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FRONT COVER: Pte Brian Carmichael, 20, an Argyll from the island of Islay, was a casualty in the first phase of SIMEX 88. He is seen after his "resurrection" making his way back to Support Company. The GPMG and tripod on his back weighs 54lbs and he is carrying a second GPMG (24lb) in one hand. **SIMEX 88 – See Page 21.**

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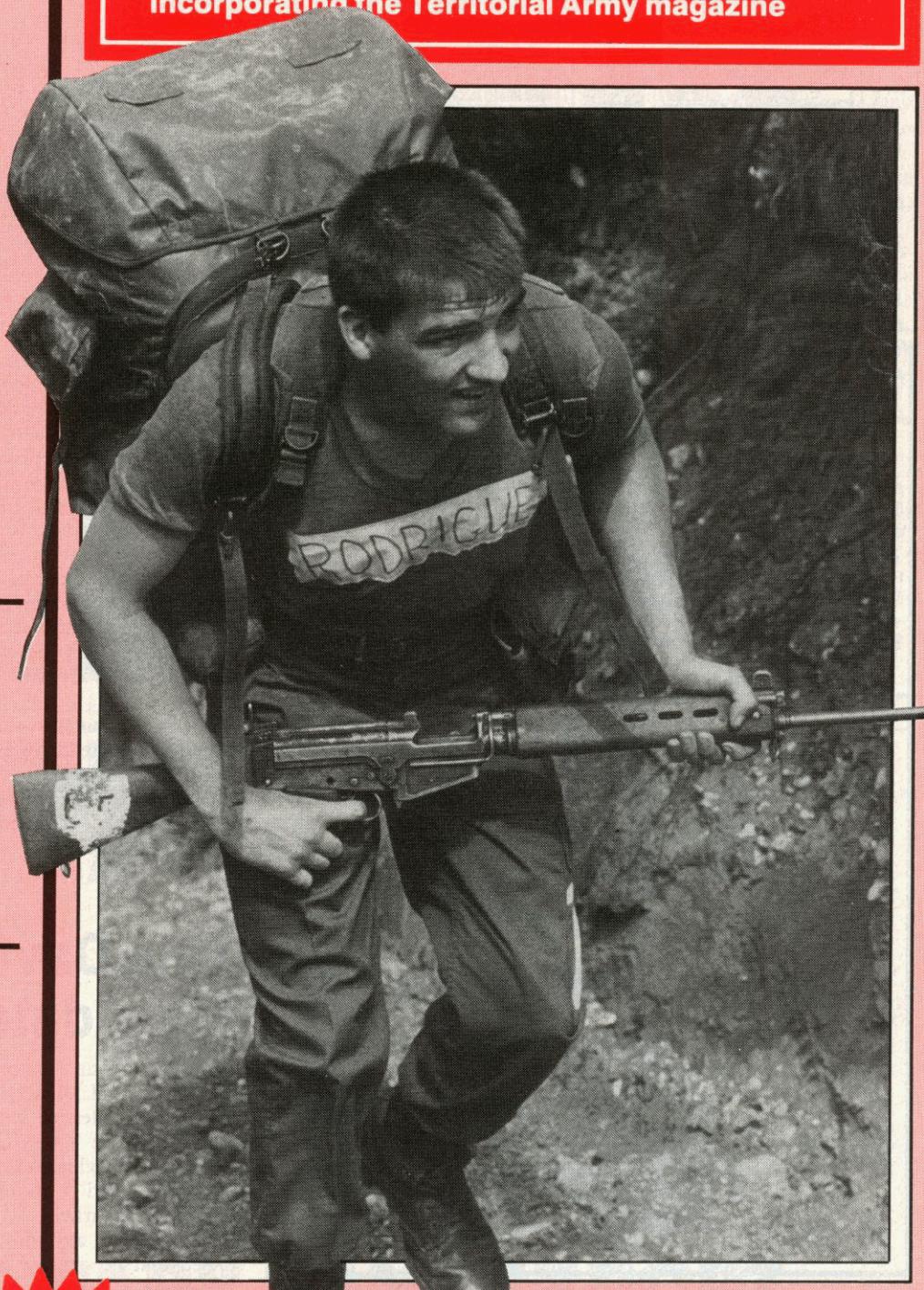
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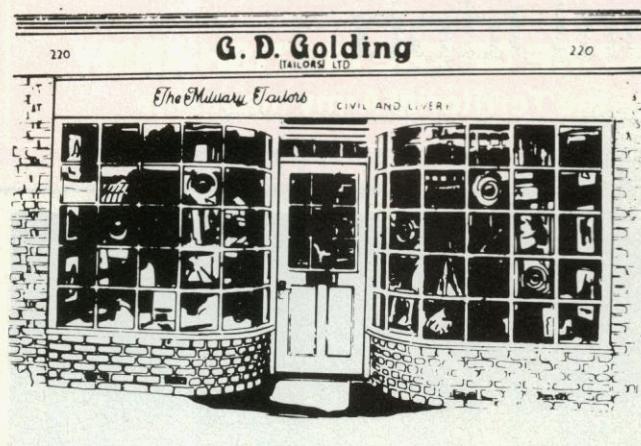
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ISSUE**

Pte Antonio Rodrigues RAMC finds out the hard way just how arduous P Coy can be. The All Arms Pre Parachute Selection Course is said to be one of the toughest. SOLDIER has been to The Parachute Regiment Depot at Aldershot to find out and a full report and pictures will appear in the next issue. • Plus a feature on the Gibraltar Regiment. Plus a report on the major Milan concentration at Otterburn, Northumberland. Plus the story from Everest.

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Wall of contention

Terendak lives on

Members of 1 R Anglian (The Vikings) serving with 5 R Anglian are slightly upset that the Green Howards should claim credit for the wall painting that appeared on the front cover of SOLDIER on June 13.

There was always in Northern Ireland an unwritten rule that the wall murals of previous units would be left unaltered for posterity. It is almost a tradition that units that followed would add to the "interior decoration" with original ideas.

According to an article in the Australian Army magazine the grounds of the camp are in the same perfect order they were in when occupied by Australian troops.

Apparently rumours that the camp had reverted to jungle are unfounded. — James Baker (ex Sgt REME), 13 The Croftlands, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 7NL.

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King David Hotel date

Reference your article on Palestine in SOLDIER (Feb 8), I served in Palestine with my regiment The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from 1946-1948, and I thoroughly enjoyed your article.

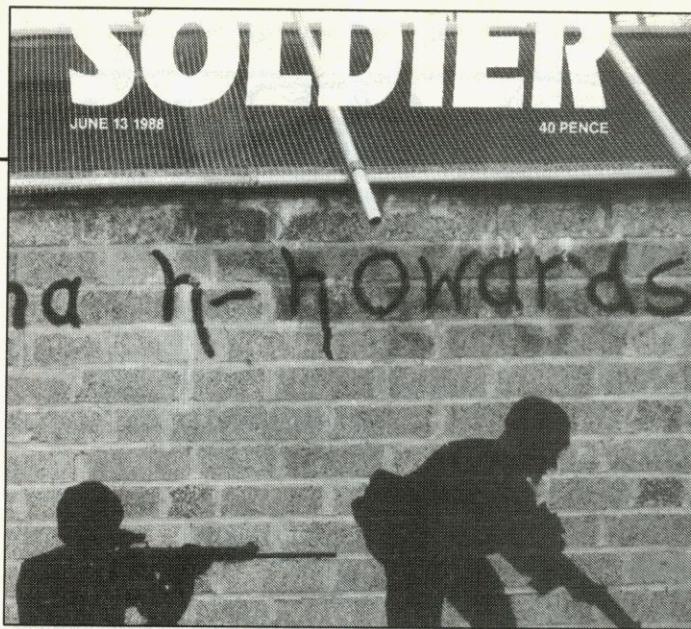
However, I am most surprised that no one has picked you up on one glaring mistake. You stated that the King David Hotel was blown up on July 22, 1947 when in fact it was blown up one year earlier, on July 22, 1946.

Your readers may be interested to learn of an excellent book about this outrage which I have just come across. It is called *By Blood and Fire*, by Thurston Clarke (Arrow Books Ltd, 1981). — Lt Col (Retd) A J Ward, 28 Agnes Wilson Road, Park Meadowlands, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Calling ...

● Former MQ and mess friends of **Mrs Nina Joyce** and her husband, **WO1 Ron Joyce RE**, stationed Moascar 1943-44, Haslar 1946-47, Egypt 1947-48, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore 1950-54. Replies to Ubique, 18 Green Meadows, Dymchurch, Kent TN29 0JS (tel Dymchurch 872644).

● Former sapper **Les A Sargent** of 582 (Kent) Field Coy RE whose old friend from Second World War days, Bertie Powell, wishes to contact him, through Mr J Wilkinson, branch secretary of the Royal Engineers Association, 182 Fulbourne Road, London E17 4EU.



COVER STORY: The wall as amended by the Green Howards



UNDERCOVER: The mural as it was in Viking days

Case for helmets

As an old soldier constantly seeing TV reports of skirmishes in Northern Ireland and other parts of the world involving British troops I never cease to be amazed that some sort of compulsory protective headgear is not worn on duty. It seems to be the norm to wear berets.

Tumbledown, the TV drama, emphasised a serious head wound sustained in the Falkland campaign and in answer to a critic an Army spokesman said that our troops didn't wear helmets in order to distinguish them from the enemy, who did! — J C McCarthy, 173 Leathers Lane, Liverpool L26 1XG.

HOAY'S THAT!

PRIZE exhibit of £50 in our cricket HOAY competition (No 439) goes to Mr Keith Leonard of the RAMC Museum, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot. Runners-up prizes of books are on their way to NL Dodd of Sidmouth Devon, and RW Buck of Newton Street, Leicester. There are more prizes to be won in this issue on Page 39.

A place for TA to show its skill

I was an observer at the Reserve Forces UK Military Skills Competition, Stanford Training Area in Norfolk. The event is open to all ranks and is held at a different location each year. It tests such skills as orienteering, range firing, first aid and vehicle recognition.

Having seen the enthusiastic way competitors tackled all the tasks I am amazed that more TA units did not enter. This event could prove a boon to the small company with limited time and training facilities as it encompasses some of the requirement for bounty, offers the opportunity to mix with and learn from other regiments/corps and, perhaps more important, makes work fun.

An RFA NCO committee meets four times a year to arrange competitions and vet applications for the European competitions they have access

to. I know they feel too little is known about the work of the RFA and I would urge any NCO to contact the chairman of the RFA NCO committee c/o RFAHQ, Centre Block, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London SW3 4SG.

As the R (Aux) AF took two of the three prizes I think it is high time the Army showed its mettle! — Sgt E A M Freeman, 207 (M) General Hospital, TA Centre, Kings Road, Manchester M16 7RS.

Reunion

• 82 Armd Engr Sqn OCA's 43rd annual reunion buffet will be held on October 29 in the Royal Green Jackets Sergeants' Mess, 56 Davies Street, London W1. Details from Alf Smith, 51 Foord Road, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent ME17 2QN (tel 0622 850615).

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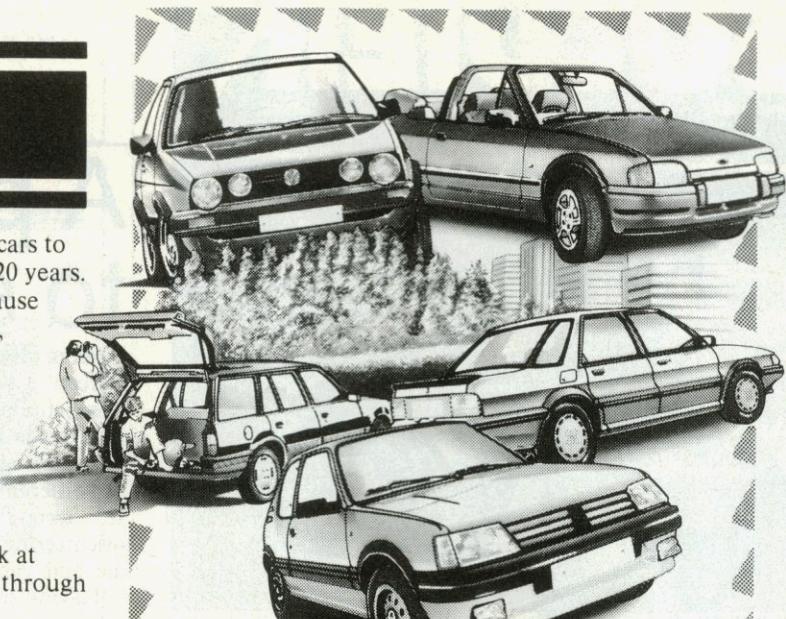
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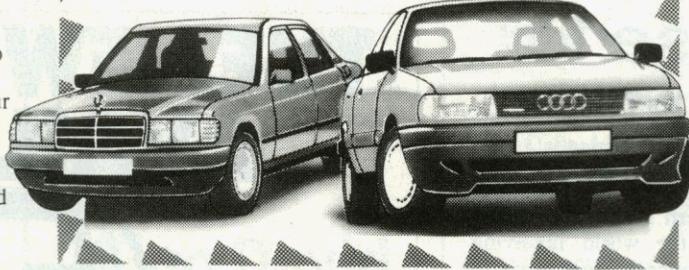
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Lisburn outrage 'callous'

THE IRA bomb attack which killed six soldiers in Lisburn and injured ten civilians has been condemned as "callous" by Brig Michael Constantine, Commander 8 Infantry Brigade in Londonderry.

He said it "was directed against people who had given up their free time to take part in a voluntary run for charity."

"The Army has always sought to make its own contribution to community events in Northern Ireland whenever possible. This bomb exploded at the end of a fun run and half marathon, which traditionally has been a happy and peaceful event, in which people of all age groups and from all sections of the community take part."

All the soldiers were off duty and had travelled from Londonderry to Lisburn.

The soldiers who died and had funerals with full military honours were Sgt Michael Winkler, 31; LCpl William Paterson, 22; Sig Mark Clavey, 24; and LCpl Graham Lambie, 22, all of the Royal Signals; LCpl Derek Green, 20, of the RAOC; and Cpl Ian Metcalfe, 36, Green Howards.

Big crowds at BAOR's top show

THE British Army of the Rhine's annual summer show, the Commander in Chief's main yearly Anglo-German event, attracted visitors from all over the country to Bad Lippspringe, near Paderborn. Though mainly a horse show, there was something for all the family, and the programme included the Royal Signals motor cycle display team and massed bands.



The Regimental Colour of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, is trooped at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, to celebrate (belatedly) the coming of age of the unit. The 4th was formed in April 1967 from men of three former Ulster based TA battalions, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the 6th Royal Ulster Rifles, and the 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers, plus the London Irish Rifles. The Colour bears 38 of the regiment's many Battle Honours

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SIMEX 80 has caused some deep thinking. Since the end of the exercise in which weapon and tactical effect simulators (lasers) were used extensively in a mainly infantry/armour battle on Salisbury Plain, observers from other arms have been putting forward suggestions to further improve realism in training.

Minefield and NBC simulation – even electronic warfare – are among subjects brought up.

