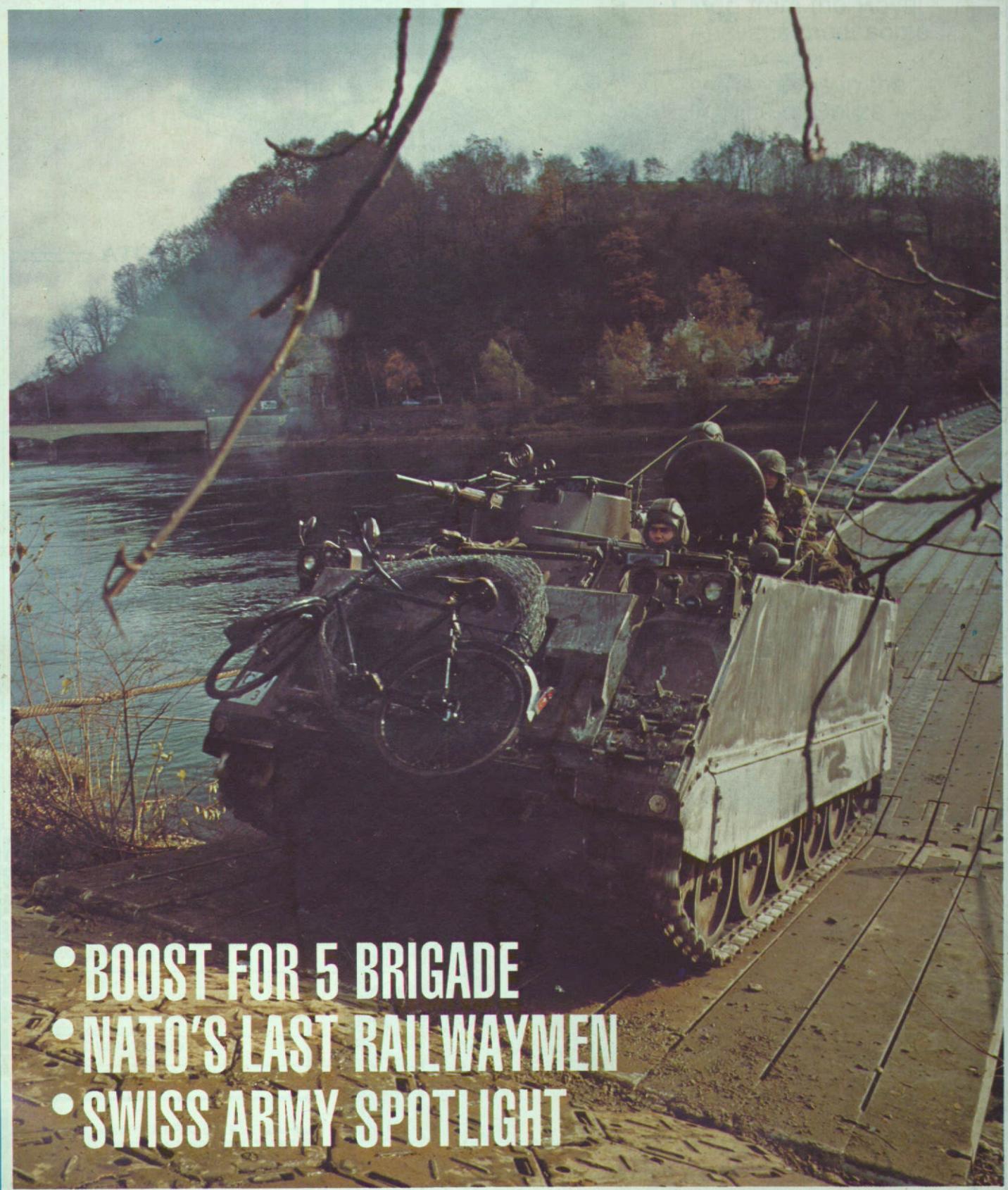


THE MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH ARMY • 25 PENCE • 10 - 23 JANUARY 1983

SOLDIER



- BOOST FOR 5 BRIGADE
- NATO'S LAST RAILWAYMEN
- SWISS ARMY SPOTLIGHT

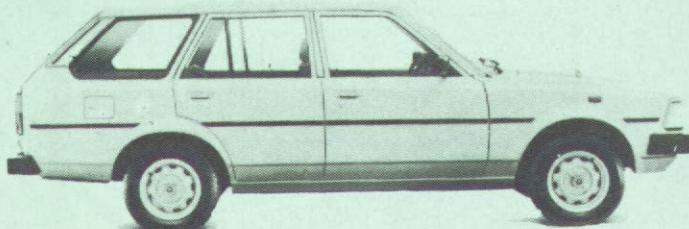
Award yourself a Toyota for outstanding service.



Corolla 4 dr. GL Saloon.

Toyota cars have remained top-of-the-league because of their value and their reliability.

Our special deal for you makes even more sense why you should choose a car from the superb Toyota range.



Corolla DX Estate.

You can get a Military saving of up to 25% on the Corolla range.



Celica Liftback 2.0 ST

You can get a Military saving of up to 27% on the Celica range.



Carina 1.8 DL 4 dr.

You can get a Military saving of up to 26% on the Carina range.

THE SPECIAL TOYOTA DEAL FOR YOU.

For the military man on the move, car purchase can offer some very spectacular tax and duty savings. Unfortunately, without expert guidance there can also be some pretty spectacular pitfalls!

That's why it's wise to choose a Toyota - cars of superb quality, reliability and economy, made by the second largest manufacturer in the world.

Firstly, all the paperwork is done for you - in your own home if you prefer. You'll be offered low deposit finance and a competitive insurance plan. There is also a used car plan. And wherever you take your Toyota, you'll find problem-free after-sales service. All this, and a car that is a pleasure to own and drive. Find out more about the finest cars with probably the finest tax-free deal in the world now! Just clip the coupon and return it to:-

**Toyota Tax Free Military Sales,
The Quadrangle, Station Road, Redhill,
Surrey RH1 1PX. Or telephone Redhill
(0737) 68585.**

Our representatives in Germany.

Bob Nichol · Hannover (05143) 269.
Tony Mullins · Herford (05221) 24940.
Pat Jeffrey · Dortmund (0231) 215858.
Derek Flinders · M'Gladbach (02161) 559265.

I am interested in the Toyota Corolla Carina Celica
I would also like details about the Starlet Cressida

NAME/RANK _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTING DATE _____

TELEPHONE UNIT: _____

HOME: _____

CONTENTS

- 5 News Lines
- 8 News View
- 10 Sub's last trip
- 11 SOLDIER-to-Soldier
- 12 Falklands File
- 13 Boost for 5 Brigade
- 14 Nato's last railwaymen
- 17 Profile: Army's 'top civilian'
- 19 Yorkshire's new-look camp
- 22 All in the family
- 24 Anglians in Belize
- 26 Swiss Army spotlight
- 30 Your cap badge
- 31 Humour
- 32 Book reviews
- 33 How Observant Are You?
- 34 Pen Pals
- 35 Prize competition
- 36 Mail Drop
- 38 £s off your holiday
- 40 Tailor-made in Soho
- 47 Sport

FRONT COVER

A Swiss Army armoured personnel carrier crosses a pontoon bridge over the Rhine during a five-day exercise that saw Switzerland mobilise reserve forces and civil defence workers. Note the bike on the front, a popular form of military transport with the Swiss. An exclusive report on the exercise appears on pages 26-29.

Picture by Doug Pratt

BACK COVER

Bringing some extra Christmas cheer to troops in the Falklands were Tina, Maggie and Julie — collectively known as Chantelle. The trio were taking part in a special Combined Services Entertainments show.

Picture by Paul Haley

Editor:

Bob Hooper (Ext 2585)
News Editor
Gordon Williams (Ext 2593)
Assistant Editors
John Walton (Ext 2591)
Graham Smith (Ext 2590)
Sally Daniell (Ext 2588)

Art Editor

John Rushworth (Ext 2589)

Picture Editor

Leslie Wiggs (Ext 2584)
Photographers (Ext 2584)
Doug Pratt
Paul Haley
Andy Burridge

Advertising/Circulation

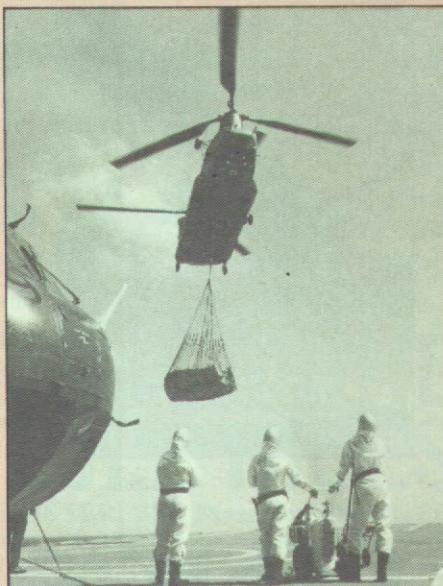
Mrs C Wilkinson (Ext 2587)

Distribution

Mrs S McIntosh (Ext 2583)

SOLDIER

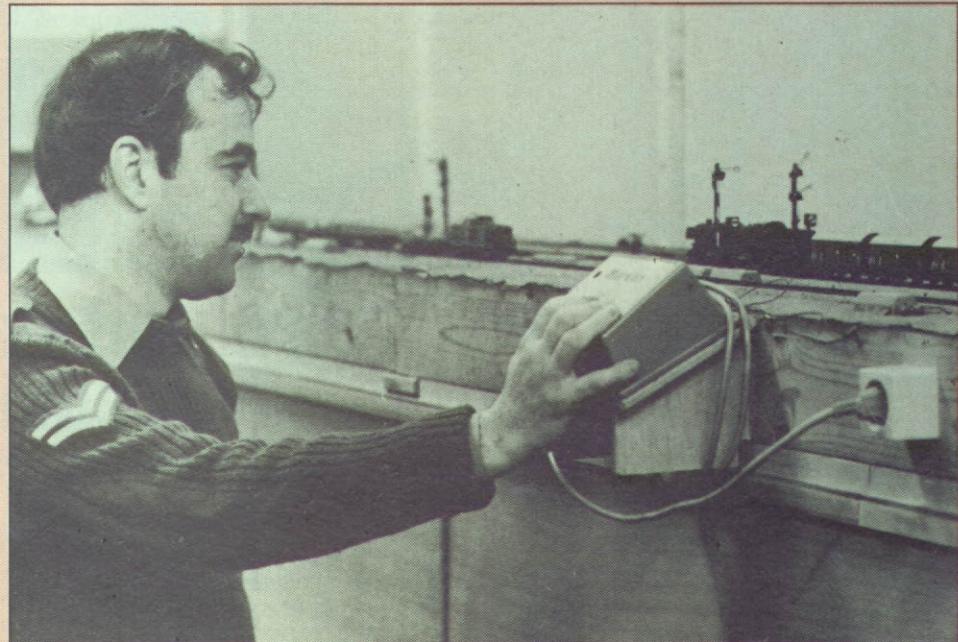
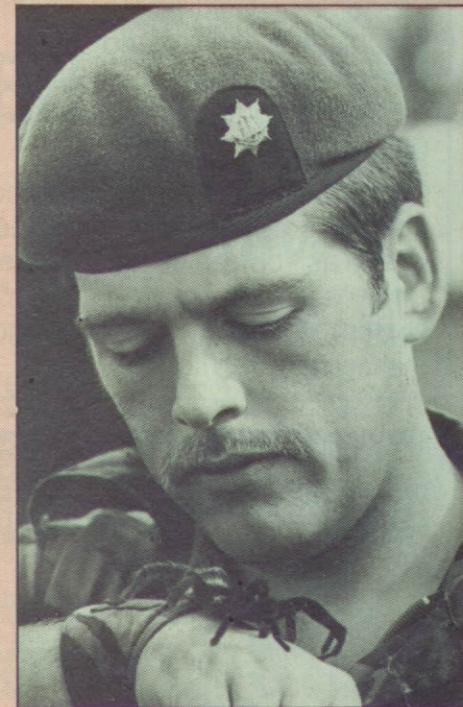
THE MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH ARMY



Lessons from the Falklands: a look at the new White Paper and what it means for the Army — page 13

Why playing with trains is a serious business for Nato's last serving railway unit — page 14

Men from the Royal Anglians meet some deadly new companions in the jungles of Belize — page 24



Subscription (25 issues): UK/BFPO £10.90, Elsewhere £12.00. Send UK cheque, UK postal order or international money order **expressed in sterling** and state when subscription is to start and to whom to be addressed. Payments to be sent to SOLDIER and made payable to Command Cashier UKLF.

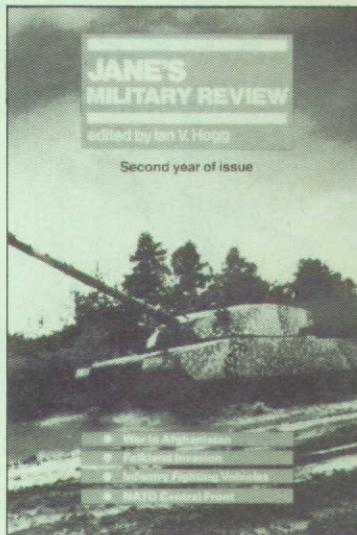
Editorial photographic, advertising and circulation enquiries should be addressed to SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, ALDERSHOT, Hants, GU11 2DU (phone GPO Aldershot 24431, military network Aldershot Military). SOLDIER is published by the Ministry of Defence and printed by Eden Fisher (Southend) Ltd, 555 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Crown copyright 1983.

NEW INFORMATION, NEW WEAPONS.

JANE'S MILITARY REVIEW Edited by Ian V. Hogg

Based on the resources of Jane's Defence Yearbooks and edited by a distinguished military analyst and historian who is also a major contributor to *Jane's Infantry Weapons*, this publication reviews military and technical developments during the past year as well as providing an invaluable forum in which some of the world's best informed defence writers can discuss important contemporary military issues.

Packed with the latest information and illustrations covering subjects as varied as "optronics"; the Soviet Union's struggle in Afghanistan; the current state of the NATO alliance; the German Territorial Army;



explosives and ammunition; IFVs and guns for future Main Battle Tanks, and much more.

£7.95 160 pages 175 illustrations

ALSO AVAILABLE

JANE'S AVIATION REVIEW

Edited by Michael J. H. Taylor

£7.95 160 pages 175 illustrations

JANE'S NAVAL REVIEW

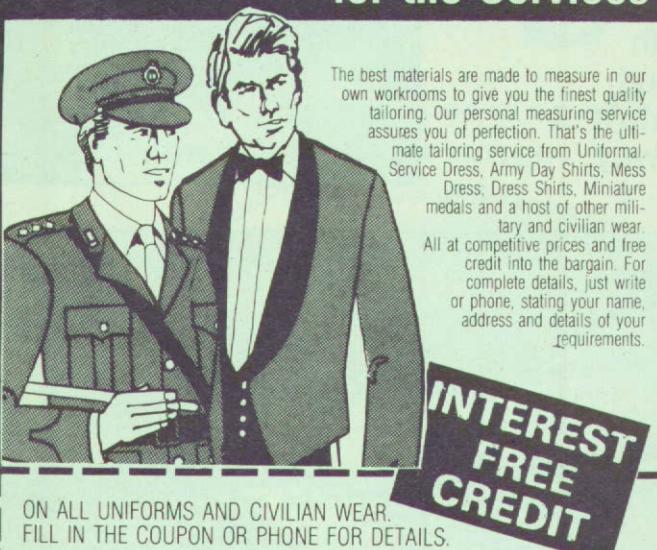
Edited by Captain John Moore RN

£7.95 160 pages 175 illustrations

JANE'S

In your bookshops now or, in case of difficulty, write to the **Sales Department**, Jane's Publishing Company, 238 City Road, London EC1V 2PU

The Ultimate Tailoring Service for the Services



The best materials are made to measure in our own workrooms to give you the finest quality tailoring. Our personal measuring service assures you of perfection. That's the ultimate tailoring service from Uniformal. Service Dress, Army Day Shirts, Mess Dress, Dress Shirts, Miniature medals and a host of other military and civilian wear. All at competitive prices and free credit into the bargain. For complete details, just write or phone, stating your name, address and details of your requirements.

ON ALL UNIFORMS AND CIVILIAN WEAR.
FILL IN THE COUPON OR PHONE FOR DETAILS.

Name _____
Address _____
Requirements _____

For complete details phone your local agent listed by BFPO No. Derek Thorndike (Minden 0571-27514 or any evening after 1800 hrs) Nos 15, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 102, 104.

Bob Birkinshaw (Munster 0251-615517) 16, 17, 20, 24, 41, 106, 107.
Brian King (Krefeld 0215 771328) any evening after 6 pm 25, 34, 35, 40, 42, 43, John Bosworth Berlin (030-795-4926) or write to us direct at

Van Dungie House,
Meynell Ave, Rothwell,
W. Yorks.
(0532 826102)

UNIFORMAL

ZIPPO LIGHTERS

ENGRAVED IN COLOUR WITH
YOUR REGIMENTAL CREST



The original petrol windproof lighters.

Guaranteed for life or repaired free of charge.

Delivered duty paid UK or duty free overseas.

Minimum engraved order

50

For full details complete the coupon below and send to:

W A INGRAM ASSOCIATES LTD., 36 HERTFORD ST, LONDON W.1.

Please send me full details about how to obtain Zippo lighters engraved with my Regimental Crest.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Award for fire hero

ROYAL Military Police Corporal Colin Campbell who twice forced his way into a burning flat in Berlin, last summer, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Colin, then a member of 247 Provost Company was called to the flat in Spandau and while a colleague radioed for help he broke down the door but was beaten back by the intense heat and smoke.

After several attempts using wet towels and a respirator borrowed from a neighbour, he was eventually able to crawl on his stomach to locate the hysterical woman occupant.

Having got her to safety Colin then went back into the flat to search for a small child whom he believed to be there. It was only after he was finally beaten back that he discovered that the child was not in the flat.

The citation pays tribute to Colin's sensible and capable handling of a dangerous situation and his complete disregard for his own safety.

He is now serving with 158 Provost Company at Bulford.

Gary saves four

A PYJAMA-CLAD soldier on Christmas leave from Ulster became the hero of the hour when he twice plunged into a blazing house in Nottingham to rescue four terrified children. A fifth child died and the family's father broke both legs when he fell from a window.

Corporal Gary Kirby, 22, of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters was woken by screams from the house next door. His brother Tony, 29, broke down the door and with arms and faces wrapped in damp rags they reached the top of the house but found no-one. But they turned off the gas taps.

Told that the children were in the house, Gary went in again despite the heat and smoke, and found the four children aged from two to 10 cowering naked in the bathroom.

"I grabbed three of them," he said afterwards, "and because my hands were full I had to kick the fourth out of the room. My Army training helped me, especially the fire-fighting I learned."



Mrs Thatcher discusses the wounds of Corporal Wally Taylor, 28, of the Royal Anglian Regiment, one of the victims of the Ballykelly bombing, during her surprise Christmas visit to Ulster.

ULSTER MURDER TOLL RISES

PRIME MINISTER, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, paid a surprise Christmas visit to Ulster and spent much of the time at Musgrave Park Hospital chatting to injured survivors of the Ballykelly pub bombing.

The outrage claimed the lives of 17 people, including 11 soldiers, and another 65 were injured. By the New Year only five of the 25 military casualties were still in hospital — one member of the WRAC was still listed as "very seriously ill" and two soldiers as "seriously ill".

The soldiers who died were: From 1 Bn Cheshire Regiment, Pte Stephen Smith, 24; L/Cpl Philip McDonough, 26; L/Cpl Stephen Bagshaw, 21; Pte Clinton Collins, 20; Pte David Murray, 18; L/Cpl David Stitt, 27; Pte Shaw Williamson, 20; Pte Neil Williams, 18.

From 3 Bn Light Infantry, Cpl David Salthouse, 23. From the Army Catering Corps, Pte Terence Adam, 20, and Pte Paul Delaney, 18.

Their deaths brought the total number of soldiers killed as a result of terrorism in the Province, since August 1969, to 366. In the same period 3,610 have been injured. Another 26 have

Cash for wives

Widows of five members of the Parachute Regiment killed in the Warrenpoint ambush three years ago have been awarded sums ranging from £32,000 to £95,000 in compensation. The awards were based on Army estimates of the dead men's career prospects and are to be paid by the Northern Ireland Office. The judge who approved the awards said they deserved every penny.

Honours for 150

GENERAL Sir Michael Gow, the Commander-in-Chief BAOR, is one of nearly 150 soldiers honoured in the Queen's New Year Honours List. He becomes a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

And there is a knighthood for the Director General of Army Training, Lieutenant General Richard Vickers, who becomes a Knight Commander of the same order.

Among the other awards are an MBE for Acting Warrant Officer 1 Kauata Vamarasi Marafono from Fiji and British Empire Medals for two members of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment, Lance Corporal Ying-tang Lau and Sergeant Kwok-hung Leung.

Numbers down

OVERALL recruitment to the Army fell by 13 per cent in the July-September quarter, according to figures issued by the Ministry of Defence. There was a 22 per cent drop in servicemen recruiting but a 15 per cent increase for male officers and a 24 per cent increase for female officers. There was also a large increase in servicewoman intakes.

Overall strength was down on the previous year by about 5800.

Brits for Lebanon



British Ferrets on patrol with the United Nations Force in Cyprus.

AN 80-STRONG British armoured reconnaissance unit is to join the multi-national peace-keeping force in Lebanon. Equipped with Ferret scout cars, the unit will be drawn from the UK element of the United Na-

tions Force in Cyprus.

The British contingent is being provided at the request of the Lebanese government and is expected to sail for Beirut around the end of the month and to stay for three months.

G. D. Golding Tailors Ltd.

Military Livery and Civilian Tailors

Officers and Senior NCO's uniforms made to measure



Approved tailors to the officers of the Household Cavalry, R.E.M.E., R.A.O.C., Royal Engineers



Exclusively cut and tailored in our own workrooms by experienced craftsmen, under the personal supervision of Mr. Golding

We offer top quality service using the finest Barathea and Superfine materials, with competitive prices and free credit. Our special fast service is available at no extra charge.

We can also supply:

Military ties, Blazer badges, Badges of rank, Marella shirts, Miniature medals, Sam Browne belts, Spurs, George boots, Wellington boots and Viyella khaki shirts.

Full-sized medals remounted.
Service Dress Hats, Side Hats and Blues
Hats supplied.

Our Sales Director will call at your request.

Ring 0727 60819 or write for details to
220 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts

Name

Address

Tel:

Please state your particular requirements below:—

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

the very best quality English 100% GUARANTEED -
MACHINE WASHABLE

T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

Expertly PRINTED

WITH YOUR OWN NAMES, CRESTS, DESIGNS, SLOGANS - WHATEVER YOU REQUIRE

LOOK SMART - FEEL GOOD

Also EMBROIDERED designs on SWEATSHIRTS & JUMPERS

SUSSEX T-SHIRT COMPANY

FREEPOST, LITTLEHAMPTON,
W SUSSEX BN17 5BR (No stamp required)
Tel: (09064) 7298 & 23843



Send for FREE
colour brochure
and price list
NOW

The gift that's a pleasure all year

'Work hard, play hard in the Junior Army' is the theme of the 1983 Army calendar. On the front cover are twelve scenes of junior soldiers in military training and for each month inside there is a picture of a different leisure activity — ranging from archery, through caving and canoeing, to a dramatic December shot of a young 'skydiver' exiting from his aircraft.

Printed in full colour on high grade paper the calendar measures 15½ x 11½ inches approx (391mm x 289mm) and makes an ideal Christmas gift. SOLDIER readers can obtain it for the special price of £2.00 including packing and postage to any part of the world. Payment should be by UK cheque, UK postal order or international money order expressed in sterling and made out to: Command Cashier, UKLF.



ARMY
The Professionals

1983

ARMY
The Professionals

Work hard, play hard in the Junior Army

To: Calendar Offer, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 2DU.
Please send me 1983 Army calendar(s). I enclose a remittance for
made payable to: Command Cashier, UKLF.

NAME

ADDRESS

ARTISTS WANTED

SAILORS, soldiers and airmen and their admirals, field marshals and air marshals are being encouraged to enter their work in the 52nd Exhibition of the Armed Forces Art Society in March.

After a year when the armed forces have been constantly in the public eye the Society is hoping for a full world-wide entry for the exhibition at the National Army Museum in Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea between March 10-20.

Said Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Miers, the society's honorary secretary, "Anyone who is serving, or has ever served in any branch of the Royal Navy, Army, or Royal Air Force — including Auxiliary, Territorial, Volunteer and Reserve units — can enter. Wives of servicemen and women closely connected with the services can also enter.

"Works can be in oils, tempera, pastel, watercolours, black and white, woodcuts, linocuts, sculpture, carvings and marquetry. All must be original."

An award of £200 and a trophy for the best painting by a serving member of the forces and second and third prizes of £125 and £75 are being presented by the Racal Electronics Group. Another £50 prize will be awarded for the best work by a serving member of the forces who is not an elected member of the society.

Entry forms for the exhibition can be obtained from Lt Col C J P Miers RGJ, Hon Secretary, Armed Forces Art Society, 6 Wellington Square, London SW3 4NJ. A stamped addressed envelope should be included.



One of the attackers is led away by West Berlin police under the watchful eyes of two Royal Irish Rangers.

SOLDIERS CATCH GUN THIEVES

THE ALERTNESS of British soldiers on exercise in Berlin led to the recovery of two stolen automatic rifles and solved the mysterious disappearance of a young woman athlete — she had been murdered.

The remarkable chain of events began in the early hours of the morning when men of the 2nd Battalion the Royal Irish Rangers set up a command post

in the wooded part of the British Sector, the Grunewald, during a night exercise named 'Winter Games'.

Within minutes of the command post being established a German youth was seen walking towards the men. Thinking he was part of the exercise — playing the part of an infiltrator — he was stopped for questioning.

But unknown to the 'interrogators' the Commanding Officer Lt-Col Adrian Naughten, had received a message saying the Allied military establishment on the Teufelsberg, jointly operated by the British and Americans, had been attacked; two guards beaten-up and their Armalite rifles taken. This was not part of the exercise — it was real.

Minutes later a second German youth strolled down the track towards the command post carrying two Armalite rifles. He was seized and the weapons taken from him.

It was only after an examination of the weapons that one was found to be fully loaded, with a 20 round magazine, and a live round in the chamber. Another fully loaded magazine was also found on one of the youths.

Later under questioning by the West Berlin Police, one of the youths implicated his colleague in the death of a young West Berlin female athlete who disappeared five months ago.

He took the police to a spot near an autobahn where her body was found in a shallow grave.

Later Captain Rudolf Kubail and Major Klaus Bartels of the 6941 German-American Guard Battalion at Teufelsberg visited Wavell Barracks to thank the Rangers.

Briefly

A man detained after crosses and a Star of David were stolen from the graves of Falklands heroes reburied at Aldershot Military Cemetery has been released on bail. Papers in the case were sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the grave markers were recovered from Birmingham.

Since January 1, officers' and ex-officers' families and dependents have become fully entitled to the help and care of SSAFA. Previously the Association's charter limited its financial help to families and dependents of non-commissioned men and women.

Warrant Officer 2 Bob Brothwood who has run the Training and Leave Centre in the Troodos Mountains of Cyprus, has retired from the Army after 38 years. He has been officer in charge of the centre for the past 5½ years.

Army careers staff in Northamptonshire decided to turn the lull in recruiting to good advantage and set about a series of fund raising exercises. Now they have presented over £3000 to the Army Benevolent Fund.

Minister blasts nuke-free zones

ARMED FORCES Minister Mr Peter Blaker has condemned "local authorities who are trying to ban the bomb on the rates." Speaking to the British Atlantic Committee in Manchester he said: "Russia's leaders must laugh all the way to the Kremlin at the way some British councillors peddle Moscow's propaganda about our nuclear defences with such enthusiasm.

"I refer mainly to the ludicrous notion of so-called Nuclear-Free Zones. Apart from wasting ratepayers' money what practical purpose do they serve?

"They certainly don't make a city any safer. Can you imagine Russian military planners excluding Manchester or any other city from their thinking because it calls itself a Nuclear-Free Zone?

"On the contrary, Nuclear-Free Zones are positively harmful. They are harmful because they send a false signal to Moscow about Western resolve to keep up our guard against aggression.

"They are harmful because they undermine national defence — and undermine Nato. They must make the Russians delighted.

"It is sanctimonious arrogance for those who support one-sided disarmament by Britain to lecture us about peace. Their actions make peace more difficult to preserve, not easier — by tugging at the rug under the feet of the Western negotiators in Geneva.

"Provided Nato keeps up its guard there's a real chance of a breakthrough in these talks, which are about actual nuclear arms reductions — unlike the talks of the 70s which were about arms control or limitation.

"But if the Russians sense any weakness — any lessening of our resolve (for example, in deploying Cruise missiles or going ahead with Trident) — they will never give an inch. The prospects of a reduction of arms on both sides of the Iron Curtain will be reduced."



These Brand New WOOLY PULLYS come in RAF Blue — Navy — Khaki. All are with epaulettes and are 100% Pure Wool. Send only:

36" £9.95
38" £10.50
40" £10.95
42" £11.50
44" £11.95
46" £12.95

£1.50 post and package any Quantity.

- BERGAN'S
- '58 WEBBING
- DOWN SBAGS
- BARRACK DRESS
- LIGHTWEIGHTS
- PUTTEES
- DPM CAPS
- BOOTS & SHOES

(SAE for Free Catalogue please)

SILVERMAN'S (S)

MILE END, LONDON E1
Telephone 01-790 5257

Personal callers Monday-Friday
"Almost Anything in Govt. Surplus"

NEWS VIEW



Secret Weapon? ▶

No, not the ultimate deterrent but a street lamp from Portsmouth, being collected by members of 233 Squadron RCT (V) on their way to a special mission in Germany. It all started when the city fathers of Duisburg — the English city's twin — decided they would like some English street furniture for their Portsmouth Strasse. Portsmouth provided the lamp, the Post Office came up with a George IV letter box and British Telecom promised a telephone box. As it was on the way to their 'battle front' the Portsmouth-based Terriers delivered the package.



