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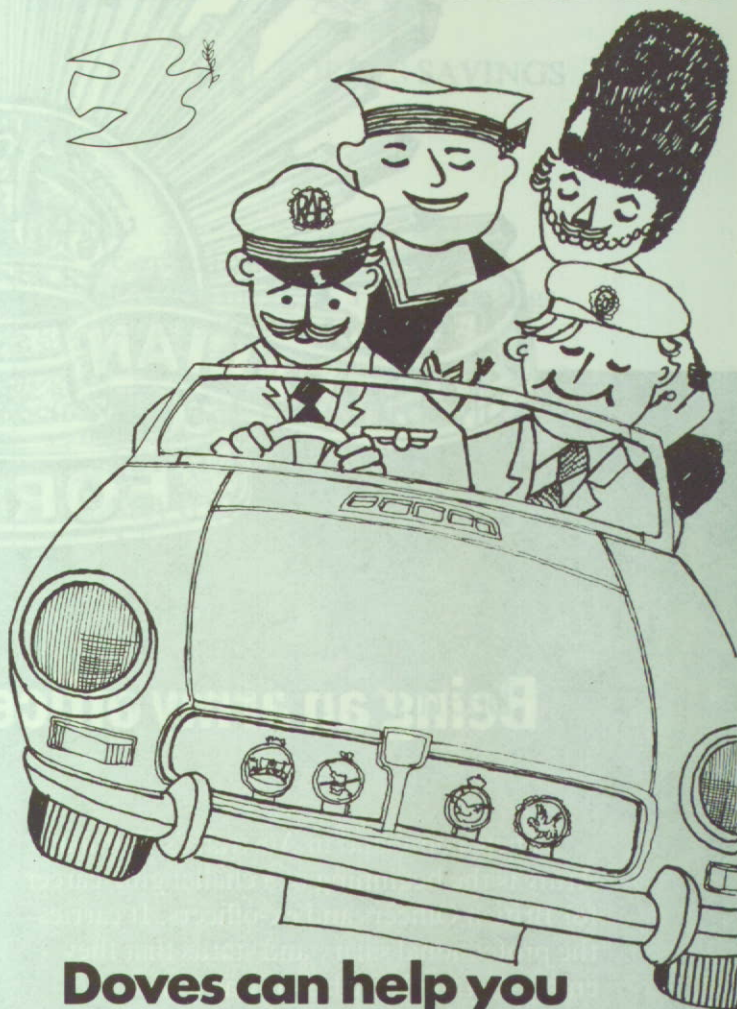
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In this regular feature **SOLDIER** keeps you up-to-date on tattoos, open days, exhibitions, at homes, Army displays and similar occasions on which the public is welcome to see the Army's men and equipment. Amendments and additions to previous lists are indicated in bold type.

JUNE 1971

The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, royal salutes, Hyde Park, London, 10 June (Prince Philip's birthday), 12 June (Queen's official birthday), 4 August (Queen Mother's birthday).

- 6 Battersea parade (Royal Tournament).
- 7 Scottish Division massed pipes and drums beat Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 9 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, London (9-26 June).
- 9 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Army recruiting display, Leigh, Lancashire (11-12 June).
- 11 Gosport cadet tattoo, St George's Barracks, Gosport (11-13 June).
- 11 Military tattoo/trade fair, Sidcup (11-13 June) (band).
- 12 Chingford bonanza (band).
- 12 Porchester carnival (bands, arena events).
- 12 Trooping the Colour, Horse Guards Parade, London.
- 12 Army display, Catterick.
- 12 **Donkey Derby, Alexandra Park, North London (infantry display teams).**
- 13 Welsh 3000s, Snowdonia.
- 14 Garter service, Windsor.
- 16 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 19 North Wilts cadet tattoo, Swindon.
- 19 British Legion (County of Northumberland) jubilee celebrations, Whitley Bay (band).
- 19 Frimley/Camberley cadet fête (two bands, two arena events).
- 19 **Hospital carnival, Barham Park, Wembley (infantry display teams).**
- 19 **Hanwell carnival, Ealing (Household Cavalry).**
- 23 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 25 Massed bands parade, Minden, West Germany (25-26 June).
- 26 Open day, Light Infantry Depot, Shrewsbury.
- 26 Open day, Depot The Queen's Division, Basingbourne.
- 26 Open day, 39 Engineer Regiment (Airfields), Waterbeach.
- 30 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.

JULY 1971

- Open day, Royal Corps of Transport, Northern Ireland.
- 2 Amalgamation 3rd Carabiniers and The Royal Scots Greys, Edinburgh.
- 3 Army display, Tewkesbury festival.
- 3 Military musical pageant, Wembley Stadium (in aid of Army Benevolent Fund).
- 3 Civic weekend and carnival, Doncaster (3-4 July) (band, motorcycle team, Red Devils).
- 7 Colchester tattoo (7-10 July).
- 7 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 8 Sounding Retreat, Rifle Depot (Royal Green Jackets), Peninsula Barracks, Winchester (8-10 July).
- 9 Southampton show (band and drums) (9-10 July).
- 9 **Finchley carnival (band, infantry display team) (9-10 July).**
- 10 Aldershot Army display (10-11 July).
- 10 Pudsey show (band).
- 14 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 15 Army recruiting display, Liverpool (15-17 July).
- 16 Army recruiting display, Birmingham (16-18 July).
- 16 Cheltenham tattoo (16-17 July).



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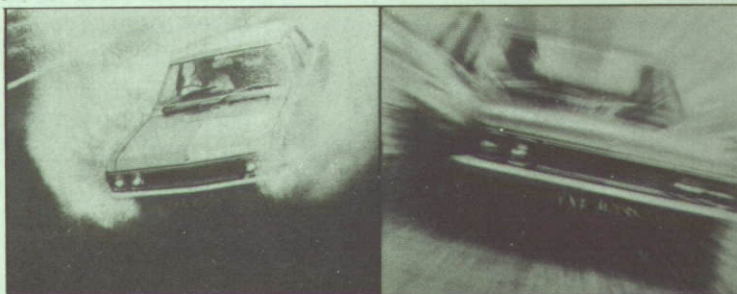
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JULY 1971

- 17 Artillery day, Larkhill.
- 17 Weston-super-Mare dairy festival (17-24 July) (three bands).
- 17 Basingstoke tattoo.
- 21 Combined services tattoo, Gosport.
- 21 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 22 Army recruiting display, Manchester (22-24 July).
- 23 Army recruiting display, Stoke-on-Trent (23-25 July).
- 27 Dover tattoo (Dover Army week) (27-28 July).
- 29 Borough show, Northampton (29-31 July) (band).
- 30 Cardiff tattoo (30 July-7 August).
- 30 Hull show (30-31 July) (Red Devils).
- 30 Folkestone tattoo (Dover Army week) (30-31 July).
- 31 Army air day, Middle Wallop.
- 31 Open day, Royal School of Military Engineering, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent.

AUGUST 1971

- 1 Open day, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington.
- 3 Tyneside summer exhibition, Exhibition Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (3-7 August) (bands, Red Devils, motorcycle team).
- 8 Cadet military tattoo, Huddersfield.
- 9 Darlington Army week (9-14 August).
- 9 Battle Royal: Household Division reviewed, Aldershot.
- 14 Darlington show.
- 18 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 20 Edinburgh tattoo (20 August-11 September) (no performances Thursdays and Sundays).
- 20 Army recruiting display, Crewe (20-21 August).
- 21 Eston play week, Middlesbrough (21-30 August) (band, motorcycle team, Red Devils).
- 25 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 27 Glasgow military display (27-29 August).
- 28 Leeds gala (28-30 August) (band, motorcycle team or Red Devils).
- 30 Crewe carnival (White Helmets).

SEPTEMBER 1971

- 1 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 2 Sheffield show (2-4 September) (band).
- 3 Army recruiting display, Blackburn (3-5 September).
- 3 Wood Green show (infantry display) (3-4 September).
- 4 Keighley show (band).
- 4 Guildford town show (two bands, arena event).
- 8 Kneller Hall band concert.
- 11 Brent show, Roundwood Park (infantry display teams) (11-12 September).
- 13 York tattoo (13-18 September).
- 15 Kneller Hall grand (band) concert.
- 16 Cambrian March (mid-Wales) (16-19 September).
- 24 Berlin tattoo (24-25 September).
- 27 The Queen's Division exhibition, Army Careers Information Office, Strand, London (27 September-31 October).
- 28 Kettering show (28 September-1 October) (band).

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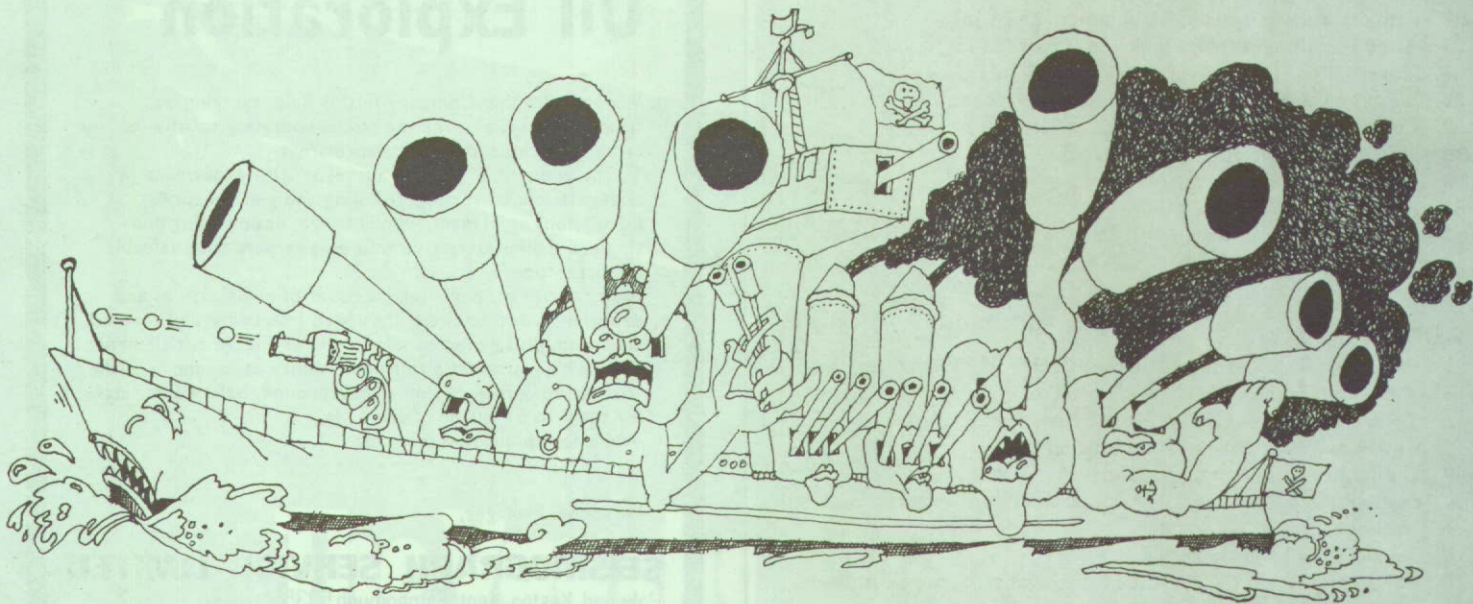
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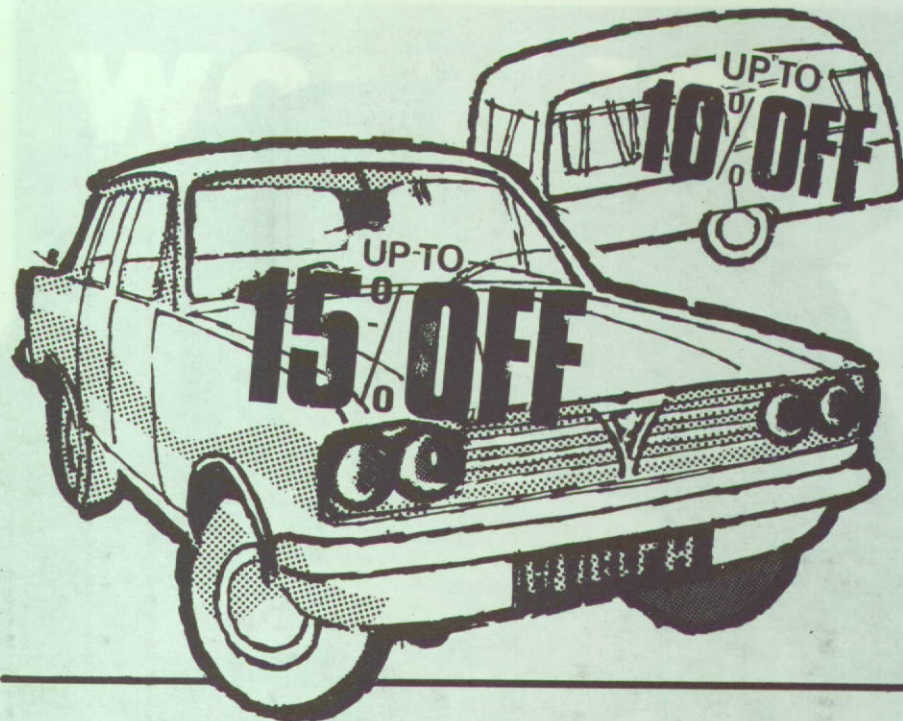


IT is really rather a long and waggish tale—"How Rifkah Koh-I-Noor of Ludhiana became mascot of T Light Air Defence Battery (Shah Sujah's Troop) of 12 Light Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery."

It began on 8 May 1838 with the formation of the battery as part of a force to back Shah Sujah—owner of the famous Koh-I-Noor diamond—in his claim to the throne of Afghanistan. The battery was later integrated into the Bengal Horse Artillery and, when converted to a European troop in 1924, was granted the subsidiary title "Shah Sujah's Troop."

Rifkah, an Afghan hound, was bought by the battery commander three years ago from Mrs Claire Race, wife of radio and television personality Steve Race. In keeping with his pedigree, they built a special kennel in the shape of an Afghan arch and 60 gunners turned out on parade in Dortmund to welcome him.

The highlight of his career is the annual "Shah's Day," when the battery dresses up like dogs' dinners with Afghan robes and spears and marches past the commanding officer. Last year Rifkah took part wearing his uniform coat of blue and gold embroidered with two new stripes. No-one quite knows why he was promoted. But then, with a name like Rifkah Koh-I-Noor of Ludhiana, you do not expect to remain a ranker for long.



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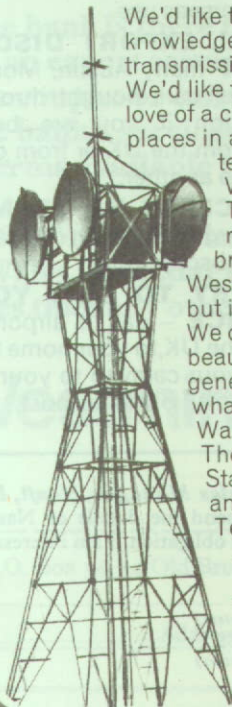
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The rectangular top was of white cloth with gold gimp and orris cord across the top and down the side angles. At the waist of the cap, where the top joined the skull, were four rows of silver lace. On the left front of the cap was a silver bullion boss with the royal cypher in silver on a dark green background.

At the back of the boss a small brass socket held the plume which was made



of dark green cock's feathers stitched together and then attached to a brass stem. The chin chain and lion head bosses at either side of the cap were made of silver or white metal, the chin chain being backed with black velvet. The leather peak was ornamented round the edge with silver embroidery.

The lance cap plate was triangular in shape and rayed, being ornamented with the shield of Lincoln, a shield bearing a cross with a fleurs de lys in the centre, the whole surrounded by a laurel wreath and surmounted by a crown. Below the wreath was a scroll bearing the title "Lincolnshire Imperial Yeomanry."

The headdress before the lance cap was the slouch hat which was worn until 1907 when, with the formation of the Territorial Force, it was discontinued for officers in preference to the lance cap.

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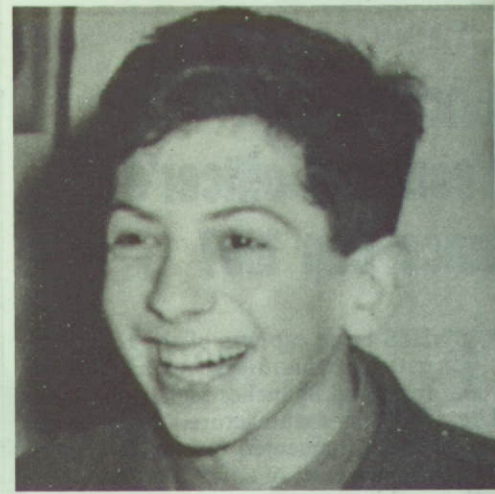
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UP-AND-COMING "PROFESSIONALS"



Story by George Hogan



Brothers and youngest cadets in Farnham Platoon tackle slippery poles on the assault course encouraged by their Parachute Regt instructor.

