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**FRONT COVER:** Bootneck para Capt Geoff Weighell, Parachute Regiment, sports the latest in nifty headwear with his combination of badge and beret while in Guernsey on Exercise Sea Splash. He holds a para-designated post as training officer within Plymouth based 3 Commando Brigade. See story and pictures in Pages 14-15.

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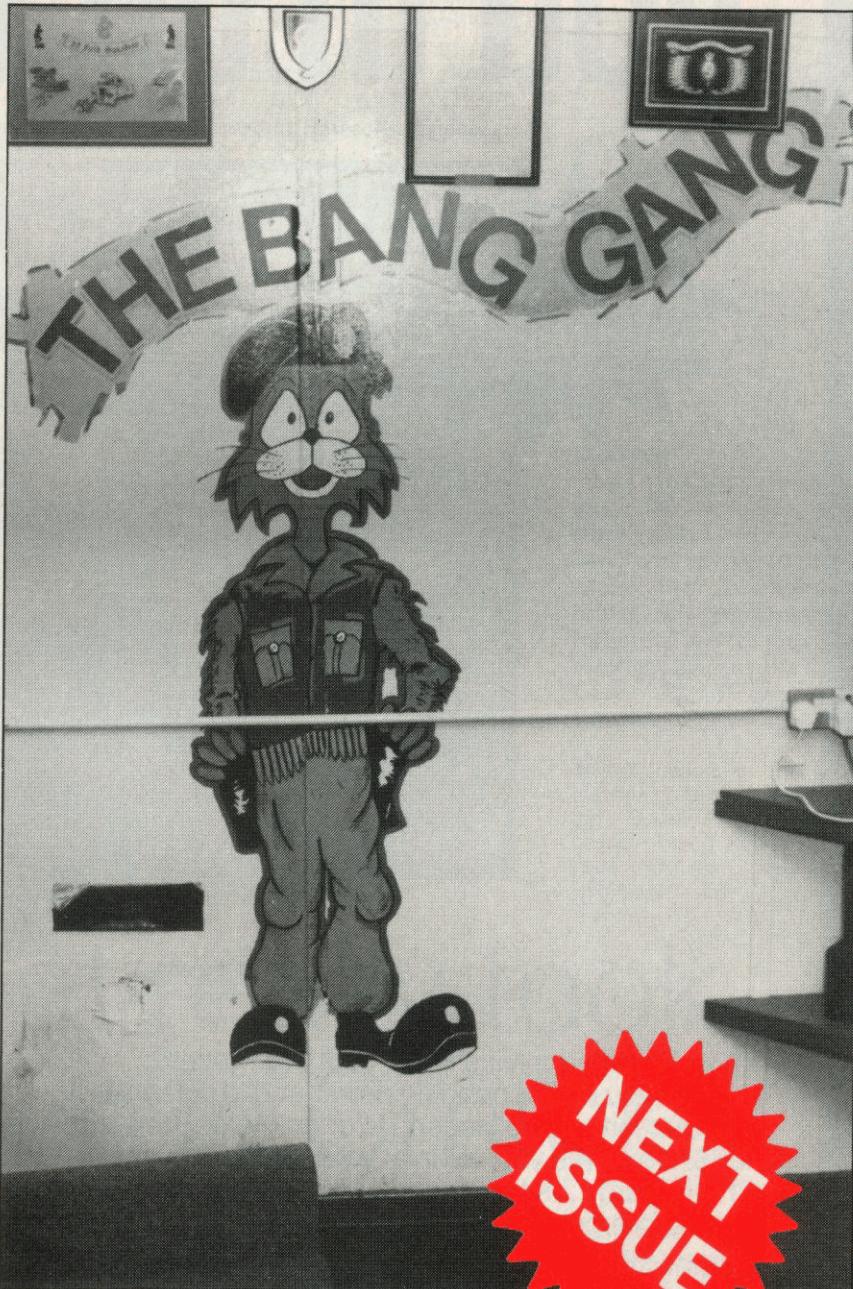
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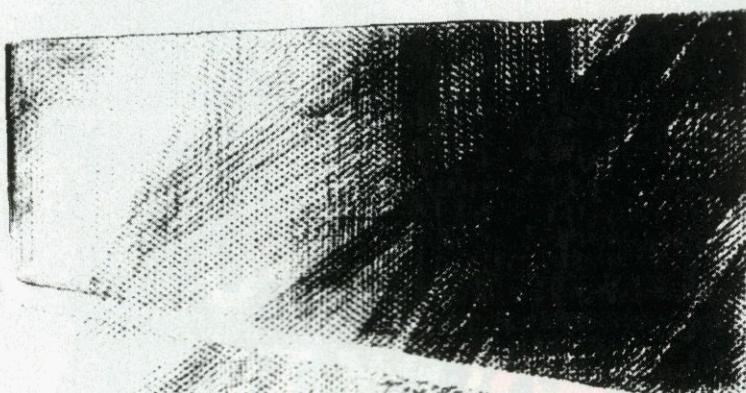


Felix, the legendary cartoon cat, keeps watch over a door in the depths of Bessbrook Mill, Ulster. SOLDIER has been behind the door and elsewhere to meet the men of 321 Explosive Ordnance Company RAOC. They have been defusing terrorist bombs in the province for the past 17 years. Their tally of explosives dealt with so far this year exceeds 24,000lbs. They're at the sharp end. And you can read about their work in the next issue of SOLDIER.

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## What about the cooks?

Congratulations on a very interesting and informative article on Belize in the September/October issues of **SOLDIER**. Having myself spent six months in Belize in 1985-86 it was nice to find that nothing much has changed, and the article brought back a lot of pleasant and not so pleasant memories.

## History at cross purposes

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

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

This would indicate that this method of wearing the belt had been adopted before Alphonso had any connection with the regiment, for he was born in May 1886 and married at the age of 20 to Princess Ena of Battenberg.

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

## Reunion

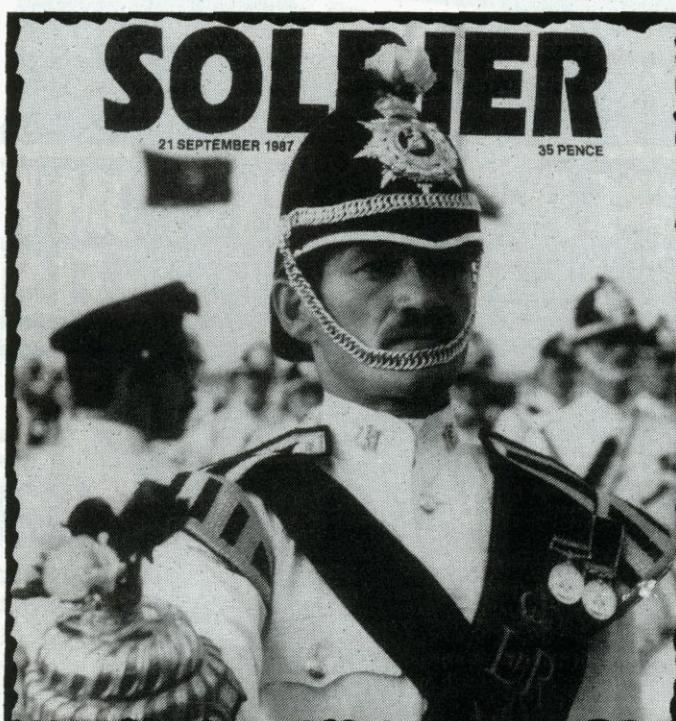
Combined Ex-Services Association military weekend June 17-19, 1988 at Bridlington. Enquiries to Mr R Cooke, 58 North St, Bridlington YO15 2DY (tel 0262 671003).

However, I was more than a little disappointed with the fact that the Army Catering Corps were not mentioned even though most of the other sub-units within the main military structure enjoyed recognition.

Feeding anything up to 1,200 troops in a kitchen with out-dated equipment, and no

ventilation in a very hot and humid atmosphere, is by no means an enviable task, but one which has to be done.

It seems to me that the ACC is sometimes underestimated in its ability to adapt well and without complaints to any situation. — LCpl M Thompson ACC ATT DLSA, Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot.



TRADITION: Helmet plate of the Royal Norfolk Regiment

## What really took place in Crater?

In your recent article about Crater (**SOLDIER**, Oct 5) surely you have the story wrong? If my memory serves me correct from newspaper reports of 20 years ago, the British soldiers involved at the police station managed to hole

up in a building.

There they held off the Arab mob, confidently expecting the Army to rescue them. However, certain politicians in Whitehall had other ideas.

Rescue was refused in case a few Arabs were shot in

## Spot on!

Calling Tricia Fitzpatrick of Valley Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Tricia is the latest winner of **SOLDIER's** HOAY competition (No 423) and a cheque for £50 is on the way to her. Why not try your powers of observation in this issue's contest on page 43?

## A helmet plate of tradition

The 1st Royal Anglian Drum Major shown on your cover picture (**SOLDIER**, Sept 21) appears to be wearing a helmet plate of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, one of the founder regiments.

Can you confirm whether this is the case? If so, is it the case that the 1st Royal Anglians have not yet got around to issuing their bandsmen with helmet plate centres bearing the regimental crest of the castle on the eight-pointed star? — Erik Gray, 32 Minster Drive, Croydon, Surrey CR0 5UP.

• Well spotted, sir. It is tradition that one of the drum majors wears the Royal Norfolk Regiment helmet plate; the other wears the plate of the Royal Suffolk Regiment. — Ed.

the process.

When the soldiers' ammo ran out, they were dragged from the building, all killed, and their bodies were cut up, set on fire and dragged behind cars.

When Mad Mitch moved back into Crater he stepped on a few toes doing so. After the event his Army career was over. That is why he left the Army one year later.

Is it possible that one day we will be told the true story and also the names of the guilty ones involved? I doubt it. — Mr J Cockburn, 2 Sommers Park, Mid Calder.

## Queen and Defence Medal

In answer to R J Parker (**SOLDIER**, June 15) as to why the Queen wears the Defence Medal although she joined the ATS in March 1945, I am also puzzled. Did not her service as

the Honorary Colonel in the Grenadier Guards from 1942 play some part in the award? — David G Marriott, 11 Cressington Avenue, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead.



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## The Tigers celebrate

Dinner is served! The victorious men of the 1st Bn, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, have something to celebrate in Denmark after becoming the first British Army team ever to win the Northern Europe Command Infantry Competition beating off five other Nato allies over nine disciplines to win by a clear 250 points. Lt Col Tim Glass, CO of the Royal Hampshire said: "If you look at the results we would have won even without the SA 80 rifle. But it does stand in a class of its own, particularly for night shooting."



## Crocodile attack guardsman commended

A Coldstream Guards officer who snatched a 13-year-old boy from the clamped jaws of a Zambezi River crocodile has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Silver Medal for bravery.

2nd Lt Rupert Novis, of the 2nd Bn, Coldstream Guards, based at Wellington Barracks, London waded into the water of a "safe" swimming area to snatch the teenager from the crocodile's jaws as the boy's father rammed his own arm into its mouth, allowing the Army officer to free the stricken lad.

The father's arm was bitten off at the elbow. The boy's father and another helper are to receive Bronze Medals from the Humane Society.

Lt Novis (20) said: "It all happened very quickly. I just got on with what my instincts told me. I was quite alarmed."

The boy is fully recovered from his ordeal.

## Quiet Warrior

IT'S going to become quieter inside a Warrior. An electronic noise reduction system is to be fitted to Warrior which will provide sophisticated ear defenders to protect the crew from high levels of interior noise.

It will, say Plessey - who have won a £1 million contract for the system - make the new fleet of Warriors the best noise protected vehicles in the world.

The system works by generating an anti-phase signal in the earshells, automatically cancelling the ambient noise received at the ear.



Led by two Soviet officers, observers from the Conference on Disarmament in Europe cross the Leine river during Exercise Keystone

## Keystone Terriers under Soviet eyes

OBSERVERS from the Conference on Disarmament in Europe visited Exercise Keystone 87 in North Germany.

Thirty representatives from 17 nations were in the team.

Under an agreement negotiated at Stockholm and which came into effect on January 1, any exercise involving 30,000 troops and 300 tanks has to be notified to the Conference.

During Keystone 87 the highest ranking observer was a major general from Bulgaria;

the most junior a Finnish major. All were treated equally.

They were flown to points in the exercise area by helicopter or taken in luxury coaches.

The cavalcade was known unofficially as Dramm's tours, a play on the names of Lt Col Robin Draper, DACOS 1 BR Corps, and Oberst Ramms of West German MoD.

It was the first time such observers had viewed a British-run exercise.

See Keystone reports in Pages 21-23

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# Designer forest planned for Army on Otterburn areas

A NEW purpose-planned forest will be part of a huge landscaping project to be undertaken covering 1,150 acres of the Army's bleak Otterburn Training Area in Northumberland.

Created to the Army's exact specifications, it is expected to get a big thumbs up from Britain's conservationists.

The forest - of half a million trees - will be planted between 750 and 1,000 feet above sea level.

It has been specially designed to meet Army requirements for the training of troops in such tactics as rural foot and vehicle patrols, ambush, helicopter

operations and the concealment of field headquarters.

Planners also see it greatly enhancing the landscape, creating new habitats for wildlife, and providing areas of interest for conservation groups and the public.

The project, on the Stewartshiel Plantation, five miles north west of the village of Otterburn, will be phased over the next seven years and carried out by men of the Property Services Agency north east region's forestry team.

Plans are for the area to become progressively available for military training, without the use of live

ammunition, starting with 30 per cent next year and building up to 100 per cent by 1999.

But the troops who will experience it as a fully matured forest have not yet been born. Some areas will take 40 to 100 years to reach that stage.

The big planting project is being carried out on land bought by MoD last year from the Forestry Commission, who in 1940 began planting 1,147 acres with Sitka and Norway spruce as part of the nation's strategic reserve of timber. The commission are due to complete harvesting the last of their spruce trees by 1992.



Something for everyone at Church Crookham. 6 GR's new officers, recruits and medal-winners on parade

Picture: Mike Weston

## Gurkhas' big day

THERE were three ceremonies in one day for 37 men of the 6th (Queen Elizabeth's Own) Gurkha Rifles at Church Crookham shortly before they left with the battalion for the wilds of Scotland and the 5 Airborne Brigade Exercise Purple Warrior.