Anyone – officer or soldier – who thinks he has a contribution to make should contact the SIMEX 88 Project Officer, Lt Col Robert Dean, 14/20 H, at HQ UKLF, Wilton. See report in Pages 21-23.

Highway to Nepal

THIRTEEN Servicemen and women from 15 Bn RAOC have completed an expedition to the Everest region of Nepal. They carried out a five-week high altitude trek in the Himalayas, culminating in a successful attempt to climb Island Peak (20,189ft).

Castle spectacular

The Duke of Kent's Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the Corps of Drums of 3 RRF Beat Retreat for the people of Richmond, Yorks, in the courtyard of Richmond Castle to mark Normandy Day.

Freedom conferred on WRAC

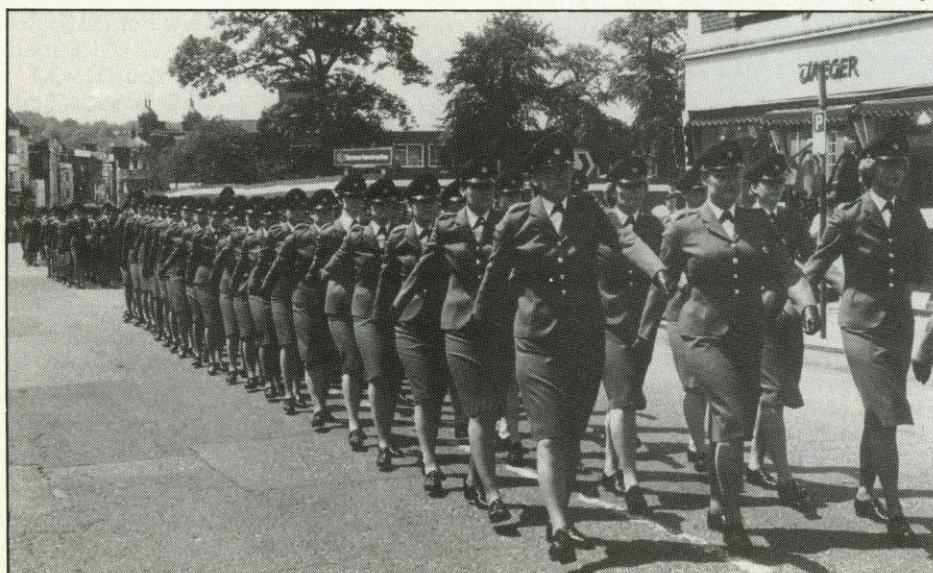
THE Women's Royal Army Corps, for the first time ever, received the Freedom of a town when Guildford conferred the honour on the corps.

During a special council meeting, the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Cobbett, presented a freedom scroll to Brig Shirley Nield, Director of the WRAC, after which the corps exercised its new right to march through Guildford with band playing.

For a town or city to confer its Freedom on an Army unit is a signal honour, and in Guildford's case reflects the close and amicable relations between the town and the corps since it established Queen Elizabeth Park as its home when it was formed in 1949.

15 Para drops in

MORE than 100 part-time soldiers of all ranks from the 15th (Scottish) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Volunteers) arrived by parachute from an RAF Hercules for their annual camp at Sennybridge Training Area, mid-Wales.



The WRAC makes its Freedom march through the streets of Guildford



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Ramillies welcomes the Queen

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The regiment was formed in 1971 by the amalgamation of the 3rd Carabiniers (Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards) and The Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons).

As part of their links with the past, two regimental greys are retained and, with trumpeters mounted, flank the Drumhorse (Ramillies stands 17.3 hands high – about 5ft 9in at the shoulder) on parade.

Ramillies is no stranger to the Queen – she presented him to the regiment last year.

Her visit formed part of the Waterloo (June 18, 1815) celebrations.

The day after the Queen's visit the Duke of Kent visited the regiment in which he served and took the salute at a tank parade which included a wartime Sherman and a Challenger, the latest main battle tank.

Blaze medic commended

A MEDIC has received the GOC Berlin's commendation for rescuing an elderly German woman from a blazing flat. LCpl Steven Courts (pictured) of the RAMC was serving in Berlin when he forced his way into a first floor apartment from which smoke was billowing. He found the woman on the floor and helped her to a window from which she was rescued.

LCpl Courts is serving with 16 Field Ambulance at Bulford Camp, Wilts. Col Martin White, Commander of the Logistic Support Group UKMF, presented the award.

Royal audience

TWO members of one of Europe's leading royal families seem to have become big fans of the Band of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers. The Scarlet Lancers were in Monte Carlo to perform at an international rugby sevens tournament, and also played for Monaco's Grimaldi family.

They performed a 30-minute marching display at the Palace of Monaco watched by both Prince Rainier and his heir Prince Albert. The band went on to play at a Royal gala dinner, attended by Prince Albert.



Picture: Mike Weston



A three-man team from 19 Infantry Brigade HQ and Signal Squadron based at Goojerat Barracks, Colchester beat 18 other Army teams in the UK Road Safety and Skilled Driving Competition at the Army School of Mechanical Transport, Leconfield, North Humberside.

Pictured above with their trophies are LCpl Adrian Mullen (standing) and left to right Sgt Chris Allen and LCpl Tom Collins. The 3 RRF A team were second and 4 R Irish (V) third (and also best TA team).

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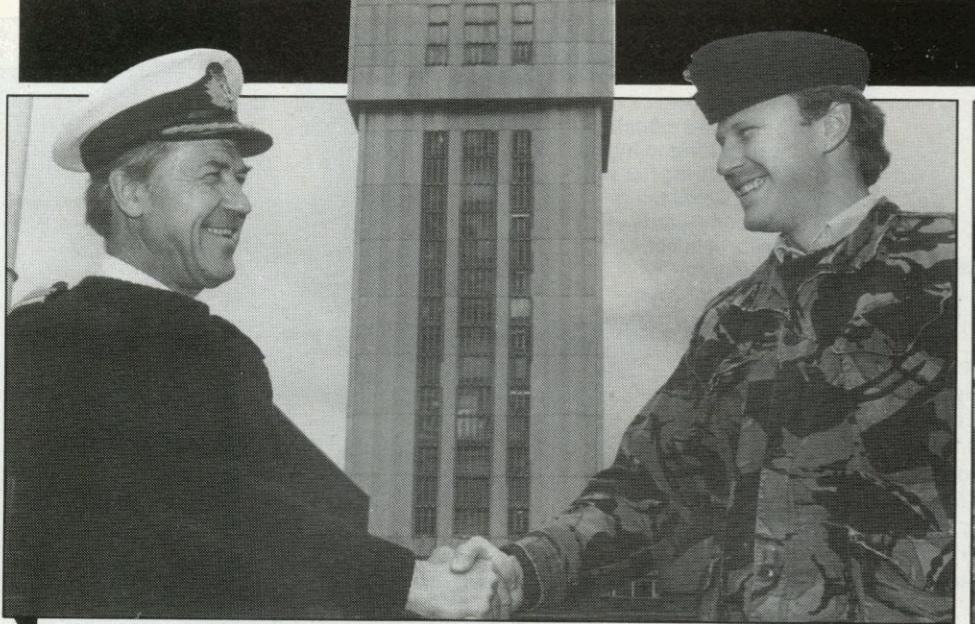
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Tanks for the visit, Dad!



HELLO SON: Cdr Robin Whiteside welcomes Capt Murray Whiteside to the "tank"

CAPT MURRAY WHITESIDE of 3 Bn The Royal Green Jackets took a close look at what Dad does at the office during a visit of 60 3 RGJ men to the Submarine Escape Training Tank at Gosport, Hants.

Murray's father, Cdr **ROBIN WHITESIDE**

RN, is the Submarine Flotilla Escape, Rescue and Diving Officer at the "tank" where he showed the Green Jackets how to escape from a depth of 100ft using trapped air in an upturned bucket!

The Colchester based Green Jackets



SURFACING: Green Jackets watch Cdr Whiteside bob up from 100ft

also visited HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and the Tudor warship Mary Rose in Portsmouth's Heritage Area, and renewed friendships with the crew of HMS Apollo. The soldiers had met sailors from the frigate while serving in the Falklands.

GENERAL JUMPS TO IT!



EXPLAINING the finer points of machine gun marksmanship to Mrs Estelle Sharp of Hucknall, Nottingham is Sgt Michael Bradley of D Coy (Robin Hood Foresters) 3 (V) Bn The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment. Michael was on duty at a stand representing the Territorial Army set up at a leisure exhibition in Nottingham. Obviously his instruction was convincing because Estelle has now joined the Nottingham based TA unit. Michael works for a national chain of chemists

Mr Hui bows out

HONG Kong's Provost Company has said farewell to Mr **Hui Shau-Tang**, who has retired as a civilian signwriter after more than 41 years with the military. In all that time he served only with Royal Military Police units. To mark his retirement, Mr Hui was presented with a Provost Marshal (Army) Testimonial by Lt Col **David Wonson**, CO Hong Kong Pro Coy.

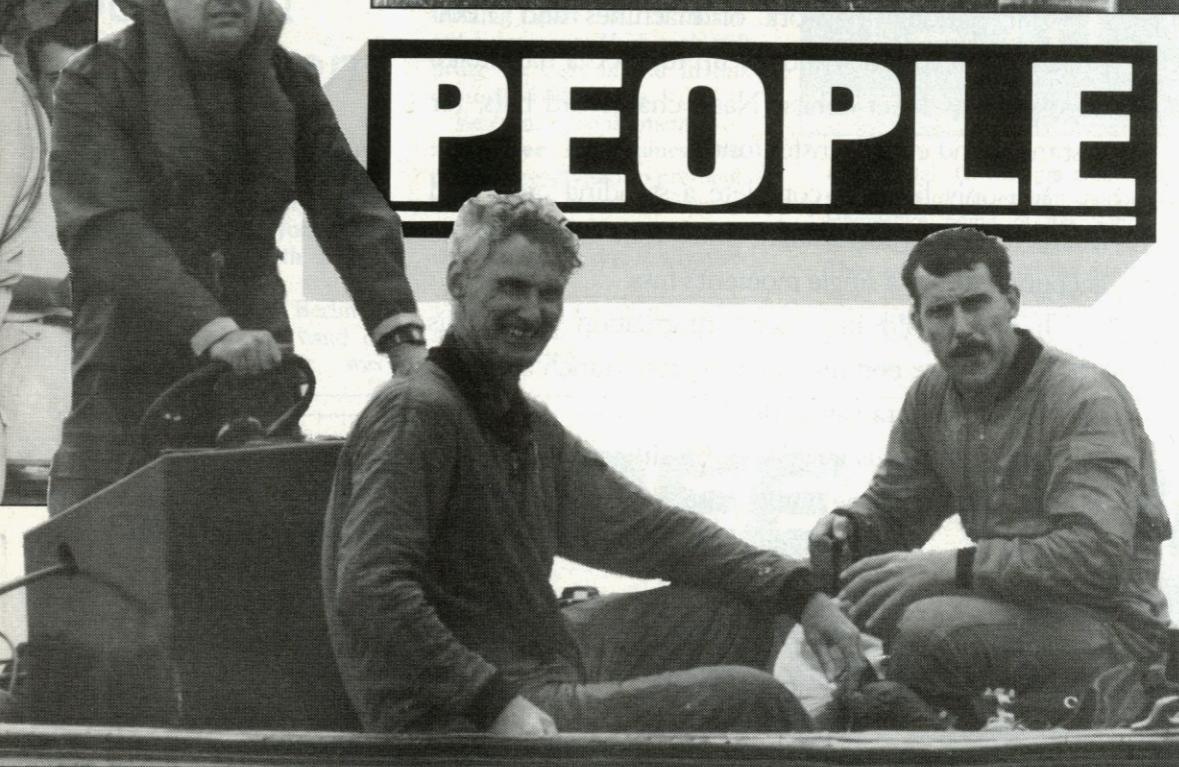
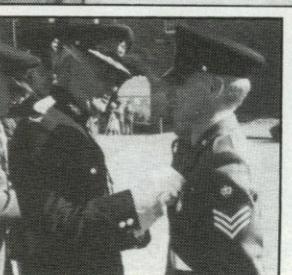


Misplaced Colonels

WE'VE got our Colonels in a muddle! Our picture of Maj Gen **David Miller**, retiring Colonel of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, awarding a medal to Col Sgt **Paul Danson** (SOLDIER June 27) was unfortunately transposed above a caption of Sgt **Bobby Jones**, 16/5 L, receiving his medal from Brig **John Pownall**, Colonel of the Regiment. Apologies to all concerned. The picture is of Gen Miller and Col Sgt Danson.

John's in a Werl as a Redcap

A NEW recruit to the Royal Military Police meets his Colonel Commandant. LCpl John Barnes, a voluntary transfer from the Army Air Corps, is pictured in conversation with Lt Gen Sir Peter Inge, Commander 1st British Corps, at a recruit passing out parade at the RMP Training Centre, Chichester, West Sussex. John's first posting is to 113 Pro Coy RMP, Werl, West Germany



RECOVERED: Gen Jeapes gets a lift home

A TRIFLE damp but otherwise unscathed, Maj Gen **Tony Jeapes**, GOC South West District, is returned to dry land after parachuting into Studland Bay, Dorset to mark his appointment as president of the Army Parachute Association. Gen Jeapes is an experi-

enced parachutist, but his co-jumper – Admiral Sir **Julian Oswald**, the Commander in Chief Fleet – was making only his second descent.

On hand to recover the general and the admiral were Poole based Royal Marines with their Rigid Raider craft.

Warm memories of Chile

JUST back from four months in Chile is WO2 **Bob Weatherley** of Larkhill based 14 Fd Regt RA. He picked up a backpack full of memories during a tour of duty as quartermaster at Operation Raleigh's headquarters in Puerto Montt. He was able to fit in trips to many parts of the country, including a four week horse trek to the south of Chile.

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Anyone for a Sundowner?

One of the most famous of the Dunkirk Little Ships, Cdr Charles Lightoller's motor yacht Sundowner, is all set to make a comeback.

Now part of the historic ship collection in the Maritime Museum complex at the Royal Harbour, Ramsgate in Kent, the Sundowner is being restored to full seaworthiness in time for the 50th anniversary of Dunkirk in 1990.

Now the Ramsgate based East Kent Maritime Trust, which has launched a £25,000 restoration appeal for the boat, is attempting to trace as many as possible of the 122 members of the British Expeditionary Force who were rescued from the pier alongside HMS Worcester by Sundowner at Dunkirk on June 1, 1940.

They should contact the trust at The Clock House, Pier Yard, Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 8LS (tel 0843 587765).

Beat but not beaten

Our front cover (June 27 issue) of The Green Howards' Russian drums reminded Edinburgh based Army public information officer John Ellis of an encounter with Soviet humour.

John was GSO 2 PR Berlin in June 1977 when the band of The Green Howards was

SOLDIER to Soldier

playing at the official reception for the Queen's Birthday at the BRIXMIS Mission House in Potsdam, East Germany.

International guests were admiring the magnificent display of the Russian silver drums draped with a bear skin, and a Russian speaking officer from BRIXMIS was explaining to a Soviet Army officer how the drums had been captured at the Battle of Alma.