SALUTE the Army Cadet Force, the lads whose crest is the lion cub rampant, youths of determination and application who strive to emulate their big brothers of the Regular Army. They provide one in seven of all Army recruits and nearly one in four of the apprentices and junior leaders.

Taking into account boys who had early training as sea cadets and air cadets, more than 30 per cent of the Army's junior entrants gained knowledge of their future career in Service youth organisations and every fourth soldier is an ex-cadet.

When they join the Army the professional knowledge they have already gained enables them to make rapid progress while their early training in leadership marks many of them for quick promotion. They stand the transition period better than other recruits, fewer in proportion seek discharge and more re-engage.

The Army owes a great debt to a movement that is run largely by voluntary effort inspired by tradition and the high standards of the modern Army; that is kept alive by the virile approach and dedication of its officers, sergeant-majors and sergeants, by the enthusiasm, energy and sense of achievement of its teenage members and the generosity of supporters—mums, dads and local benefactors.

Young cadets, from 13 to 18 years of age, demonstrate keenness for all things military and generate energy beyond their years in their efforts to succeed in training and contest. These are lads who want to become soldiers—yet often there is no military tradition in their families. They seek to achieve discipline and good citizenship and many become leaders.

Their enthusiasm encourages their instructors, all volunteers attracted to the education of youth by a sense of service. Only a few dozen of the 6000 officers and instructors are employed full time. The majority attend parades during evening hours, at weekends and at the annual fortnight camp. They are members of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve, are subject to military discipline and receive pay for attendances.

The 40,000 cadets, organised in 1500 detachments of platoon and company strength throughout Britain, can join and leave as they wish. Each detachment is affiliated to a regiment or corps and the cadets wear the appropriate badge. Some 150 of these detachments are based on schools with membership restricted to pupils but the remainder are open to all lads in their areas. In 1960, its centenary year, the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the ACF, presented a banner

which was trooped through the counties of Britain.

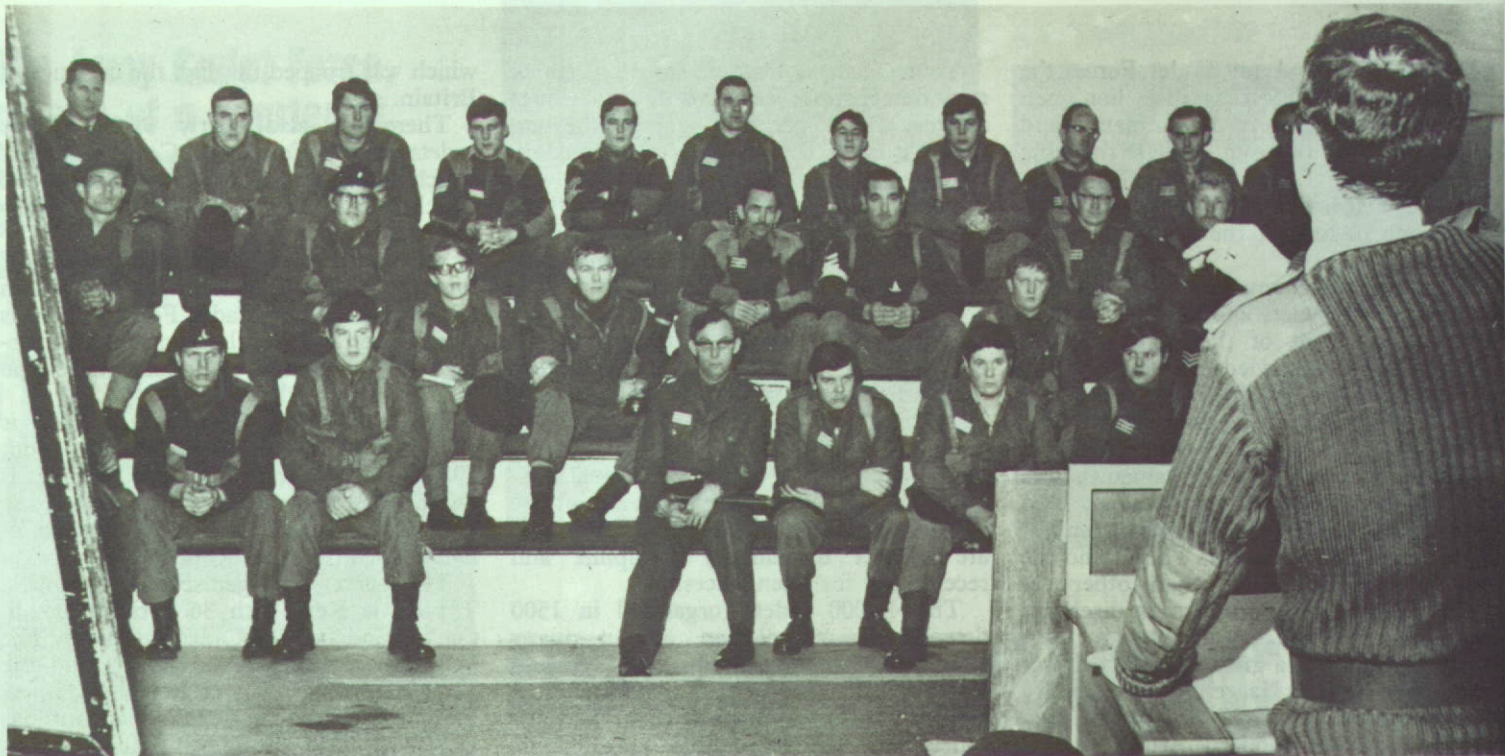
There are also nearly 31,000 Army cadets in the Combined Cadet Force of which the Queen is Captain-General and which is entirely made up of school contingents.

Volunteers from parent units and other formations give up spare time to assist in training the Army Cadet Force. There is close liaison with local authorities and firemen and policemen are among those who help to instruct the lads.

The number of cadets in the ACF is expected to rise from 40,000 to about 70,000 when the school-leaving age is raised to 16 next year. At present many boys leave on changing their pattern of living when they seek work at 15.

The force is organised by counties. Typical is Kent with 36 detachments in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cadet Battalions, The Queen's Regiment (Kent ACF), and the Kent Army Cadet Force Regiment, Royal Engineers. The county commandant has a staff of officers responsible for training, sport and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, a chaplain, medical officer and a cadet executive, the only full-time officer, responsible for the everyday running of the headquarters. The ACF works closely with the Territorial, Auxiliary and





Instructors practise the intricacies of command and gain confidence as leaders in Frimley Park.

Top of page: Regular Army officer lectures on tactics to instructors from all over Britain.



Above: Section will advance. No 4 rifle in use.

Left: Speedy move to new position with Bren.

Far right: Teenager cadets negotiate Guards' assault course at Pirbright. Some got soaked.



Frimley Hall

The Cadet Training Centre at Camberley, Surrey, stands in the 30 acres of Frimley Park's grasslands, woods and lake. It is built on the site of a hunting lodge used by Charles I in the early 1600s.

Frimley Park was a manor in Norman times, part of the extensive lands of Chertsey Abbey. Henry VIII presented it to his daughter Mary on the dissolution of the monasteries and in 1553 Mary gave it to Sir John White of Aldershot during his term as Lord Mayor of London.

It passed in time to the Tichborne family as a marriage settlement and in 1790 was sold for £20,000 by the last of the Tichbornes to James Laurell. It is said that his son staked and lost the estate at a game of

cards played at Frimley at which the Prince of Wales, later George IV, was present.

The War Office bought part of the estate in 1860 as a training ground for the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

One of the owners of the house since that time was Colonel Fox, The Black Watch, first Inspector of Gymnasia, who introduced physical training into the Army and laid out the Aldershot sports grounds.

The Officers' Association used the mansion and grounds as a home for elderly officer widowers after World War Two and it was a staff college for the Women's Royal Army Corps from 1951 to 1957.

Volunteer Reserve Association and has the use of Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve centres and facilities throughout Britain.

A new cadet's first objective is part I of Certificate A—tests after basic training in drill, weapons, fieldcraft and map reading. He can achieve promotion through junior ranks to under-officer and can go on to part II of Certificate A which includes subjects that develop leadership. There is also Certificate T awarded to lads who become proficient in technical subjects. Short courses are held in radio, cookery, physical training, engineering and gunnery at qualified schools and vacancies are sometimes available at the Army Outward Bound School.

Highlight of the cadet year is the annual camp in July-August when battalions get together in the field for a fortnight and the full camaraderie of outdoor soldiering is appreciated and the lessons of training are tested. There are also weekends during the year of fieldcraft and general activity when exercises with TAVR units are arranged and inter-detachment contests held.

Each year at Eastertide 500 cadets out of double that number of volunteers pay a visit to Rhine Army where they are accommodated, fed and instructed by Regular units. The youngsters willingly pay the £16 fare to Germany and guests and hosts both thoroughly enjoy the get-together. Cadet teams also take part in the annual Nijmegen marches in Holland. Others visit affiliated regiments in overseas stations.

The Regular Army gives direct help to the ACF at Frimley Park, Surrey, where Colonel D C Clapham is commandant of the Cadet Training Centre which runs 30 to 40 courses and conferences each year for the training of officers and instructors of the Army Cadet Force and the Combined Cadet Force. About 1300 attend each year, including some 300 cadets at three leadership camps held in the summer.

Instructional and organisational help direct to detachments comes from 38 cadet training teams each comprising a Regular officer, warrant officer and two sergeants. They keep detachment instructors up-to-date with the latest developments and methods and test cadets in part II of certificate A. They organise camps and competitions and give any other assistance required.

A typical team is No 8 Cadet Training Team based at Guildford. It is commanded by Lieutenant Tom Bullock, The Royal Anglian Regiment, recently commissioned from regimental sergeant-major, who watches over 43 ACF detachments and 17 CCF contingents in Surrey and Sussex. The team spends most weekends and many evenings on duty and has to be familiar with equipment and weapons used by the cadets, such as the .303-inch rifle and machine-gun.

Assistance is also given by the Army's 78 youth teams whose task is to help all civilian youth organisations with instruction, demonstration and the provision of facilities. Their wide experience with the youth of Britain makes them particularly good referees and first-class instructors with the right knack for encouragement. Their



Front cover

Up and over and it is a long drop for teenagers on the full-size assault course in the "confidence area" of the Junior Infantrymen's Battalion at Shorncliffe, Kent.

The lads show a keenness to excel and endurance beyond normal necessity. Even the youngest refuse to be beaten and seek toughness and strength through sheer determination.

They have every desire to become soldiers and thoroughly enjoy learning the basic skills of the profession.

Picture by Martin Adam.





Left: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief Army Cadet Force, at the Tower of London in 1960 to present his banner in centenary year.



Above: Col East, 2/13 United States Infantry Battalion, presents a plaque to a cadet of 4th Cadet Regiment, RA, visiting Germany in 1968.



Left: Colonel A C Newman VC, with Army cadets in camp at Dibgate, near Shorncliffe, in 1947.

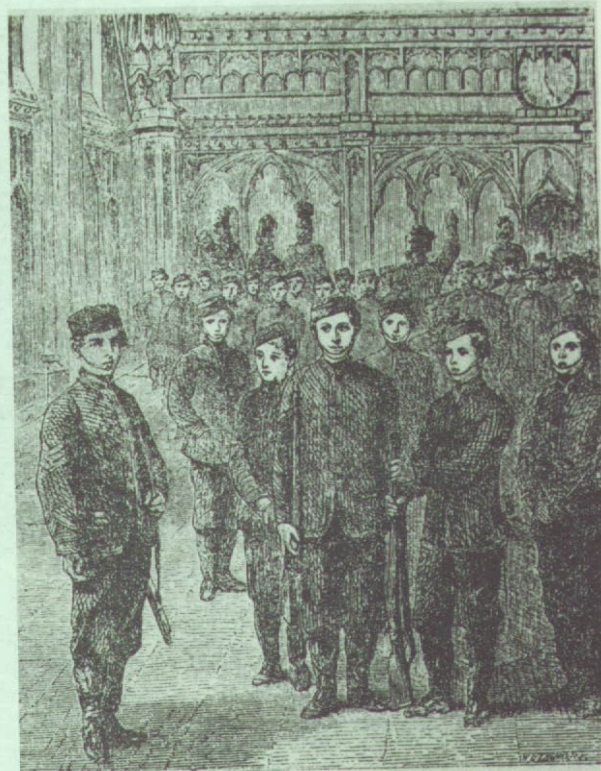


Above: Taking a ride in the new 432 armoured personnel carrier in 1966. Cadets with The Royal Anglian Regiment in 1st Division, BAOR.

Left: The first of many. Cadets of London Rifle Brigade assembled in the Guildhall for drill. From Boys' Own Magazine, January 1862.

Far left: William Speakman who won the Victoria Cross in Korea was in the Army Cadet Force.

Far right: The new uniform (right) is excellent for the field and smart enough for ceremonial.



knowledge of orienteering, sport, physical training and the adventurous aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is of great help to detachments and individuals.

The charter of the Army Cadet Force declares that the purpose of the organisation is to develop "the qualities of good citizenship and the spirit of service to Queen and country." Service to the community ranks high and many cadet activities are directed to assisting the old, the young and the handicapped, in personal service and fund raising. One regiment raised £900 for the blind; one detachment cleared a site of rubble, levelled it, seeded it and now maintains it on behalf of a civic society—having also provided three seats.

Cadets have mounted forest fire prevention patrols, assisted in floods, snow, beach oil pollution clearance, removal of litter and freeing of drains. Coastguards, fire services, mountain rescue teams and ambulance societies have all gained by the help of individual cadets. Guards of honour have been provided for judges at assizes; radio links and runners have helped in the organisation of international championships, angling competitions, carnivals, shows and other events. A recent check listed 112 different examples of community service.

The Army Cadet Force takes its place in parades on national days and during local festivals. The drums, fifes and bugles draw the crowds and are immensely popular at the Royal Tournament and other events.

Working dress for the lads is overalls and jersey pullover, with a suit of battle-dress for parades—all of which are out-of-date in the Regular Army. Because they take real pride in their appearance many have bought No 2 dress at their own expense. Now, in line with the Regular Army, they are to be issued with an up-to-date working dress of green polyester-cotton trousers, heavy wool jersey, combat shirt and web belt which, with their present beret, will also make a neat parade dress. Battle-dress goes and so does the greatcoat—to be replaced by an anorak. A cap comforter is a useful extra issue for use in the field.

The changes were recommended by the Review Committee on the ACF and agreed by the Army Board. Other changes to be implemented are that cadets aged 13 may now take part in all activities, including camp, which were previously barred to them; improved training for older cadets is to be studied; there are to be two sub-alterns instead of one in each detachment, making about 900 more officer posts; the corresponding reduction in non-commissioned officer instructors will be partly offset by a new requirement for 200 sergeant-major instructors and 70 regimental sergeant-major instructors (a new rank); another new rank to be introduced is staff-sergeant instructor which gives more scope for promotion; and more money will be made available for travel and general purposes.

The young lad of today seeking adventurous and challenging activities can do no better than enrol in the Army Cadet Force. Hundreds of thousands have done so before him and gone on to satisfying careers as officers, warrant officers, technicians and tradesmen. In the ACF he can get a pre-taste of modern creative soldiering—without signing on any dotted line.



Battle honour

The first cadet unit was formed by the London Rifle Brigade in 1860 at the Royal Masonic School, Bushey. The lead was quickly followed by Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Tonbridge and other schools responding to the patriotism of the time which engendered the Volunteer movement and led to young lads training for an operational role in the defence of Britain.

The 1st Cadet Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, was formed in London in 1894 and was at a peak of efficiency when the South African War started in 1899. Almost the whole battalion volunteered to fight and a special contingent which served with the City Imperial Volunteers gained the only cadet battle honour ever awarded: "South Africa 1900-02."

It is impossible to determine the number of cadets who served in the two world wars but 8600 passed through the KRRC battalion in World War One and gained 112 gallantry awards including three Victoria Crosses. This was the pattern for cadets in both world wars—ready, adventurous and courageous.