Firstly, 28 new recruits were sworn in to the battalion after just ten days in the country and after nine months' training at the Gurkha Training Depot in Hong Kong.

Then eight new Queen's Gurkha officers were commissioned by Brig David Chaundler, Commander 5 AB, who also presented eight Gurkha senior NCOs with their LS and GC medals.

Brig Chaundler also presented LCpl Sambarbahadur Sunwar with the CBF Hong Kong Commendation for his actions on the Sino-Anglo border in Hong Kong. Cpl Sunwar not only arrested a Hong Kong man helping illegal immigrants into the Colony, he also arrested another suspicious character - a bank robber who was trying to escape to China through the 12-ft mesh fence!

### Fusiliers in Jordan

THE first Regular British Army unit to exercise in Jordan since 1956, 120 men from the Cyprus based Company, 1 RRF, and a section of sappers from 62 Cyprus Support Sqn have just spent four weeks in the desert kingdom on Exercise Golden Sands.

In Jordan the Fusiliers met up with 1 Company, 22 Bn of the Hashemite Brigade who were taking part in the exercise.

## DLOY flex their skills

SPEETSNAZ beware! The terriers of The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry have just spent two weeks flexing their skills in countering Soviet special forces activity.

The regiment's three Sabre squadrons spent their first week of camp at Stanford training area in Norfolk before taking part in an FTX in both Norfolk and Lancashire.

A Scout helicopter from the TA's 666 Squadron was attached for liaison and troop transport work and the RCT and RAOC pitched in as well.

## Alanbrook Band takes the wheel at Minden

MEMBERS of the RA Alanbrook Band put down their musical instruments and got behind the driving wheel for an exercise at Minden North training area, practising their war role.

The band, members of 1 Artillery Brigade, joined with another brigade unit, 12 Artillery Support Squadron RCT, for the exercise.

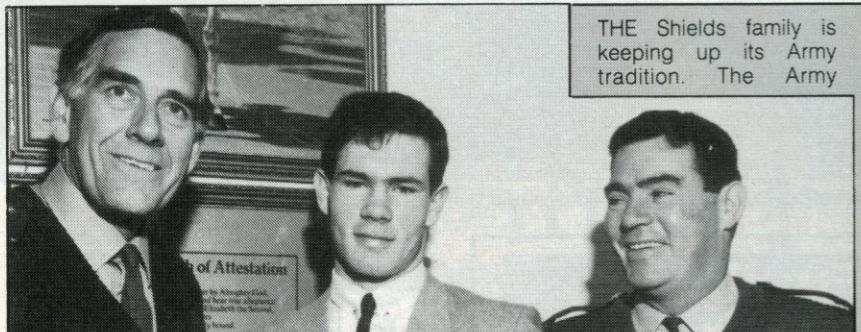
It was the band's first visit to Minden and during the ten-day exercise all the bandmen were able to complete their mandatory first aid and NBC drills and their refresher driver training.

While practising driver skills, mechanical handling and fuel operation in a short field exercise, the band was visited by the MGRA, Maj Gen T D G Quale.



## First ladies

CAN it be something to do with the Welsh air? This trio of bonny baby girls pictured with their proud dads from 157 Transport Regt, RCT were born within three months of each other. Left to right are Elizabeth (dad is CO, Lt Col Hugh Jones), Emilia (her dad is Capt Jonathan Lowe, the adjutant) and Nicole (her dad is WO1 John Jones).



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Lt Col Euan Gordon, Andrew Shields and WO2 Dave Shields

## We're in the Army now!

We've had a few old and bold military types battering typewriters in the corridors of SOLDIER, but accounts and subscriptions clerk Yoland Stayt is the first to make a move the other way.

After two years on the magazine Yo has left to join the grey and scarlet ranks of the QARANC. She is a former member of the TA's 332 Ambulance Train RAMC.

Service life is something of a tradition in the Stayt family. Her father was in the Royal Armoured Corps, her mother in the WRAF and a brother is in the RAF. Carry on SOLDIERING, Private Stayt!



**CHARITY JUMP:** Mrs Lindy McGhie, wife of 3 Queens CO Lt Col Bob McGhie, has made her first parachute jump for charity from 12,000 feet in tandem with Pte Ray Armstrong of the Red Devils freefall parachute display team. The descent raised £450 for Mencap.

# Taffy III butts in on the glamour picture scene . . .



**TAFFY III**, the regimental mascot of The Royal Regiment of Wales, seems to be acting the goat about who upstaged who during the Radio 1 Roadshow visit at Bielefeld.

Oblivious to the tipped horns of any dilemma, curvy Samantha Fox, a guest during the Roadshow visit, seems unperturbed at butting in on a photo call for Taffy III and his handler, LCpl David Joseph.

The Roadshow, hosted by DJ Steve Wright, went out to an estimated ten million listeners in a combined BBC and BFBS programme.

The show provided two hours of fast moving entertainment. Some credit must go to Capt Hugh Montgomerie of HQ Bielefeld Garrison the military coordinator, who with his clipboard kept the Army's side of things going.



# PEOPLE

## Jaguar man in charge

IN an MoD move to strengthen links between industry and the Armed Forces, Lt Col Neill Johnson has been appointed CO of the TA's London based 4th Bn, The Royal Green Jackets. Until recently, Col Johnson was Jaguar's Sales and Marketing Director. He has been in the TA for 14 years and has been given special leave of absence by Jaguar.



**PUSHY TYPES?** Men of 653 Sqn with Michael Aspel

## Airmen push for a life of BLISS!

TV personality Michael Aspel, a vice-president of the charity BLISS - Baby Life Support Systems - takes delivery of a £10,000 cheque at the Special Care Baby Unit of the Whittington Hospital, London. The money was raised by members of 653 Sqn, AAC following a sponsored incubator push from John o'Groats to Land's End. BLISS has now raised more than £1 million.

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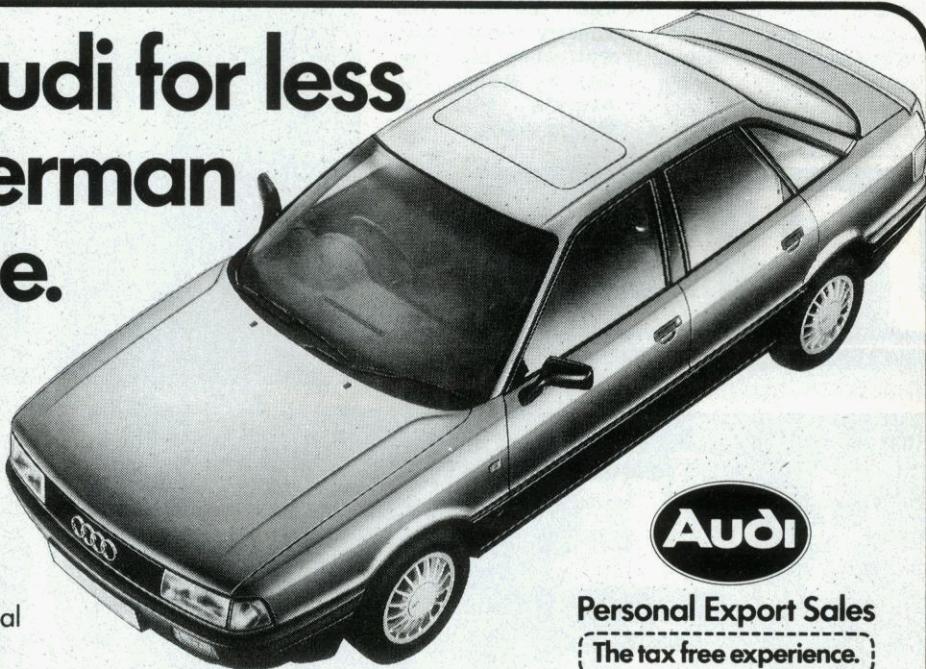
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The result was 'White Helmets', a two-part programme about the famous Royal Corps of Signals motorcycle display team which revealed the astonishing discipline behind the teamwork, and the deliberate attempts by the crack corp's trainers to separate the men from the boys.

The first programme joined the young hopefuls as they arrived for training at Catterick, and the second followed the triumphant survivors in their coveted white helmets as they joined the display team and took part in exhibitions of motorcycle skill.

## NICE ONE, CYRIL!

Cyril Hoyle is a book collector - but the 7,000 paperbacks he has collected have been sent across the world to help brighten soldiers' lives.

"I was in the Army during the war and know what it's like when you are stationed somewhere and it's lonely," says

## They want their silver back

Lost, nearly 50 years ago, the officers' mess silver of 51 (Highland) Divisional Signals.

It was apparently lost to an invading German SS unit somewhere in Belgium in 1940.

Now Capt R J Sheldon, QM

## Badge of office

The badge on Princess Diana's lapel is a clue to the reason for the latest official portrait of the princess.

The glittering 18-carat gold, diamond and ruby brooch was given to her by the Royal Hampshire two years ago, and the portrait is now the centrepiece of the regiment's private collection at Serles House in Winchester.

The oil painting of the Princess, who is shown wearing a white shirt and pale blue skirt, is the work of 27-year-old artist Emily Patrick who was commissioned by the regiment. She had five one-hour sittings with the Princess, who is the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief.

# SOLDIER to Soldier

## A very small claim to fame

Did you know that the world's first tank was made in Russia in May 1915, designed by an inventor with the tongue twister name of Porokhovshchikov.

Or was it?

According to Soviet Military Review the Vezdekhod, as it was called, possessed all the features of the present-day tanks - armour, guns in a rotating turret and a crawler-track propulsive device.

It was not quite the size of today's leviathans; in fact as the picture shows, it stood not much higher than the waist line of Russian soldiers.

During its first preliminary automatic tests in March 1915 it shed its track, and although this problem was overcome, the



Russian army seems to have been disinterested after its final trials, and work was stopped.

According to the Guinness

Book of Records, the first fighting tank was "Mother", alias "Big Willie" built by William Foster and Co Ltd of Lincoln and completed on September 9, 1915. And it was just over a year later that British tanks first went into action at Flers in France.

So perhaps it's a question of a tank is not a tank unless it proves it's a tank.

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Col Mike Taylor

## HSF on the ball

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For, it's as Col Mike Taylor - in his appointment as Colonel, Home Service Force, TA Advisor (HSF Matters) to Inspector-General TA - that Mike really gets things moving.

He has just watched more than 200 members of the Welsh HSF taking part in an inter-platoon competition in the Brecon Beacons.

Outright winners were men of 17 Sphinx Platoon, E Company, HSF, 3rd (Vol) Bn, The Royal Regiment of Wales based at Brecon.

Col Taylor, in the TA since 1959 after three years' Regular service, said: "The HSF is well able to handle the role that's required of it. The real problem is that these guys have more potential than is demanded of them."

"You only have to see them in action on exercises to realise that the HSF is highly competent, highly professional, and highly skilled. They're good!"

# SPLASH!

CELEBRATING their 40th anniversary in style, members of 131 Independent Commando Squadron RE (V) parachuted into the sea off the coast of Guernsey.

Braving strong winds and torrential rainfall, most para trained squadron members - plus guests from other units - were able to jump from the C-130 in between gusts and squalls.

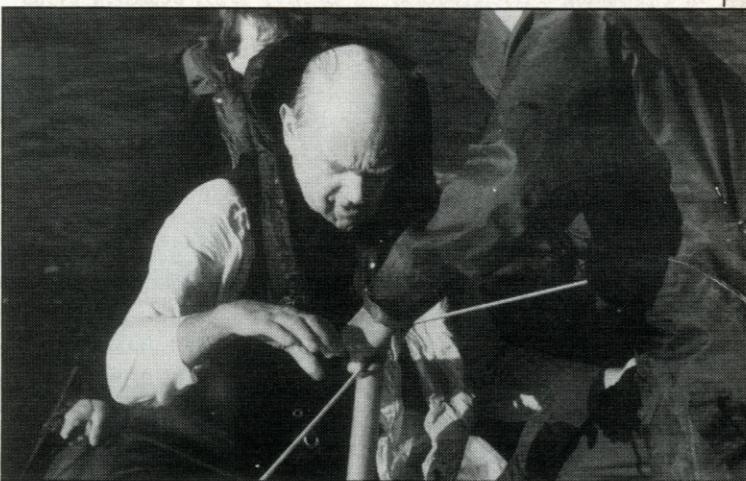
"Marvellous!" said Maj Barry Bennett RE, squadron OC, "but it was touch and go at times."

Donning a wet suit and taking the plunge was Maj Gen Mike Matthews, a former adjutant and now Honorary Colonel of 131 and at 57 the oldest man leaping from the aircraft during the weekend exercise.

"Just like old times, everything went like a dream," said Maj Gen Matthews, who last jumped in 1975. "I thoroughly enjoyed it."

It was a cry echoed by everyone taking part, particularly those doing a water jump for the first time.

Also taking part in the aptly named Exercise Sea Splash were members of the London and Bristol detachments of the Royal Marines Reserve and 9



Parachute Squadron RE, a colourful array of green and maroon berets.

Combining both was Capt Geoff Weighell, Parachute Regiment, who as training officer in a para-designated post within 3 Commando Brigade retains his regimental badge on the green beret that goes with the job.

"It is certainly different," said Capt Weighell, a former journalist, "but it is the ideal staff post for a para officer. The green machine tend not to take any notice because I've done the course but I've had a bit of ribbing from my mates back at the unit!"

