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FRONT COVER

Scout helicopters with SS11 wire-guided missiles attack 'enemy' Chieftain tanks in a mock battle scenario in Germany. As SOLDIER reported last year, the SS11 system is now being replaced by TOW missiles using Lynx helicopters as the battlefield launch platforms.

BACK COVER

Downhill ski-ing on The Grönten in the Bavarian Alps during Exercise Snow Queen, the annual season of winter survival courses attended by thousands of Rhine Army soldiers. Picture: Paul Haley

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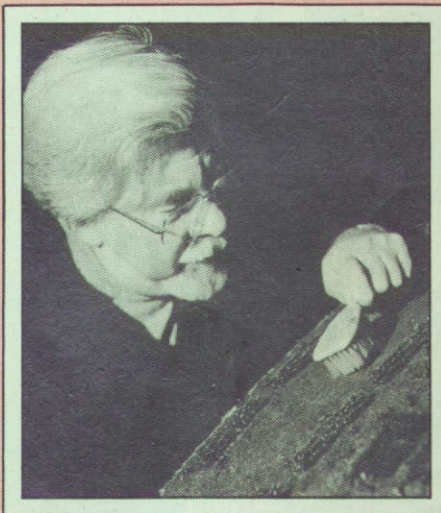
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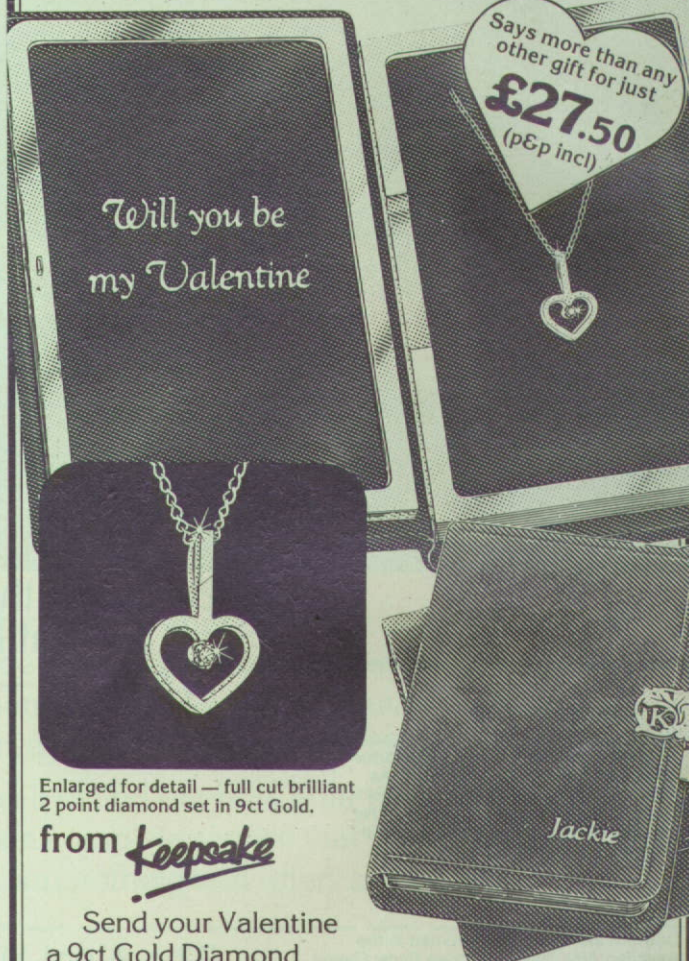
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It may seem Philistine to put a price on pomp and pageantry. But Army bands cost money — £26 million in the current financial year. Cheap at the price, many will argue. Particularly since bandmen are trained to set aside their drums and bugles in the event of war and move into the thick of action as drivers, medical orderlies and stretcher bearers.

Belt-tightening

Yet at a time when the whole Army is faced with the need to tighten its belt and shed 7000 regulars over the next five years, only the most indefatigable optimist could have expected the Army's bands to emerge untripped by the scissors of expediency. The loss of the Royal Army Medical Corps and The Royal Military Academy bands will be widely mourned. So too will the demise of two Gunner and Sapper ensembles. But faced with the alternative of disbanding a cap badged unit from the Army's fighting front line, the choice left little room for manoeuvre.

Essential part

In the leaner, sharper Army planned for the mid-80s there will still be nearly 2000 on the band establishment — a far-from-insignificant percentage of the Regular total and proof that Army bandmen — both in their ceremonial and operational role — are still an essential component in the military machine.

That much, at least is encouraging. It would be a sad day if the drive for increased efficiency in manpower and hardware ever caused the Army to abandon its ceremonial trappings. When it comes to deterring an enemy, bands may pose less threat than bullets. But they have no equal in raising morale and summoning up the spirit — and those are just as important to the success of any fighting man.



Bandmen practising their wartime role on exercise in Germany.

AXE SWINGS ON ARMY BANDS

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE has announced a reduction of 560 posts in the current Army band establishment of 2531 personnel — but not before 1984-85.

The cap-badged bands of the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Royal Military Academy will be disbanded. In addition, one of three Royal Artillery bands and one of two Royal Engineer bands will go.

There are currently 78 Army bands and the cost of staffing and running them will be £26 million in the current financial year.

An MOD spokesman explained: "They must make a contribution to the reduction in 1986 in the Army by 7,000 men and the percentage savings will be in line with those being sought from the infrastructure and support areas.

"If we don't achieve savings in this way we would, in all probability, have to disband a cap badged unit. The RAMC is the smallest corps in the Army and it has the least precise regimental

organisation still required for parade activity. As for Sandhurst, musical support will be supplied by other bands in the future. There is no need for a separate, dedicated band there."

The cuts will not take place until 1984-5 to allow them to be phased in with the total size of the Army at that time. It is also planned to ensure maximum use of natural wastage and cross-postings.

The spokesman said that opportunities for promotion will remain upon the re-structuring.

Statistically, there are 2,500 bandmen and 42 bandwomen among the 78 Army bands of which 22 are staff bands, 55 are Regimental bands and there is one Gurkha band.

But, meanwhile, the oompah-pah goes on in Germany where its bandmen, in addition to their musical responsibilities at ceremonies, drills or simply entertaining the troops and their families, carry out their second, vital role — that of medical orderlies and drivers.

Award

ARMY AIR CORPS Lynx pilot Sgt Robert Glonek has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct. The citation says that he showed exemplary skill, cool judgement and excellent airmanship in a hazardous mountain-top rescue in Northern Ireland to save the life of a teenage girl.

Field forces swop

THE TWO HQs, signals squadrons, minor elements and an Army Air Corps squadron from each of Numbers 6 and 8 Field Forces which have "straight-swapped" geographical locations, became operational on 15 December — 6 Field Force at Tidworth and 8 Field Force at Aldershot.

The bulk of the Field Force units, however, will stay in their existing stations but re-role to assume new tasks in the other Field Force.

Under the re-development, 6 Field Force (to be called 1 Infantry Brigade) will be centred on the Salisbury Plain Training Area so that infantry and armour can train together while 8 Field Force (to be called 5 Infantry Brigade from January 1), will be based in the Aldershot area which will allow the two parachute battalions in their ORBAT (Order of Battle) to make full use of existing para training facilities.

The Aldershot-based signal squadron — 216 Signal Squadron — leaves the garrison town for Tidworth after 32 years' continuous service as part of the one-star command re-organisational move. It will now be known as 1 Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (216).

Help for Rosalyn

THE ARMY CATERING Corps Association along with two Fund organisations and a Depot have come to the help of nine-year-old Rosalyn Mackenzie, daughter of Lance-Corporal 'Jed' Mackenzie of the AAC, who has suffered a hearing disability all her life.

Headmistress of Rosalyn's School — St Giles — in Edinburgh Mrs Garfrae heard of some American equipment called a Phonic Ear.

She advised L/Cpl Mackenzie, who is stationed at the Scottish Infantry Depot, Glencorse, to seek help from Army sources as the local authority could not afford the equipment.

Jed promptly applied to the Army Catering Corps Association who came up with most of the money with help from the Army Benevolent Fund, The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association and a donation from the Glencorse Depot itself. A total of £700 was raised.

Local re-opens

THE ANTELOPE INN at Saltsford in Warwick has been re-opened after many years. It used to be the "local" for the men of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The military flavour has returned throughout with the sign and the windows bearing the emblem of the Regiment — an antelope. The lounge murals depict prints and photographs of soldiers from the Regiment.

Brigadier H.C. Illing performed the opening ceremony. Brigadier Illing recently retired as Deputy Colonel Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Warwickshire), a post he held for seven years.

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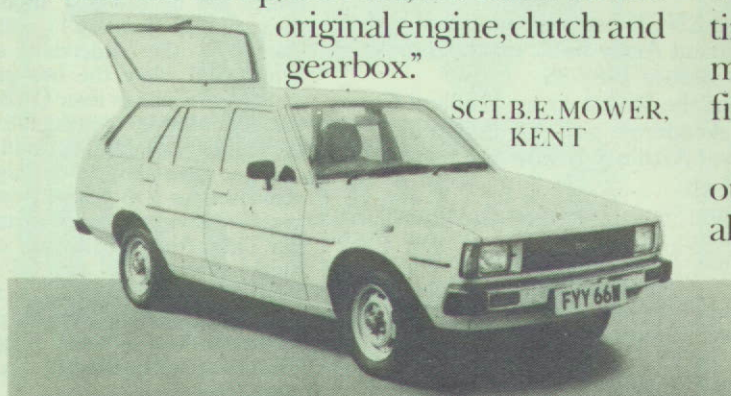
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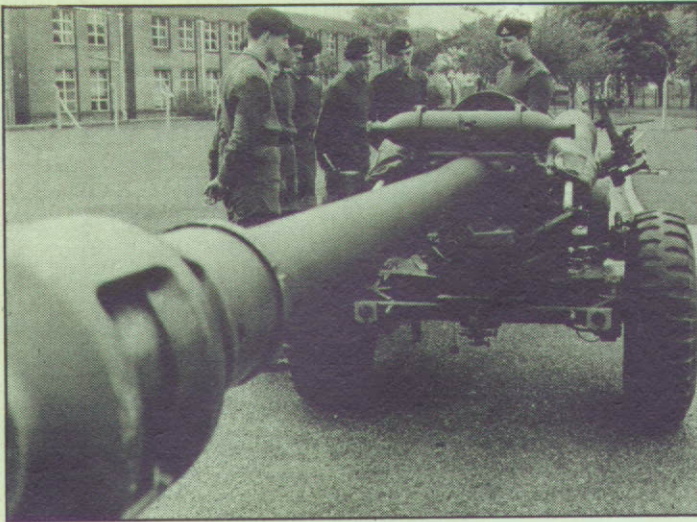
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RA DEPOT STILL GOES BIG GUNS

THE LAST RECRUIT has passed out of the gates of The Depot Regiment Royal Artillery at Woolwich. Well, for the time being, at least.

The time when the recruiting just had to stop was recorded with the passing out of Le Cateau Troop who became fully-fledged gunners to make the Royal Artillery now fully up to strength.

The next intake of recruits for the Regiment is likely to be early this year. Yet the parade squares and classrooms are as busy as ever thanks to an idea put forward by Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Beckingsale, the Commanding Officer, who saw the lull as a great opportunity to take some of the training workload off regiments dotted around the world.

Now, soldiers from as far afield as Belize and as near as BAOR are at Woolwich to undergo all kinds of training with crew commander courses for lance-bombardiers running parallel with promotion courses for bombardiers.

The Territorials, too, have been quick to make use of the

chance as they form an integral part of the Royal Artillery. They have been sending down recruits for basic training.

Meanwhile, the Depot staff have been kept as busy as ever.

Regular recruits who had passed out from the Depot were in for a surprise too. They were retained at the Depot for three weeks to help with night guard duties. By day they had been on an experimental training programme before final posting to their regiments and that involved confidence building courses like aid to the local community ... and parachuting!

ARMY TEAM FOR UGANDA?

BRITAIN has indicated willingness to provide up to 19 soldiers to take part in a proposed Commonwealth training team for the Ugandan Army. Responses are still awaited from other member countries.

COMBAT VILLAGE

TWO NEW combat training facilities came into use in December at the Longmoor Intermediate Training Area (LITA), near Aldershot, comprising a Fighting in Built-Up Area (FIBUA) low-level skills area and a Counter Insurgency (COIN) facility.

The FIBUA facility comprises a demonstration house, four skills houses and ten other houses where techniques and drills can be practised.

Section and platoon level training both in defence and attack is available to both Regular and TA "teeth-arm" units.

The COIN facility comprises between 30 to 40 houses and includes a platoon base and a company base with suitability for platoon and company level training.

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is the priority user but other Regular units will be using it where spare capacity exists and will be encouraged to do so. The COIN facility incorporates the FIBUA area.

Potential users will be recommended to make detailed recce to fully appreciate the range of facilities which are provided.

Costings examined

THE SP 70 (Self-Propelled) 155mm gun is not the only piece of Army equipment currently under review says the Ministry of Defence following a magazine article suggesting its scrapping because of delays and rising costs.

A spokesman said: "This is just part of a continuous scrutiny to ensure that cost-effective procurement is maintained and that project costs can be contained within the cash available."

The SP 70 — thirty per cent of which will be made in the UK — is being developed in conjunction with the Italians and Germans.

The other British-made components will be the turret, shell and ammunition-handling system which will be built at Royal Ordnance Factories.

TA 'chopper' debut

THE RAF's newest helicopter — a Chinook from RAF Odiham in Hampshire — took to the skies over North West District for the first time lifting more than 300 men from the Preston-based TA unit, the 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, on familiarisation flights over the Cumbrian Fells.

Briefly

According to the findings of the National Gallup Poll UK, 86 per cent of the population have confidence in the Armed Forces while 62 per cent said they would be prepared to fight another war for their country.

Colonel Helen Meechie becomes the youngest-ever Director, Women's Royal Army Corps in March at the age of 44 and on promotion to Brigadier. Colonel Meechie, Deputy Director WRAC since last summer succeeds Brigadier Anne Field.

Raging snowstorms failed to deter lads from the Army Catering Corps Apprentice College expedition in their bids to ascend the two highest peaks in Norway at 8000 feet. It took three days to reach their base camp. Now, newly-recruited members of the College's Climbing Club are getting ready for another Norway trip.

Dr Stuart Blanch, the Archbishop of York 'joined' the Army for a day in the city to take part in a one-day seminar of leadership, morale and spiritual welfare at HQ North East District.

The import ban of pet birds into the UK has been slightly relaxed. Families can now bring in up to six birds subject to 35 days' quarantine.

Major-General Sandy Boswell, Director Territorial Army and Cadets made the presentations to the Army Section of the Lord Wandsworth College CCF's passing-out parade of the NCO cadre and the award of cap badges to the recruit squadron.

Two military communications satellites with ground control systems worth an estimated £80 million will operate from their "geo-stationary position" above the earth's Equator providing strategic and tactical communications for the three Services from 1985 to 1990.

The Ministry of Defence has placed the contract with British Aerospace Dynamics Group who have been working with their sub-contractor Marconi Space and Defence Systems.

Links between a Royal Corps of Transport regiment — 10 Corps Transport Regiment — and the Oman Army were renewed recently with the visit of Captain Rashid Al Maqbali of the Sultan of Oman's Army. He brought greetings from his CO, Lt-Col P Benton former CO of 10 Regiment.

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◀ Brunei Bevy

Officer Cadets Sopiah Husaini, Nazlina Syed Elham and Rosnani Ismail, the first three girls from Brunei to be commissioned at the WRAC College, Camberley, clutch their scrolls which had been presented to them by Lt-Gen Sir James Glover, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Intelligence).



PTI Praised ▶

Bombardier Stephen Rigby of Oswestry, on a transfer probation course with the Army Physical Training Corps at Aldershot, earned the sympathy of the crowd at a carnival in July after he had badly injured his neck in a high horse exercise, an accident which has left him in a wheel-chair.