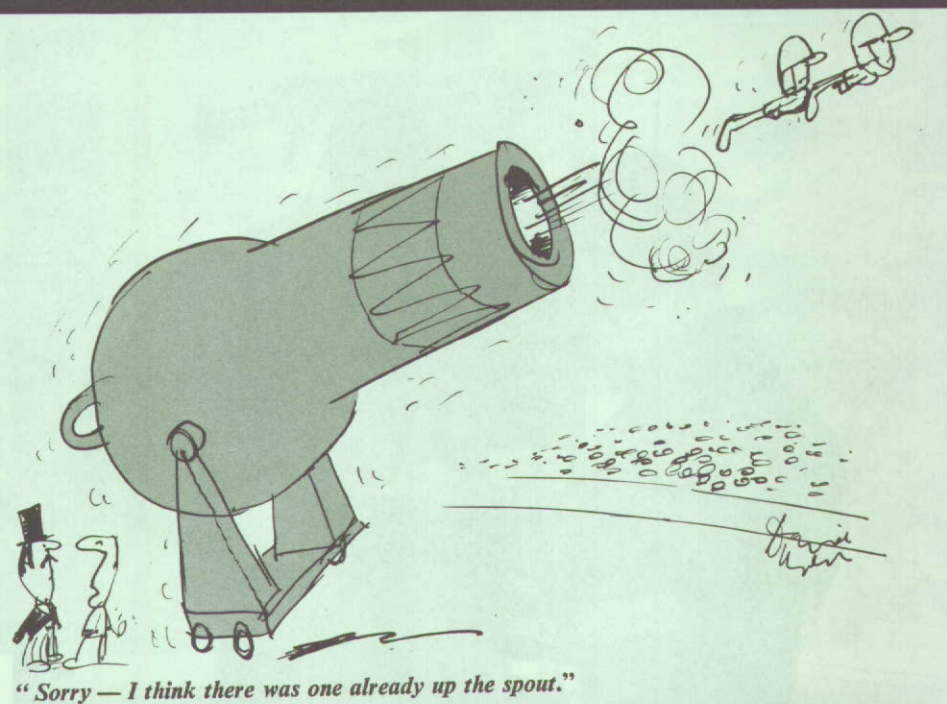




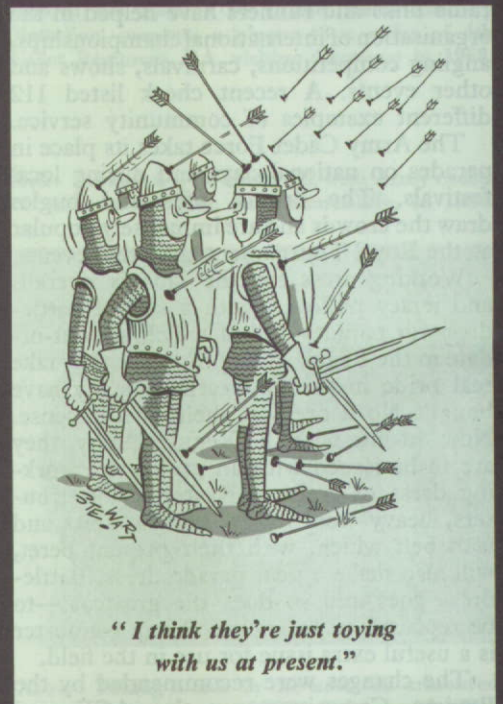
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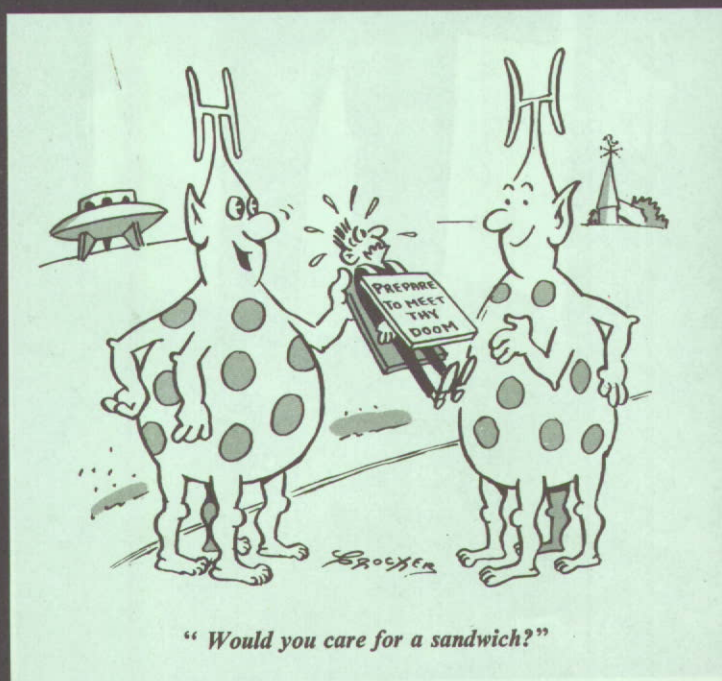
"My, you're certainly having a run of bad luck."



"Sorry - I think there was one already up the spout."



"I think they're just toying with us at present."



"Would you care for a sandwich?"



"You're taking this Emergency Reserve business too seriously!"

...angel, interrupted by the shouting.

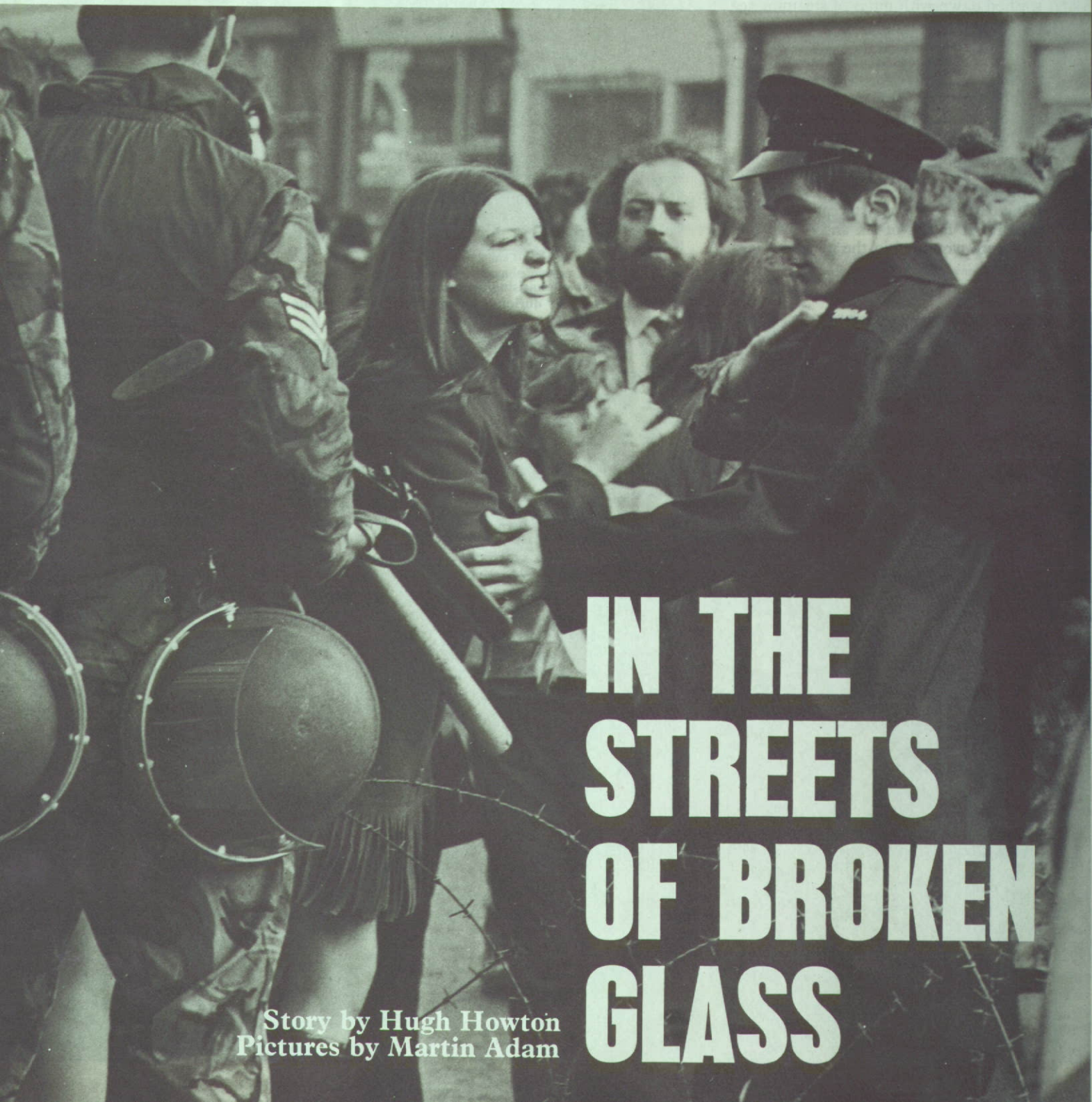


THE afternoon began with the nice ladies of Ballymoney Street serving soldiers with dainty cups of tea and fruit cake on doilies in their front gardens. Abruptly their guests were called away—to man barbed wire barricades with lowered visors and upraised shields and truncheons just round the corner.

With startling suddenness and ferocity another riot had erupted in trouble-torn Belfast. Local Protestants gathered as the flutes and drums of the Pride of Shankill Band resounded through the narrow streets of terraced houses after a Junior Orangemen's rally. They were stopped before the barbed wire by arm-in-arm policemen of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, another barricade was run across the road to hold an approaching crowd of Catholics, and a last-ditch defence was formed by a line of armoured cars across the centre.

First they started hurling insults—out-of-work labourers from the pubs, housewives in curlers, even “dolly” girls in hot pants and boys in short trousers. Then they hurled stones. The six-footers of Prince of Wales's Company of the Welsh Guards stood steady and silent behind the wire. The Catholics waved an orange, white and green Republican tricolour and began singing, “We are off to Dublin in the morning to the echo of the Thompson gun . . .”

An irate Protestant youth wielding a Union flag broke the police cordon and tried to leap the wire. But he was fended off in mid-air by the truncheon of 20-year-old Lance-Corporal Terence Evans. The Union flag, a provocation to the Catholics, was confiscated by the Army and the youth was pulled back from the wire by his own people. Another young man on the other side hurled a stone which cut the lip of



IN THE STREETS OF BROKEN GLASS

Story by Hugh Howton
Pictures by Martin Adam

Lance-Sergeant Gerald Edwards. He had not picked a good target.

Sergeant Edwards, six feet tall, 17 stones and a prop-forward for London Welsh, is known to fellow guardsmen as "Tank." In a dash that would have done credit to Twickenham, he led a snatch squad out through the parted wire, down a side street of broken glass, into a narrow alleyway and finally cornered his assailant in a haulage contractor's yard. The prisoner was handed over to the police for a future court appearance. Sergeant Edwards summed up with due modesty: "I think he was a bit frightened when we actually had him."

With cool diplomacy the Welsh Guards commander, Lieutenant-Colonel James Malcolm, and his officers, managed to quench the crowd's fiery tempers. The riot subsided an hour after it had erupted and the guardsmen were able to pause for a mess-tin meal of steak-and-kidney pie washed down with mugs of steaming tea.

However, a search conducted in the comparative quiet uncovered an unexploded nail bomb in a back yard. It was a bad omen. After forestalling all expected trouble over Easter the Army's luck had run out on that night of 13 April.

Over the river in Ballymacarett a further incident was about to explode. The strident notes of another band returning from the same Orange rally in Carrickfergus were punctuated by the staccato crackle of gunfire. A father-of-six and a 13-year-old boy were wounded in the neck and legs. A



Above: Without emphasising their presence Welsh guardsmen stand by during a Belfast "incident."

Below: Waiting ready at a barbed wire barricade while insults are hurled. Later, perhaps, stones.



Protestant crowd, incensed by the shooting, surged down Newtownards Road towards the Catholic quarter. There some youths and men among them pelted St Matthews Roman Catholic Church with petrol bombs, setting light to the porch.

Number Three Company of the Welsh Guards and 1st Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers, moved to head off the mob and seal the streets with barricades. As the crowd built up to 2500, 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, arrived as reinforcements. Militant youths and men threw any missile they could lay hands on—paving stones, paint tins from a decorator's shop and cans of food looted from a grocer's.

One guardsman was hit in the back by a petrol bomb. "He went up like a torch," said a fellow soldier. "It looked frightful." Fortunately Army clothing does not burn well and he was smothered with one of the wet blankets kept on the armoured cars. Prompt action by his mates saved him from injury.

It took 150 rubber bullets to knock the fight out of the militants and between them the Welsh Guards and Paras alone made 17 arrests. Meanwhile, Support Company, Welsh Guards, made snap arms searches in the houses of suspects. Even under provocation they maintained a calm courtesy.

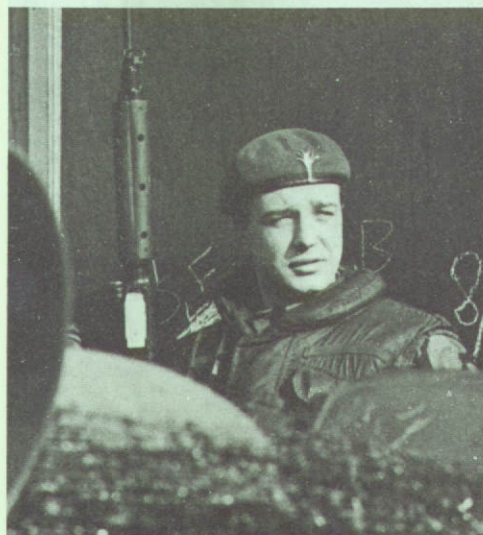
The souvenirs of that night included a shotgun, wooden clubs, and a tin of corned beef which one corporal wryly asserted he was going to have for breakfast. It was not until the sombre night, lit by gas

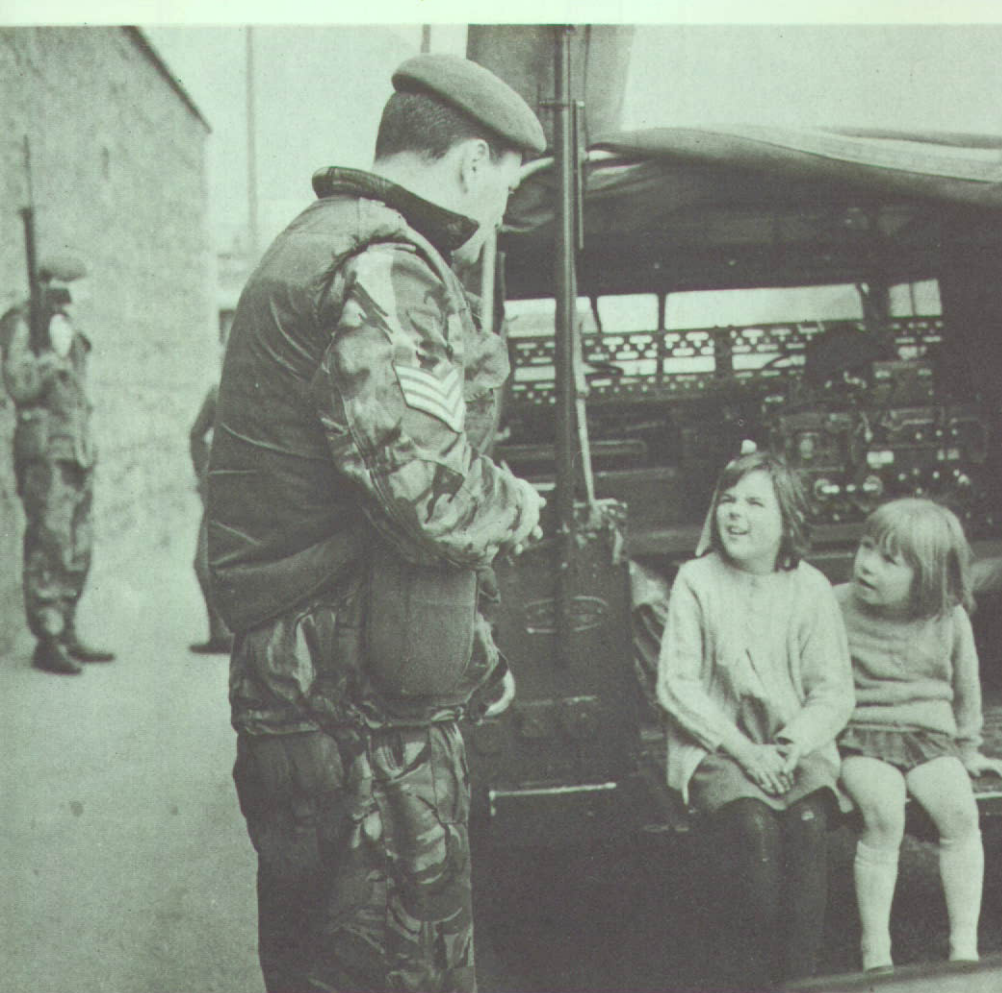


Below: The loneliness of the soldier's task is caught in these two pictures below the poster.