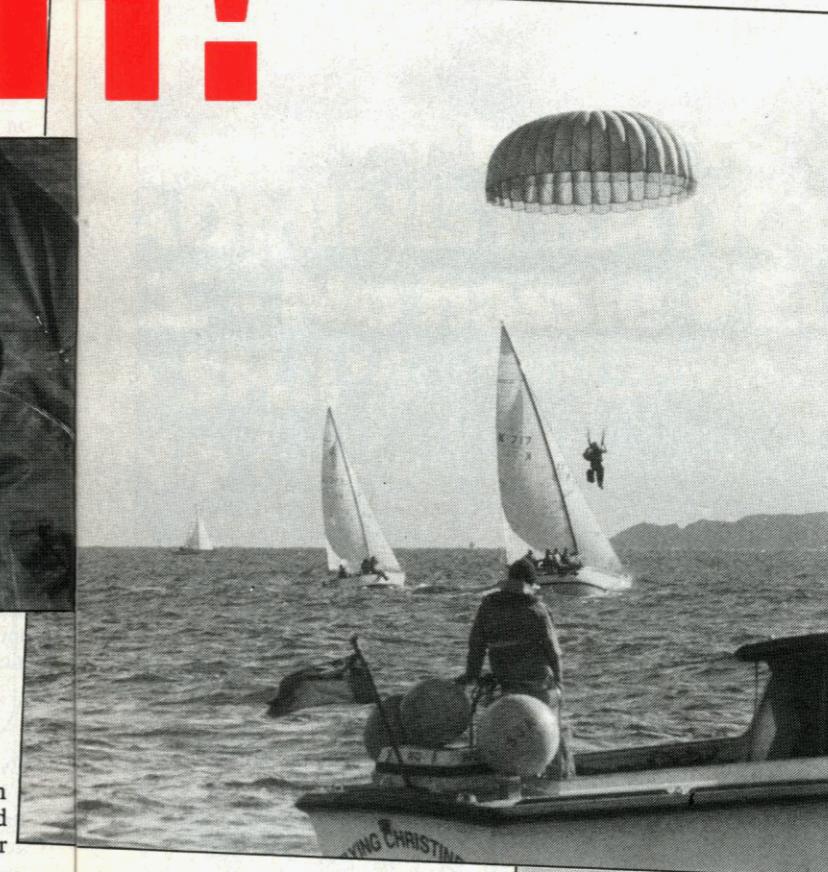
Exercise Sea Splash not only

Maj Gen Mike Matthews, Honorary Colonel of 131, is hauled aboard (above) after parachuting into the sea (right) off Guernsey during Exercise Sea Splash

celebrated 131's 40th anniversary but also reminded everyone of the unit's 39 year old link with Guernsey.

In 1948 the unit - then called 131 Parachute Regiment RE (V) - had as its Honorary Colonel the late Sir Philip Neame VC who was Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey.

Exercise Sea Splash was introduced that year and took place just outside St Peter Port harbour annually until 1975 when defence cuts meant that



131 - already by then reduced to a squadron - lost its parachute role.

It was not until 1978 that uncertainty over the unit's future ended when the Royal Marines agreed to add 131 to the order of battle of 3 Commando Brigade as its second engineer squadron alongside 59 Independent Commando Squadron.

131 again took to the air with a reduced parachute capability and Sea Splash was resurrected in 1979 to celebrate this and the unit's new role.

Financial constraint forced the exercise to be dropped until this year when the unit anniversary provided the ideal opportunity to stage it in a bid to promote 131 and aid recruiting.

The squadron is established for 238 men of which 45 can be para and seven diver trained. As there are currently just over 100 green berets on strength there is room for expansion.

Each of 131's troops in Hull, Birmingham, Plymouth and Kingsbury specialise in a particular aspect of the squadron's engineering role to maximise the limited amount of training time available.

The squadron's operational



The Hercules flies low over Guernsey and the island's flag

role is to provide engineer support to the logistic units of 3 Commando Brigade on Nato's northern flank and each year the squadron sends 30 men to Norway for winter training alongside their Regular counterparts.

Sgt Gordon Nicklin, a sheet metal worker from Birmingham, told SOLDIER: "The

airborne aspect of the squadron's role is a big bonus and that is what I want to go for. There is always a lot of variety and something to aim for with this lot."

Guests at the evening celebrations in St Peter Port's Castle Cornet - where the Corps of Drums of 1 Para put on a display - included Capt

John Brennan who was with 131 when they came under fire in Aden during their annual camp in 1965.

Members of the then 131 Parachute Regiment RE were helping men of 9 Parachute Squadron build the Dhala Road in the Aden Protectorate when terrorists opened fire on them killing one.

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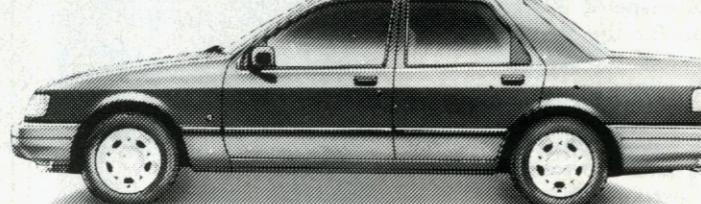
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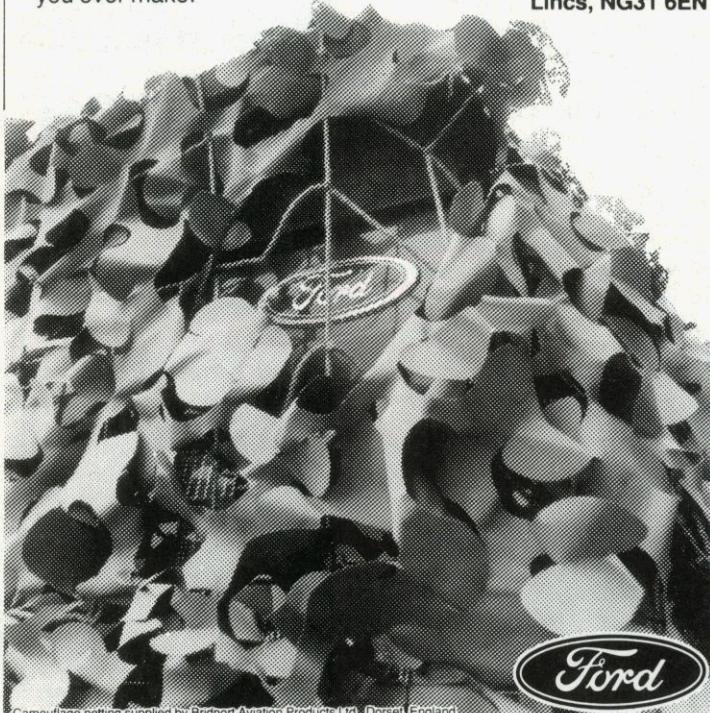


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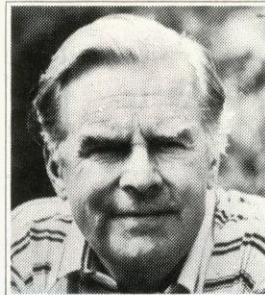
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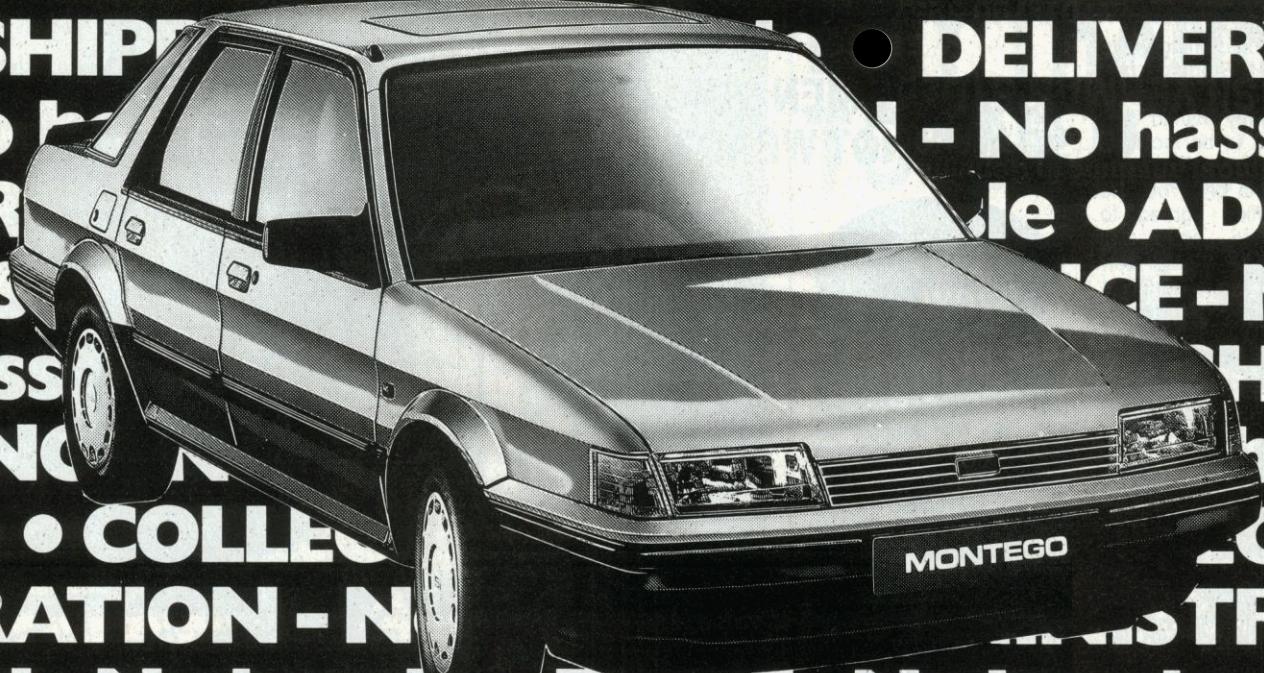
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# Mums to be or not to be eligible for benefit?

AN increasing number of letters and 'phone calls about rights to statutory maternity pay are being received from Service-women who are compulsorily retired/discharged on pregnancy – in civilian terms 'fairly dismissed' – and because they are not in civilian employment until the 15th week of pregnancy find they are excluded from SMP.

During the drafting of the Act the DHSS approached the Ministry of Defence asking if they wished their employees to be included in the new Act. The MoD declined the offer, but the Home Office agreed to policewomen being included, as are civil servants and firewomen.

This left the women of the three Services the only public sector group to be excluded from SMP under Section 79(5) of the Social Security Act 1986.

Part V of the Act contains all the conditions about entitlement and liability to pay relating to SMP. The DHSS solicitor has confirmed that even if a woman has left the Forces by the first day that SMP could be payable to a civilian under normal circumstances she is not entitled because her employment cannot be taken into account towards the qualifying conditions.

Because the women's Services were not covered by the old Maternity Pay Scheme, surely that cannot be a reason why they could not be included in the new Acts.

As I understand it the MoD Defence Vote would not be out of pocket by paying SMP, but would incur expense on the administrative side.

If it was found that Servicewomen were losing out financially, then there are legislative steps which could be taken to include them in 1988/89.

In the 1987 Armed Forces Pay Review Body Report SMP appears not to be part of the 7.5 per cent 'X' factor for women.

The report says of the X factor for women:

"We commented last year that duties undertaken by Servicemen and Servicewomen appeared to be converging in the RAF and that we wished for evidence from MoD on the level of X factor for women.

## POLICEWOMEN QUALIFY SO WHY NOT WRAC?

In my view...

"The evidence we have so far received suggests that the differences between the men's and the women's Services are becoming smaller. However, it is clear from the initial discussions we have had with MoD that we need to look at this matter in depth.

"We make no recommendations at present but we have asked MoD for detailed and early evidence on the changes which have taken place in conditions of service for women and on

how these conditions compare with the conditions under which civilian women are now employed in the light of recent legislation.

"We shall consider this matter further in our review of the structure of the X factor next year. For the time being we recommend that the X factor for women should remain at 7½ per cent."

To qualify, a woman must have been in continuous employment for at least six months up to the 26th week of pregnancy.

This enables a claimant to receive 90 per cent of wages for six weeks, and the lower rate of SMP for 12 weeks.

## Case of a corporal

I ASKED the DHSS in June, when the Act came into force, if they could give me some examples to help Servicewomen in their claims.

Their examples are:

• The average earnings of a woman in the 25-29 age group in 1987/88 is estimated to be £157.60. A member of the Forces could expect to receive:

Four week's full

pay £630.40  
less Forces' reduced rate of NIC £55.04  
less tax £170.21

plus 18 weeks' MA at £30.05 £540.90

Total £946.05

Note. The amounts of tax are the maximum which would be deducted, but there should be allowances to set against this tax liability.

• A woman who qualified

for SMP with the same average earnings would receive:

Six weeks' SMP

at 90 per cent £851.04

less standard rate

NIC £76.59

less tax £229.78

12 weeks' SMP at £32.85 less tax

at 27 per cent £287.77

Total £832.86

Note. Some refund of tax may subsequently be due depending on total taxable earnings in year.

Based on these calculations a WRAF corporal on £25 a day (£175 a week) should actually receive £995.02 by way of MA and termination pay but would if she had been entitled to SMP receive a total of £892.30.

One must remember that all Servicewomen should

## IRR switch

ALL officers can now pay their handover bill by instalments, which brings them into line with the recently introduced instalment recovery rate (IRR) for soldiers.

The deductions will be made by the Army Pay Office according to an officer's marital category.



# WITH FAMILIES IN MIND

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After all this time it's a

## RED LETTER DAY THANKS TO MRP...

OCTOBER 12 was a day to remember. The day I received the news that there would be a completely new edition of the DHSS leaflet FB5, Social Security for Service families going overseas.

The problem was becoming more and more important as wives and dependants were being told that FB5 was out of date and out of print.

Since 1983 I have been requesting a revision and reprint in the DHSS leaflet along with the Dept of Employment officers were finding it increasingly difficult to advise Service families on their eligibility to their DHSS benefits in UK, EEC and other overseas countries.

In 1984 I was asked to comment on the proposed draft. My comments and questions, I fear, cancelled that leaflet, which would have led to more confusion with our Service families, and their dependants no better off. The DHSS agreed with my comments.

The Rev. James Harkness, current Chaplain General, handed over the £10,000 cheque to John Mayo, Director General of Help the Aged, when the first Lifelines were presented at Bagshot Park, HQ of the Army's chaplains.

Lawrence Senior certainly thought them a wonderful development – "a bit different from the old things we had when I was a telephonist in 1914".

On August 14 I wrote yet again in desperation to the recently appointed Under Secretary of State for Social Security, Michael Portillo. I gave him a full report on the past four years' efforts and explained that not only



## A NEW LINE FOR AN OLD TELEPHONIST

OF COURSE, you and I are never going to grow old, have problems or ever be lonely like Lawrence Senior. Which is just how he thought in 1914.

Today Lawrie Senior is 89 and bright enough, living on his own, still in Farnborough.

Three Lifelines in all were issued at a ceremony at the Army Chaplains' HQ. The others went to an ex-Serviceman and his wife, Mr and Mrs Bill and Tina Goodings, and the widow of an ex-King's Liverpool Regiment soldier, Mrs Mary Bryne.