The Russian nodded sagely and remarked: "You may have the drums, we have still got the hill."

All change in the IWM

First the bad news! The Imperial War Museum's galleries chronicling two world wars are to close on October 31.

Next the good news. When the IWM reopens on March 19 next year visitors will be treated to a range of new displays forming part of a major redevelopment. High tech will bring the story of war in this century vividly alive.

Reference departments remain open for business but readers are advised to pre-book their visits. Likewise, visitors with special interests in specific exhibits should ring in advance.

Views expressed in SOLDIER are not necessarily those of the Army or the Ministry of Defence.



The Grant tank used by Montgomery in the desert campaign has been restored and handed over to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford near Cambridge. Pictured with the tank is Monty's driver in the campaign, Sgt Maj James Fraser.

Nissen church to go



An unusual link with the past is to be broken with the impending demolition of the Roman Catholic Church in Bordon Garrison, the Hampshire home of the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. The church is in fact two Nissen huts joined together. They were erected on the site by Canadian sappers in 1919 and have been used for worship ever since.

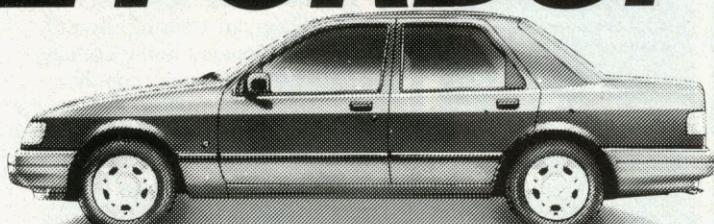
Officiating Chaplain to the Forces Father Michael Cronin said a new civilian church is to be built outside the Garrison area, where Catholic Servicemen and their families would be welcome to worship.

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From the Dust Bowl to Horse Guards, the Prince of Wales's Company, Welsh Guards, enjoys . . .

A LIFE OF VARIETY

A YEAR in the life of the Prince of Wales's Company, Welsh Guards, has taken them from the wide open spaces of the Canadian prairies to the spit and polish of public duties at Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards, writes Jennifer Griffiths.

Company commander Maj Tom Bonas says their activities mean that two main recruitment promises have been fulfilled - variety and travel.

In less than a fortnight they have been the target of public scrutiny four times. They were No 6 Guard, Trooping the Colour, for the Queen's Birthday Parade, and also mounted guards of honour for Mr Ronald Reagan, the American president; His Excellency Hdn Alhaji, Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the President of Tanzania; and Prince Abdullah Din Abdul Aziz, First Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia and Commander of the Saudi National Guard.

The Welsh Guards moved from Campbell Barracks, Hohne, West Germany, to Elizabeth Barracks at Pirbright, Surrey, in a straight swap with the 1st Bn Scots Guards, and have found a complete change of role from mechanised operations to a lot of foot-bashing. In fact, Soltau, their German training ground, became a second home because they spent so much time there.

A highlight for the company was joining 1 RTR on Medicine Man 3 in BATUS, near Calgary in Canada, flying via Iceland from Guttersloch. Medicine Man 3 was to bring lots of new experiences, some memorable, others - like the bubble-gum flavoured squash - best forgotten!

New friends were made - guardsmen were soon to be seen feeding gophers, the squirrel-like prairie rats that even managed to snuggle into sleeping bags. Dreams of cool beer loomed



Above - Part of the battle group on 432s in the Dust Bowl at Camp Crowfoot, BATUS. Pictured from the left are (front) Lsgt John Mahoney, Lsgt Anthony Smith and Gdsm Paul Godwin; back, Lsgt Martin Jones, Gdsm Stan Carroll, Gdsm Neil Jones, LCpl Mark Bierton, Gdsm Mark Wilson and Gdsm Kevin Cole

as the heat intensified, with the salty compo making people even thirstier. This tested the resupply chain, and the platoon sergeant's patience to the fullest.

The main exercise was interspersed with night marches, river-crossings, and ambushes which relieved the monotony of hours of travelling in the back of the dust-filled 432s they lived out of, and which became mobile ovens under the blazing sun.

The exercise was considered a great success, despite interruptions to put out the fires made inevitable by the parched conditions.

Back at Camp Crowfoot, the arduous job of cleaning and handing over started, with some crews working a 24-hour shift system to get their vehicles through. R and R started with enjoyable sorties to many places, including Banff, Calgary and Montana. Then it was

back to Germany for a spell before the Pirbright posting.

At Pirbright an efficient system had been set up to issue accommodation, kit and, most important, the home service clothing (scarlet tunic, bearskin and all), which, for some, was an exciting new experience. Spring drills saw the whole battalion on the square trying to shake BAOR and leave cobwebs out of the system.

After much rehearsal the company mounted the battalion's first Queen's Guard for four years. For weeks drill played a major part in everyone's life with Maj Gen Christopher Airey's inspection followed by a number of Guard Mounts from Horse Guards.

Maj Bonas explained: "It's strange to reflect that only a year ago we were charging across the Canadian prairie as part of a battle group of over 1,000 men and 200 vehicles, and we now find ourselves in a



Drill Sgt Rod Morgan, Welsh Guards, checks the dressing of the Prince of Wales's Company

totally different environment, but with the same feeling of excitement."

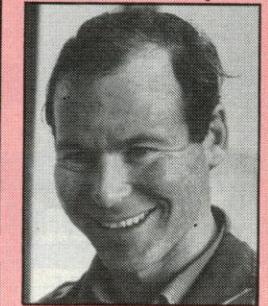
Next April the battalion is going to Belize for a six month, unaccompanied tour, and a further separation from families.

"Wives play a crucial role supporting their husbands, and are very much part of the strong, regimental spirit we enjoy. Our work in the last year illustrates the flexibility of the modern soldier, the variety of Army life and the travel. We have been very busy and never bored," said Maj Bonas.



Right - Lt Col Paul Belcher, CO, the 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, is pictured mounting the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, a far cry from the wide open spaces of the Canadian prairies

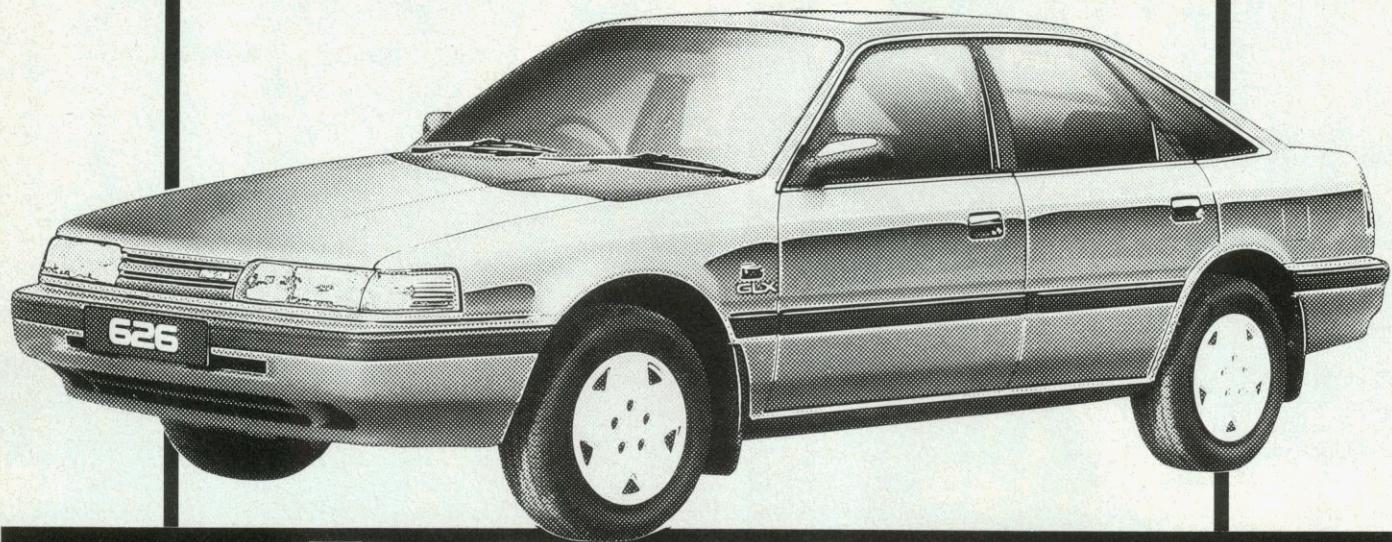
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Lost . . . and found

A side drum of the 1st Bn Suffolk Regiment abandoned in Belgium during the retreat to Dunkirk. With other instruments it was hidden in a factory by local people. In December 1944 a party of officers and drummers went back to search for them. They recovered them from the Belgians and celebrated by Beating Retreat in the Town Square



Story by Jennifer Griffiths
Pictures by Cpl Ricky Yung

Drums of destiny

A GRUESOME example of oriental inventiveness is a major talking point at the *Follow the Drum* special exhibition at the National Army Museum in Chelsea, London.

The exhibition traces the history of drums, drummers and drumming in the British Army, and complements the military drum theme of the 1988 Royal Tournament.

But it is Item 2, a Tibetan skull drum, circa 1903, that has become a conversational gambit. It is formed from the top of two human skulls, whose owners are believed to have been executed after being found in *flagrante delicto*. The drum was acquired by P V Luke, Indian Civil Service, on the Younghusband Expedition. It has been known for human skin to be used for drum heads.

Drummers, because of their turnout and bearing, distinctive uniform and musical skill, are held in high regard by other soldiers. But, there was once a more sinister reason why they should command the respect of their comrades. This was their role in punishing offenders.

A drumhead court martial could once have led to a soldier being drummed out to the music of the *Rogue's March*, or to a savage flogging with a cat-o'-nine-tails, a task performed by drummers noted for suppleness of wrist acquired during hours of drumming. On view is a cat-o'-nine-tails, circa 1850, used until flogging was abolished in 1881.

In command of the drummers was the drum major

A couple, believed to have been executed after they were caught in a compromising situation, have become a talking point at the exhibition. The top part of their crania form this Tibetan skull drum, displayed by Ian Hook co-organiser of the exhibition

wielding his staff of office. The exhibition includes the unique staff of the 1st Bengal European Light Infantry. It is made from a champagne bottle, the contents of which were reputedly drunk by officers who survived the Battle of Sobraon in the 1st Sikh War of 1846.

A French Dragoon kettle-drum, circa 1743, was captured by the 8th Regiment of Horse at the Battle of Dettingen, during the War of Austrian Succession, the last in which an English monarch, George II, led his troops. And a side drum, circa 1745, Guise's Regiment of Foot, lost at the Battle of Prestonpans, was recovered from a Highland crofter's hut in 1905.

A selection of humorous prints show the lighter side of a drummers' life, while a love letter captures the romantic thoughts of Capt Phillip Woodhouse, 15th Light

Dragoons, written on top of a drum at Waterloo on June 17, 1815. He signs off declaring "if a cannon ball hits me tomorrow, I believe I shall die thinking of you." He married a different lady in 1832!

Julian Saunders, a museum curator and co-organiser of the exhibition, said he was thrilled and awed by the quality of the exhibits on loan.

"Historical items belonging to the common soldier that survive today are rare and interesting because normally they were used to destruction.

"The exhibition shows many sides of a drummer's life through the ages, some colourful, some not so pleasant. It puts the lie to the popular misconception that drummers were simply musicians, when, historically, they have always been fighting men in the thick of battle. Drums have a long and ancient history of active military service."



Bottoms up for a vintage and a modern champagne bottle. This drum major's staff is made from a champagne bottle, reputedly drunk from by officers of the 1st Bengal European Regiment (Light Infantry) who survived the Battle of Sobraon. Comparing the old with the new is Julian Saunders, co-organiser of the exhibition



The DHSS and YOU FIRST THE BAD NEWS AND THEN...

THE Ministry of Defence has sent me the following answers to a number of questions raised by readers since recent changes in the system of Social Security.

"Can my son receive the new Income Support overseas?"

Like the Supplementary Benefit which it replaced, Income Support is not payable overseas.

You will know that our Minister Mr Roger Freeman, Armed Forces Minister, has been involved in discussions with the DHSS Ministers about the 'expensability' of benefits, but so far without any changes being agreed to.

I am afraid therefore that, as things stand, unemployed children of personnel in Germany will not be able to receive this benefit.

"I was receiving Family Income Supplement overseas and may fall into the bracket to claim the new Family Credit in future. Can I?"

Here the news is better. Like Family Income Supplement, which it replaced, personnel who qualify for the allowance under DHSS rules while in the UK may

continue to be paid it, through MoD arrangements, if posted overseas.

A Defence Council Instruction, Joint Service 55-57 1988, is now available.

"I have not seen any reference as to how to claim Housing Benefit. It looks as if my civilian friend who is the same as me but in a council house, can apply for benefit. Can I?"

On present advice, we believe that this will only be applicable to ex-Service personnel (or their families) who may still be in occupation of Service married quarters as 'irregular occupants'.

As with other claimants, their Housing Benefit will not now cover the first 20 per cent of the rates element in the rental.

Note: I received these replies from the Naval Branch of the MoD who are the Lead Division in these matters.

In the names of two heroes

THOUGH offered an "official" umbrella, Princess Margaret was happy to use a brolly of her own when she formally opened 14 cottages built by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at Barnsley, Yorks. Rain failed to spoil the occasion.

The cottages, specially fitted for disabled ex-Servicemen and women, were named the McKay VC Memorial Cottages after Sgt Ian McKay who won his decoration serving with the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment in the Falklands. Each cottage cost £42,000. Sgt McKay was brought up in South Yorkshire.

AT BLUFF COVE

ANOTHER of the Falklands fallen has been remembered by his old unit at Ripon, Yorks,

where 38 Engineer Regiment has taken over 45 new married quarters.

Mr David Tarbard, father of Spr Wayne Tarbard, who was killed aboard the RFA Sir Galahad when she was bombed at Bluff Cove, unveiled the signs of two new roads - Wayne Tarbard Close and Wayne Tarbard Avenue.

With him were Wayne's sisters Maxine and Kirsty.

Spr Tarbard was serving as a combat engineer with the Welsh Guards at the time of his death.

The picture (left) shows the then Mayor of Ripon, Coun Roland Simpson, who also attended the ceremony, with (left to right), Kirsty, David and Maxine Tarbard.

PASSPORTS - PLEASE CHECK

THE British Consulate-General in Dusseldorf has issued a timely reminder.

If you are living in the Federal Republic of Germany and have been granted a German Residence Permit, remember it is normally only valid as long as you hold a current passport.

Failing to hold a valid passport may cause you and the German authorities considerable inconvenience. In certain circumstances your status could lapse.



WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

Anne Armstrong

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It's hot-line stuff!

IN MY VIEW

With the assessment covering two years families face a critical decision when a posting comes up during the last few months of an overseas tour.

Does the husband ask for an extension of posting?

And will that solve the problem?

Where families have a number of children within a span of, say three or four years, a situation could arise where no sooner has one sat the GCSE exam than another is in the "assessment" bracket.

One alternative is to leave a child behind with another Service family on posting.