Above: The wire goes out to keep rival elements apart before the parade passes Parkview Street.

Below: Watchful, tense but calm as an incident builds up in the Old Park Road area in Belfast.





street-lamps, was about to give way to an uneasy dawn that the tired guardsmen could get to bed in their billets in the disused Carnmoney factory at the foot of the mist-shrouded Black Hills. So ended their baptism of fire, the first major night of rioting in their four-month tour.

Today the pattern of events has become as familiar as the special issue camouflaged combat suits which they wear while lying on the mattresses of two-tier bunks awaiting an alert. Some even talk euphemistically about going out for the evening to a "bottle" party. That the bottles contain not alcohol but petrol is left unsaid.

As the reserve of 39 Airportable Brigade they can be called out anywhere at any time. All this, and manning key points such as gasworks, television stations, waterworks and radio relay stations throughout the day.

The cool-tempered and warm-hearted guardsmen have already won respect, even affection, from the ordinary people of Ulster. But the last word is with a lady. The nice lady with the green fence at No 8 Ballemoney Street. She told me: "We have had them all here: the Scotties, the commandos and the Devon and Dorsets. They are all good boys. We are only ashamed at the treatment *some* people give them." And to the Welsh Guardsmen departing her now peaceful street she called: "Ye's very welcome. Come again."

But because of its implications it is an invitation the Taffies hope they do not have to accept.

Above: "You speak funny, Welsh soldier." The inquiring mind of the young helps relations.

Below: More loneliness for a soldier on patrol in a land where divisions are basic, clear cut.



SOLDIER to soldier

A trumpet sounded at Waterloo will introduce Eckersberg's musical fantasy, "The Battle of Waterloo," which is one of the items in the Military Musical Pageant to be held at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 3 July in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. The trumpet, owned by the 9th/12th Lancers, will be sounded by a bugler of the regiment. Major J H Howe, director of music of the Scots Guards and senior director of music of the Household Division, will conduct military bands, pipes and drums, bugles and corps of drums in this item, in which the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, also takes part.

The pageant, produced by Major Aubrey Jackman and preceded by community singing to a composite band of the Welsh Guards and Women's Royal Army Corps opens with fanfares by every trumpeter and bugler on parade (nearly 1500 musicians will take part in the pageant) under Major E W Jeanes, director of music of The Blues and Royals. All the bands and corps of drums of The Household Division, except the Grenadier Guards (on public duties), will then appear in a massed item under Major T le Sharpe, director of music, Coldstream Guards.

Warrant Officer I F R Fitch, bandmaster of the Light Infantry Depot, will conduct the bands and bugles of 2nd and 3rd battalions, The Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, Light Infantry Depot, Rifle Depot and Brigade of Gurkhas in "Light of Foot." "The Battle of Waterloo" follows.

After the interval "Mounted Music" will include a composite band of the Household Cavalry, Royal Artillery bands of Woolwich and Larkhill, Royal Engineer bands of Chatham and Aldershot, Cambrai Band of the Royal Tank Regiment and bands of the Royal Corps of Transport, The Royal Hussars and 14th/20th Hussars. The Cambrai bandmen will be carried in Ferret scout cars of a Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve unit, The Royal Yeomanry Regiment, and another reserve unit, 873 Movement Light Squadron, Royal Engineers, will spotlight items in the pageant with six searchlights.

"Scotland the Brave" features the pipes and drums of The Scottish Division, Scots Guards and Brigade of Gurkhas, and Scottish dancers. Lieutenant-Colonel R Bashford, director of music of the Royal Military School of Music, will then conduct the military bands of the school, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Women's Royal Army Corps, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots, 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, and 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment.

The grand finale, with all musicians, will end with the "Evening Hymn," "Sunset" and "Retreat."

Seat tickets are available from the Box Office, Empire Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex, at 150p, 100p, 80p, 50p and 30p with party rates (20 or more seats) of 130p, 90p, 70p and 40p. Cheques etc should be made payable to "Wembley Stadium Ltd" and accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.



Above: On duty in the streets again after being a casualty of the previous night's rowdyism.

Dressing the part, in a city where a game of soldiers has a touching irony. Young Jackie Gallas, number one fan of 1st Battalion, Welsh Guards, has his helmet strap adjusted (below) by a kindly regimental policeman outside the bat-

talion's billet in the disused Carnmoney factory. In appreciation of Jackie's enthusiasm the battalion recently invited him to lunch in the sergeants mess and presented him with a regimental khaki beret and leek badge.





"I was most impressed with the demonstration and thoroughly enjoyed driving the Chieftain," said Prime Minister Edward Heath after following a Rhine Army "battle" at Paderborn, Germany. Wearing combat clothing and the insignia of a lieutenant-colonel (left), the Prime Minister rode in an armoured personnel carrier to see The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars (right), and 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers, in action supported by Abbots of 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Staff-Sergeant Bill McLernon, Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, explained the Chieftain driving controls (far right), to the ex-gunner Prime Minister who served with the Honourable Artillery Company.



Left, right and centre

The new Anglo-French multi-purpose military helicopter, the Lynx (WG 13) (left), forecast in *SOLDIER*, December 1969, has now flown for the first time at Westland's Yeovil works, Somerset. Powered by two Rolls-Royce BS 360 free-turbine engines, it will have a maximum sustained speed of 160 knots and a range of 500 miles. Easy access for 12 fully armed and equipped troops is by sliding door on each side of the cabin. The Lynx is expected to be in service with the Army in late 1973.



He is only eight years old but Mark Eddies of Bomere Heath, near Shrewsbury, was his *aide-de-camp* when Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, General Officer Commanding Western Command, took a passing-out parade (left) at the Light Infantry Depot, Sir John Moore Barracks, Shrewsbury. Little Mark also had his own duty sergeant for the afternoon, Sergeant Dave Manby, who collected him in a staff car and escorted him round the barracks. Proud Mum, Mrs Joyce Eddies, said: "He does not want me along. He wrote a letter to the Army and I did not know anything about it until after he posted it. We thought he would be lucky if he got a reply. We did not think anything like this would happen... it's incredible."



With smart bush hat and military-style outfit Princess Anne was greatly admired when she inspected the troops, presented prizes and took the salute at a passing-out parade of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, at Bovington.



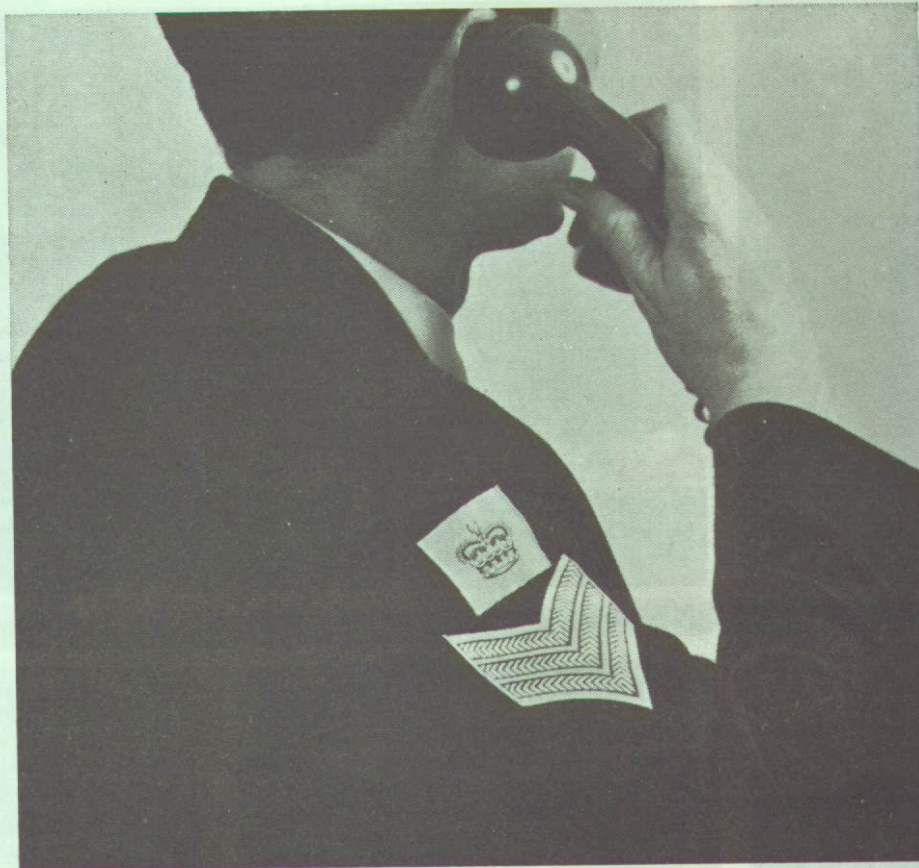
A Malayan ceremonial *kris* was handed over to Major Bill Foster, commanding 55 Air Despatch Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, when the unit merged with 22 Air Despatch Squadron at Thorney Island. The presentation was made by Major-General Pat Claxton, Transport Officer-in-Chief (left, above), in the presence of Major Gordon Murray, who commanded 55 Squadron in Malaya. The *kris* was a gift from the Malaysian Government in recognition of the squadron's service to the country. The squadron had been nearly 26 years in the Far East.



"I never thought I would be doing this again," said ex-Guardsman James Gavaghan when he tried on (above) an Irish Guards' cap at Papakura near Auckland where 100 Irish Guardsmen had arrived for exercises with the New Zealand Army. Now 66, James joined the Manchester City Police after serving with the Guards for three years from 1927. "It was terribly tough then," he said.



The newly formed 28 Amphibious Engineer Regiment, the largest Royal Engineer regiment in Rhine Army, will increase the mobility of the armoured brigades in Germany. Each of its three squadrons is equipped with 24 German M2 amphibious bridging rigs—the most modern and sophisticated bridging equipment in military service today. Each rig can be used as a ferry. Three interlinked can carry a Chieftain tank in five-knot rivers and a number of rigs can be linked to form a floating bridge. Lieutenant-General Sir John Sharp, Commander 1 (British) Corps (taking the salute above), attended the formation parade at Hameln astride the River Weser where British sappers have practised bridging and ferrying since World War Two. The band of the Royal Engineers was present and General Sharp also had the unusual task of presenting the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to an officer, Lieutenant P G Rayner of the Royal Army Pay Corps.



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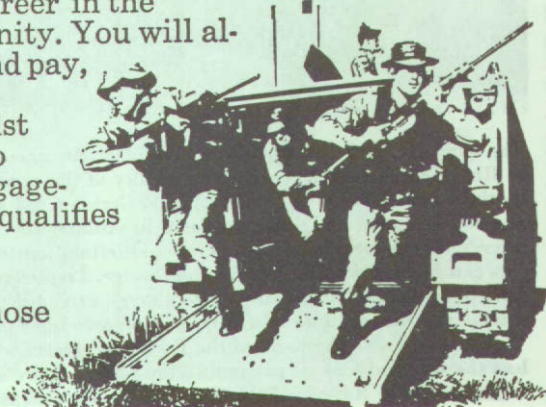
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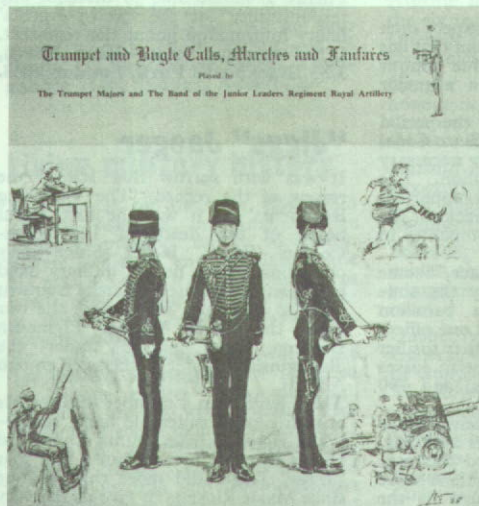
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ON
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Yes, trumpet and bugle calls!



"Trumpet and Bugle Calls, Marches and Fanfares" (The Trumpet-Majors and the Band of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery)

Here is an EP that many have wanted (and complained bitterly at not having) during the year or so I have been writing these reviews. A whole string of trumpet and bugle calls beautifully played by the trumpet-majors and boys at Bramcote, Nuneaton. Even though some of these calls are peculiar to the Royal Artillery there are also many which are known by all cavalymen.

The gunners are famed for their standard of trumpeting and justifiably so on the evidence of this record. The sleeve is very informative, giving details of most of the calls with some mnemonics to remind the trumpeter of the opening notes.

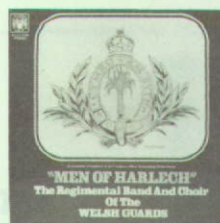
I recommend this disc to all, even infantrymen—yes, even foot guardsmen—as being the perfect bedtime listening, preferably from the bed itself, so that side one can take you back in memory to a busy day mucking-out at Aldershot, Woolwich or Tidworth, from Reveille, Stables, Watering Order, Feed, Post Call, Boot and Saddle, Trumpeters, Markers, General Parade, Officers Dress for Dinner, Mess Call, Retreat at Sunset and finally Last Post. Other music on side one: "Trumpet Fanfare," Royal Artillery Call, Royal Horse Artillery Call, Royal Artillery (Pack) Call and King's Troop Call.

On side two are the royal, general and guard salutes, Roast Beef, Christmas Dinner Call and Fanfare, Bugle Fanfare, Stand to Your Horses, Mount, Sit at Ease, Advance, Walk March, Trot, Gallop, Charge, Dismount, Slope Swords/Sling Lances, Fire Alarm, General Alarm and Dismiss, all nicely rounded off with the trumpet band giving a march display.

Write immediately to 39 (Roberts) Battery, Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Artillery, Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, enclosing £1.05 (record, post and packing).

RB

"Men of Harlech"
(Regimental Band and Choir of the Welsh Guards
conducted by Major
F L Statham)
(Conductor of
Choir; Sergeant H
Carpenter) (Marble
Arch MALS 1320)



No country has more stirring national music than Wales and it is a pity that in this fine effort the choir withholds some of the fervour necessary to the music's performance. But the band is in fine fettle under its then director of music and gives splendid renderings of some of the best works of Leslie Statham and Arnold Steck—one and the same man.

Band and choir open with the full version of "Men of Harlech" and "We'll Keep a Welcome." Statham's little-known but fine "Great and Glorious" march and Steck's "The Guardsman" take one to Horse Guards Parade but immediately back to the hills with "Hodie Christus Natus Est," sung by the choir alone, and "Welsh Patrol."

"The Rising of the Lark," "David of the White Rock" and another Steck grand march, "Royal Review," are on side two, followed by the beautiful "Dychwelyd" (The Return) by the choir. "The Leek," a medley known to all bandsmen, and "Cwm Rhondda" by band and choir end a record few regiments could have made. Having a conductor and composer of Major Statham's distinction and a band and choir of this calibre was a high-water mark in military music and of the Welsh Guards.

The record sleeve is dominated by the regimental crest as designed by Rex Whistler just before he was killed in action while serving with the regiment.

RB

"Sousa Marches"

(Band of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst)
(Conducted by
Captain Derek
Taylor, Director of
Music) (Music for
Pleasure MFP 2147)



This must be the fifth or sixth Sousa march record I have heard recently and certainly one of the best. For one thing it has three of the lesser-known marches and these are always interesting to hear if only to confirm one's opinion that when Sousa was off form he really was unmemorable.

Here we have seven of the classics rearranged (but not deranged) by serving directors of music Derek Taylor, Jimmy Howe and Trevor Sharpe with the three lesser marches arranged by Desmond Walker and Terence Brien. I don't know what happened to the one arranged for this disc by RB—perhaps it was lost in the Washington Postal strike.

After "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in the original we have "Semper Fidelis" and "Liberty Bell," then "The Crusader" in which to very good effect Sousa cribs from several of his own best ten. Last on side one is "National Fensibles" which is hardly vintage and somewhat untypical—probably written in three hours flat for whoever those fensibles were.

Side two begins with a better one called "Beau Ideal" and ends with four of the best, "The Picador," "The Thunderer," "High School Cadets" and "Manhattan Beach."

I should think Sousa has now reached saturation point on the current market and doubt whether there can be any great sales for further such records so alas my contribution to this one will lie forever on the cutting-floor.