Each case is different and depends on the individual's circumstances: date of discharge before birth, rates of pay, and how many weeks' unemployment or sickness pay are granted. But remember, SMP is taxed and National Insurance contributions have to be paid.

Came the war and the RFC said the telephone operators would have to take the King's Shilling if they wanted to keep their jobs. So they took it. And willingly.

A few months later and it was a case of girls replacing them and off to the workshops.

By 1917 Lawrie was serving in a forward airfield in France and in 1918 was working on SE 5As and Bristol Fighters.

He finished up in the

Army of Occupation but failed in his attempts to stay in what had become the RAF. He went into the building trade.

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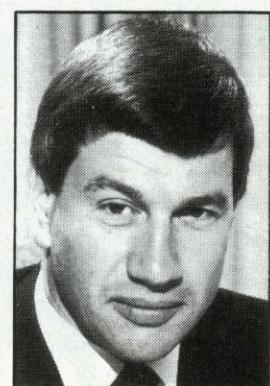
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The units are connected to a system of 140 control centres which are manned 24 hours a day.

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Service families were at loss but the Dept of Health and Social Security along with the Dept of Employment officers were finding it increasingly difficult to advise Service families on their eligibility to their DHSS benefits in UK, EEC and other overseas countries.

The new 1987 Social Security Act comes fully operative in April 1988. It was imperative that we had a reprint.

He writes that a completely new edition of FB5 will be, he hopes, available in the New Year.

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TA soldiers of 7 LI emerging from a smoke screen to overrun an enemy position.

Picture by Roger Keen.

# 2 DIV GOES TO WAR

SOLDIERS squatting for hours in a cold and damp hole dug in a gloomy wood are apt to take a cynical view of the abilities of exercise planners but on Keystone 87 boring was not a word in common use.

The "in" phrase was "we saw the enemy". And that went for nearly everyone.

As Tpr Walter Croft, an 18-year-old gunner/operator in the North Irish Horse, put it: "We saw more in two days here than in two weeks on our big exercise last year."

It seemed only right. The Ulstermen had come a long way to reach the exercise area between Hanover and the Harz mountains. Some flew from Aldergrove but others made a

weary journey from Belfast to Liverpool, then Colchester, Harwich, Hamburg and deep into Germany.

Their 20 Fox armoured recce vehicles had to be crated for the sea trip, unloaded at Hamburg

who form D Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry, one of the Territorial Army's two armoured car regiments, but worth it when you can go back and boast about capturing a Scimitar from a Regular unit.

acting as Orange forces) when two "enemy" Scimitars tore down the track leading to Sqn HQ in a wood.

But alerted by the Scorpion raid the Ulstermen had cunningly blocked the obvious exit track.

One Scimitar reversed out of trouble but the other slewed round and stopped right in the midst of the HQ vehicles. Immediately every spare man, clerks and cooks included, clambered on to it and Foxes closed in.

Three members of a distinguished cavalry regiment went into the bag ("we gave them a cup of tay, of course").

The turn out for the five squadrons of the Royal Yeomanry indicated the extent of the exercise — 650 men with 80 Foxes plus supporting vehicles.

There was a similar representation from the Queen's Own Yeomanry, the TA's other armoured recce regiment.

## Terriers arrived in their thousands

THE total number of troops taking part in Exercise Keystone 87 was 33,000 (including units provided by Nato allies).

Of these some 17,000 belonged to the 2nd Infantry Division which has its HQ at York.

About 12,000 of 2 Div's soldiers belong to TA units throughout the UK.

In round terms, 400 tanks,

1,450 other armoured vehicles and 8,000 wheeled vehicles were engaged.

Three thousand troops flew into Germany from Newcastle Airport and 5,200 with 3,700 vehicles and trailers were shipped from North Shields (Tyne) and Immingham and Hull (Humber) with 1,500 men and more than 1,000 vehicles sailing from Harwich.

## A legend in his own curry!

MR HITESH OZA, a 30-year-old Inland Revenue assessor, working in London, knows what he wants.

When he applied to join the Royal Yeomanry he made it quite clear that it was the MT troop he had in mind.

SSgt David Smith, an ex-Royal Dragoon, was "a bit concerned" because Mr Oza eats only vegetables. That is what his religion requires - he is a Brahmin.

"This is not the most glamorous bit of the regiment," said SSgt Smith. "We spend a lot of time humping jerricans about and for that you need stamina; lots of protein if you like. Then there was the question of compo on exercise..."

"Just give me a chance," said the would-be recruit who had been a cadet

in his home town of Anand, Gujarat, India, before coming to Britain.

The other day in a German forest the MT troop were full of praise for Trooper Oza's curry.

"Smashing," was SSgt Smith's verdict.

Tpr Oza took all his own spices and used the rice and vegetables in the compo ration to prepare a meal for the platoon.

After he had taken his share the rest of the troops popped in their own meat.

They considered the final result excellent.

"He even does stir fry in a wok for us," said one of them.

In his 14 months with the Royal Yeomanry Tpr Oza's curries have become a legend.



Curry master Hitesh Oza, Royal Yeomanry

## London pride

MAYBE it's because they are Londoners, but the Westminster Dragoons who form HQ Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry were as perky as sparrows regardless of the weather during Keystone 87.

Tpr James Browning, 20, from Epping, crouched in a well camouflaged trench, has only nine months' service but he kept watch like a veteran studying the Chinooks zooming over to land "enemy" troops on a distant ridge.

It was a lot different from his usual job as a trainee bond dealer in the City... though his tough training probably

stood him in good stead on his return to the office!

The Dragoons provided a fascinating segment of London life.

The OC, Maj Peter Kennerley, is a solicitor who has been lent by his firm to the Take Over Panel for a couple of years.

Cpl Ian Blair, an ex-Scots Guardsman, works for the Serjeant-at-Arms Department in the House of Commons. He was driving the ops officer's Sultan command vehicle.

Managed by Maj Murray Colville, the RY won the Army four-man handicap last year.

HQ Sqn was a mixture of age and experience. There were old hands like SSgt Pat Turner, ex-QDG, who has been with the RY for 21 years and now travels to drills from Yeovil, Somerset, where he is a para-medic.

Another 21-year service man was Cpl Eric Hendrie, a brake-hand from a Fleet Street newspaper office and a union official.

But there were also good younger men like the REME LAD who won the praise of a Regular unit who found it hard to believe that Cpls Terry White, 24, and Martin Lawrence, 28, were TA.

On their seventh "bog" they extracted a capsized RY Fox from a very awkward position caused when it turned a corner and unexpectedly ran across a tree on top of a wooded hill.

They winched their Samson recovery vehicle up the slope and persevered until the Fox was free.



Cpl Terry White (right) works with the Wellcome pharmaceutical company. His oppo, Cpl Martin Lawrence, is a bullion dealer



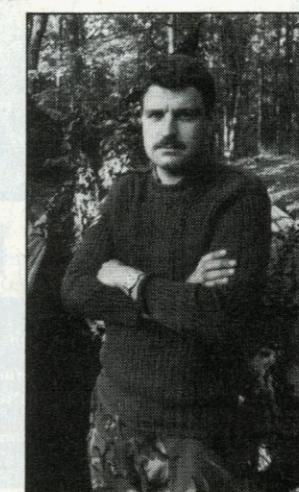
Spartan APCs of the North Irish Horse move out of a wood in which they had seen considerable action



Cpl Eric Hendrie, Fleet Street man



Sgt Gordon Speirs, the man from COI



Cpl Ian Blair, Commons man

hours a day and find out what is going on and where and how they can get to the scene of the action.

Lt Col Rob Stewart, RA, Chief G3 P Info 1 BR Corps, took over the hotel to run it as a PIC on behalf of 2 Inf Div. Working with him were Maj Simon Underwood, SO2 P Info from 2 Div HQ, York, and his own SO3, Capt Colin Bulleid, R Hamps.

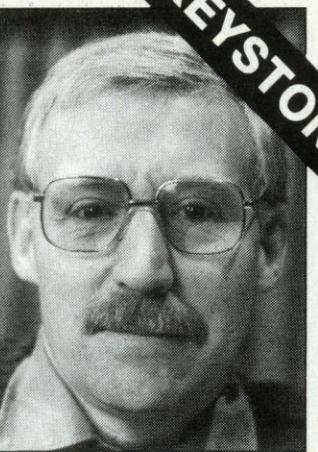
WO1 Peter Maile set up a well-equipped mobile dark room to supply any pictures required.

Giving close support and fully responsible for the first time for specific aspects of the PIC were five representatives of the UKLF pool of 24 Press Information Officers (TAPIOs).

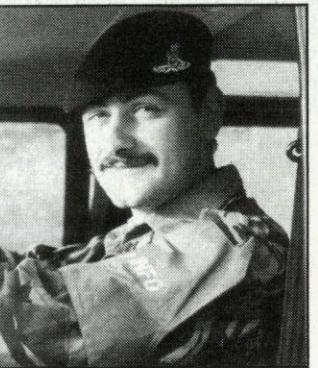
One of them, Maj Graham Barnett used to be SO2 (Facilities) at BAOR before he left the Army to go into civilian PR.

As reporters, cameramen and TV crews streamed through the Bahnhof Hotel - British, Americans, Germans - the pace became hectic but Lt Col Stewart pronounced himself delighted with the performance of his staff and in particular the volunteers from the ACIOs.

SSgt Jeff Lane, from Ashington, Northumberland, a county where his own regiment, 15/19 H, recruits, found himself in the role of "Mr Fixit" ... transport, accom-



SSgt Jeff Lane



Gnr Jeremy Williams

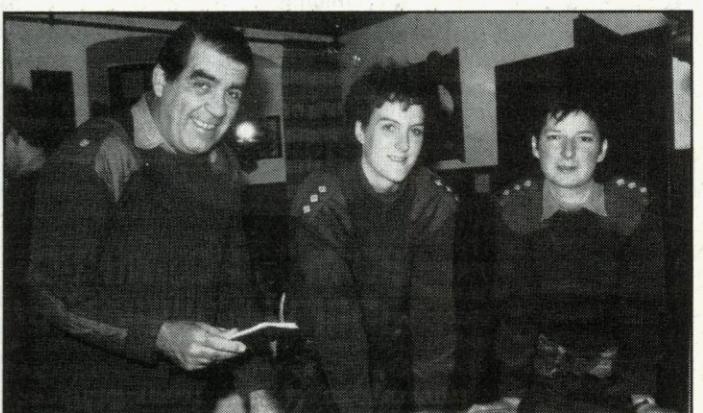
modation, catering, map storeman, you name it.

He was stoutly supported by Cpl Jeff O'Brien-Organ, RAOC, from Bielefeld, and Pte Sarah Williams, WRAC, from Catterick resettlement centre.

Sgt Bob Speed, RA, from Bradford ACIO will not forget delivering a TV crew to the door of a bemused old German couple one evening. The sign on their house said Rosengarten but it was only one of a number pointing the way to a well-hidden hotel.

Nevertheless the crew were so impressed with Sgt Speed that before they left they insisted on taking him out to dinner along with his driver, Gnr Jeremy Williams, 24, from 27 Field Regt, Topcliffe, Yorks.

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Planning in the PIC. Maj Graham Barnett, R Anglian and TA Press Information Officer, with Capt Lucy Dickson (centre), a TA WRAC officer who is due to go to Sandhurst next year, and Capt Anne Larsen-Burnett, another WRAC Territorial

## KEYSTONE PIC-ed for the job

FOUR recruiters are back in their ACIOs today considerably wiser than when they left them to take part in Exercise Keystone 87.

They answered the call for volunteers to serve as escorts at a... PIC.

They were uncertain as to the nature of a PIC but liked the idea of escaping from their desks.

PIC is not, in fact, an acronym for Permanently In Chaos though at times it may have seemed like that; it stands for Press Information Centre.

Almost before it was opened in the Bahnhof Hotel, Stadt Oldendorf, about 12kms from the Weser and its much-fought-over bridges, the first media men were on the doorstep.

Basically a PIC is a place where the Press, British and foreign, can make contact 24

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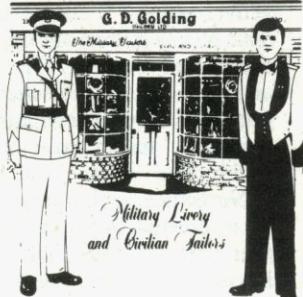
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## IRISH RANGER SCOOPS TOP PRIZE

COL SGT Leo Callow of the 2nd Bn The Royal Irish Rangers took his camera to the Falkland Islands and scooped three prestigious prizes in the 12th annual Army Photographic Competition.

He was adjudged to be Army Photographer of the Year, the winner of the best portfolio of six black and white or colour photographs and the lens man behind the best colour photograph.

SSgt Arthur Thomson, RAOC, formerly serving with HQ UKLF Public Information and now taking pictures for the BAOR MoD-sponsored *Sixth Sense* newspaper, took the prizes for the best black and white photograph and for the Army Photograph of the Year – a black and white variation of an old *SOLDIER* magazine cover. Arthur has taken several cover photographs for the magazine.

Maj Patrick Gouldsbury, 6 GR, the Public Information Officer with 3rd Armoured Division won two categories, for the photograph best illustrating military training or operations and for the best photograph portraying adventurous training or sport.

The best photograph by a unit photographer was submitted by Cpl Leslie Scott, 17th/21st Lancers, serving in Münster. He wins the *SOLDIER* prizes.

A new category was introduced this year for the best photograph submitted by an Army dependant. The winner was Mrs Tania Yeacoob, wife of LBdr Yeacoob who is serving with Q (Sannas's Post) Bty, 5 Regiment, RA, at Dortmund.

The best TA photograph was sent in by Cpl Karen Atkinson



**MAN OF ACTION** by SSgt Arthur Thomson RAOC, judged the Army Photograph of the Year

## SHOOTING STARS

of the 3rd Bn The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

Col Sgt Callow is currently undergoing a potential officers' course as an Officer Cadet at Beaconsfield.

Many of Leo's portfolio were published in *SOLDIER* following 2 R Irish's deployment to

the Falkland Islands.

The prizes were presented at the National Army Museum by the Army's new Director of Public Relations, Brig Sam Cowan, R Sigs.

An organiser of the competition said: "The judges were most impressed by the standard of photography and their

presentation. There were more entries of better quality than last year and we hope the standard continues next year."

Hardly have the shutters clicked shut for this year's contest than they should be operating again. The hunt is already on for the Army Photographer of the Year 1988.