Hanging Record ▶

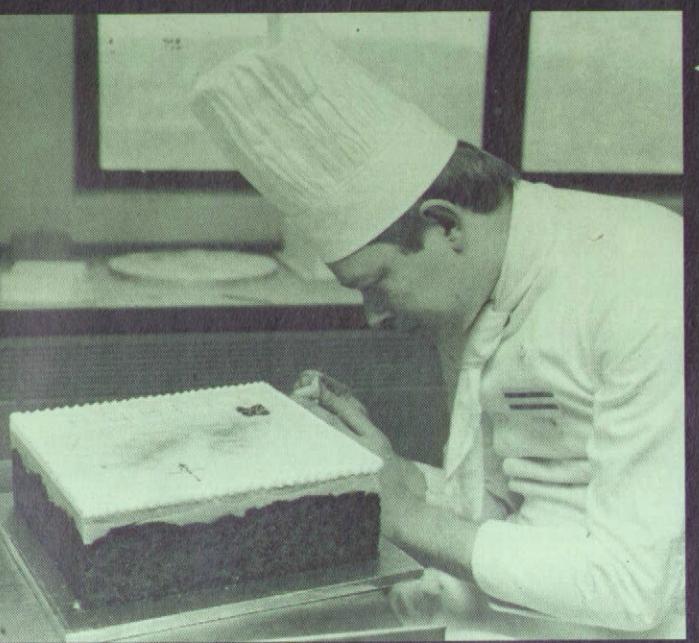
Captain David Taylor was not content with just setting a new hang-gliding record. He arranged to have himself sponsored as well and as a result the Army and RAF Benevolent Funds have benefited to the tune of £770. The record of 5 hrs, 6 mins, was set in August over the ancient site of Curium in Cyprus and now Capt Taylor has handed over the two cheques to Brigadier Philip Davies, Commander Land Forces in Cyprus.

Bed Roll ▶

Corporal Chris Newby of 6 Squadron, 7 Signal Regiment, at Herford has quite a reputation for fund raising. His latest effort, with a bit of help from his friends, was to push a bed round the Birkenstrasse Estate — 31 times. The effort raised £500 for the Across Trust. Guides and Brownies from Brake and Herford also helped by collecting sponsorship donations and providing passengers for the push.

Yanks Remembered ▶

The famous 'Big Red One' sign is back on Salisbury Plain. It was a familiar sight before D-Day but disappeared when the 1st US Infantry Division left for Omaha Beach. Now retired Colonel Hank Hangsterfer has unveiled a commemorative plaque on the old HQ at Tidworth. He was greeted by Brigadier Edwin Beckett, Commander of Britain's 1st Infantry Brigade, the crack UK Mobile Force.



Pulling Prize ▶

One of the highlights of Princess Anne's visit to the King's Troop, RHA at St John's Wood, London was the final of the Mounted Tug-o'-War Trophy competition and afterwards it was a laughing princess who presented the cup to Sergeant Rick Crossland, No 1 'B' Sub-Section.



Sports Tour ▶

Army recreational facilities at Episkopi, Dhekelia and Ayios Nikolaos were on the programme when retired RN Captain Pat Gillespie, Secretary of the Nuffield Trust, paid a visit to Cyprus. He was pictured during a call at the Akrotiri Saddle Club.

The trust finances recreational and welfare amenities that are likely to be of lasting benefit to the armed forces but which are not provided from public funds.

Taking the cake ▶

When the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir John Stanier, decided that all 22 units in the Falklands would have Christmas cakes from home, it provided quite a challenge for the HQ Catering Group at the School of Army Catering at Aldershot, for the cakes had to be ready in time to accompany the General on his pre-Christmas visit to the Islands. But in just 3½ days four of the school experts completed the task with each cake appropriately decorated, including the badge of the unit. Here Sergeant Steve Miller, a Hotel Olympia gold medallist, works on a relief map of the Falklands while completing the cake for the Logistic Battalion.



Marathon Cheque ▶

A 24-hour darts marathon in the Corporals Club of 25 Engineer Regiment in Germany raised £1000 towards Jimmy Savile's Stoke Mandeville Appeal and when a local travel firm heard about the problem of presenting the cheque, they paid for Corporal Nicholson and his wife to visit the hospital where it was duly handed over to Jimmy.



LAST VOYAGE FOR A RUSTY OLD LADY



THE ROYAL NAVY could have been left high and dry when it came to moving an 81-year-old submarine by road across three counties. But Army landlubbers came to the rescue.

Three Leyland transporter trailers from 414 Tank Transporter Troop, RCT, based at Bulford, undertook the historic removal task which meant covering 290 miles in two days. Their cargo was Britain's first-ever submarine, *Holland One*, which was built in 1901 but sank off Eddystone Light just 11 years later while on tow to the scrapyard.

With the sub scheduled to be

lifted from the waters in November the Navy sent out a 'distress signal' to the Army to see if it could help in moving the vessel from Devonport to Gosport for the submarine museum at HMS Dolphin.

The Army said it could and, after a couple of meetings, swung into preparatory action which included the inevitable recce. It soon became apparent that the load or, more precisely, three 30-ton loads, would tower 17 feet above the metalled arteries along which they would be crawling.

This was just six inches too high for the standard motorway bridge! A contingency plan had

to be made.

The Army rang police authorities for their advice and their counsel was quickly added to the glistening, fabric covered maps.

Captain Peter Clayton, OC of 414 Tank Transporter Troop, told SOLDIER: "One of my guys went down along the route, measuring anything that looked awkward and marked it on the map. Then we signalled and telexed the highways and bridges departments of the various councils to see if there were any more hazards underground or alongside the proposed route which might prove problematical for the convoy. We had a few scares.

People had asked us if we knew of certain road islands or bollards which had been put up just a fortnight before. We had to check these and make the necessary adjustments.

"On the open roads we were able to make 40 miles an hour but on others had to make allowances for overhead cables and the like. The convoy consisted of a Land-Rover, the three trailers, a four-tonner with REME support and a couple of military escort motor-cyclists."

Each of the trailers was manned by two personnel, a driver and a reserve and all driving was done in daylight hours. ■

INVICTA EXPORT

Your Key to a Tax Free Ford

Generous Discounts available with Every Purchase

INVICTA EXPORT is part of the Ramsgate Division of Invicta Motors Ltd., the largest Ford Main Dealers in East Kent, established for 60 years. Nobody is better qualified to give you help and guidance in choosing your new Ford — specialising makes the difference

- ★ Situated conveniently on the South-East coast, 5 minutes from Pegwell Bay Hoverport and 40 minutes from Dover.
- ★ No hidden charges ★ Part-exchanges welcome
- ★ Finance and insurance arranged on request*

*Written details available on request

Return the coupon for free Information Pack to Invicta Motors Ltd., Boundary Road, Ramsgate, Kent. Tel: Thanet 57931. Telex 96331.

NAME RANK Tick items of main interest

ADDRESS FIESTA CORTINA

ESCORT GRANADA

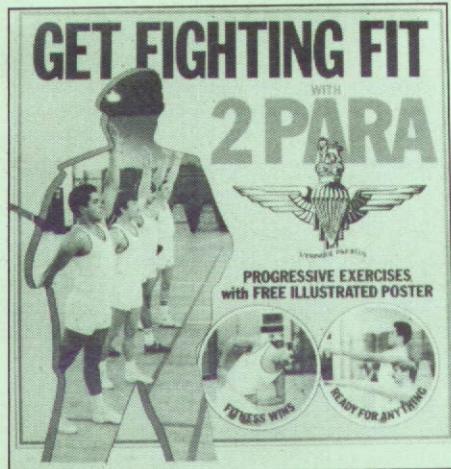
CAPRI S/1/83

SOLDIER to Soldier

In case you haven't heard, 2 Para have jumped on the current fitness bandwagon.

Together with ex APTC SMI David Jordan and producer George Nicholson of WEA Records, the Band of the 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment have produced a keep fit LP record which threatens/claims/promises to do for men what Angela Rippon and Jane Fonda are doing for women.

Preliminary and intermediate exercises to the rumbustious strains of a military band and the peremptory parade-ground voice-over could do wonders for the fat and flaccid bodies of middle management boyars at whom the record is aimed. If *Get Fighting Fit*



proves a success, then 2 Para hope to produce a sequel incorporating the advanced exercises — *Get Super Fighting Fit* perhaps?

The Battalion believes the record could even be a disco winner. Its Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel David Chaundler told SOLDIER: "We put it on at the Officers' Mess Party the other night, just for a laugh, and it was the first time we had everyone up on the dance floor!"

Get Fighting Fit is available from all record shops, price £5 and also from the PRI, 2 PARA, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants. Price £4.50. Jump to it!



OUR picture library at SOLDIER has a deserved reputation as one of the finest photographic archives of the British Army post-World War Two. Requests for our pictures come from all over the world.

The Falklands campaign, of course, has generated unprecedented interest and scarcely a day has passed since photographer Paul Haley's return from the battlefield without us receiving demands for his pictures. But even we were a little surprised when two journalists from *Gente* turned up to look at, and purchase, some of our photos — for *Gente* is an Argentinian magazine.

The pair were busy preparing a book on "the real truth about the campaign" and were much impressed by Paul Haley's

pictures, particularly those of woebegone young Argentinian prisoners which contrasted starkly with those of more heroic men doled out by their own ruling junta.

Their visit to Ordnance Road confirmed their suspicion that Argentina's leaders had been much more successful in their handling of the propaganda war than they had been in conducting the real conflict.



READERS wishing to avail themselves of our photographic services may like to be reminded that reprints of all pictures taken by SOLDIER's own photographers, including cover shots, can be obtained at the following prices:- Black and white 7" x 5" 70p each; 10" x 8" £1.40; 15" x 12" £2.35; 20" x 16" £3.50. Colour 10" x 8" £4.50.

UK orders are subject to a further 15 per cent VAT and all orders attract an additional charge for postage and packing. Invoices will be sent on receipt of order.



AMONG the more unusual tributes to the Task Force to come our way is this one below produced by Mr Hilary Humphries of Newmarket made up entirely from old cigarette packets. The message reads:

FIRST LORD SIGNAL FLAGSHIP HERMES. STOP INVADER. GOOD LUCK ROYAL NAVY. FULL SPEED PREMIER'S SILENT FORCE. BANDIT 12 O'CLOCK. GO BANG. SHELL TARGET. HAPPY HIT. SUPREME SPIRIT. TRUE RN TRADITION. SOS HMS SHEFFIELD, ANTELOPE. ALAS NIL HOPE. SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN TRIUMPH ALL OVER ISLAND. VICTORY, BRITANNIA WINNER. ALL'S WELL NOW. JOLLY WELL DONE JET PILOT, AIRMAN, ADMIRAL, MATELOT, SAS, GALLANT FIGHTER, ISLANDER. GRAND FLEET HOMeward BOUND. LIBERTY, LIFE, PEACE.

Mr Humphries, who assembled the 54



packets with the help of two fellow collectors, Mr Alan Barker and Dr David Hayes, tells us that there is a growing interest in these relics from the smoking rooms of yesteryear. Packets that changed hands for mere pence a few years ago can now fetch several pounds.

Mr Humphreys would be pleased to correspond with any SOLDIER readers about any aspect of cigarette packets or their collection. His address is 15 Dullingham Road, Newmarket, Cambridgeshire.



WHEN Major Ben Hatchard found himself presenting the Inter Services Indoor Hockey trophy in Nottinghamshire last month (see report on page 49) it was definitely a case of *déjà vu*.

For the cup he handed over to Army skipper, Captain Nigel Hemming, was the same one that he originally gave for a local tournament in Singapore in 1952. Inscribed with the letters FARELF, the trophy found its way back to the UK after independence, and the retired RTC officer was traced to his home in Devon to present it at this year's tournament.

Now 75, Major Hatchard admitted to some surprise when he received the invitation. "I thought the cup was still in Singapore!"



WE gather that the British Army is unlikely to follow the example of the Bundeswehr in buying a toupee for a corporal instructor in order that he would not get embarrassed by his baldness in front of new recruits.

In fact the cheeky corporal decided to go baldheaded for further financial compensation and asked a German court to award him money from the German defence ministry for cleaning and setting of his wig. The claim was apparently given short shrift.

Of course there are officers and soldiers who do wear toupees. SOLDIER has even had one among its former members of staff. He was travelling along in a Land-Rover on exercise one day when his 'rug' went sailing away. Literally a case of 'hair today, gone tomorrow'!



A lot to be proud of

BACK HOME FROM the Falklands just in time for Christmas were men of 3 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers. And it was certainly a well-earned breather for the sappers at the end of a year which they began in Kenya and which saw them spend only two out of 12 months at their Tidworth, Hampshire, home.

"We left England on June 19th when the ink on the surrender document was still wet," Major Mike Brooke, the squadron's OC, told SOLDIER on his return. "We were there, basically, to set up camp construction sites in the early days. Further camp construction is very well under way now and it's a pity in a way that we weren't there to see the finished product."

When they arrived in the Falklands, Stanley in particular was still strewn with the debris of war and the squadron's first task was to help with clearing up — particularly the mines and booby traps.

The water supply had to be revived, and quickly. Roads needed patching up. There was rock-crushing work to be done at the airfield and the building of slipways to offload supplies from ships.

L/Cpl Lindsay Hill with quick-set level at San Carlos. ▶

The squadron's main task however was to build the Portakabin camps in the settlements around the islands to improve living conditions for their fellow soldiers.

Ill-informed criticism in some quarters about delays in getting the building project started did not deflect the sappers from their determination to build camps that would last and which would provide the best possible comfort for the troops occupying them.

"We didn't think our fellow soldiers would thank us for doing a hurried job which wouldn't stand the test of time," said Major Brooke.

"When we were given the task, the first object was to recce — and consult the settlement managers. We had to talk to the local people, and learn from their experience. They have been there many years and have good reasons for houses being where they are, positioning jetties



Cpl Mike Daines at the controls of a Hamm vibrating roller.

where they are and so on.

"They were tremendously helpful. Having done the recce, we then gave staff at Headquarters the options and choices were made".

Major Brooke and his men were anxious to make the sites as attractive as possible and leave fields looking like fields rather than building sites.

Their aim, in keeping with the thoughts of Commander British Forces Falkland Islands, Major General David Thorne, was to put camps near to, but not on top of, civilian settlements.

But having picked the sites, they faced the enormous movement and logistic headache of getting the equipment for the site preparation and the Portakabins transferred from the ships to their locations. At San Carlos Settlement 20 acres were needed just for laying the stores out!

Yet with a lot of help from ships' crews, helicopter pilots and others, the task was achieved and the camps were soon springing up. As well as the San Carlos Settlement — Kelly's Garden Camp — good progress is being made at Goose Green and Port San Carlos.

With only about six mornings off in the whole six months they were on the Falklands, 3 Squadron had little time to reflect on all

their achievements. But there was one task that they were particularly proud to have accomplished — a project whose result was seen by millions back home on TV. That was the construction of the Blue Beach military cemetery at San Carlos Settlement where the remains of some of those killed in action were reburied with due ceremony.

The men of 3 Field Squadron had a week's notice to prepare the site, aided by colleagues of 60 Field Squadron who made the prefabricated fencing and 20 pioneers of 518 Company, Royal Pioneers Corps. And it was a task beautifully done.

"I think," said Major Brooke, "the construction of that cemetery is one task that will remain with us forever."

Now the squadron reverts to its 22 Engineer Regiment role in England with a series of exercises in support of 1 Infantry Brigade in the coming year as well as a visit to Denmark in June. And they have no doubt that the lessons they learned in the South Atlantic will stand them in good stead.

"Everybody is glad to be back," said Major Brooke, "but the Falklands was a valuable and rich experience for us. In true form, the British soldier pulled us through."



Fixing lifting tackle to a Portakabin.

GETTING BACK ON COURSE

IT WASN'T just home life that suffered during the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands — the residents of Stanley were shattered to see just what damage had been done to their beloved racecourse as well.

Prior to the war the racecourse was a means of not just racing — with horses from the settlements coming in to challenge the best of Stanley — but a big social event as well.

They were rightly horrified with the damage done to the course, which runs behind houses to the west of the town. Not only were stands, tote and rails ruined but the Argentines peppered the course with massive pits dug to hide tons of ammunition and explosives.

Major John Charteris, Royal Scots, is on the staff of Headquarters British Forces Falkland Islands and has taken a keen interest in helping the Stanley Sports Association Executive Committee to restore the course. "It was a mess — and removing the dangerous ammunition and explosives was the first task. We have only been involved to the point of removing the debris of war — civilians are doing the rest."

And the people of Stanley are getting some very welcome help from racing authorities, courses, press and racegoers in the United Kingdom.

United Racecourse Limited (Kempton, Sandown, Epsom) are providing £1000 to restore the tote plus provision of prize money, and York racecourse has promised to donate jockey scales and a silver trophy to replace one believed to have been stolen by the Argentines.

The Racecourse Association, Jockey Club, racing press and others 8000 miles away are gathering money to help the Stanley authorities replace items damaged during the war and, indeed, modernise it.

All of which is very good news for the racing enthusiasts in Stanley who are looking forward especially to the 150th anniversary of the Falklands in February.

THERE WAS GOOD NEWS for all three Services in the Government's long awaited review of the Falklands Campaign and it came in the shape of a £1 billion package covering ships, aircraft and a considerable boost to the Army's capability to respond to emergencies outside the Nato area.

There is to be a major 'beefing-up' of 5 Infantry Brigade together with improvements to the RAF's lift capability. An armoured reconnaissance regiment has recently been added to the three battalions — two parachute and one infantry — which, together with engineer support, currently makes up the Brigade. Later this year it is also to have an artillery regiment, an Army Air Corps squadron and additional logistic support units.

The fitting of station-keeping equipment to some of the RAF Hercules fleet already earmarked for deployment of the Brigade will give it a parachute assault capability by 1985 and the decision to buy six Tristars will greatly increase the strategic tanker capacity.

One Tristar will be able to do the work of eight of the RAF's Victors and it could carry up to 120 troops at the same time. Four of them are to be converted so that they can also carry freight.

In addition to the replacement of the three Chinook helicopters lost when the *Atlantic Conveyor* was sunk, another five are to be ordered — their value was clearly demonstrated, says the White Paper, by the contribution made by the single Chinook available during the campaign — and the Army and RAF are to have another 24 Rapier low-level air defence missile fire units.

Introducing the White Paper, entitled 'The Falklands Campaign: The Lessons', Defence Secretary, Mr John Nott, told the House of Commons that the enhancements to 5 Infantry Brigade should represent a signifi-

BIGGER PUNCH FOR 5 BRIGADE

FALKLANDS FILE



Tristar. It can do the work of eight Victor tankers and carry 120 men at the same time.

ficant improvement to Britain's capability for out-of-area air-borne operations.

"Taken together with the amphibious capability of the 3rd Commando Brigade RM they will give us an improved capability to respond to the unforeseen in a flexible and rapid way."

But Mr Nott emphasised that Britain's main defence role was still within Nato. "In many respects the Falklands conflict was unique," he said. "We must be cautious therefore in deciding which lessons of the campaign are relevant to the UK's four main roles within Nato."

"The measures we are taking will significantly strengthen our ability to perform our main defence tasks but they will also increase the flexibility, mobility and readiness of all three Services for operations out-of-area as well as within the boundaries of Nato itself," he added.

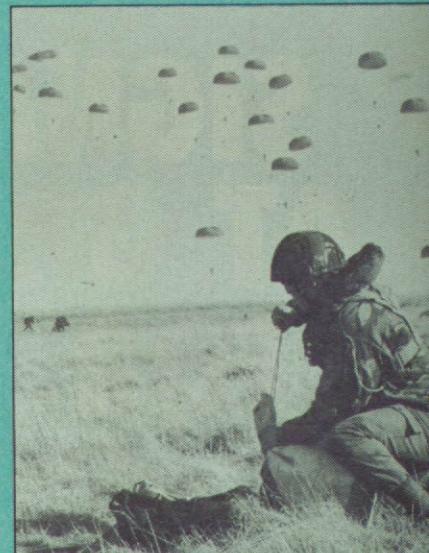
The White Paper proposals for

beefing-up 5 Infantry Brigade were particularly welcomed by the Brigade's new commander, Brigadier Tony Jeapes. He told SOLDIER: "I am very pleased. I think it reflects a lot of work done by a lot of people in the past. When we get these enhancements there is a great deal of work to be done to get them into shape and train them hard to give us the capacity to fill our out-of-area role."

The six-foot-six-inch tall commander who took up his appointment in December after a post at HQ CINFILET as Chief of Staff to the Land Deputy is a former CO of the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment from 1974-77.

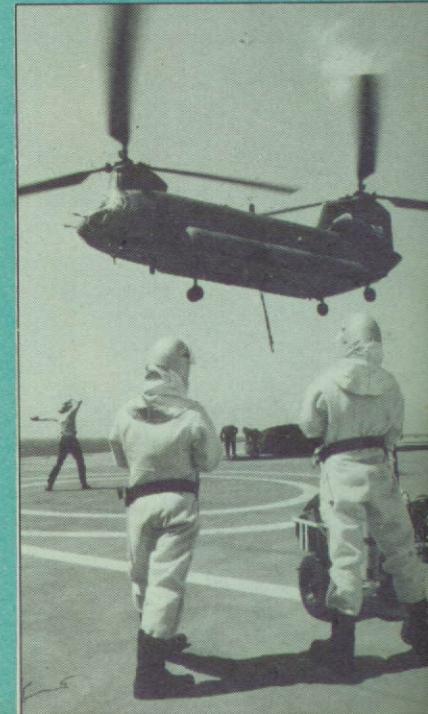
He has been to the Falklands since the war, spending about ten days there. Brigadier Jeapes added: "I walked across all the battlefields in the Falklands, particularly of 3 Para at Mount Longdon and 2 Para at Goose Green and Darwin. I also walked Wireless Ridge and along the 1/7 Gurkha hills to the south."

"The bodies had been removed but the trenches were pretty well as they had been left with all the depravities of war and I was particularly impressed with the vast amounts of ammunition left lying around ready for immediate use. It brought home to me the magnificent fighting qualities of the battalions of the Brigade of which I have been very fortunate to be put in command. I still don't understand how 2 Para managed to take Goose Green. In theory it should not have been possible and it does show what superb troops they are." ■

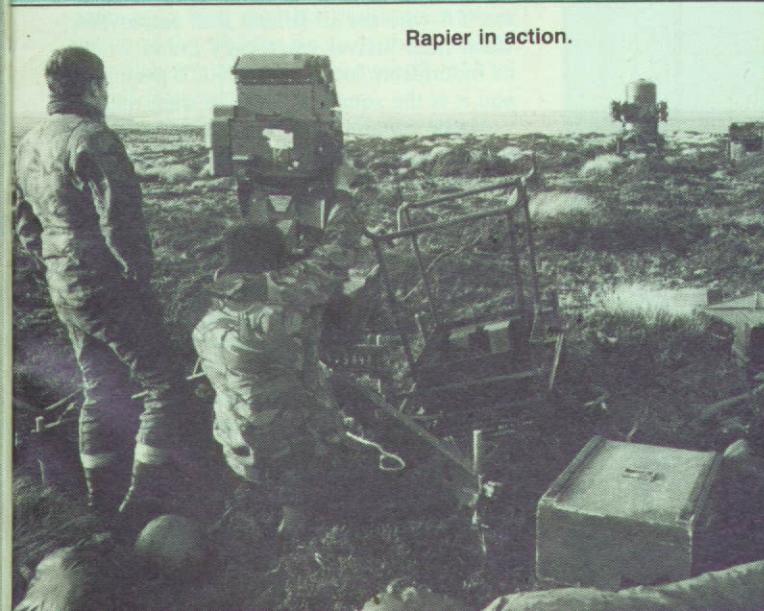


A 5 Brigade paratrooper during an exercise last year.

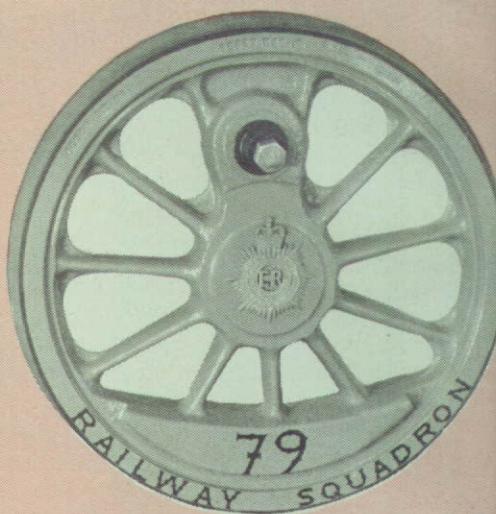
Big lifter — a Chinook working with QE2 off Ascension Island. ▼



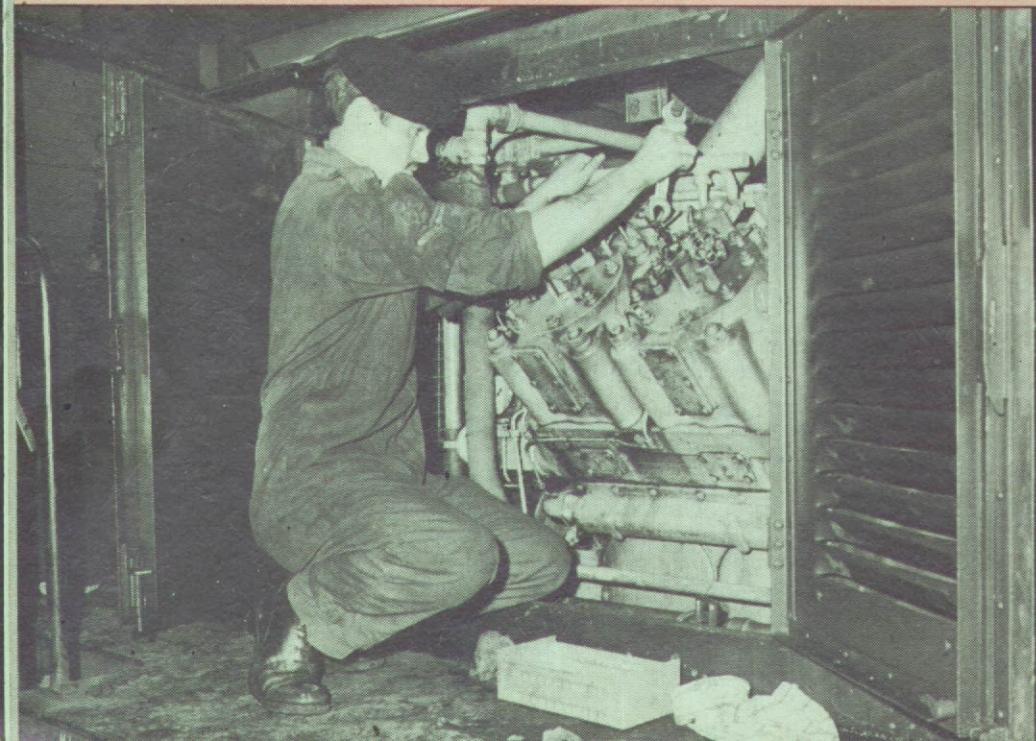
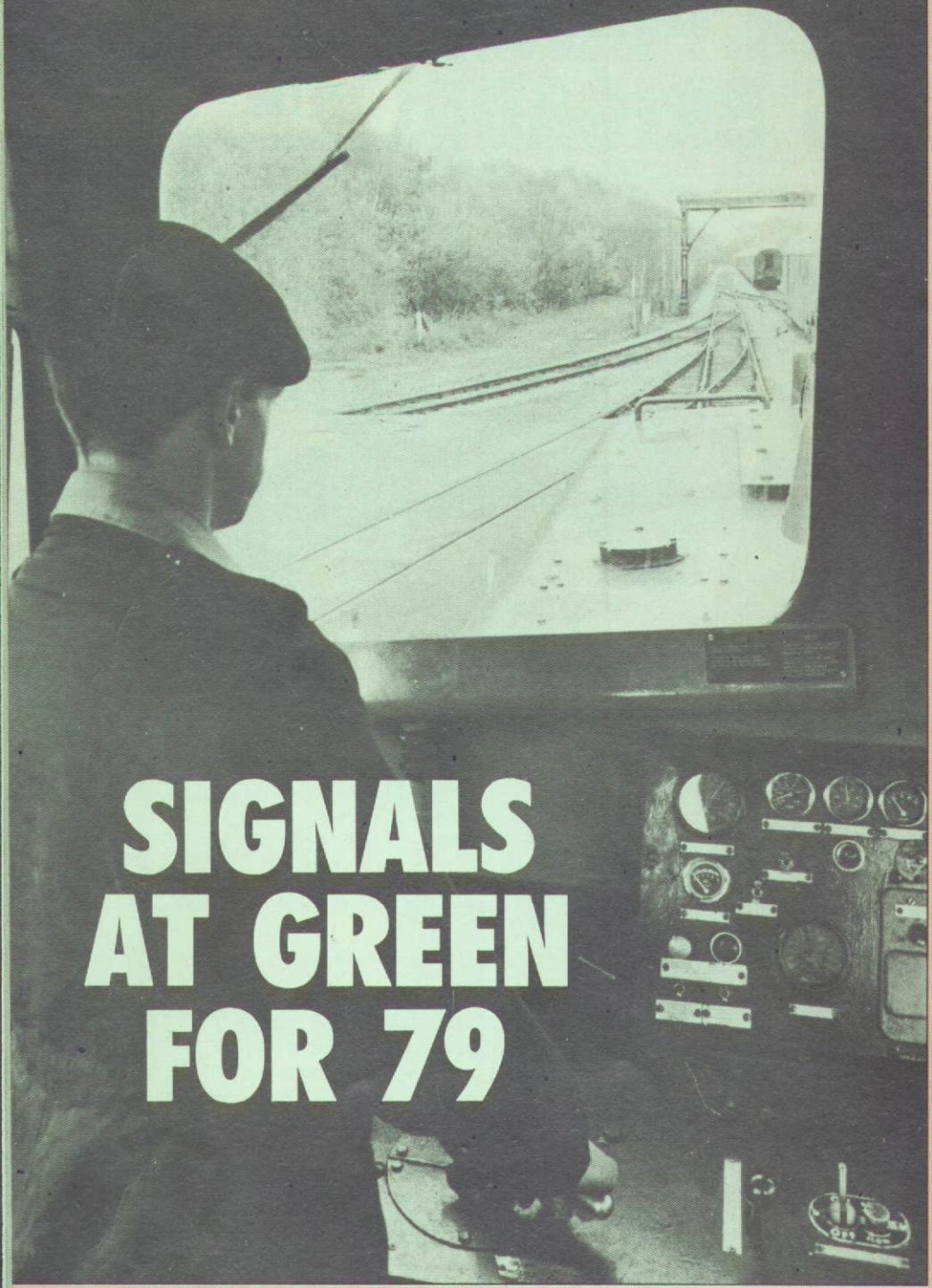
Rapier in action.