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No doubt I am not the only old soldier subscriber to whom you contrived to deliver **SOLDIER** in face of the postal strike but no one could have been more thrilled ("chuffed" to the modern serviceman?) to receive his copy via Lines of Communication, Army. More health to you and very many thanks. My neighbour, an ex-Cameron Highlander sergeant, reads it; then it goes to ex-SAS Sergeant Bill Freaney, who runs a skiing and mountaineering hotel in Arthur's Pass, New Zealand. He tells me that it goes on to other ex-soldiers after him.—**E H Powell, 15 The Crescent, Pathfinder Village, Exeter, Devon.**

★Reader Powell, who first tried to "form fours" in 1907, will be remembered by some of the 2000-odd from all the Services who spent leaves with the Powells at Kunduvadi, India, and the many others who knew him as a youth hostel warden at Bigbury-on-Sea after World War Two.

Kashmir Gate

A little more about the Kashmir Gate. Bugler Hawthorne belonged to the 52nd, or Oxfordshire, Light Infantry. Colonel Crosse, a commanding officer of the regiment, said in his short history: "On September 14th Delhi was assaulted by three columns, the 52nd being in the third... which stormed the Kashmir Gate. Bugler Hawthorne, who had accompanied the explosion party to sound the signal for the gate to be

rushed, and who subsequently most gallantly bound up and carried to safety a wounded officer, received the Victoria Cross." Another account said that Hawthorne's bugle was not heard owing to the din of battle but the 52nd rushed to the attack on seeing the gate shattered by the demolition charge.—**R Money Barnes, East Court House, Burbage, Wiltshire.**

Peacekeeping medal

The suggestion that a peacekeeping medal be instituted, suitable for retrospective award, is surely brilliant in its simplicity. I refer to Mr R Rimmer's letter in the December **SOLDIER**.

In the past, as today, British Servicemen and women have performed unpleasant, dangerous and important peacekeeping duties, often under almost impossible conditions and yet have no outward mark of recognition, in the form of a medal ribbon, to show for their services. We all know they have the respect of the world for their tolerance, good humour and discipline, but is this enough?

Napoleon, when told that British sailors of non-commissioned rank did not get medals, said: "Such is not the way to excite or cherish the military virtues." On reflection, can we really expect such recognition from a Government that has not yet thought fit to give due honour to its soldiers who died in a major action almost 19 years ago?

On 25 January 1952, during the period of the guerilla war in the Suez Canal zone of Egypt, it became very necessary for soldiers of 1st Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers, suitably supported, to make an attack on the barracks of the Egyptian auxiliary guard companies in Ismailia.

Severe fighting took place, some of it hand-to-hand, and by the time this action was over the battalion had lost four men killed and one officer and ten men wounded. Another fusilier died of wounds later. Egyptian losses were 46 killed, 72 wounded and 790 taken prisoner.

The Lancashire Fusiliers received three awards for gallantry on this morning, but no general service award was ever issued. The surviving Egyptians were decorated in Cairo. We must be the most "under-medalled" nation in the world.—**J B Morris, RARO, Hillview, Daventry Road, Kilsby, Rugby, Warwickshire.**

St Helena stamp

I refer to the letter from Corporal D J Fisher (February) about the 8d St Helena stamp.

As the designer of that issue I am delighted to learn that Corporal Fisher recognised the figures of Captain Lutyens and Archibald Arnott, the surgeon, since these two officers of the 20th Foot were indeed the individuals represented. Captain Lutyens belonged to the light company of the regiment and therefore wore the green plume and wings appropriate to that body. He also carried the slightly curved light infantry officer's sword. As for the surgeon, it will be noted that he wore neither sword nor sash.

The date 1816, as you surmise, simply refers to the year in which the bell-topped shako was taken into wear but of course covers the year 1820 as well. Finally I should like to disclaim any responsibility for the Crown Agents' faulty information about the regiment. I had no hand in it.—**Rene North, 3/53 Blackheath Park, London SE3.**

"Jiggs" Jaeger

It was with sorrow that I read the review of the record "The Vanishing Regiments" as it was the first I had heard of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel "Jiggs" Jaeger. Since early childhood I have been a military band enthusiast and I used to make frequent visits to Plymouth Hoe before the war when the Royal Marines Plymouth Division Band played under the distinguished Major Ricketts (Kenneth Alford).

There have been a number of directors of music of considerable merit since—Pope, Hayes, Vivian Dunn, Laing and Harris to name a few—but I feel that "Jiggs" Jaeger did more than anyone since Major Ricketts to give us the very high standard of military music we enjoy from the big bands today.—**R M D Trevan, Bercengaria Junior School, Limassol, BFPO 53.**

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character.—**P T Stevenson, 57 Primley Park Crescent, Alwoodley, Leeds, LS17 7HY.**

ERRATUM: SOLDIER is asked to point out that Major Lloyd's letter (March) should have read "... Royal Canadian Mounted Police still wear badges of rank of pre-1915 vintage in that a staff-sergeant wears four inverted stripes below the elbow and a crown ..." and not "... of pre-1915 vintage and that a staff-sergeant ..."

Company titles

Historic military titles associated with the six regiments which now form The Queen's Regiment have been given to companies of the 1st Battalion.

Tangier, the oldest infantry battle honour in the British Army, goes to A Company in recognition of The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Holland is the title of B Company in recognition of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), formerly The Holland Regiment.

Sobraon, another battle honour, becomes the name of C Company in recognition of The East Surrey Regiment.

Quebec recalls the capture of the city by General Wolfe and is the title now held by Support Company in recognition of The Royal Sussex Regiment which took part in the battle.

Sevastopol, in recognition of The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, is given to Command Company.

Albuhera is the title of Administrative Company in recognition of The Middlesex Regiment.

The thirteenth



With the exception of Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, most of whose service was in India, all the present non-royal field-marshal of the British Army have previously held the appointment of Chief of the General Staff or, as it used to be known, the Imperial General Staff.

The latest to join the list, Field-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker, passed out of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, in 1932 to be commissioned in the Royal Artillery.

For four years before World War Two he served in India with the Royal Horse Artillery and from 1939 to the end of 1943 was in the Middle East, Eritrea, North Africa and Sicily. While a brigade major in 4th Indian Division he won the Military Cross and was twice mentioned in despatches. During the Sicily campaign he commanded 127 Field Division and at the age of 32 was appointed Brigadier General Staff of 21st Army Group. He was twice wounded.

There are now 13 field-marshals in the British Army.

In order of seniority they are the Duke of Windsor, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Sir Claude Auchinleck, Prince Philip, Lord Harding of Petherton, the Duke of Gloucester, Sir Gerald Templer, Sir Francis Festing, the King of Nepal, Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, Sir Richard Hull, Sir James Cassels and Sir Geoffrey Baker.

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Living military history

Your article on the new Household Cavalry barracks in Knightsbridge (January) prompts me to look with sincere sentiment and nostalgia at the old garrison church of St Clement's in Leeds and the old cavalry barracks in Barrack Road—so different from Knightsbridge.

Here in these barracks, which are disappearing in stages, were stationed the Kipling soldiers. Across the road, the stables are well worth visiting. This is a living piece of military history and I wonder if any readers were ever stationed there. The barracks and stables look grim and forbidding, yet hussars, dragoon guards, dragoons and lancers were there. Now the only uniformed authority are the police and ambulance services or firemen.

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(see page 41)

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SANTA CLUES

Two questions were asked in Competition 151 (December) and the answers were that Patricia was seven years old and the surname of the child at No 7 was Brown. For the record the complete data for the terrace (left to right) was: Cpl Jones, No 11, Colin (9), bicycle; Sgt Smith, No 9, Brian (6), tricycle; Rfm Brown, No 7, Amanda (4), doll; Dvr Green, No 5, Susan (5), scooter; Pte Evans, No 3, Patricia (7), umbrella; Gnr White, No 1, Edward (8), football.

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In Competition 152 (January) readers were asked to work out a substitution of letters for symbols to give the names of 20 composers and then find two more by taking one letter from each column, left to right. These letters followed the same progression of 1-2, the knight's move in chess, and the phrase "one-two" was a clue to this.

There were some inspired guesses eg Pucainz, Galieri, Posoirs, Distler, Caccini and more than a dozen others but it was all cunningly contrived and only two names—Britten and Bellini—met the requirement. These are shown in bold type in the decoded names (right) of the 20 composers:

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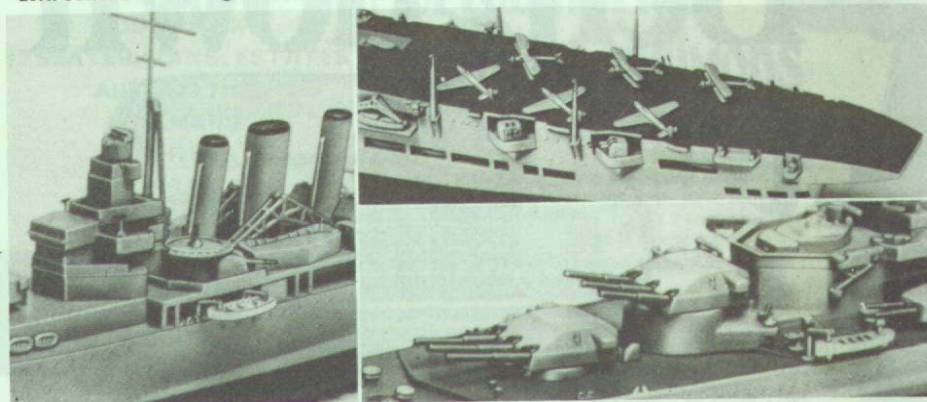
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In the band, in the band

Twins **Yvonne** (left, above) and **June Robinson**, aged 17, have left home. Mum, **Mrs. Brenda Robinson** (centre) of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, just did not appreciate their enthusiasm for military music. But she knows the girls were right to keep practising and now to move south where they will get paid to play all day long in special practice rooms where it does not matter how much music they make. They have joined the Women's Royal Army Corps band at Guildford, Surrey. Said Recruiter **Sergeant Barbara Baker** at Luton: "They will be a real asset and will travel all over the world with the WRAC band."

Eiger eager

Two men (right) with a single ambition—to climb the Eiger. **Marine Martin Chambers** (left) and Army Catering Corps **Lieutenant Nigel Gifford** are here sorting out their gear before climbing the Old Redoubt Cliff at Torbay. It took them four days and they named it "The Curse." They are both in their early twenties and they intend to attempt the Lauper route on the Eiger in August. If successful it would be the first ascent by a British military team.



New Chief

Newly promoted Chief of the General Staff, **General Sir Michael Carver** (above), commanded 1st Royal Tank Regiment in North Africa, at Salerno and in the Normandy landings. Commissioned into the Royal Tank Corps in 1935 he was commanding 4th Independent Armoured Brigade at the age of 29. He has been Commander-in-Chief Far East and more recently General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command.

Cheers!

Does it matter who brings the beer? Well it does for the driver (below) of a patrolling Army Land-Rover in Belfast when it comes with a Great Dane named Carl—oh, and a blonde lovely called **Miss Carlsberg**.



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Capt Derek Mavity REME, guinea pig for testing the hovercraft's life raft. He wears the full survival kit, essential in icy waters.



Cpl Roy Halliday REME, technical clerk and keen ornithologist, with a European woodcock exhausted by migratory flight.



WO Rande Wright RCT, hovercraft navigator, joined the Army in 1959, served in Turkey, Singapore, Borneo, Hong Kong.

FROM a remote island in Anden Fjord, 500 miles inside the Arctic Circle, a frightened housewife sent a message to the Norwegian police. She reported that a monster had come out of the sea in a snowstorm and crawled up the beach...

Mrs Olafson had in fact seen her first hovercraft, one of four which 60 men of 200 Hovercraft Trials Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, took to northern Norway for three months of trials in arctic conditions.

The squadron, commanded by Major Gerald Blakey, made its base on the fishing island of Andoya, 30 miles long by some ten miles wide with a low-lying blizzard-swept plain flanked by mountain ranges covered in snow and ice. The main town of Andenes comprises a collection of colourful wooden painted houses with a few shops, schoolhouse, community centre and one hotel relying on a fluctuating summer tourist trade.

Operating in close co-operation with the Norwegian Forces, the squadron put its four SRN 6 hovercraft through a programme of technical and tactical trials in extreme cold.

The temperature drops to minus 28 degrees Centigrade and spray from a hovercraft's bows turns to icy slush even before it hits the windscreen.

At an early stage in the trials two hovercraft left their base at Andoya and under cover of darkness and a heavy snowstorm moved up an ice-covered fjord on the mainland to land 32 Norwegian soldiers within two miles of an exercise's enemy headquarters.

This was an ideal role for the hovercraft—no ships could have negotiated that fjord and all helicopters were grounded because of heavy snow.

Arriving in Tromso to "cover" the trials—Exercise Van Dyke—the Army Public Relations team joined hovercraft Delta 7 for the four-hour journey to Andoya. It began in a heavy snowstorm and the navigator, Warrant Officer Tony Croll, watched the Decca radar screen as he guided the driver through narrow fjords and around the tiny islands abounding along the coastline. After two months in these waters the hovermen knew the area as a London taxi driver knows his West End.

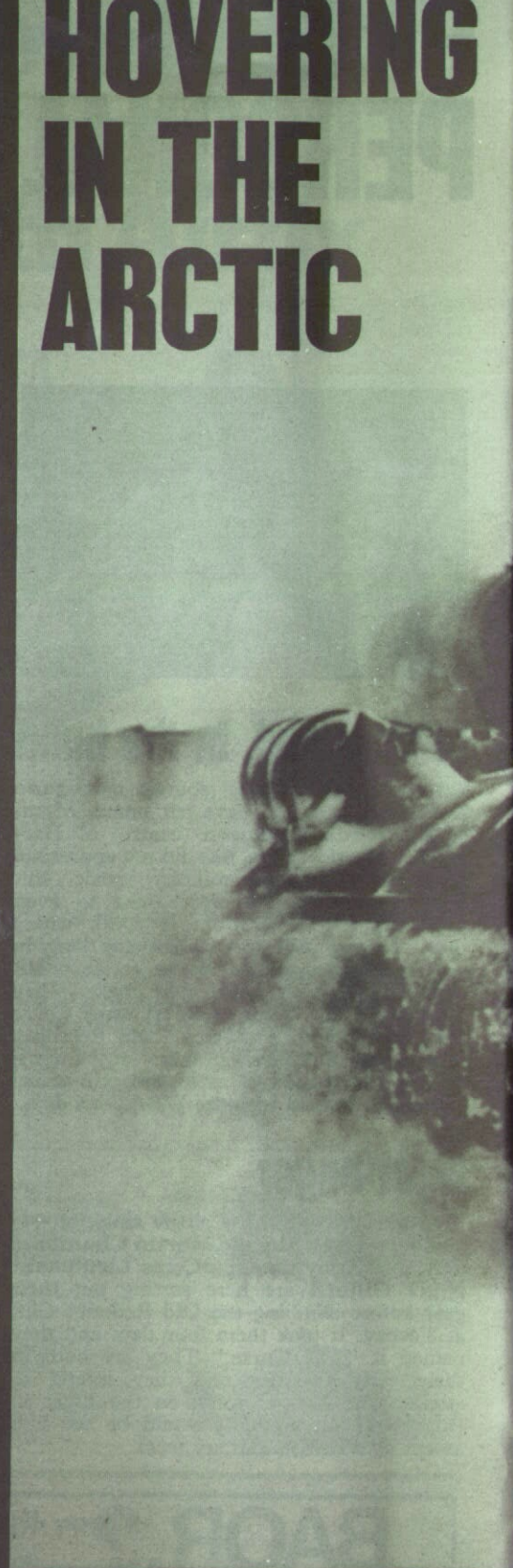
After an hour the hovercraft was through the snowstorm and racing along a fjord at 40 knots under a glaring arctic sun—"I wish the weather was like this all the time," said the driver, Staff-Sergeant Martin Churchill.

The water ahead changed colour to a light brown and with no perceptible change in movement the craft was racing across sheet ice where the fjord was frozen on either side for 300 yards.

"You're not going to believe this," said Seaman Dick Goucher, "but there's a chap ahead on the ice thumbing a lift." And there he was, a lonely figure 20 yards out on the ice slowly lifting his arm up and down—fishing through a hole in the ice. Staff Churchill made a mental note to add fishermen to the list of hazards when hovering in the Arctic.

An hour later, with the hovercraft

HOVERING IN THE ARCTIC



pushing smoothly along at more than 50 knots, there came a sudden warning over the headsets of "Hold on!"