Action Army

OUT OF THE BLOCKS by Maj Patrick Gouldsbury, the best photograph illustrating adventurous training and sport

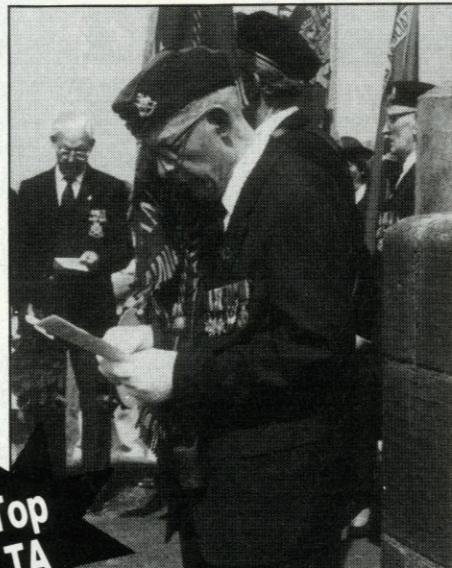


CHITTHO! by Maj Patrick Gouldsbury, the best photograph illustrating military training or operations

Army Photographer of the Year for best portfolio of six photographs (sponsored by Nikon UK Ltd): CSGt Leo Callow, 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers.  
Army Photograph of the Year (NAAFI): SSgt Arthur Thomson, RAOC, Sixth Sense.  
Best TA photograph (West Midlands): Cpl Karen Atkinson, WRAC(V), 3rd Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters (V).  
Best monochrome photograph (Ilford Ltd): SSgt Thomson.  
Best colour photograph (Kodak Ltd): CSGt Callow.  
Best photograph illustrating military training

or operations (Jane's Defence Weekly): Major Patrick Gouldsbury, PIO 3 Armoured Division.  
Best photograph illustrating adventurous training and sport (Paterson Products): Major Gouldsbury.  
Best photograph submitted by a unit photographer (SOLDIER Magazine): Cpl Leslie Scott, 17/21st Lancers.  
Best photograph submitted by an Army dependant illustrating an aspect of Service life (Plessey Network and Office Systems Ltd): Mrs Tania Yeacob, wife of LBdr Yeacob, 5 Regt Royal Artillery.

Sport spot



SAD MEMORIES by Cpl Karen Atkinson, the best Territorial Army photograph

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Star choice

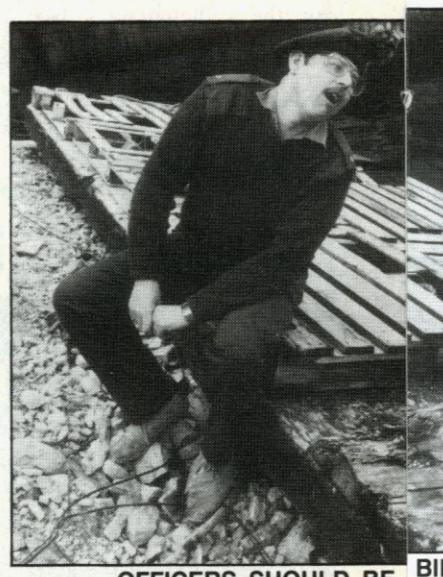


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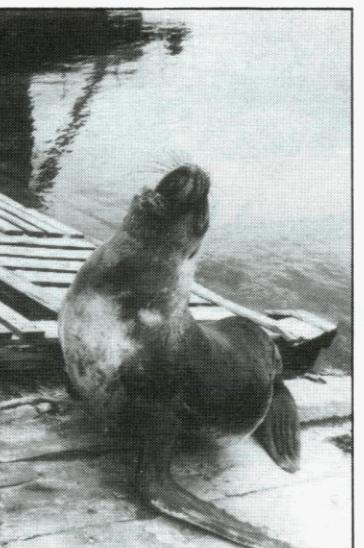


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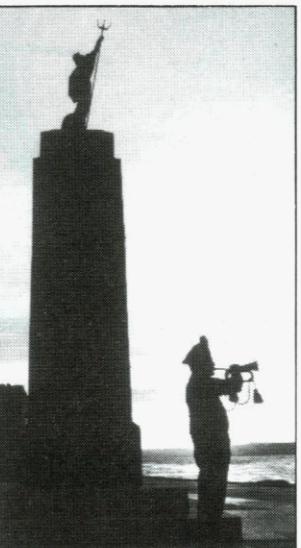
Printed here are four of the six photographs which earned SSgt Leo Callow the prize for the best portfolio and the title of Photographer of the Year



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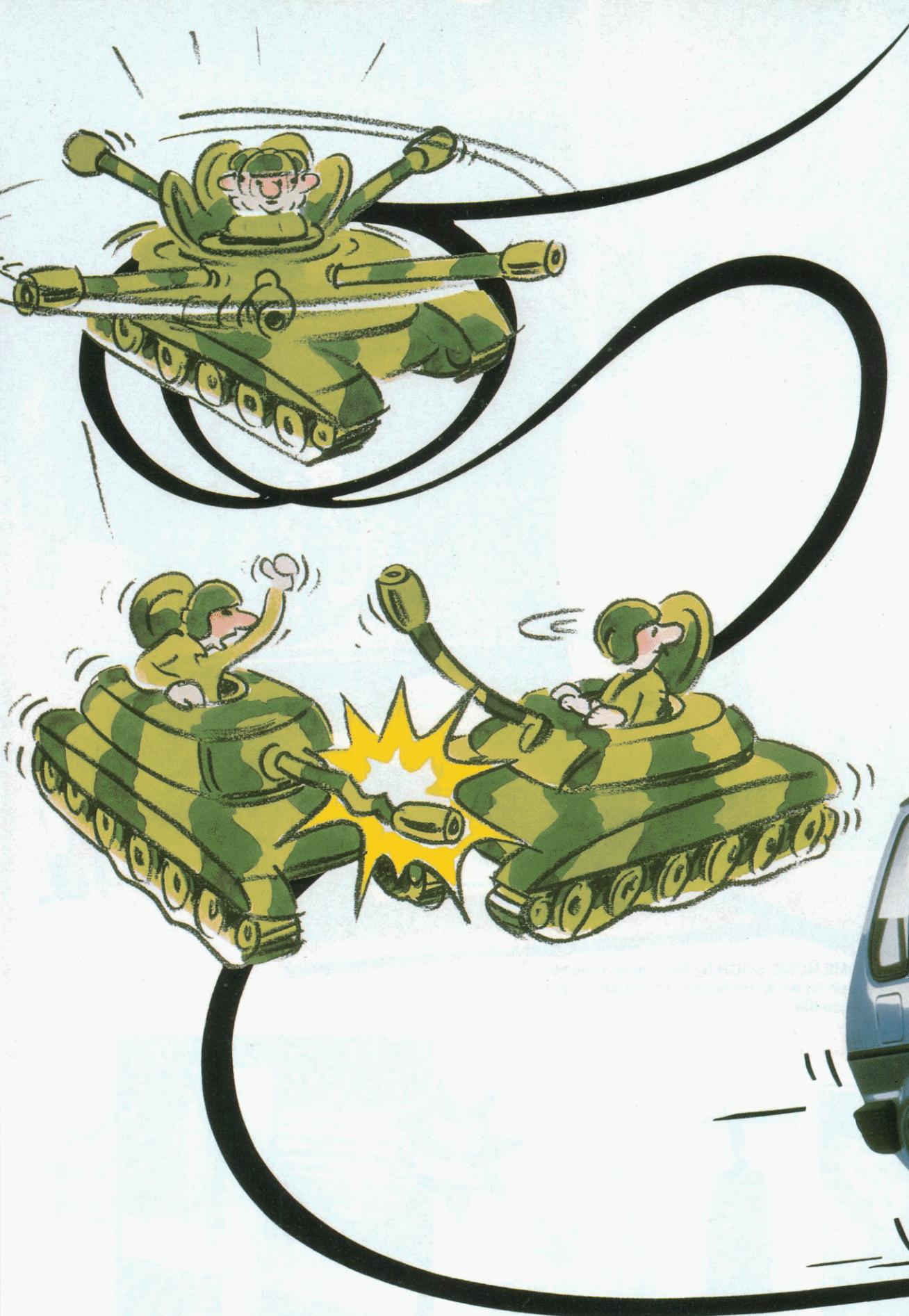


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## Embassy Row . . .

Right – Brig Tim Thompson, RA, commander British Army Staff and British Military Attaché in Washington: "It's very important to continue fostering the UK-American military relationship"

## ... in the field

Left – Spot the Brit! Maj Peter Heier, RE, one of the British Army's 44 liaison officers, supervises the building of a medium girder bridge at Fort Belvoir where he is bridging wing chief instructor



## Washington's military men have a vital liaison role

THE FAÇADE of the British Embassy at 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington DC, looks peaceful enough in this corner of "little England". Just a few yards down the tree-lined boulevard beyond the Chancery stands a defiant statue of Winston Churchill. Every day Winnie is rewarded by a mystery lady, an Anglophile who replenishes his cigar-clutching left hand with a solitary flower.

But behind the embassy's quiet frontage, instantly recognisable by its rotunda annexe, the daily pace is very busy. Particularly in the sixth floor suite of corridor-flanking offices inhabited by the 17-strong British Army Staff (BAS). Seven are serving personnel including its commander, Brig Tim Thompson, RA, who is also the embassy's Military Attaché.

BAS forms part of the 100-plus tri-Service British Defence Staff (BDS) currently headed by Air Vice-Marshal Ron Dick. In the spring it will be the Army's turn to command when Maj Gen Edwin Beckett, ex-Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire, and currently Chief of Staff, HQ BAOR, takes over.

The serving seven are backed by 60 others – including a WRAC officer and

senior NCOs – who are spread out across the length and breadth of the USA to ensure that the British and American armies keep in step with a two-way flow of information on tactical concepts, weapons, vehicles and logistics.

BAS has the services of 16 Liaison Officers (LOs) – three of them embassy

**Story by Graham Smith  
Pictures by Paul Haley**

based – and another 44 Exchange Officers (EOs). In all, 16 regiments and 14 corps cap badges are represented.

Liaison and exchange officers observe new projects in their early stages then report back to their Washington based peers.

They also have the chance during their respective three and two year tours to feed in British ideas at the level where policy is made.

"We see ourselves as honest brokers," said Brig Thompson, who took up his double hatted post from the Defence College, Rome and who heads off to a Nato staff job for his next post.

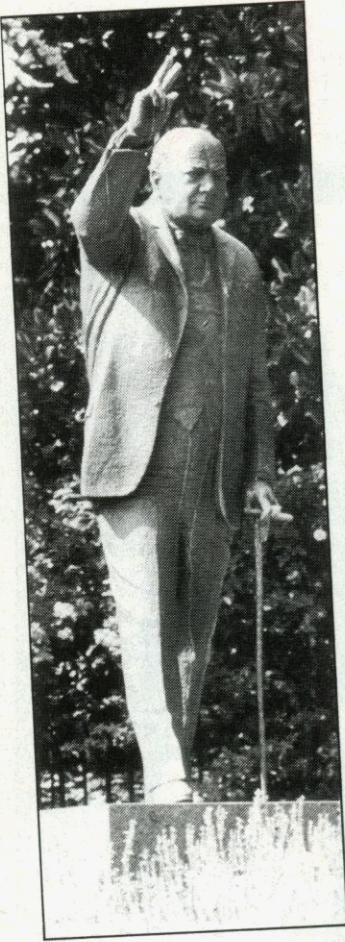
There is a good working relationship between the embassy's resident military staff and the five civilians and one officer – Lt Col Malcolm Watson, QOH – of the scientific staff headed by Mr Jim Platt, Attaché Defence Equipment (Land). They, in turn, deal with their American civilian counterparts and the US army's scientists in uniform.

While the military become engrossed in projects destined to come off the drawing board within the next five years, the scientists are fascinated by concepts 25 years hence. These, like the SDI "Star Wars" collaboration with the Americans and the development of electro-magnetic guns, could have far reaching implications for our battlefield tanks.

Jim Platt explained: "We have really reached the end of conventional tank gunnery technology because of the massive propellants used in tank gun charges which is ever decreasing efficiency.

"We are collaborating with the Americans in electro-magnetic gun research which, hopefully, will have a spin off in the tank gun area. But that's definitely 25 years off."

Future collaboration and common  
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An inspiration to British personnel working in the Embassy at 3100 Massachusetts Avenue (right), is the nearby statue of Winston Churchill. In the left hand is a flower which is changed regularly by a mystery Anglophile. The right hand is raised in Churchill's famous Victory sign

## From tanks to toothbrushes

THE BRITISH Army Staff in Washington 40 years ago was a miniature replica of the War Office. It started in a humble way in 1940 and at its peak in 1944 comprised 2,000 officers and men, 100 British ATS, more than 170 ATS recruited in the Caribbean and about 1,200 locally employed American civilians.

Its purpose was liaison with all branches of the US War Department, the principal function being to procure anything from toothbrushes to tanks. It

also played a big part in ensuring the success of the North African landings and the invasion of Europe.

The Supply and Transport branches sent foodstuffs to the war theatres and also to the peoples of the Caribbean region.

Officers and men were carefully vetted before a posting to Washington as Britain was judged on the behaviour of the BAS by a good many Americans.

First commander of the British Army Staff was Lt Gen Sir Colville Wemyss.

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operability of tanks, guns, ballistics, missiles, armaments and chemical defence come under his aegis.

His civilian specialists include those on direct energy weapons, explosives, radar, surveillance and electronic devices.

The trio of Embassy-based LOs are Col Ray Bell, R Sigs (communications and information systems), Col Maurice Tudor, Para (special operations) and Lt Col Rex Stephenson, R Sigs (electronic warfare, recce, surveillance and target acquisition).

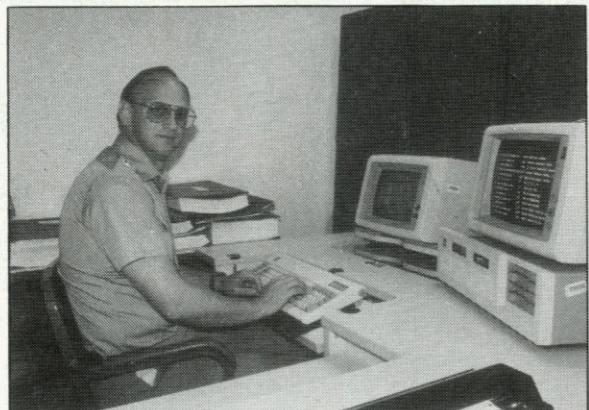
Maj Simon Hogge, QLR, SO2 Co-Ord, said: "Our LOs here and elsewhere in the States are here to liaise with American firms and businesses dealing in military equipment and also to visit research and development establishments.