But to leave a child in the care of someone else for say six months poses problems over guar-

dianship, insurance and LOA.

Can the child have a free flight to where the parents are located? That's just one question that springs to mind.

One extreme example may be cited.

A Service family with

three children decided to opt for boarding schools after the first child had attended seven primary schools in six years.

Two are still at boarding school and the third was about to join them when the new rules were announced.

"We cannot wait for the small print to be written. We have to decide now. To board or not to board our three is the question.

"If we choose accompanied service we need to

SHIRLEY'S HOBBY HORSE BLANKET

SHIRLEY Price's hobby is not only taking up all her free time, it is also threatening to take over her quarter!

The world record for a blanket crocheted in one piece, is currently 43ft by 41ft and Shirley is determined to break it.

She has been crocheting away since Christmas, backed up by husband Keith and the ladies of the Wives Club at 54 Engineer Support and Ambul-

ance Squadron RCT at Lubbecke, Germany, who have been raising sponsorship money and collecting wool.

When the blanket is 50ft by 50ft it will be presented to Help the Aged who will have it machined and split into blankets for Kassala old people's home in the Sudan, a picture of which is shown below.



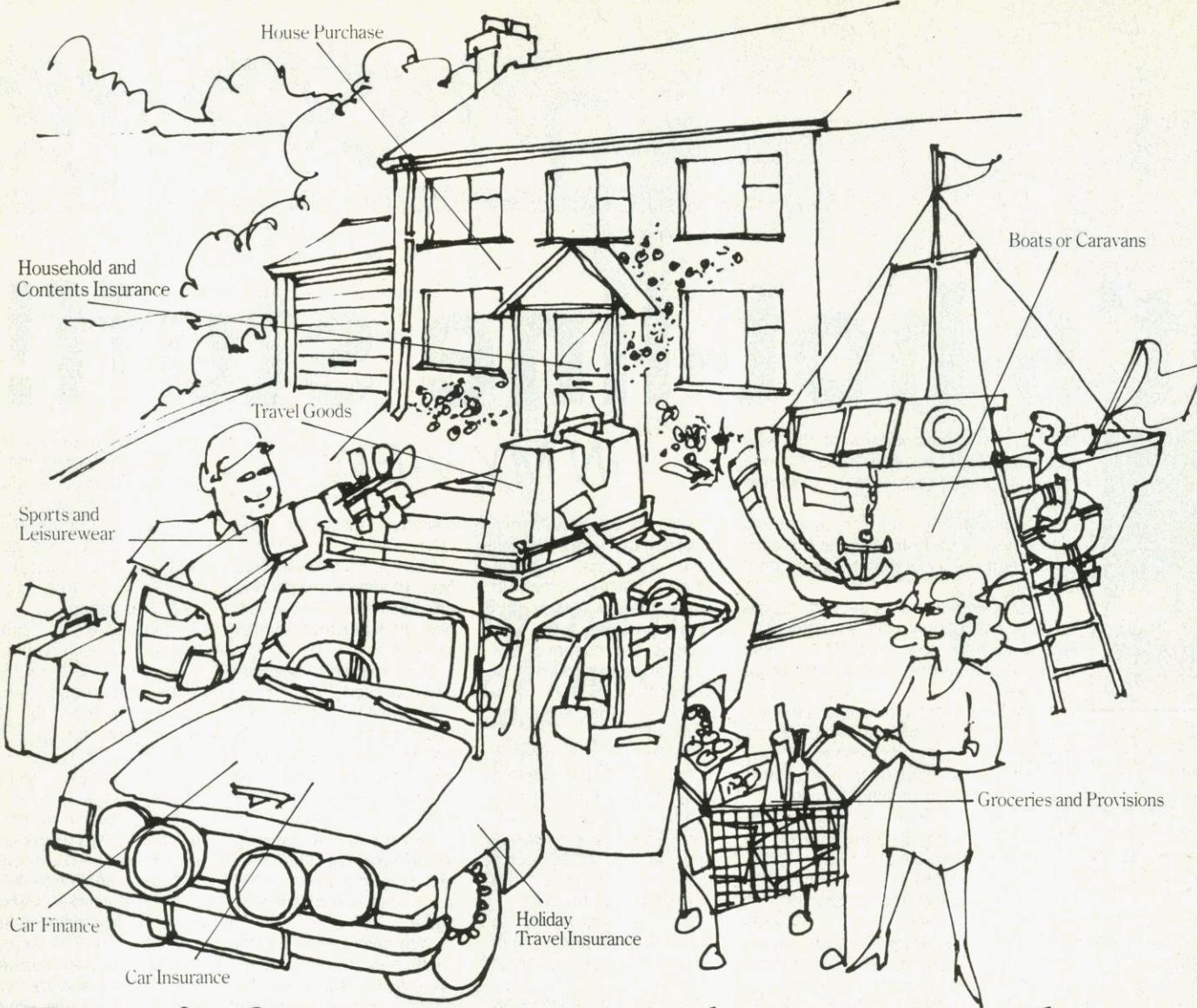
Holiday health hints

TWO new pamphlets, vital for people preparing for overseas travel, are available from the DHSS.

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The quick and the dead of 10 Platoon, 1 A and SH. Note the casualty card tucked in the helmet of the soldier in the centre of the group

AN EXERCISE IN REALITY

THE DEAD Jocks round the smoking buildings were not very chatty. One 17-year-old flat on his back in the long grass pointed to a little white card in his helmet and said: "Aam deed . . ."

Another member of 11 Platoon revealed he had mortar fragments in his head and chest.

Both waiting patiently for someone to come along and put them out of their misery, so to speak. The control staff busied themselves resuscitating the fallen.

The 1st Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, had suffered heavily storming Imber village - automatic weapons in the upper storeys and riflemen in a

concealed trench had taken their toll.

One sweating soldier burst through a hedge and found himself face to face with a veritable platoon of generals, brigadiers and colonels who had come to watch.

"How's it gone?" one asked. Jock, glancing round to make sure he was under cover, announced he was the only survivor of his section, it was damn' hard work and - his exact words - "It keeps your tactics up to scratch."

Then he dodged away to carry on the war.

The lone survivor did not do SIMEX 88 full justice.

The use of laser weapons effect simulators on small arms, vehicles and aircraft, does more

than keep tactics up to scratch - it sharpens them up dramatically after a fortnight's fighting on Salisbury Plain.

The aim was to introduce maximum reality and, allowing for occasional hiccups with equipment, this was achieved.

Basically SIMEX 88 boiled down to men and machines being able to fire at opponents and targets able to shoot back. Sensors responded to hits.

In the case of the troops, a strike on their SAWES equipment set off a bleeping which could be silenced only when a victim lay on his back.

Only after one of 83 observer/controllers (who had superseded umpires) switched off the signal with a special

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"As far as I know I'm the only survivor of my section and probably my platoon," this sweating Jock told senior officers visiting SIMEX 88. "It keeps your tactics up to scratch."

SIMEX shows urgent need for system

SIMEX 88, employing 19 Infantry Brigade from Colchester, was the third in a sequence of exercises, the others having been held in Germany in 1986 and Canada in 1987.

It was the first time that the variety of weapons effect simulators available had been concentrated and the exercise illustrated the urgent need for an integrated all arms system which would enable a battle group to participate in realistic terms.

Tanks of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards tended to

REALITY

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"gun" could the casualty resume the upright position without sounding like a nagging alarm clock.

Stricken tanks gave off orange smoke and APCs flashed a light when hit.

After one assault the approaches to Greenland Camp – final objective in Phase 3 – were littered with "brewed up" Saxons.

A company of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, dug into the ruins of the camp and well supported by snipers, once again took a heavy toll of the Scots but the battle craft on both sides had improved immeasurably in a few days.

On visitors' day, with the Press safely penned inside a simulated minefield, a little classic in minor tactics was played out in front of TV cameramen and photographers too mesmerised by helicopters and strike aircraft to notice.

While the planes roared overhead a patient Jock steadily worked his way round the flank of a Green Jacket trench from which a lot of mischief had been done. Finally his arm went up and he even remembered the safety regulations so the thunderbolts which arrived in quick succession burst clear of the parapet.

Lt Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, Commander United Kingdom Field Army, summarising the value of the training, said the results showed troops trained by

disappear in clouds of orange smoke at the first hit registered by a missile launcher when in reality Chieftain can take a lot of punishment before being immobilised.

The lack of a laser adaptor for the 76mm gun on Scorpion and Scimitar's 30mm Rarden cannon was noticeable, particularly when the 13/18th Royal Hussars broke into Imber.

Helicopters were also at a disadvantage in having to improvise their laser weapons whereas they could be "downed" by ground fire.

weapons effect simulation would be four times more likely to complete an operational task, and six times less likely to become casualties, than those not simulator trained.

"We are handling nothing less than a force multiplier," he declared.

As most wars are decided when one side runs out of trained soldiers, the value of exercises which teach soldiers to survive is critical to success.

In simple terms it is a matter of life and death.

In a pause on visitors' day during SIMEX 88 the PA system broadcast marches recorded by the Pipes and Drums of the Argylls.

If they had, instead, played a lament (or sounded The Last Post) for every fatal casualty suffered in any of the phases the lesson might have been further driven home.

Now for the Big Push . . .

YOU can't beat old soldiers when it comes to the subject of the Big Push. Generals least of all.

Cpl Pat Cox WRAC, serving with A Troop, 22 Squadron RCT, based at Wilton, discovered this when her 3/4-ton Safari Land Rover got stuck in a rut on Salisbury Plain while she was driving senior officers to take a close look at SIMEX 88.

Her passengers jumped out and heaved. Others hastened to help.

Pictured above with rescuers is Cpl Cox and (left to right) Maj Gen Tony Pollard,



TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

THE value of SIMEX-style training and a pointer to its cost effectiveness is that it provides simultaneous experience and instruction literally for all arms AND all ranks.

In SIMEX 88 officer casualties were high – the CO and Ops officer of the Argylls

were both knocked out early in one phase and the 2 i/c had to be brought forward. One company ended up under the command of a corporal.

A sealed card issued to each player is opened when a man is hit and reveals the nature of the injury.

The wounded have to be treated at the regimental aid post and then evacuated through the RAMC echelon.

Dead and revived wounded are fed back into the exercise later as battle reinforcements.

The temptation to cheat by swapping cards is countered by the knowledge that, as would happen on operations, battle reinforcements are sent where they are needed and a soldier would not automatically find himself back with his own platoon or even company.

Vehicles have damage cards which operate in the same way.

Cost put at £20m

THE cost of equipping the British Army with a comprehensive integrated range of laser weapons effect and tactical effects simulators for free play exercises up to battle group level has been estimated at up to £20m.

Expenditure is a question to be considered by politicians.

Gen Sir John Chapple, C-in-C UKLF, put it in a nutshell when he told visitors to SIMEX:

"We stand on the brink of the most far-reaching investment decision on Army training that we are likely to take this century."



Above – Argylls plunge through tall weeds at Imber carrying a household ladder to help them climb into the houses

Above left – Lt Col Malcolm McVittie, CO 1 A and SH, pictured in Imber village. He was among the "dead" in one of the early phases of the exercise



Right – Umpires are out. Observer-controllers use laser control guns like those shown here to silence the alarms on soldiers who have been hit. They can also knock out players when for some reason their kit has not responded

Battle group goes to war in the desert

THE United States Army (which one ought to remember is now entirely Regular) runs a permanent weapons effect and tactical effect simulator training station at Fort Irwin in the Mojave desert and is developing another in Arkansas.

An all arms regimental group dressed and equipped with

Warsaw Pact uniforms and weapons takes on opponents up to battle group strength.

Even Slav languages are spoken so wireless interception is not a formality.

Britain's trainers have the advantage of being able to learn from their allies and go for the best and most up to date

equipment on the market.

Other Nato armies are copying the Americans and so are the Swedes, Indonesians and Jordanians.

Though soldiers occasionally complain that some current UK equipment is clumsy, wires catch on bushes, and batteries go flat, the size of packs and the

scope and efficiency is improving all the time.

In any case the irritation provided by current models merely equates to the botheration factor always present in war . . . such as the mud and rain and cold which were singularly lacking from Salisbury Plain during SIMEX 88.

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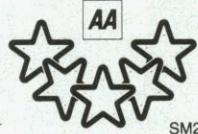
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Viking vigi on the Rock

ELGAR's majestic *Pomp and Circumstance* echoed around the cavern deep inside the Rock of Gibraltar as the Band and Corps of Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment brought their concert to a tumultuous close.

Packed with Servicemen, families and Gibraltarians, St Michael's Cave – a huge chamber festooned with stalactites and rock cascades – was the unique venue for a fund raising concert in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.

Raising more than £1,700, it was the latest in a hectic round of ceremonial, charitable and musical occasions staged by the Vikings since their arrival on the Rock in March last year.

Settling down to Gibraltar routine took some getting used to after two years in

Londonderry, and the Vikings are now gearing themselves up for another change of role when they return to Colchester early next year.

Their presence on the Rock has a twofold purpose, to reassure the Gibraltarians of British intent and to ensure a viable base in the western Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic.

"It is a very useful base and our job is to protect it in peace and war," said Lt Col John Sutherell, CO 1 R Anglian.

The Vikings can be called on to help with disaster relief work and to act as a back up to the civil police.

They have a counter terrorist role and could be drafted in to help guard the RAF base and vessels in the naval dockyard.

Ceremonial duties feature prominently in the weekly log of assignments and, on

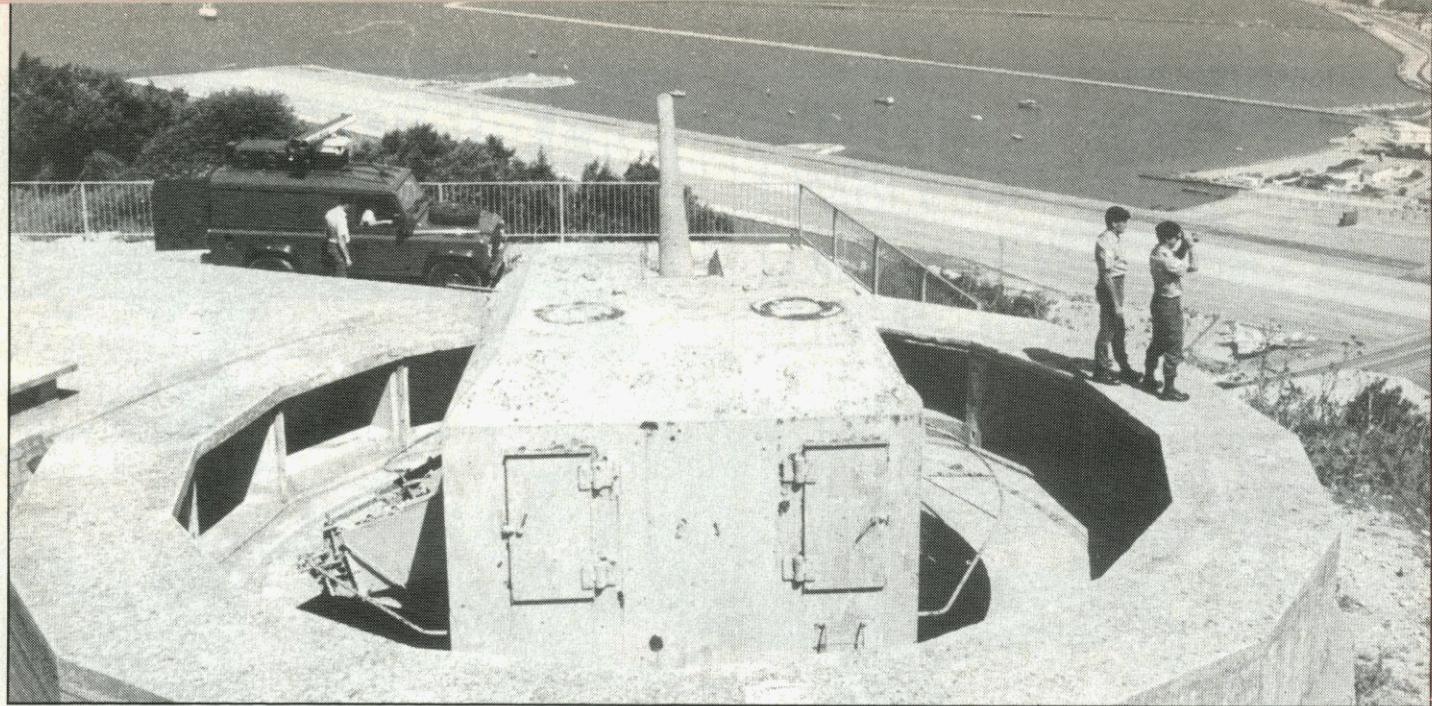
top of the usual round of operational training, can take their toll of both time and energy.