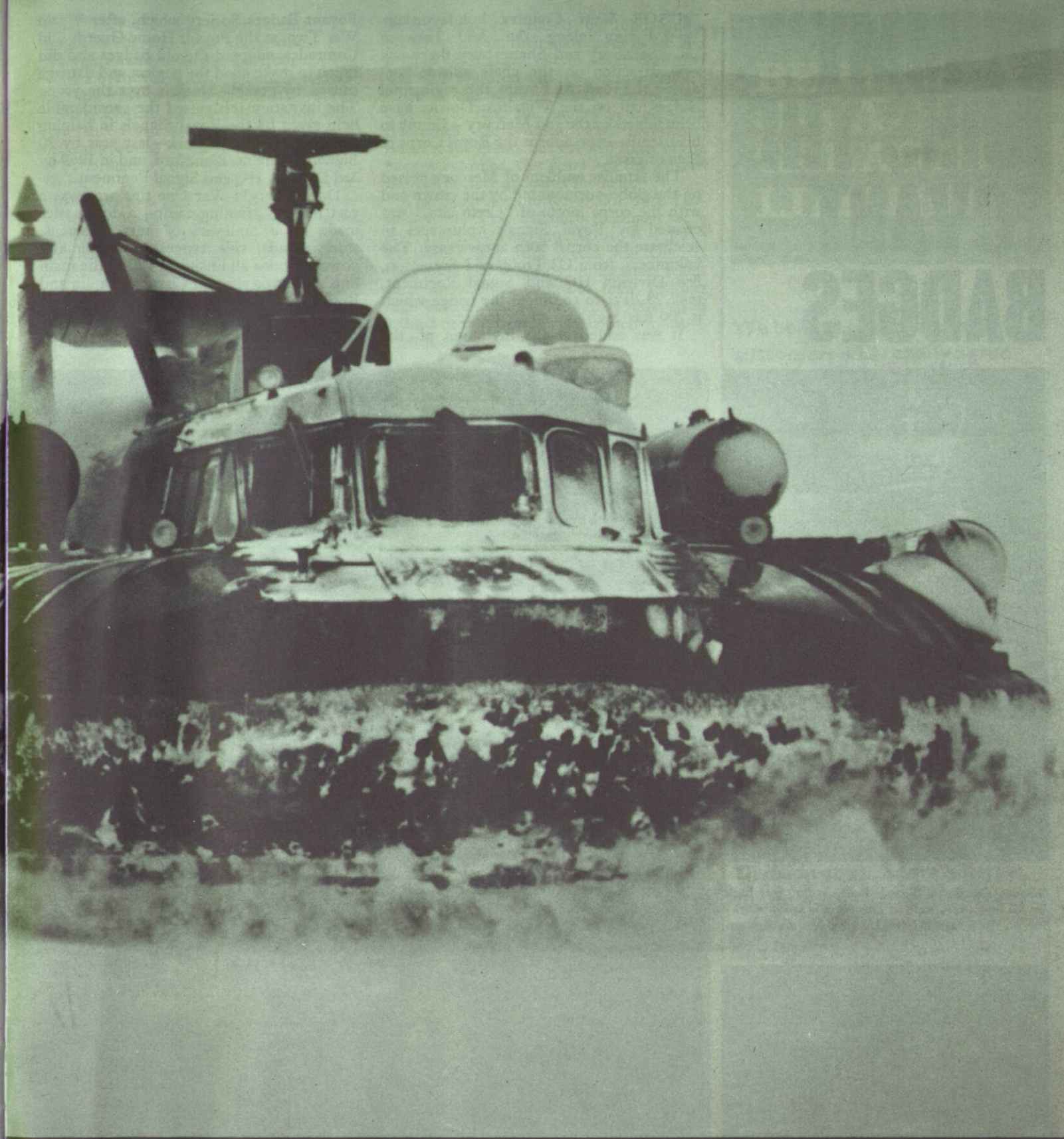
The hovercraft had hit the wake of a passing trawler.

"You can't miss 'em all," commented the driver. "That's what it's all about."

On Andoya the weather changed rapidly without warning from dazzling sunshine to lashing blizzards and in these conditions the 19-man detachment of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers had to maintain the four hovercraft.

On occasions they had to work in special "metal contact" gloves which enabled them to touch metal without the gloves freezing to it.

Food at the Norwegian military base where the squadron was accommodated was not to everyone's taste—lightly cooked fish and rice pudding—but the squadron's three Army Catering Corps cooks set up stall in an office near the hangar and produced constant hot tea and coffee and a superb hot English-type lunch every day.



Pictures by Pete Brown and Peter Hamp, Army Public Relations



BACK COVER

A hovercraft of 200 Hovercraft Trials Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, slows down before coming in to land in Andfjorden Fjord. Picture by Pete Brown, Army Public Relations.

"JIMMY" JOINS THE FOVANT BADGES

FOR West Country holidaymakers driving along the A30 between Salisbury and Shaftesbury there is a new attraction on the chalk hillside bordering the road. At Fovant the regimental badges cut on the Wiltshire Downs have been joined by the god Mercury—Jimmy to his friends—who adorns the Royal Corps of Signals crest.

The familiar emblem of Mercury poised on the globe, surmounted by the crown and with the corps motto of "Certo cita," was created by Royal Signals volunteers to celebrate the corps' 50th anniversary. The volunteers, from C2 Troop of I Squadron, 3rd Division HQ and Signal Regiment, took 28 days to complete the badge which is 200 feet high and 85 feet wide.

It was added at the invitation of the

Fovant Badges Society which, after World War Two, as the Fovant Home Guards Old Comrades, adopted the old badges and did much to make good the neglect and damage caused by grazing animals over the years. The invitation recognised the considerable help given by the Royal Signals in helping with the renovation work—last year by 30 Signal Regiment, Blandford, and in 1969 by 3rd Division HQ and Signal Regiment.

During World War One this area was a vast military training camp—a dozen sites made up a mini-city of huts, canteens, stores, roads, rifle ranges, pumping and power stations all linked by rail to the main line. A cinema showed Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton twice nightly.

The camp was transformed into a huge demobilisation centre after the war and

today only the huge badges remain as a reminder of the great days when King George V came to inspect his troops.

At Fovant one group of badges includes the emblems of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, YMCA, 6th City of London Rifles and the Australian Imperial Force. A second group is of the Wiltshires, London Rifle Brigade, Post Office Rifles and the Devons. The new Royal Signals badge links these two groups. At Sutton Mandeville are badges of the 7th City of London Regiment and The Royal Warwickshire Regiment while Compton Chamberlayne displays a map of Australia.

The London Rifle Brigade cut the first sod in 1916 and other regiments soon followed. The steep slopes made work difficult and after the morning stint the

working parties relaxed by tobogganing down the hill on their shovels. A badge had first to be marked out to scale. The turf was then removed and replaced by chalk.

Down the years it became increasingly difficult to keep the badges in trim. The Australian Government and regimental funds made grants but even so some of the badges vanished. Six years ago the Fovant Badges Society appealed for help.

The badges of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry and The Wiltshire Regiment were added by the society after World War Two; the others date from World War One. It then took the 6th City of London Rifles three months to complete their 150-feet high badge. The Royal Signals have taken a third of that time, as befits their motto—"Swift and sure."

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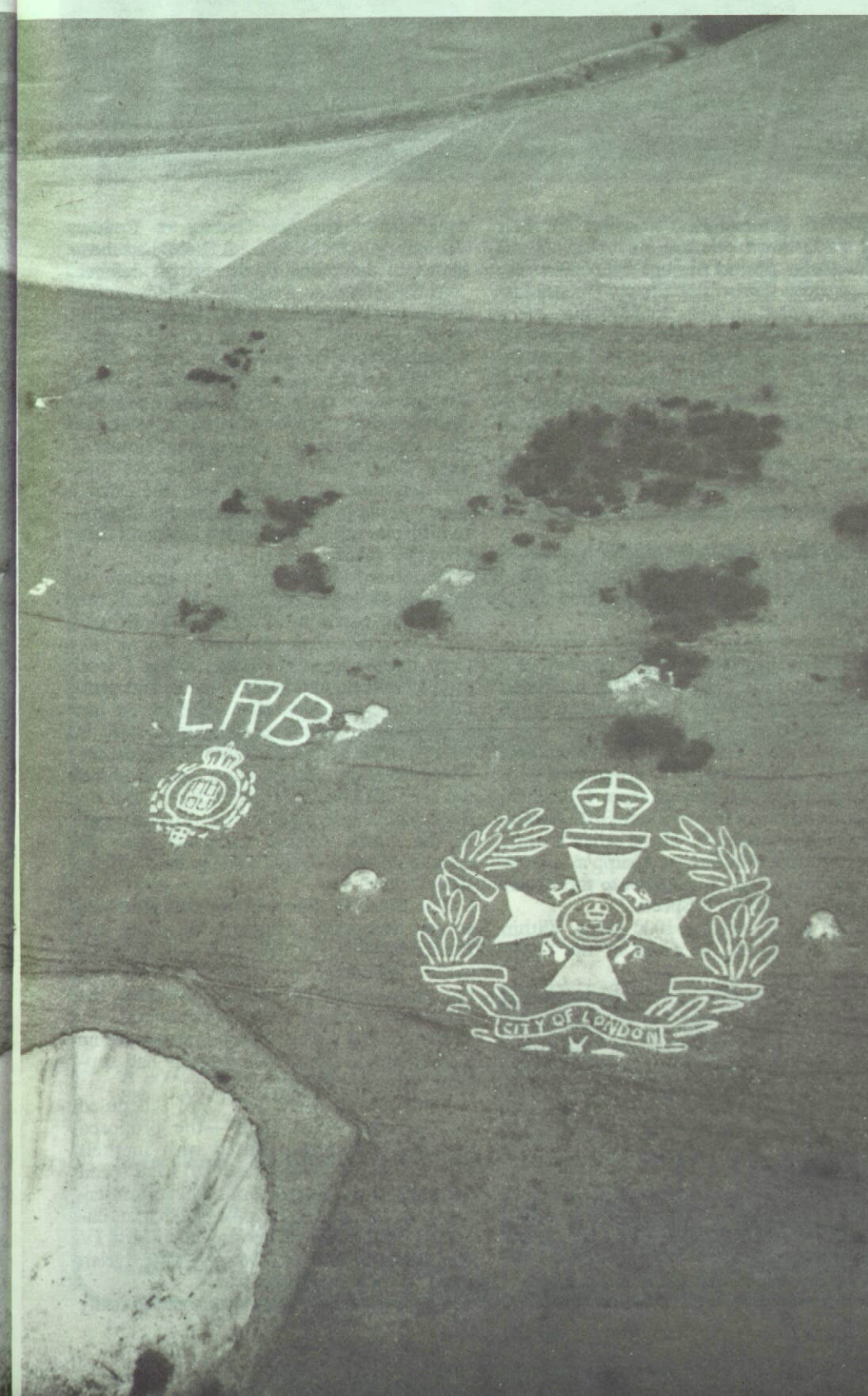
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Military models

ROMMEL'S MARK IV SPECIAL



THE commanders standing on their
dug-down tanks on Alam Halfa
Ridge peered through binoculars into
the swirling sandstorm. Slowly the orange-
yellow painted panzers loomed into view,
the sand muffling the clatter of tracks and
roar of their engines.

Brigadier (later Major-General) G P B
Roberts, at the vantage point of 22nd Arm-
oured Brigade Headquarters, was to recall
later:

"On they come, a most impressive
array . . . It is fascinating to watch them, as
one might watch a snake curl up ready to
strike.

"But there is something unusual too;
some of the leading tanks are Mark IVs, and
Mark IVs have in the past always had short-
barrelled 75-millimetre . . .

"But these Mark IVs have a very long
gun on them; in fact it looks the devil of a
gun. This must be the long barrelled
stepped-up 75mm the Intelligence people
have been talking about."

He was right. This was the Panzerkampf-
wagen IV Ausführung F 2, up-gunned with
a muzzle velocity increased from 450 to 990
mm/sec and range from 6500 to 8100 metres.
Personally inspected by Hitler when it came
off the production line at Krupp's factory,
this tank was to become known to the Desert
Rats as the "Mark IV Special."

Battle was engaged at 1000 yards. Within
minutes nearly all the tanks of the Grant

squadron of the 4th County of London
Yeomanry were ablaze. A hole had been
blown in the centre of the British defence.

Hurriedly, the Brigadier called up his
reserves of The Royal Scots Greys. "Come
on the Greys," he shouted over the radio,
"Get out your whips!"

To buy time, he called down an artillery
barrage which smashed the leading panzers.
Suddenly, the Greys came roaring over the
crest from the north, trailing great clouds of
dust. They filled the gap. With less than
half an hour of daylight left, the Afrika
Korps made just one more abortive attempt
to infiltrate round the British left flank then
retreated for the night.

So ended Rommel's first attempt to
capture Alam Halfa Ridge. It lasted two
hours and cost him 22 tanks to 21 British.
For five more days the Afrika Korps bat-
tered itself against the ridge, losing a total
of 2940 officers and men, 51 tanks and arm-
oured cars and 700 other vehicles. At last
it gave up and scuttled mile after mile in
weary retreat across the inhospitable desert.
This defeat by Montgomery lost Rommel
not only his chance of taking Egypt and the
Suez Canal but marked the turning point
in the North African campaign and the
demise of the tough and gallant Afrika
Korps.

The Mark IV Special had been produced
as an emergency measure to match the
Russian T34 in the Eastern Front. It had a
tactical advantage of a five-man crew with
intercommunicating radio. However, the
Panzerkampfwagen IV's armour was in-
ferior to many of the French tanks opposing
it in 1940 and the British cruisers had su-
perior manoeuvrability.

Some of the Mark IVs were scheduled
for operation "Sea Lion"—the proposed
invasion of England. Fitted with snorkels
and air hoses, they were to have been
dropped from barges and driven under-
water to the shore. As proof of its funda-
mental soundness of design, the Mark IV
was used as late as 1967 by the Syrian
Army in the Arab-Israeli war.

The creatively inclined and mechanically



Artwork for new Airfix Afrika Korps infantry.
Figures are 1:32 scale and 35p for box of 29.

Below: Commander is a panzer oberleutnant with crimson-edged silver braid epaulettes and gold "pip." Left: Realism—in 99 per cent plastic.

Below: Personal inspection by Hitler at Krupp's Magdeburg factory. Note the peculiar ball-shape single-baffle muzzle brake of long 75mm gun.



mind are recommended to make the advanced model of the Mark IV Special produced by Bandai of Japan and marketed in Britain by A A Hales Limited of PO Box 33, Harrowbrook Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

This kit is something of a challenge—it is in a very large 1:15th scale, costs £10 and takes nearly 100 hours to make. But the modelling enthusiast will be delighted to

know that it has three motors and gearboxes (one for each track and the third to turn the turret and raise the barrel), individual track links, hinged hatches and doors and a wealth of detail.

There is however one major criticism. The commander figure wears a kind of motor-cycle helmet and holds an "ice-cream cornet," supposed to be a hand microphone in its left hand. I completely converted it by

cutting away the helmet and building up an Afrika Korps forage cap with bandages of paper, plastic putty, and plastic card for the peak.

I also moved the arms into different positions by razor-saw cuts at the shoulder, elbow and wrist; cut open the left hand and inserted a diary map of North Africa; and made a throat microphone (more authentic than a hand-mike) and headphones from plastic card, scrap sprues, pins, wire and black cotton.

Other improvements were drilling out hinges (which clog with paint and cannot be moved) and replacing them with wire, chiselling out the periscope plastic and inserting a piece of Perspex, and rebuilding the aerial base with a T-shaped plastic sprue.

The final model was painted with Humbrol "Afrika Korps desert yellow."

Details of the figure conversion can best be copied from the Armour in Profile 8 which has a full-colour picture of a panzer oberleutnant of the Afrika Korps as well as comprehensive background information about the Mark IV Special. The Feist publication "Panzerkampfwagen IV" is also particularly useful as it includes many wartime photographs showing such intimate detail as the painting of wives' and girl-friends' names on the cupola and periscope hatch and the stowage of fuel in what came to be known as "jerry" cans. **HH**

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Gurkha Band Tour

The largest band contingent from the Brigade of Gurkhas ever to visit Britain has more than 30 engagements during this summer, including appearances at the Royal Tournament, Edinburgh, Cardiff, York and Colchester tattoos, and the military musical pageant at Wembley. As well as 137 musicians there is a display team of 30 taking part in jungle scenes and kukri dancing. The tour is in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal. In the following programme, C means the whole contingent, CLPD the contingent less pipes and drums, CLDT contingent less display team, PD pipes and drums only, BB band and bugles only.