"One is looking to gain maximum advantage in being in at the development stage of things, cutting costs and swapping technology where it is appropriate as we try to standardise. For this the Washington based LOs are well placed.

"We encourage the Americans to buy British. We also have a primary standardisation LO - Lt Col 'Cas' Bolland, WRAC - in the organisation."

Making up the rest of the BAS military serving staff are Lt Col Robert ffrench-Blake, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, Assistant Military Attaché; Maj Alec Bain, RRF, SO 2 Weapons; WO 2 Keith Fowler, RAOC, staff assistant; and Sgt Anne Greenwood, WRAC, LO/EO liaison clerk.

The British Army's presence in the States is further augmented by nine students attending various military staff colleges.

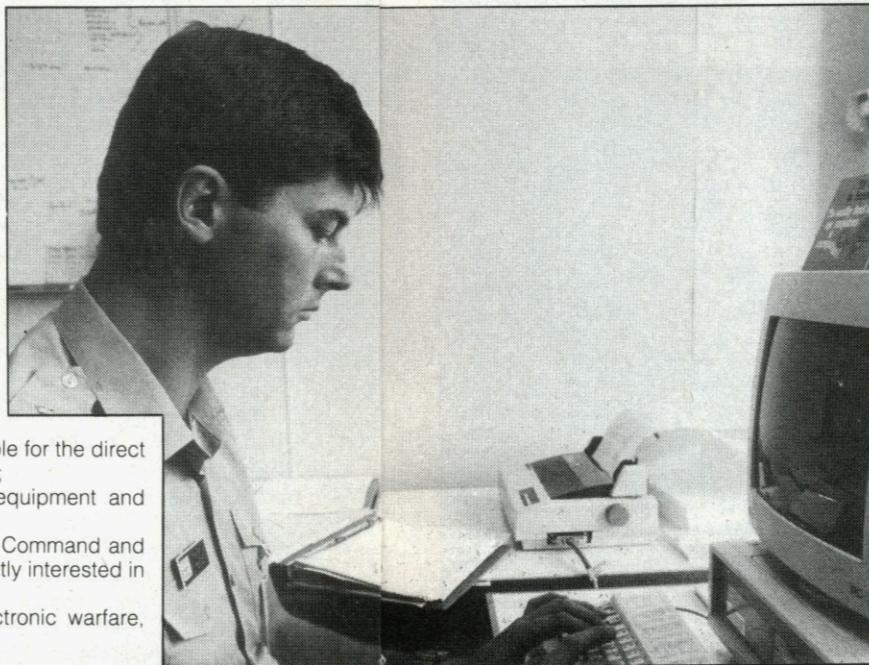


From left to right are Maj Brian Nimick RAOC (above), responsible for the direct supply support system from America to US Forces in Europe;

Maj Alec Bain RRF, who edits a quarterly newsletter on equipment and logistics;

Lt Col Ewan Curphey REME, based at the US Army Materiel Command and responsible for developing engineering acquisitions. He is currently interested in the tandem warhead TOW 2 anti-tank missile;

Lt Col Rex Stephenson R Signals, who specialises in electronic warfare, surveillance and target acquisition equipment



## WASHINGTON'S 'HONEST BROKERS'

Among these are four Royal Engineer officers undertaking their professional engineering training on varying projects. There are also six more project officers dotted around American bases.

Two of them are Lt Col Richard Cohen, LI, who is involved in a nuclear environment trial, and Lt Col George Curtis, RRF, who is working on a command, control and communications intelligence project.

Back among the 580-strong British Embassy staff is a seven-man British Intelligence Liaison staff headed by Col Tony Brown, ex-RGJ.

Maj Hogge said: "The British Army Staff spends an awful lot of time tying up 4,500 visit bids a year from people in the UK coming over to sell equipment. We make sure they get in touch with the right people and we monitor the exchange of information from then on."

The embassy's defence staff holds a convention each year. Last month all 60 liaison and exchange officers were summoned for a week of up-dates and the swapping of views and briefings. It was a timely conference coinciding with the annual arms bazaar of AUSA - the Association of the United States Army.

All very apt following recent British successes in getting the Americans to buy £10 million worth of 105mm Light Guns

and the £64 million order for the 81mm mortar system.

British projects being trialled by the Americans include an enhanced version of Tracked Rapier. There is also interest in British unmanned air vehicles - recce and intelligence gathering aerial platforms such as Phoenix, Sprite and Raven.

The Americans are well ahead of the British in the world of simulators and are working on an M109 (155mm) field gun

enhancement. The M109 is in service with the Army in BAOR.

Three times a year a newsletter is put out by Maj Alec Bain, RRF, the SO 2 Weapons, detailing technical, doctrinal and conceptual material collated by liaison and exchange officers.

A "graduate" from the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, before his Washington DC posting, Maj Bain said: "The more the British and the Americans collaborate the more such information becomes necessary."

His remit also includes British Army training visits to the USA, ranging from

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As Israel prepares to celebrate the end of the Mandate and the birth of the new state 40 years ago, Professor Michael Cohen, a history teacher at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv, sets the background.

# A bitter Mandate

IN December 1917, General Allenby gave the British Government a unique "Christmas present" – the conquest of Jerusalem from the Turks.

By October 1918 Allenby had completed the conquest of all Ottoman Syria, which included what would become Palestine, and later still, Israel. In 1922, the League of Nations awarded the British the Mandate over Palestine, and she ruled the country until May, 1948.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the ending of the Palestine Mandate and of the establishment of the State of Israel.

The twilight years of the Mandate witnessed a determined struggle by Jews and Arabs in Palestine for independence. The British regime, and the more than 100,000 British soldiers who tried to keep the peace, were forced to fight a rearguard action against guerrilla forces and urban terror.

Palestine was the first in a line of imperial bastions that Britain was forced to retreat from in the post-war years.

The experience undoubtedly left a bitter taste with all those involved.

The fact that the Labour Government divested itself of Palestine under pressure from the international community, and under the fire of Jewish underground and terrorist movements, might perhaps explain why this key episode in British imperial and military history still receives so little attention or publicity.

But the Jewish people, and those of the entire Middle East, have a lot for which to be grateful to the British. It was the British who brought relative tranquility to Palestine for most of the Mandatory period.

It was they who established in Palestine the conditions necessary for development of a modern state.

In the Second World War, it was the British armies in the Western Desert who stood between the indigenous peoples of the area and Rommel. The Jews of Palestine in particular, some half a million at that time, have the



British soldiers sightseeing in Jerusalem in 1942

British to thank for the fact that Hitler did not carry his plans for the "Final Solution" from Europe to the Middle East.

After the war, the British were faced with the hopeless, and entirely thankless, task of trying to force a compromise solution on Jews and Arabs.

After the Holocaust, the Jews were unwilling to settle for anything less than a Jewish state. The Palestine Arabs, supported by their brothers across the borders, were equally determined to make Palestine Arab.

Faced with two clashing nationalisms, each backed by powerful extraneous forces, the British had inevitably to bow out sooner or later.

It is now time to place the British role in its proper, deserved perspective, to remember with gratitude the services rendered by Britain, and the positive legacies she left. What better occasion to take stock than in 1988, the 40th anniversary of the end of the Mandate?

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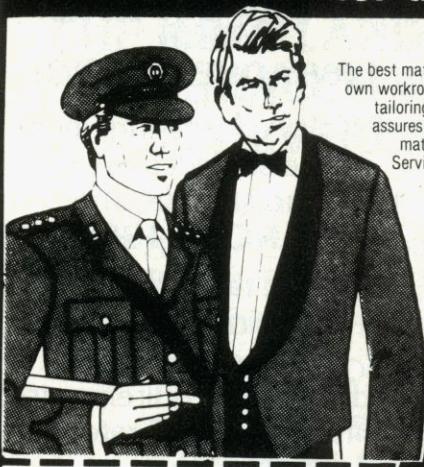
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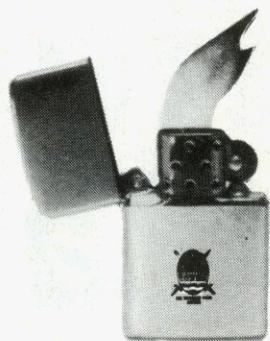
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On November 20, 1917, Brig Gen Hugh Jamieson Elles climbed into a Mark IV "male" tank perversely named Hilda, carrying a cloth bundle and an ash stick. The machine was in the centre of the avalanche of armour about to fall on the Hindenburg Line. The cloth was a green, red and brown flag which he held "with head and shoulders sticking out of the manhole of his flag tank". The colours are now the pride of the Royal Tank Regiment. For the tanks it was a famous victory. For the BEF the battle of Cambrai was a near disaster.

# CAMBRAI

CHANGE "the tactical climate of war – and of warfare" it may have done (Sir Basil Liddell Hart's words) but the Battle of Cambrai fought 70 years ago this month had tragic undertones.

After a brilliant start the generals made a hash of things.

Up to November 20, 1917, the role of the tank had been the subject of confused thinking and its future was in doubt.

A few weeks earlier, after the heavy losses in Flanders, the War Office had suggested culling out men of the highest medical grades from the Tank Corps to swell the infantry. Expansion of the corps was to stop.

Mark I tanks, which first went into battle in September 1916, had failed to provide a magic solution to the Somme problems.

Used in penny packets, later models had disappointed at Arras in the spring of 1917. The ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) troops wanted nothing to do with them after the exceedingly bloody battle of Bullecourt.

Tank graveyards dotted the slopes of the Ypres ridges.

At Cambrai the Tank Corps was fighting not only to prove itself but for its very existence.

So, in some respects, was Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, C-in-C of the British Expeditionary Force.

Some influential politicians said he had blundered by launching the Passchendaele operation.

A victory was needed to justify GHQ's policies and Gen Sir Julian Byng was required to provide it by a surprise attack over unspoiled chalk downland.

The planning and preparatory stages for Cambrai were models of staff work.

A powerful force was concentrated secretly against a lightly held section of the Hindenburg Line, a trench and bunker system which the Germans had been able to lay out undisturbed during the Somme fighting. They fell back to this in the spring of 1917.

Against two German divisions Byng's Third Army massed a total of 476 machines (the entire complement of the Tank Corps in France). Of these 378 were classed as fighting tanks.

Some 54, including cripples repaired after being dragged from the Flanders marshes, were used as supply carriers. Nine were fitted with wireless, one ran a



Hyacinth, an H Battalion tank (Mark IV male) stuck in a German second line trench during the Cambrai battle

## 'After a brilliant start the generals made a hash of things'

cable for Third Army HQ, and two carried bridges.

The number was made up with 32 machines with "WC" painted on their sterns – wire cutters. These used grapnels (three pronged hooks) to rip up barbed

by Bill Moore

wire entanglements of which the Hindenburg Line had three belts 40 feet deep.

To enable tanks to cross 10 feet wide trenches, 1 1/4-ton bundles of brushwood were perched on the nose of the assault machines.

Armoured units were allocated to the six assault divisions and each infantry

battalion spent about two days rehearsing with them.

For the artillery the battle was another landmark. Instead of spending days fashioning waterlogged crater fields in the landscape, target requirements were calculated without registration, a system which had not been tried on such a scale before.

Byng ordered the additional batteries to be silent until zero hour. A total of 1,003 pieces included 498 field guns (18-pdrs), 140 six-inch and 30 eight-inch howitzers.

The Royal Flying Corps brought up extra squadrons to bomb communications and strafe ground targets.

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# 'The objectives for the cavalry appear ludicrous in retrospect'

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known to man were assembled to clear the way for . . . the cavalry.

Five divisions of troopers encumbered with sword or lance as well as rifles and machine guns were available to trot through the gaps in the wire, overrun the stunned defenders, cross the St Quentin Canal (a significant commercial waterway then in use) and encircle Cambrai to cut vital railway lines.

One division was to ride round the wooded Bourlon ridge which dominated the plain before Cambrai, a city which had been in enemy hands since 1914.

Zero hour was at 6.20am.

From Cambrai the sky to the west looked "like a brazier". Tanks and artillery were magnificent. The brushwood fascines enabled the trenches to be crossed, the guns silenced their opponents. With relatively small loss the infantry advanced in some cases around four miles.

Only on the front of the 51st Highland Division was there a serious check. The commander, Maj Gen George Harper, had varied the drill suggested by the Tank Corps and held his troops well back from the tanks.

A solitary German officer was said at the time to have used a 77mm field gun to

## Sex rears its head

The tanks of the First World War were referred to as if a biological species. Males carried two six pounder cannon as well as machine guns. Females carried machine guns only.

When a tank appeared with a cannon in one sponson and machine guns in the other it was called (by the educated) a hermaphrodite.

knock out 16 tanks single handed, though this has since been questioned.

Whatever the cause, Flesquieres village remained in the hands of the enemy at the end of the day with burning tanks littering its approaches.

Unfortunately the sweeping cavalry action envisaged materialised as a few colourful but futile raids.