The prospects look bright for Nato's last serving railway unit



SIGNALS AT GREEN FOR 79



AFTER YEARS OF uncertainty about their future the railway experts who make up 79 Railway Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, have been told that they are secure. And a new programme has started to modernise track, depot, engines and rolling stock.

The railway soldiers are based at Moenchengladbach from where they sally forth to British Forces' depots in Germany and Belgium when shunting is needed. All of the railwaymen in the squadron are qualified for this work, even the officers, and six of them are actually qualified and accepted as drivers on German main lines.

The squadron covers about 18 depots and mans 11 of them with detachments. It only comprises some two dozen men plus 13 people in the workshops — although there are perhaps another 20 trained railwaymen at present serving with 'rubber wheeled' RCT units.

A direct descendant of the old Longmoor Military Railway, which closed in 1969, it boasts 11 locomotives of which the three oldest are pre-war and were at one time operated by the Wehrmacht. These are expected to be replaced at the end of 1983 by new engines.

In wartime the squadron would be strengthened by members of 275 Railway Squadron TA who are all British Rail employees. Until their arrival emergency crews would be found from locally based RCT personnel and it is the squadron's job to train them.

Major Stuart Tait, who commands the squadron, also carries the title Eisenbahntriebsleiter' — which means he is responsible for the training and safety of his railwaymen. Says second-in-command, Captain Jonathan Newis-Edwards: "Railways can be incredibly dangerous places to work."

On the training side the squadron holds 12 courses a year for beginners up to loco drivers. The courses cover such jobs as brakesman/shunter, signalman, driver, traffic controller and vehicle loading supervisor.

Top: Driver John Newman at the controls of a Barclay locomotive.

◀ L/Cpl Ian Taylor, REME, in the workshop.



Corporal David Trigg, one of the training wing instructors, is also a railway buff in his spare time. He has his own model railway at home and gets a lot of pleasure out of teaching on the squadron's own training model.

Driver Stephen Shaw 'accepts' a train. ▶

Setting the points in marshalling yard. ▼



The model, complete with toy engines in the colours of the old Longmoor Military Railway, dates back in part to 1907. It uses genuine old British Railways signal equipment and fills a large room. It was used for training First World War soldiers.

All of the soldier-railwaymen are also trained as 'rubber wheel drivers' and their career is likely to alternate between the squadron and other RCT units.

Corporal Trigg himself joined up because he wanted to be a railwayman. "I was in an engineering factory and got sick of it. But when I got into the Army training they tried to talk me out of it and said it was a dying industry."

Back in 1974, when *SOLDIER* last visited the unit, an 18-year-old driver, Allan Schneider, was interviewed about what he was learning. Now Allan is back as Sergeant Schneider, the operating troop sergeant.

He said this time: "It's my job now although I am not a model railway fan. Who needs a model when you have a real train? This job has its ups and downs and headaches but it is unique. We are the only squadron of this type and it's surprising how many people don't know about us."

The locomotives and rolling stock are in the open air all the time so the workshops are at full stretch keeping rust and weather damage at bay. Another continuous job is mending the wooden decks of the 'warflats' — which are used to carry tracked vehicles to and from exercises.

The squadron also has a storage responsibility for the ambulance trains which would be used by Rhine Army in the event of war. It holds the rolling stock and the medical equipment as well as utility cars used to provide the ambulance trains with emergency heating and lighting.

Only three people who served with the old Longmoor Military Railway remain with the squadron and two of those will retire shortly. But as they go about their peacetime tasks in the depots of Rhine Army and Belgium, covering 50 miles of track, their successors know that the tradition started at Longmoor at the turn of the century will continue for some years to come. ■

Story: John Walton

Pictures: Les Wiggs



TAX FREE EXPORT CARS,



Passat GL 5.

NOW AT GERMAN FACTORY PRICES*

Now we can offer to customers who qualify for tax free concessions, new low prices on export Audi and Volkswagen cars.

Because, for the first time, we are able to offer direct factory prices, quoted in Deutschmarks.

All of which is great news, if you're a visitor to Britain, a British resident shortly going abroad for at least 12 months, a member of British Forces about to be posted abroad, a NATO Serviceman or in the Diplomatic Service.

Quick delivery of LHD or RHD models can be made here in the U.K. With payment in Deutschmarks or Sterling.

To drive a real bargain, ring us on 01-486 8411 or clip the coupon.



Personal Export Sales

Personal Export Sales, V.A.G (United Kingdom) Limited,
Audi Volkswagen Concessionaires, 95 Baker Street,
London W1M 1FB.

Name _____

Rank _____

Address _____

Unit _____

Tel. No. evening _____ daytime _____

I am interested in _____

Country of destination _____

Posting date _____

*Price does not include U.K. delivery and registration.

\$10



Brian Robson in his Whitehall eyrie and (right) in his Army days.

WHEN YOUNG Brian Robson set sail for India in 1945 at the start of his Army career it never occurred to him that one day he might be sitting on the highest councils of the British Army.

But just a few months ago Brian Robson was appointed Deputy Under Secretary of State (Army) at the Ministry of Defence, thus becoming the senior civil servant in the Army Department and a full member of the Army Board.

Chatting with him today, one would think that life had been just a series of happy accidents for Brian Robson. Like the time he bought a sword simply because he wanted a souvenir of his Army days. The sword led to a collection of some 60 and the most authoritative book ever written on the swords of the British Army.

His *Swords of the British Army — The Regulation Patterns 1788-1914* is now regarded as the definitive work on the subject.

"I just wanted a sword for the wall," he explains. "It was as simple as that. Then I discovered that there was only one book on the subject but it had so many gaps and inaccuracies. I had a vague feeling that I might fill that gap, so I started my study collection."

"I was very lucky because it was an unfashionable field of collecting and prices were low. In those days one could get a sword in mint condition for as little as £3. It is very different today. Now the minimum is

Gordon Williams meets the Army's 'top civilian'

more like £200."

Those early days in India are also behind another of his spare time activities. With numerous articles on weapons and military history to his credit, he is currently writing a history of the Second Afghan War.

Of that largely forgotten but significant campaign he says: "It is surprising that so much work has been done on relatively unimportant campaigns like the Zulu War or the Abyssinian Expedition and yet virtually nothing has been done on a war which involved almost the whole of the Indian Army, plus dozens of British regiments and which was, in all but name, part of the great struggle between Russia and Britain in the 19th century.

"After all, we were still building defences in the Khyber Pass against a potential Russian threat in 1940."

Here Mr Robson has found another gap to be filled and he suspects that there may be many parallels between the British experience of the 1880s and that of the Soviet forces today. "The British in Afghanistan ruled only as far as the range of their guns," he points out. "I suspect that it may be much the same for the Russians and that, like the British then, their effective control is limited to the main highways, the big towns and cities."

When not busy tackling one of the most important jobs in the Ministry, Mr Robson still finds time to be a council member of the



LOOKING ACROSS THE BOARD

Society for Army Historical Research, a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society and to follow his interest in wine which developed through another happy coincidence. Through a French friend he was introduced to the Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin of Burgundy and now he is a Chevalier of that august guild.

He has also started another collection. Having disposed of most of his swords, he was struck, while attending a major exercise, with the variety and colour of the Army's stable belts. So far he has only five of them but Mr Robson's enthusiasm is such that they are probably the beginning of a major collection.

Born at Dartford, Kent, where his father was editor of the local newspaper, the young Robson moved with the family to Sussex in 1935. There he completed his education at Brighton's Varndean School and, leaving in 1944, went straight into the Army.

There followed a six-month spell of training, first at Canterbury, then in Ulster. After that it was off to India and the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun. Commissioned into the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1945, he was attached to the 19th Hyderabad Regiment (later the Kumaon Regiment) and served in both India and Malaya.

He enjoyed his time in the Indian Army and back home in the UK, on leave he was looking forward to going back — but it was not to be. Partition had taken place in his absence and he would not be returning to the sub-continent — even though all his kit was there.

Instead he found himself at Shorncliffe, attached to the Judge Advocate's staff, charged with defending soldiers at courts martial and looking after their interests in the local courts. "I enjoyed it," he recalls, "I had always had an interest in the law and at one time I even considered it as a career."

Finally he spent some months in BAOR, with the 2nd Battalion the Queen's in 2 Division.

"I felt that my eyesight would debar me

continued on page 18

from the most interesting jobs, otherwise I would almost certainly have stayed in the Army if I could. But of course, there was no guarantee that I would have got a permanent commission," he grins.

Instead he won a scholarship and went up to Oxford to read history, but it was perhaps no accident that he chose 'The Theory of War' as his specialist subject. The result was an honours degree in Modern History.

The ex-soldier then passed the entrance exam for the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service and in 1950 became a civil servant in what was then the Air Ministry.

Only three years later he was appointed Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Air and just two years after that he was promoted to principal (equivalent to a colonel in the Army). Although seconded to the Ministry of Supply, he was still very much involved with aircraft and missile systems.

From then on it seemed as though Mr Robson, despite his Army background, would spend the rest of his working life in the light blue world — until he joined the MGO's department in 1971, as head of ES/FVE.

That was the year after he attended the Imperial Defence College Course — he was there with Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, current Chief of the Defence Staff, and General Sir Michael Gow, now C-in-C BAOR. The ES/FVE job brought involvement with the Anglo-German Main Battle Tank project but it was a short-lived excursion into khaki because, apart from attend-

ing the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris, subsequent appointments were again with the Air Force until 1980 when he became the Assistant Under Secretary of State (Operational Requirements) with responsibilities covering all three services, as well as the nuclear weapons field.

So is it not strange for someone with such a strong RAF background to find himself in the top Army civilian job?

"Not really," he says. "I have a great affection for the Army. I was in it myself and my father served in World War I. It taught me a lot for which I am very grateful.

'We are not a lot of inverted Micawbers waiting for something to turn down. Show us what is sensible and we will try to do it'

Things like discipline and duty and loyalty. I very much hope that in due course my two teenage daughters will consider spending some time in the Army because it is a first-class training for life.

"Obviously, I hope that the experience and ideas which I bring from my jobs outside the Army Department will be of value to my colleagues on the Army Board and to the Army itself. My objective is however exactly the same as everyone else's

— I want an Army which is properly paid, equipped, housed and trained — and which is happy in what it is doing. That is what we are all striving for.

"Of course, as the Army's senior civil servant, I have a particular responsibility to see that we get full value for our budget. I have a special responsibility also for the 80,000 civilians who work for the Army and without whom the Army could not operate.

But the board room and the sixth floor office overlooking Whitehall are not the only horizons for the new DUS. He has already started on an extensive series of visits to Army units and there are a lot more to come.

"Initially I want to concentrate on seeing those things which make up the infrastructure of the Army — the workshops, the depots, the manning and pay offices, the training establishments and so on. They may perhaps not be quite as glamorous as some others but without them the rest of the Army could not fight. I also intend to see a lot of the TA.

"But I am certainly not ignoring the cavalry and the gunners and the infantry. I've seen a fair amount of them already and I shall see more as I go round Northern Ireland, BAOR, Belize and all the other places, not forgetting the Falklands.

"As a civilian I think it is particularly important that I should get out to see and be seen. After all civil servants are, contrary to popular opinion, human beings just like the rest of the world. We are not a lot of inverted Micawbers, waiting for something to turn down. Show us what is sensible and we will try to do it."

How would you stand up to a parade ground like this?

Joining the Police isn't simply a matter of exchanging one uniform for another.

Try ours on, walk a beat and you'll soon find out.

It'll probably take more out of you than any drill sergeant ever did.

For the first two years you'll not only be scrutinised by your senior officers, to see if you've got what it takes, but you'll be under the watchful eye of the most critical judge of all.

The general public.

They'll expect a lot from you. Relying on your judgement, seeking your advice and sometimes counting on your protection. Responsibilities which a service background will certainly help you shoulder.

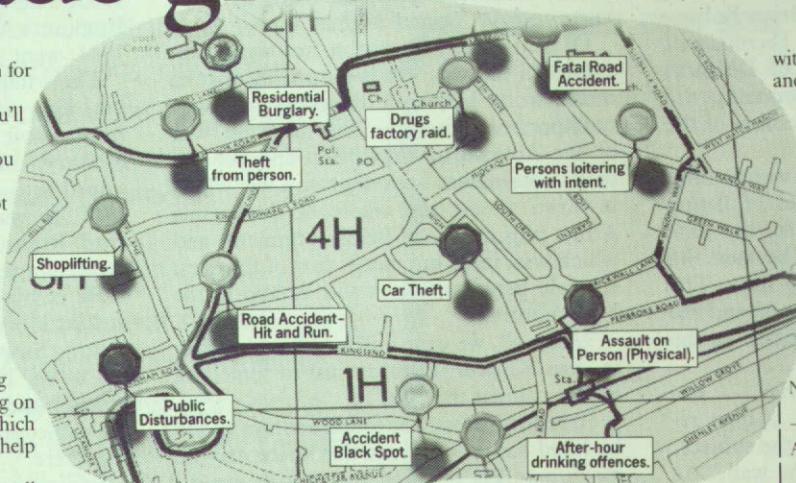
After all, you've been trained in all the right areas.

To keep cool under pressure. To sum up a situation. And to react to it by making the right decision, in seconds.

Not that we'll do you any special favours just because of your background.

You'll have to undergo the same training and pass the same exams as a raw recruit.

But with your experience you should



be in good shape. And after your first two years, you can either decide to stay on the beat in the Uniformed Branch or change direction and specialise.

Traffic, the C.I.D., the Drug or Fraud Squad, the decision is yours though competition is tough.

You'll have to be under 40 and over 5' 8" (5' 4" if you're a woman).

If you come up to scratch, we'll make sure you won't go short. You'll start on £7,389 (£9,057 in London) if you're over 22.

A sergeant starts at £9,369 and an Inspector can earn as much as £12,204 (£11,037 and £14,457 in London respectively). But how far and how fast you progress is largely up to you.

We haven't forgotten that by now you might have a family to look after.

Because we'll either provide you with a house or a generous rent allowance to help towards the running of one.

We can also arrange to have your Services Pension transferred.

If you think you could stand up to a career in the Police after you've left the Services, clip the coupon and march to the nearest post box.

We'll then send you more details at the double.

To: Police Careers (England and Wales, Dept. SS/10/82), 40 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NG.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

All vacancies are open to men and women. To join you must be a British subject, fit and at least 18½. Men must be at least 5' 8" (172 cms). Women 5' 4" (162 cms).

POLICE OFFICER
IF YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO OFFER US,
WE'VE GOT A LOT TO OFFER YOU.

John Walton looks round the Army's newest training camp — an imaginative prototype for the future

WATHGILL'S VILLAGE BLUEPRINT

MAJOR BRYAN WILSON recounts with relish what happened while he was driving along a moorland road near Catterick recently. His wife looked across the moors and said: "What's that village? I haven't seen it before". Major Wilson was able to reply: "That's no village — that's my camp!"

For the new Wathgill camp near Catterick, a blueprint for camps scheduled to replace ageing facilities on training areas throughout Britain, has been built to blend in with the surrounding countryside and to look from a distance just like a small Yorkshire village.

The facings on most of the buildings are made of old Yorkshire stone from mills demolished in Bradford and the overall effect of what are called the 'Wathgill Blocks' is of modern semi-detached houses built in stone. And a programme of tree planting is taking place to add to the village look.

continued on page 20

The junior ranks' club and mess hall.



Senior NCOs' quarters in an informal layout.



Pictures: Doug Pratt



One of the new washrooms.

continued from page 19

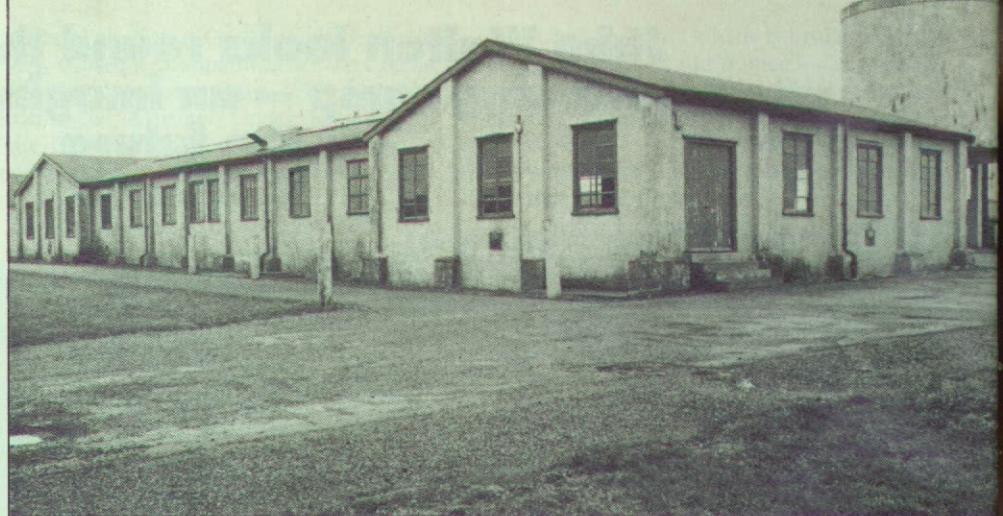
The camp is on the site of an old bivouac camp in use since the 1920's. Those facilities have been moved elsewhere on the ranges. Over the last two years Wimpey's have constructed the £7½ million camp, which will come into use in the next few weeks.

It actually replaces the camp at Bellerby, a few miles down the road, which was built as

In 1978 the plans for Wathgill Camp were selected for their architectural merit to hang in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. The principal architect, Mr Ray Jones, of the Property Services Agency, Defence Works (Army), told SOLDIER: "We have had lots of compliments about the scheme and are submitting it for various architectural awards".

Wathgill is the first of something like 50 old training camps which will be rebuilt over the next 20 years or so. The second rebuild at Leek in Staffordshire is already under way and should be finished in the summer. That has been designed to fit in with the nearby Peak National Park and buildings will be in brick with a different roof pitch.

A third camp on the Stanford training area will start in the near future to be followed by two in Wales.



The old camp at Bellerby, now 53 years old, which will soon be pulled down.

a brigade musketry camp in 1929 and has suffered the ravages of time and the inhospitable North Yorkshire climate.

Standing at nearly 900 feet above sea level Wathgill Camp will have to face rigorous winters although it is in the shadow of a hill which should provide some shelter from fierce north-easterly winds. But each of the nine two storey accommodation blocks contains a small sheltered courtyard for outdoor training activities.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Le Messurier (Retired) is the Commandant Catterick Training Centre and has already set up his office in the camp. He told SOLDIER:

"It is to be the forerunner and guinea pig for all future training camps in the United Kingdom. The actual scale for these will not be written until this one has had nine months of useful life."

Seven of the Wathgill blocks will each hold 100 men and there are separate blocks for officers and senior NCOs. It will hold 800 men when full — against 300 at Bellerby. The latter will shortly be demolished although the hard standing and roads will remain together with extra trees to provide an area for training and camouflage.

The new camp will provide the necessary ranges and facilities for a major Regular or TA unit to spend up to three weeks at shooting camp. This will be in addition to the normal loading of the garrison training area comprising 66 Regular and TA units, 20 cadet forces and a number of casual

users.

Major Wilson explained that the camp provides the minimum essential needs of a warm bed, sleep without disturbance, a hot shower, good drying facilities and a good wholesome meal.

Fittings inside are austere as befits the needs of soldiers who are only stationed there temporarily. There is less space per man with each rank and file block containing six ten bedded rooms and two with twenty. The two blocks for sergeants and officers have a few single rooms but are mainly four and six to a room.

Each man will have his own wardrobe locker. There are showers in every block but no baths. "The only bath on the camp will be a hypothermia bath in the MI room and believe me we shall use it", says Major Wilson. Heating for the camp is from a coal fired boilerhouse.

There is a joint senior ranks mess with one kitchen serving senior NCOs on one side and officers on the other. The cookhouse for junior ranks will be able to cater for 700 men in two sittings and there is to be a junior ranks club run by Naafi.

Because of its proximity to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the blending of the camp into the countryside was accomplished after close consultation with the local planning authority. And a dry stone walling gang from the Senior Estates Surveyor's staff at Catterick provided the final touch with a traditional wall along the front of the camp.

Colonel Le Messurier is delighted with what he calls "this splendid camp". He predicts: "It has a big future. The accent is on infantry and I want to make this the jewel in the infantry crown".

A view of the large dining area.



Warts, Broken Veins, Tattoos & Blemishes

Can now be removed by
LASER in one of London's
finest treatment centres.

Contact: THE
Ferndale
CLINIC
01-958-3154/8800



THE SERVICES are renowned for their generous and unstinted fund-raising in good causes. They raised a million pounds for the disabled in International Year of Disabled People, thousands of pounds have been donated to the Stoke Mandeville Appeal, to Blue Peter appeals and to the countless national and local charities that asked for their help.

Yet perhaps in this coming year of 1983, we should turn our talents for fund-raising inwards and remember the saying that "charity begins at home", not ignoring pleas for help of course but remembering the worthwhile causes in Service communities as well.

So often have projects foundered almost before they had a chance to prove their worth simply because there was not enough money. Ideas have been vetoed because nobody could raise the initial funds required; volunteers have struggled on against terrific odds determined to do their best in spite of a debit balance.

We need funds for home help schemes, foster care and childminding, pre-school playgroups, youth travel and training projects as well as for Service charities in the aftermath of the crises of 1982. There are, inevitably, gaps left in even the most efficient Health Service and we need to find the resources to fill those with efficient, competent and reliable care without relying on state, MOD or local authority aid.

If we were to make one huge effort this year to raise the money necessary to put all the many projects that are waiting in the wings on a proper financial footing, we should be giving our dedicated and caring volunteers a real chance to help us all.

The Services have been thrust into the limelight in the past year. The bravery of the injured of the Falklands and of Northern Ireland, and the courage of the widows and children who will be facing 1983 without husbands and fathers has made the nation aware of the burdens of Service life. Surely nobody would begrudge us the chance to look to our own and set our own house in order?

Anne Armstrong

I have had some letters following the new rules about tax refunds and unemployment benefit and I contacted the MOD at Lansdowne House to see how Service men and women are affected.

The new regulations are that, since last July, part of any benefit you receive as an unemployed person is taxable income. Although no tax is taken from your benefit when it is paid to you under the new arrangement, you cannot get a tax refund while you are unemployed and claiming benefit.

If you stop claiming benefit during the tax year or if you are still unemployed and claiming benefit at the end of the tax year, you will then get any Income Tax refund due to you.

These changes make your P45 form that you receive from your employer when you leave your job, even more important than ever. Your benefit office needs your P45 so that they can work out your tax position for when the refund is due. They will give you a new P45 to give to your new employer so you won't have too much tax taken from your wages when you start work.

So how does this affect Servicemen, Servicewomen and wives of Servicemen?

When Servicemen leave the Army it is important that they too receive a form P45 without any undue delay whether they are going to another job or intending to register as unemployed.

The MOD position is as follows:

"The matter is dependent on those being discharged being granted terminal leave.

Procedures allow for final payments to be despatched during terminal leave and we hope to achieve this by the 11th day. Thus officers who are retiring, or soldiers being discharged with terminal leave, should normally receive their P45 in plenty of time and while still on Army pay.

"Without terminal leave, it is hoped to close accounts and despatch documents within five days of discharge. Since discharges without terminal leave are, usually, at very short notice, we cannot hope to improve on the five day delay and some Servicemen will be without their P45s for a short time.

"The paragraphs above state what we try to achieve but we are

frustrated by weaknesses in the administrative chain. We are always pleased to hear about particular difficulties and try to apportion responsibility if there has been an obvious failure."

My husband is a Serviceman and we live in Jersey. Do we have to pay both UK and Jersey tax or are we mistaken?

Mrs F. Jersey.

There is a basic misunderstanding of the situation. All Servicemen are, for tax purposes, considered to be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom though they may claim to be not ordinarily resident by virtue of actually serving in an overseas country. Thus you are not, for tax purposes, a resident of Jersey.

I suggest you consult a Tax Clinic for advice or else contact the Inland Revenue (PD 5) who will provide a definitive reply to particular problems.

try where official representatives abroad are treated as shabbily as the British do theirs — particularly the military."

Strong stuff; and she continues to detail some of the specific headaches:

"All our personal furniture has to be placed in store. I agree that the cost is refunded by the Army but, because of the high cost of housing in America, the furniture rent allowance does not cover the items that have to be bought out here.

"I would not have sold our family car had we remained in Europe but as it was we had to sell it at a greatly reduced price and buy a four-year-old car in USA for more than we got for our car back in UK. A car is essential for work as well as for family life, with regard to the distances involved in USA.

"The settling-in allowance is useful, I admit, but it still has to be repaid over 12 months as it is not a grant and, given the cost of setting up home in USA, a soft furnishing allowance of 780 dollars is ludicrous. A lounge/dining room carpet would cost almost that amount.

"We do not demand luxury, just fairness and a chance to save a little."

I approached MOD for comments on this letter.

"We categorically deny that the LOA team arrived with any instructions to either cut or raise LOA. The aim was to carry out a review and to set LOA at the correct rate commensurate with the evidence collected. This was not a cost cutting exercise. It is accepted that it is more expensive to live in USA than in UK. A married corporal is calculated to need £6.63p per day over and above his pay and his rent allowance.

"A review of the Overseas Rent Allowance was conducted in parallel with the LOA review and the outcome was an increase which averaged 10 per cent. While items of furniture may have to be bought in USA, it should be borne in mind that this will presumably be sold at the end of the tour, albeit at some loss due to wear and tear. Half the furniture money is issued in the form of a grant and half in the form of a loan. At least part of the latter would be made good by the sale of furniture at the end of the tour.

"With regard to the car, a comparison of running costs is made based on the Ford Escort and Cortina in UK and on the Pinto and Mustang in USA as comparators. The necessity for a car in the USA is recognised in LOA. Whereas not everybody buys a car when they are in UK, running costs are taken into account in LOA for every officer and Serviceman. Provision is also made for the fact that a loss will be made when a car is sold and for greater average annual mileage in USA than in UK.

"We believe that the system for calculating LOA is as fair as we can make it. Foreign Service Allowance was reviewed in USA on two separate occasions in 1981 and was cut, with the exception of the lowest paid staff by up to 23 per cent. LOA is not intended as an allowance which allows people to save money. LOA is designed to meet essential extra costs in the Overseas Area as compared to UK."

ASK ANNE

I have received a letter from a Service wife in America, pointing out some of the problems facing those posted to the USA. She writes:

"Our great problem is the reduction in LOA which has meant a 40 per cent drop in our standard of living out. Incidentally, the Foreign Service allowance for civil servants is unaffected.

"This reduction is forcing soldiers to use their savings more than their UK counterparts have to. In our case the reduction has been £200 per month and there would have seemed to be no justification for this. It was obvious that when the LOA review team came to the US they were under instruction to cut. Most people would accept some kind of cut in the current economic climate of UK. However, 40 per cent would seem to be severe. It is just as expensive, if not more so, to live here.

"Are we to appear to the Americans as poor relations when, after all, we are representing our country abroad? I cannot think of any coun-

DID YOU KNOW?

INDULGENCE TRAVEL has now been introduced on flights to West Germany. Passengers travelling from UK (mainly Luton) to West Germany (RAF Gütersloh, RAF Wildenrath, Düsseldorf and Hannover) and back, can now apply for the same indulgence travel concessions as already exist for passengers to RAF Gatow, Berlin.

Applications in accordance with JSP 356 Chapter 6 should be made through your unit orderly room to Services Booking Centre in London for UK to West Germany flights and to the Command Booking Centre, HQ RAF Germany for West Germany to UK flights.

New resolutions for 1983

— UKLF wives get their own Federation

THE NEW YEAR has been heralded by a significant advance for Army wives. UKLF has given the old wives' clubs a facelift for 1983 which will give wives a bigger role than ever to play in Army life.

General Sir Frank Kitson, Commander-in-Chief UKLF, put the final seal of approval on proposals to establish a UKLF Federation of Army Wives' Clubs just before Christmas when he signed the Federation's Charter.

It was at the UKLF Wives' Seminar held last autumn that the proposition to form a Federation was put to delegates — wives representing each of the UKLF Districts — and the idea was debated at some length. The Charter has since been prepared in consultation with the Army and the Federation constituted along the lines agreed.

Inevitably, the Charter itself is a somewhat formal and involved document but behind the details of committees, representatives and other administrative matters, all of which had to be considered, resolved and rationalised in order to clarify the Federation's terms of reference, lies the basis for a remarkable opportunity for wives to show their worth.

Under the terms and aims of the Charter, wives will be encouraged to expand their existing wives' club (or whatever it is called in their unit) or start new ones, to provide representatives on committees concerned with furnishings and accommodation for Army families and committees for welfare, to represent the views of Army wives to committees and organisations outside the Services but concerned with their well-being and to provide volunteers to help with youth, family and children's activities in units and stations.

The emphasis is on participation and communication through an organised medium. Wives' clubs have often been rather half-hearted affairs in the past, coming into their own mainly for coffee and a chat once a week or for entertainment when the men have been away. Now, through the Federation there will be more scope for wives to express their views and opinions as well as putting their talents to good use in their own community.

Lady Elizabeth Kitson believes firmly that there is a need for the Federation. She has written a letter which will be sent to every UKLF wife explaining just what the Federation will mean to each individual and how it can be of great benefit to us all.