JUNE 1971

- 5 Bath and West Show (PD)
- 8 Wadebridge: Royal Cornwall Show (8-9) (PD)
- 9 Royal Tournament (9-26) (CLPD)
- 12 Coventry Carnival (PD)
- 14 Royal Albert Hall: Night of a Hundred Pipers (PD)
- 15 Malvern: Three Counties Agricultural Show (15-17) (PD)
- 20 Unveiling Indian Army memorial window RMA Sandhurst (four pipers)
- 26 Cambridge (PD)
- 28 King's Lynn (C)
- 30 Royal Norfolk Show (30-1 July) (C)

JULY 1971

- 3 Wembley: Military Musical Pageant (CLDT)
- 7 Colchester Tattoo (7-10) (CLPD)
- 10 Aldershot Army Display (10-11) (PD)
- 16 Maidstone: Kent County Show (16-17) (CLPD)
- 17 Liverpool Show (PD)
- 18 Folkestone: Beating Retreat (CLPD)
- 20 Bulth Wells: Royal Welsh Show (20-22) (PD)
- 20 Chepstow (BB)
- 21 Pembroke (BB)
- 22 Aberystwyth (BB)
- 23 Llandudno (BB)
- 24 Wrexham (BB)
- 26 Cardiff (BB)
- 30 Cardiff Tattoo (30-7 August) (C)

AUGUST 1971

- 1 Swansea (BB)
- 20 Edinburgh Tattoo (20-11 September) (C)
- 21 Crieff Highland Gathering

SEPTEMBER 1971

- 5 Stirling (C)
- 13 York Tattoo (13-18) (C)
- 21 Bootle: Town Hall (C)
- 22 Blackburn: King George's Hall (C)
- 23 Kendal (PD)
- 25 Losely Hall, Guildford: Beating Retreat (C)

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THERE were 16 teams fighting for a place in the quarter-finals of the Army's knock-out soccer competition. In this round half the total goals scored in the eight matches came from matches C, E and H and there were twice as many home goals as away goals.

Stalwarts won their game by the odd goal and Foxes also got through to the quarter-finals. The many fans who thought Scimitars a certainty for a home win were disappointed. Gunners were lucky to score from a corner their third and final goal. The highest score and highest aggregate were provided by match H in which Sappers scored five goals.

Three teams each scored a single goal and twice as many scored twice as many. No away team notched more than two goals and no team won by more than three goals. Neither Saracens nor Scorpions scored but Scimitars gained an equaliser just before half-time.

Analysis of the results showed that where a home team had scored an odd number of goals its opponents had either scored an even number or failed to score at all. Where an away team had scored an odd number its opponents had an even number of goals. The only team to score exactly four goals was Lancers.

The question is which teams had to replay and what were their respective scores? Send your answer to this question, on a postcard or by letter, with the "Competition 157" label from this page, and your name and address, to:

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This competition is open to all readers at home and overseas and closing date is Monday 6 September. The answer and winners' names will appear in the November SOLDIER. More than one entry can be submitted but each must be accompanied by a "Competition 157" label. Winners will be drawn from correct entries.

Match	Home	Away	Goals
A	Saladins	Riflemen	— 1
B	Chieftains	Stalwarts	—
C	Gunners	Scorpions	—
D	Fusiliers	Saracens	—
E	Lancers	Dragoons	—
F	Foxes	Hussars	—
G	Scimitars	Craftsmen	—
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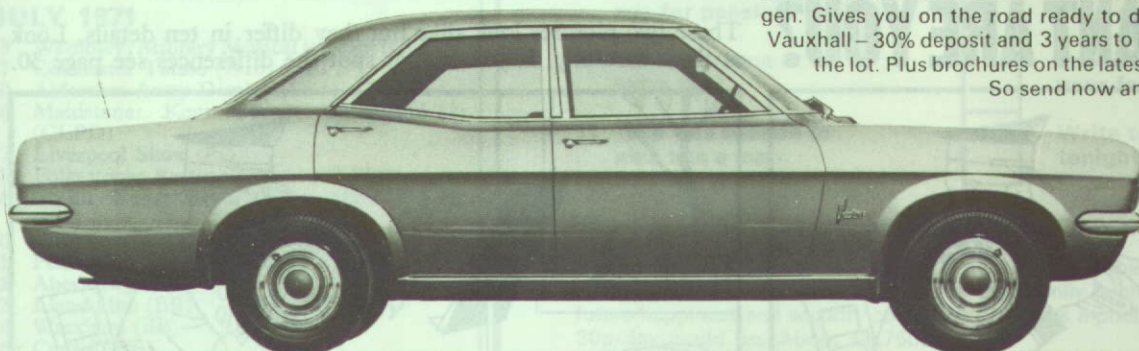
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NINE LONG YEARS

"History of the First World War" (Captain Sir Basil Liddell Hart)
"History of the Second World War" (Captain Sir Basil Liddell Hart)

In January 1970 the author was working on the proofs of his long-awaited World War Two history (it had been commissioned in 1947) when he died. When his book was finally ready his publishers decided to reissue his World War One history (first published in 1934) as a companion volume.

The author was closer to the first war in which he served himself and from which his theories, especially on mobile warfare, emerged as a logical reaction to its murderous trench warfare. In his introduction he writes bluntly: "In my judgment of values it is more important to provide material for a true verdict than to gloss over disturbing facts so that individual reputations may be preserved at the price of another holocaust of lives. Taking a long view of history, I cannot regard the reputations of a few embodied handfuls of dust as worth more than the fate of a nation and a generation."

Having thrown down his gauntlet, he wades in, showing a great deal of intelligence but very little mercy. We see Passchendaele as the result of "Haig's optimistic belief that he could defeat the German armies single-handed in Flanders." We see French and Haig mud-slinging at each other after Loos and Haig's use of his good connections to get French dismissed and himself established in an unassailable position. The author has the courage of his unpopular convictions to write this last paragraph of his epilogue: "Finally, whatever be the verdict of history on her policy, unstinted tribute is due to the incomparable endurance and skill with which Germany more than held her own for four years against superior numbers—an epic of military and human achievement."

When it comes to discussing World War Two a much older Liddell Hart, now the "captain who teaches generals," pulls his punches a little. The criticism is no longer so biting or so unrelenting. He criticises the allied conduct of the first part of the war but is remarkably kind to the generals in charge of the 1944-1945 campaign, fighting a battle which was virtually "unlosable." There is virtually no criticism of Montgomery's often over-elaborate preparation for battle, no one is blamed for failing to predict or prepare for the Ardennes counter-offensive nor is there any deep examination of Eisenhower's reasons for halting on the Elbe in April 1945, thus allowing the Red Army to occupy Berlin as well as Vienna and Prague.

In his epilogue Liddell Hart places the main blame for prolonging the war not on the generals but on the allied leaders who insisted on "unconditional surrender." He writes: "(The war) was unnecessarily prolonged and millions more lives needlessly sacrificed while the ultimate peace merely produced a fresh menace... For the unnecessary prolongation of the Second World War, in pursuit of the opponents' 'unconditional surrender,' proved of benefit only to

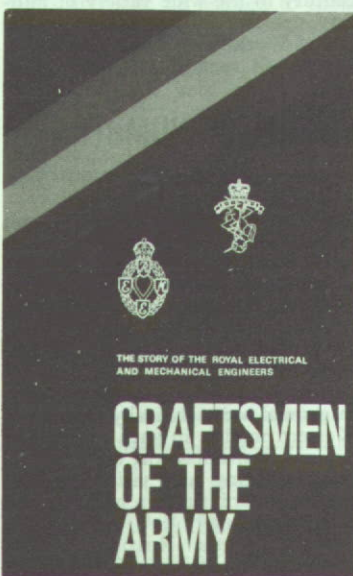
Stalin—by opening the way for Communist domination of Central Europe."

It is an unfashionable view, for there is no real evidence that the Germans would have surrendered earlier had less stringent terms been presented to them, but at least it is a typically Liddell Hart view—he was never the man to subscribe to fashionable views.

These two war histories are immensely readable and informative. They belong in every military library and, in spite of their prices, in the possession of anyone interested in what the greatest British military thinker of this century has to say on the two world wars.

Cassell, £4.20 and £5.25 CW

LIDDELL HART'S HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR



RECOVERY AND REPAIR

"Craftsmen of the Army" (Brig B B Kennett and Col J A Tatman)

"In battle, equipment such as guns, armoured fighting vehicles and so on, become casualties and a first class recovery and repair organisation is essential—and the longer the war lasts the more necessary is this organisation."

With this one sentence in his foreword to this illuminating book, Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery sums up the *raison d'être* and role of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the men who keep the army on the move. Through the story of REME one can trace the development of the British Army from the horsed era and the dawn of mechanisation in World War One down the years to the complex weapons of World War Two and on

into the highly sophisticated weaponry of the Seventies.

The authors do full justice to this vital corps, tracing its ancestry in the distant past to its formation in 1942 and the subsequent expansion of its responsibilities as the age of technology gathered momentum. They write with commendable clarity, with none of the dullness one associates with so much regimental history. A first-class effort which deserves a wide readership not only among the Army's technical personnel but throughout the whole Service.

Leo Cooper, £3

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THEY SOUGHT A CAIRN

"Beacon Six" (Robert Cundy)

No traveller has so captured the public imagination or commanded such perennial interest as Sir John Franklin who in 1845, in command of the naval barques Erebus and Terror, set out in search of the fabled North-West Passage. But he and all his men found only death in the icy wastes of the Arctic.

Some idea of the conditions in which the Franklin expedition succumbed to cold and scurvy may be gained from Mr Cundy's report of a canoe voyage in search of a cairn laid by Franklin. They chose to follow a route only twice tackled before—the summer descent of 600 miles of the Great Fish River. They reached the cairn and in it was a message from members of the Canadian Geographical Survey stating they had visited the site by air in 1960—and found nothing.

It was a bitter blow at the end of a voyage punctuated by many a near disaster and squabbles which increased in frequency as the strain of the four-man team's effort became greater. Mr Cundy, accompanied by an SAS colleague and two Royal Marines, records it all faithfully and his words should be read by all would-be leaders and members of similar enterprises.

Despite their quarrels these four young men proved they could carry out their task in the best traditions of their respective Services, but one cannot help thinking that a little more research might have saved them a hazardous journey.

Eyre and Spottiswoode, £2.50 JCW

BEHIND THE THRONE

"Inside the Third Reich" (Albert Speer)

While still a comparatively young man, Albert Speer, the intellectual architect and technocrat, was the real power behind the throne in Hitler's wartime Germany. Speer, then 28, was befriended by Hitler in 1933 when the latter had just become Chancellor. Their mutual attraction was based on an interest in replanning Berlin. But Speer was not content just to play architect. He also entered politics in 1942 and when Dr Todt, the Nazi armament minister, died in 1942, Speer was appointed in his place.

Hitler had picked the right man. Speer raised German industrial production month by month and fed the arms-hungry German army fighting on half a dozen different fronts. But he could not overcome the problems of raw materials nor prevent the defeats Germany was now experiencing.

Speer, a realist, began to consider what he could save from the wreck. Hitler demanded that everything of value to the advancing Allies must be destroyed but Speer told Field-

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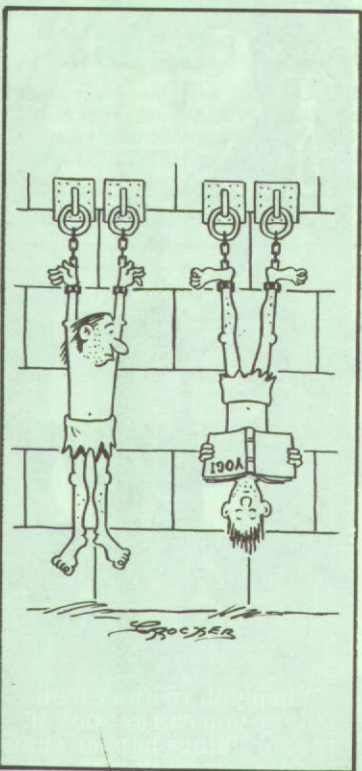
Marshal Model the Ruhr must be saved for the Germany of the future. Model disobeyed Hitler's order and Germany's largest and oldest industrial area started production again almost immediately after the German surrender. This was Speer's greatest wartime achievement.

After the war Speer was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. In Spandau jail he wrote this exceedingly enlightening and important book. *Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.25 CW*

HONOURABLE PROFESSION

"The British Soldier in the Napoleonic Wars 1793-1815" (Antony Brett-Jones)

"Let all those who delight in the Honourable Profession of Arms, and disdain the drudgery of Servitude repair without loss of time to—where they may exchange their



whips and smocks for laced coats and silver-hilted swords."

Soldiers in 1796 were generally hated and despised by the general public and only when Wellington gave the country a spate of victories in the Peninsular War did they become heroes. The troops were never the "scum of the jails." Indeed the vast majority were simple country lads who enlisted for the fancy uniform, a spot of foreign travel and a bit of adventure. Their lot was a hard one. They were often commanded by brutal tyrants, bone-headed pedants or even small boys who could purchase a captaincy for £2960.

Even in battle the soldier was expected to carry a 60lb pack and use a flintlock which was virtually useless in the rain. His bright scarlet-and-white uniform made him an easy target for the enemy. To be wounded almost automatically meant amputation. Nevertheless despite appalling conditions of service, the British soldier astonished the world with his performance at Assaye, Vimiero, Talavera, Salamanca, Quatre Bras and Waterloo.

A compact little volume in what is proving to be a useful series based on contemporary documents and illustrations.

Macmillan, 50p

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MORE VEHICLES

"Half-Tracks" (Edited by Bart H Vanderveen)

"The Jeep" (Edited by Bart H Vanderveen)

The chances are that you will not have heard of a man called Karl K Probst. He ought to be as famous as Henry Ford but his image was overshadowed by the names of giant corporations which put his brain-child, the Jeep, into production.

Given a US Army specification, Probst completed his basic design in five days and had the prototype built and ready for testing 49 days later. The first 70 pre-production models went into service in 1940-41 and their field testing was carried out in manoeuvres commanded by a certain Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In the years that followed, the Jeep appeared on every battlefield in the world in a hundred-and-one guises and variants—plain field car, ambulance, part-armoured scout car, amphibian, cable-layer, as a highly offensive machine-gun carrier, as a railway locomotive and even as a half-track snow tractor.

Mr Vanderveen first encountered Jeeps in April 1945 when the lib-



erators of his Dutch home town arrived in them. He has been fascinated by them ever since and certainly communicates his fascination to his readers in this excellent book. He follows it up with a very interesting survey of half-tracked vehicles, the most famous of which were the family of Zugkraftwagen used by the Wehrmacht and the M2 to M14 series produced by the United States and employed in just about all the Allied armies.

Mr Vanderveen traces the development of the half-track from the strange looking, often steam-driven, contraptions of the early part of the century to the wide variety of military vehicles in production at the end of World War Two.

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WEIGHT OF NUMBERS

"Russian Tanks 1900-1970" (John Milsom)

The Soviet Union's tank forces represent the most powerful non-nuclear offensive weapon in the world today. Modern Russian tanks, says Mr Milsom, are up-dated developments of the basic T-34 and IS designs which have kept in line with American and European developments. Nevertheless, Soviet tanks in general are technically inferior to Western models in such respects as engines, transmissions, communications, sighting and vision devices, loading techniques, ammunition and armour quality.

It seems the Russians believe their vast superiority in numbers

outweighs any inferiority in technology. Belyanchev, the Russian tank directorate's chief, is quoted as saying: "The tank industry faces the task of further developing Soviet armour both for the immediate and more distant future..." And Marshals Rotmistrov and Malinovsky are on record in expressing faith in the tank's ability to maintain its offensive after surviving nuclear attack.

Mr Milsom presents a cogent and timely study of Soviet tank history and development and does not neglect associated vehicles such as armoured personnel carriers, artillery tractors and missile carriers. He discusses Russian tank thinking on both technical and tactical trends and includes material on industrial, political and military trends as well as developments in other countries where these have affected the advancement of Soviet armoured warfare.

This book is deeply and carefully researched, profusely illustrated and contains much material not previously published in English. It is worthy of the widest readership and should certainly be on the shelf of every NATO "teeth" unit commander.

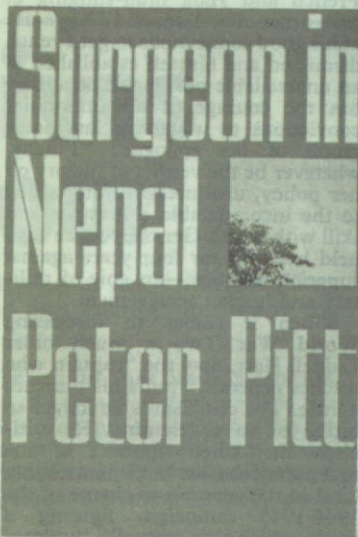
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SCALPEL AND KUKRI

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by Nepalese nurses and orderlies, the hospital was primarily meant to serve the Gurkha Recruiting Centre. In time it attracted patients from all over eastern Nepal. There were hair-raising medical and surgical problems. Apart from the more normal diseases and conditions there were rabies, snake bite, cholera and fearful wounds inflicted by

Frank Dunham was little more than a boy when World War One began. As a Norfolk Baptist it goes without saying that he was solid, well-balanced, tough and determined. Although working class he had had a good education, he was intelligent and like many with his Victorian upbringing he volunteered because he was a patriot.

it shows how a young man lost his innocence in the squalor of war.
Pergamon Press, £3 **AWH**

FOUR YEARS OF CARNAGE

"The Russo-German War 1941-45" (Colonel Albert Seaton)
The German invasion of Russia was the greatest land campaign ever waged and Colonel Seaton has produced the first full-length serious analytical study of it. His monumental survey must become the standard work in English on the subject.