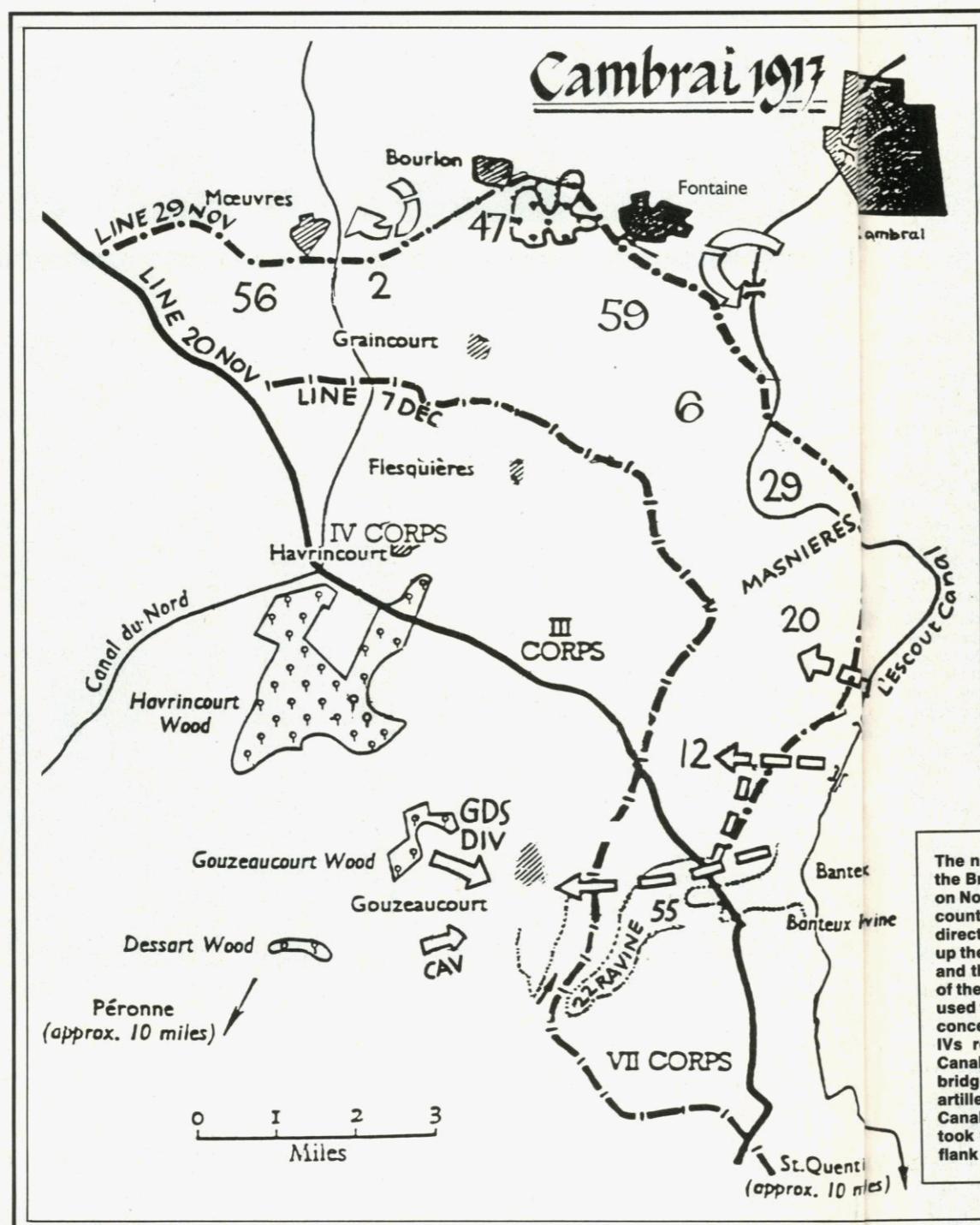
By dusk the opportunity for exploitation was slipping away.

The next day, though 10,000 prisoners were streaming into the British cages and more than 100 captured guns were counted, the Germans were beginning to seal the front.

By chance (as at Arnhem) the presence of a German division assembling at Cambrai was unsuspected. It went into action piecemeal but effectively.

Anti-aircraft guns mounted on lorries were brought into action successfully against tanks.

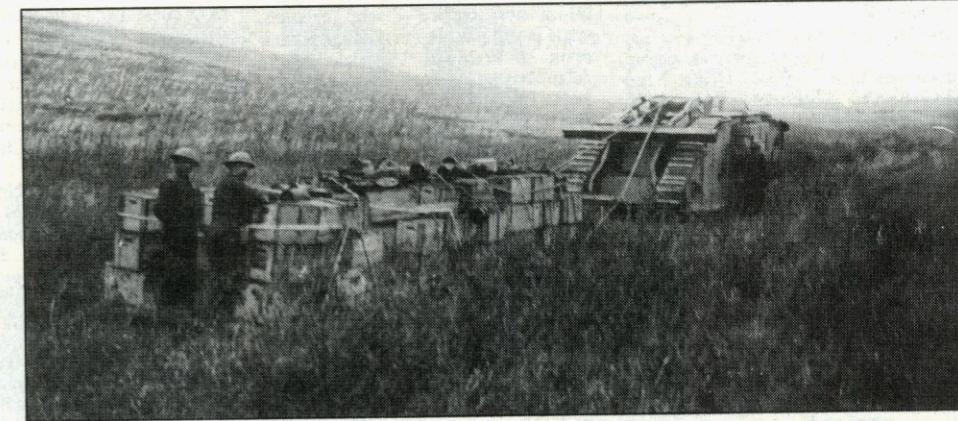
The British cavalry began to go into



An historic picture of historic machines. This train load of Mark IVs is seen arriving at a base camp on December 6, 1917 which means all

would have taken part in the battle which raged from November 20. When the guns had been removed, the sponsons (gun "turrets") could be

swung into the machine thus reducing the width and enabling them to pass through tunnels and under bridges when on flat cars.



A work horse. A Mark IV (with unditching beam on its stern) tows sledges loaded with supplies across the battlefield on November 20

action dismounted.

Byng, who had been warned by Haig that Bourlon ridge was the key to the position, had not prepared sufficiently for its seizure.

He brought up one of his reserve divisions (he had only three) and November 23 the Bantams of the 40th (fit men under average height) stormed the wood at great cost.

The 51st Division had taken Flesquieres but could not consolidate its hold on the village of Fontaine Notre Dame.

The 36th (Ulster) Division battered itself to pieces trying to push past Bourlon and the sacrifice of the 62nd West

Yorkshire Division (Territorial) and the Guards Division (the second of Byng's reserve formations) made little progress.

On November 28 the offensive was called off by Haig roughly on the line gained five days before.

On November 30 the enemy with reciprocal fine staff work made a pincer attack on the salient resulting from the attack.

They had no tanks but made good use of low flying aeroplanes and gas shells.

Of the three British corps involved, the VIIth, holding a supposedly quiet front had barely any heavy guns; the considerable artillery of the IIIrd was

almost recklessly exposed.

The Germans broke in on this southern front in the face of batteries firing at point blank range.

In the northern sector the IVth Corps had placed its "heavies" to catch any assault in the flank and this probably saved the day. Gunners reported being able to fire 9.2in shells "into the brown".

Two London Territorial Divisions, the 47th and 56th, with the 2nd (mainly Regular) Division sandwiched between them, cut down all attempts to thrust past Bourlon.

The crisis in the south was resolved by the Guards coming up from rest and

counter-attacking with the bayonet. Scratch groups of tanks and cavalry supported them.

The following day saw costly mounted charges with sabre and lance but with the arrival of British reserves the battle died down.

The Third Army has lost about 150 guns, about the same number as the Germans on November 20.

Today Cambrai is rightly commemorated by the Royal Tank Regiment as the battle which gained them a place in history and a vital role in major land operations.

Too often, however, the other aspects of the affair are forgotten. Without adequate

reserves available the whole plan is open to question.

**The objectives set for the cavalry (Byng and Haig were cavalrymen) appear ludicrous in retrospect and did so to many officers at the time.**

"Int" was unsatisfactory and some senior commanders became locked in to rigid preconceived notions.

Worse still, the lessons of Cambrai were not learned by the British between the wars.

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# BIG BANG PIONEERS

SAPPERS of 3 Training Regiment, 11 Engineer Group, based at Minley Manor, near

Farnborough, got their 37 TA guests' practical day off with a bang in a moonscape-like

demolition pit on Salisbury Plain Training Area East. Eighteen demolition bangs in all, writes Graham Smith.

The programme was the culmination of a two week basic Assault Pioneer course carried out nationwide by TA soldiers, including some from Ulster and Scotland, of various cap badges.

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It's called a Bangalore Torpedo - plastic explosive, detonator cord and an angle iron picquet. It should quickly shift the barbed wire emplacement behind the four TA soldiers taking part in the basic infantry Assault Pioneer course. Left to right are Ptes Andrew Wallace, Arthur Readman, Mike Hamer and Graham Gordon

## Letters extra

# No excuse for sloppy appearance

I have just read SOLDIER (September 7). The photograph you printed regarding BBC TV's Wendy Gibson taking a peep inside the turret of a Fox belonging to the Territorials of the Queen's Own Yeomanry when she visited the Yorkshire Show at Harrogate looks like a photo from 1939.

It is clear that the soldiers in the photograph have one of two problems:

Either their regiment has never taught them how to dress themselves, or they have no pride in their regiment.

Two men do not have berets but Barry Manilow LPs on their heads, and a third thinks he is a "tankie", making his beret look like a mushroom on his head.

Being in the Territorial Army does not excuse incorrect dress. - Spr P Dawson, 111 Engineer Regiment (V), Specialist Unit, Surrey.

## Fitter days in Cyprus

Your article "AAC - From Fixed Wing to Rotary", (SOLDIER, August 24) stirred up happy memories for me, particularly the reference to REME fitters replacing ones from the RAF.

While serving with 4 RTR in Malaya in 1965 I was posted ERE to 26 Flight AAC which was based within 1 Div, HQ and Signals Regiment at Verden, BAOR. As Flight Sergeant, I was required to administer some 20 drivers and ground handlers, all from a variety of RAC regiments and an aircraft fitter section consisting of two Royal Navy CPOs, and a mixture of RN and REME air mechanics.

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Brig Thompson is also a member of the UN Military Staff Committee which meets fortnightly in New York.

The liaison and exchange officer schemes were very successful, he said. The British Army was particularly fortunate in having Gen Carl Vuono as Chief of Staff of the American Army. He had been an American EO with 7 RHA in the mid-60s.

"The Americans are looking even more for collaboration as a means of saving money," said Brig Thompson. "We've always been interested in that. We are also fully in support of defence sales."

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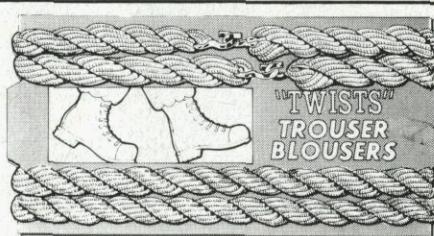
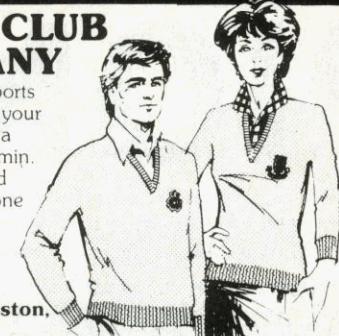
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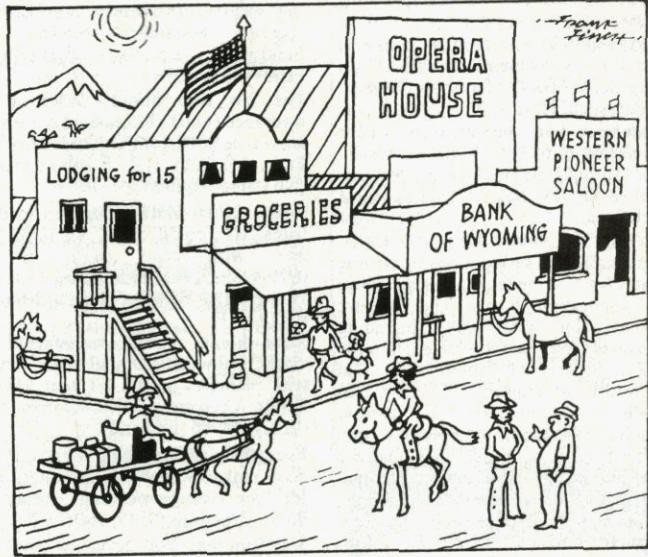
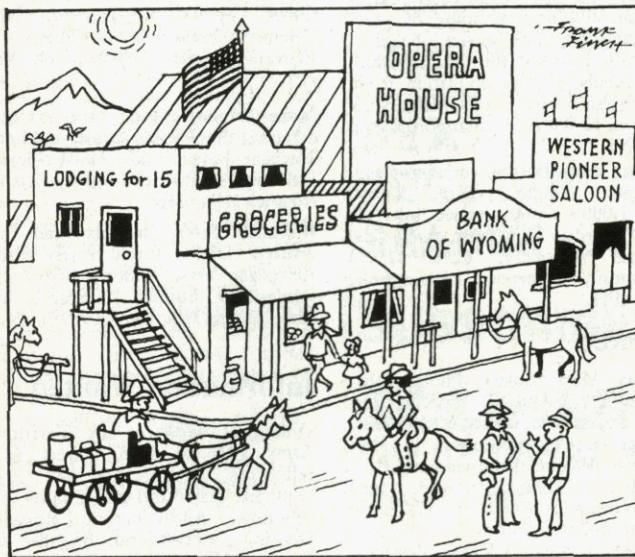
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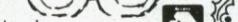
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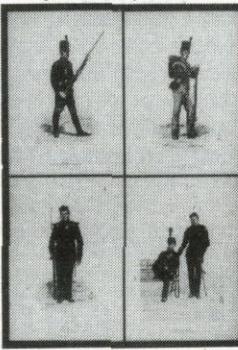
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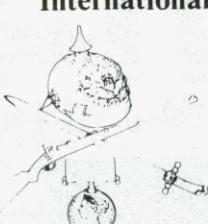
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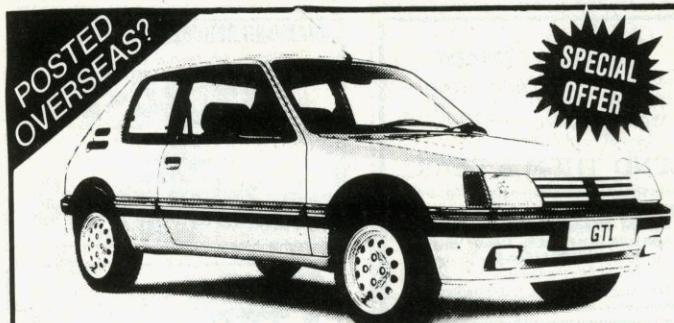
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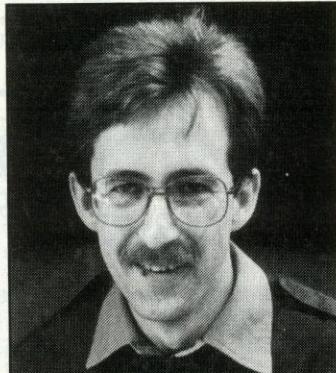
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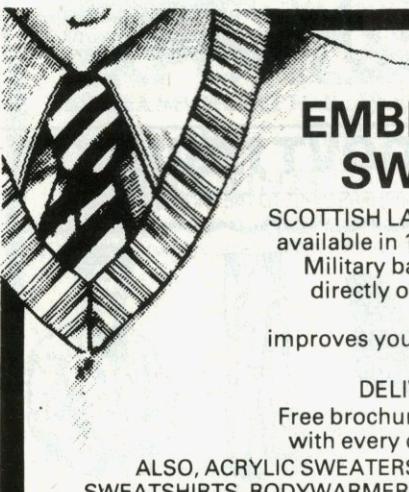
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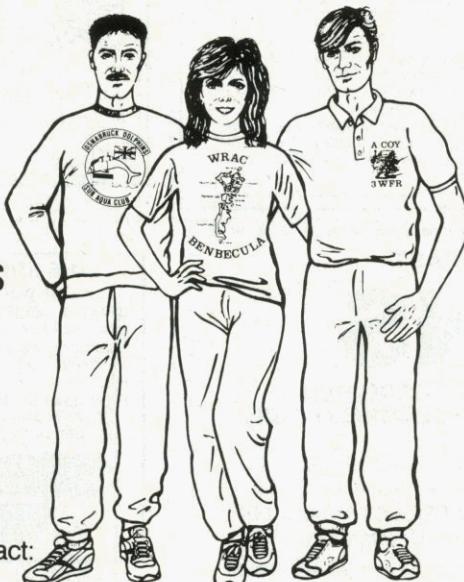
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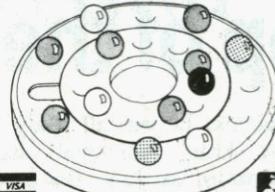
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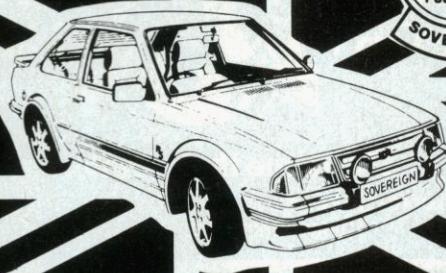
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Using the pole lent by his brother, also an Army pole vaulter, he hurtled over the bar, much to the amazement and amusement of the spectators who had not seen such an unusual technique.