"The Federation is to be the



Lady Kitson (right) explains the new Federation to a group of wives at Wilton.

recognised 'voice' of Army wives in UKLF in future," she writes "and that includes YOU. There is nothing new about wives' clubs as you know. What is new, however, is that as a member of a Federated Wives' Club, there will be a chance for you to have a say on decisions affecting the quality of life in your married quarter home and on the patch.

"How will this work?

"The idea is that through your wives' club, or whatever the organisation is called in your particular garrison or station, you may voice your ideas or opinions, make suggestions to improve your family lifestyle and ask the sort of questions which were hard to get answers to in the past. These will be recorded, discussed and passed to your garrison and up to District if necessary."

No longer will wives with problems or complaints be lone voices crying in a wilderness with nobody to hear them. If a suggestion is made or a problem raised which is found, through the inter-communication of affiliated wives' clubs, to be generally widespread the Federation will have the authority to draw the Army's attention to it. If, on the other hand, the problem is more specific and can be dealt with closer to home, this too can be solved more easily.

The Federation is not a com-

plaints bureau though as Lady Kitson explains: "Here I must emphasise that our concern is to work constructively within the chain of command and not as a separate pressure group outside. We are part of the whole Army and in this way we can all work together to improve the quality of Army life."

Communication, or the lack of it, both up and down the chain of command has been a problem between families and the Army and this is one of the main areas of concern for the Federation. Through the wives' clubs, UKLF hopes to gather information from wives 'on the ground' and, equally importantly, to pass on information that concerns families.

One of the best ways of doing this is through a magazine or newspaper and the Federation will be producing its own 'in-house' magazine, called *Neighbours*, which will be distributed free to every Army family in UKLF. It will be a quarterly publication written and produced for wives, by wives and packed with information, helpful tips, features, news from around the Districts and many other articles to look forward to. It is being produced by volunteers and depends on contributions and support from each of you. Again, this can be done through your wives' club, or you should

write direct to The Editor, *Neighbours*, CSP, PO Box 4, Farnborough, Hants. This will be a families' magazine, for you and your children so do give it your support.

The Federation, like all other organisations, requires funds. These are primarily to cover the cost of travel and other related expenses, as well as to give financial help to clubs and committees as necessary and to help set up the magazine. A grant has been made by UKLF Welfare Funds and each wives' club will be asked for an initial registration fee of £5 together with an annual subscription of, at present, £10 for a major unit and £5 for a minor unit wives' club. This will be supplemented by fund-raising and, possibly, by other grants.

The Federation is the most exciting thing that has happened to Army wives for many years and it is up to us all to make sure it is a success story and not merely an old wives' club tale. "How the Federation develops will depend on you and your support," writes Lady Kitson. "Here is your opportunity to become fully and usefully involved in Army life as it affects you and your family, to work constructively in support of the Army, to improve conditions and the quality of life to the benefit of everyone, your husband and family alike."

THE TEMPERATURE rises to over ninety degrees and the jungle humidity envelops the small Army patrol in a clinging blanket of moisture as the lead man, swinging a machette, cuts a trail through the dense jungle of Belize, close to the Guatemalan border.

The jungle patrol is from the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment who, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Calder, are in Belize on a six month unaccompanied emergency tour of duty. They are part of the 1800-strong British Force, assisting the Belize Defence Force in guarding against any incursion from Guatemala.

Arriving in Belize in October the Battalion, normally based at Oakington Barracks in Cambridge, is deployed in four company locations with about two hundred men at each, including gunners of 127 (Dragon) Battery detached from 49 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, Topcliffe Yorks, and sappers of 53 Field Squadron Royal Engineers from Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire.

The main concentration of the British Force in Belize is at Airport Camp some fifteen miles from the city of Belize. This camp houses the Headquarters of the force under the Commander British Forces, Brigadier Tony Pollard, who was himself a Royal Anglian from the 1st Battalion.

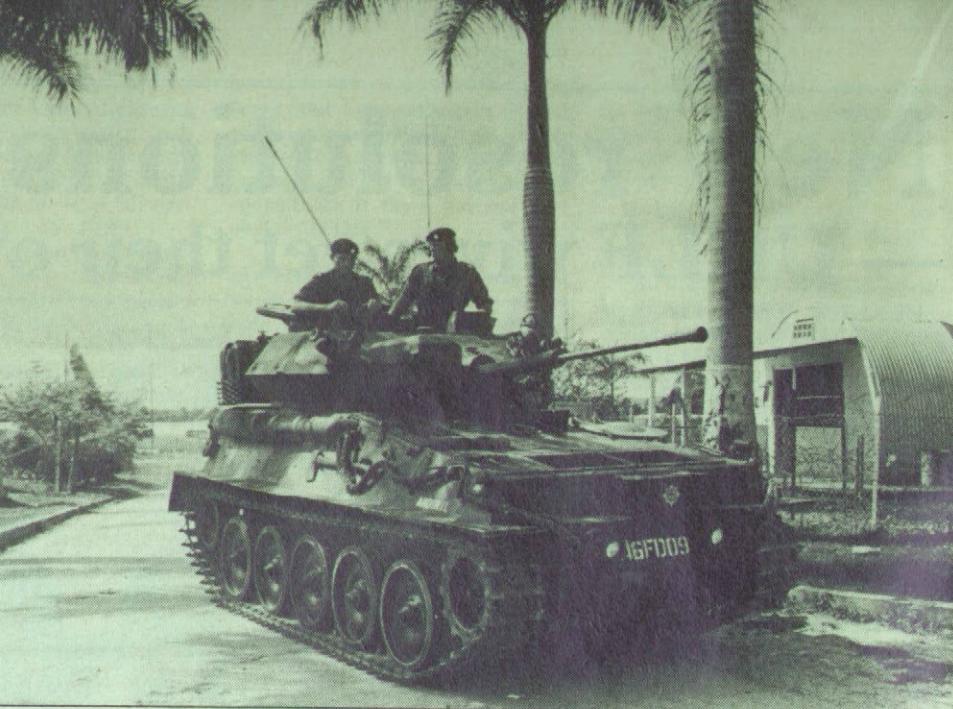
Here too are based Army Corps helicopters as well as Harriers, helicopters and Rapier ground-to-air missiles of the RAF.

To the south, 170 miles away, lie the camps of 'Rideau', near the small coastal town of Punta Gorda and 'Salamanca', a camp in the very heart of the jungle, while 65 miles to the north is 'Holdfast' camp.

All the accommodation in the camps is in Nissen huts and is fairly basic as one would expect in jungle areas. But surrounded by palm trees and hills, they can look quite attractive in the Caribbean sunshine.

The tasks that the Royal Anglians carry

Pte Leslie Ware of HQ Coy 1 R ANGLIAN meets a crocodile while on local patrol.



A Scimitar of 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards leaves Holdfast Camp for a recce.

out in Belize vary according to their Company locations, but overall the Battalion is responsible for jungle patrols, river patrols, manning border observation posts, road patrols, and normal guard duties.

Possibly the most arduous tasks are the jungle patrols as each man has to carry a seventy pound pack which will include his survival equipment and a five day supply of food, plus his weapons.

Each patrol stays in the jungle for a fortnight, and relies on helicopters to drop rations into a jungle clearing every five days.

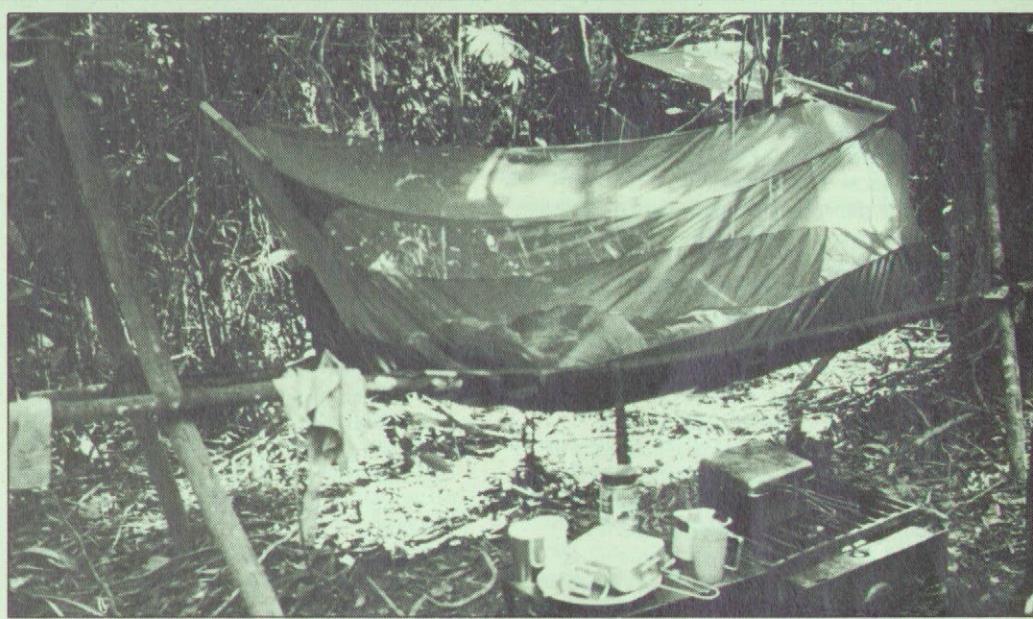
At night the patrols sling lightweight hammocks between the trees, rig up protective covers to keep off the rain and cover themselves with a mosquito net to protect them from marauding local insect life. ■



Drummer Robert Hobbs, 1 R ANGLIAN, gets a helping hand with his cam cream.



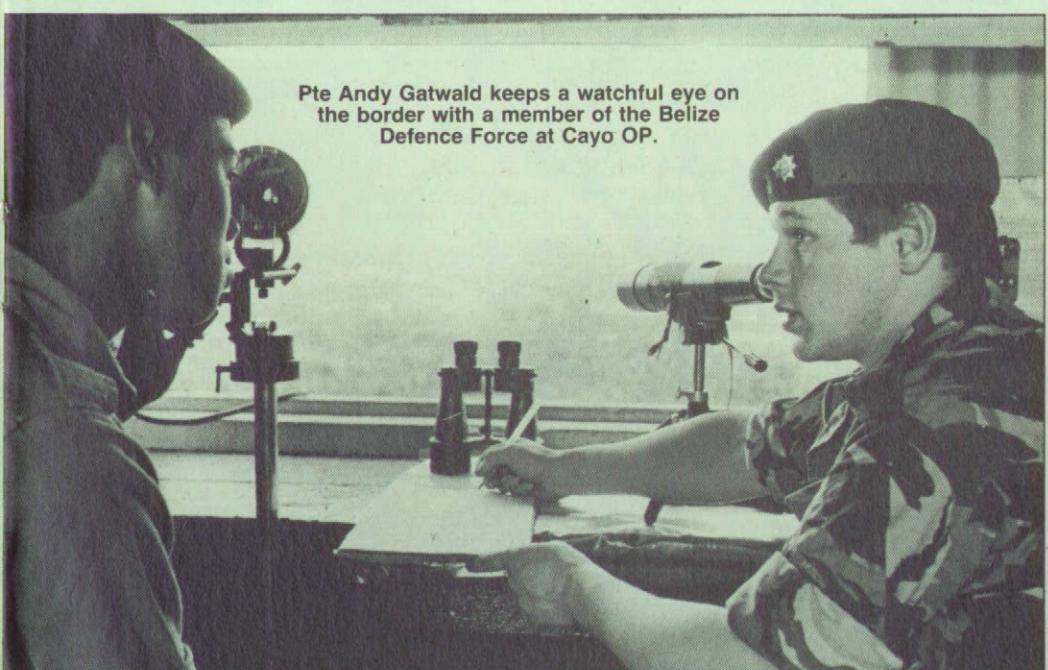
The jungle fighters of B Coy. L/Cpl David Rawlinson hacks a trail.



Night stop for an Anglian jungle patrol.

Story: Pete Brown
Pictures: Bob Fousert

Drummer Mick Pywell, 1 R ANGLIAN, erects shore defences at Punta Gorda. ▶



Pte Andy Gatwald keeps a watchful eye on the border with a member of the Belize Defence Force at Cayo OP.



Driver Nigel Thomas, 404 Troop RCT, with 'Sancho', the Troop's pet Cota Mundu.



CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS



Neutral since 1815 and belonging to no defensive alliance, Switzerland maintains only a small regular army yet could mobilise more than 625,000 well trained fighting men if its independence were ever threatened. SOLDIER writer Graham Smith and photographer Doug Pratt were the only British news team to visit 'Panzerjagd' — a five-day exercise in which the Swiss put their military plans to the test. They discovered that Switzerland can boast about a lot more than watches and clocks when it comes to ...

PRECISION MOVEMENT

IT WAS A CHILLY, overcast afternoon outside the powdered milk factory. Steam belched lazily skywards from a ramrod high brick chimney thrusting high above the Sugen plant and its rural landscape. Just hours before, the first fickle dustings of winter snow had fallen.

Inside the sturdy cement-walled complex, 100 employees were busy meeting their daily production targets.

Suddenly, from over the wooded brow of nearby well-oaked hills, three military Alouette helicopters, line astern, clattered in briefly to an adjoining field to set down 15 armed troops who promptly stormed the apparently inoffensive installation.

Bemused office workers craned out of upper windows as the combat-kitted figures swiftly skirted outbuildings and darted among parked bulk container lorries.

They watched with fascination as the heli-borne raiders pumped off several blanks from their 7.5mm Sturmgehr 57 rifles at pre-positioned defenders crouched in

The Swiss Army on the move during Panzerjagd clutching Sturmgehr 57 rifles.

tactical concealment behind huge wooden crates.

But the fast-moving attack was just one of many similar scenarios to be enacted during eastern Switzerland's biggest threefold exercise of the past three years.

Spread over five days at an estimated cost of three million Swiss francs (over £900,000), 'Panzerjagd' — it means Tank Hunt — incorporated general mobilisation of the conscript reserve force, field training exercise play and a heavy commitment by the land-locked country's Civil Defence

organisation. About five per cent of the Swiss Army is an all-professional cadre.

In all, 30,000 reservists — including 43 women — from 319 units and 79 staffs were involved in the regional martial epic which was played out in earnest round-the-clock in the four cantons of Zurich, Thurgau, St Gallen and Schaffhausen.

Earlier, on the day that it was attacked, the Sugen powdered milk factory had taken on



Helicopter view of the manoeuvres for Corps Commandant Rudolf Blocher.

its designated role as a general mobilisation centre — one of 50 or so such assembly points — where 120 young reservists arrived wearing their grey uniforms, helmets, boots and other clothing and carrying their personal rifles, all of which they keep at home.

The total value of the kit is nearly 4300 Swiss Francs (about £1,300) of which the rifle and its magazine alone are worth over £500.

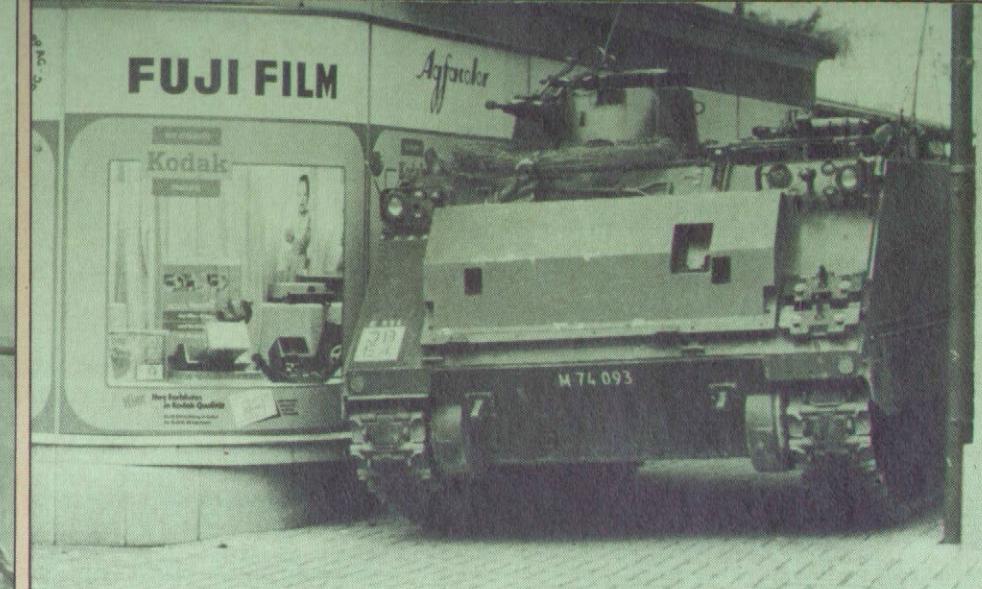
Half-an-hour after arrival from a nearby railhead, they had changed into their unique autumnal-flecked combat kit, had taken on extra equipment, been given the latest sitrep briefing on local conditions and begun mugging up the contents of a booklet called *Immediate Training*. Its 17 pages set out, in précis, what they are already supposed to have learned in 117 days of basic training during their first year's conscript service.

The commitment to military service is compulsory and lasts from 20 until 50. Every able-bodied man must do it unless there are exceptional reasons. In the first year, for instance, all recruits carry out the 17-week basic training programme and, for the next eight years, they must come back for an annual three-week refresher course.

Hardly anyone is exempt and failure to report without good reason can result in a gaol sentence.

Firms are compensated according to a fixed scale for employees engaged in military service and the reservists themselves are paid for their time spent in uniform. The

A typical young APC crew. ▼



An APC lurks in a town alleyway.

daily rate ranges from just over £1 for a recruit to about £9 for a corps commander (three star general rank).

At one stage of Panzerjagd it was said that 11 generals were involved in the exercise logistics, and so important was the exercise that Switzerland's Federal President, Dr Fritz Honneger — a former militia captain himself — came to watch the proceedings.

As Captain Walter Frey, 39, the main regional distributor for BL Cars and joint co-publisher of a Zurich weekly newspaper pointed out to SOLDIER: "We firmly believe in our endeavours to strengthen our defences because we think that's the way to peace. History has proved up until now that Switzerland's defences are sufficiently strong to serve as a warning to potential invaders that any attack is just not worthwhile, risking as they would, heavy casualties."

For Gunner Hanspeter Tobler, a farmer, answering the call of his country meant leaving 27 cows in the care of his family. But he was philosophical about it.

"Actually, I'm in a lucky position. My father and my wife help run the farm when I'm called up. And, if it were ever in an emergency, I could also call on my neighbours. So, the exercise does not bother me too much."

For most men like Gunner Tobler, the five-day mobilisation or *Mobilmachung* was part of their annual three-week refresher training amid the hills and valleys of a

A 50-ton Centurion crosses the pontoon bridge over the Rhine. ▼

country which shares 1177 miles of border with five others.

Private Hansjörg Schnider, who had been laughing and drinking with his chums on Friday night, was driving a 50-ton Centurion tank on Monday, a vehicle some ten feet wider than the cosy 1300cc VW left safely at home in his garage.

It was Schnider's third such call-up as a reservist and he was taking it all in his stride. "Certainly, I must get used to driving a tank once a year again but I'm confident. I do about 45 hours' actual driving annually, not counting simulators."

For Private Heini Dibotto, donning uniform was a matter of some pride. "One should see an exercise like Panzerjagd all the way through. It's the duty of every Swiss citizen," he averred.

But recruit Alois Schwitter was slightly apprehensive. "This is my first exercise and I hope it won't be too tough and that I don't have to run about too much," he confided. "It should be quite interesting though."

"I hope it all keeps going and does not become boring," was the wish of Private Martin Koller. "Also of big importance to me is something always to eat in my rucksack — just in case of emergency!"

Less complimentary about the whole concept of Panzerjagd was Heini Huber who moaned: "I don't expect to gain much from this exercise. The older I get, the more military service stinks!"

But this was not the general view of Panzerjagd and by noon on the first day of mobilisation, 60 per cent of notified reser-

continued on page 28



vists had already reported to their centre. A further 30 per cent had followed by 4pm and the rest by four hours later.

Neutral, certainly since 1815, the Swiss work hard at perfecting their defensive role and take their civil defence — with underground refuges and hospitals — very seriously. Every town has its own subterranean complex and these too were fully tested during Panzerjagd with men, women, children and pets practising mock evacuations.

Keeping the exercise play moving throughout the five days was the task of 4 Field Army Corps — 4 FAK — one of four such organisations nationwide. And the Corps Commander, Rolf Blocher, a three-star general on his last exercise before retirement, was determined that action — not paper — was what counted.

"Panzerjagd will not founder in a flood of paper. We will talk more with each other, not write," he ordered his military commanders.

"The purpose of Panzerjagd," he explained to SOLDIER, "is that we want to show any enemy that it's better to go in another direction rather than through Switzerland. It would be too costly to go through our country. That's most important to remember."

For the statistically inclined, Panzerjagd brought into exercise play 170 Centurion tanks, 280 Armoured Personnel Carriers, 5200 wheeled vehicles, 230 Bantam and Dragon anti-tank weapons, 45 anti-tank guns, 1600 rocket launchers, 45 field guns and howitzers, 30 M.109 guns, 144 anti-aircraft guns, 140 mortars, 170 machine



A youngster shares his doorstep with a 'Noddy'-suited reservist during a simulated chemical attack.

guns, 900,000 litres of fuel, 200,000 litres of water supply and 150 tons of emergency rations.

Also in reserve were 266 carrier pigeons — just in case other links were cut or captured. This pigeon post was capable of carrying 110 messages daily.

In the air assault role, 74 jet fighters —

including 40 refurbished Hunter Mk58s (the Swiss are the largest operators with 148 of the type), 20 helicopters and eight light aircraft streaked, clattered or droned their way at allotted intervals over fields, woods and lakes.

But the exercise was certainly not confined to the open country as the resolute reservists took their war games right into the main street of bustling towns and bucolic villages.

Infantry sections quickly ran across fol-

Up-country at Amaklion, a 27-year-old Centurion tank — with a much younger crew — snuggled up to the side of a barn to escape the attention of prying eyes.

In the village of Matzingen, young reservists were reporting for duty in family cars, sprinting into a barn and clambering into inelegant NBC gear. They emerged looking like sinister Wombles, their faces covered and elongated by gas masks, their bodies screened by mottle-patterned ponchos, their hands cocooned in see-through protective gloves.

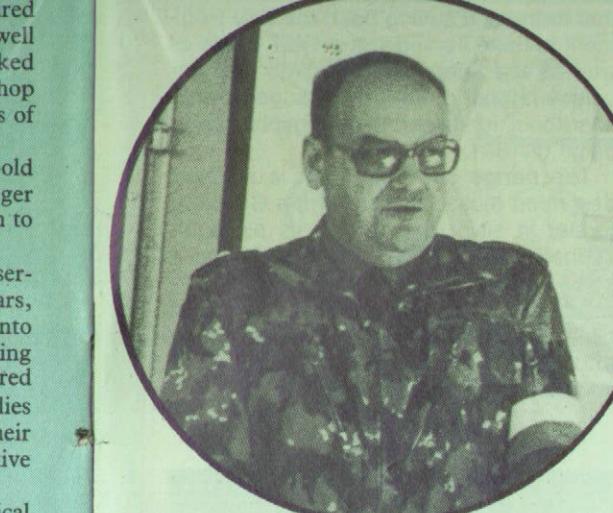
An air-delivered 'C-Attack' — chemical assault — was imminent from a light aircraft spraying, in reality, a soda solution.

Elsewhere, the part-time Swiss militia men set up TCPs — Traffic Control Points — which operated at all hours. One inattentive military truck driver was loudly brought to a halt in Wil by a checkpoint soldier who fired four rounds into the night air!

Enemy saboteurs in the early stages of Panzerjagd were reportedly everywhere. One bold bunch had even penetrated the domain of a local pastor.

Meanwhile, on the banks of the Rhine between Flurlingen and Neuhausen, Swiss Army engineers had built a 126-metre-long, 24-section pontoon bridge capable of sustaining the weight of passing 50-ton Centurion tanks.

In a nearby village residents found them-



Brigadier Ernst Muhlemann, 4 Corps Chief of Staff, gives the media an up-date sitrep.

lowed later by four Centurions and 11 APCs. To help foster good public relations, each APC carried a slogan on the back "Ich fahre für Sie" ("I'm driving for you").

Up the road on the stairwell balcony of some flats two men manned an anti-tank gun; just a few yards from the flowing Rhine more crews manned triple 20mm anti-aircraft guns under the cover of camouflage and strategically-sited deciduous trees.

In a nearby village residents found them-

selves driving and paddling among fluid carpets of mud with roads and paths turned

to quagmire beneath the tons of mobile military machinery.

Overhead, two pairs of ground-attack

Hunters hurtled at intervals in four strafing

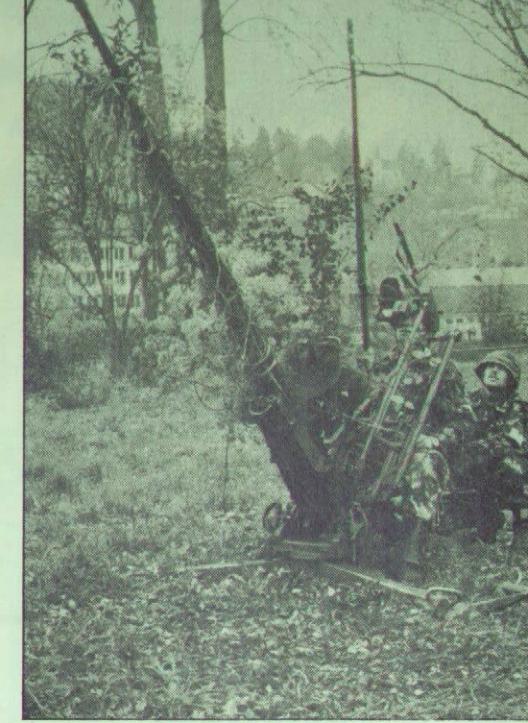
runs as hundreds of heads strained upwards in the clear, cool air.

In meadows a few kilometres away were more anti-aircraft gun detachments with brown cows keeping a discreet cud-chewing distance.

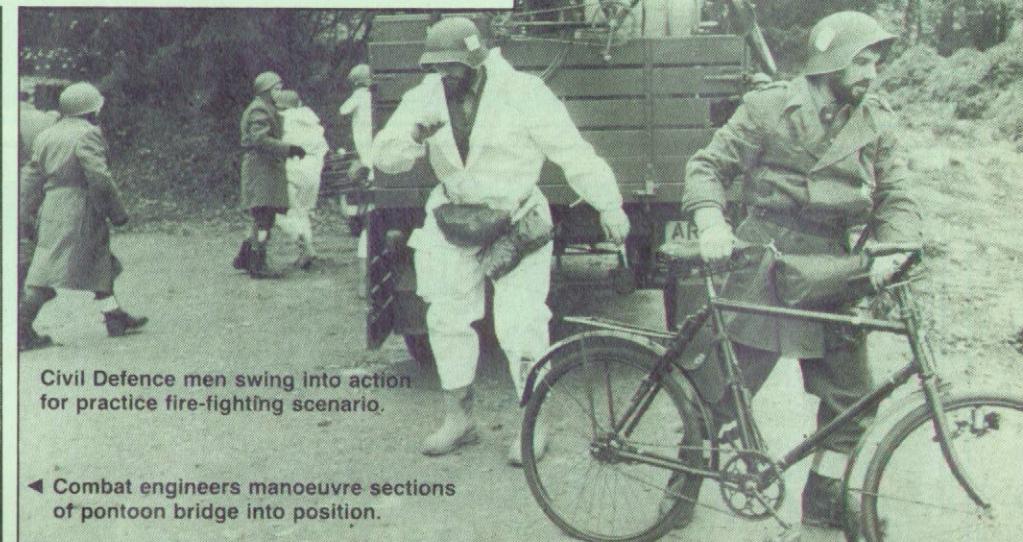
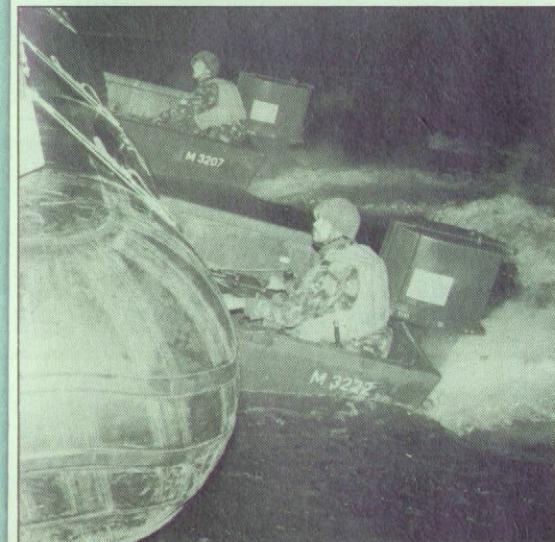
Four Alouette helicopters with laser-guided weaponry were busy taking out a clutch of dispersed Centurions, each 'kill' confirmed for the umpires by rotating orange lights on the tank turrets of the victims.

And as the battle continued according to plan Brigadier Ernst Muhlemann, Chief of Staff of 4 Field Army Corps as well as a prominent banker in the region, explained Switzerland's military philosophy. "Neutrality without defence has no sense. We have neutrality in this country because we, ourselves, want it. It is not the outside world that has forced us to be neutral."

"This policy was sustained even to the Second World War when we saw our policy was a good one because we were sitting in the middle of Europe while all the other countries were at war. We were the profit-makers of that period and we grew fat but we thought we would have another idea; we would help other people who are weaker than we are. I hope we will remain independent in the future."



An anti-aircraft gun tracks a pair of marauding ground-attack Hunters near the Rhine.

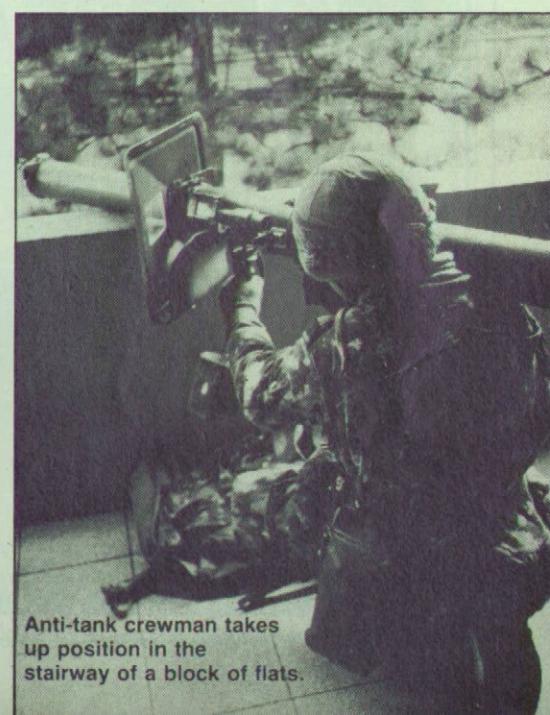


Civil Defence men swing into action for practice fire-fighting scenario.