Into 628 pages he crams the story of four years of carnage and undreamed-of ferocity, four years in which the flower of German manhood was swallowed up and destroyed in ceaseless battles from which Communism, which Hitler had sworn to destroy, emerged stronger and more virulent than ever. From divisional level upwards Colonel Seaton takes us through the campaign with close attention to detail, the depth of his four years of research and writing vouched for by his careful annotation.

He examines the cause of the war, the aims of the invader, the roles played by Hitler, Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt and the backgrounds of the German and Soviet high commands. In a particularly perceptive section the political and military development of operations and the relationships between Hitler and Stalin and their respective field commanders are scrutinised. Colonel Seaton does not neglect air and naval operations or the economic aspects of the war and wisely takes frequent opportunities to relate the action on the Eastern Front to the rest of World War Two.

The keen student of military history could not wish for a better or more comprehensive survey of the Russo-German war.

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"The Story of the Aldershot Beagles 1870-1970" (Ralph Jones)

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"First World War Atlas" (Martin Gilbert)

This fifth in Martin Gilbert's series of historical atlases, with 159 well-captioned, black-and-white maps and diagrams—a pity that presumably expense ruled out colour—provides a visual history of the course of World War One. It begins with maps showing the war's origins. There follow detailed maps of the individual campaigns, putting them in the wider context of strategy, and on the war at sea and in the air. The political, diplomatic, economic and social aspects are also fully dealt with and there is a useful bibliography and index. Cartography is by Arthur Banks.

In an introduction Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery speaks of the atlas having a particular interest for him "since I led my platoon of some 30 men into battle against the German army in August 1914, and remained on the western front in Europe until the war ended . . . I look forward eagerly to his (Martin Gilbert's) atlas of the 1939-45 war in which I fought on the battlefields of Africa and Europe—but by then being somewhat more senior in rank than in 1914."

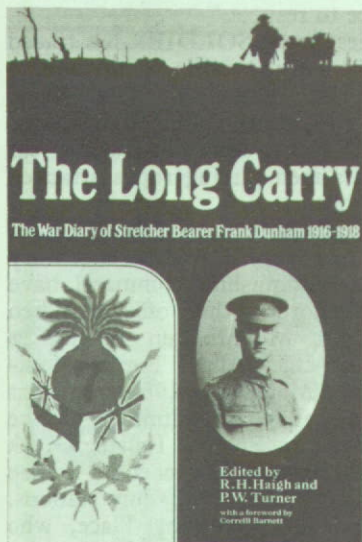
Weidenfeld and Nicholson, £2.75

"A Short History of the Royal Air Force Regiment"

In SOLDIER's review of this book (April) the publisher and price were inadvertently given as "E & W Books, £2.50."

This book is published under the auspices of the Commandant-General, RAF Regiment, and the RAF Regiment Fund is the copyright holder. The price per copy is 75p (post paid) from the Custodian, RAF Regiment Museum, Catterick, Richmond, Yorkshire.

The first edition quickly sold out but a second edition containing a number of improvements in layout and text is now available at the same price of 75p. SOLDIER regrets any inconvenience that may have been caused to the regiment or to prospective purchasers.



bear, tiger and leopard. These wounds were often aggravated by gangrene induced by the first-aid efforts of villagers and witch doctors and the time-lag in getting to the hospital.

The author also describes some of the habits and customs of the Nepalese but here, sometimes, he is not on such firm ground. He quotes for example that old fallacy of a kukri having to taste blood when drawn in anger. But, unlike many, he specifically disclaims expertise after only two years in the country.

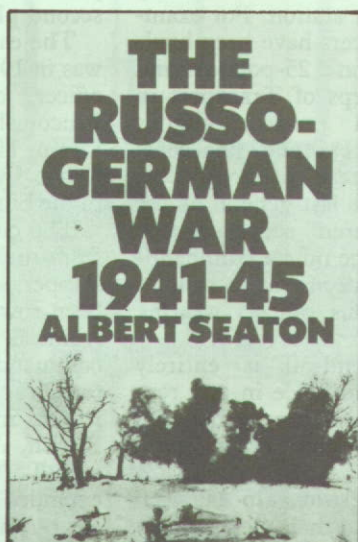
A special tribute must be paid to the illustrator, George Douglas of Darjeeling, whose pen-and-ink drawings are most accurate and quite enchanting. There is a useful glossary.

John Murray, £2.50

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STRETCHER-BEARER

"The Long Carry" (edited by R H Haigh and P W Turner)



In 1916 Dunham was a stretcher-bearer in France and for the next two years his day-to-day experiences were typical of millions. He was at Ypres, Messines, Passchendaele and Albert; he knew "Windy Corner," "Sniper's Post" and "Shrapnel Corner;" he saw mud, lice, rats, tanks and gas; he learned to speak of "whizz-bangs," "toffee-apples" and "rum jars" and he buried his best friends. Dunham never pretended to be a hero but he never shirked his duty and his happiest memories were of good feeds and sing-songs.

Without the stretcher-bearers the casualties in France would have been much greater and it is interesting to note that the most-decorated other rank in the British Army during World War One was a stretcher-bearer, Lance-Corporal Colman VC, DCM and bar, MM and bar.

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IT was parting with panache. Two rows of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, in busbies and yellow-braided blue uniform, and Royal Military Police mounted on bays, waited expectantly outside the imposing Ministry of Defence main building in Whitehall. Suddenly came the command: "General salute, carry swords!" and a fanfare of silver trumpets resounded out over the Thames Embankment.

Down the grey steps trod Sir Geoffrey Baker, the British Army's newest field-marshal. He had attained the rank that day, 31 March, on retirement from the Army's top appointment, Chief of the General Staff. After pausing to speak to the gunners and military police and acknowledge the salute of General Sir John Mogg, the Adjutant-General, he stepped into his black Daimler with "five-star" plates and drove to Buckingham Palace to receive his baton from the Queen.

The ceremonial send-off of commanders,

an established and growing tradition in the Army, had been given the highest seal of approval.

The departure "vehicle" is usually peculiar to the corps or station. For example Royal Artillery officers have been hauled out of camp seated on a 25-pounder and those of the Royal Corps of Transport in vintage GS (general service) wagons pulled by junior officers and non-commissioned officers instead of horses. In Singapore last year, the last general officer commanding was "chaired" sedan-style by Gurkhas. In Bahrain the officer commanding 255 Signal Squadron sat astride a camel led by one of his officers wearing Arab dress.

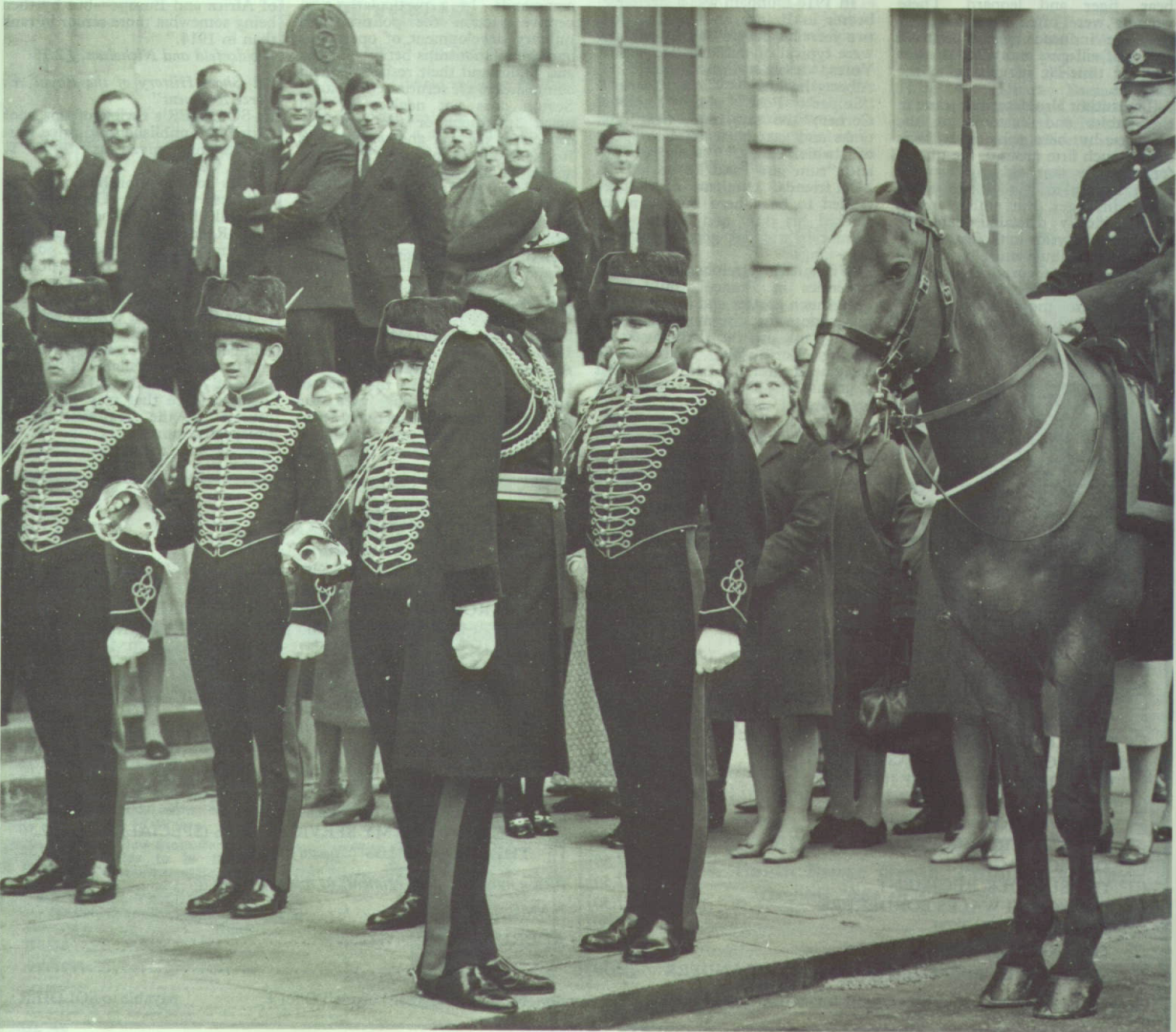
The ceremonial send-off is entirely spontaneous and has no place in any regulations. It occurred occasionally between the wars but has become much more common since 1945.

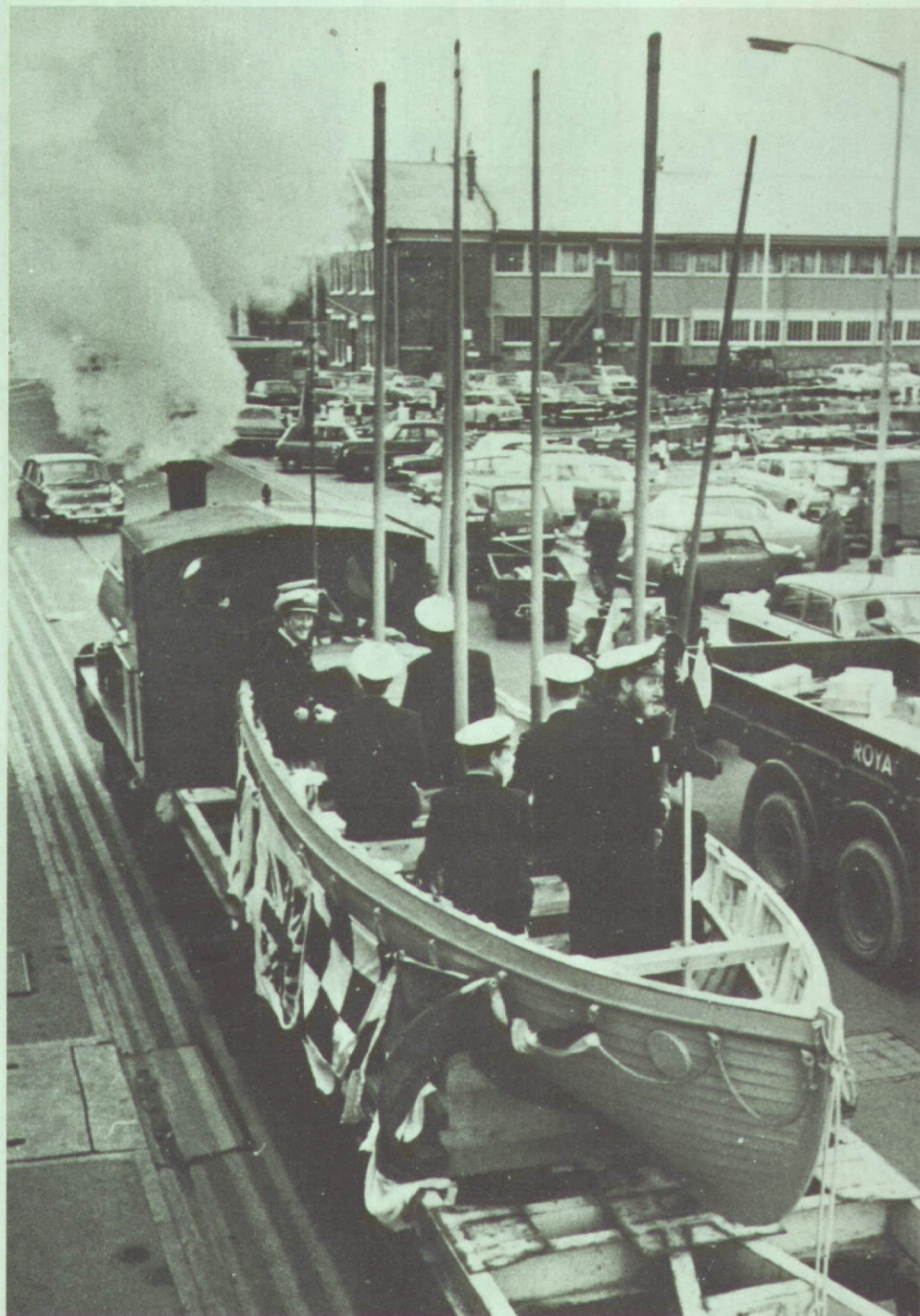
"These days the relationship between commanding officers and their men is much

more informal," said a retired major-general. "Before the war the commanding officer was regarded as a rather august person and what affection there was took second place to respect."

The earliest event SOLDIER has traced was in 1935 when the retiring commanding officer of 1st Battalion, The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, left Shamshuipo Camp, Hong Kong, seated in a saloon car drawn by his men pulling ropes attached to the bumpers.

The custom may well have been copied from the Royal Navy. For about a century skippers, on relinquishing command, have been rowed ashore by their officers. When Admiral Lord Mountbatten retired as commander-in-chief Allied Forces Mediterranean at Malta in 1954, he was rowed in a galley by admirals of the British, American, French, Italian, Greek and Turkish navies. The custom is also extended to commanders of shore stations. Rear-Admiral B C Godfrey Place, who





won the Victoria Cross for his part in the midget submarine attack on the Tirpitz, was towed along the Thames Embankment to Admiralty House by ropes attached to his staff car to mark his retirement as admiral commanding naval reserves.

Last December the tradition turned full circle with the send-off in Cyprus of the officer commanding 59 Port Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport. He was "launched" from the end of a jetty seated in a dinghy mounted on a trolley. But the trolley sank, the tow ropes slipped out of reach and the dinghy sprang a leak. The unfortunate OC tried baling out with a beer tankard but they eventually rescued him in a second dinghy.

Left: A novel variation on being rowed ashore—Cmdr Robin King, leaving the submarine Valiant, rides in a whaler pulled by a loco at Chatham.



Threatened with being "seen off" on a camel, the officer commanding 253 Signal Squadron, Maj J P Brian, gallantly accepted the challenge (above).



Left: Air Vice-Marshal L H Moulton, the only RAF commander operating a spacecraft—the Skynet satellite—being launched into civil orbit.

Far left: On leaving the Ministry of Defence Fd-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker inspects the guard of honour—King's Troop RHA and Military Police.

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