In war the battalion would form a joint battle group with the Gibraltar Regiment with whom The Royal Anglian Regiment has enjoyed a formal affiliation since 1968.

"This link is something I have fostered. I value it highly and it is important because men of the Gibraltar Regiment know the place like the back of their hand, they can put flesh on the military framework we provide and, at the end of the day, it really makes a very effective battle group," said Lt Col Sutherell.

There are training and tasking links with the RAF and RN who together have a

Gibraltar special



Gunners of the Surveillance Detachment on watch near a Second World War battery

If it moves, they'll spot it!

CANOES – even swimmers – can be spotted offshore by the gunners of the Gibraltar based Surveillance Detachment with their Land Rover mounted radars.

Highly mobile and ideal for deployment on Gibraltar, the three Racal 1290A radars are the only ones in service with the Army.

Just seven strong, the detachment that crews them is the remnant of a once massive Royal Artillery presence on the Rock.

Drawn from 94 Locating Regiment, Larkhill, or the 1st and 3rd Battalions, Royal Horse Artillery, the men enjoy considerable camaraderie and

not a little rivalry within their small unit.

They are mostly radar operators trained on Cymbeline mortar locating radar but ranks include a radar technician.

"We are here to provide the inshore radar cover for Gibraltar and to man the observation post overlooking the border and the airfield," said SSgt Eric Jones, 73 Mortar Locating Battery, 94 Locating Regiment.

Their OP is housed in a Second World War emplacement – Farringdon's Battery – high above the airfield where the detachment once had the additional operational task of low level air defence with a GPMG.

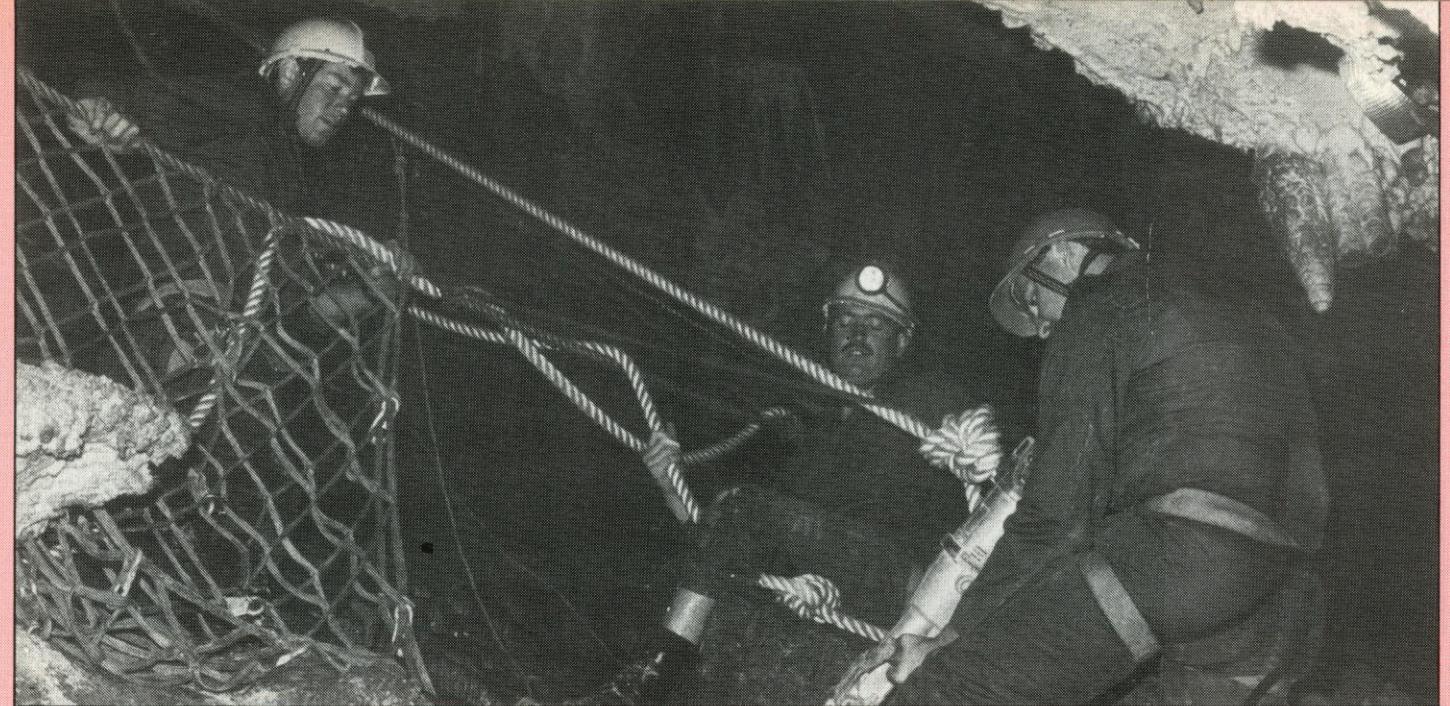
"It is not a bad posting," said LBdr Steve Baker, "and there are some interesting jobs. Working with such a small team, though, will mean quite a wrench when I go back to the regiment."

CLIMBING experience and a head for heights were a definite advantage for men of 15 Squadron, 38 Engineer Regiment, tasked with fixing safety nets along a cave system deep inside the Rock of Gibraltar.

Seeing little sunshine during their six week stint on sun-kissed Gib, the Ripon based sappers nevertheless declared themselves well pleased with their mole-like assignment to the western Mediterranean.

"It is certainly something different," explained LCpl Sean Figgitt.

Stringing up a heavy rope net above a slippery, 40 foot drop, he added: "A few of us have climbing and caving experience



One of their more unusual assignments – inside the Rock, from left, LCpl Sean Figgitt, Cpl John Forrest and Spr Stephen Gilgannon

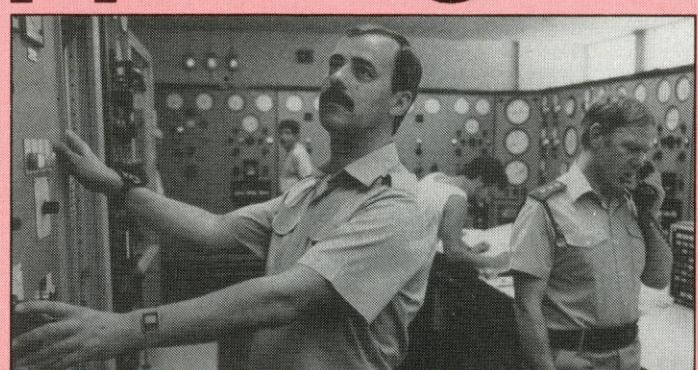
Head for heights is useful when the sappers go caving

and this has obviously been useful when hanging off the rock to drill holes for eye hooks."

He and his 11 colleagues were working inside Lower St Michael's Cave, largest and most dramatic of the natural cave systems that honeycomb the Rock.

Open only to invited personnel on expertly guided underground tours, Lower St Michael's is now a lot safer with nets below the more difficult stages of the two hour trek deep down to the underground lake at its end.

Engineer units are sent from the UK on a variety of one-off assignments in support of the 31-strong sapper contingent



Keeping a close eye on the output of the generating station – WO2 Philip Price (left) and Capt Ben Bennett

permanently based on Gibraltar.

Barracks or manning the Inter-Services Generating Station in the naval dockyard.

Men of the field section find themselves tackling all manner of assignments and can be

called on to help in emergency relief work. They may have to cope with flooding during winter and fires in the summer.

The 12 sappers operating the generating station work alongside 54 locally recruited civilians.

Braving soaring temperatures and a deafening racket, they can produce a huge amount of electricity from the seven diesel generators, two weighing 127 tons and the others 90 each.

Capt Ben Bennett, OC, said: "This is a 20 megawatt station, which, in simple terms, means that we could run 20,000 single-bar one kilowatt electric fires at the same time.

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group defence role on Gibraltar and whose personnel frequently exercise with the Vikings.

A major part of the political – as opposed to military – function of the battalion is the ceremonial aspect of duty on the Rock, with weekly guard mountings on the Governor's residence, the Ceremony of the Keys held four times a year, the Queen's birthday parade and frequent one offs such as guards of honour for visiting dignitaries.

"It can be a considerable load on top of our normal training," said Lt Col Sutherell.

"Ceremonial does play a substantial part in the role of the battalion here and I appreciate that it is important as an outward and visible indication of our



Ceremonial duties feature prominently on Gibraltar. Here men of A Company provide an honour guard for the Duke of Gloucester during a visit to the Rock

commitment to Gibraltar.

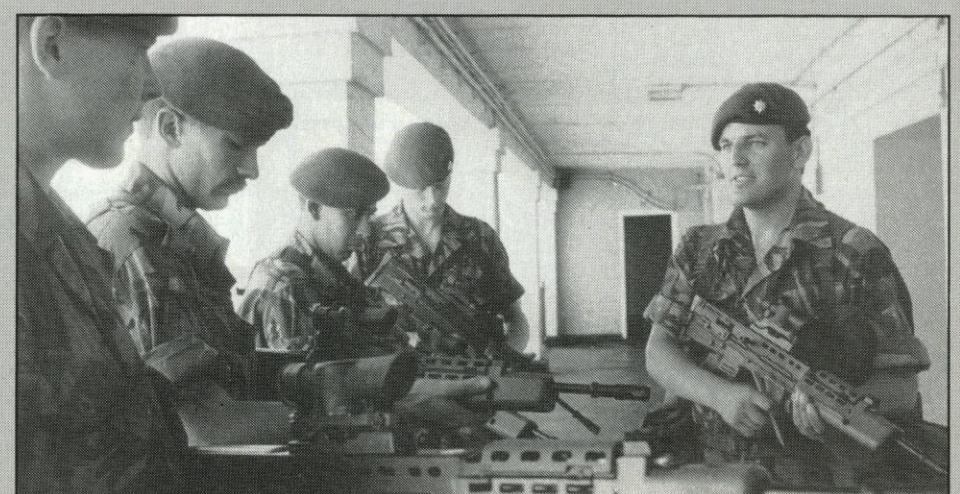
"It is, however, a heavy commitment that can detract from operational training," he added.

The battalion has much to accomplish before it joins 19 Infantry Brigade in Colchester next year, not least the expansion of the Milan platoon, the development of the mortar platoon and the formation of a Fox platoon with all that that entails in selecting and training Rarden gunners, drivers and commanders.

Drivers must also be trained for Saxon, mainstay of the mechanised infantry battalion. To cap it all the Vikings are currently converting to SA 80.

"We are really quite busy at the moment," said Lt Col Sutherell, "and, because there is a limit to what I can do

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Getting to grips with the SA 80. Cpl Trevor Collins (right) shows men of C Coy how it is done



Youngsters keep an eager watch on the wildlife of Gibraltar from their clifftop observatory at St Christopher's School

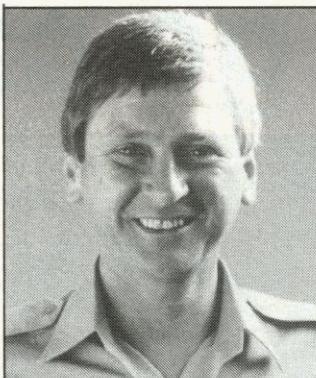
Top class!

LEISURE classes run by the staff of Bleak House – home of Gibraltar's small contingent of Royal Army Educational Corps personnel – are becoming increasingly popular among the wives and dependants of soldiers on the Rock.

Many wives take classes in pastimes as diverse as tap and ballroom dancing, photography and Spanish.

"It is good news for the centre because on top of the usual round of soldiers' and officers' education programmes we have other classes going on all day throughout the building. It gives the place a super atmosphere," said Maj Stuart Green RAEC.

A typical week might see 480 users of leisure classes of which 80 would be Servicemen – not bad considering the Army element on the Rock consists of



Maj Stuart Green RAEC

little more than an infantry battalion and a few smaller units.

Resettlement courses are held at Bleak House which also doubles as the recruiting office for the area with at least three or four enquiries a week from interested Gibraltarians and expatriate Britons.

The ground floor of the building houses a large library boasting more than 40,000 books.

The centre is also responsible for the administration of a pre-school playgroup in which more than 90 five year olds and under are taught before going on to St Christopher's junior school for the children of Servicemen and MoD employees.

Set high above the Straits of Gibraltar, St Christopher's has breathtaking views of the Spanish coast and the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, rearing from the sea 20 miles away.

Children are encouraged by teachers to make the most of unique opportunities to observe flocks of birds migrating from Africa to Europe and to identify the many species of passing whale.

HEAD FOR HEIGHTS

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"The lads love it here because they are doing what they were trained for. I like it because I am the only guy in the forces who can say that he has his own power station!

"Anticipating demand is largely down to experience. We know, for example, that consumers will be switching on their fans in the summer and using their fires in the winter. We also get a list of vessels coming in to dock at naval berths," said Capt Bennett.

The station supplies all military establishments and married quarters on Gibraltar and produces more than a million domestic units of electricity each week.

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with the facilities available on Gibraltar, men are being sent back to the UK to attend courses.

"Facilities are limited but with imagination and determination we can do a lot of individual training in preparation for our spring exercise in Portugal and autumn one in the UK. The tunnels inside the Rock provide a novel and very useful variation in training and can produce a hard test for command and control."

The twice yearly major exercises are much looked forward to by the men and, as Col Sgt Stephen Wilkinson remarked, came as a welcome reintroduction to basic fieldcraft after two years' service in Northern Ireland.

What of the shooting of the three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar earlier this year?