Combat engineers manoeuvre sections of pontoon bridge into position.



Nearly a nasty! For a horrifying moment it seemed this Centurion might topple into the Rhine and a tractor had to pull it to safety.



Anti-tank crewman takes up position in the stairway of a block of flats.

FUNSATIONAL! That's the TWENTYS experience and for only £89!

It's exciting, uninhibited and unique.

And, it's only for the 18-33's!

We use hotels that are reserved EXCLUSIVELY for TWENTYS — so there'll be no young screaming kids or elderly disapproving grannies!

We're in the liveliest resorts in the Med, in places like Ibiza, Majorca and Corfu.

And, we fly from 9 local airports.

 ATOL 1290B

TWENTYS
The Best 18-33 Holidays!

Please send me a FREE copy of the TWENTYS 1983 SUMMER BROCHURE.

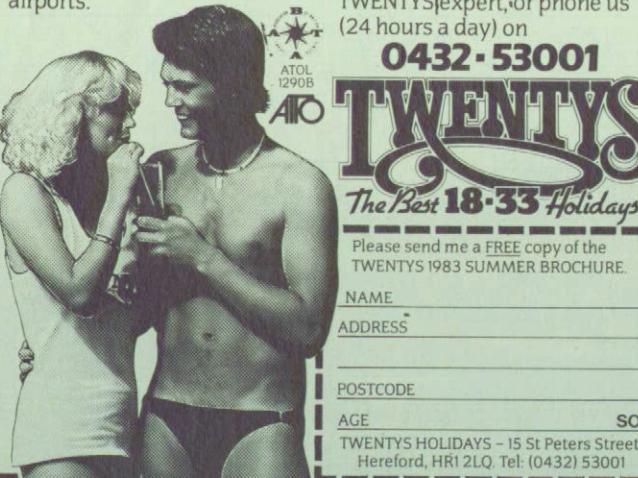
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

AGE _____

SO1
TWENTYS HOLIDAYS - 15 St Peters Street,
Hereford, HR1 2LQ. Tel: (0432) 53001



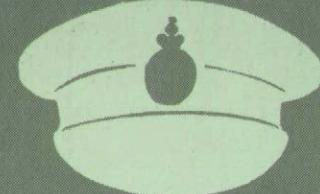
YOUR FUTURE... CONTINUING SERVICE — in family security with **WINDSOR LIFE**

Windsor Life is a leading UK company and member of the British Insurance Association, operating in Great Britain and parts of Western Europe.

We offer a career in sales and sales management with the added security of salary, excellent commission, expenses, mortgage arrangements, pension scheme, free life assurance and opportunities abroad.

If you have less than two years to serve and are interested in learning more about people like you who have made a successful career with us — write to:

**Lt. Col. C. M. Bateson,
Windsor Life Assurance Co. Ltd.,
Royal Albert House,
Windsor, Berks.**



Your Cap Badge

No 32

THE DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET REGIMENT

NOT, PERHAPS, the most attractive badge seen in the head-dresses of members of the British Army these days, but one which embodies the principal features of those formerly worn.

The pride of both former regiments concerned is preserved in this design. The Devonshire Regiment contributed the Castle of Exeter and the motto *Semper Fidelis*

(always faithful) and the Dorset Regiment gave the Sphinx superscribed 'Marabout' and the proud *Primus in Indus*, this last commemorating the fact that the 39th was the first of the British regiments to serve in India.

This amalgam of two West Country regiments has been a happy one, even if it may have seemed an obvious decision. The Devonshire Regiment dates from 1685 but did not receive a numerical title until 1751 when they were designated the 11th Regiment of Foot; a year later the territorial association began with the addition of 'North Devon' to the distinction. In 1881, when the Cardwell Reform swept away the old and valued numbers, the title they were to wear for 77 years emerged as 'The Devonshire Regiment'. The crest of the Castle of Exeter and motto were not adopted until March 1883, having been the badge of the Devon Militia for many years. Their nickname of 'The Bloody Eleventh' originated at Salamanca in 1812 when a mere seventy men survived that battle, and its meaning was grimly refreshed in 1918 at Bois-des-Buttes when, after a particularly fierce engagement, the survivors were just one officer, one sergeant and twenty men.

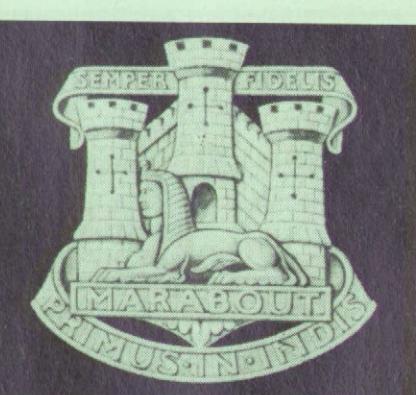
The other partner, formed by joining the 39th (Dorsetshire) with the 54th (West Norfolk) as 'The Dorsetshire Regiment', had its title shortened in 1951 to become 'The Dorset Regiment'. Over the years it earned certain honours that were carried on its head-dress badge. The Castle, Key and Motto of Gibraltar, were given for the part the 39th played in the Great Siege of

that fortress, it having been the only Regiment to have served in the 1727 Siege as well as the later one. The 54th had the unique honour of the Sphinx superscribed 'Marabout' for its part in the Egyptian campaign of 1801.

The badge currently worn is officially described thus: "In front of the Castle of Exeter in silver the sphinx, its plinth inscribed 'Marabout'. Above the Castle a scroll inscribed *Semper Fidelis* and underneath a scroll inscribed *Primus in Indus* in gilt." It is worn by officers in gilt and silver and by the soldiers in the appropriate anodised materials.

Hugh L King

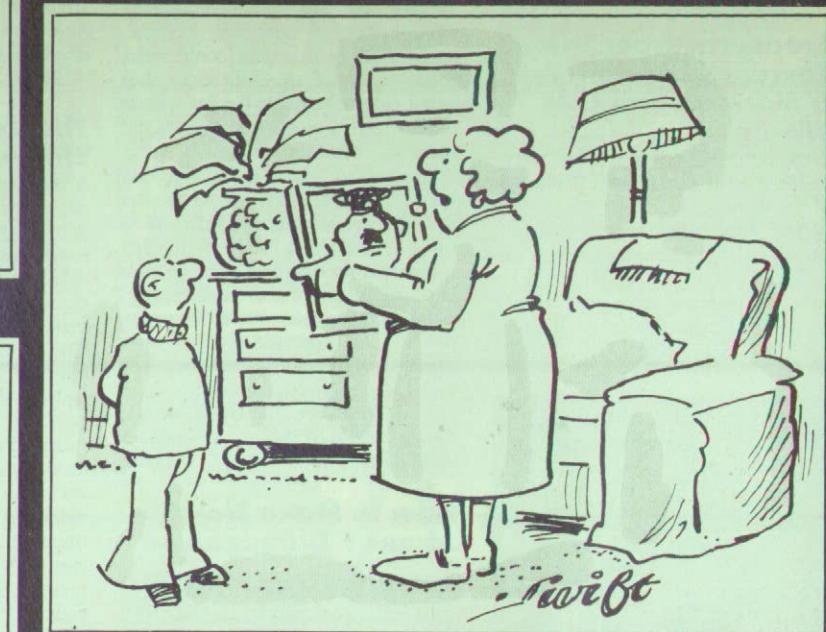
Next issue:
The Light Infantry



"But surely serving in the same regiment isn't the only thing you have in common?"



"I'd like to pay you what you're worth, Jackson. Unfortunately we have a minimum wage agreement with the union."



"Yes dear, your grandad did fight with the Army during the war — mostly with the Redcaps."

GOING PLACES.

Tax Free Cars for Overseas Postings.



If you've just got news of your posting then you're probably thinking about a new Tax Free car.

Natocars of Bridgwater are specialists in cars for overseas postings, particularly cars for Germany. You probably know already that cars bought from Natocars in the UK are at Continental Prices and just as cheap as cars in Europe. And of course if you buy now you can enjoy driving your new car for up to twelve months free of tax before you leave.

We also take part-exchanges so that's not a problem either.

To get the full facts about Tax Free cars simply fill in the coupon and Natocars will send you their free 48 page Guide, it's well worth having just to see how much money you can save.

Please send me the Natocars guide to Tax Free cars.

Name _____ Rank _____

Address _____
Car for use in _____ (country) _____ (required)

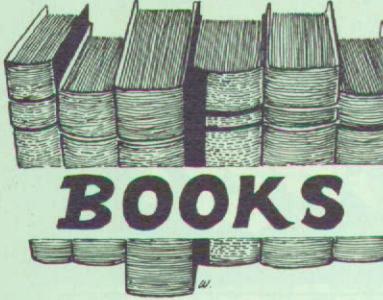
I'm interested in Ford Talbot/Peugeot Vauxhall/Opel

Austin Rover Used Cars Motor Caravans Car Hire

Will you be taking advantage of Natocars unique trade-in facility? Yes No (tick box) S16

Wyls Road · Bridgwater · Somerset · TA6 4DG Tel: Bridgwater (0278) 55555 · Telex: 46285 To telephone from Germany dial 0044-278-55555

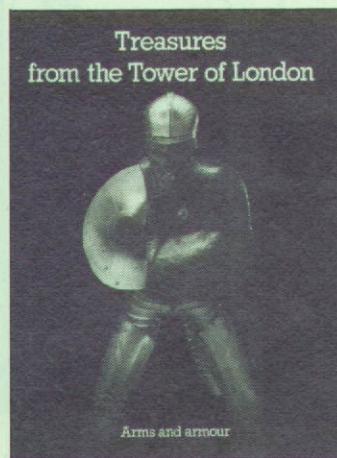
Humour



BOOKS

Treasures from The Tower of London: A V B Norman and G M Wilson

Although it does not say so, except vaguely in the penultimate paragraph of the opening article on the History of the Armouries, this is clearly a catalogue of a current travelling exhibition which was in Norwich, is now in Cincinnati and will shortly be in Toronto; perhaps this should have been stated as readers might be living nearby and wish to see it!



Arms and armour

The collection covers all the material one would expect to see at The Tower Armouries, such as armour, swords, shields, helmets, firearms, pikes and so on but, in addition to some excellent photographs of the 111 items, there are also detailed descriptions, as well as an article on the History of Arms and Armour and an excellent glossary of terms. A book for every medieval weapons enthusiast.

Arms and Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High St, London NW3 1QQ — £11.95

PSN

The Stalag Men: Donald Edgar

Behind Dunkirk in 1940 those elements of the British Army which had not reached the beaches had no option but to surrender to the advancing Germans.

The remnants of the 2nd/6th Battalion East Surreys, as part of the 51st Highland Division, was among them. Before General Rommel's 7th Panzer Division took them over, the adjutant of the Surreys hurriedly buried some thousands of pounds of regimental funds under a large stone. A Territorial Army sergeant who was with him and the commanding officer, is the author of this book and tells how he subsequently wished he had acquired some of the money — it might have aided him and others to escape.

In captivity the officers were immediately separated from the other ranks and were dispatched by rail to their own camps in Germany. The

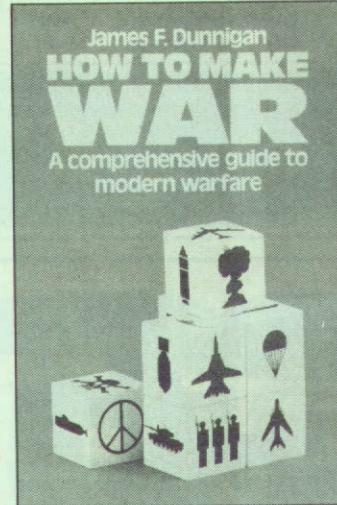
men began a long arduous march through Belgium and Holland, foot-sore, bedraggled and under intense pressure. Later in camp after camp they lived often in filthy conditions and became threadbare and lousy. There were more than 100,000 of them and they worked and sweated on various manual tasks. Attempts to escape were limited. One organised by five East Surreys, including the author, was a complete failure, discovered before they could leave their hut. Had they got clear they could only have made for Russia and might have received worse treatment than with the Germans.

The author, who knew German, was privileged to act as interpreter and was able to follow the course of the war by reading local newspapers. But this is no dramatic story of plots and plans to outwit and escape, rather a tale of the miserable everyday life of men under guard who worked monotonously, fell sick, survived and endured.

John Clare Books, 106 Cheyne Walk, London SW10 0JE — £9.95 hardback or £5.95 limp cover.

GRH

How to Make War: James F Dunnigan



From dug-out to headquarters, James Dunnigan endeavours in this subtle analysis to explain in non-technical language every facet of the military machine — on the ground, in the air and at sea.

The role of the infantryman is examined in depth while his weapons, both light and heavy, his personal equipment including such details as pain-killers, plastic armoured vests and many other items vital to the efficiency, well-being and fighting capability of the foot soldier are thoroughly scrutinised with specific comparisons between the GI and his Russian counterpart. Artillery and tanks also come under the microscope, often with some surprising conclusions. An intriguing section on human factors such as leadership and intelligence plus the seldom tackled question of what the armed forces do in peace-time, complete a thoughtful study of infantryman, gunner, airman and sailor.

Inevitably there is a section devoted to the automated battlefield of war in space while the potential of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons is critically assessed. The introduction of electronic techniques has fundamentally changed the ways

in which war can be fought and the pros and cons of electronic warfare are carefully weighed and examined.

In this highly readable and informative book dealing mainly with the fighting potential of the United States and the West and the Soviet Union and her satellites, there is much to ponder and much information which the student of military affairs will find invaluable.

Arms and Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 1QQ — £9.95

JFPJ

The Vanishing Willows: John Calder

A nicely produced 82-page book about the work of Princess Louise Scottish Hospital near Glasgow. Better known as Erskine Hospital for disabled ex-servicemen, it was opened in 1916 and has cared for 40,000 men maimed whilst serving their country. This is a history of 60 years of successful endeavour, of the tenacity and courage that overcomes dire disabilities, and of the dedication that has made this hospital the life-saver for so many seriously wounded men.

Prince Charles is patron and provides the foreword which emphasises that in the year 2000 there will still be men of World War Two under treatment at Erskine. There is comedy as well as drama in this book and one of the human interest stories tells how, when wood was badly needed for artificial limbs, two willow trees disappeared from the grounds of Glasgow University. Hence the title chosen for this slim but heart-touching volume.

Princess Louise Scottish Hospital, Bishopston, Renfrewshire PA7 5PU — £2

GRH

BOOKS IN BRIEF

Allied Commanders of World War II by Anthony Kemp

Osprey Men-at-Arms series. Osprey Publishing Ltd, 12-14 Long Acre, London WC2E 9LP — £3.50.

Men-at-Arms Series. Recent additions to this series are 'Wellington's Light Cavalry', 'The Armies of Islam 7th-11th Centuries', 'Wellington's Heavy Cavalry', 'Rome's Enemies: Germans and Dacians', 'The Panzer Division' (Revised Edition), 'Armies of the Carthaginian Wars 265-146 BC', 'Napoleon's German Allies: Hessen-Darmstadt & Hessen-Kassel', 'The Polish Armour 1939-45', 'Battle for the Falklands (3): Air Forces.'

Osprey Publishing Ltd, 12-14 Long Acre, London WC2E 9LP — £3.50 each.

Badges of the Highland and Lowland Regiments (including Volunteer and Territorial Bns) by William and Kathleen Bloomer. Limited edition of 500. A photographic study of Scottish regiments with 60 plates of badges etc. All books will be personally autographed. Available only from the authors.

94 Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, London SE22 8QY — £9.95 hardback.

They Proved to all the Earth by John E Price.

A source book of some 263 Victorians who died through service in the

South African War of 1899-1902. Limited Edition of 1000 copies and published by author. Price \$8.00 (Australian) plus \$1 p&p. Remittances, preferably by International Money Order, to John Price, Villa 7, 16 Barrett Street, Cheltenham, Victoria, 3192, Australia.

Scottish Regimental Badges 1793-1971 (including Commonwealth Forces.) An illustrated reference guide for collectors with 1982/83 price guide.

Arms and Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 1QQ — £4.95.

Warbirds Illustrated series Nos 10 & 11. 'Air War over Vietnam Vol 1' by Dana Bell. 'Air War over Korea' by Jerry Scutts.

Arms and Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 1QQ — £3.95 each.

Richard Simpkin's Uniforms of the British Army (The Cavalry Regiments) by W Y Carman.

The first time these illustrations, formerly the property of the United Services Club (The Senior) before its closure in 1975, have ever been published or reproduced.

Webb & Bower, Ltd, 9 Colleton Crescent, Exeter, Devon EX2 4BY — £14.95

Trajan's Army on Trajan's Column by Sir Ian Richmond.

This masterly commentary, a standard work since 1935, is here republished with new and improved illustrations.

The British School at Rome, 1 Lowther Gardens, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2AA — £6.50 plus postage (UK), £8.50 plus postage (overseas)

Armoured Fighting Vehicles.

The Tank Museum's souvenir booklet produced by Arms and Armour Press. Reasonably priced at £1.00 post free and available from the Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset BH20 6JG.

Wheels and Tracks.

Recently launched quarterly periodical calling itself the international review of military vehicles.

After the Battle, 3 New Plaistow Road, London E15 3JA — £1.75 (UK) \$4.75 (overseas).

The 6th Panzer Division 1937-1945 by Oberst A. D. Helmut Ritgen.

The twenty-eighth in this series describing key units and weapons systems of 20th century warfare.

Osprey Publishing Ltd, 12-14 Long Acre, London WC2E 9LP.

The Unknown Alamein by Charles Messenger.

Another in the series 'Crucial Battles of World War 2'.

Ian Allen Ltd, Shepperton TW17 8AS — £3.50.

Kaleidoscope of Bedford and Vauxhall Military Vehicles by Bart Vanderveen.

From the series of Marshall, Harris and Baldwin Transport Books.

Frederick Warne, 40 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HE — £7.95 hardback.

Combat Fleets of the World 1982/1983. Their ships, Aircraft and Armament.

Edited by Jean Labayle Couhat.

This is the English Language edition of the highly regarded 'Flottes de Combat'.

Arms and Armour Press, 2-6 Hampstead High Street, London NW3 2QQ — £29.50 hardback.

Graham Smith sees the Army's youngest lance corporal gain his stripe

THE OFFICIAL occasion was the end of term parade and prize-giving for 300 teenage soldiers of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, held in front of hundreds of admiring parents and friends in the huge hangar at Colerne, near Chippenham, Wiltshire.

But, in the event, the day finally belonged to a four-year-old black Shetland pony called Taku, the regimental pet, once dubbed as an "absolute monster" in his more coltish days, but now being honoured with promotion — from junior driver to junior lance corporal!

The concerted efforts of the band, those on parade — including 42 graduates and 16 prize winners — and even the presence of the Commander South-West District, Major-General Mike Gray, the Reviewing Officer, took nothing away from the pint-size pony's day.

The pony's handler was 17-year-old Junior Driver Jamie Hatt, winner of the Trade Training Equitation Prize. Both led the musical march into the hangar.

But Taku was noticeably fidgety-footed during the parade preamble and, possibly overcome by pre-promotion nerves, suddenly put all his fleeting little worries right behind him.

Inspection escorting officers, ever mindful of entourage etiquette, feared for the fast-approaching general. Would he, perhaps, put his foot in it? They need not have worried. General

Gray, showing considerable horse sense, nimbly side-stepped the shameful issue.

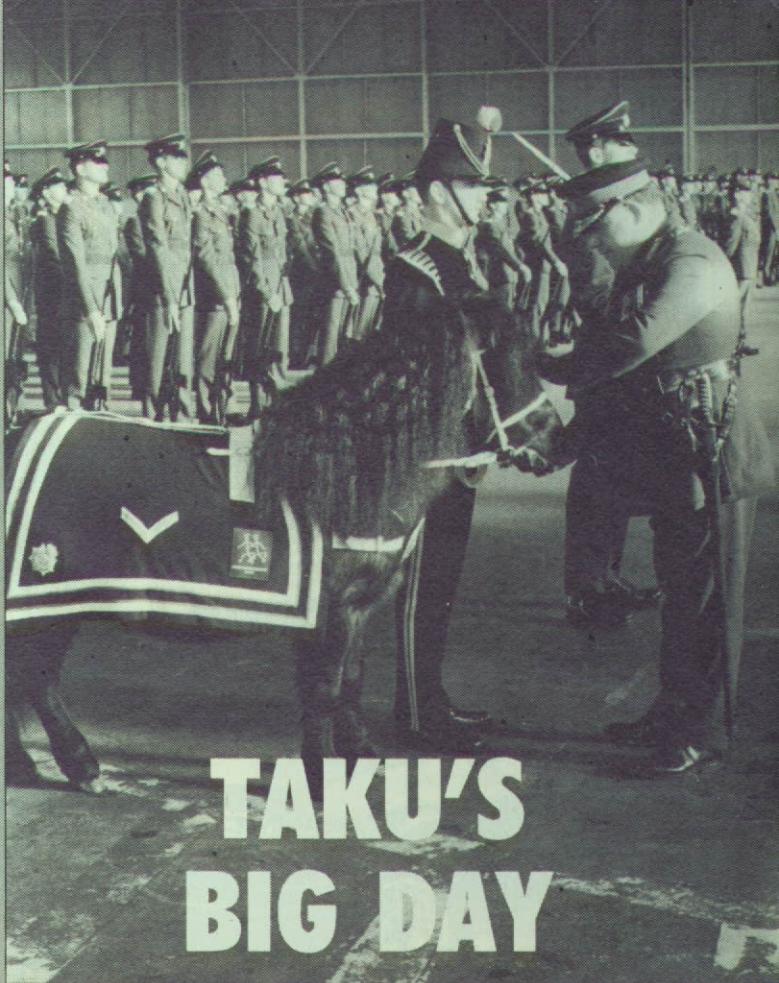
Taku's moment of elevation in the ranks was now just minutes away. An announcement was made. Heartfelt laughter and applause broke spontaneously from the seated spectators. Taku's horsing around was over — and he knew it.

In front of his saluting dais, General Gray carefully plucked two lance corporal chevrons from a red cushion.

Each stripe was affixed in place on either side of the pony's dark blue blanket which already sported the RCT badge. And the brief ceremony was concluded when General Gray popped two extra strong mints — Taku's favourites — into the latest RCT promotee's mouth, and took his leave of the Army's youngest junior lance corporal with two firm pats on the pony's rump.

Lance-Corporal 'Taff' Newman, who helps run the stables, said: "Taku is no stranger to parades and, hopefully, we will eventually get him working with the band. So far, he has never misbehaved on parade or bitten an inspecting officer though he does have an incurable habit of standing with one of his hooves on his handler's foot."

"He has always done well, not like his father, Bruneval — he belonged to the Para Regiment until his transfer to the RCT — who was 'busted' due to a combination of several months' bad conduct and an unforgivable offence during a Royal visit. Taku is an amiable sort of pony."



TAKU'S BIG DAY

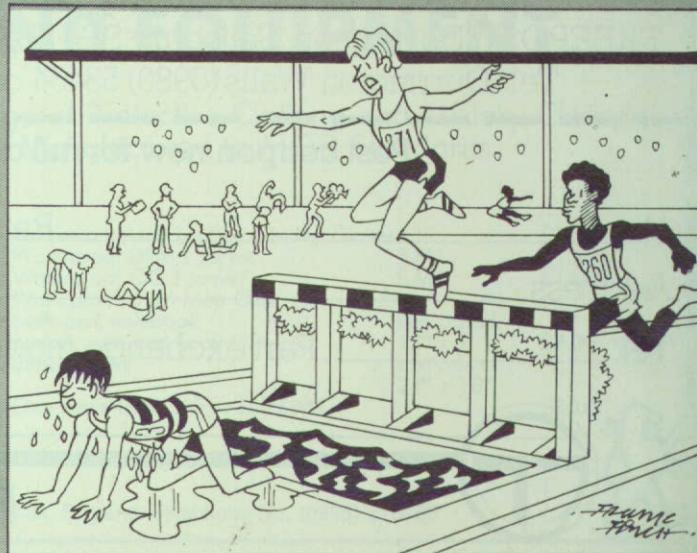
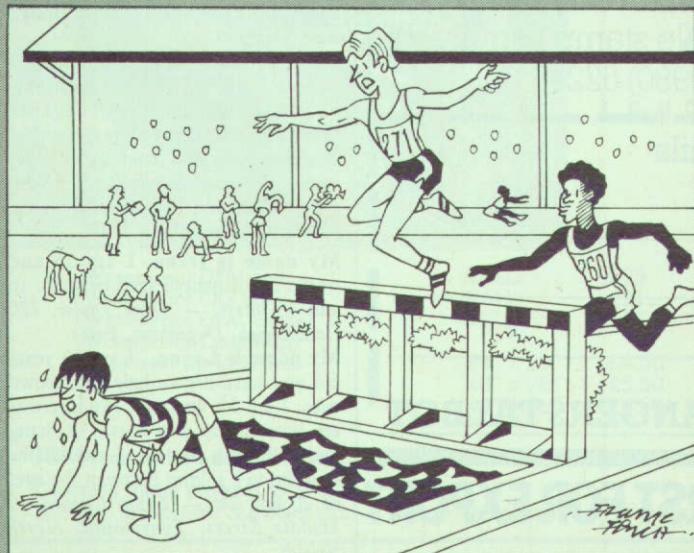
Standing just 38 inches high Taku gets his name from a famous RASC action at Taku Forts in China in 1860. His promotion potential was first recognised by Major Stanley Reed, now retired from the RCT and the Administration Officer, who told SOLDIER: "When I first came to Colerne, Taku was only three months old and an absolute monster. We never thought we would make anything out of him at all. We were beginning to despair of this frisky stallion yet we didn't want to cut him to cool his ardour.

"Last summer, however, he

went on parade and was absolutely perfect, almost as if he knew we might cut him. After all, his father was always in and out trying to escape to mate with Taku's eventual mother, Misty Bay. As Bruneval was getting old — he died at the age of 25 — it was decided to let him have his amorous way. Taku was born in June 1978.

"At least today, Taku didn't bite the general or go berserk among the crowd. Apart from the 'naughty' in the hangar, he did well and my faith in his promotion has been well justified."

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.

Talbot tops the value table

Solara GLS 1.6

£3,720

on the road



1982 model



1982 model

Talbot Alpine 1.6 SX illustrated

Alpine GL 1.6
£3,394 on the road

NAAFI Approved.

List prices, including delivery, correct at time of going to press.

Top performance, superb styling unbeatable value.
Take your choice of Saloon or Hatchback.

