

Well done the DWR, another deserved trophy for the cabinet!

In the plate tournament, the Devon and Dorsets met the gunners of 22 AD Regt in the final, with the former running out the winners. 1 and 3 Trg Regts RE lost to the Army Minor Units Cup, SEME Bordon the Army Youth Cup and PMC Arborfield the Army Junior Cup.

## Basketball trophy for sappers

39 Engineer Regiment won the UKLF basketball championships for the fourth successive year to qualify for the Army final, which was played in Krefeld, West Germany, against 16 Signal Regiment.

Sgt Mick Phillips and LCpl Paul White were the main scorers for the sappers and WO2 Tim Brown and Sgt Fred Tedly for the Signals. 16 Signal Regiment led at half time 26-24.

The sappers gradually started to pull away and held out to win 63-60 and retain the Army championship. LCpl White of the sappers, received the Warrier Trophy as the most valuable player.

## Rangers sweep board

5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers swept the board at the Northern Ireland 1987 skill at arms meeting at Ballykinler.

Apart from being the top Territorial Army unit they were placed first in the following TA events: ETR match team; moving target match team; converted gallery match team; unit rifle championship; SMG match team; and section match.

Champion at arms was Rgr Edgar.

## An historic confrontation!

SAPPER John McLean, the 20-year-old Army and Combined Services flyweight champion, was on the receiving end of a significant piece of amateur boxing history when he lost to John Lyon of St Helens in the George Wimpey ABA national finals at Wembley Arena.

For Lyon's victory gave him his sixth ABA title, a record he now shares with one Joseph Steers who won his titles

in the 1890s. It also confirms the little Lancashireman's world class status.

Beaten in the 1980 final at Wembley, Lyon went on to win four times at light-flyweight before successfully going up a division last year.

But Lyon's historic victory was far from one sided. Indeed, McLean counter punched so effectively during the second round that the champion needed to call on all his experience,

strength and superb fitness to dominate the final round and deservedly earn a unanimous points decision.

McLean was well in contention after the first three minutes and for much of the middle round boxed so well that a major upset looked on the cards. Back came the indomitable Lyon with his familiar clusters of stinging punches and history was in the making.

## Dulmen runners out in front

FWD Ord Depot Dulmen, renowned for their achievements in cross country running during the late seventies, have once again emerged as one of the top running units of the British Army.

Their impressive array of victories throughout the 1986/87 season is one of the finest sporting achievements recorded by any Army unit.

Included in the long list of victories are three Army titles, two of which were convincingly won outright (major and minor units); a fourth title, the Army Cross Country Relays, was lost by the narrowest of margins (12 secs). In the Rear Combat Zone championships history was made when the Fwd Ord Depot Dulmen team took both first and second team positions.

The season was brought to a magnificent conclusion when, within an eight day period, the Army inter unit half marathon was won. Fwd Ord Depot Dulmen provided the majority of the RAOC team which won the inter corps cross country title for the first time, and also won the BAOR inter unit marathon championships.



On the historic racing car circuit are (from left) Capt Fred Boothby, Maj Peter Everingham and Maj Bob Birrell

## Army MGBs to take on best in Europe

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The team consists of Maj Bob Birrell RCT, based at Croydon, Maj Peter Everingham RCT, South Cerney, Capt Fred Boothby RMP, Chichester, and Maj Peter Campbell, 16/5 Lancers, based at Rheindahlen.

All have been keen enthusiasts for many years and have won dozens of trophies between them. They bought their current set of cars just last year as shells in ill repair and have revived them to their former 130 mph glory. The team has an old Triumph TR2 as well.

"It is terrific fun but pretty expensive," said Maj Everingham.

THE ARMY has dominated Inter-Services judo for as long as anybody can remember and once again they ran away with most of the honours in this year's championships at Aldershot.

In the open grade team contest the Army whitewashed the Royal Navy 7-0 and then went on to beat runners-up the

Royal Air Force by five bouts to two.

Only two teams entered the Kyu Grade competition and the Army eventually beat the RAF 4-2 with one contest drawn.

In the eight individual contests the Army took five titles but had to concede three to the Air Force.

Army winners were: under

71 kgs Cpl Bob Kubath (Depot Para); under 78 kgs Pte Alan Blaylock (RPC); under 86 kgs Sgt Laurie Gibbs (Para Regt); under 95 kgs Cpl Stuart Travis (RPC).

Travis, who has a long international career behind him, again took the over 71 kgs open title which he has held for a decade.

## Judo power play



Sapper John McLean flicks out a right into the head of John Lyon during their encounter in the ABA finals at Wembley Arena. Lyon was awarded a unanimous points decision over the Army champion and in doing so became the only man this century to win six national titles.

Picture: Paul Haley

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## WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

Débris from the Falklands war fills a quarry near Stanley airfield, the fruits of the Army's Operation Flogger to tidy up the islands. The scale of the enormous tip—of which this is only part—is given by the Land-Rover on the lip of the quarry. See if you can spot the remains of an aircraft.

Picture: Col. Sgt. Leo Callow