Now, his colleagues at

Aldershot have honoured him with associate membership of the Army Physical Training Corps and the occasion was hallmarked with the passing out of his eight course colleagues.

Congratulating Steve is Lt-Col Norman Bruce, Assistant Commandant of the APTC and Commandant of the APTC School.



◀ Port of Call

Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, officially opens a £360,000 facelifted Southampton Officer Training Corps HQ. Junior Officer Madson introduces the guard of honour to Mr Wiggin.

Rapier VIP ▶

Major General E Burgess, MGRA, is shown the finer points of Troops Officers' checks on Blindfire Rapier by Lt Stephen Barnard during his visit to the 22nd Air Defence Regiment, RA.

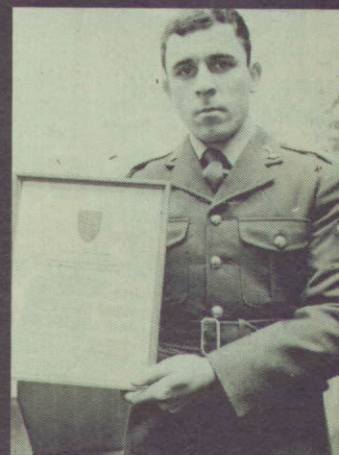


◀ Play School

Air defence gunners of 58 (Eyre's) Battery, 12 Air Defence Regiment, as their contribution to the Year of the Disabled, laid aside their Rapier missiles to build a new road and refurbish a playground at a disabled children's school in Blackpool. 2nd Lt Hazel East and Sgt Eddie Ferguson added the artistic touch.

Rock Face Hero ▶

L/Cpl John Rutland of 206 (6 Armoured Brigade) Signal Squadron with his C-in-C's Commendation awarded for saving the life of a colleague in a Bavarian climbing exercise. John abseiled down a severe



rock face with raw, bleeding hands to help the half-conscious soldier who had a head injury and fractures.





◀ Aid

First aid for an 'injured' player in Aldershot's charity football match when the officers took on the WOs and SNCOs in a game which had rules more reminiscent of the gaelic version. The actual score was 4-4 but apparently the officers won on a technicality.

Old Timer ▶

When Cpl George Prosser awoke on his 100th birthday he was greeted by a fanfare by trumpeters of the Junior Leaders Regiment RCT who also brought along a birthday cake. Then Col James Payne made a presentation to the Gallipoli veteran. George, who served with 53 (Welsh) Div Army Service Corps was badly wounded in the ill-fated landings.



◀ Hot Walk

It was a hot walk for members of the 18 teams who tackled the 62 mile Maclehose trail in a sponsored walk for the Spastics Association of Hong Kong. First home were 50 Command Workshops, REME who covered the course in 19 hours 27 minutes. The walk raised \$(HK)72,000.



◀ Prize

Sgt Ronald Campbell, REME, who is serving with 1st Armoured Division HQ and Signals Regiment in BAOR got his new video machine just in time for Christmas. He was the winner of the recent Soldier/Pickfords competition.



Best ▶

Master Chef WO2 Glover ACC receiving the 2nd Armoured Division Catering Efficiency Trophy on behalf of 25 Engineer Regiment from Maj Gen Martin Farndale the divisional commander.





Gareth gives covering fire in the attack.

IT IS THREE O'CLOCK on a cold, wet afternoon and the little town of Bodenworder in Germany is about to find itself the setting for a small war.

From an old stone beacon tower high above the River Weser, a British soldier peers through his binoculars and the mist at the span of a single-track railway bridge. At the near end, several hundred feet below the steep ridge on which he stands, is a factory. The railway runs past this and then across the exposed girderwork of the bridge to a station on the far side.

The task of the soldier, an officer cadet at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, is to capture that bridge. From where he stands it looks like his own personal Arnhem — a bridge too far away.

The soldier is Cadet Gareth Silcock, aged 19, from Thanet in Kent. At the end of his course at Sandhurst, and with a three-year short service commission in the Army awaiting him, Gareth has to plan and lead an attack to seize the bridge.

Facing him as the 'enemy' defenders are well-armed and experienced troops of the British Army of the Rhine. Behind him stand a group of Sandhurst instructors, watchful for any mistakes. Gareth Silcock is an anxious young man.

His master plan has already been scrapped. He wanted to spend an hour moving his men — a platoon of other Sandhurst cadets — into position. But the light was fading and the instructors have told him he has only a few minutes to prepare an alternative attack. Gareth decides to storm the bridge immediately.

Forty minutes later and it is all over. His

men have captured the far end of the river crossing and are counting their casualties. The instructors have criticisms but seem pleased.

"Now you see how difficult it is," says one. "It's a very narrow assault because the bridge leaves you nowhere else to go. But other people have taken bridges like this for real in the past and it can be done."

Gareth is also reasonably happy and thought the attack went well.

"All the others got together and made it work. Basically we rushed the bridge in sections. I was wondering how to get on to it at first. We secured the buildings at the near end, checked them and then went round the back to the bridge. We could only move two to three men across it at a time."

Gareth and his colleagues were all taking part in Exercise Eiffel Tower II, two weeks of field training on unfamiliar terrain near Hameln, hosted by 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment.

The cadets were all members of Standard Military Course 28 at New College, RMA Sandhurst and this was their final exercise

before commissioning. The 110 cadets on the course were split into two companies, with helicopter support, to operate against 'enemy' troops from 1st Battalion Light Infantry.

The course included some 30 overseas cadets from Arab and African countries.

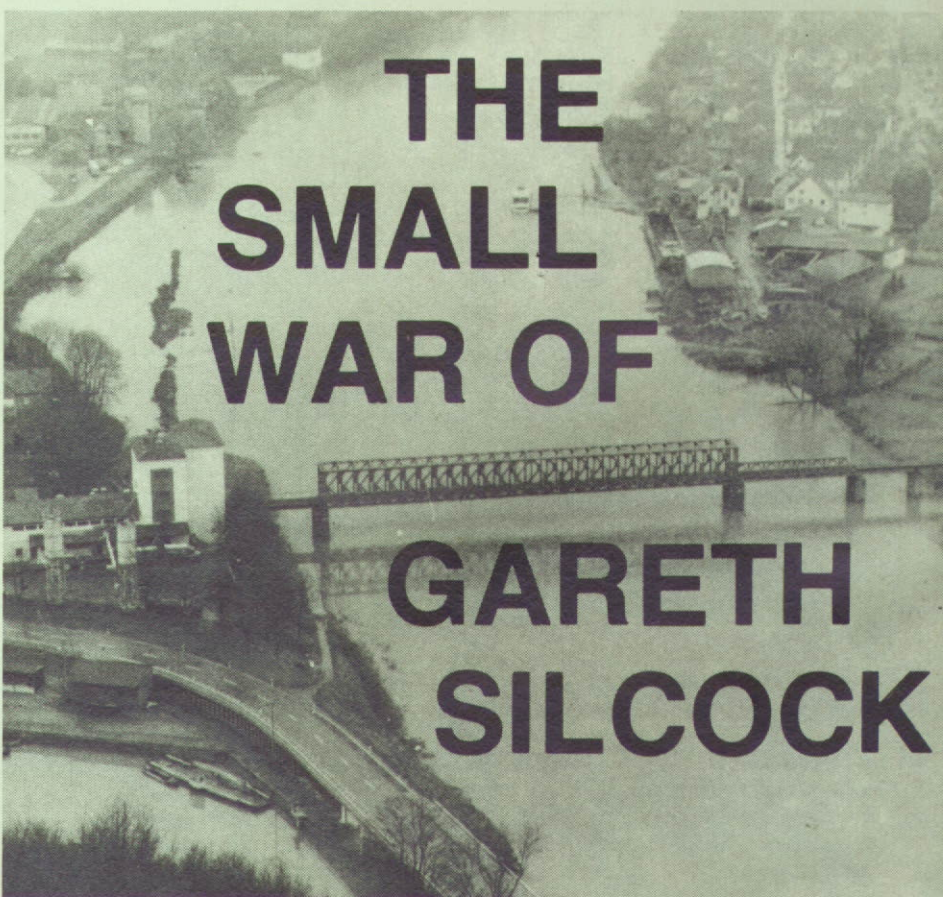
"The aim of the exercise was to give the cadets the maximum opportunity to practice their leadership skills in the field," said Major John Cochrane, of the New College Directing Staff.

"During their course at New College, which lasts eight months, they have been to most of the major training areas in the UK, so they needed somewhere new.

"They are unused to this German terrain in the main, except those one or two cadets who have come to us from the ranks and served in BAOR".

The cadets' course comprised two 14-week terms with a leave break in between. The first term included a major exercise on Dartmoor, while, on the second,

The bridge at Bodenworder — the enemy were defending the right hand end. ▼



Story: Steve Jones

they spent half their time away from Sandhurst.

All knew before commissioning which regiments they would be joining. In Gareth Silcock's case it is The Queen's Regiment and he will be returning to Germany to join its 3rd Battalion.

"I think that this last exercise has been valuable, not least because this is the country in which we would expect to face and fight a war if it ever broke out," said Gareth.

But at the end of a fortnight's fighting however — although cold and tired — he and the others faced more mundane prospects. They had to return to a German farm and clean up the barn that they had been using for sleeping quarters . . . ■

◀ Attackers return after taking the bridge.



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► Singing it with feeling, Carla Donnelly.



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Just getting the chance to perform can be the biggest hurdle of all. Auditions are a tougher ordeal for performers than the most hostile audience.

But the smell of the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd are powerful magnets. Which is why 17 aspiring entertainers gathered in a tiny London theatre at the back end of last year to play, sing, dance and tell jokes for an audience of barely 30 people — their fellow performers, managers, agents and staff of Combined Services Entertainments.

Comedy singing duo Gutbucket and Camelfoot summed up the claustrophobic surroundings perfectly: "We've never played in a matchbox before!"

The 10-minute auditions were arranged by CSE who were on the eagle-eyed look-out for a crop of vocalists, speciality acts and comedians ready and able to entertain British Forces in venues as diverse as Belfast, Berlin or Belize.

As with all showbiz nowadays, competition was keen, but Mr Derek Agutter, head of CSE, and his team of assessors finally selected seven acts who could be among this year's new Forces' favourites.

They included three comedy acts who triumphed in spite of their surroundings. "It was particularly tough for the comedians," explained Derek Agutter, "because they didn't have the benefit of a live, non-professional audience."

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Irish comedian, Tommy Quinn.



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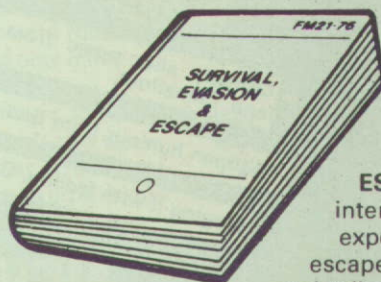
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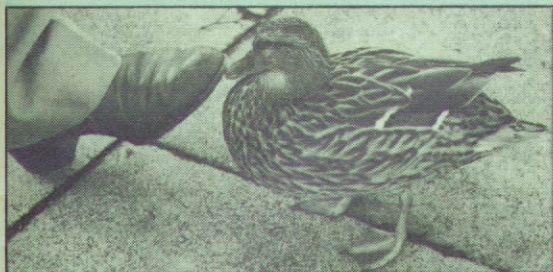
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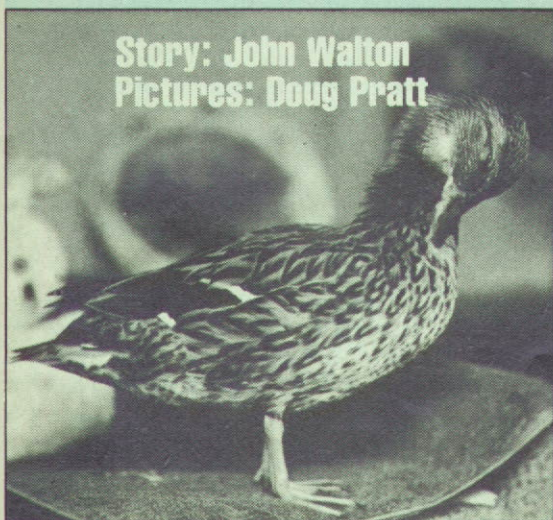
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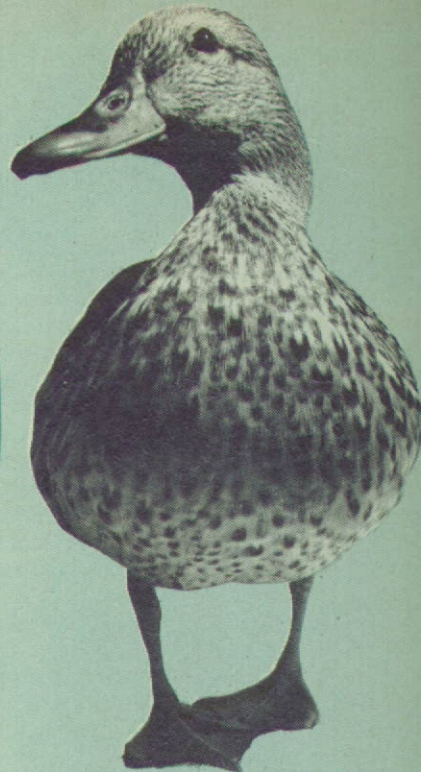
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BEWARE OF
THE DUCK



Story: John Walton
Pictures: Doug Pratt



LUV A DUCK



THERE IS A SIGN outside the door of Captain Mike Terry's married quarter at Sennelager in Germany. It reads in English and German 'Beware of the duck' and is really only a joke.

Nevertheless, the family's house pet proceeded to live up to the joke when SOLDIER called by stabbing with his beak at the photographer's camera and the writer's boots.

Daisy Duck has lived in the quarter almost since she was an egg. And it seems doubtful that she knows she is a duck — although she has her own pond in the garden. For most of her time is spent in the house as a companion for Mike, range control officer at Sennelager ranges, and his wife, Catherine.

Daisy was one of the ducks bred at Sennelager for shooting but Catherine had always liked ducks so Mike brought her the tiny duckling home. She was housed in a television box for the first two weeks with a pink feather duster for company.

Since then she has made the house and garden her own. She passed her first swimming test in the kitchen sink, graduated to the bath and finally took over the pond which Mike dug for her. And she shares the

pond with no-one or nothing — water lilies and goldfish were introduced but speedily ended up as part of Daisy's diet.

Daisy sleeps in a little wooden house decorated with duck decals and sited in the corner of the dining room. She has her own chair, covered with towels as she appears to be unwilling to become house trained, and according to Catherine sometimes watches television.

She has had two accidents in her six months' life. At three weeks she fell down the cellar steps and suffered concussion, and later she flew into the wire mesh around the tennis court and damaged her beak.

While Catherine is doing the housework Daisy waddles around behind her — occasionally perching on the vacuum cleaner or exploring a cupboard. Twice she has flown off and been returned by car.

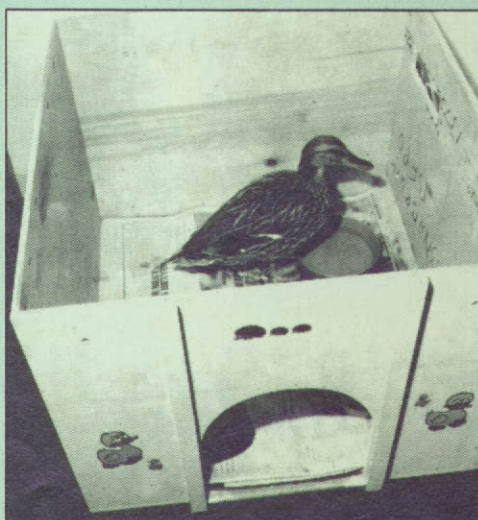
Mike and Catherine are philosophical about this. "We cannot take her back to England when we do go so if she does fly off and find a mate we shall be happy to let her go."