- Continental headlights
- Five speed gearbox
- 6 months road tax
- Stereo radio/cassette player
- Front and rear seat belts
- Passenger side door mirror
- Number plates
- Talbot 6 year anti-corrosion warranty
- Full tank of petrol
- Talbot's unique Extra Care policy

RANGERS

Rangers Talbot Military Sales Limited,

FREEPOST, Durrington, Salisbury SP4 8BR. (No stamp required)

Tel: Durrington Walls (0980) 53434 or (0980) 52246

Post coupon now for full details

S.A/S

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Part exchange model: _____



RANGERSTALBOT

FIRST FOR EXPORT



WANTED
My name is Tricia. I am 22 and 5ft tall, with dark brown hair and green eyes. My interests are music, dancing, reading, writing and watching football. I work in the wages office of an aircraft engineering company at Stanstead Airport. I would like to write to any soldiers under 32. — *Miss T Fuller, 3 Thrimley Lane, Farnham, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 1HX.*

I am nearly 17 years old, 5ft 8ins tall with blonde hair and blue eyes. My hobbies are enjoying myself, sport and discos. — *Debra Pagdin, 27 Linden Terrace, Love Lane, Pontefract, W Yorkshire.*

I am a 29 year old, divorced parent with a son of three years. I am 5ft 5ins tall, brown hair and blue eyes. My interests are reading, music and walking. — *Linda Upton, 22 Thuriby Cres., Ermine, East Lincoln.*

I am 37 years old, 5ft 9ins tall with blonde hair and blue eyes. I am divorced with two teenage boys. — *Mrs Brenda Payn, 6 Winston Court, Spencer Road, Birchington, Kent CT7 9HA.*

I am Dawn. 25 years old, divorced with two children. I am 5ft 5ins tall, slim, with fairish hair and blue eyes. I have wide ranging interests including music, sports of all kinds especially orienteering. I am reasonably intelligent with a sense of humour and would like to write to a divorced or single soldier 28+. Photo appreciated — *Dawn Roberts, 97 Ransom Ave, Bath Road, Worcester.*

My name is Tricia. I am 16, nearly 17 with dark hair and eyes. I like swimming, discos, badminton and really enjoying myself. — *Patricia Lidgard, 19 Essex Ave., Heap Bridge, Bury, Lancashire.*

I am 17½ years old and my name is Alison. I am 5ft 7½ins tall with light brown hair and green eyes. My hobbies include skiing, walking, reading, drinking cider and listening to heavy rock. — *Alison Edwards, 20 Bolton Ave., Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool, Lancs FY6 7TW.*

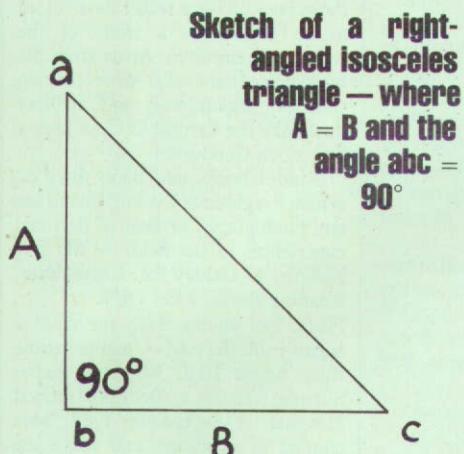
My name is Irene. I am 15 and would like a penpal aged between 16 and 19 years. — *Irene Taylor, 120 Canonsleigh, Dagenham, Essex.*

My name is Lynne. I am 20 years old and have brown hair and brown eyes. I am 5ft 4ins tall. My interests are listening to pop music, dancing and collecting records. I would like to write to a soldier between the ages of 20 and 26. — *Lynne Cooper, 19 Middle Street, Tynemouth, North Shields.*

TRIANGLES

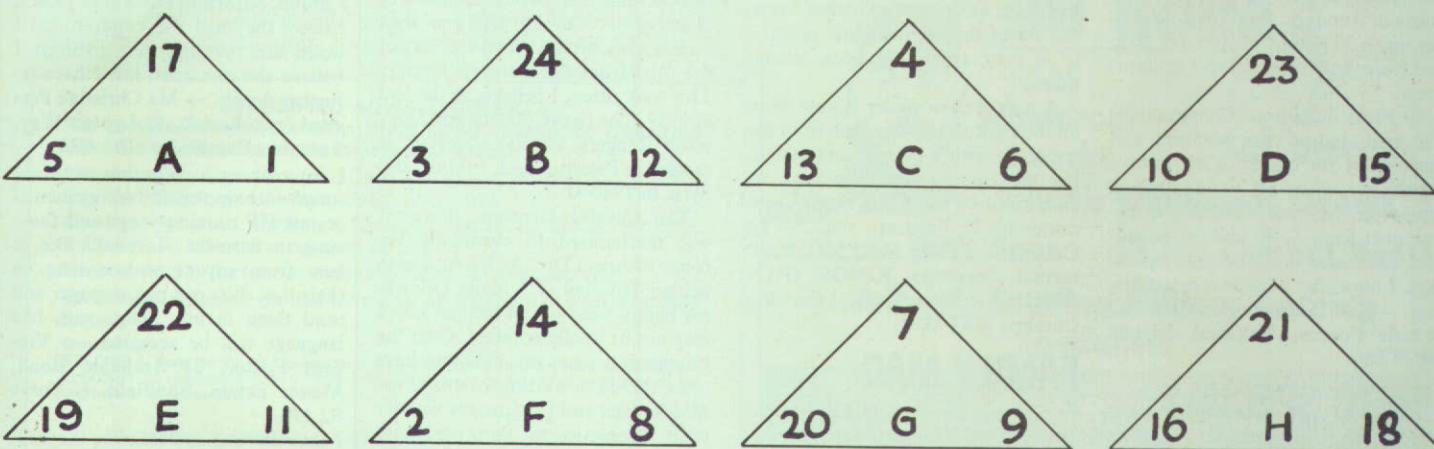
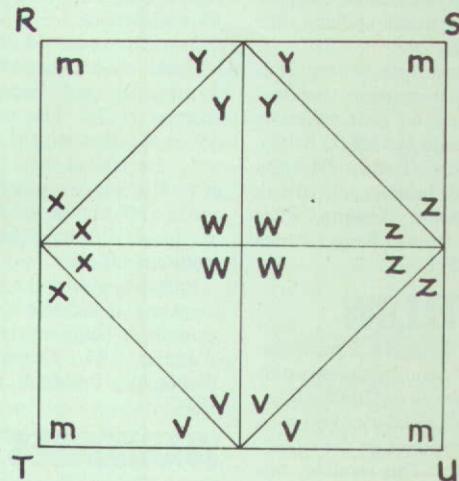
HERE ARE eight right-angled isosceles triangles — all of equal measurement. Each of the four-and-twenty interior angles is given a number ranging from 1 to 24.

Can you arrange these eight triangles to form a square (RSUT) as shown below so that 42 is the sum of the numbers in the angles x,x,x,x: also in y,y,y,y: z,z,z,z: v,v,v,v, and w,w,w,w? When you have completed the task you will find that four of the numbers occupy the angles m,m,m,m.



What is the sum of these four numbers?

The competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and the closing date is Friday 11 February 1983. The answers and winners' names will appear in our issue of 7 March 1983 and no correspondence can be entered into. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a 'Competition 308' label. In the case of ties, winners will be drawn by lots. Send your answers by postcard or letter with the 'Com-



MILITARY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

A Full Range of Protective Clothing and Military Clothing
Manufactured to MOD Standards

Waterproof DPM Suit
Waterproof OG Suit
Waterproof DPM Basher
Waterproof Clear Map Case with zip fasteners

S.M.L. £23
S.M.L. £21
90" x 65" £13.50
24" x 20" £4.50
40" x 28" £5.50
40" x 36" £6.50

Northern Ireland Leather Combat Gloves	£11
Waterproof DPM $\frac{3}{4}$ Jacket	S.M.L. £18.50
Waterproof OG $\frac{3}{4}$ Jacket	S.M.L. £16.00
Waterproof DPM Map Case (with pen, notebook pocket, web and hook attachments)	size closed 12" x 7" £8.00 size open 24" x 18" £30.00
One piece DPM Sniper Suit S.M.L.	£30.00

All Prices Include VAT and P and P

When ordering please state size, style and item. Allow 21 days for delivery.

Cheques made payable to:
Security Equipment Supplies Ltd., 4 Three Horseshoes Mall, Warminster, Wilts, England. Telephone No. (0985) 216468.

COMPETITION 308

petition 308' label to: Prize Competition, SOLDIER, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

● The label on our last Competition 'Festive Fare' (13 Dec) was incorrectly printed as '309'. It should of course have appeared as '307'. Sorry for any confusion.

PRIZES

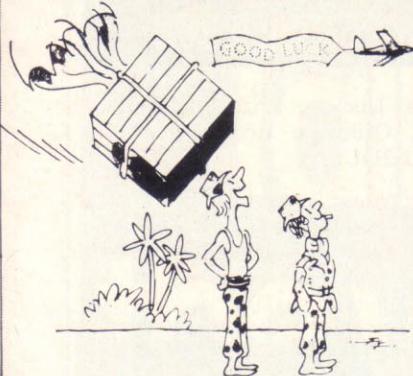
1: £15

2: £10

3: £5 4-5:

Six free issues of SOLDIER posted direct.

MAIL DROP



Got something to say, a point to make or a story to tell? This is your page to exchange your news, views, comments and opinions. All we ask is that you keep it brief and include your full name and address. Write to: Mail Drop, **SOLDIER**, Ordnance Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2DU.

QUARRY QUARREL

I would like to adjudicate between the conflicting claims of which Sapper Squadron was responsible for running the quarry, or should I say three quarries, in the Falkland Islands during the development of Stanley airfield (4 Oct and 15 Nov). Readers may wonder what the fuss is about but the winning of crusher rock was the key to the project and the quarrymen worked very long hours in Antarctic conditions achieving up to 2000 tons of rock per day, and are rightly proud of this achievement.

50 Field Squadron (Construction) RE were indeed the pioneers and responsible for quarry work until 1 September when 60 Field Support Squadron, RE took over. Nevertheless men from 3, 30 and 50 Squadrons continued to support the operation. I hope that honour is now satisfied. — **Col D Brownson, CRE HQ British Forces, Falkland Islands BFP0 666.**

PHOTO SPECIAL?

I have to agree with Mr Travers-Bogusz (29 Nov) on the subject of your photographers. I admit the main reason I like to have the magazine is to see the many different interpretations your photographers achieve in the photos. In particular, I liked the front cover of the Christmas issue of 1981 with the soldier on duty at night in the streets of Belfast. Is there no way you can devote an issue to the work of your photographers or an extra issue perhaps available for purchase to cover the cost. As an extremely amateur photographer, I love to see it done properly. — **Cpl J Horne, QARANC, BMH Hong Kong, BFP0 1.**

Steady on, Corporal Horne — our photos will be demanding bigger credits if all this praise continues! The idea of a special 'pictures only' issue is attractive but not really practical given our limited staff resources. However we aim to carry more picture features in the magazine this year — which should make you and our photos happy. — Ed.

TOUGH BIKING

I was interested to read of the Sahara trip being undertaken by Lt Mandy

Dunn and 2/Lt Paul Wright (1 Nov). It is quite a challenging trip on four wheels and certainly it will be a notable feat to do it on a tandem bicycle.

Last February three of us from BAT together with our wives took three Peugeot 504s from Kaduna in Nigeria to Tamanrasset, around the Hoggar Mountains and back to Kaduna. We covered what is likely to prove the most difficult part of their route, that is south from Tamanrasset to Arlit in Niger where good tarmac roads start again. Over this stretch of about 500 miles they are likely to spend much of their time pushing their bicycle!

We have asked them to keep us in touch with their progress and will gladly host them on their arrival in Nigeria. — **Major R Gancz, British Army Advisory Team, Nigerian Army School of Infantry, c/o British High Commission Kaduna, FCO Outward Bag Room, King Charles St, London SW1.**

PLAIN YELLOW

In Your Cap Badge (1 Nov) it was stated that the shoulder title worn by The King's Own Royal Border Regiment consists of a glider in yellow on a dark green background with a narrow blue border. This shoulder title was worn with battle dress, but as that form of dress is no longer worn, the use of the shoulder title referred to in your article has been discontinued.

A plain yellow glider is now worn on the right sleeve, one inch from the top seam with a background matching the colour of the uniform, as authorised by the Army Dress Committee on 15 February 1962. — **Lt Col (Retd) J Petty MBE MC, Regimental Secretary KINGS OWN BORDER, The Castle, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 8UR.**

FAMILY MAG

In my opinion **SOLDIER** has deteriorated over the last year or so; and I may say this is the opinion of many others. It has become a family mag. Please, less of this (with the pen pals and other rubbish) and more on the Army. — **S J J Kirby, 25 Yallop Drive, Gorleston-on-sea, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk.**

Sorry you feel that way Mr Kirby, but we dispute the fact that your view is shared by 'many others'. Virtually all the comments and letters we receive from readers suggest that they enjoy the magazine more since it went fortnightly. Families are an important part of our readership and we make no apology for appealing to them, but all the stories we cover are directly related to some aspect of the Army's activities. As for pen pals, our bulging postbag indicates that this is a service valued by many readers — and writers. But what do other readers think? — Ed.

NOT THE LAST

The feature on the Home Service Force (29 Nov) referred to them being the first Home Guard units to be formed since the days of the last World War.

In fact, at the time of the Korean

War a similar organisation called the Home Guard was formed with units at cadre strength. This consisted of infantry units and was in service from 1952-56 when, as I recall, the units were placed in suspended animation.

13 Bn (Home Guard) Royal Warwickshire Regiment was responsible for the guarding of key points in the City of Birmingham. Commanded by Lt Col Austin Woodward, a well known local man who served in the Yeomanry during the 1914-18 war, there was nothing comic about the regiment and most of the personnel were ex-Service.

As a fifteen year old and under age, I joined an anti-aircraft battery in Birmingham and became a troop sergeant at 17. The training I received together with the experience stood me in good stead when serving in the Regular Army from 1944 to the end of 1948 when I was discharged as 'no longer fulfilling Army physical requirements'.

Probably wisely, the new HSF refused my application to join on the grounds of being nearly 56! — **C T Wareing, 33 Downsell Road, Webheath, Redditch, Wors B97 5RP.**

WARHORSES

As a soldier of yesteryear, one of my recollections is the disembarkation at Haifa of 1st Cavalry Division with their horses, after a rough crossing of the Med from the South of France. This took place, I believe, at the end of 1939. The Greys, Royals and Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry served as cavalry in Palestine and, I think, also Syria in 1940/41.

The Cavalry Division, however, was mechanised to eventually become 10 Armd Div. As I served with neither Division — 7 Armd Div was my happy band — my facts as stated may not be totally accurate. Over the intervening years my thoughts have often turned to wartime events in the Middle East and I frequently wonder what happened to those splendid horses from the English shores. — **Lt Col W O E Dowdall (Retd), 'Dundrum', 247 Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3SL.**

RUN FOR FUNDS

The London Marathon 1983 is a wonderful way for readers to support a good cause, with the opportunity of also winning a valuable prize.

I am the (non-running) Captain of the Muscular Dystrophy Group team of runners.

Anyone who has got a place in the Marathon can help me raise funds for this vital work. By joining our team, each runner will receive a free T-shirt and running vest and a place at our celebrity Recovery Reception after the event. They also have the chance of a place in the New York Marathon.

We are organising a unique sponsorship draw through which any of the sponsors could win one of the super prizes, which include a Mini Metro, a hi-fi system or a cruise.

By supporting our team, your readers will be contributing to the essential work of the Muscular Dystrophy Group and providing hope to

thousands of adults and children throughout the country.

Runners, or anyone who would like to sponsor a runner, can write to **The Mirrorthon Team, MDG, Freepost, London SW4 0BR.**

Can You Help?

I am researching the role of the Royal Artillery in North West Europe during World War Two for the purposes of a book for modellers.

So far I have received considerable help from the RA Institution and several books on the subject. But those books I have read I have found to be limited to a study of the weapons themselves. Apart from the weaponry I am also interested in vehicles, organisation and artillery duels like the barrage at Caen before Operation Goodwood.

Besides books and book titles on artillery regiments I would like to see any photographs or hear of personal experiences in the field. — **Mr J A Bishop, 47 Oakley Rd, Caversham, Reading Berks, RG4 7RN.**

Please can anyone help me trace a friend from the past — maiden name Miss Agnes Hall. We both began nursing training at Bedford General Hospital in September 1963, hers coming to an abrupt end when she flew to Kowloon to marry Kenneth Church, REME in December 1964. I believe they had two children and I heard later that they were divorced. I believe she remarried but I have no further details. — **Ms Christine Percival (née Brand), 38 Lynton Way, Sawston, Cambridge CB2 4EA.**

I am making a collection of Army songs — troop, squadron, regimental or just PT running songs and those sung in barracks. I should like to hear from anyone with a song on their lips. Just put pen to paper and send them to me. Songs with bad language will be accepted. — **Vincent Foster, 32 Archdale Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield, S Yorks S2 1PJ.**

I am collecting and collating the webbing equipment of the British Armed Forces and over a period of time have managed to identify and illustrate a vast amount of such equipment.

I have also gathered a number of items that I have been unable to identify and I am seeking help in this task. They are mainly pattern 1937, 1944, 1940 Cavalry and Signals. I am willing to send photocopies of all my drawings to anyone who thinks he may be able to help and of course I will pay the postage. — **E C Bull, Military Historian, 34 Orchard Close, Westwood, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6QR.**

PEN PALS

The Pen Pals column (normally on these pages but for this issue see page 34) is heavily subscribed and although we do our best to include several letters in each issue, we cannot keep up with the continuous flow. Regrettably we must warn potential pen pals that they must expect a delay of up to six months before their letter appears.

£750+
TO GIVE
AWAY

CHEQUE IN HERE!

£750+
TO GIVE
AWAY

Dear Reader

Offers Close
on 31 January

Judging from the calls already received by our Club Desk, my announcement of the SOLDIER Discount Club in our last issue seems to have met with a terrific response. But just in case you missed it in the rush and bustle of getting ready for Christmas, we've decided to repeat our opening holiday offers one more time.

As I explained, our new SOLDIER Discount Club costs you nothing to join but it could save you hundreds of pounds! In future issues we shall be giving you the chance to take advantage of lots of money-saving offers that we have organised especially for you with International Consumer Incentives, the leading UK promotions company.

And by way of a preview of all these good things to come, we're offering you the chance to save £s on this year's holiday!

On these pages are 10 free SOLDIER Holiday Cheques worth a total saving of £750. They're yours — to use or pass on with our compliments. Why not cut one out for yourself and give the rest away to your friends and relatives? And just in case you can't show your friends the Club Rules, the Club Information Desk phone number is on each Holiday Cheque.

HOW TO USE SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUES

Holiday cheques can be used towards any 14-day holiday for two featured in the 1983 Summer brochures of the holiday companies named on each Cheque, provided the holiday is booked through the Club Reservations Office before 31 January 1983. All you have to do is complete the holiday company's booking form (you'll find it in their brochure) and send it, together with the normal deposit (cheque/PO) and the appropriate SOLDIER Holiday Cheque cut from these pages, to the SOLDIER Discount Club Office (not the holiday company). Your Holiday Cheque will be deducted from your final invoice. Remember though, you can only send one Holiday Cheque per holiday booking. So if you've already clipped one from our last issue, you'll have to pass the second one on — or use it to book a second holiday.

You can choose from the brochures of top holiday companies like Sovereign, Thomas Cook, Thomson, Intasun, Kuoni and so on. But should you wish to travel with a company not featured on one of our Cheques, contact our Club Desk and they'll try to help you.

For those of you who fancy a holiday that's really different, take a look at the exciting new Marlboro Adventure Holiday brochure operated in conjunction with Thomas Cook — it opens the door on a whole range of daring new experiences. Have a go at 'Jungle Exploration' in Guyana for instance — or journey through 'The Great Opium Triangle' to Bangkok, Thailand and Burma. Go 'Dog Sledging' in Lapland, 'Shooting the Rapids' in Turkey or on the Zambezi, 'Mountain Climbing' up the Matterhorn or in the Alps. Try 'Sailing around Florida Keys', once the exclusive preserve of the rich and famous, or head off for the wide open spaces of Texas 'Riding the Wild West Trail'.

For diving enthusiasts there's the 'Underwater World' of Malta. And if it's a sun tan you're after, how about 'Desert Discovery' on a camel in Kenya or the Great Indian Desert? Marlboro Adventure Holidays offer something for everyone and there's a special SOLDIER Holiday Cheque worth over £100 to help you pay for it. The Club Desk will tell you just how much extra we will give you after you've made your choice. Thomas Cook will send you a brochure if you can't find one locally or our Club Desk will be happy to do so if you forward £1 to cover postage and packing.

Whatever your taste in holidays, whether it's being adventurous or simply having a lazy time in the sun, there are SOLDIER Holiday Cheques to help you get there. Just pick up the brochure of your choice. Study the Club Rules carefully. Cut out your Holiday Cheque. And send it off with your booking form and deposit to our Club Desk. Remember though, these SOLDIER Holiday Cheques are only valid for bookings made before 31 January 1983 — so don't delay!

Bon Voyage!
Bob Hooper

Bob Hooper, Editor

SOLDIER Discount Club Holiday Bargains

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Intasun // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £30-00
THE SUM OF Thirty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY P&O Cruises // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £80-00
THE SUM OF Eighty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14-DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Thomson Holidays // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £40-00
THE SUM OF Forty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Kuoni Worldwide // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £90-00
THE SUM OF Ninety Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Thomas Cook America // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £50-00
THE SUM OF Fifty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY OSL Villa // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £100-00
THE SUM OF One Hundred Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 4 PASSENGERS*
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Sovereign Holidays // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £60-00
THE SUM OF Sixty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Pegasus Caribbean // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £150-00
THE SUM OF One Hundred and fifty Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS WITH
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Jetstar America // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £70-00
THE SUM OF Seventy Pounds only // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH //
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497

SOLDIER HOLIDAY CHEQUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
77 BROOK STREET, LONDON W1.

VALID FOR A BOOKING MADE
BEFORE 31st JANUARY 1983

PAY Marlboro Adventure Holiday // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £100 Plus
THE SUM OF One Hundred Pounds Plus // NOT REDEEMABLE
FOR CASH // £100 Plus
TOWARDS A 14 DAY SUMMER 1983 HOLIDAY FOR 2 ADULTS
Bob Hooper
Bob Hooper (Editor)

SUBJECT TO CLUB RULES TEL: 01-499 6497



We are ready to take your Reservation Now!

CLUB RULES

- Choose any holiday for two (or more) for a minimum of 14 days from the brochures of any of the holiday companies shown on the Holiday Cheque. (Should you wish to book a holiday with any other holiday company not shown, contact the Club Office who will endeavour to assist you)
- Complete the booking form (found in the holiday brochure), including daytime telephone number, and send it together with the appropriate Holiday Cheque and a cheque/postal order (credit cards cannot be accepted) to cover the normal deposit, as stated in the brochure, to:—
The Promoter
Soldier Discount Club Office (Holiday Division)
International Consumer Incentives
77 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London W1Y 1YE
(Or call personally to this address)
- ALL CHEQUES/POSTAL ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO
INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER INCENTIVES
- All holiday bookings must be made through the Club Office, and will be booked by the Promoter with designated A.B.T.A. Travel Agencies.
- Soldier Holiday Cheques can only be used on new holiday bookings (one per booking form), they cannot be used as a deposit, or to cover any cancellation charge, and are not redeemable for cash.
- After acceptance of a booking the terms and conditions of the holiday company concerned will apply, except for those relating to payment.
- The Club Office will send a confirmation of a booking, or offer an alternative if your selection is fully booked. Deposits will be returned in full should a suitable holiday not be available.
- 7 day holidays qualify for half cheque value.
- *OSL Villa holidays minimum 4 passengers.

PLEASE DO NOT REFER TO HOLIDAY COMPANIES AS THEY ARE NOT
CONNECTED WITH THIS OFFER.
ALL ENQUIRIES CLUB OFFICE TEL: 01-499 6497 (MONDAY to FRIDAY)

London's 'square mile of sin' still retains some old-fashioned virtues — the fine art of military tailoring for example. Sally Daniell has been finding out why, for military men the world over . . .

THE CHOICE IS HOBSONS

'MESSRS HOBSON & Sons, the manufacturers of military equipment are, perhaps at the head of the list of firms who provide the trappings of war with which the volunteer is expected to clothe himself at least three times a year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of his service.'

These words appear in the 1892 bound volume of the *Volunteer Service Magazine* — and the author was 'A Quartermaster' who had been shown round the firm's premises in London's Lexington Street by a Mr Edwin Hobson.

Ninety years later *SOLDIER* paid a similar visit, this time to Soho's Greek Street, where it was director Roy Field who talked about the business.

"We are uniform tailors really, with three factories, two in London and one in Southend. And we make anything from shoulder straps to saddle cloths, plus of course the uniforms themselves."

One of the few things Hobsons does not make are the ceremonial uniforms of the Guards officers and the Household Cavalry. "There's so much tailoring required that it really requires the Savile Row touch," explained Roy Field as he reverently stroked the quilted lining of the tunic used as a pattern. "We do all the gold embroidery though of course."

The intricate work of lacemaking and embroidery seen on the standards and Colours of so many regiments, is concentrated at Hobson's Soho's premises wedged incongruously amongst the porn shops, revue theatres and restaurants. Here eight women lovingly stitch away at their painstaking work on looms and frames which, to the casual

visitor, conjure up visions of nineteenth century sweatshops. Indeed, despite the ninety year interval and a reduced number of staff, not much seems to have changed since the time of the Quartermaster's visit except that fluorescent lighting strips now abound in place of shaded single filaments.

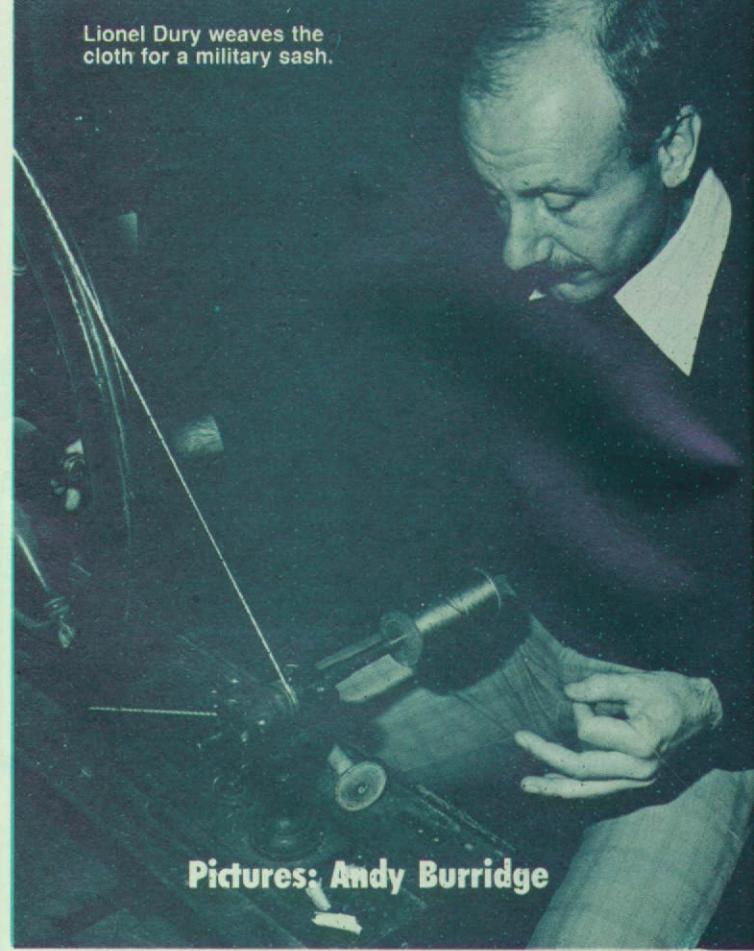
The Victorian Hobsons, whilst enlightened employers, insisted on the highest standards, as the Quartermaster saw for himself: 'It is the proud boast of Hobsons and I have had ocular demonstration that it is no idle claim, that every private in every regiment for which they cater is as carefully considered and relatively as well equipped as any officer, so far as workmanship and materials are concerned.'

SOLDIER too had 'ocular demonstration' of these standards of perfection as we watched the embroideresses deftly cutting the delicate gold tubing imported from France, running a needle through and working into the pattern. Thus do the names like *Talavera, Somme* and *Korea* slowly appear in bright gold on a set of regimental Colours. Perhaps one day some may be recalled for the words 'Falkland Islands' to be similarly worked.

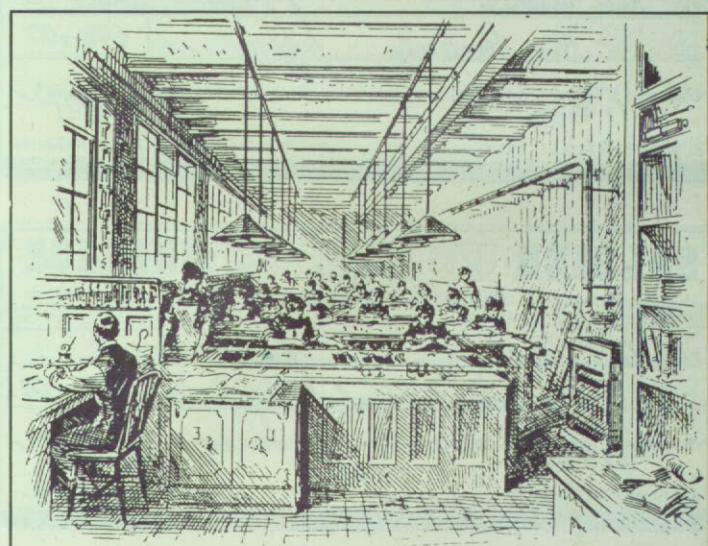
The venerable QM was also given a tour of Hobsons' factory in Woolwich where the firm first began but which has now disappeared. He writes: 'In these shops are hung the rules and regulations for the guidance of the employees, and that they are not of an arbitrary nature is amply evidenced by the preponderance of grey heads, the majority of which have grown grey in the service of the firm.'

There are 'greyheads' today, too, one of which belongs to Mrs Flo Green who works with two

Lionel Dury weaves the cloth for a military sash.



Pictures: Andy Burridge



others at making, amongst other things, sword knots and shoulder straps. Flo has worked at Hobsons for 62 years. Alongside her is Mrs Pat Terry who, although not a grey head literally, has already clocked up twenty years.

These ladies were engaged on foreign orders: a pair of shoulder straps for a major in the Barbadian army, the same for a recently promoted Ghanaian general and a waist sash for an officer in the Trinidad army. "It's nice work," said Flo, "especially when you think you can start off with a piece of card and then see what it ends up as. Most people don't realise how much work goes into it — and all done by hand."

An exception to the current rule, and despite defence cuts, Hobsons is not a victim of the

recession — thanks to a steady trade from overseas. "Seventy-five per cent of our work goes abroad," Roy Field told *SOLDIER*, "and our biggest customer at the moment is the Sultan of Oman who wants his Royal Guard decked out like the Household Cavalry."

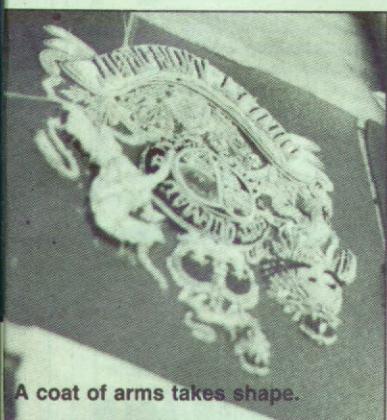
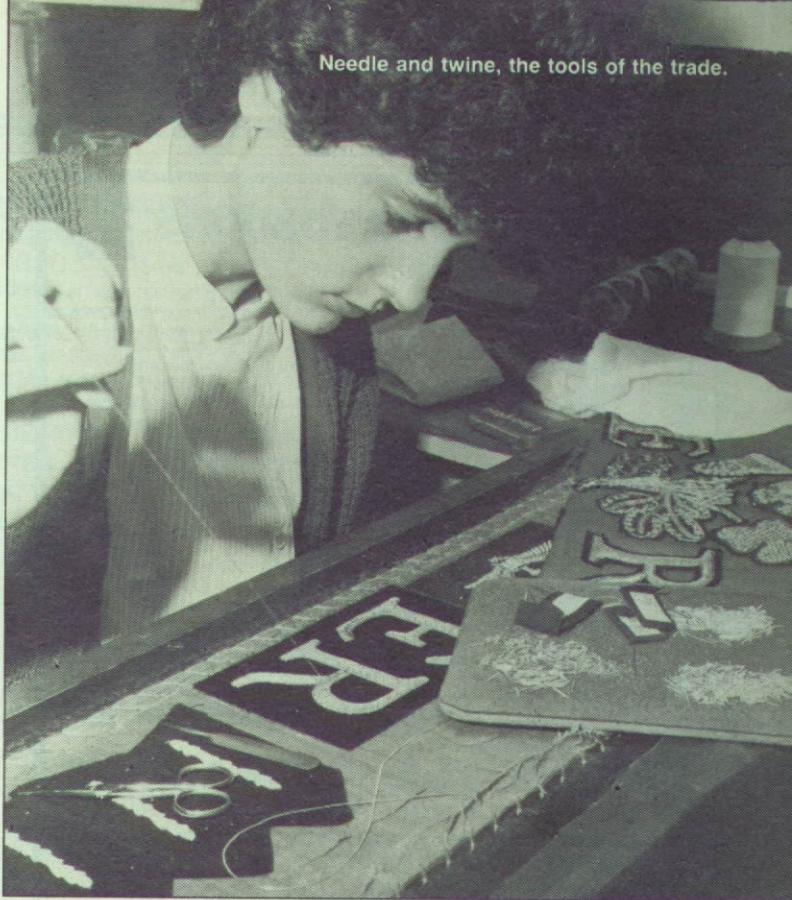
British influence in some foreign and Commonwealth armies is strong with so many of their officers having trained at Sandhurst and Camberley. Having seen the art of military tailoring and embroidery at its best in this country, for these foreign soldiers there is only one choice — Hobsons, of course.