Four vaults later, Steve was Army champion for the fourth time.

Since then, Steve has been selected for the inter-Services championship – and became inter-Services champion for the third time. His brother was also selected and came second.

Watching them both was their father, himself an Army and inter-Services pole vault champion in earlier years.



LCpl Steve Lyons

NOW bound for Singapore, the yachts Sabre and Adventure have left Bombay and are making good headway during the Australian Adventure 88 project.

Indian Navy and Army personnel welcomed both crews with open arms and their replacements for the

## Yachts beat the strike

fourth leg were soon on the ocean after a dock strike forced them to buy charts and provisions locally because their shipboard stores were locked out.

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## NICE BREW OF GOALS NETS CUP

**Army 4,  
Hellenic League 0**

WITH only one win and four drawn games in nine previous meetings, the Army were anxious to put an end to a run of indifferent results against the talented Hellenic League squad, writes Pat Massey.

For once everything went to plan and, in a sparkling performance, the home side outplayed their visitors and recorded a four goal win to claim the Halls Brewery Trophy.

The Army attacked from the outset and had the Hellenic defence at full stretch. Their aggression was rewarded in the ninth minute, when LCpl Colin McDonald, RAOC, hit the perfect ball out of defence which found Cfn Sean Smith, REME, on the left flank. He crossed to the near post where LCpl Guy Whittingham, REME, flicked it wide of the 'keeper for a quite spectacular goal.

Army pressure continued and it was no surprise when they increased their lead in the 15th minute. A cross from the right was headed goalwards by Bdr Clint Webbe, RA. The

goalkeeper could only block this attempt and Webbe, following up, rammed the ball home.

The Army increased their lead just after the interval when a quick ball out of defence found a striker on the flanks – this time SI Mickey Spencer, APTC, on the left. He sent over a hard low shot which Whittingham slid home.

From then on, the game flowed, end to end, with both sides playing attractive open football. The home defence were hard pressed at times to keep the visitors at bay, but, McDonald and Gnr Mark Carmichael, RA, were mean in defence and Cpl Sandy Brown and LCpl Steve Welsh, both R Signals, turned in fine performances in their flank defensive roles.

The final goal, just three minutes from the end, was another cracker. An exchange between Spencer and Smith opened up the Hellenic defence. The ball was released to the feet of the advancing Edwards whose shot, from outside the penalty area, gave the opposition goalkeeper no chance.

# Pride inspires John and his punch packers

ARMY boxers assembled at Aldershot to begin their annual campaign for the Inter-Services championship with the knowledge that their success over the past four seasons is beginning to pay off with a revival of the sport throughout the Army.

Army coach SSgt Mick Gannon revealed that entries for the Grade Three Novice

competitions this year have jumped dramatically. The Army team championship, which has not been contested for five seasons, is to be staged once again in BAOR, probably in the spring. 1 Kings will be defending the team title.

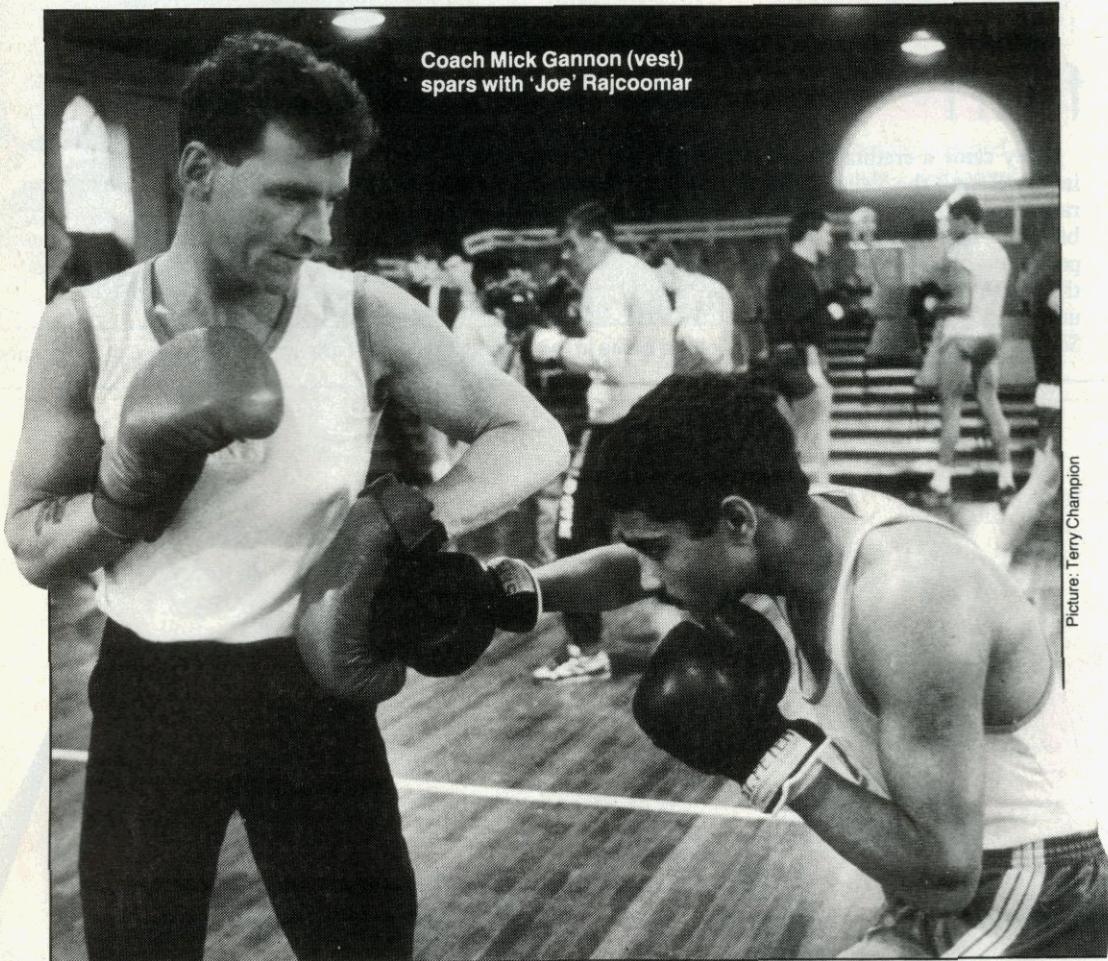
Meanwhile a formidable squad of 30 boxers, more than half of them newcomers, have

started the run-up to the battles with the RAF and Royal Navy in the New Year.

Taking over as team captain this year is 21-year-old LCpl John McLean, who last year went all the way to the ABA finals.

A member of the Army team since he was 17, the little Scottish sapper told SOL-

Coach Mick Gannon (vest) spars with 'Joe' Rajcoomar



Picture: Terry Champion

## 34-win Joe's storm signal to Navy

AN amazing story lies behind the arrival of 23-year-old Pte Teekaram 'Joe' Rajcoomar in this year's Army boxing squad.

For the bantamweight, who has already had around 20 international fights, only joined the Army as a result of the decision of his native Mauritius to pull out of last summer's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Joe arrived in

Edinburgh as a member of the Mauritius team and thought he was in with a chance of a medal. But when Mauritius joined the boycott he refused to return home with the team.

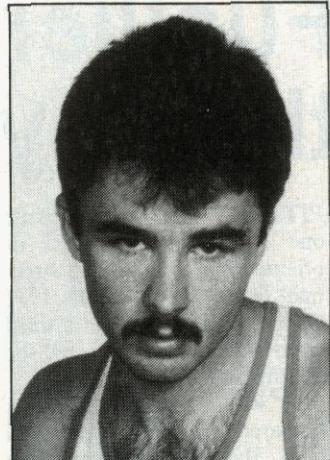
Fourteen hours later he had signed on with the 1st Battalion The Devon and Dorsetshire Regiment - "the first regimental name that I saw."

Soon the French speaking

boxer was at Lichfield doing his Army training - which he admits he found hard because of his lack of English. At the end of the course he passed out top!

Joe, who has a degree in French, recently served in the Falklands and is full of praise for his officers and friends in Devon and Dorset.

"I had to earn their respect



LCpl John McLean

DIER: "It's a great honour. I am very proud. I had thought about leaving the Army but I now realise I can be a career soldier as well as a sportsman, as long as I remember that I am a soldier first."

McLean says the new squad are "a talented bunch who are all mixing in well together."

His predecessor as captain, Sgt Keith Howlett RE, is currently on an APTC course but will be joining the squad. Also lending experience will be Sgt Paul Davies APTC, who has just won the German clubs' heavyweight title for the second time. The 30-year-old soldier knocked out his opponent in the final at Cologne.

Notable absences from last year's squad are former ABA titleholder, LCpl Tony Velinor (3 RGJ), LCpl Erroll Holder (1 RRF) and Dvr Neil McCallum, who has a broken leg.

But Gannon says: "We have a lot of new talent and I think we are going to be very strong."

The important battle with old rivals the Navy is at Aldershot on January 21 and the Combined Services individual championships are at the same venue on March 3.

Skipper McLean is the only Army boxer included in the British Olympic squad.

but they have accepted me into the family. I am a more mature being having served with them in the Falklands - all I can say is the Navy should watch out."

Joe has fought some 40 bouts with 34 wins and hopes to go far in the ABA championships.

He says: "I have been out of the ring for nearly 18 months so I have no time to waste. I need to win."

# Fusiliers lead the way home

PITTING their wits against one of the most rugged of orienteering courses, 77 three-man teams set off on the 1987 Cyprus Walkabout, but a third were beaten by the heat and the mountains.

It was a competition that favoured the home teams and both the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the 1st Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters did well with teams snatching first and second places respectively.

## Pioneers fifth

BICESTER based 521 Company, Royal Pioneer Corps, spent a month in Cyprus flexing their infantry and engineering skills but found plenty of time to take on local units in a variety of sporting events.

The climate was hot, the bundu undergrowth was vicious, the altitude took its toll and map reading was made all the harder because the contours were so close together.

7 Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery – previous winners of the competition – happened to be training in Cyprus for a month and fell back from a first day lead to take third place.

Results: 1, 1 RRF (D team), 10hrs 53mins 3secs; 2, 1 WFR (A team), 11 06 24; 3, 7 RHA, 11 36 59.



First home in the Cyprus Walkabout are Sgt Kristiansen, Cpl Hunter and

LCpl Lewis of 1 RRF

# Weather weakened Colts hold Hants

ARMY Rugby Union Colts were encouraged by drawing 14 all against Hampshire Colts at Warsash, after freak storms in southern England prevented 25 of the 65 hopefuls from attending the selection period the previous day.

Further selection trials were arranged to give those who were weather bound a chance to show their paces, and to select the side to meet Kent Colts at Westcombe Park, the Army's first match in the Colts county championship.

## GLASBY TRIPLE SNATCHED AWAY

INTERNATIONAL top shot Maj Alan Glasby, RAOC, beat some stiff competition at Ash Ranges to win the Army Small Bore Target Rifle Championship and the Small Bore Target Rifle Long Range Match.

However, the Three Posi-

tions Match was snatched from him by the narrowest of margins by Capt Peter Underhill, Devon and Dorsets, who went on – after the Army championship – to win the coveted Wilkinson Sword in the Inter-Services championship at the same venue.

In the Hampshire match, both sides scored two tries in the first half but Hampshire managed to convert one of theirs to give them a two-point lead at half time.

The Army supplied 20 minutes of intense pressure in the second half and took the lead with a try by outside half Spr Raymond Fazakerley (1/3 Trg Regts), which he then converted.

Hampshire hit back immediately to level the score but could not convert and there was no time for either side to mount a further attack before the end of the match.

The Army pack as a whole played well and it was the flankers, AT Richard Brimacombe (AAC Chepstow) and Spr Lee Jones 1/3 Trg Regts) who scored the Army's first-half tries.

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## ICEBREAKER

Cpl Leslie Scott of the 17th/21st Lancers won the SOLDIER Trophy in the Army Photographic Competition 1987 with this fine shot of a Challenger tank racing across a wintry field in BAOR. His picture was titled Icebreaker. You can see other winners inside this issue.