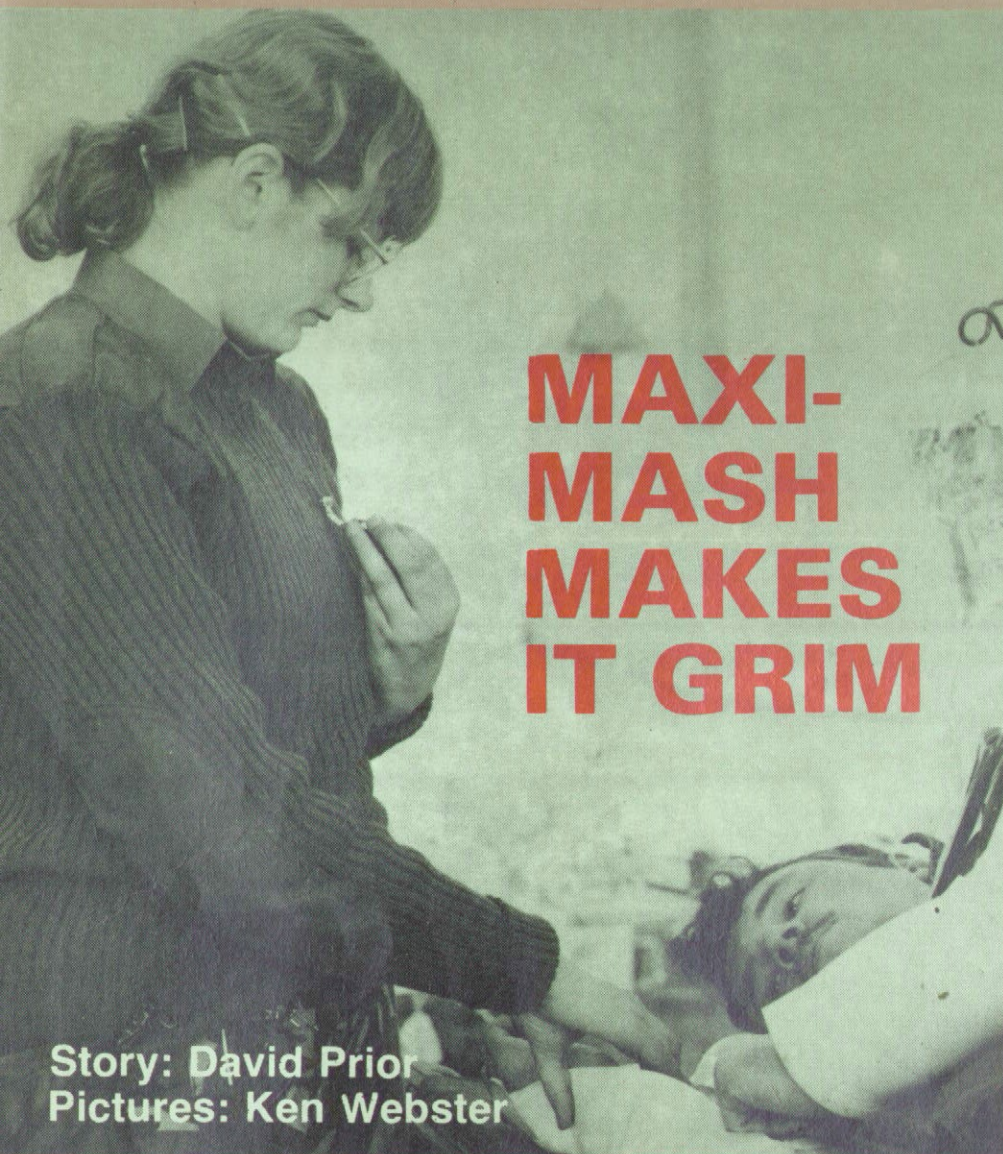
Daisy also likes a drop of gin and tonic, sherry or wine. And if she is left in the house on her own she has the radio on for company. If the door bell rings, just like any good guard duck she rushes to the door madly quacking.

According to Catherine Daisy has a stronger affection for Mike than for her. "I'm sure she thinks Michael is her mother. I can call her until the cows come home and she won't come but Michael only has to go outside. She goes for walks with him over the fields."

And if Michael is having a good soak at the end of a tiring day there is usually a beak urgently rapping on the bathroom door. Presumably Daisy has heard that people play with ducks in the bath!

The Terry's do not see anything unusual about Daisy. "If people can have cats or dogs sitting on chairs in the house then why not a duck?" says Mike. Daisy likes being a part of the family and only when she is really naughty does she hear the two dread words 'Orange Sauce'.





MAXI-MASH MAKES IT GRIM

Story: David Prior
Pictures: Ken Webster



Working with little more than vegetable dye, standard theatrical make-up, plus their own ingenuity, the men of 2 Armoured Division's Field Ambulance can transform a body into a reject from spare part surgery. Another important aspect of medical exercises is in giving Bandsmen a chance to practise their war role.

As the wounded were flown in by helicopter they were met by bandsmen. But there was no fanfare of trumpets, no slow roll on the drums performed by smart young men in scarlet uniforms and shiny buttons.

This time the drummer had exchanged his instrument for a stretcher, his bright uniform for combat clothes. For in war the men of music would be performing as medical assistants giving vital first aid and stretching the wounded to safety.

Three regimental bands took part in Maxi Mash: 14/20 Hussars, 1 Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment and the Royal Hussars.

Between practising for regimental and public engagements, these highly talented musicians also spend their time training in their medical role. To reach Medical Assistant standard takes two weeks' intense training and study followed by periods of continuation training.

At a time when the future of some Army bands is in the balance, it is worth remembering that the bandsmen's speed and skill on the battle field will initially decide who lives and who dies.

◀ Skilled attention from Corporal Kathryn Langham of BMH Munster.

Full X-ray equipment was on hand during the exercise. ▼

THE young soldier, his combat uniform in shreds and exhaustion heavy in the eyes, tried to sit up in his hospital bed but fell back with the effort.

Three times he tried and three times he failed. By the fourth attempt he had worked out how to use what was left of his body to get into a reasonably comfortable position.

He had also worked out how to bend from the waist without relying on his left leg which was shattered from an explosion and heavily bandaged in splints.

He couldn't use his right arm because that too was in splints with movement restricted to only two fingers. He couldn't use his left hand because that wasn't there any more. In its place — a bloody stump of flesh and bone looking like the broken knuckle joint you would find in a butcher's shop.

The young soldier was one of over 730 similar casualties brought into Gordon Barracks in Hameln, West Germany, over a two day period. But happily his terrible injuries were only simulated.

He was taking part in Exercise Maxi Mash, a mobilisation exercise for the British Military Hospital in Hanover, run by HQ 2nd Armoured Division, designed to test BMH Hanover's ability to move and deploy

Top left: Nurse Judy Brewer from BMH Hanover checks pulse of a simulated burns casualty, Driver Christopher Banks.

◀ Bandsmen receive another patient at the field hospital.

to a war time location, and to perform their role as a forward surgical complex.

Though the wounds were faked the exercise was played for real. The only unreal aspect was the location; a dry, warm and brightly lit gymnasium that served as a field hospital.

In war, barracks and gymnasiums would not be used. For the most part because no one would be there and probably neither would the barracks.

What would be used would be barns, cellars and tents. Any place that offered suitable shelter.

Maxi Mash tried and succeeded in giving a taste of the realism of war to the 800 or so people that took part, from the ambulances arriving with a fresh batch of patients, to the RAF Puma helicopter setting down with its cargo of more seriously wounded.

The smell of a hospital was right, the documentation was right and the hospital 'rush with hush' was right too.

War tears apart the body of the soldier and the lives of those that wait for the telegram. But how do you condition the medical staff to accept the type and variety of injuries they could expect? One way is by simulating wounds and missing limbs.

An integral part of almost all medical exercises these days is the small group of technicians that make up the Casualty Simulation section, and Maxi Mash gave them ample opportunity to practise their macabre craft.





"So... you think our glorious army is a mob of underpaid, undisciplined yobboes, do you?"

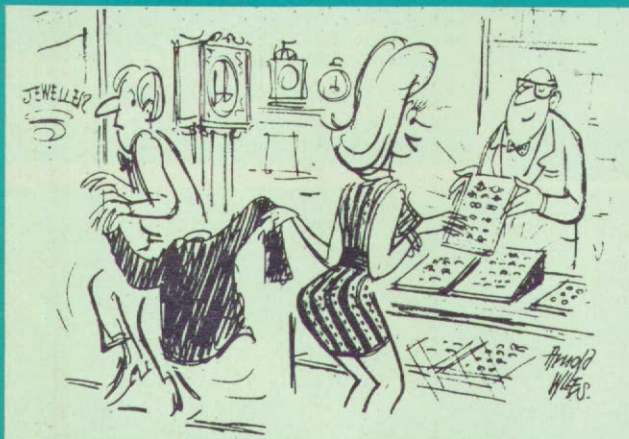


"Most of us make do with a pin-up poster inside our locker."

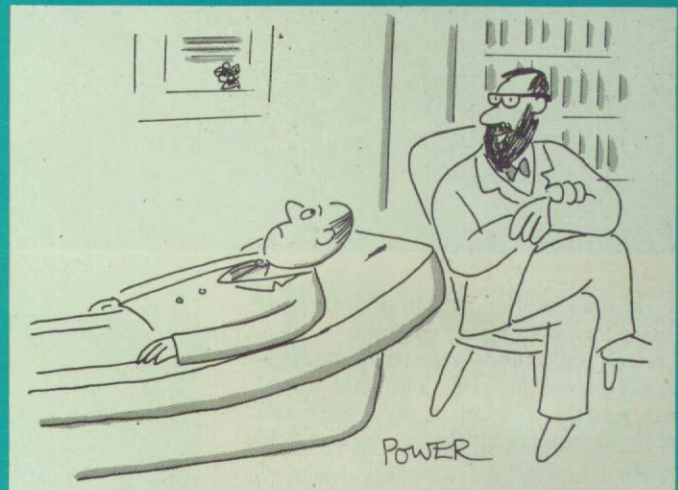


"I must say, you pale into insignificance in your natural habitat."

Humour



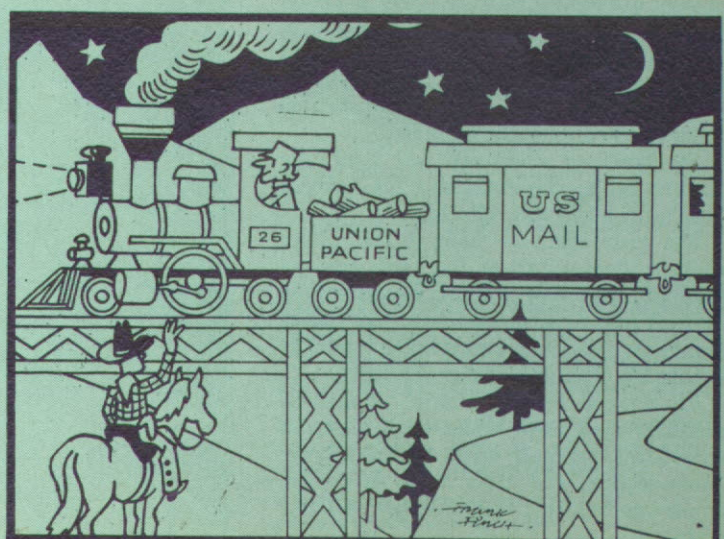
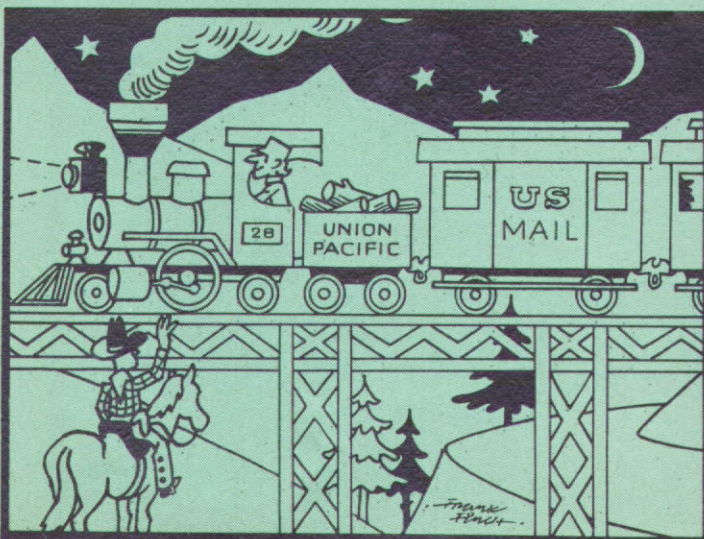
"We'd like to see something more expensive."



"Before I cure your kleptomania, do you think you could pick me up a video recorder?"

How observant are you?

These two pictures look alike but they differ in ten details. Look at them carefully. If you cannot spot the differences turn to page 37.



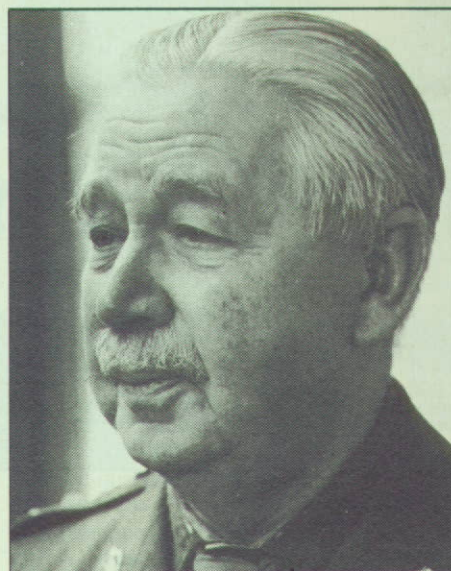
One of Britain's legal experts at the Nuremberg Trials bows out of the Army this month.

Laying down the law

THE NUREMBERG WAR crimes trials may have been held 35 years ago but they still conjure up vivid memories; the grim array of the 20 subdued, stony-faced top Nazis and generals sitting along the wooden seats, headphones clamped to their heads as they listened to the monstrous charges against them, remain etched indelibly in the minds of millions.

One of those privileged to have spent some time at the macabre International Tribunal — it lasted, in all, for eleven months, ending in October 1946 — was Brigadier R C 'Herbert' Halse (then Colonel Halse) who was officer in charge of war crimes.

Brigadier Halse, who is 77 and retires this month as Colonel Commandant of the Army Legal Corps, was one of the British prosecutors at Nuremberg where eight judges — two each from Britain, America, France



and Russia — listened to the horrifying indictments being read out for the benefit of the world. So intense was public interest that men from No 1 HQ Signals Regiment sent out daily 150,000 press despatches in seven languages during the initial stages of the marathon hearing.

"I remember looking at Hess, Speer and Goering as they sat in a neat row. They were so subdued except Goering who looked as if he still ruled the world," recalls Brigadier Halse.

"It was an imposing sight but the actual court proceedings were dull. Throughout the trials I felt it was important never to let feelings about prisoners influence my job but, obviously, I couldn't stand some Germans."

Brigadier Halse's legal expertise also took

him to Hamburg where he presented the prosecution case against 20 Gestapo members accused of ordering the murder of 50 airmen who broke out from Stalag Luft III (the theme of the film *The Great Escape*).

This hearing was "sober and painstaking" according to the Brigadier.

He added: "It was interesting to see how the Germans conducted themselves during the trials. Although there was a public gallery in the Hamburg court room, not one German civilian came to listen to the trial.

"Because of repeated arguments about the interpretation of German orders I had two teams of translators. One team translated the German orders into English and the other team translated the English back into German so that they could see it co-incided.