R Anglian link goes back to Great Siege

Lt Col Sutherell said: "Our commitment on the day was purely reactive and troops were sent down to help police with the cordon and clearing of buildings.

"The battalion took the incident in its stride and, because the majority had just spent two years in Northern Ireland anyway, were well aware that the Services are always a terrorist target.

"Gibraltarians, on the whole, have been very shocked to find that they are suddenly part of the 1980s with all its hallmarks of international terrorism.

"We had already revised our approach to counter terrorism on the Rock and, still very conscious of the threat, our security arrangements are as tight as ever."

It has been an eventful posting for the Vikings. The Royal Anglian Regiment, of course, is no stranger to a hectic tour on the Rock.

It fought with distinction during the Great Siege of Gibraltar by the Spanish between 1779 and 1783 and in honour of this bear the motto of Gibraltar's castle and keys on its cap badge today.



Plugging HMS Intrepid into the telephone system are Cpl Vince Castro (left) and Cpl "Bing" Crosby

Signals keep Navy plugged in

COPPER cables and fibre optics hold few mysteries for the men of 642 Signal Troop whose job it is to keep everyone in touch from one end of the Rock to the other.

They install and maintain all the communication links used by the Services and ensure that any visiting ships tied up to naval berths are plugged into the telephone net.

Based in the naval dockyard, the troop has 12 military personnel and 51 locally employed civilians.

Royal Signals personnel in the troop consist of technicians

and telecommunications mechanics, the former working in the telephone exchange deep inside the Rock and the latter laying miles of cable under and over ground.



Standing in front of the massive 100 ton gun outside Fortress Headquarters are Cpl Kevin Main (left) and Cpl "Tumble" Dryer

Busy patch when the lads hit town

KEPT as alert as one might expect when 2,000 Servicemen find themselves garrisoning a rather crowded few square miles of island, the Rock's RMP detachment is at its busiest when ships call in.

"The lads want to get off and let their hair down, and who can blame them, but it can

mean a busy night for us," said Cpl Kevin Main. "Normally though, our time is taken up with daytime investigations and nighttime patrols of the town and married quarters."

One RMP on Gibraltar tackling something totally different is WO2 Peter Garland of the Military Provost Staff



WO2 Peter Garland

Corps, normally based at Colchester's Military Corrective Training Centre.

With responsibilities at Fortress Headquarters as RQMS, Chief Instructor Training and Sergeant Major Discipline, WO2 Garland works directly for the Camp Commandant and OC FHQ and Admin Unit.

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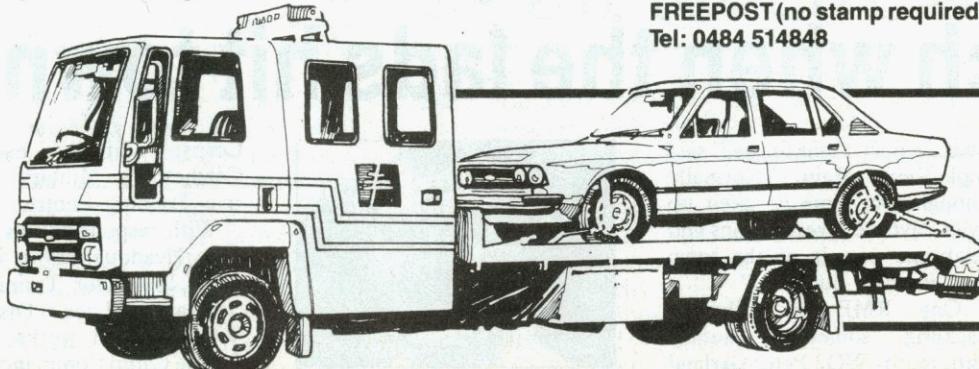
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Roy keeps an eye on Cyprus



Sgt Maj Roy Turner

PILOTS of the four Alouettes in Cyprus find their duties many and varied - from scaring off sharks to helping fight fires, and the alertness of Sgt Maj Roy Turner of 16 Flt AAC has brought him a commendation from Commander Land Forces Cyprus, writes Jennifer Griffiths.

Roy noticed an accident on the Limassol Road as he was piloting some visiting Army officers across the island. He immediately flew to the scene and gave roadside first aid to the injured, three RAF personnel.

He then flew them to a medical reception centre at Dhekelia for treatment.

The Alouettes help put out bush blazes by collating ground fire services and have also been called on to scare off sharks from tourist beaches.

After 26 years in service they are soon to be replaced by Gazelles. Sgt Maj Turner, for one, will be sad to see them go.



Postmen Cpl Chas Timothy and Sgt Ian Taylor at work

Gun giver gets his own back!

THE GIFT a soldier in Cyprus innocently posted home to England quickly found its way back to him - even though it wasn't marked "return to sender".

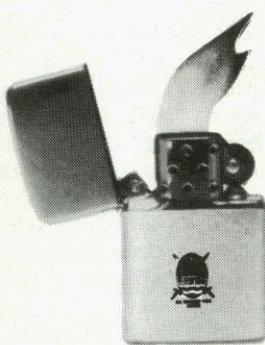
A security check by 23 Postal and Courier Squadron, RE, had shown it was a gun, albeit a toy one. The unnamed soldier

got his parcel back, with the suggestion that he think of a different gift to send home.

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Hot work for LI Terriers

LCPL Kevin Shepherd (left) of the 6th Battalion. The Light Infantry (V), gets to grips with an American M-16 carbine in preparation for Exercise Glow Worm, an exchange visit between the LI and the Arkansas National Guard.

One hundred and thirty-five TA soldiers from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions flew from RAF Brize Norton for the ten-day exercise.

The composite company split into fire sections to work alongside the National Guard in a gruelling series of manoeuvres. The aim was to familiarise them with US weapons and tactics.

The temperature in upstate Arkansas has soared and the Terriers have been specially trained to deal with heat exhaustion and bites from rattlesnakes, scorpions and tarantulas.

Kevin, based in Bath, is pictured under instruction from Sgt Maj Ken Annison of 5 LI.

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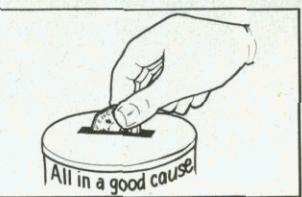
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Gosh! What a lot of lolly



The men of the 4th Field Regiment Royal Artillery, based at Osnabruck, raised £20,000 by raffling a donated Saab car. Comedian Norman Wisdom drew the winning ticket, and he is pictured with Gnr Pidwell and Lt Simon West. Lee MacDonald, of *Grange Hill* fame, is sitting in the car

GOSH! Soldiers in many areas have been busy raising a lotta cash for the Wishing Well Appeal of the Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

4th Field Regiment Royal Artillery, based at Osnabruck, West Germany raised a staggering £20,500 (DM65,500), after raffling a donated Saab car. Guest celebrities included comedian Norman Wisdom (who drew the winning ticket which came from RAF Gutersloh), Kathryn Apanowicz from *Eastenders*, and Lee MacDonald of *Grange Hill* fame.

Meanwhile 48 Cyprus Wksp REME has raised more than £2,000 with a sponsored cycle around the southern half of the island. The pedal pushers were SSgt Glenn Hood, WO2 Harry Page, CSM John Scott and WO2 Tom Miller.

8 Sqn RCT, 27 Regiment RCT, chose a 24-hour darts marathon to raise cash. The CO, Lt Col Tony Jackson, threw the first three darts and the event went on to raise £500.

And 30 Dover based young soldiers from the Junior Leaders Regiment RE did some back-breaking work on England's highest mountain,

Scafell Pike. Under the command of Capt Ian Redwood they worked on a sponsored National Trust conservation project and raised £148.

About £4,000 has been raised for GOSH by Rawson Squadron at the Army Apprentices' College, Harrogate. They're in

The IBA Telethon Children in Need Appeal has also been a

popular choice with soldiers. It prompted members of the 2nd Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers to go on a 48 hour, non-stop sponsored cycle relay from John o'Groats to Land's End, which brought in £2,500. And a boxing tournament at the 1st Bn The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' barracks in Colchester has raised more than £1,500 for the same appeal.

A successful attempt to get into the Guinness Book of Records also swelled the coffers. Norris McWhirter verified a 20-mile woolly scarf as the world's longest and helping him measure it were the Junior Leader's Regiment Royal Artillery, based at Gamecock Barracks, and members of the Watford Detachment, 4th Cadet Regt (Herts and Beds Yeo), RA.



Sixteen ex-soldiers now in S Company of the Home Service Force at Ayr have transported a 24-year-old spina bifida sufferer in a wheelchair to the top of Ben Nevis to raise £1,200 for the British Olympic Appeal.

And the 1st Bn The Cheshire Regiment, based at Dale Barracks in Chester, has raised £200 for the Countess of Chester Hospital Scanner Appeal following a soccer match against a combined team of Everton, Manchester City, Chester City and Wrexham players.

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gave up with only 180 miles to go to the start of the tarmac road at Gao. But they did raise £300 for the RMP Corps Benevolent Fund.

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Meanwhile soldiers from 1 Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron, Tidworth, ran 450 miles as they climbed Britain's three highest peaks at Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon. They raised £1,000 towards special treatment for six-year-old cerebral palsy victim Ben Manners of Nottingham.

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The Hehlen Scout Group, of Bodenwerder, West Germany can thank 3 Tp 29 Fd Sqn from 35 Engr Regt for organising a water supply for their jamboree weekend.

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A 200-mile relay run by 15 people from the Mull of Galloway to Berwick-on-Tweed, organised by WO2 RQMS Peter Douglas (pictured), of RAVC Support Group has raised £3,000 for the Children's Cancer Leukaemia Research Fund.

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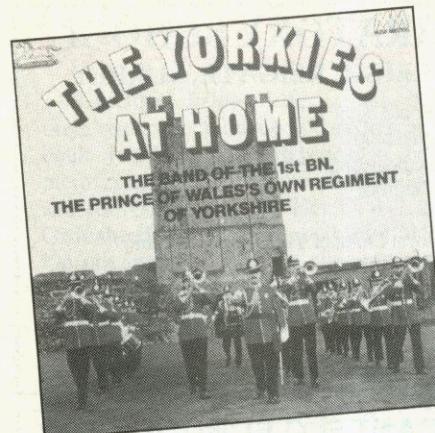
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Some of the Arms Drill had to be changed because of the new weapon. Frequent "Change Arms" orders were necessary because of its weight. "Slope Arms" was reintroduced to replace "Shoulder Arms", and because of the size of the rifle Guardsmen were not able to rest the butt on the ground and experienced greater physical strain and fatigue.

Change inevitably brings problems. It did the last time new weapons were introduced on the parade; when the SLR replaced the Lee-Enfield in 1960.

No less a person than the Duke of Edinburgh comments on the change in *Trooping the Colour* by Gen Sir Michael Gow, the Army's senior general when he retired in 1986 and many times a participant in the ceremony on Horse Guards of which he traces the history with the aid of more than 130 photographs.

Says the Duke: "The cocking lever on the first versions of the self loading rifle or SLR (then known as the FN) had rather prominent knobs

which stuck out on one side and made sloping arms uncomfortable as the knob went into the shoulder.

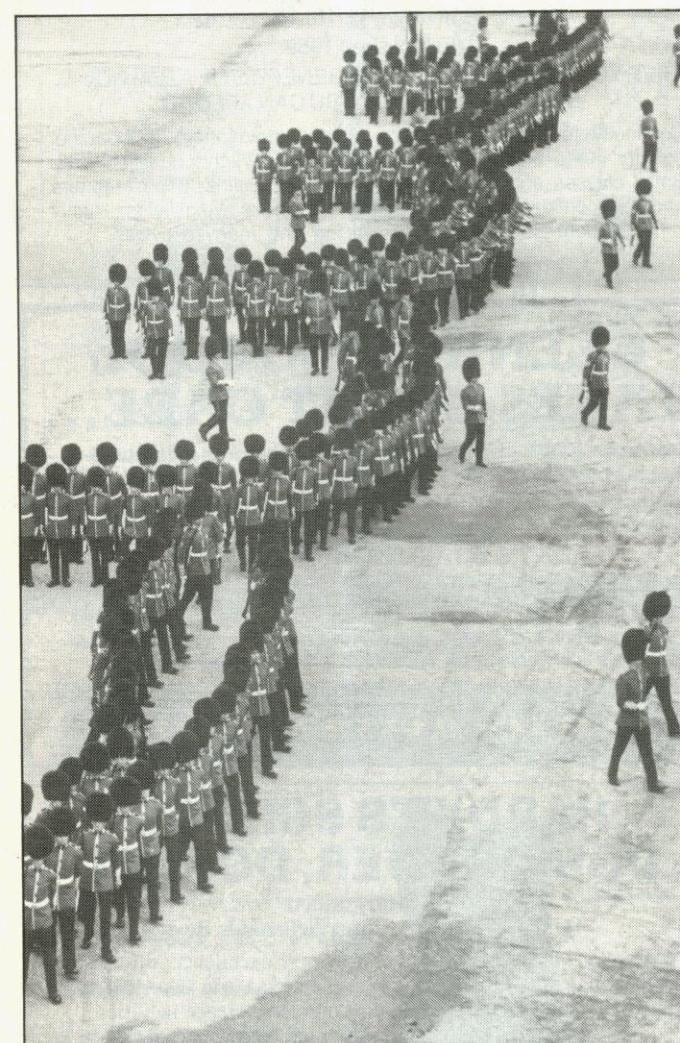
"I remembered seeing an 18th century print showing a party of guardsmen marching across the Horse Guards with their rifles at the 'shoulder' and I also remembered that the Royal Marine guards for the morning Colours marched on to the Quarterdeck with their rifles at the 'shoulder' to avoid poking their bayonets through the awning.

"So I suggested that the drill sergeant might try that position with the SLR. He seemed to find it quite comfortable, the colonels thought that it was acceptable, and so it was adopted."

The Duke recalls that there was quite a long discussion about retaining the Lee-Enfield only for ceremonial purposes, but in the end it was agreed that it would make more sense for the Guards to use the contemporary equipment, particularly as all other regiments and services would have to convert to the new rifle.