From Abu Dhabi to Zimbabwe, Roy Field's order book groans with overseas orders, new and repeat. "After all," he says, knowing that if he were alive

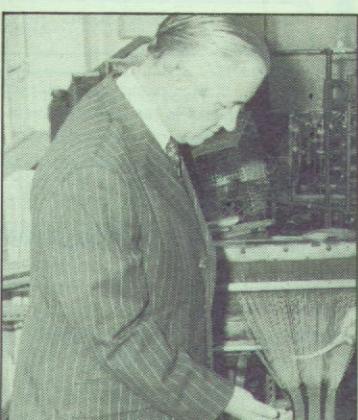
Mrs Flo Green, a veteran of the firm, working on a shoulder strap.



Needle and twine, the tools of the trade.

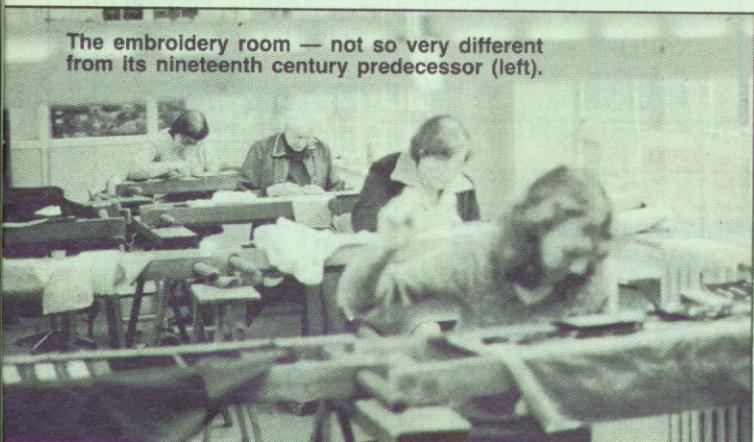


A coat of arms takes shape.



Mr Roy Field, one time apprentice, now a company director.

The Midas touch — working the battle honours in gold. ▼



The embroidery room — not so very different from its nineteenth century predecessor (left).



Embroidering the regimental crest on a new saddle cloth. ▼

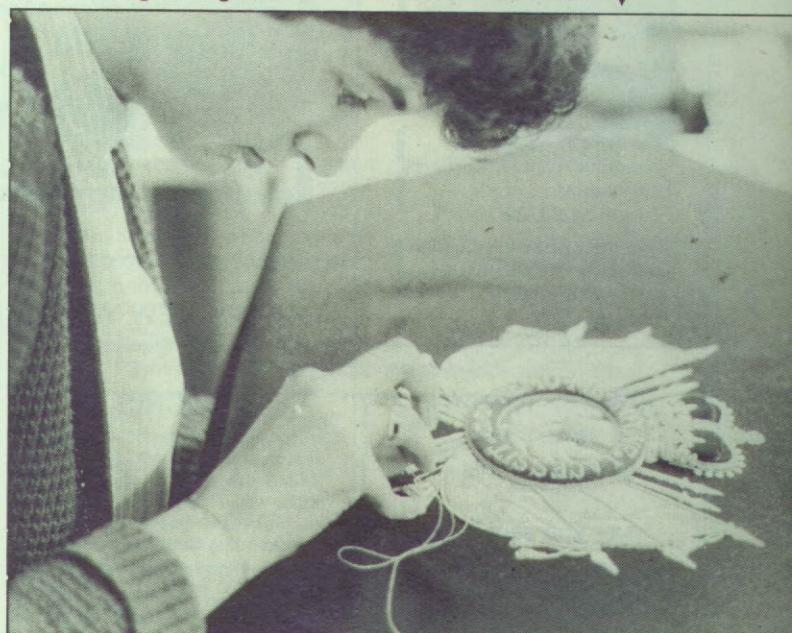
today, the QM would have no cause to revise his opinions, "where else could a customer go and ask for, say, a dozen shoulder straps as per our order of 1951? We've got it all here in this book and our indexes."

At the time of *SOLDIER*'s visit to Greek Street everyone appeared to be working at full capacity with heads down and fingers flying, including the draughtsman, improbably named Richard Turpin, whose job it is, amongst other things, to draw the patterns on the cloth for the embroideresses to follow. Roy Field has no doubt about the importance of this task: "Richard is essential to the firm. Without him there would be no business."

So, a moral oasis amongst the sex shops, Hobson & Sons pre-

serves the memory of an age where militarism was not a dirty word and industrialism was in its infancy. Yet neither can it be an anachronism when in this climate of economic gloom, Hobsons has almost more work than it can handle — one thing it has in common with its saucy neighbours.

We can only echo the last words of the Quartermaster who was so impressed by the organisation and its unfailing rule of paying for the best materials and the best workmanship: *'If I have failed to convince my readers that such is the case it is not that I shirk the responsibility of proving my contention, but, rather because I lack the power to adequately describe all that I saw during my afternoon's visit to their interesting house.'* ▀



SOLDIER MART

SOLDIER'S HANDBOOKS

Tel. 087 484-660

COMBAT SURVIVAL



COURSE NOTES

(SAS).

Combat Survival illustrates combat and survival training and tactical methods useful in similar ops. as well as general survival conditions. Also contains rare info on evading and silencing guard dogs, sabotage and intelligence gathering, navigating under survival conditions, and much more. Includes over 100 detailed line drawings and valuable charts. Chapters cover evasion, survival navigation, improvisation and escape, contacting agents, dog evasion, wild foods, animal traps and snares, fishing, water survival still, shelter, primitive medicine, and other useful information. 8½ x 11, soft-cover, illus., 156 pp. £9.95

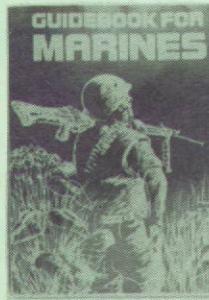
"GET TOUGH" By Capt. W. E. Fairbairn

This is it! This book will save your life! This long out of print manual was used to teach the famed British Commandos how to destroy the enemy with their bare hands. Fairbairn, who also invented the famous Fairbairn Commando Knife, organized and led the feared Shanghai Riot Squad which suppressed the Shanghai thugs and terrorists who had earned the gory reputation of being the most ruthless and bloodthirsty assassins on the globe. Covers all types of unarmed combat including the use of the Fairbairn Commando knife.

£8.95

GUIDEBOOK FOR MARINES

U.S. MARINE COMBAT MANUAL FOR THE 80's



Latest edition tells the individual US Marine all he needs to know to fight & win. Hundreds of photos and illustrations accompany the authoritative text that covers: Tactics, Weapons, First Aid, Land Navigation, Communications, Use and Maintenance of .45 Pistol, M16, M60, M203 Grenade Launcher, M202 Rocket Launcher, M-14, M-25, M-26, M18A1 (Claymore) Mines. Demolitions, NBC Warfare, Antitank Warfare, Dragon System, M47. Plus Discipline, Hygiene, etc.

500 pages, 6½ x 8½ sc. Current edition available to military personnel ONLY — FULL military address or letterhead when ordering NO EXCEPTIONS. £6.95

Full catalogue 50p - FREE with book order. OUTDOORSMAN'S BOOKSTORE Dept. S Llangorse, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7UE

P. & P. £1.50 for 1st book - 50p each after

BEST OF BRITISH FOOTWEAR

£

Squash shoes	7.99
Leather trainers	7.50
Golf shoes	12.00
Football boots	8.50
Suede trainers	7.50
Jogging shoes	7.50
(reflective stripes)	
Rugby boots	9.50
Sports Bags	M 4.50
	L 5.50
Nylon	XL 6.00

Post & Packing £1.00

Goldenville Footwear,
Windmill Avenue, Kettering,
Northants.
Tel: 0536 84732

Suppliers of new issue high
leg boots £16.95 post free.

When you answer
one of our
advertisements —
say you saw it in
SOLDIER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Have you made a resolution for a far
better standard of living?

ORCHIS

are looking for managers and fashion
demonstrators in all areas of the
United Kingdom. A car and telephone
would be an asset. No deliveries. For appointment and more information ring Southampton (0703)
334892. Interviews locally. (Where feasible).

GENUINE US 'DOG TAGS' AND CHAIN

Stamped with your personal details etc. £5.75 per pair.
Send your requirements (block capitals please) to
Quartermasters at the Angel, 3 Torrens St, London,
EC1V 1NQ. Tel: 01-278 9760.

SUNDOWN marine ltd

Suppliers of Beaufort Lifeguard
Henri-Lloyd Helly Hansen Spartan
Spirotechnique Typhoon Jack Holt
Peter Storm Le Tricoteur Wendor
Musto & Hyde Crewsaver Nemrod

Large discounts
POST TODAY

SPECIALISTS FOR H M FORCES

Post today to Sundown Marine Ltd, 50 London Road, London SE23 3HF.
Tel: 01-699-1073

Name _____

Address _____

I am interested in the following (please tick)

<input type="checkbox"/> Foul-weather gear and knitwear	<input type="checkbox"/> General chandlery and fittings
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifejackets, buoyancy aids and safety harnesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Underwater Diving equipment and Windsurfing
<input type="checkbox"/> Inflatables	<input type="checkbox"/> Liferrafts
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat building	<input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage

ZIPPO LIGHTERS

Engraved with squadron, regiment, company, ships, badges, crests, coats of arms, designs and insignia of any kind.

Minimum ordering quantity 5

Send s.a.e. for prices and details to

TRULINE MODELS

46, Winchester Street,
Armley, Leeds,
Yorkshire LS12 2EY

Fund Raisers Take Note

DRAW TICKETS

2,000 - £11.50

Addit. 1,000s - £2.50
each

Inclusive of VAT at 15% and postage
Overseas Special Price by

Forces Air Mail

2,000 - £10.00

Addit. 1,000s - £2.20

Goods despatched within 5 working days

Tel: Rotherham 892367

HANLEY SWIFFEN & Co. Ltd.

107 High Street, Thurnscoe,
Rotherham, S. Yorks, England

Free colour poster of military survival techniques comes with new 1983 Survival Aids Catalogue; over 200 items of survival equipment described and illustrated. Send £1 to Survival Aids, Dept SM, Morland, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3AZ.

T-SHIRTS SWEATSHIRTS
TRAVEL/SPORTS BAGS, TOWELS, CAPS, CAR STICKERS.
silk screen printed to your own design
For your free information package contact:
SPRINTPRINT

Unit 9 Ash, Kembrey Park, Swindon SN2 6UN, Wiltshire. Telephone (0793) 695766

UK MAMS ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CO. BOWLES LUNDIN SPORTS CLUB

DEFENCE NERVOUS SYSTEMS

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN FEI LUNG KWAN AYLESFORD WORKINGTON NABBA

SCOTLAND BASKET BALL VASC NICE BROWN

ENGLISH PEWTER GOBLETS AND ONE-PINT TANKARDS



Engraved Badge/Crest. Minimum order 6.
Discount on 10 or over.

Goblets from £4.95. Tankards from £6.25 plus VAT

All prices post-paid. Please send badge with order.

R & B INCON LTD
SOUTHBORNE ROAD
SHEFFIELD S10 2QN
Telephone 0742 685911

CLUB SWEATERS

BRITISH MADE

Specialty embroidered for your club
pub, regiment, school, college etc,
gives instant recognition & a real
sense of identity.
Prices from £5.75 each
Choice of lambswool, Shetland
& Acrylic.
Any quantity supplied from
1 sweater upwards.

Send for free illustrated brochure to:
alpa SPORT & LEISURE PRODUCTS
EMBLE HOUSE, CHURCH ST, HECKMONDWIKE,
W. YORKSHIRE WF16 0LF. TEL: 0324-404566



T-Shirts Sweatshirts

Complete design & screen print service

T-Shirts £3.00 Sweat Shirts £6.00
Including artwork, screen & one
colour print (with quantity
discounts). Also tracksuits, team
bags, car stickers & PVC cards.

For free price list information etc.
contact

A-ONE DESIGNS 11 MASON STREET
CHESTER Tel Chester (0244) 378143

Visit

Laurence Corner

Top quality — economy prices

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS

Outdoor and protective wear

VAST SELECTION — SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Clothing & Miscellanea.

Without doubt we offer what is probably the best and most comprehensive Government Surplus range available including newly manufactured purpose designed protective and outdoor wear for wet or fine — quality assured. Strong attractive down to earth clothing and equipment at sensible prices and all backed by our refund guarantee of satisfaction.

P.S. Don't forget to visit our adjacent BOFFIN SHOP for a bewildering and fascinating range of scientific, medical, drawing office and hobbyist's items as well as collectors militaria.

P.P.S. Also visit our adjacent HIM & HER BOUTIQUE for fancy dress, theatrical costumery, militaria, authentic and replica outfits that are different. Huge selection of HEADWEAR FOR FASHION, FUN, FANCY DRESS including large selection of yesteryear and replica hats.

All departments open daily 9.00-5.30 including Saturdays.
(Boffin only closes Wednesday afternoons).
62-64 Hampstead Road and Drummond Street, London NW1
Close Warren Street and Euston.

Illustrated Laurence Corner Catalogue 60p inc. post.

BEST PRICES
& DELIVERY
FREE DESIGN
SERVICE

VISTA
tie company

ties

01-684 2708
01-689 1626

Vista Ties
263a Sydenham Road
Croydon
Surrey, CR9 2LU

A unique and famous
selection of
**FALKLAND
MEMORIAL TIES**
(on top British polyester)

SPECIAL OFFER

£5.49 (UK)
Overseas \$14 (US)
including p+p

HARRIER
(as illustrated)
ALSO HERCULES, NIMROD,
SEA HARRIER, V.C. 10, BELFAST,
VULCAN, VICTOR (REFUELLED)
HELICOPTERS
SEA KING (as illustrated)
GAZELLE, PUMA, CHINOOK,
WHIRLWIND, WESTLAND 30,
WESSEX, SEA KING RAF RESCUE

Colours: Navy, Maroon, Brown, Airforce Blue.
Price list: 35p UK (overseas \$1). Delivery 21-28 days.
AGENTS REQUIRED FOR SALES
RED ARROW TIES AND CONCORDE PRODUCTS
are included in a wide selection of aviation products.

Discount and commission available for Clubs,
associations etc.
Whole price available for BULK orders.
Payment by cheque/P.O. or money order bankers draft to:
WHITTE INTERNATIONAL
P.O. Box 79, Nottingham NG1 2EY, ENGLAND
Telephone: (0602) 817032/708513

BADGES, PLAQUES AND TIES

We make only the best BLAZER BADGES in fine wires and silks at £8.10 each.
Also attractive WALL PLAQUES and CAR BADGES at £8.79 each. REGIMENTAL
TIES (Striped designs) at £3.34 each (RA FLASH £4.14, Crested designs £4.26).
These prices include VAT and Postage. Send SAE for Services Price list.

D. J. PARKINSON, HM Services Hand Embroiderers (Dept S), 124 Valley Drive,
Brighton BN1 5FF. Telephone Brighton (0273) 501213 during mornings only.

**Guaranteed
100%**

WATERPROOF TOP QUALITY

CAMOUFLAGE JACKETS & TROUSERS

British MoD Specification DPM 4 oz proofed nylon. Sealed
seams. Jacket has 2-way nylon
zip, storm front, pockets, cuffs and
roll-up hood, UK £17.35, BFPO
£15.10. Trousers have elasticated
waist, fly front, UK £12.50, BFPO
£10.90.



Gearbags in same fabric with
strong webbing handles. Standard
(8 x 10 x 19ins), UK £7.90,
BFPO £6.90. Large (10 x 12 x
24ins) with zipped pocket, UK
£10.90, BFPO £9.50. Free adjustable
shoulder strap with every
bag.

Made in Britain.
Prices include p. and p.
Allow up to 21 days for
delivery, but if urgent,
please say so.

Thousands of these products are already in use by
the British Army. Large quantity enquiries welcomed.

Tick items required. For clothing
state your height and your chest
measurement over sweater. Cheque
enclosed £ _____, or
charge my Access Card
No. _____

Name _____
Address _____

JACK DUSTY LTD

Blue House Unit 13 Bluehouse Avenue
Clacton-on-Sea Essex. Tel 0255 433282

FREE
colour
brochure

Buy direct from Lynk for lower
prices and better quality.

Remember every garment is guaranteed colour fast and
shrink resistant. Badges, crests, insignia or special
designs can be expertly embroidered or printed by Lynk, the
specialist suppliers to the Armed Forces.

Send now for full colour brochure.

**TOPS
for QUALITY
and
VALUE**

LYNK
SPORT 21 STONEY ST. NOTTINGHAM. NG1 1LP. TEL. 0602 54872

Name _____
Address _____

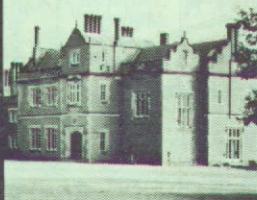
**LYNK
SPORT**

SCHOOL POOL



Buckswood Grange

Boarding School



Would your son or daughter benefit from more individual attention and smaller classes?

Our pupils do. They also benefit because of our overall size, staff and emphasis on traditional values.

If you would like to know more about the School, and availability of places, please write or call: The Principal Buckswood Grange, Uckfield, Sussex. Tel: (0825) 3544. Tlx: 943763 Crocom G

NEWLANDS PREPARATORY SCHOOL SEAFORD, SUSSEX

Tel: Seaford 892334

Newlands School, Seaford, Sussex (established 1814) is a purpose-built Preparatory School situated on the South Coast between Brighton and Eastbourne.

ANNUAL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION FOR CHILDREN OF SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY.

Candidates must be under 10 on 1st January 1983

1 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP to a maximum of 50% of fees
2 ACADEMIC EXHIBITIONS to a maximum of 25% of fees

Application forms and further details from The Secretary.

Closing date for entry: 31st January 1983.

A SECURE AND HAPPY EDUCATION FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

If this is what you seek, then let us provide it for you in Scotland's lovely capital city. Six miles from the Airport and two miles from the mainline station.

ST DENIS AND CRANLEY SCHOOL, 3 Ettrick Road, Edinburgh, EH10 5BJ. Tel. 031-229 1500

Boarding and Day School for Girls

Day Girls aged 5-18 years
Boarders aged 8-18 years

We offer a sound education in a caring atmosphere. Preparation for Scottish Examinations. Ordinary and Higher Grade and G.C.E. A-Level. Small classes permit individual attention. Full range of sports and extra-curricular activities.

Termly Fee: Board and Tuition £795-£965
Tuition only £175-£470

10% Reduction for children of serving members of H.M. Forces.

All enquiries welcome. Send for Prospectus to the Headmistress and come and visit the School when on leave.



CATERHAM SCHOOL HMC Boarding & Day

Preparatory School 240, 8-13 Main School 460 boys & 30 day girls in 6th Form.

Scholarships and Assisted Places also **Boarding Scholarship for Son of Serviceman**. All major sports played. CCF unit, hobbies, societies.

Apply The Headmaster, Caterham School, Harestone Valley, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6YA.

MOFFATS SCHOOL

BEWDLEY WORCESTERSHIRE

An ISIS/IAPS preparatory school for boys and girls 7 to 13+

Moffats is a family school with close ties with HM Forces

- small classes give individual care
- a settled, secure life, no matter how often parents move
- scholarships for service children under 9½
- varied activities cover spare time and weekends
- escorts provided at mainline stations

All games and riding on 200-acre Home Farm

Prospectus from The Headmasters Tel: Kinlet (029924) 230



AVONHURST SCHOOL

BRISTOL

A formal academic education with preparation of G.C.E. O & A level, also University Entrance.

The opportunity of living in a family situation in selected English homes in the Bristol area.

A specially devised programme of cultural and sporting activities.

Avonhurst School is a Public School for boys of 11-19 and in membership of the Association of Governing Bodies of Public Schools.

For details write: The Bursar, Avonhurst School, Clifton Down, Bristol BS8 3NG. (Tel 0272-730198)

SLINDON COLLEGE

Slindon, Nr. Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0RH.

Pleasantly situated independent boarding school for 150 boys aged 11-18 years. Small teaching groups and individual attention. Subjects taught to GCE 'O' and 'A' level. Remedial teaching. A realistic alternative to the larger public or state comprehensive school. A wide range of out of school activities. A unique feature is the School's National Hunt racing stable in which boys may be involved. Escort service to and from Airports/Stations. ISJC Accredited.

Telephone: Slindon (024365) 320 for Prospectus.

Morcott Hall

Boarding School for Girls



Girls are considered for entry from 7 years. Separate Preparatory School ages 7+ to 11+ years.

Senior Department 11+ to 16+ years. The Senior School is an Approved Centre for the 'O' Level GCE Examinations.

Fees allied to Services' Education Allowances.

Girls escorted to London St. Pancras Station and Luton Airport.

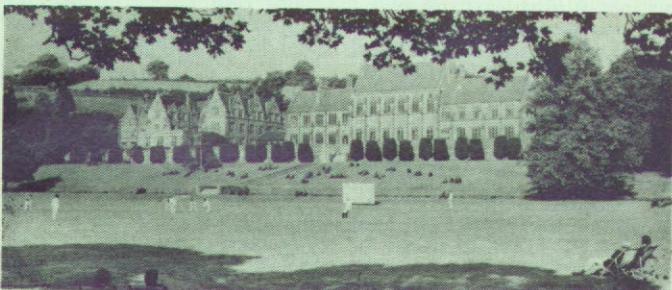
Apply: Principal, Morcott Hall School, Morcott, Oakham, Rutland, Leicestershire LE15 9DN

BURYS COURT PREPARATORY SCHOOL LEIGH, Nr. REIGATE, SURREY.

Tel: 030 678 372

Boarding School for 7-14 year old boys.
Good academic foundation given to prepare boys for their Senior Schools.
Very good facilities for science, recreation and Sport.
Assistance with Travel arrangements.
Fees £750 per term.
Apply: Headmaster.

KELLY COLLEGE Tavistock, Devon



HMC Public School (boarding) for 270 boys 11-18 and 50 sixth form girls. Scholarships and Service Bursaries of up to £2,500 pa.

Leaving Exhibitions to Oxford and Cambridge. Excellent academic results, strong games, CCF, sailing, canoeing etc.

Telephone 0822-3005 or write to Headmaster for Prospectus.



RAMILLIES HALL SCHOOL
Cheadle Hulme, CHEADLE,
Cheshire SK8 7AJ.
Tel. 061-485 3804

Founded 1884

Parents,

We are an IAPS Boarding and Day School for Boys and Girls 4-14, situated 10 miles south of Manchester centre, near several motorways. The airport is 15 minutes away and there are good rail communications. Arrangements can be made for reaching Luton.

We have 85 pupils of whom rather more than half are boarders, many of whom are the children of Service personnel. There is a pleasant family atmosphere, brothers and sisters are welcome. Children are prepared for entry to independent and state secondary schools at 11 or 13. Remedial tuition is available.

The school has good games facilities for Rugby, Soccer, Cricket, Tennis, Rounders, Athletics and there is an outdoor heated swimming pool. We have a very active Scout and Cub Troops, which involve such activities as Caving, Sailing, Canoeing and hiking.

Our fees are very reasonable — comparable with Service Grant.

For further information, please write to or phone the Secretary, Mrs. Poole or myself.

Lawrence Read TD MA (Edin)

St. John's College



Independent boarding and day school for boys 7-16. Preparation for G.C.E., 'O' by qualified staff in small classes. The College is set among 75 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside 1 mile from Horsham, with extensive playing fields and sports facilities. Special provision is made for the sons of parents stationed abroad and an efficient courier service is provided to and from air terminals.

Prospectus from: The Secretary, St. John's College, Coolhurst, Horsham, Sussex.

Telephone: Horsham 52424.

MOYLES COURT SCHOOL

Ringwood, Hampshire

An independent boarding and day preparatory school for boys and girls aged 3-13 years.

Traditional academic education in small classes with individual tuition. Homely atmosphere in beautiful 17th century house set in 14 acres of grounds on the edge of the New Forest.

Tuition bursaries available.

Applications to the Headmistress: Telephone Ringwood 2856 or 3197.

TAVERHAM HALL

near Norwich, Norfolk (Norwich 868206)

I.A.P.S. boarding preparatory school for boys and girls 7-13

- Set in beautiful parkland.
- Excellent facilities for a wide range of activities.
- 120 children, nine small classes.
- Fine academic and musical tradition.
- Music Scholarship.
- 12% reduction in boarding fees for children of H.M. Forces.

Contact the Headmaster, R. S. G. Barton, M.A., for prospectus or visit.

SALE OF SURPLUS MARRIED QUARTERS UNDER THE NON DISCOUNTED SCHEME

Bulletin No 49 contains details of the following surplus Married Quarters offered for sale through the Joint Services Married Quarters Sales Office at UKLF Wilton (Salisbury Military 2684/2693).

Type 3	1 in Stranraer, Wigtownshire	£31,000
Type 5	2 in Topsham, Exeter, Devon	£47,000-£48,500
Type C	2 in Wrexham, Clwyd	£12,000-£12,250
	1 in Stanground, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	£18,500
	1 in Orton Longueville, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	£23,000
	1 in Stranraer, Wigtownshire	£25,000

The Bulletin has been distributed to all Units. Further information and application forms will be available through your Unit/Ship/Station.

The closing date for all applications for properties offered in Bulletin Number 49 is 2 February 1983.

WORKERS OUT — RETIREES IN

As a result of the coming closure of the Milford Haven refinery scores of workers are having to sell their homes and relocate either to Scotland or South East England.

The demand for these homes being vacated by people looking for new jobs is increasingly coming from retired people seeking cheaper property and a scenic environment. Pembrokeshire offers peace and seclusion and houses priced as low as £7,500. However the modernised property of any size is more likely to be priced around the £20,000 mark. Detached properties are generally priced from £30-£50,000. Places like Milford Haven and Haverfordwest now remote, will become more accessible once the M4 extends past Carmarthen. The Welsh warmly welcome the English in this area.

**Lees & Thomas, Haverfordwest 0437-2233
Cooke & Arkwright, Pembrokeshire 06463-2706**

Kerry Stephenson 01-439 3611/2.

These articles are prepared in conjunction with Kerry Stephenson of the National Homes Network. This is a private agency with a great deal of experience in dealing with the special problems of the Service Home-hunter. Kerry will be delighted to give you any help he can with your problem in the private sector and can be contacted at National Homes Network, 303 Radnor House, 93 Regent St, London, W1R 7TE. Tel: 01-439 3611/2.

Houses for sale

3 bedroom detached house in small cul-de-sac in quiet village called Clifford, Nr Wetherby, W Yorkshire. York 12 mins, Harrogate 20 mins, Catterick 40 mins, Leeds 10 mins. Comprises of lounge, dining room, recent fitted kitchen with pine panelling to one wall, cloakroom, with WC. 2 double and one single bedroom, main bedroom fitted with Panavista mirrored wardrobes. Integral garage with large utility area. The property stands on a large corner plot with gardens on 3 sides. Drastically reduced for quick sale to £36,000 to include fitted carpets, curtains, curtain poles in most main rooms. Contact: Lt Keenan, 6 Rawston Down Road, Blandford Camp, Blandford, Dorset. Tel: Blandford Military Ext 419 or civil 55660.

4 bedroom semi-detached house, pleasant surroundings, market town of Fakenham, Norfolk. Bedsit + 3 bedrooms, kitchen, lounge/diner, utility room, US/DS toilet, integral garage. Contact or phone: Mr Holloway, 154 9 Acres, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. Tel: Ashford 23351.

Services

Miniature and full size medals sold and mounted reasonable charges e.g. Miniature G.S.M. N. Ireland mounted ready to wear only £5.50. S.A.E. for other prices.

C & J Tailors, "Valentines", 14 Fairford Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG3 6QB. Tel Reading (0734) 25356.

100% mortgages available subject to normal building society lending rules.

Telephone Tadcaster 835701 or write, David Fern (Insurance Brokers) Ltd, Shann House, 49 Kirkgate, Tadcaster, N Yorks.

Printing 'At Home' cards 250 with envelopes £22.00, draw tickets first 5000 £25.00, additional 1000s £3.35, 6-day despatch terms. CWO. AQMS Martin, 10 Woodside Gardens, Chineham, Basingstoke. Tel: 0264 72372, Barton Stacey Mil ext 316.

Dusstamps continues to be the only philatelic club for HM Forces worldwide. For further details Monthly Newsletter and auction list. Captain Morris, Int & Sy Group, 1 Fitzjohns Ave, London, NW3 5LA. Tel: 01 837 5034.

Delightful Dorset. Modern 3 bed semi in quiet close in village of Burton, 2 miles beaches and New Forest; Christchurch 5 mins bus ride. Close schools, churches, shops, bus route and surgery. All usual features incl GFCH and secluded pleasant gardens. Good value at £32,950. Enquiries to Major D. J. Roberts, RAPC Trg Centre, Worthy Down, Winchester (Mil ext 2232) or 0202-476411.

Spacious modern detached house, situated in Winterborne, Kingston, Dorset, 7 miles from Bovington, 6 miles from Blandford Camp, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom/WC, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, entrance hall, cloakroom/WC. Full oil central heating, double glazing, garage and patio. Medium size garden front and rear, comprising lawns, flowerbeds, shrubs, fruit trees and small vegetable plot. £38,950 freehold. Offers considered. Major Cleere, Bere Regis 649.