"The German lawyers raised so many objections that occasionally I felt I was

'Occasionally I felt I was defending the interrogation system of the British Army rather than prosecuting German war criminals'

defending the interrogation system of the British Army rather than prosecuting German war criminals! The 20 Gestapo men were executed."

Brigadier Halse also witnessed the demise of Irma Grese, the head female warden at the Belsen-Bergen concentration camp and recalls: "I rate her as one of the most unpleasant individuals I came across."



The packed Nuremberg courtroom, November 1945. The Nazi leaders are seated in the two rows in front of the guards, among them Goering, Hess and Ribbentrop.



Belsen wardresses on trial at Luneburg, among them Irma Grese (no 9).

Found guilty, Grese was hanged.

"I wasn't prosecuting personally but was responsible for ensuring everything progressed correctly," said the Brigadier.

Added motivation came from a visit he had made to Belsen-Bergen two days after the camp's liberation of its 60,000 inmates by the Allies.

He says: "I stayed for only three hours because I couldn't take it. Dead bodies looking like waxworks figures were piled high by huge bulldozers. None of the survivors had eaten for about three weeks previously. The men just stood there and looked at us totally apathetically. Many of the women had managed to find some sort of make-up and had tried to do something with their hair. It made them look even more tragic."

Field Marshal Albrecht Kesselring also found himself under interrogation and cross-examination by the Brigadier — this time at Venice. He had been called as a defence witness during his implication in the reprisal murders of 300 Italians for the lives of 30 Germans killed in a Rome bomb explosion.

Brigadier Halse said: "From the outset I felt sorry for Kesselring and when I discovered that he was a pipe smoker I supplied him with a half-pound of tobacco regularly throughout the trials. I found Kesselring to be a fine soldier and an upright man."

Kesselring was sentenced to death in May 1947 after a lengthy trial but his sentence was commuted to one of life imprisonment. He was subsequently pardoned and freed in October 1952.

Retired from the Army in 1962, Brigadier Halse became Colonel Commandant of the Army Legal Corps in 1978. He was responsible for editing the 8th-10th editions of the Manual of Military Law and has subsequently drafted defence legislation for Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika (as it then was), Ghana, the West Indies, Belize and Tonga. He has also written the manual of military law for Jamaica.

But how did he come by the name of 'Herbert'?

Brigadier Halse explained that it goes back to his TA days of half-a-century ago.

"One of my contemporaries was rather fond of alliterations and he simply dubbed me as 'orrible 'erbert 'alse!"

No 7 5th ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS

THE BADGE DEPICTED is that currently worn by the members of this regiment. In anodised silver material, it was previously struck in white metal.

One might expect that the design would include features of the badges worn by the regiment's component formations prior to 1927, but in fact the present design took little inspiration from the 5th Dragoon Guards and none at all from the 6th Dragoons.

The first of the original regiments was formed in 1685 by the Earl of Shrewsbury and known as the 7th Horse. They fought at the Battle of the Boyne but Blenheim was the first of the list of resounding names to be emblazoned on the regimental standard. The unit title underwent many changes: The 2nd Irish Horse; The Fifth Dragoon Guards and in 1804 The 5th (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) Dragoon Guards.

The regiment's early years were heavily occupied but after the Crimean War, as part of the Heavy Brigade, they enjoyed a period of comparative calm, until the Boer War and the all embracing Great War. Their head-dress badge, introduced in the last years of Queen Victoria's reign, was a circlet inscribed *Vestigia nulla retrosum* (No going back), surmounted by the Victorian crown. In the centre was the White Horse of Hanover with the Roman numeral V above, and the letters DG below. The centre was of white metal with the remainder in gilding metal. In 1901 the crown changed to the Imperial type.

When, in 1922, the regiment combined with the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, it continued to wear the same badge until 1927.

The Protestant garrison of Inniskilling provided the original personnel of the dragoon regiment who were known by the name of their Colonel until 1751 when the title 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons was adopted. They fought with merciless fury at the Boyne, remaining in Ireland until 1751.

Service in Scotland, followed by a deal of fighting in Flanders, next claimed their attentions. As part of the Union Brigade at Waterloo, they again covered themselves with glory but at great cost. In the Crimea together with the 2nd Royal North British Dragoons, they enabled the remnants of the Light Brigade to reach safety. Their later conduct reflected their earlier valour, obscured as it was in the welter of blood that resulted from modern warfare and the engagement of vast numbers of fighting men.

Their first cap badge commemorated their birthplace and recruiting ground, being the Castle of Inniskilling with the St George's flag flying from the central turret and below, a scroll inscribed 'Inniskilling'. The castle was in white metal, the scroll in gilding metal.

In 1922 the title of the newly formed regiment was 5th/6th Dragoons, altered in 1927 to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. In January 1929 the new badge was approved in white metal, bearing the Imperial crown. The prefix Royal was added in 1935. The badge remained unchanged until January 1955, when the present Sovereign's St Edwards crown replaced the former pattern. A silver anodised version was finally approved in October 1963.

Arthur L Kipling and Hugh L King.

Your Cap Badge



Next issue: Queen's Own Hussars

THE QUALITY OF LIFE available to soldiers and their dependants serving and living in Warminster's Army cantonment defies the banal description of 'garrison town'. Or so say its fervent admirers. They insist Warminster is a popular posting with good road and rail connections and is "discreet" at the "better end of the Plain".

Famed for its School of Infantry and its showpiece Infantry Demonstration Battalion, Warminster offers a wide range of facilities for its 3000 Army residents who include the 550 families living in modernised married quarters.

As Captain Graeme McDonald, The King's Regiment and Adjutant to the IDB pointed out: "You can fly a glider, ride a horse, jump out of an aeroplane, go parascending and even shoot pheasants at Warminster."

Not only the good life, then, but a different, exhilarating one awaits those stationed at Warminster, a military enclave about half the size of the civilian town and sited near a great Iron Age fortress which was once used by the Romans as a garrison for its legions marching from Salisbury to Bath.

Nowadays, the 'legions' of Warminster usually take the more leisurely and picturesque route to Salisbury and Bath — using 40 pence British Railcards.

And the School of Infantry, for one, is proud of the fact that it stands near such a venerable military monument.

The complex is within walking distance of the town with its three supermarkets and host of other shops.

For the connoisseur of local ales there are 17 pubs in the town — a ratio of one pub to every thousand inhabitants.

Warminster offers its soldier the usual gamut of sports facilities including a thriving Saddle Club, swimming pool and the use of a golf club which has a 24-strong block membership for the military.

Major Tim Thomas, Adjutant of the Support Unit, said: "There is a lengthy waiting list to join. There is a general on it but a private is ahead of him on that list."

Welfare is high on the agenda for everyone and Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Horner, retired, the Housing and Welfare Officer makes sure it is. He holds welfare meetings once a month.

Yet Warminster is not an introverted establishment. A great deal of help is given to the local community with charity functions and church and school fetes. Local football clubs use the Army's pitches and other facilities are also shared.



CLEAN, GREEN AND FRIENDLY

Married quarters for Other Ranks. ▲

Servicemen's children are catered for with Boy Scout troops, Girl Guide companies and Brownie packs.

Identification with the local community is strong, they say. For instance, a sum of £700 was raised and given to the Mayoress of Warminster for disposal as she saw fit.

And the police have confidence in the off-duty Warminster personnel, particularly the young ones. So much so that they raised no objections last April when the licensing hours in the town were extended by half-an-hour to 11 p.m.

'There are no warts in Warminster . . . This is a community rather than a garrison'

As the local police superintendent explained: "There is a tremendous liaison between the regimental police and ourselves — and always has been. Any problems are resolved before they happen by the various commanding officers. As for the extra half-hour drinking time we have no worries. In any other places we would have had to take that into serious consideration — but not here."

The soldiers and citizenry of Warminster have been 'married' for a long time. Many of their number have retired to the area.

Life for the married soldier, says the Adjutant of the IDB, is conducive to a happy existence as the wives, at least, know when their husbands are going to be away from home. There is also the "dream at the top of the hill" as another put it — block leave.

Social life for the single soldier is not too bad, either. There are discos and plenty of friendly girls.

Commented Captain McDonald: "A single soldier can do as much or as little as any civilian teenager in Warminster."

Captain Jim Brown, OC of 27 Command Workshops, REME — the largest employers of civilians, incidentally, in Warminster, about 4000 of them — endorsed this view: "A lot of girls come in from Trowbridge and Westbury to see the soldiers. They come hunting in Warminster."

Major Lawrence Anderson, Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master General, chipped in: "There are no warts in Warminster. Small is good here. This is a community rather than a garrison. I think garrison is the wrong word. You don't notice you are driving into a garrison town. It's a discreet garrison town."

Certainly, married soldiers can expect to move into a married quarter within four to six weeks of arrival, taking advantage of a modernisation programme of 89 quarters — 60 of them already done and the rest to be completed by the end of the year.

But is Warminster really without 'warts'?

Scotsman Corporal Ken Don, 42, who works in a stores, offered: "It's no bad. You've got most things you want in the town but there is a lack of late-night fish and chip shops. Warminster is fairly central for the coast."

Married man, Private Alan Lindsey, 22, who has an 18-month old daughter, said: "It's all right. I've got no complaints about it. This is the better end of the Plain. It's better than Tidworth and it's a friendly town but I wouldn't come back if I had the choice. It's not that I dislike Warminster, it's just that there are better places, like BAOR."

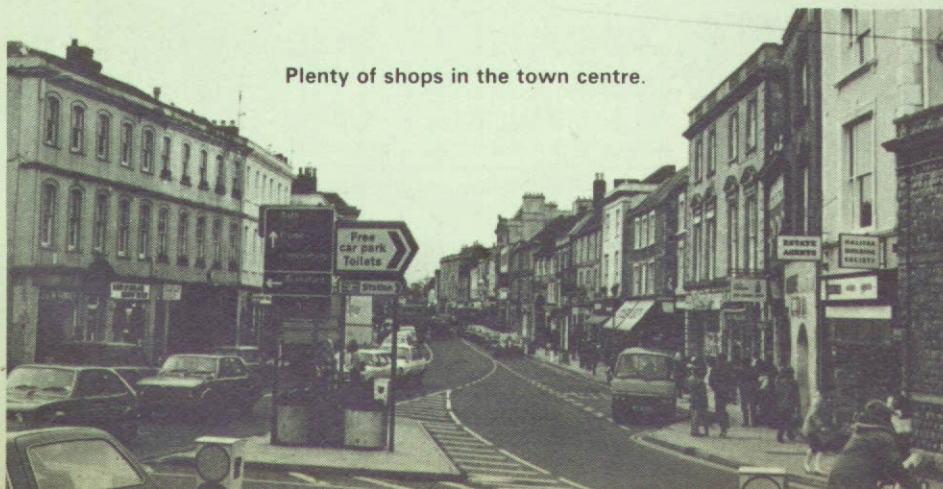
Corporal Phil Irwin, 26, a Regimental Signals Instructor, likes Warminster. So does his wife, Angela — from Colchester — and their two toddlers, David and Rebecca.

"Of course, it doesn't compare with Colchester but I like it here", said Angela who runs a section of Girl Guides. "And it's fairly handy for the towns of Bath and Bristol where I go for my clothes because it is a bit awkward to get them locally."

She added: "Some wives say they are bored but there is plenty to do here if you organise yourself."

Perhaps Major Thomas summed it all up when he told SOLDIER: "It's clean . . . it's green . . . and the natives are very friendly!"

Plenty of shops in the town centre.



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Revisiting scenes of gallantry in Hong Kong

THE LASTING HONOUR

HONG KONG WAS desperately vulnerable to attack in 1941. And the War Office knew it. Yet most of the residents believed war could never come to them. For years the bogey of a Japanese invasion had been dangled in front of them and gradually they developed an attitude of indifference.

The Garrison, commanded by Major General C M Maltby had few warships and practically nothing for the Colony's air defence. Land Forces consisted of a Canadian Brigade, all volunteers but almost

totally untrained, who arrived only just in time for the invasion. They, together with the Royal Scots, the Middlesex Regiment, two Indian Army battalions, the Royal Artillery, the multi national Hong Kong Volunteers and some small RN and RNVR units had to face the ferocity of the Japanese assault.

Hostilities began on 8 December 1941. On Christmas Day the defenders surrendered — after only eighteen days fighting — beaten not by any collapse in morale but by sheer superiority of enemy numbers. Their gallantry is recorded in the quotation 'The Lasting Honour' — Winston Churchill's tribute to the bravery of those that defended Hong Kong.

To mark the 40th Anniversary of the fighting, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver Lindsay led 200 officers of British Forces Hong Kong on a tour of the main battle sites.

A serving officer of the Grenadier Guards, Colonel Lindsay is an authority on the campaign. Stationed with his Regiment in Hong

◀ Lt-Col Lindsay briefs veterans and wives.

Veterans gather by one of the many communications tunnels at the Shingmun Redoubt, the main Allied defensive position in 1941.

Kong in 1974 he was surprised how little of Hong Kong's history of 1941-45 had been fully recorded. From this initial interest he wrote two books *The Lasting Honour* covering the Fall of Hong Kong and *At the Going Down of the Sun* describing the period of occupation between 1941-45. Both these books were the first professional studies of the campaign.

Accompanying the officers were twenty veterans of the battle, who illuminated the tour with their personal reminiscences of 40 years ago.

Major James Ford of the Royal Scots, who won a Military Cross as a second lieutenant while defending Goldon Hill in Hong Kong's New Territories, was able to vividly recount the ferocious battle at the Shingmun Redoubt — the New Territories main defensive position.

His brother, Captain Douglas Ford, serving in the same regiment, was later executed by the Japanese for smuggling information out of Argyle Street POW camp to the British Army Aid Group in China. Captain Ford was subsequently awarded the George Cross in recognition of his courage and gallantry.

Yet some mysteries of 1941 remain. On the night of Boxing Day 1941 the GOC General Maltby and his ADC, Lieutenant Iain MacGregor, took the Colours of the Middlesex Regiment and the 2/14 Punjab and buried them in the grounds of Flagstaff House, the GOC's residence. They were wrapped in oil paper and placed in a wooden case. But although several attempts have been made to find the Colours since 1945 they have never been discovered.

ANNE ARMSTRONG



SO 1982 HAS ARRIVED, bringing with it some good news to get the New Year off to a flying start.

The Open University has finally agreed to allow all overseas students with a BFPO address to receive their material direct instead of via a UK address as before. I had managed to get direct mailing extended to BFPOs in Germany but this news will be very welcome for those of you in far-flung BFPOs.

It will help speed your course material on its way if you identify yourself as an overseas student by using the code NS 48 on the envelope as well as on your coupons and correspondence.

The scope of the Open University is increasing steadily. The new 'Parents and Teenagers' course will be starting in the coming year to be added to those already available, which include 'The First Years of Life', 'Childhood 5-10', 'Health Choices', 'Energy in the Home' and 'Governing Schools'. Course fees until 1 April 1982 are £16 and applications should be sent to Ms Lorna Bailey, Community Education, The Open University (NS 48), PO Box 76, Milton Keynes MK7 6AN.

The Army Education Centre at HQ BAOR now has two copies of the TV videos for 'The First Years of Life' and 'The Pre-School Child', so those of you studying these courses will now be able to complete them. Perhaps videos for other courses will be added in the coming year.

I asked Lord Snowdon in a meeting just before Christmas whether the events of International Year of Disabled People had lived up to the expectations he had expressed at our previous meeting. He said that he hoped the end of the year would be a beginning not an end and added that he looked forward to the future with confidence.

My review of the Service contribution to IYDP, which is far in excess of £200,000, will appear in SOLDIER in February when I have collected all the details from you.