For SLR read SA 80 - AT

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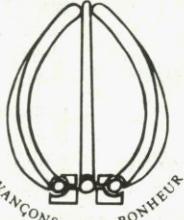
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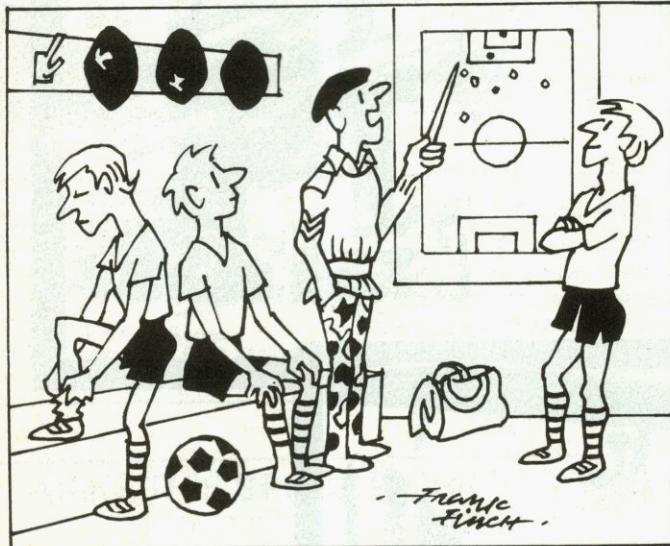
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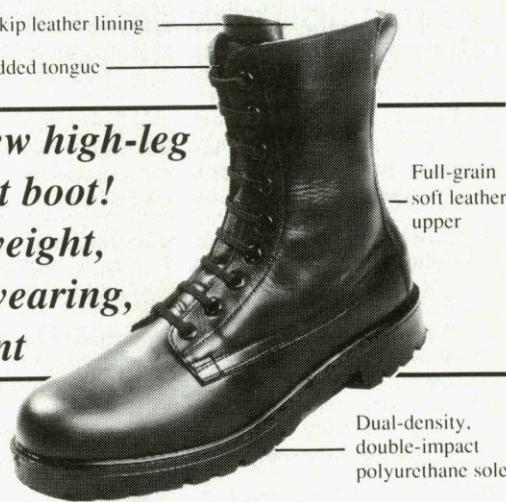
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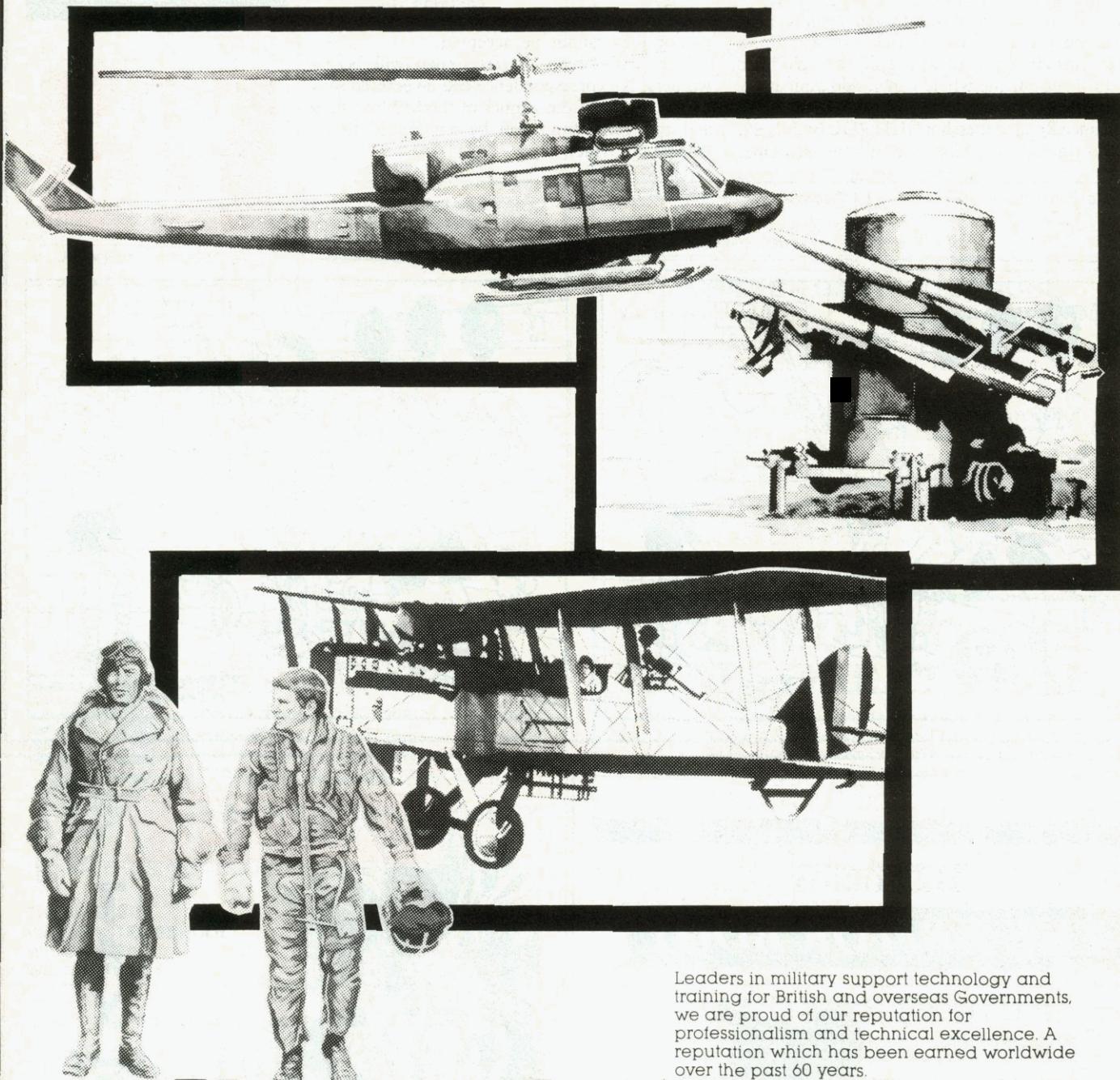
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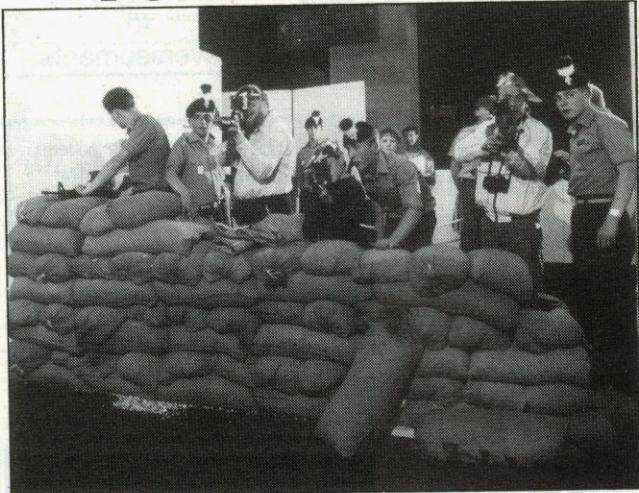
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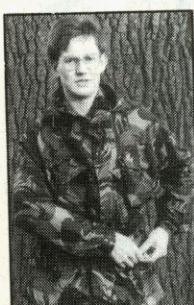


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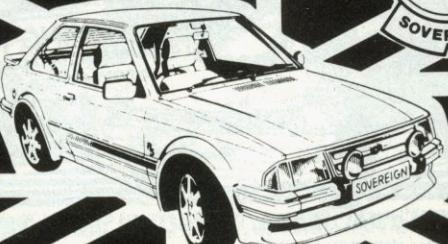
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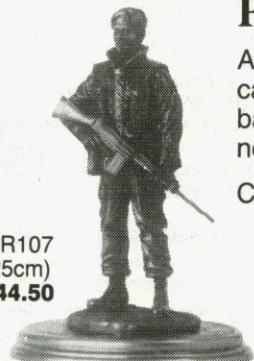
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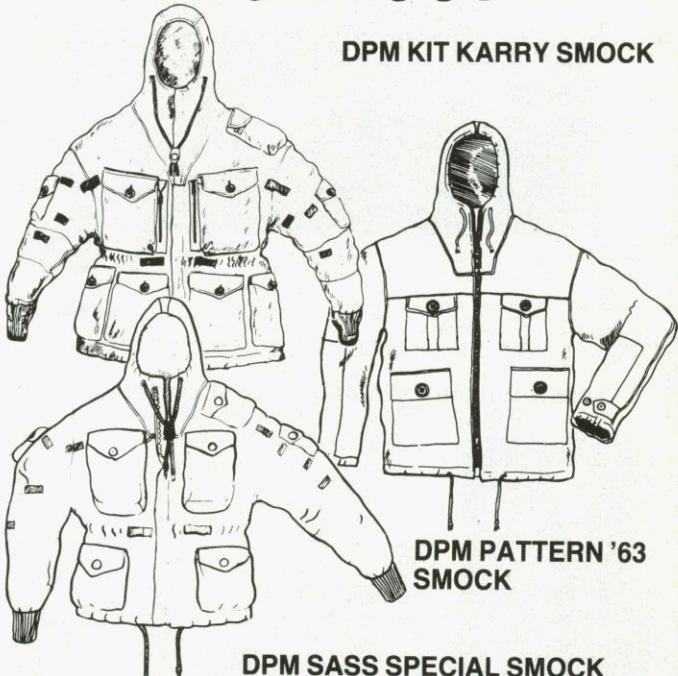
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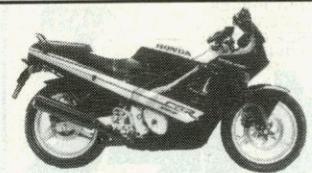
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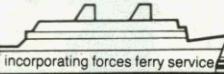
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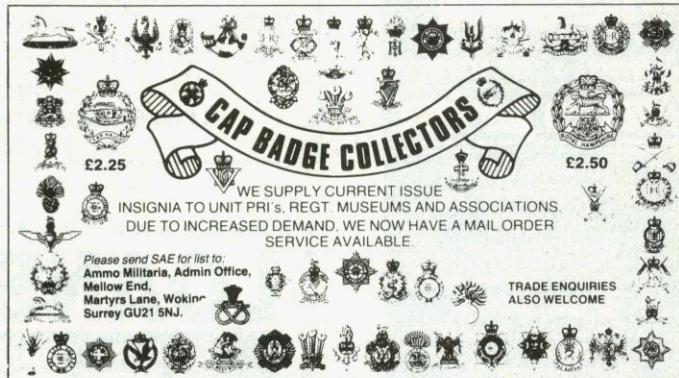
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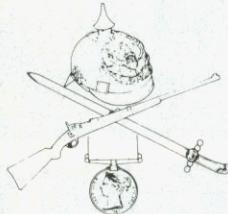
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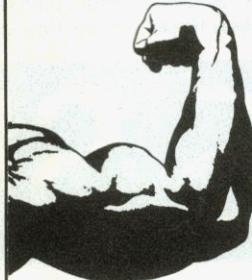
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THE British Combined Services and Police rugby tour to New Zealand has been completed and, unlike some international visits to the southern hemisphere which have faltered of late, the Servicemen and Police rugby players can look back on a job well done, writes John Quin.

The icing on the cake from the Army's point of view was that the leading scorer on the tour was Capt John Steele RA and the leading try scorer was LCpl Dean Ryan of the sappers.

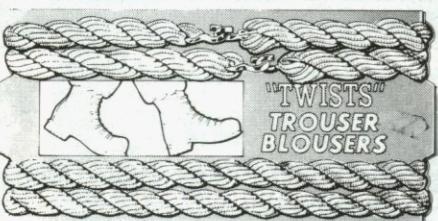
Tug masters

WINNERS of the national youth tug of war championships at under 17 level were PM Coll Arborfield who beat runners up JLRRA in the finals of both 420kg and 560kg events staged at JLR RCT/RAOC Colerne.

The Army junior championships were staged at the same time and almost provided a clean sweep for the lads from Arborfield.

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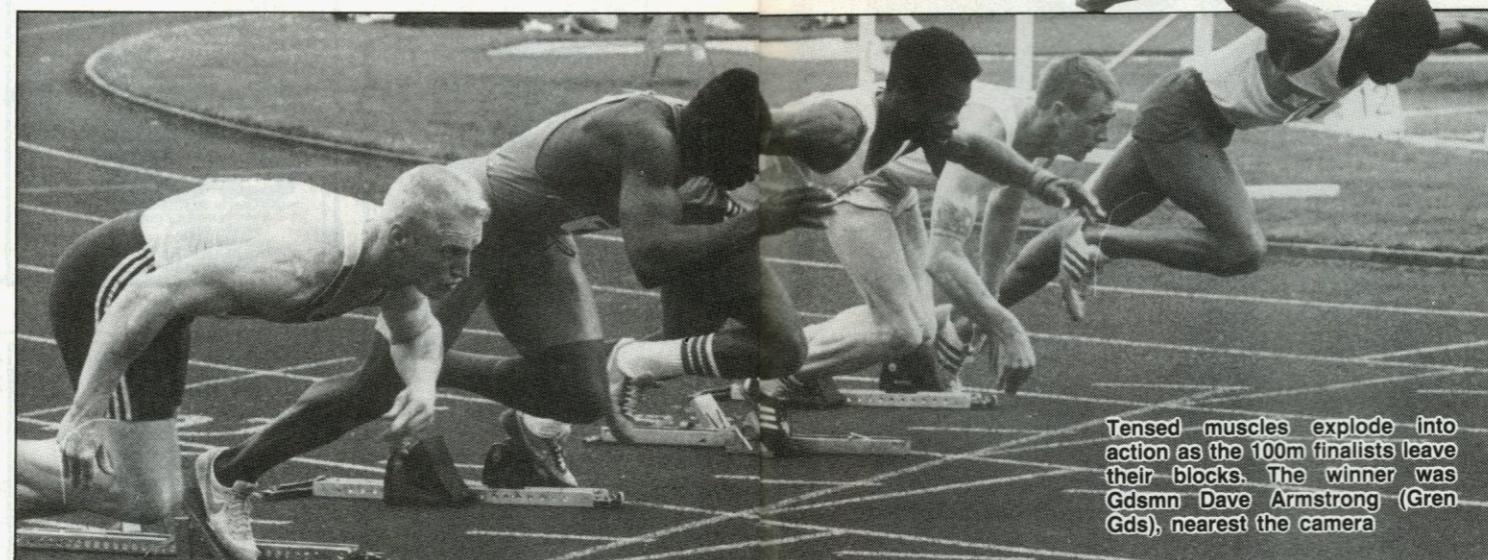
Not many punters would have given the tourists much of a chance of holding their New Zealand opposition. In 1985 when New Zealand CS came to the UK they gave all of their opponents a drubbing.

This time though it was to be different. Pessimists may have thought the opening result against North Harbour was a tour indication, but the 36-13 defeat, if anything, inspired the BCSP team to learn the host country's *modus operandi*. This they were to put into effect and were unlucky not to beat the NZRN, having to settle for a 15-15 draw.

Waikato was one of the jewels in the tour crown. Beating the side 34-18 which five days earlier had disposed of Wales gave the tourists a great confidence boost. There was a hiccup, however, and the NZ Army won by 24 points to 13.

NZRAF were beaten by 29 points to 22 and the big one, versus NZCS, was to be the climax to the tour. Three wins, one draw and two losses was the tally and, in a thrilling finale, the British boys came away with a 19-19 draw.

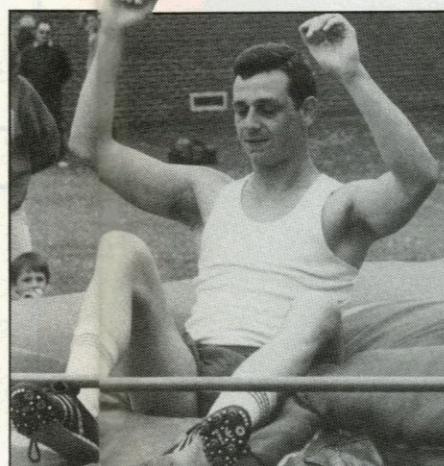
Army players were LCpl Dean Ryan RE, Capt Willie Carr RTR, Cpl Chris Campbell RWF, SSgt Graham Morgan REME, Sgt Chris Spowart APTC (ex RE), WO2 Bobby Matthews RE, Capt John Steele RA and Cpl Chalky Atkins R Sigs. Col Mike Stancombe RE was the tour manager. Maj Keith Montgomery RE went as a Services referee.