Butterwick, Boston. Custom built, 19 year old bungalow, very large lounge and dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, cloakroom, sunlounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom. Planning permission for third bedroom with plans. Double garage and good-size gardens on three sides of property. Price £32,500 to include all expensive carpets.

Mrs C King 0205-760072.

House Letting

If you need to let or have problems with letting property in Devon, Dorset, Somerset or Cornwall, contact:

Houselet (Southwest), 40 Newcourt Road, Topsham, Exeter EX3 0BT.

Medal mounting, F/S; miniature, also supplied, ribbons, surplus kit, badges, worldwide medals, edged weapons, NA21 gear, lists only. SSAE:

Curiosity Shop, HQ84, Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2DX. Tel: 27716 (0452).

Military Research. All aspects of Military Research undertaken. Reasonable Fees.

Cooper, 34 Brandram Road, London SE13. 01-852 8747.

Wanted

Del Pontin Apologises to any readers who phoned offering caps, etc., for sale and asks that they write to: C/O 11 Hannover Court, Wellington Road, Brighton, as he has been overseas.

Small dog under 6 years to replace 14 year old pug, a well-known local character.

Guildford 70502 Tomlery.

Highest prices paid for interesting war medals. Mr Bell (Collector) 1 Ribble Avenue, Bolton, Lancs. Tel: Bolton 29211.

For sale

A frame for your medals. Wood frame in white gloss with clear perspex-type front and red background slotted to take up to five medals and cap-badge or six medals. Easily removed for ceremonials Standard size 7 inches square £5.50 plus 75p p/p (C.W.O.). When ordering please state exact number of medals and/or cap-badge you intend framing.

E.N.D. Products, Olney House, High Street, Olney, Bucks. MK46 4BB. Tel 0234 712568.

Para Boots Ex. German High Leg with sewn new sole and heel £12.75, same, with original sole £8.25. Ex. German Army Ski Boots £8.75, New US Army Combat Boots £24. New German Forces Pioneer Fighting Knife £13.50, Austrian Forces Dagger £13.50. Prices include Postage. The Q.M. Stores, 80A Sweny Road, Margate, Kent (0843) 21124.

British Military Buttons For Sale or Exchange. Also wish to purchase odd items or whole collections.

S Beales, 289 Victoria Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft RN33 9LR. Tel. Lowestoft 513244.

Calendar 1983 'Uniforms of the Royal Regiment of Artillery 1743-1897' — containing six full colour plates by Capt. R.J. MacDonald RA. First published in 1899. Will make fine framed prints later. An ideal Christmas gift to give or receive — available only from: N. Litchfield, 18 Bakehouse Lane, Ockbrook, Derby DE7 3RH. At £3.75 each including postage (U.K. only). 50p from sale of each calendar to be donated to R.A. charitable fund.

Army Green Pen Holder Brassards with flap for rank £1.50 DPM Style £1.80 includes p.p.

V. Henderson, 6 Thames Crescent, Melksham, Wilts. SN12 8BH.

"**Eighth Army Driver**" by RASC Driver Merritt commended "SOLIDIER" April. North Africa. Europe. Demobbed. Autographed copy £6.25 inc postage from:

Maurice Merritt, 21 Harris Street, Peterborough PE1 2LY.

Military Subject, Books, all types SAE for List. Space required.

Ken Hobb, 40 Cleave Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 4AY.

Miniature South Atlantic Medals 1982. On sale now, only £5.50. Mounted ready to wear. Medal mounting service, quick and cheap. C and J Tailors, "Valentines", Fairford Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG3 6QB.

Telephone enquiries 0734 25356.

Styli — been trying to track down that rare stylus or live miles from a hi-fi shop then try us. We specialise in mail order Styli. Send SAE for stylus list and order form.

Watts Radio 8, The Applemarket, Kingston, Surrey.

Cars/Caravans

BAOR Posting? Contact SAAB-IDS for your tax free SAAB 1983 models available RHD GB Specification.

John Collett, AMIMI SAAB-IDS Alter Flughafen, 3000 Hannover 1, West Germany. Tel: 01049 511 630007 Evenings 01049 511 742410.

Posted Overseas? Left hand drive Ford Fiesta 1300 Ghia for sale X Reg April 1981 Strato Silver Blue interior 22,500 Km (14,000 miles). Very good condition £2,900 ono.

Mr A. Woodage, 11 Kings Close, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants. Tel Chandlers Ford (042-15-61717).

Tax-free Fords at lowest prices. Also full range Peugeot and Talbot. Free stereo (worth £220) with selected models. Contact:

Advanced Car Exports, 171a Fortress Road, London, NW5 2HR. 01-485 3247.

St Tropez. Luxury mobile home for holidays and letting income. 6 berth Silverline, 28 feet length. Full mains services and specifications, plus many extras. On 4 star site with pool, supermarket, bar, restaurant, etc. £4000.00 ono. Tel: (Watt) 0224 702331 Ext 57 or 0224 868069.

Holidays

Self Catering holidays in France and Spain. Deluxe fully equipped Mobile Homes, all mod cons, from only £49 per person. 9 Premier sites, from Royan to the Mediterranean. Either Self Drive, or travel in luxury on your Sleeper Coach. We also sell new and second hand Mobile Homes for your investment and please. Contact Hedoney Holidays Ltd., 245b High Street, Aldershot, Hants. Tel Aldershot (0252) 330990.

Travel with us. Buccaneer Travel Aldershot. Chapter Flights Worldwide from anywhere to anywhere also for: Military Personnel we offer: the most competitive rates for your family holidays.

Call us on (0252) 330182 and 24334 The Aldershot Travel Agent, 245 High Street, Aldershot, Hants.

Luxury 6 berth mobile home to let. Fully equipped. Swimming Pool. Horse Riding. Tennis. Restaurant. Shop. Situated just outside Frejus, South of France. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Sgt J. N. O. Connor, HQ Catterick Garrison, N. Yorks. Tel Catt Mil 2641 or Richmond (0748) 834370.

Calpe, Costa Blanca, winter lets September-May (incl), 1 and 2 bedroomed apartments 100m from beach. Heated swimming pool and tennis court. £37 & £54 per week. Capt (Rtd), W. T. Marshall, 4 Staff House, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9AG. Oxted 2271.

Luxury mobile home near St Tropez. H & C, shower, fridge, flush loo. Sleeps six, available all summer. From £80-£120 per week.

Stocker, 71 Wakefords Park, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hants, Fleet 21780.

Bournemouth. Leave/holidays. Family hotel. Close excellent beach and shops. No VAT, good food, bar. Phone for special 'Holiday Pack'. Shoreline Hotel, 7 Pinecliffe Ave, Southbourne. 0202 429654 Sgt Davis.

Gatwick Airport (1½ miles). Overnight accommodation — Car, Park available. Horley (0294) 71991/3650.

10% Discount if you book now for 1983. Luxury 6 berth mobile home, mains services on excellent 3 star site 500 metres from wide sandy beaches near Cap D'Agde, South of France, from £70.00 per week.

Kirby, 22 Moorlands, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 029668 (Wing) 676.

Cheapest Flights to anywhere and from anywhere and cheapest UK departure holidays.

Buccaneer Travel Bazaar, 245 High St, Aldershot, GU12 4G. Tel: 0252 24334.

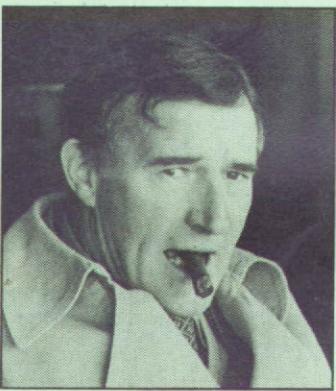
Services shatter Allison wonderland

COMBINED SERVICES 3 MIDDLESBROUGH 3

WHAT LOOKED like a pleasant outing for Malcolm Allison's thoroughbreds as they galloped into a three goal lead by the interval turned into a second half nightmare as the Services clawed their way back into the match to share the honours for the first time in nine meetings.

After a dressing room 'roasting' from coach, QMSI Alfie Coulton, the Services side came out imbued with a fighting spirit and quickly took the game to the professional opposition. In the first half they had seemed overawed by a team, which although languishing in the lower reaches of the Second Division, contained several well known names.

Conditions at Catterick, as is usual for this match, were cold and daunting with a slight silver-



'Big Mal' in pensive mood on the touchline with his usual cigar.

ing of the turf. Malcolm Allison, a more subdued figure than in his charismatic past, puffed on a large cigar and signed streams of autographs as he watched his Boro side put on the pressure.

It took only eight minutes for the defences to be breached. With goalkeeper, CP Opt Mickey Patterson stranded on the ground young striker, David Currie, slotted home. A succession of Boro corners followed and when the Navy forward, LMEM Kevin Maddocks, found himself away with only the goalie to beat he seemed so amazed that he banged in a hasty shot which hurtled over the bar.

The pattern continued. Middlesbrough always looked dangerous in attack while the rare Services breakaway showed

Report by
JOHN WALTON
Pictures by
DOUG PRATT

little composure or commitment and the Boro defence was always able to smother the attempt.

After 27 minutes Currie added a second when Patterson was drawn out of position. Lance-Corporal Sandy Brown made a valiant effort to stop the ball going in but it skidded off his legs into the back of the net. A few minutes later the Services were luckier when a goalward bound shot rebounded off the chest of a fortuitously placed Staff-Sergeant Mickey Doig.

The crackle of gunfire from nearby ranges was matched by the frequency of the Boro attacks with only occasional forays by the Services. Two minutes before the interval Paul Sagrue, who had been with Allison at Manchester City and has just rejoined him, bundled home a ball which had rebounded from the crossbar and Boro were three ahead.

International goalie, Jim Platt, was one of three Boro players substituted in the second half



O'Hanlon takes the ball under pressure from the CS attack.

and his young successor, Kevin O'Hanlon, soon found that he would be a lot busier than Platt had been.

Four minutes into the half Maddocks set the stands alight when he blasted in a superb shot which gave O'Hanlon no chance. Eight minutes later Lance-Corporal Steve Butler raced forward, O'Hanlon dived at his feet and the ball passed over his prostrate body and into the net.

And it was O'Hanlon's mistake which gave the Combined Services the equaliser. Maddocks was the scorer and the Servicemen who were fighting for every ball seemed to have put Boro off their stride.

But the traffic was not all one way and Patterson made up for an undistinguished first half with a fine diving save from Darren Wood followed by another from a David Shearer blast.

The Services nearly took the lead as they put O'Hanlon under severe pressure but the goal-mouth remained unbreached as darkness descended on the unlit ground. Patterson made another great save; O'Hanlon was almost bundled over the line with the ball; Wood came off with a split lip. Incidents aplenty but no

further goals before the final whistle.

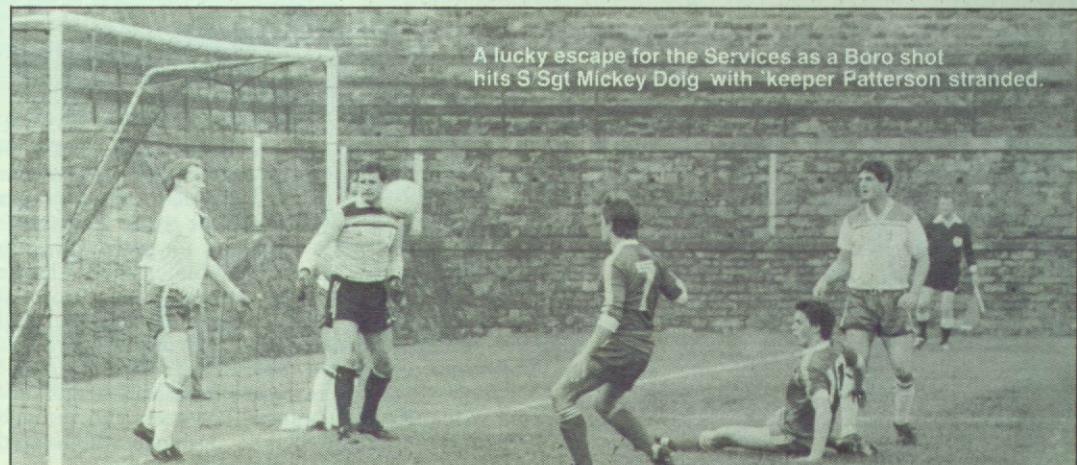
Afterwards Malcolm Allison told me: "I thought the Services worked very hard and showed some good things. They were extremely fit and it was a match that I enjoyed. I was a bit disappointed in the goals, two of them were very silly. But I think you have a good side there."

Not so kind was coach Coulton, who admitted that he had given his players "a good roasting" during the interval.

"It was a very disappointing first half and lacking in commitment and effort. The understanding and organisation were right but without the commitment it was not going to work.

"The good old roasting helped the players to lift their heads and show a more angry approach in the second half and they got their just rewards for the sort of aggression and spirit they need for the Kentish Cup. It's not a bad time to find it."

The Combined Services begin their annual joust with the National Service professionals of France and Belgium with a home tie at Aldershot on January 26 against the Belgian Armed Forces.



A lucky escape for the Services as a Boro shot hits S/Sgt Mickey Doig with keeper Patterson stranded.

SQUASH

Joyce gets her hat-trick

SERGEANT JOYCE TUOMEY scythed through the opposition to win the Army Women's Individual Squash Championship for the third year running. Sgt Tuomey, who is in the United Kingdom 'B' squad, and her final opponent, Sergeant Kathy Johnstone, had both been given byes into the second round and then proceeded towards their inevitable clash.

RUGBY

Under 21s outclass Sandhurst

Army Under 21 28 pts, RMA Sandhurst 6 pts

THE ARMY UNDER-21 XV's first fixture of the season saw them matched with a good Sandhurst side who had scored useful wins over Cranwell and Dartmouth this season.

Sandhurst opened the scoring but shortly afterwards a nice feed from the pack saw the ball move to the wing, Private Everitt of the Glosters, who went over for a corner try. This was converted with a fine kick by Sapper Kevin Belcher.

With half time approaching Belcher cut through to score under the post and convert and Craftsman Bert Greet added a penalty.

In the second half the Army dominated the game despite occasional fine patches from Sandhurst. The half back pair of Lance-Corporal Nipper Garrett and Belcher set up a try for Greet, and Belcher rounded off a fine open game by running in a superb try.

• The Army Rugby Colts XV got off to a fine start in their first two tour matches of the season. Down in the West Country they trounced St Austell Colts 37-6 and then went on to hammer Plymouth Albion Colts 33-3.

POLO WIN

IN A FINE display of team polo combined with some accurate long range hitting, the touring Rhine Army Polo Association team scored eight goals against the Cyprus Polo Association. The Cyprus team were unlucky not to find the goal once during the game leaving a final score of 8-3½.

After the first game of the best-of-five final Sgt Tuomey looked as though she had the match in the bag as she swept ahead 9-4. But to the surprise and delight of the spectators Sgt Johnstone found her form in the second game, raced ahead 5-1 and hung on for a 9-6 victory.

But the effort seemed to have taken everything out of her and Sgt Tuomey easily took the next game to love. In the fourth game another fight looked likely when the service went back and forth before either player scored. But Sgt Johnstone was tiring and her cries of "rubbish" as she gave points away indicated that she knew it. Tuomey pressed her advantage to win the game 9-7 and take the title.



Sergeant Joyce Tuomey

Afterwards the champion told SOLDIER: "The court was very slippy. If it hadn't been we would have had a much better game and longer rallies." She said the Army game had better players coming forward and looked forward to the Inter-Services championship this month in which the Army hopes to repeat its 1982 success.

Fine recovery

The Army battled back from a three goal deficit to share the honours with Somerset & Avon FA in a South West Counties championship match. L/Cpl Phil White (2) and L/Cpl Steve Butler scored the goals.



Paras pip PWO

In a desperate last minute sprint to the finish the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment were able to snatch victory in the Major Units Cross Country relay championships at Blackdown over the other dominating team 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

Lagging behind 1 PWO by about 100 metres over the first three legs the Paras, in the shape of Private Barlow, pulled back in the final leg and went on to win. Picture shows a PWO handover.

The new Minor Units relay champions are 63 Corps Support Squadron, Royal Engineers. Junior major and minor unit winners were Army Apprentices College, Harrogate and the Junior Soldiers' Company, Scottish Infantry Depot respectively.

... and André takes first Falklands title

CORPORAL ANDRÉ GONTIER of the Royal Army Medical Corps was first man home in the first Falkland Island Services Cross Country League meeting at Port Stanley. There were 123 runners from all three Services plus merchant seamen and local civilians.

Despite the many restrictions as a result of the war WO2 John Carlisle and Major Roger Thayne of the British Station Hospital produced a demanding course of six miles, only one of which was on road. It was a new experience for most competitors to run past captured howitzers and through defensive positions still littered with the refuse of war.

Surprisingly for the Falklands the weather was perfect for running with blue skies and a faint breeze. Cpl Gontier was home in 30 minutes 34 seconds followed by Sgt Pete Johnson RAMC and Jnr Tech Tuler of RAF Stanley. WO2 Carlisle was first veteran home and the team award went to the British Station Hospital.

HOCKEY

Army regain indoor title

THE ARMY are Services indoor hockey champions — for the first time since 1977. They came back from a four goal deficit at RAF Newton in Nottinghamshire to beat the RAF 10-8, then held off a late fight-back to defeat the Navy 7-6.

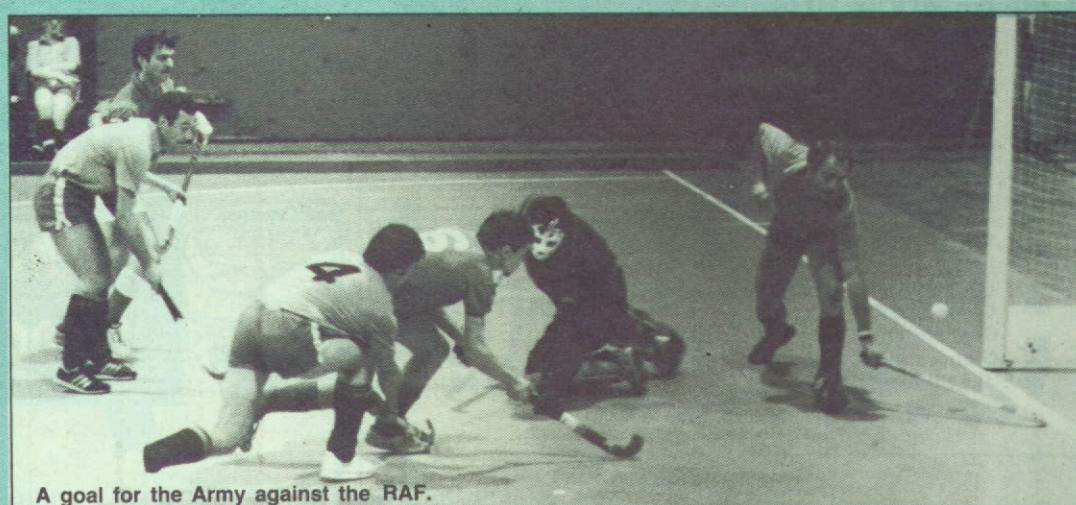
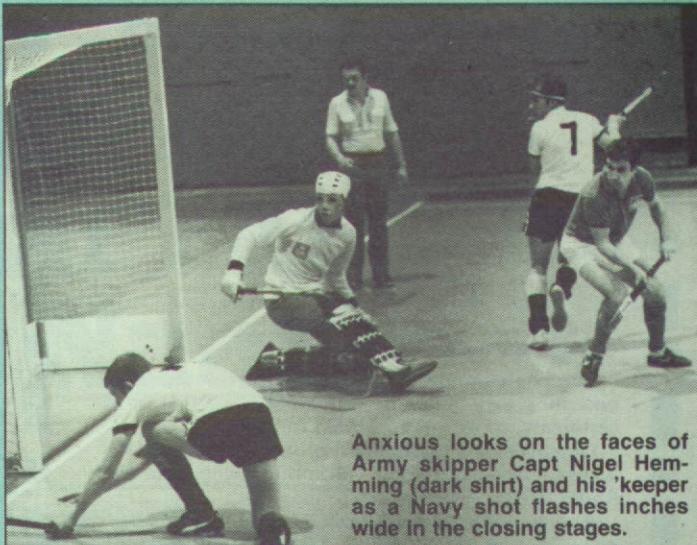
Their game against the RAF looked all over by half time with the score at 5-3 to the airmen. The Army, despite fielding four Combined Services players, hardly featured during the first half and their three goals all resulted from short corners, taken by Private Ian Jennings, PARA.

For the first few minutes into the second half, the Army goalkeeper, who had been changed at half time, was under severe pressure and the RAF appeared to have the match in the bag when they increased their lead to 7-3. But suddenly the Army began to show their teeth. A direct shot into the RAF goal followed by another in quick succession taken from a short corner, put the wind up the host side and their defenders were caught napping as Captain Nigel Hemming, Glosters sent the ball whistling past the goal line. Another short corner and the Army had pulled up level.

The RAF were increasingly unhappy, particularly when the umpire allowed an Army goal

after the ball was pushed over the line before it had stopped bouncing from a previous shot. But the umpires were not slow in spotting other infringements, especially stick tackling. A short corner and a penalty flick gave the Army a two goal lead and another direct shot took their tally to 10. The RAF, desperate in the last few minutes, scored once more

Anxious looks on the faces of Army skipper Capt Nigel Hemming (dark shirt) and his 'keeper as a Navy shot flashes inches wide in the closing stages.



A goal for the Army against the RAF.

but time ran out leaving the final score 10-8.

After the game, Captain Nigel Hemming, team captain, admitted that the Army's first half performance had been "definite-

ly unsettled".

"We should never have got ourselves into that position in the first place — and the RAF should never have let us back in! They should have won."

Next the Army played the Royal Navy, already winners against the RAF themselves and bidding to win the tournament for the third year running. But the Army refused to be overawed and having learnt a few lessons from their earlier game now looked much tighter showing improved ball skill and passing.

The soldiers got off to a good start to lead by two goals, but they finally had to give ground against a penalty flick and a stick tackle infringement that allowed the RN to equal the scores. The Navy then went into the lead with a direct goal. But the Army promptly made it 3-3 and managed to hold out until half time against strong pressure.

Two goals went swiftly to the Army in the second half, one almost by default when the ball was lifted into the air, hit the goal post and bounced over the line. In the blink of an eye the action was again down at the other end. One penalty flick was skilfully diverted but five seconds later the Navy got one home.

With the scores at 6-5 the Army had gone through a careless period in their enthusiasm to retain their lead, and although

one direct goal put them two ahead again, the Navy scored in the last minute of the game to trail by a single goal.

The spectators held their breath as the seconds ticked away but the Army were just able to hang on for a nail-biting victory.

The win marked a double success for the Army who earlier in the day had seen their Under-21 side defeat their Service rivals.

GYM AWARDS

CHILDREN in the Falklands, who helped form the Port Stanley Gymnastics Club at the end of the war — and the REME corporal who founded the club — received special awards from the British Bottlers of Coca-Cola and the British Amateur Gymnastics Association. They were presented at Wembley during the Coke Gymnastics International.

When the Falklands war ended the children of Port Stanley were unable to play outside because of the dangers from mines. Corporal Gordon 'Tex' Coton formed the club with an original membership of 106, 30 of whom have since won Coca-Cola awards. Corporal Coton is now stationed at Kirton-in-Lindsey where he has started another club.

21 still the champs



CHAMPIONS OF sapper sport in Germany for the second year running are 21 Engineer Regiment. They took the Major Units Victor Ludorum trophy after three days of non-stop action at Hamelin covering eight different sports. Best minor unit was 40 Army Engineer Support Group.

The RE Games are the only annual meeting of all BAOR-based sapper units and they provided plenty of exciting sport. Hosts this year were the two units from Hamelin, 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment and 35 Engineer Regiment.

Above: Action from the rugby final.

Trainee Radio Officers

first-class, secure career opportunities

A number of vacancies will be available in 1983/84 for suitable qualified candidates to be appointed as Trainee Radio Officers.

If you are leaving the Services shortly and if your trade or training involves Radio Operating, you qualify to be considered for a Radio Officer post with the Composite Signals Organisation.

Candidates must have had at least 2 years' radio operating experience or hold a PMG, MPT or MRGC certificate, or expect to obtain this shortly.

On successful completion of between 36 to 42 weeks specialist training, promotion will occur to the Radio Officer grade.

Registered disabled people may be considered.

Salary & Prospects

Trainee Radio Officer: £4357 at 19 to £5203 at 25 and over. On promotion to Radio Officer: £5968 at 19 to £7814 at 25 and over. Then by 4 annual increments to £10,662 inclusive of shift working and Saturday and Sunday elements.

Salaries reviewed annually.

For full details please contact our Recruitment Officer on Cheltenham (0242) 21491 Ext. 2269 or write to him at:

Recruitment Office, Government Communications Headquarters, Oakley, Priors Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 5AJ.



Holly Lodge HAMPERS

The **EASY** way to extra money

Look at all these super benefits you get as a Holly Lodge agent.

- Up to 17½% commission on everything you sell.
- Prices start from only 25p per week
- Choice of 7 super packs full of famous name groceries
- Wine and spirit packs • Special senior citizens pack
- Dewhurst and Boots gift vouchers



Can you afford not to be a Holly Lodge agent? It's the only way to enjoy Christmas '83 as it should be enjoyed — with lovely Christmas fayre and money in your pocket. Why not fill in the coupon below to find out how you can make money as a Holly Lodge agent. Just pop the coupon in an envelope and return it to Holly Lodge Now — there's no stamp needed.

FREEPOST

Please rush me details of your Christmas '83 packs and how I can make money as a Holly Lodge agent.

Mr/Mrs/Miss _____

Address _____

Town _____

County _____

Post to Holly Lodge Hampers FREEPOST
21 East Parade, Harrogate HG1 5BR



British Forces 'VICTORY' T & Sweatshirts

T SHIRTS

Adults - S, M, L, Ex. L. £2.50 + 25p P & P
Children - 24" 26" 28" 30" 32"
£1.80 + 25p P & P

SWEAT SHIRTS

(Sizes as T Shirts) Adult - £5.75 + 50p P & P
Children - £3.50 + 50p P & P
Orders of 25 garments or more name
of Units printed FREE!

Send cheque or P.O. payable to:

SwiftShirts

57 CHICHESTER ROAD
NORTH END PORTSMOUTH PO2 0AB

Tel. 691514



Superbly printed in Red, Blue and Yellow
on white T-Shirts and Grey Sweats

Concerned
about your
child's
schooling?

We have published a list of
Independent Schools that offer
**DISCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN
OF SERVICE FAMILIES**

For your copy CONTACT



Just send two first class stamps to...

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INFORMATION SERVICE
Dept: S, 26 Caxton St., London SW1H 0RG. 01-222 0065

English Rose Welsh Feathers



SWEATERS

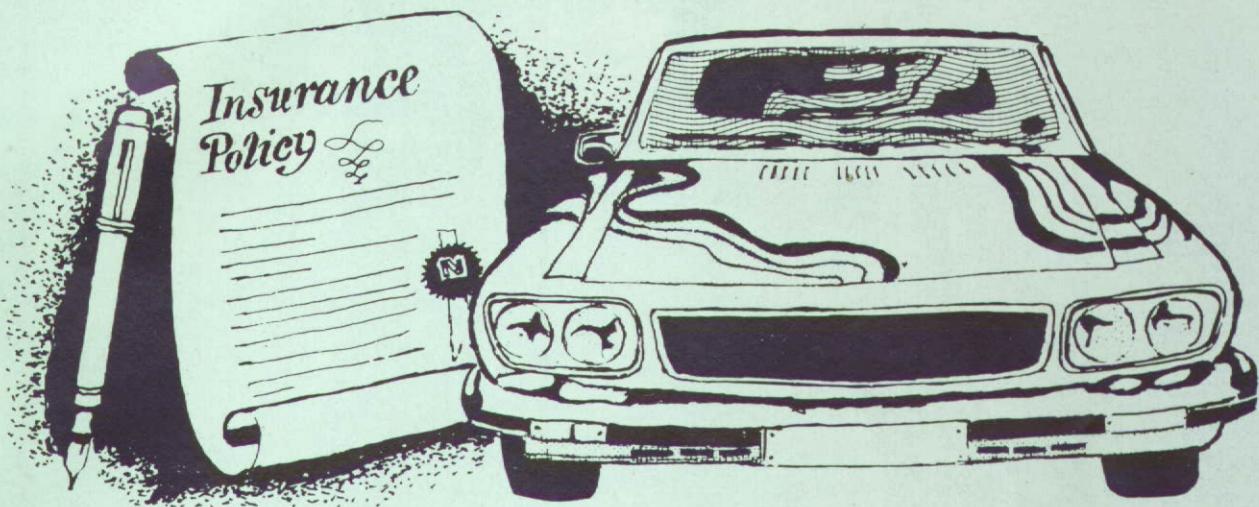
Embroidered with your club crest or personalised initials onto our lambswool Botany wool or 100% acrylic 'V' neck sweaters.

All these garments are designed and embroidered in our own factory.

EMBRO (MACCLESFIELD) LTD
ALMA WORKS
PICKFORD ST
MACCLESFIELD
Tel: 0625 616777

Designs and prices on request
Embroidered Badges & Club Tie Manufacturers

Buy finance and insure your car through Naafi



Because of Naafi's unique experience in providing special services for H.M. Forces, we have been able to develop a car sales and finance service especially geared to your needs.

We have our own sales force able to provide advice and assistance in the purchase of a new car with advantageous prices on many makes for personal export. We offer finance facilities plus car and customs duty insurance where required.

Ring us to-day at
Nottingham (0602)
411991 or fill in the
coupon.
Written quotations
are provided on
request.



To: Naafi, Car Sales, FREEPOST, Nottingham NG1 1BR. Please send me details without obligation.

I am interested in the purchase of a new car _____ (state model)

Please tick where
applicable

for use in _____ (state country)

I wish to pay cash I wish to use Naafi finance I am interested in car insurance

Name _____

Rank _____

Address _____

Service
number _____

Telephone
number _____

NAAFI-We're here to help you!

SOLDIER