We should like to use our leave warrants to buy a Motorail ticket to Scotland this summer. Is this possible and does it cover the whole journey from home to our eventual destination?
Mrs L. Bulford

Yes, you can use one or all your warrants but the ticket only covers you from Motorail head to Motorail head.

There is a fuller explanation in Movement Regulations JSP 327, Para 0351 or Army Leave Manual, Para 0247 a (4). These references explain how a Motorail journey may be made. You must appreciate that this is a complete method of travel in itself and therefore motor mileage allowance to and from the railhead is inadmissible in conjunction with such a journey.

British Rail booklet Motorail Winter 81/82 which is valid until 16 May 82 explains everything that Motorail travellers need to know.

I returned to UK in December 81. Can I exchange my BFG driving licence for the UK one which I read will be available in January 1983 or will I have to take a UK test?
Mrs S. Dortmund

You will only be able to exchange your BFG driving licence for a UK one in January 83 if you returned after 1 January 82. You are only allowed to drive for one year on your BFG licence and your BFG licence must be valid on 1 January 83.

Sorry, but it looks as though you will have to take a test since you arrived back too early to qualify!

With reference to Mrs S, BFPO 46 and the question of unemployment benefit in SOLDIER 16-29 November 1981, I married in February and my husband came to Dover in March.

I am German and I stayed in Germany to finish my apprenticeship, following my husband to England in July. However, when I got to England I found that I could not get work. I signed on at the Unemployment

Office but after a few weeks was informed that I was not entitled to any benefit, although if I were in Germany, I would be able to claim and receive benefits.

If Mrs S can claim in Germany, surely under EEC rules I can claim here?
Mrs C, Dover.

As a Service dependant, you should have obtained European Community form E301 from the employment authorities (the Arbeitsamt in Ger-



many) before you left for UK if you were working and insured in the other European Community country and anticipated being unemployed in UK. This form gives details of your insurance record for unemployment purposes and should prevent delays in payment.

You should also now apply for a UK National Insurance number as a Service dependant. This will enable you to claim for other benefits.

Please can you tell me at what age the boarding school allowance stops as my son will soon be 19 years old?
Mrs B, Dortmund

Allowances are payable in respect of eligible children in full-time education at a recognised educational establishment until their 18th birthday.

After that, the allowance may be paid, provided that the child is at the same school as on his/her 18th birthday, up to and including the term in which the 19th birthday occurs.

And now a warning to any of you

who are considering investing in 'art treasures' in Germany:

Soon after our arrival in Germany in 1979, we received a visit one night from a well-known art dealer here and bought two paintings, supposedly by two well-known artists. The total plus the interest came to DM 3920. We were quite happy, thinking that this was a good investment for later years plus a way of saving our money.

Now, as we are leaving the Army and will be living in an area of high unemployment when we return to UK, we have decided to sell our 'valuable' paintings and get our money back in England.

I wrote to both Sotheby's and Christie's in London who informed me that neither of the artists is well-known in England and suggested that I sell them back to the people I bought them from. They also advised me that I would be lucky if they brought £200.

We tried, unsuccessfully, to sell them back. We could, we were told, exchange them for dearer paintings or try to sell them to a friend (who certainly wouldn't stay one for long). They advised against taking them to another art dealer as we wouldn't get their 'value'.

Both artists are apparently still young. Maybe in 20 years time we will get our money back or even make a profit. Maybe our 15-year-old daughter will benefit in the future.

I admit that they are beautiful landscape paintings and the value of them, so I am told, is the joy and pleasure of gracing our home with them, but we find to our disgust it is a very expensive way of doing so. There isn't much point having paid all that money to have them on your wall if you're living on the dole.

For us it has been an expensive lesson but at least it will be a warning to others who think about buying these as investments. Think twice, What you can't sell at Sotheby's or Christie's, I doubt you can sell at all.

If a salesman or representative comes to your door and states that you can sell these paintings in England, please ask him where and let me know as I am still trying to sell ours. Name and address supplied.

If you are going to buy a painting for investment purposes then before you buy it, it is worth checking its re-sale value in UK and checking to see whether the artist is known and is acceptable in UK.

Art markets do differ and what might sell in one country may not necessarily find a market in another. Also check on the painting re-sale value in the country you bought it in. Like silver, markets change and the art world is a very specialised field.

DID YOU KNOW?

IF YOU HAVE a complaint about the way in which the National Health Service has dealt with you or your family, you can take your case to the Health Ombudsman or Health Service Commissioner.

He cannot help with the actual medical treatment given by doctors but he may be able to help if you think you have not been properly attended to in hospital or as an out-patient.

You must first lodge your complaint with the Area Health Authority and give them time to deal with it. If you are still dissatisfied, contact the Health Ombudsman at Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BW. The contact address in Scotland is 3rd Floor, 71 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3EE and for Wales is 2nd Floor, Queen's Court, Plymouth Street, Cardiff CF1 4DA.

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Complaints about Ministry of Defence hospitals (and certain special hospitals under the direct control of the DHSS) are the concern of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration not the Health Ombudsman.

Anne Armstrong

AFTERMATH:

A few of the questions and answers arising from the first UKLF Wives' Seminar last September, with an introduction by Lady Elizabeth Kitson.

- Q. What could be done to improve heating systems in quarters, particularly those of open plan design?
- A. DAQ is very aware of this serious problem affecting so many families. He will also investigate this matter, but has to say that major alterations or improvements would be extremely costly when considered in the light of the number of quarters in the Army in UK (42,000) and the current financial position. In the design of any new quarters, the heating systems will be most carefully scrutinised.

Afternote: DAQ has since commented that a thermal insulation scheme has been undertaken and is now nearly complete. Old inefficient night storage heaters have been replaced and where there are problems PSA will normally take remedial action.

- Q. Why are incoming occupants obliged to retain marked and stained mattresses for which damage/cleaning charges have been raised against previous occupants?
- A. This should not be happening. The Army policy has always been that where mattresses and other bedding items have offensive or obnoxious stains, they are to be exchanged without question and where this is not happening, complaints should be made to the Unit Families Officer.

In cases where the stains are considered to be minor and not of an offensive or obnoxious nature, only minor charges are raised against occupants.

In the 1980/81 financial year, the total cost to the MOD for the repair of mattresses was £1.5 million. If every mattress with a minor stain was also changed, this bill would rise to astronomical heights. Charges for minor repairs are recovered into the appropriate Vote sub-head and are used to offset the cost of new items as and when the damaged items are eventually exchanged.

- Q. Why could repairs, maintenance and redecoration of quarters not be done prior to occupation by a family?
- A. Programming of work by PSA is a joint matter for Housing and Welfare Commandants with PSA. Wherever possible we try to arrange for PSA to have vacant quarters for all but the smallest jobs. However, circumstances, particularly the need to adhere to contractual obligations, can make this most difficult for PSA. Nevertheless HWCs are being instructed that wherever possible PSA work should be done in vacant quarters.

- Q. Why has the term Fair Wear and Tear (FWT) disappeared from the handover of MQs? Occupants appear to be charged for items marked through FWT, regardless of the time the MQ has been occupied.
- A. It is apparent that Fair Wear and Tear is not always being interpreted in the way that the fairly liberally worded Material Regulations allow. The policy for charges for damages will be fully investigated and, if necessary, new instructions issued.

- Q. Could some guidance be given concerning the requirement to insure quarters?
- A. There is no mandatory requirement to insure either the structure of a married quarter or the government issued contents. However, it could be prudent for an occupant to insure against damage which the Army might attribute to negligence. It is possible to include this risk within existing insurance cover.

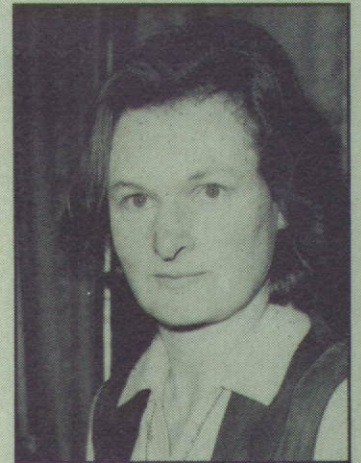
"I am most grateful to Anne Armstrong for giving me this opportunity to write a few words about the UKLF Wives' Seminar which was held at Bagshot Park last year.

"The purpose of the Seminar was to examine ways of improving links between ourselves and the people who look after our interests.

"As everyday life becomes more complicated, communication has to be better. The seminar was designed to encourage an exchange of views between wives and the various departments. This could be extended to Garrison Meetings or Wives' Clubs where, for example, the paymaster could give a talk on pay and allowances and answer any questions the wives might have.

"The same could apply to Naafi Housing and Medical departments. The wives' views and feelings can then be fed into the system to help when policies are formulated such as the question of furnishing quarters.

"The Seminar will meet once a year and will mainly be concerned with improving life for the wives. The country is generally short of finance so that plans for making the limited funds go



further would be welcome.

"Similarly, ideas on how to make the best use of wives' expertise in running community centres, playgroups, dramatic societies and useful activities will also play an important part in achieving the aim of the Seminar.

"I believe that wives have a great part to play in the future, not only supporting their husbands (the more demanding his job, the more support he will need) but also in their contribution to the Army and life in general."

- Q. Why is it that Service wives are not allowed to sit on Furniture Selection Committees?
- A. This matter was discussed within MOD in July 1980. The decision at that time was that it was not appropriate for Service wives to be represented on the Joint Services Furnishings Committee (JSFC). However, as a result of this Seminar, DPS(A) will be asked to re-open this question and to represent the view that wives should be represented on JSFC meetings in future.

Afternote: As a result of our negotiations, it has now been agreed that a small consultative sub-committee of representative wives will meet the Chairman of the JSFC (standing Sub Committee) in the Sample Room at Harrogate immediately prior to any of their meetings at which Agenda items of interest to wives will be discussed.

- Q. The distribution of the initial issue of 100,000 copies of the Army Wives Guide has been most unsatisfactory. Many wives have never seen a copy. A new edition is in preparation. Could steps be taken to ensure an improved and effective distribution so that every army wife receives a copy?
- A. An effective distribution will be devised, which will ensure wives, both in quarters and private accommodation receive a copy. Copies will be issued to ACIOs. A copy of the draft of the new Army Wives Guide was circulated to the wives attending the Seminar. They were invited by Anne Armstrong to submit their comments and criticisms as soon as possible.

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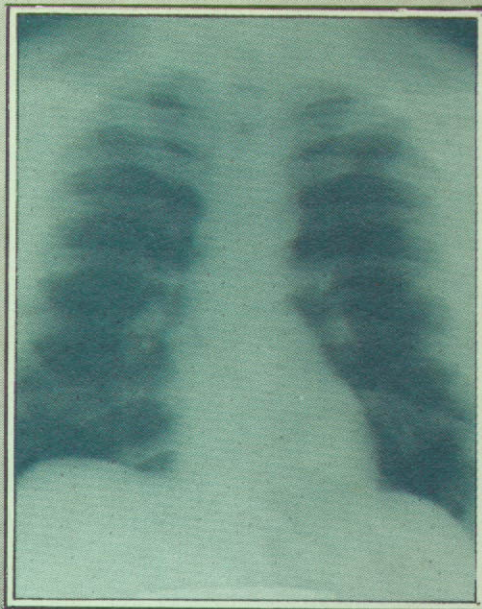
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DOOR-TO-DOOR X-RAYS



The mobile unit heads off on another job.

Story: John Walton
Pictures: Doug Pratt

NOT MANY YEARS ago the Mass X-Ray unit was a familiar sight on the market places and car parks of Britain. Today, with increased local government economy, there are not too many about and even the Army only has one surviving mobile unit.

When it was decided to provide the Army's X-ray facilities at static centres the one based at Edinburgh was retained as a mobile lorry. The reason? Its 'patch' covered the whole of Scotland and much of northern England.

It is a vast area of rugged territory with Servicemen scattered throughout. As Sergeant John Bowe, in charge of the roving team says: "The logistics of getting the troops from their various stations to a static unit would take a lot of time and effort."

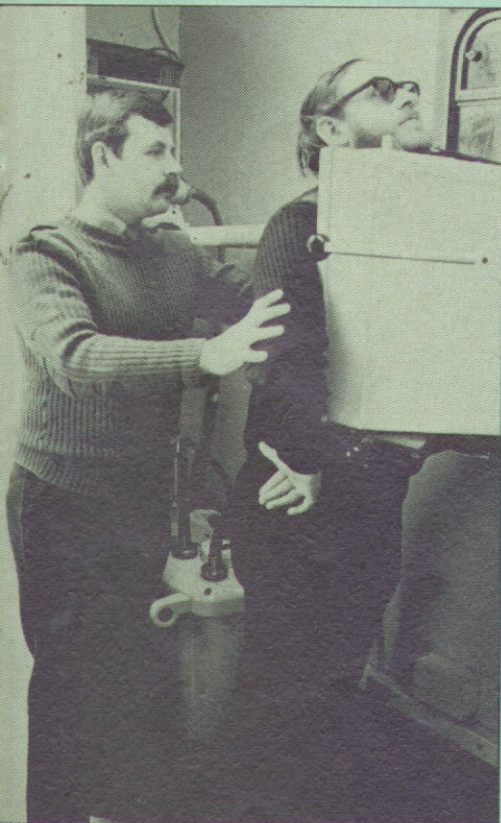
Sergeant Bowe and his colleagues, Lance-Corporal Keith Lathan and Corporal Phil Hindson, reckon to cover something like 15,000 miles a year in their articulated Bedford. And they will take something like 12,000 X-Rays a year covering Army and Navy personnel plus the occasional airman or TA soldier.

Out in the Scottish Highlands or down as far south as Harrogate and York, the mass radiography service goes on in all weathers. But they do try to avoid the more bleak and inaccessible stations in mid-winter. It's no joke driving a big articulated lorry through ice and snow.

All new entrants to the Scottish and King's Divisions are covered and there is also a requirement for an X-ray on exit from service. There are also some Service trades which carry special risks and require more frequent checks.

Says Sergeant Bowe: "We get around and see a lot more than if we were just in an X-ray department. And we have made a lot of good friends in the Navy. But like all jobs it can be humdrum at times."

As might be expected the percentage of clients who have anything wrong with them is very low. Around four in 1000 require a follow up and most of those have nothing drastically wrong. The verdict on nearly everyone is "fit and healthy."