Pictures: Mike Weston and Cpl Ricky Yung



Above and far right - Newcomers who made an impression in the women's competition. Pte Sandra Ganfield (ASPT) on her way to victory in the shot and Pte Angela Keightley (29 Cdo Regt RA) winning the 3,000m Centre - Down but not out is



LCpl Bob Lyons (1 PWO) who went on to win the pole vault with a clearance of 4m, and so improve an already impressive family record in the event. The Lyons family in the form of brother Stephen (four times) and father Peter (seven times)



have won the Army pole vault 12 times in 28 years. Dad is Capt Peter Lyons, adjutant of ASPT at Aldershot, where Stephen, a sapper sergeant, is in the process of re-badging into the APTC. Bob also hopes to re-badge at the PT school

KRISS SPRINTS IN

SSGT Kriss Akabusi warmed up for international 4 x 400m relay business against the Soviets at Portsmouth, Hants by recording a 21.16sec personal best in winning the 200m at the Army individual athletic championships at Aldershot.

Akabusi, sharpening up over the shorter distance, edged out Grenadier Guardsman Dave Armstrong, winner of the 100m title in the absence of speedy Cpls Clarence Calendar and Lenny Paul.

They were running at Crystal Palace, where Calendar picked up the Southern Counties 100m title with Paul second. Both ran

in the international between the UK, Soviet Union and France at Portsmouth.

Akabusi also added the 400m title to his collection at Aldershot, finishing ahead of LCpl Darryl Maynard (3 R Anglian), who went on to win the 800m.

LCpl Mark Vile (2 Div HQ and Sig Regt) easily won the 1,500m, Sgt Geoff Wade (1 IG) took the 5,000m, and Pte Bob Simpson (1 PWO) the 3,000m steeplechase.

Other winners were: 110m hurdles, Sgt Neil Killen (2 Div HQ and Sig Regt); 400m hurdles, LCpl Paul Beaumont (17 Port Maritime Wksp);

shot, LCpl Mark Parker (24 Fd Sqn RE); discus, WO1 Mick Johnson (PMC); javelin, Cpl Stewart (1 QO Hldrs); hammer, Gnr Mark Sterling (50 Msle Regt); long jump, LCpl Gayle (WFR); triple jump, Cpl Nigel Bulmer (1 PWO); high jump, Pte Williams, (187 RPC); pole vault, LCpl Bob Lyons (1 PWO).

In the women's championships there was a sprint double for Cpl Phyllis Hylton (WRAC Centre), who recorded 12.35sec in the 100m and 25.73sec in the 200m, and was second in the long jump.

LCpl Jackie Gilchrist (PCDRE) was also in good

form, winning the 100m hurdles, the high jump and the long jump.

Newcomer Pte Sandra Ganfield (ASPT) made a tremendous impression in her first Army championships, winning the shot with 10.22m and the discus with 40m.

LCpl Nicky Charlton, who is striving towards selection for the next Commonwealth Games, recorded an impressive double, winning the 800m in 2min 16.84sec and the 400m in 59.92sec.

And another newcomer, Pte Angela Keightley (29 Cdo Regt RA), won the 3,000m in 10min 47sec.

Ton-up Barrett batters the Free Foresters

THE Free Foresters won the toss and elected to bat in a two day game against the Army at Aldershot, writes Peter Salisbury.

They lost four wickets for 44 but recovered slightly to 86-6 by the time rain stopped play before lunch. After a long delay the Foresters took their score to 119-8 and declared leaving the Army 50 minutes batting. Lt Tom Thicknesse (Light Div Depot) achieved the best bowling figures with 3-24.

Top scorer for the Foresters was Lt Guy Bishop (Light Div Depot), one of six Servicemen in the opposition ranks, who scored 55. The Army had made 65-2 by the close.

Next morning they got off to a cracking start with Lt Julian Barrett (also Light Div Depot) leading the way with 120, his second Army century of the season. He received excellent support from Lt Matthew Fleming (2 RGF) with 33 and Lt Jimmy Cotterill (16 AD Regt) with 39.

The tail also wagged productively with Lt Charlie Redmayne (1 IG) striking 26, Lt Peter Germain (1 PWO) making 22 not out and Pte Keith Thomas (19 Fd Amb),

Arundel romp

FIVE Army players were included in the Combined Services side which played a strong Lavina, Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel.

John Rice, formerly of Hampshire, batted well and was out for 63 shortly after lunch. Thereafter Transvaal Currie Cup player Louis Vorster cut loose and hit an impressive 132. It was 3.42pm, however, before the declaration came at 246-3 after 3 hours and 32 minutes batting, leaving Services just 78 minutes plus 20 overs to get the runs.

Barrett completed his century off the last ball. It was his fifth of the season, having previously made two for the Army and two in other matches.

The other two Army players in the side were Capt Jonathon Willatt (17 Trg Regt and Depot RA) and Lt Charlie Redmayne.

who was making his debut for the Army senior side, 16 not out.

The Army declared at lunch at 289-7.

The Foresters' second innings was even less distinguished than their first. Redmayne removed their first five batsmen at a personal cost of 19. Thicknesse took another three wickets for 17 and Barrett two for eight. Redmayne's final figures were 5-30. Bishop was again top scorer with 15 and the Free Foresters, all out for 74, were defeated by an innings and 96 runs.

Runs were never easy to come by when the Army took on Northants 2nd XI at Aldershot and lost by 20 runs.

Former England opener Geoff Cook made 18 as Northants were restricted to 161-6 in their 55 overs, with Army spinners Capt David Bolus (2 Para) returning 2-26 and Barrett 2-23.

The Army in turn were made to struggle. Fleming scored 59 and was well supported by Cotterill (22). But the Army were gradually pegged further and further behind the asking rate and were eventually all out for 141 in 53.3 overs.

OLYMPIC SHOCKER FOR HOWLETT

ARMY bantamweight Sgt Keith Howlett, the reigning ABA champion, will NOT be going to the Seoul Olympics with the British team, **writes John Elliott**.

Having beaten the best in the country on his way to the national title, Howlett's ticket had appeared to be a formality.

But the British selectors – England were outvoted by Wales



and Scotland – have, incredibly, chosen Mike Devaney of Scotland to fill the bantamweight berth in South Korea.

Howlett utterly outclassed the Scot in the ABA semi-finals at Blackpool, a fact which makes the selectors' decision all the more unbelievable in Army boxing circles.

Also remaining at home is Mne

Mark Edwards, Royal Marines, the ABA middleweight champion. There is no room in the team for a middleweight.

Two years ago there was no place in England's Edinburgh Commonwealth Games team for Army and ABA light middleweight champion Tony Velinor, and the brilliant Royal Marine Terry Marsh – subsequently a world champion – was passed over for the

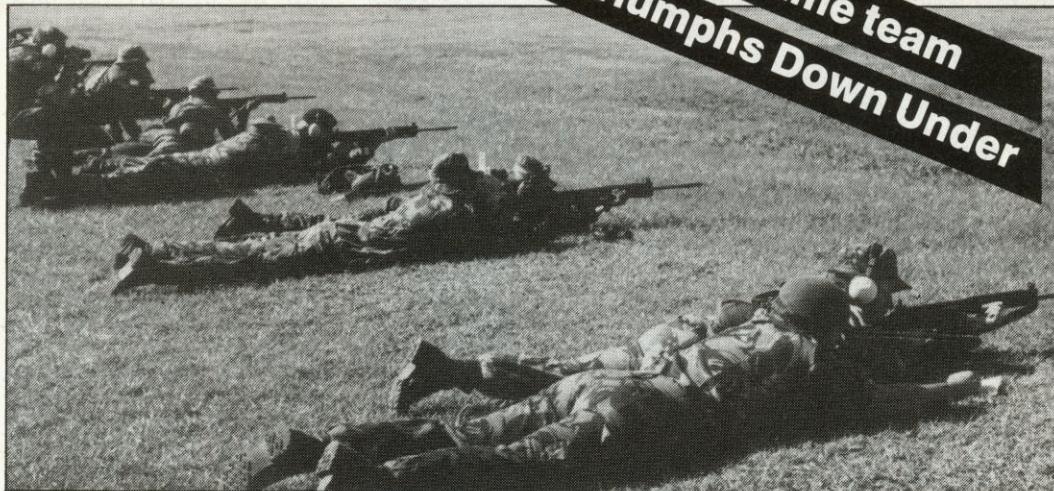
Moscow Olympics to make room for a man he had beaten on the way to his ABA title.

Service boxers can be forgiven for wondering just how fair is the national selection process.

Since his ABA triumph Howlett has won international honours in the multi-national Acropolis Cup in Athens and the Canada Cup in Ottawa where he was beaten by the Canadian champion.

Shooting stars!

Rifle team
triumphs Down Under



BRITISH Army rifle marksmanship is alive and well and standing on top (or is it the bottom!) of the world. The Army's rifle team has just scored a major triumph in Australia, winning the Governor General of Australia's Trophy at an eight nation international match after dominating the individual and team events which preceded it.

It was probably the strongest international field ever encountered in Service rifle shooting.

The 15-man team, sponsored by RO Enfield, was selected from the best shots in the Army, with members drawn from Hong Kong, Cyprus, Berlin, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England.

Rules of the bicentennial AASAM required the team to revert from the 5.56mm SA 80 to 6.62mm SLRs so there was much scrabbling in shooting bags for items such as carbon lamps and SLR slings thought to be obsolete.

After training at Bisley the

From right to left, Sgt Dinger Bell coaches WO2 David Beattie during the international match while Cpl Des Gillies spots for Cpl Khusiman Gurung and Cpl Jock Summersett watches SSgt Tony Reece

British team travelled to the Malabar Range complex outside Sydney, Australia where they worked hard to re-establish SLR skills, master the change in ranges from yards to metres, and cope with the distinctive all-black Australian targetry.

They also had to cope with three weeks of torrential rain that forced them out of their tented camp and into a squash court in a local barracks.

In the first phase of the AASAM the British Army team swept the board in individual and team events, with Cpl Des Gillies (1 Gordons) winning the applied marksmanship practice event in a record score; Cpl Jock Summersett (1 BW) winning the SMG competition; SSgt Tony Reece (SASC) taking the 9mm pistol title; and Cpls Khusiman Gurung and Gauchen Rajendra (both 6 GR) winning the MG pairs with a record score.

The team was first and second in the falling plates and won the team snap match.

In the international match the British marksmen lost their way at 200 metres, allowing the US Army to steal a 56 point lead which was extended to 64 points at 300m.

But outstanding shooting by the British team at 500m narrowed the lead, and the gap continued to close as each firer completed the run-down from 500m to 100m.

The final detail provided the killer blow, even though the Army needed to make up an improbable 26 points against the three best Americans.

But Cpl Khusiman Gurung, WO2 David Beattie and SSgt Tony Reece produced a finish the Americans could not match and the trophy was won by 16 points. The Australian Army was third.

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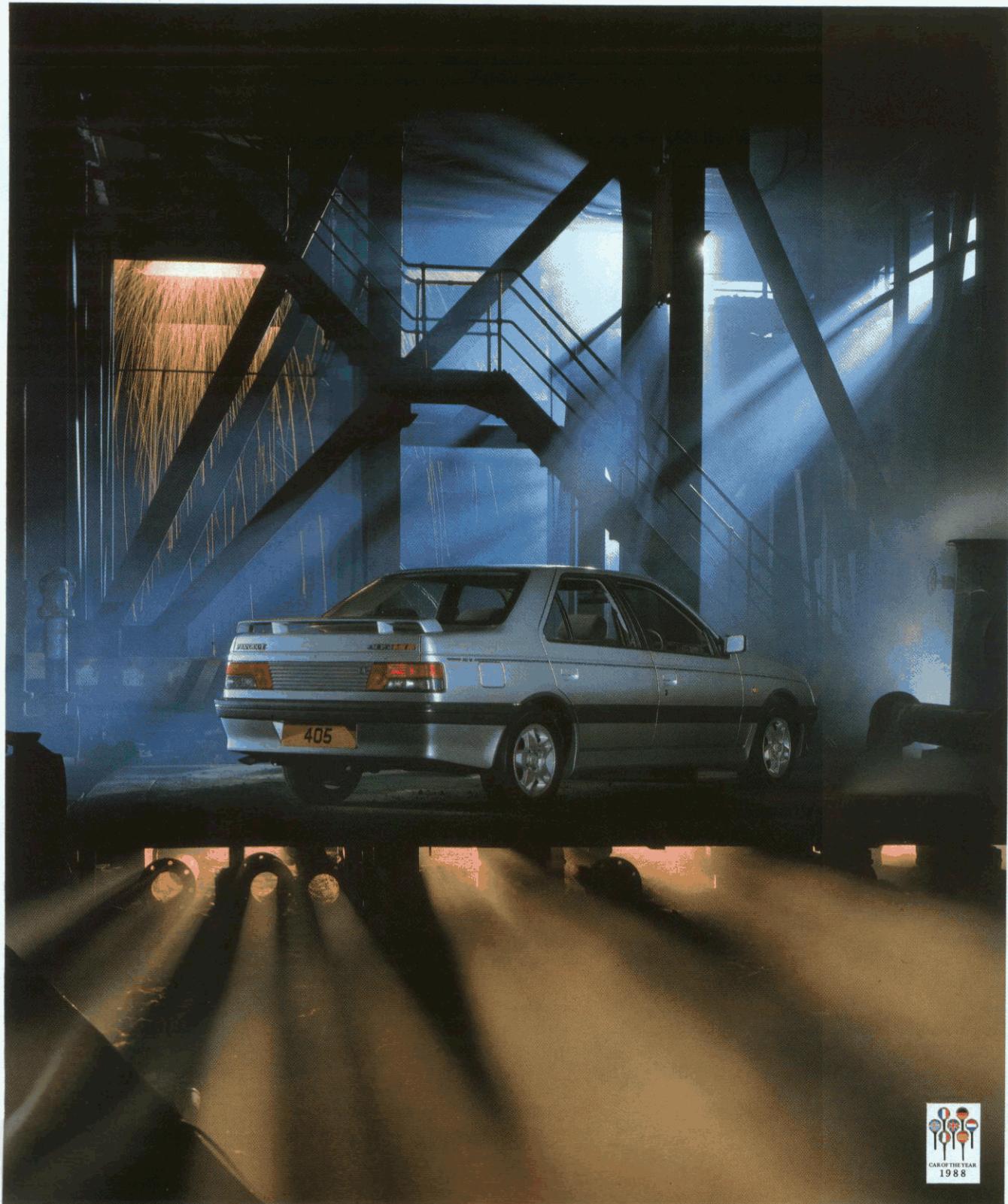
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