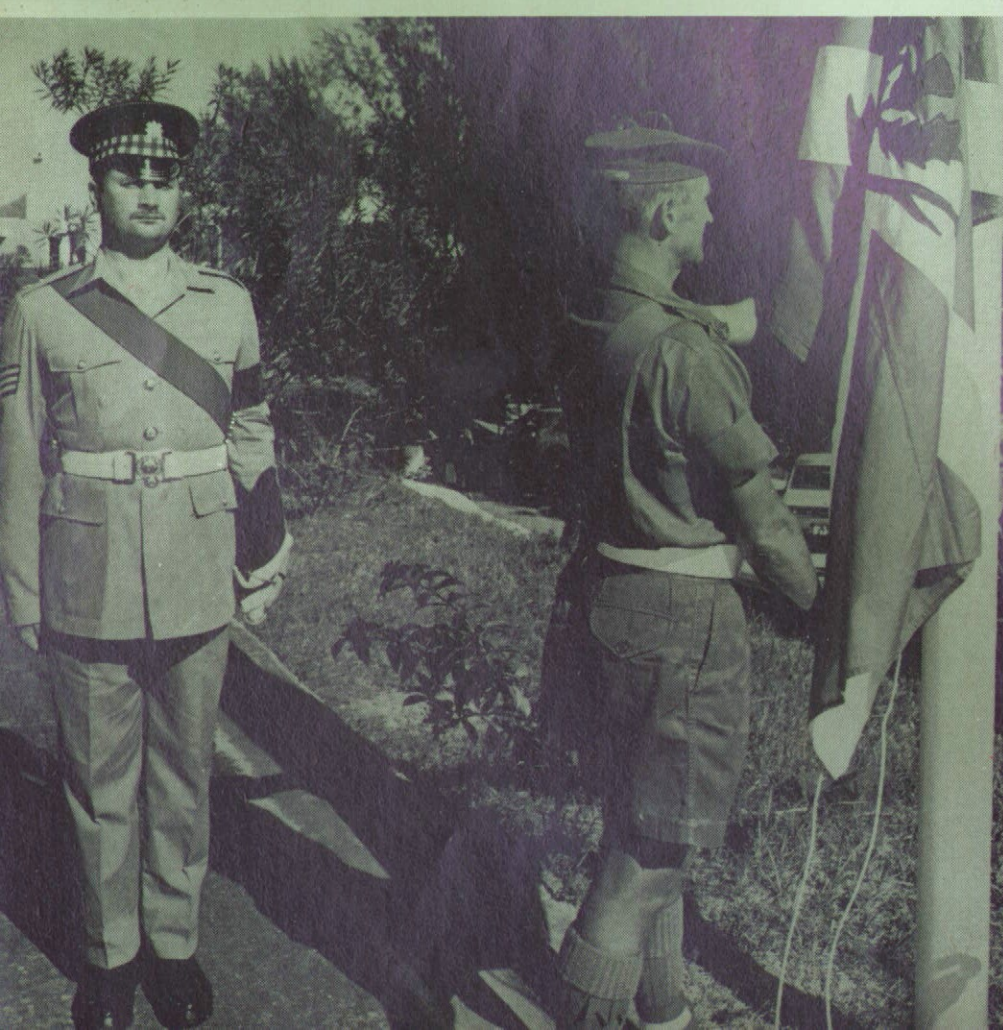
Sgt Bowe positions sailor ready for X-ray.



Taking the all-revealing 'picture'.

The Scots Guards have just taken over from the Queen's Own Highlanders in Hong Kong

HELLO AND GOODBYE JOCK!



THE BRITISH MILITARY garrison in Hong Kong is in new hands. Brown berets have taken over from Tam O'Shanter. Sober khaki trousers have replaced tartan trews. Only the Scottish accents remain the same!

The handover — as the only British infantry battalion in the territory — has been between The Queen's Own Highlanders and The First Battalion The Scots Guards.

The change was completed just before Christmas when the last of the Queen's Own Highlanders left the sunshine of the Orient for the winter chill of Tidworth in Hampshire.

The Scots Guards flew in to take over after three weeks home leave at the end of two years patrolling the streets of north Belfast.

Changing two infantry battalions, seven thousand miles apart, is a complex operation which involves moving thousands of tons of stores and personal effects. It means transporting over a thousand men, women and children on Royal Air Force trooping aircraft on flights taking up to twenty two hours both to and from the Colony.

The barracks housing the British Battalion is at Stanley on Hong Kong island, a green and pleasant place to be stationed, well away from the hustle and bustle of the central districts which contain the bulk of Hong Kong's six-and-a-half million people.

◀ Sgt John Geddes lowers the QOH flag as Sgt Keith Bathgate waits to raise its Scots Guards replacement.

Hong Kong island and dockyards with Royal Navy patrol craft and helicopter in foreground.

The main duty of the resident British Battalion is to police the ten-mile-long border with mainland China. Illegal immigration is a real problem for the territory.

The Scots Guards will take their turn on border duties, alternating with the Gurkha regiments.

Illegal immigrants, fleeing to the bright lights, find a thousand and one ways of crossing into the territory. The border terrain consists of marsh, muddy river flats, mountains, semi jungle and, along the extended coastline, the wide open sea.

During their tour in Hong Kong, The Queen's Own Highlanders had spectacular success in stopping the 'illegals'; their total bag at the end of the tour showed over nine thousand caught and returned to mainland China.

Hong Kong is a highly sought after family posting and will be particularly welcomed by the Scots Guards after their twenty-two months service in Northern Ireland. It has a large Scottish population of its own, working in business and government. They took the Highlanders to their hearts and had a similar warm welcome for the Guardsmen.

Over the past ten years The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) have been on the move with service in Germany, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar. In Tid-

worth, they will form part of 6 Brigade, but in November the battalion will be on the move again — to another border — this time that between the Turks and Greek Cypriots.

The Highlanders are to spend six months as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force on Cyprus.

The Highlanders have enjoyed their stay in Hong Kong. There are over seven hundred in the battalion and at least three hundred were accompanied by their families.

One of the highlights of the tour was establishing the Hong Kong Highland Gathering which brought to the fore the territory's strong Celtic spirit with everything from tossing the caber to highland dancing. The event is now to become a biennial happening and in 1983 it will be organised by the Scots Guards.

For many of the Scots Guards arriving in Hong Kong it has been a return to familiar haunts — a company of them served in the territory in the early Seventies. Other tours of duty in the past ten years have taken the Guardsmen to Edinburgh, Windsor, Munster in northern Germany and on exercise to Kenya. They have also served several times in Northern Ireland.

The Guardsmen are determined to equal the good reputation of the Highlanders — if not improve on it. And the Hong Kong locals and exiled Scots are delighted that the Celtic influence is to remain for at least a further two years. There have been several sightings of T-shirts bearing the salutation 'Goodbye and Hello Jock'!



▶ The Campbells are coming — and going. The QOH Operations Officer, Capt Alistair Campbell, hands over to his Scots Guards successor, Capt James Campbell at the Mam Kam To observation post.

Piper David McKenzie, QOH, welcomes Scots Guards and their families off their RAF VC10 at Kai Tek. ▼



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◀ Three Roundhay jumpers get a 'well done' hug from WO2 Des Palmer.

SIXTH FORM PUPILS from Roundhay School, Leeds, were so impressed by an Army free fall parachute team performing at a gala that they asked the sky divers to let them have a go.

Their serious purpose behind the adventure was to raise money for the disabled by having their jumps sponsored.

The five-strong team of 'The Flying Bugles' from the Light Infantry were only too happy to oblige and one teacher, four

girls and seven boys duly jumped from a Cessna at 2500 ft over Bridlington Aerodrome suffering nothing worse than one sprained ankle and a few off-course landings in snow-covered fields.

Led by Warrant Officer 2 Des Palmer, the Bugles visited the school the day before to put the students through six hours of gruelling ground training and instil in them instinctive reactions. "One day was enough — the kids were very keen," said Des.

But there was no free falling like the experts. The students had to be content with

the static line.

Cost of the outing was £25 a head towards the aircraft and equipment expenses plus a little matter of £50 insurance, but the students voted the overheads worth every penny for what they described as "a magnificent experience."

Headmaster Mr Kerr Mackie said: "I certainly admire their initiative. They tell me that they hope to raise up to £600 from their sponsors." ■

Two Flying Bugles assist pupil who sprained an ankle landing on frozen ground. ▼



The jumping sixth-formers find out what canopy looks like overhead. ▼

AN ITCH TO ETCH

When Sergeant Ron Robinson asks someone to see his etchings he really means it. For Ron, one of the staff at the Nottingham Careers Information Centre, spends most of his spare time engraving glass.

It all started a couple of years ago when Ron went to get his name etched onto a pint mug. "I found that the cost was far too much and decided to have a bash myself."

Ron soon found he had the engraving bug and borrowed the tools from a friend. At first he experimented with milk bottles, "until I got a message from the milkman to stop doing it because they broke in the washer."

Now he has his own equipment and has produced hundreds of items ranging from wall plaques to table tops. He has engraved regimental crests on car windows, done portraits and floral designs.

But his favourites are table tops of his own regiment, the 17th/21st Lancers, showing all of their battle honours. So great has been the demand for these from friends in the regiment that he has only recently managed to complete a couple of them for himself. ■

Sgt Robinson with some of his designs. ►



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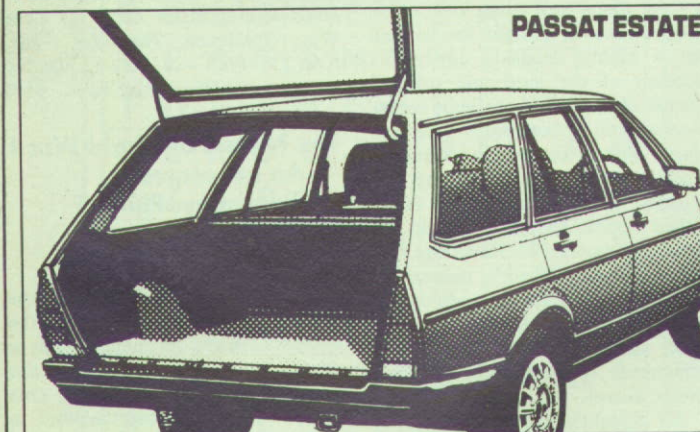
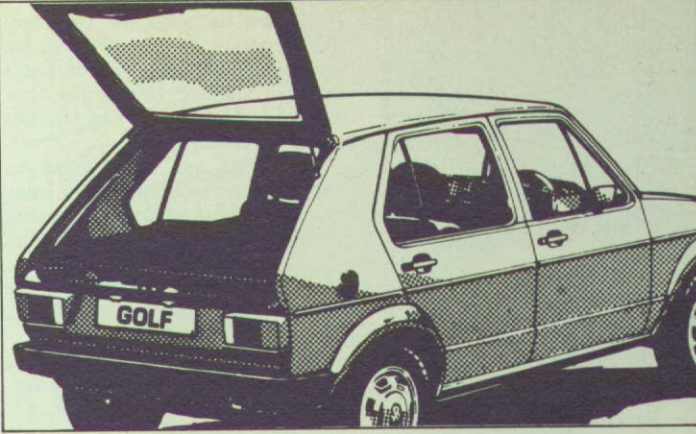
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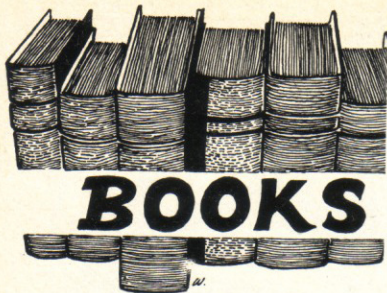
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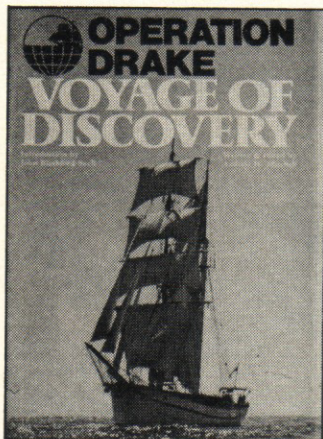


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Throughout the voyage the young explorers were accompanied by Servicemen — signallers, mechanics, engineers and administrators. This book is an enduring tribute to the efforts and achievement of everyone who took part.

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America Arms for a New Century: James L Abrahamson

The decades before the First World War were important ones for America. Internally, the country was going through a period of intense social change brought about by the rapid expansion of her economy due to industrialisation. Externally, America was feeling her way onto the world stage, trying her hand as an international power and coming to terms with the pleasures and perils of Colonialism through her intervention in Cuba and the Philippines, and later China.

The reaction of the American military — Army and Navy — to this period of change is the subject of James Abrahamson's new book. At a time when the horrors of modern warfare, brought about by technological advance and improved efficiency, were making themselves felt in Europe, the American Army was primarily concerned with a small-scale policing operation against the Indians on America's internal frontier. Yet forty years later the US military adapted to the military needs of the First World War with an efficiency which surprised even itself, and ultimately swung the War in favour of the Allies.

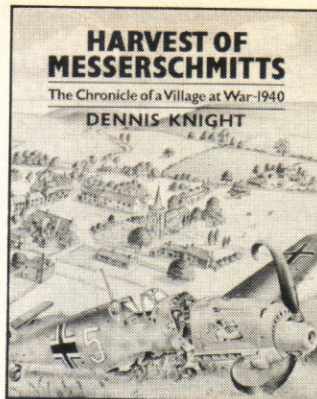
Mr Abrahamson details the debates in the American hierarchy which led to the adoption of more modern policies on the international scene, considers the Army's reaction to its possible use to quell social disturbances, and describes how it came to be reorganised and re-equipped on modern lines.

Although much of his subject matter is inevitably dry and discursive, Mr Abrahamson has produced a very readable book, an important account of the American military growing up at a time when the Nation herself was first formulating her ideas of world strategy.

*Collier Macmillan, Stockley Close,
Stockley Road, West Drayton, Middx
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Harvest of Messerschmitts: Dennis Knight

The Battle of Britain is one of the most heroic, glamorous and fre-



quently chronicled of all the campaigns of World War Two. After the plethora of detailed histories, picture essays and air-ace biographies, one might imagine the subject to be exhausted. But not so. Dennis Knight's book takes a highly original approach, and presents a picture of the Battle as it appeared to those on the ground, the civilian population of a small village which became the epicentre of the greatest of all air conflicts.

The village of Elham lies in Kent in the Downs behind Folkestone and Dover, close by the RAF airfield of Hawkinge and on the direct route between London and the Continent. Throughout 1940 the daughter of the Elham Postmaster, Mary Smith, kept a terse diary and, using this as his framework, Mr Knight has worked up a highly detailed, day-by-day account of the local and national events of the battle. At least seventeen aircraft of both sides were shot down within the parish boundary during the year — a dump for wrecked Messerschmitts was established outside the town — and the bombing intended for Hawkinge spilled over into Elham's mainstreet. Parachuting airmen were rescued or captured, regular troops were billeted in some of the homes and arguments erupted with the local Home Guard.

Mr Knight's text, augmented by photographs of local events and personalities, presents an extraordinarily vivid chronicle of national events on an intimate scale, a glimpse into the daily life of a group of civilians officially outside the fighting, yet closely involved in it.

*Frederick Warne Ltd, London —
£8.95. IJK*

Eagle Day: Richard Collier

Further proof that there are still fresh angles from which to write about the Battle of Britain is supplied by *Eagle Day*.

Rather than a history of the battle, it concentrates more on the personal stories of some of the airmen who took on the might of the Luftwaffe during six crucial weeks of aerial warfare. Their feelings, hopes and fears, even the sights and sounds that surrounded them in the air or on the ground, are presented in such a way as to be both personal yet fitting each individual story into the context of the general strategies and events of the war.

An interesting feature of this painstakingly researched book is the Order of Battle of both the RAF and the Luftwaffe for Eagle Day, 13 August 1940. And praise is due for

the superbly researched photographs, especially those taken during aerial combat which are both exciting and remarkable for their quality.

*Sphere Books Ltd, 30-32 Gray's Inn
Road, London WC1X 8JL —
£4.75. JFPJ*

The Uniforms of the British Yeomanry Force, 1794-1914: Leslie Barlow and Robert J Smith

This is an enterprising, colourful and moderately priced series of booklets, being published by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust. The authors are the late Leslie Barlow and his colleague Robert J Smith, with Robert J Marrion producing in each case a full-colour front and back cover. Three booklets have been published so far: *Sussex, North Somerset and Yorkshire Hussars*. Each consists of 16 pages of text with many hitherto unpublished black and white illustrations.

These booklets are basically concerned with dress and they record much that has not been published before. Each is complete in itself and new titles are being added. *Westmorland and Cumberland* is next to be published. It is an enterprise that will interest not only the dress enthusiast and model maker but all who have a regard for the British Army.

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The Novels of World War I — An annotated bibliography: Philip E Hager and Desmond Taylor

From libraries and collections in the United States and Canada, the authors have dug out enough books to provide an adult section of 900 titles and a juvenile section of 370. One suspects that confining the hunt to their own side of the Atlantic deprived their readers of a good many more entries. This reviewer sought to revive boyhood memories of Ian Hay's *First Hundred Thousand*, but that soldier-writer's sole entry in the book is *The Willing Horse* — "a war novel that tends to use the Great War as a backdrop for a love story", a description that could be applied to many.

The earlier years of the adult section offer some nostalgia for older bookworms, with half-forgotten stars of the bookshelves like E Phillips Oppenheim and William Le Queux and more durable ones like Siegfried Sassoon and John Buchan.

It comes as a surprise to find that great churning-out of Westerns, Zane Grey, in the list with *The Desert of Wheat*, a 1918 novel about food production and the loyalties of an American of German origin; and Colette (for translations into English are included) with *Mitsou; or How Girls Grow Wise*.

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The competition is open to all SOLDIER readers at home or overseas and the closing date is Friday, 12 February 1982. The answers and winners names will appear in the SOLDIER published on 8 March 1982. More than one entry may be submitted but each must be accompanied by a competition 283 label from this page — no photocopies accepted. Entries using OHMS envelopes or pre-paid labels will be disqualified. The winners will be determined by a panel of

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AS MANY A SCHOOLBOY will confirm, the Battle of Waterloo of June 15, 1815, lasted just one day. Its restoration, however, in miniature, minute detail at one precise moment — 7.15 pm — is going to take “about three years”. And it is all being carried out at London’s National Army Museum.

That vital moment, originally modelled by Captain William Siborne in the 1830s, represents one of the earliest battlefield dioramas and measures 21-feet-four-inches by nineteen-feet-eight inches. The detail is perfectly accurate because Captain Siborne spent eight months on the site of Wellington’s victory measuring and charting each clump of trees, house and fence and every rise and fall of ground. He even asked officers who were there to describe and plot their positions.

For the past 17 years the battlefield replica — which reproduces an area of about five square miles on a scale of nine feet to the

Five sections have been completed so far and one of these, that showing the village of Papelotte, is already on display. Each of the 35 sections weighs in at three hundred-weight and it takes six men to lift and tilt it into a working position for the sensitive hands and eyes of the Society’s restorers!

So great is the care being lavished on the ‘Siborne Diorama Project’ using modern paints and materials to match the originals, that the restorers have printed an 18-point document setting out procedures and techniques for carrying out the work.

These include the methods of loose dust removal by small vacuum cleaner, cleaning instructions using a mixture of one part industrial solvent to ten parts water, and advice on the applications using tooth brushes, shaving brushes, stiff brushes (fitches), tissues, fillers, sandpaper, adhesives and the enamel paints themselves.

Mr Dilley, the British Model Soldier Society President for 11 years, a captain in The

Story: Graham Smith
Picture: Andy BurrIDGE

of the captain and the accuracy to detail must depend on him.”

When each section of the diorama is finished it is covered with a plastic sheet, crated and then stored until the whole is complete.

“The Society members will also be making 54mm (2¼-inch) high models to complement the diorama showing the uniforms of the protagonists in the battle,” said Mr Dilley. “Most of the members involved in the restoration work are retired people who can spare a few hours one day a week.”

Colleague Don Fosten, a wartime soldier and retired Wandsworth town planning officer, said: “We carefully repaired a damaged corner of one section. We plastered it and jig-sawed it back into position.

“To me, as someone who has spent most of his mature life being interested in this sort of thing, it’s the culmination of my life’s hobby. This model is absolutely unique. When it’s finished I’m sure it’s going to be an international draw. When I was a boy Waterloo was always my dream model.”

The Museum’s Research Officer, Miss Elizabeth Talbot Rice told SOLDIER: “We have not yet planned as far ahead as three

BRINGING WATERLOO BACK TO LIFE

mile — has been stored at Camberley, carefully crated away by sappers.

But since July, expert enthusiasts of the 1000-member British Model Soldier Society and notably its president, Mr Roy Dilley, 57, and colleague, Mr Don Fosten, 58, have been spending hours of their free time once a week at the Museum restoring the glory that was Waterloo and removing the ravages of time and London’s dirt.

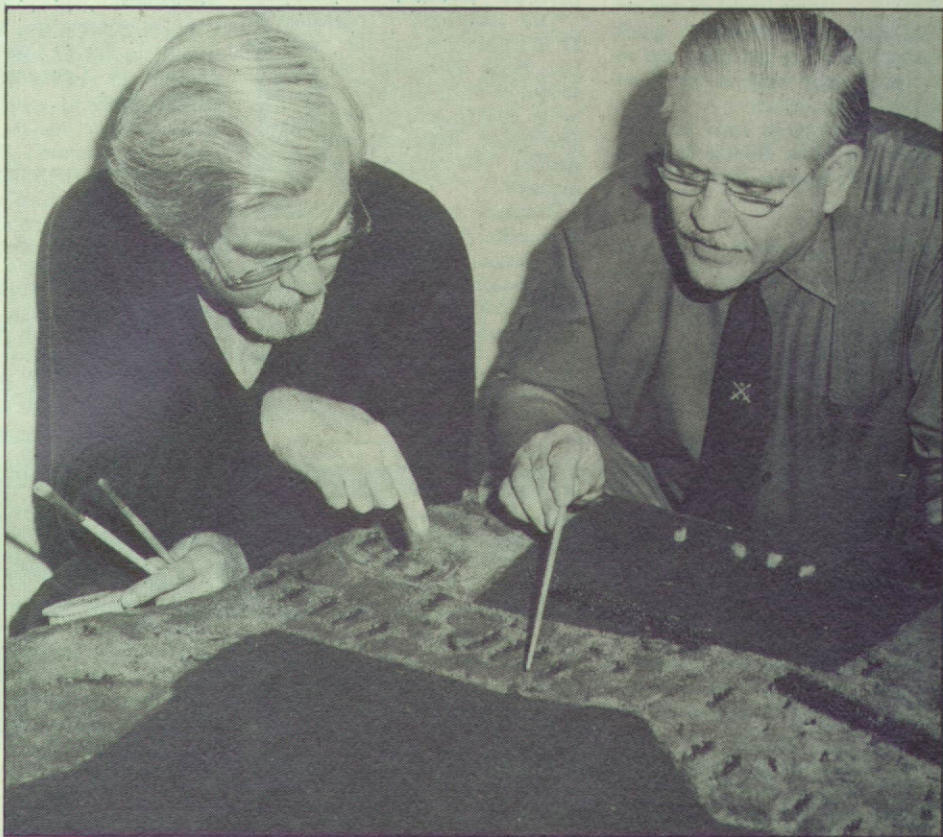
Thousands of quarter-inch high figures will be individually hand-painted again. Every helmet will bear a badge. Each French standard will be surmounted by an eagle in such detail that a magnifying glass will be needed to appreciate the intricate attention given to accuracy.

Fields and crops, for instance, are simulated by textiles, their nap and pile appropriately trampled and devastated by the fury of battle.

For 24 hours before the encounter between Wellington and Napoleon there had been torrential rain. Sodden, fallow fields will be thrown into sharp relief by the carefully sited lighting effects, so phased as to show early evening.

For that moment of 7.15 pm shows the battle at its climax. The second column of the French Imperial Guard is about to launch an attack on the 2000 men of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 1st Foot Guards, under the command of Major-General Maitland. The Prussians are advancing from the west.

The veteran model was put on show in 1838 at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, when it drew 100,000 visitors in two years. It then passed into the possession of the Royal United Services Institute, Whitehall. Nowadays it is in the care of the National Army Museum.

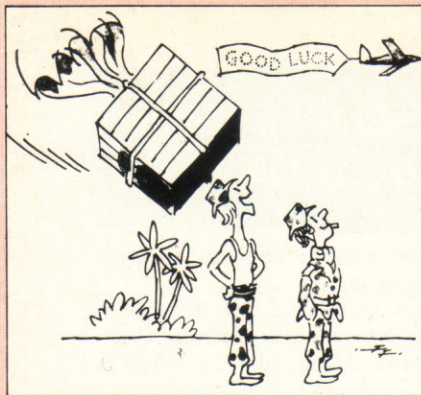


Don Fosten and Roy Dilley discuss a detail of the vast battlefield diorama.

Royal Fusiliers 20 years ago and then a civil engineer who has 7000 model soldiers of his own, said: “We are relying on the technical accuracy of the land features and troop dispositions shown by Captain Siborne 150 years ago. When finished, the diorama will bear comparison with anything that is done in the present day. What we have to do is to ensure that the work is compatible with that

years and I don’t know if we will coincide the opening with the timing of the battle or if invitations will be sent to any descendants of Captain Siborne or Major-General Maitland.”

She added: “The work will take about three years to complete and I think, like Tutankhamun’s treasures, it will be beyond value. You just cannot put a price on it.” ■



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CATS AND ATS

It's interesting to report that after forty years my Army experience is still paying dividends.

Having no car now and no convenient bus, I was faced with a twenty minute walk to the vet with my cat. Now, after a few minutes a cat basket and its lively, miaowing contents can prove quite heavy. It was then that that famous word from my old ATS Army days suddenly came to the fore — *Improvise!*

I searched around my now empty garage and there, shabby and discarded in a corner, stood an ancient wicker basket on wheels. A quick dusting and oiling and there was an excellent base on which to rest my cat basket for my journeys.

Thank you again Army for your training! — Miss Valerie Beck, 18 Shaftesbury Avenue, Barnet, Herts, EN5 5JA.

This letter wins our £5 prize. Does anyone else have stories of how their Army training has come in useful in everyday civilian or domestic life? — Ed.

POUNDSTRETCHER

Reading in your issue of 30 November, that hitch-hiking is now discouraged in the Army, because of the security risks, I could not help but reflect on how the world has deteriorated since 1948 when I made the headlines by hitch-hiking from Cyprus to the demobilisation centre at York.

As the last paratrooper of the old 6th Airborne Division to leave the Mediterranean (having deferred my

release from Palestine to help set up the first Forces Broadcasting station on Cyprus), I was given permission to make my own way home.

With no passport, only £C1 in my pocket, and a loaded Thompson submachine gun under my arm, I hitch-hiked all the way in eight days. I started out with the now-defunct Pan African Airways from Nicosia, and continued my odyssey via an Athens gaol, a guided tour of the Kaufbeuren brothels, a Flying Fortress crash at Wiesbaden, the Berlin air lift, the private Dakota, complete with bar, of USAF European commander General Curtis Le May, to RAF Marham. There a sympathetic airman agreed to change my Cyprus pound for an English note if I signed 'Corporal' to look like 'Colonel'. Hitch-hiking used to be such fun. — Ivor Wynne Jones, Pegasus, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno, Gwynedd, LL30 3HN.

SEAFORTH SAGA

Of all the books issued on the 1939-45 War, no one has ever written the history of the 6th Bn Seaforth Highlanders, so I have pleasure in informing you that I have just completed this task and it is now being published.

This covers the BEF Madagascar, India, Iraq, Iran, Sicily and Italy, finally finishing in Germany — as you know the Battalion was in the 17th Inf Bde of the famous 'Y' 5th Division.

The Handbook is published at £7.50. Subscriptions for some are now being taken and all cheques should be made payable to The Seaforth Highlanders Association, 55 The Chase, Holland-on-Sea, Essex, stating the number of books required.

Royalties are going to SSAFA, Burma Star, British Legion, Seaforth Association, Queen's Own Highlanders Association and welfare section for Highlanders and their kin. — J Stockman, Honorary Secretary, 55 The Chase, Holland-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 5PZ.

HORRIFIED

Having long been an admirer and regular reader of SOLDIER Magazine I was horrified to discover what can only be termed careless inaccuracies (16 Nov).

I refer of course to your series 'Your Cap Badge'. The cap badge shown for 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards does not in fact exist, it is a 'negative' of the cap badge worn by the Regiment. You also state in the

article that the Queen's Bays were raised in 1682, when in fact the Regiment did not come into being until 1685.

The following is an extract from a brief regimental history: "On 28th June 1685 Henry 2nd Earl of Peterborough was appointed Colonel of a second Regiment designated the Third Horse which in 1746 became the 2nd or Queen's Regiment of Dragoon Guards and at a later date by reason of its being mounted on Bays horses became officially designated The Queen's Bays." — Major K D McMillan (Retd), Home HQ, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, Maindy Bks, Whitchurch Road, Cardiff, CF4 3YE.

We have already apologised for reversing the cap badge illustration. Sorry that we also made a mistake with the date. — Ed.

FIT NOT FAT!

I must comment on the letter in your 16 November issue 'BFT Too Easy'.

The BFT is designed to keep you at a reasonable standard of fitness and some people have found it quite hard to do.

The suggestion of a two mile run with webbing, helmet and personal weapon is a good idea, but most infantry regiments already do an eight mile run and walk called the ICFT which has to be completed inside two hours carrying the kit mentioned.

So, as you can see, we are not all fatteries! — Private Cousins, 1 Royal Hampshire, Connaught Barracks, Dover, Kent.

Can You Help?

I wonder if any of your readers remember 'Woodbine Willie', the Revd G A Studdert Kennedy, the famous padre of the First World War. He served with the 46th Division (6th North Staffs) at the Battle of the Somme, with the 24th Division at Messines and with the 42nd Division (5th/6th Manchesters) in the final advance of 1918. I am researching his life and would be most grateful for any memories, anecdotes etc. about him. — David Gooderson, 167 Elborough St, Southfields, London, SW18 5DS.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of J/Cpl Steve Griffiths last seen with 9 Platoon, Junior Soldiers Bn, Prince of Wales Coy, Norton Manor Camp, Taunton, Somerset in June 1980? — Miss Christine Carr, 7 Byron Road, Holway Estate, Taunton, Somerset.

Some of the most humorous and witty remarks, although not funny at the time, have come from the mouths of RSMs or senior NCOs. "Am I 'erting you private?", "no Sergeant Major," "well I ought to be I'm standing on your 'air". This type of anecdote and remarks such as that made by RSM Brittain to an airliner passing over the parade ground "get out of my sky" are gems. It is my

SHAMEFUL

I feel I must support Major Gian Singh (Retd), in your November 16-29 issue concerning General Auchinleck. I was in the Middle East in 1940 in the Rifle Brigade and then in the 1st Bn KRRC. At that time 'The Auk' was the top man and a pleasure to serve under. Any of the old 7th Armoured Division alive today will gladly verify this, even down to Wavell.

With the men and materials he had at the time he put up a very good show. He continuously asked Churchill for heavier weapons, as the anti-tank guns at the time were just like pea-shooters. When all the reinforcements and armour was on the high seas bound for the Middle East, Churchill kept pressing Auchinleck to attack while he was at home attending slap-up dinners. The Auk tried, believe me, but after he and his staff had checked the enemy at El Alamein, he was sacked by Churchill. Montgomery received the quiet front of Alamein all laid out for him. He also was given plenty of time to collect and accumulate a massive force of Armed Forces from every allied nation in the world.

Major Gian Singh, myself and all the old 7th Armoured Division alive today will gladly say that Auchinleck would have finished the campaign if he had the supplies when he asked for them. It was downright shameful the way he was treated. I sincerely hope that military historians will set the old 7th Armoured Division's mind at rest concerning their old CO. — D J Richardson, 21 Osborne Road, Forest Gate, London E7.

intention to compile a book of these remarks and I would be pleased to hear from any reader with a humorous tale to relate. — Ray Westlake, 140 Wyld Way, Wembley, Middx, HA9 6PU.

May I please use your columns to put out a plea from the Tank Museum to anyone who has any items of tank uniform or equipment which he no longer wants?

The situation is that we have been opening up a fair number of our exhibits so that visitors can see inside them via plexiglass covered apertures. I would now like to add to the realism by putting in properly dressed tank crewmen. As our collection covers tanks and other AFVs from nine different nations and numbers some 150 vehicles of World War I vintage onwards, I am in need of anything and everything I can obtain!

If any readers have any items of tank dress, personal equipment, or AFV equipment, which they no longer want and would care to donate them to the Tank Museum, then I can assure them that it would be much appreciated and put to very good use. I am sure the figures will add greatly to the enjoyment of our 350,000 visitors who spend time in the museum every year. — Lt Col G Forty (Retd), Curator, The Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6JG.

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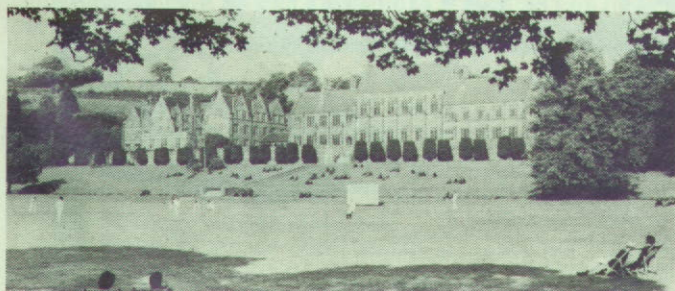
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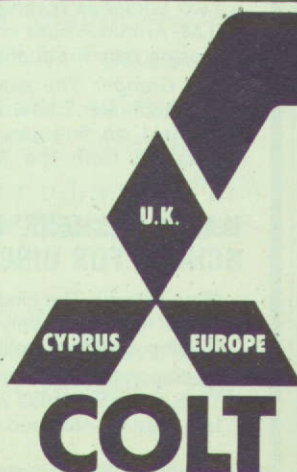
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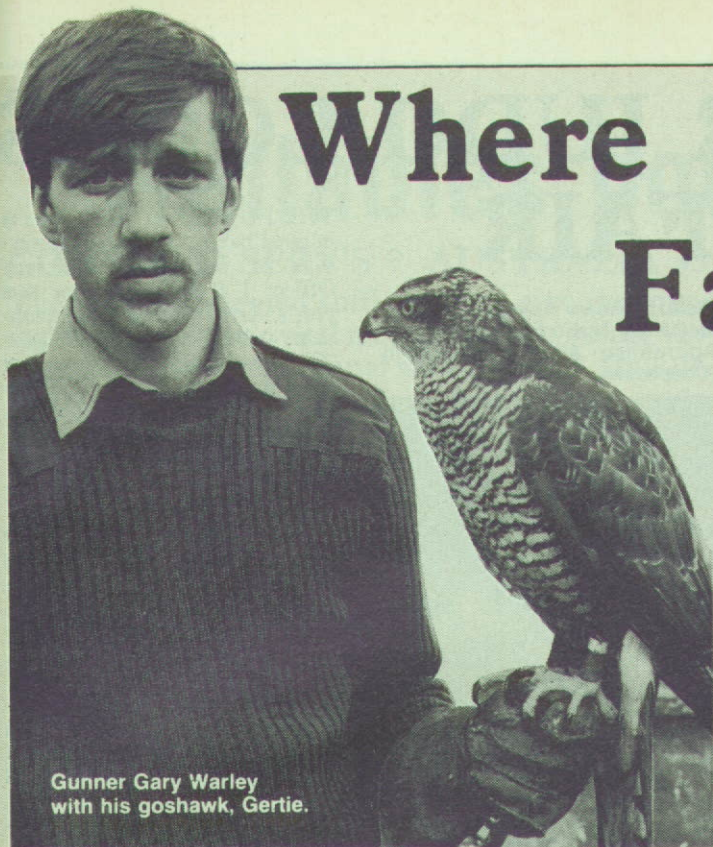
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Where Falcons Fly



Gunner Gary Warley
with his goshawk, Gertie.

IT IS ONE of the oldest sports in the world. Its military connections have always been strong. Kings, knights and lords all had their falconers throughout the Middle Ages and up until comparatively recent times.

Gunner Gary Warley is one of a small number of practitioners of the sport in Rhine Army. Based at Sennelager and flying his own goshawk 'Gertie' he knows of two other falconers serving in Germany and has introduced the sport to one of the officers at Sennelager.

Major Mike Boocock, GO 2 Infantry with the Battle Group Trainer, has been training a buzzard for the last four months. The buzzard named 'Mercedes' ("Big, German, fast and sleek") has already flown 14 metres to Major Boocock on a string and any day now she will be flying and returning without needing to be tethered.

Major Boocock is left-handed

so holds Mercedes in his right hand. He says: "I had an interest in falconry as a boy but it has only been brought out since I came here and received encouragement from Gunner Warley."

There's quite a science to falconry. Regular weighing plays a big part. To get a bird's true weight the falconer waits until the bird has moulted and then does not feed it for 24 hours.

Says Gunner Warley: "That is the true weight and you then have to weigh them down to get 20 per cent off before you hunt with them. You don't take them to the point where they are starving but to where they are physically keen. It's like training a boxer — he has to have the right food."

Gary first took an interest in the sport when he was about 13. One of his first birds was a tawny owl and by the time he joined the Army he was a keen falconer. "It's more popular than people

think — it's not a very public sport."

He goes hunting with German falconry clubs and has flown several different types of birds in his four-and-a-half years in Germany.

"It's the oldest sport in the world and that has to be one of the attractions. There is a strong bond between myself and the bird and there is a great feeling to be able to go out hunting with a bird you have taken from the land or reared from a nestling and harnessed her possibilities."

"I take my dog, a German pointer, who shows me rabbit, pheasant or partridge and I get into what I think is the best position. The dog flushes the bird or rabbit out."

Gary denies there is cruelty involved. "It's either a quick kill or a miss. They never wound — unlike shooting when a bird or animal may just be injured."

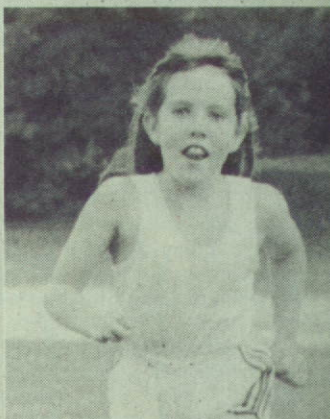
Gary says falconry is on the increase again. It is a difficult sport to get started in because you need a licence to go and take a hawk from the wild.

In all his years of falconry Gary has only been attacked once — when a young bird tore the back of his neck with its talons. "It's only like a puppy — a young bird tries everything."

As a devoted falconer Gary says it is more a way of life than a sport to him. "My wife gives me rock all some times because I am always doing something." But he knows he is following one of the oldest of all military pursuits. ■



Mini Miss Marathon



Ten-year-old Cheryl Page, daughter of Major Brian Page, of Ordnance Services Berlin, was the youngest competitor in the Berlin City Marathon. Cheryl completed the course in 4 hours 53 minutes and is thought to be the youngest girl to have completed a big city marathon in under five hours. She has gathered 120 medals for running and walking events in the last three years.

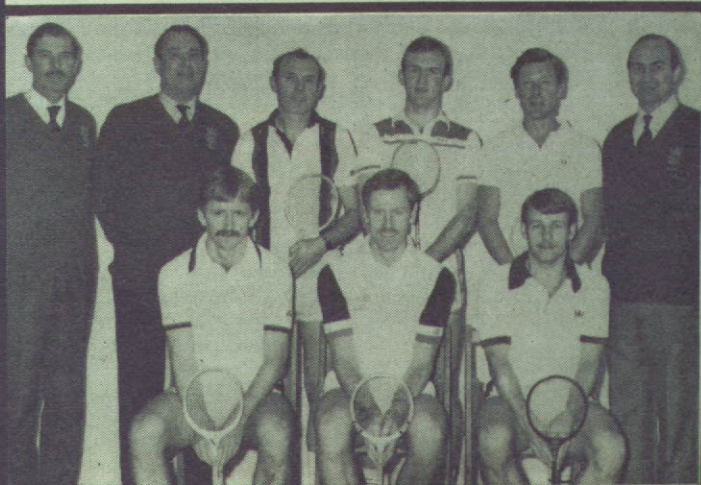
The Royal Army Ordnance Corps won the Army Inter-Corps Squash Championships for the fourth successive year when the tournament was held at Aldershot.

The competition attracted 15 Corps teams divided into three divisions. Watney Mann sponsored the event and their cup was presented by Lieutenant-General Sir Paul Travers, GOC South East District.

Results: Division One: 1 RAOC, 2 APTC, 3 RCT, 4 RA, 5 RE (relegated). Division Two: 1 R Signals (promoted), 2 RAC, 3 REME, 4 Prince of Wales Div, 5 ACC (relegated). Division Three: 1 Household Div (promoted), 2 Queen's Div, 3 AAC, 4 Army Medical Services, 5 Para.

Picture shows the winning RAOC team.

RAOC win squash again



JUNIOR JUDO LOOKS SET FAIR

Picture shows Apprentice Chris McCarthy (Arborfield) on top of Apprentice Alister Stevenson (Chepstow).



THE FUTURE of Army judo is in good hands. That was the verdict of organiser, Warrant Officer 1 R B Slater after this year's Army Junior Championships at Bulford. Said Mr Slater: "The team entry was down but there were just as many individuals and the whole standard was very good, showing hope for the future senior team."

In the Inter-unit team championships the Army Apprentices' College, Chepstow, were the eventual victors followed by Princess Marina College, Arborfield, the Junior Soldiers Battalion, Taunton and Army Apprentices' College, Harrogate.

Individual results were:

Bantam: 1st J/S M Lealan (Taunton), 2nd Jnr Signalman A Duncan (Harrogate), 3rd Apprentice Rollings (ACC).

Light: 1st J/S J Wellman (Taunton), 2nd A/T D Bonfield (Chepstow), 3rd Jnr Gnr G Clark (JLR RA).

Welter: 1st A/T W Tweedie (Chepstow), 2nd A/T P Stephens (Chepstow), 3rd J/S S Trupenny (Taunton).

Light Middle: 1st A/T J Tweedie (Chepstow), 2nd A/T S Lynch (Arborfield), 3rd Jnr/Cpl R Richardson (Jnr Soldiers Coy, LI).

Light Heavy: 1st A/T P Lamont (Harrogate), 2nd A/T A Stevenson (Chepstow), 3rd A/T C McCarthy (Arborfield).

Special Kyu contest (under 65kgs): 1st Jnr Gnr Clark, 2nd A/T J Ballin (Harrogate), 3rd J/S A Lewis (Taunton).

Special Kyu contest (over 65kgs): 1st A/T McCarthy, 2nd A/T Lamont, 3rd J/S B Falcos (Taunton).

Special Kyu contest (open weight): 1st A/T J Tweedie, 2nd A/T Lynch, 3rd J/Cpl Richardson.

Jordan wins polo on pony power

WATCHED BY one of the largest crowds ever at the polo ground in Happy Valley, Episkopi Garrison in Cyprus, the Royal Jordan Polo Team beat the British Army Cyprus team 4-0.

Pony power was perhaps the most telling factor, but the Jordanians were surprisingly evenly matched by the British Army on their locally bred ponies. The visitors took the lead in the third chukka and, despite three quick goals in the fourth, the game never became one-sided.



A Jordanian attack, spearheaded by Brigadier Chaleb Abdul Nabi is thwarted by Captain David de Stacpoole (left). In pursuit are (left to right) Major Anmar Al-Humoud, umpire Major Christopher Le Hardy, Lieutenant Marcus Keane and Major Geoffrey Widdows.

Paras pack a punch

A SPLIT DECISION and a disqualification gave the Prince of Wales' Junior Soldiers Battalion from Taunton their only victories in the finals of the Army Junior Inter-Company Boxing.

Honours in the remaining seven bouts went to the Junior Parachute Company who boxed their way to the Soldier Magazine trophy with some fast and furious ring work.

The referee stopped the middleweight bout between Junior Soldier Paul Denne and Lance Corporal Pedrick of the Junior Parachute Company in the third round, when he felt both boxers had given their best. A majority decision gave Denne victory.

The Prince of Wales' juniors had another win in the lightweight contest between Junior Soldier Paul Allan and Junior Infantryman Williams. Despite being knocked down in the second round, Allan was given victory after the referee had disqualified Williams.

But although the other bouts were generally evenly contested, the Paras proved just too strong for the Taunton lads and kept them pinned on the defensive.

As he presented the prizes, the Chairman of Army Junior Boxing, Brigadier Millman congratulated both teams and added that it had been a better show than the figures on the board suggested.



Junior Soldier Gerald Magill and Junior Infantryman West in a welterweight bout.

Rugby

Wallabies pouch the points

COMBINED SERV'S 9 AUSTRALIA 33

The weather relented sufficiently to give the touring Wallabies their vital match practice before the big one — the international with England. Only 26 hours before kick off the final decision was made to play the match at Aldershot rather than at the United Services ground in Portsmouth, as the former had hardly been touched by the pre-Christmas snow.

In fact the thaw revealed an Aldershot Military Stadium pitch, lush and green and surprisingly firm as the Combined Services XV were led out by their captain, Major Mike Bowles. The four other Army players in the side were Sergeant Instructor Gareth Davies at scrum half, Sergeant S Peacock lock and flankers, Corporal C Christopher and Cpl G Williams.

Services delight

The raw weather chilled the sizeable crowd of Rugby enthusiasts and clouds of steamy breath arose from the opening scrums. And there was early delight for the Services when MEM G Price put them in front with a well taken penalty kick.

The home side held on to this precious lead for 11 more minutes until the Aborigine, Mark Ella, went over close to the posts and Roger Gould made no mistake with the conversion.

The Wallabies began to put together some of their typical fast flowing moves and it was no surprise when they went further ahead after 26 minutes with a try by wing threequarter, Brendan Moore, again converted by Gould.

During this attack the Navy prop, Lieutenant John Ackerman, injured his leg and was replaced by Midshipman L Wat-



▲ GRIT AND DETERMINATION ...

son. The Services were down but not out and were desperately unlucky when a penalty kick from Price bounced off the crossbar and back on to the field.

In the closing seconds of the first half Price made amends by scoring his second penalty goal. At half time, trailing 12-6 the Service team were still in the hunt — although one always had the feeling that the tourists were holding back for the international to follow four days later.

After the interval Gareth Davies had been replaced by the Navy's Sub Lieutenant J Burden. The Wallabies went immediately into the attack and seven minutes into the half Gould put them further ahead with a penalty kick.

The tourists continued to press and six minutes later John Meadows scored another try — leaving a white shirted defender prone in the process. The Services physiotherapist had been kept busy throughout the game although the Wallabies went unscathed. Gould converted again with ease and the scoreline went to 21-6 with the Combined Services hopes fading fast.

Failed by inches

But their backs to the wall attitude almost led to a try and shortly afterwards Price scored his third penalty goal of the match to reduce the deficit. For the next few minutes the Australians tried in vain to penetrate the Services' defence — even the mighty D'Arcy failed by inches to bundle his way across the line.

But the dyke could not hold forever and eventually bearded Peter McLean went over and Gould continued his successful kicking ways. Another six points were added when Greg Cornelsen placed the ball right between the posts.

Although heavily outgunned Combined Services never settled to their predestined role of cannon fodder and always gave a gutsy account of themselves. For the Australians it was good match practice and gave them the chance to try out various players before choosing their team for the England international.



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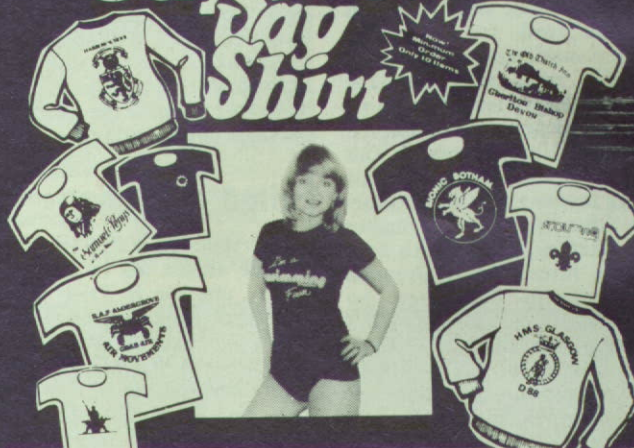


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